

The loveliness of nature ought to admonish the discordant elements at the Capitol that it is too late for their occupation, and they would do well to go home. But it seems probable that the heat of summer will be necessary to drive them home. The President's veto of the Army bill has only intensified the bitterness of the extreme Democrats, and increased the difficulties of the Conservatives of keeping the party in steady hands. They will go on to pass the general Appropriation bill as it is, and wait for another veto of its political measures. From present indications it is probable that the Democrats will pass all the political measures in separate bills before they grant the supplies and await further developments. The conservative members were opposed to this programme, desiring to pass the appropriations at once freed from all other legislation in order to stand well before the country. But they conceded so much for harmony in the party. They will not, however, I think consent to any adjournment without passing the appropriations under any circumstances.

The Republicans have completed the organization of the Congressional Committee by the election of Hon. Wm. E. Chandler as Secretary. Mr. Chandler didn't want the place, but the wants of the party will force him to accept. He is their best organizer, is popular, and has the confidence of business men as well as politicians. His election means a campaign which will necessitate all the efforts of the Democrats to offset, and we may look for vigorous political work this year and next. Secretary Sherman, like almost every American, wants to be President. But if rumor is correct, he is taking the wrong course to promote his election. He is showing too much anxiety for the office. His revenue agents at the South are working him up, but this is a poor field for him. He is distrusted by the Southern Republicans on account of his part in the Louisiana "sell out," as they call it, and the colored people have no love for him. The survivors of the Mexican war have held a Convention here, and resolved to push their claims for pensions. The Peace Societies have also been in session in an effort to get the Indian Policy changed, so as to be more favorable to Poor Lo. They will not accomplish much this session.

M. M. W.

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

LUNENBURG, NORTH WEST.—Dear Bro.—God is graciously reviving his church at North West. For a long time I have been looking and hoping for the return of the Master. A short time ago I thought I could see some indications of his presence amongst us like as the breaking of day, in the sudden awakening and conviction of a young girl, who awoke from her sleep at midnight with the deep conviction that she was a lost sinner. She remained in that state for two or three weeks. When it came to my notice, I immediately commenced holding meetings, with good results. The young girl has since experienced salvation and on Sabbath before last I baptised her, with five others, into the fellowship of the church. Others are seeking the Saviour and I expect to baptise again next Sabbath.

Brother Masters, who has received an appointment from the American Tract Society at Halifax, as colporter for the Counties of Lunenburg, Queens and Shelburne has rendered valuable service.

Yours in Christ,
J. WILLIAMS.

Mahone Bay, May 10, 1879.

A subsequently written note informs us that Bro. Williams baptised six persons last Sabbath at North West.

YARMOUTH ITEMS.—The recommendation of the Council concerning R. D. Burgess, was carried into effect by the Hebron Church, at its regular Conference Meeting on Saturday the 10th inst.

INSTALLATION OF REV. JOHN CLARK, PASTOR OF THE TEMPLE CHURCH.—On Sunday day 11th inst., there was an interesting installation service in which the Rev. John Clark was publicly recognized as the pastor. A number of the ministers of the Baptist and other Churches of the vicinity were present, Rev. G. E. Day officiated as chairman. Prayer was offered by Rev. P. R. Foster, of Tusket. The address of welcome on behalf of the churches of Yarmouth County, was

given by Rev. John Rowe, of Ohio; that on behalf of the ministers by Rev. A. Cohoon, of Hebron; on behalf of the Sabbath Schools by Rev. A. H. Lavers, of Arcadia; on behalf of the people by Rev. Mr. Knollin, Free Baptist, and Rev. A. McGregor, Congregationalist, addressed our brother, welcoming him to the community. The Rev. J. B. McQuillin, of Milton, gave the charge to the pastor, including the reading of those portions of scripture, addressed by Paul to Timothy, in reference to the duties and qualifications of Pastors.

Rev. Dr. Day congratulated the church upon the choice they had, under Divine direction, been led to make, and dwelt upon the relation and duties the church was called upon to sustain to its pastor.

The exercises were of a deeply interesting character, and the choir deserve much credit for the manner in which they rendered the music selected for the occasion. After prayer offered by Rev. Mr. Teasdale, (Wesleyan), the benediction was pronounced by the newly installed pastor, bringing to close a service that will long be held in pleasant remembrance by the church and community.

The Rev. T. H. Porter returned home by the "Dominion," on the 8th, bearing with him the love and esteem of the church and community, which he has gained, by the faithful and tender manner in which he has delivered unto us, "the truth as it is in Jesus," during the brief time he so kindly consented to remain with us.—Com.

The Churches known as the Tusket, and the Tusket Lakes, have again become one Church. The union took place yesterday afternoon, the 12th inst. Several ministering brethren were present, and assisted in the exercises.

ACADIA MINES, May 12th, 1879.—Dear Brother,—Your readers are always glad to learn of the prosperity of the Churches in this locality. Of late we have been very much tried by the loss of some nine or ten of our members who have gone to British Columbia, Manitoba and North Carolina. But yesterday we had the happiness of visiting the Baptismal waters, and we hope soon to see others added to the Church such as shall be saved. At Beulah Church, near Amherst organized one year ago. God has lately visited us with his salvation. On May 4th inst., I had the pleasure of baptizing two persons into the likeness of Christ's death, and four more are now received for baptism and membership for next Lord's Day.

The power of God has been displayed gloriously in bringing the stout-hearted to love Christ, and submit to the ordinances of King Jesus. Our prayer is that the little one may become a thousand. May the Lord hasten it in his own time.

Yours in hope of eternal life,
GEO. F. MILES.

WENTWORTH, May 12th, 1879.—Dear Editor,—Having promised to spend a Sabbath in this place with Brother T. B. Layton, who has been laboring here a part of the time for the past seven months. I came here on Saturday, and was agreeably surprised to find that seven had just been received for baptism; and as Bro. Layton's health is very feeble he requested me to baptize them. Yesterday I had the privilege of leading them down into the water and baptizing them in the likeness of the Saviour's death. A large number witnessed the solemn and interesting ordinance; and as the day was all that could be desired, the place of baptism delightful and the scene glorious, we felt it good to be there. Bro. Layton's labors in this place, as elsewhere, have been crowned with success. Through his efforts, the Lord has been pleased to revive his work in this place and his Church has been enlarged by the ingathering of the saved. Our Brother's health is almost broken down; and I am sorry that he has found it necessary to resign his charge here for rest, to recruit if possible his health.

May the Lord soon restore him and long spare him to labor in his vineyard. The above number with that received by letter, were welcomed into the Church making fifteen, twelve by baptism and three by letter during the past few months.

Yours &c.,
JAS. MEADOWS.

NORTH BAPTIST CHURCH.—The good work is still going on with us. The Lord has not withheld His hand. Others are forsaking the paths of sin to walk in the ways of holiness. It has been the privilege of the pastor for seven successive Sabbaths to lead believers down into the baptismal waters and there to bury them in the likeness of the Saviour's death, and to raise them also in the likeness of His resurrection. Last Sabbath evening four publicly professed their allegiance to Christ in baptism. This makes twenty-eight who have become the professed followers of the Lord and Saviour. The work thus far has been very quiet, but we trust deep. It has been not like the copious rain, nor even as the summer showers which water the thirsty ground, it has been rather like the dew gently distilling. For the encouragement of those churches who feel 'the hand of the Lord heavy' upon them, we would say, Pray on, dear brethren. Toil on, yet more earnestly, the blessing will surely come if you are only faithful. Though it tarry, wait for it,—but not in idleness.

Rev. J. E. Bleakney writes, that he baptised six last Sabbath, 11th inst., and that he expected to baptize again the following Sabbath.

Rev. A. E. Ingram is appointed to supply the churches at Middlefield, Greenfield, and Chelsea, for six months, and is expected to enter upon his labors on the first Sunday in June.

DOMINION & FOREIGN NEWS.

DOMINION OF CANADA.—The House of Commons was occupied on Monday last week with Railway matters. Hon. Dr. Tupper introduced a Bill for the construction of the Winnipeg Branch which was carried. He also moved resolutions for the purchase of the River du Loup Railway, for \$1,500,000 which were adopted.

On TUESDAY some effort was made to produce an unfavorable impression respecting Judge Blake because it was affirmed he had spoken against Roman Catholicism. He was defended by Mr. McKenzie and Sir John A. Macdonald.

Questions were asked respecting the progress of the Letteller affair, but no further light could be thrown upon it until despatches were received from the Imperial Government. This matter came up again on Wednesday, but without any further information being given.

On THURSDAY Parliament was prorogued by the following

GVERNOR GENERAL'S SPEECH:
Hon. Gentlemen of the Senate;
Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

I desire to thank you for the diligence and care with which you have discharged your duties during this laborious and protracted session.

The reorganization of the important department of Public Works and the division of its duties will, I doubt not, greatly add to the efficiency of the public service.

The consolidation and amendment of the statutes relating to the lands of the Dominion will present to the large number of settlers now wending their way to the North-West territories a compendious and well considered system.

I hope that the bill relating to weights and measures, while it relaxes the stringency of previous legislation, will not decrease the efficiency of that important measure.

The provision made for telegraphy by cable between the mainland of Anticosti and Magdalen Islands will facilitate and aid our commerce and navigation, and especially the development of our fisheries.

The measures adopted for the vigorous prosecution of the Canadian Pacific Railway hold out a prospect of the early completion of that great undertaking, and the proposed purchase from the Grand Trunk Railway Co. of the line from River du Loup to Quebec, when concluded, will at least complete the engagement entered into at the time of Confederation—connection, by an Intercolonial railway, of the St. Lawrence with the Atlantic ocean at Halifax.

I congratulate you on the other measures affecting the public interests which have been passed.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

In Her Majesty's name I thank you for the supplies you have so readily granted. They will be expended with all due regard to economy.

Hon. Gentlemen of the Senate:
Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

The readjustment of the tariff, which has been effected by the legislature of this session, will, I trust, by increasing the revenue, restore the equilibrium between revenue and expenditure, while it will at the same time aid in the development of our various industries and tend to remove the long continued financial and commercial depression which has so greatly retarded the progress of Canada.

I bid you now farewell, and desire to express my earnest hope that, when Parliament again assembles we shall find the country enjoying the state of peace which now happily exists within its borders, together with a great addition to the national prosperity.

The Marquis of Lorne and the Princess Louise are to leave Ottawa for Montreal on Friday next, where they will remain for several days and leave for Kingston on the 30th.

In 1878 there were shipped to Great Britain from Canadian ports 17,989 cattle, 40,000 sheep and 1,614 hogs. The greater part being from Montreal.

Work on the Montreal wharves for laborers this season is reduced to one dollar per day in place of two dollars and fifty cents, as in former years.

Large number of immigrants are arriving from England at Montreal, en route for the North West.

1,543 cattle were inspected by the Government veterinary surgeon at Montreal last week for shipment to England. The captain of the steamer City of London, from that port on Saturday, for England, was refused a certificate for his cargo of cattle on account of over crowding.

The Quebec Government have under consideration the immediate construction of the new court house in Quebec, which has become an absolute necessity owing to the unhealthiness of the temporary building.

The Quebec Legislature meets for the despatch of business on the 19th June.

One hundred persons, chiefly young men, left Montreal on Friday last for Manitoba.

The dredges are again at work on the Quebec harbor improvements, and about 150 men are employed. In a few weeks over 600 will be employed, and work will be continued night and day by the aid of an electric light.

A horrible murder was reported as having occurred on Friday, near Lake Aylmer, on the line of the Quebec Central Railway. Two men named Garreau and Letourneau quarreled in reference to some land, when the latter struck the former with an axe in the chest, the axe sinking nearly to the handle. Letourneau surrendered himself to the police.

Mr. F. W. Bent, of Amherst, has received the appointment of Stipendiary Magistrate at Thunder Bay.

The Grand Jury of Montreal, in their presentment, attributed nine-tenths of the crimes to intemperance. The Grand Jury of London, Ont., stated that ardent spirits had been discontinued in the treatment of patients at the Insane Asylum.

A Montreal despatch says: "Placards posted here announce that three years work will be given 3000 laborers on section A., C. P. R., at \$1.50 per day; board \$3 per week. A fare of \$10 is charged, (to be taken out of the wages) to take laborers to this section."

It has been decided by the Railway authorities hereafter to paint the brass works of all the freight engines black, thus doing away with the necessity of frequent cleaning.

The annual report of the Chief Engineer of Government Railways shows the total mileage of the Railway system to be 7,905, the number of passengers carried last year to be 6,433,925, and the earnings to be \$20,520,078.

There were 312 deaths in Montreal during April, exclusive of 12 still births, being 17 more than April 1878. Of these 32 were from small pox and 12 from diphtheria.

It was rumored in Montreal that a despatch has been received from the Imperial Government by the Governor-General recommending the dismissal of the Lieut. Governor of Quebec and that the Hon. Dr. Robitaille, M. P., will be appointed his successor.

It is also said that a reorganization of the Cabinet is expected to take place before the midsummer holidays.

The Harold Haarfager, the first Norwegian steamship which entered the port of Montreal, arrived in the harbour on Friday. The vessel is from Cuba with cargo of raw sugar; the crew is composed entirely of flaxen-haired Norsemen.

NEW BRUNSWICK.—Five dollar counterfeit United States notes are in circulation in St. John. They may be detected by the errors on the back of the note the owing is spelled "ownig," and the word thousand spelled "thousaud."

Mr. J. H. van Buren, keeper of the St. John Suspension Bridge, while on a trouting excursion at Spruce Lake, killed with the butt of his fishing rod, a pockupine, weighing about twenty pounds and having quills three and four inches long.

A short time since near Rothesay, driver Irvine of the I. C. R. saw a man lying at the side of the track, with one foot against the rail, his body lying alongside and his head a few inches from the iron. "Down brakes," were at once whistled, but the train passed the man before it could be stopped. The man was found to be one Gleeson, a plasterer. He had a bottle of liquor in his pocket, and was dead drunk. He lay perfectly still while the train passed him. Had he attempted to move himself he would in all probability have been killed; but he was too drunk to move, and had to be carried home.

An old house in Portland was thought to be a wooden one till workmen, in pulling it down a few days ago, discov-

ered that the fabric was of brick and mortar, covered with a shell of wood. It is said the house was built this way to make it bullet proof.

St. John cattle dealers are seeking to make arrangements to ship cattle from that port to England.

Two firms have stored during the past winter about 400 tons of ice to be used in packing eggs for the American market. This is a new departure in the trade of the place and we hope it may prove a success.

The St. Andrews Standard learns from reliable sources the mine at Mascarene, about twelve miles from St. Andrews, is turning out a more valuable investment than was anticipated. It was known to be rich in silver ore, but it was not supposed to contain an auriferous deposit; a recent assay however, by an expert at Portland Me., led to its discovery. It appears that a ton of the ore yielded 20½ penny-weights, of gold, 10½ oz. of silver, and 357 lbs. of lead. The values of these metals are—gold \$1.03 a penny-weight, silver \$1.10 per oz., which with the lead make the total value of the ore \$40 a ton. Mining has not reached beyond 30 feet as yet, and it is probable that further down the ore will be richer.

Michael Dwyer was sculling a scow load of three-foot kiln wood and approached too close to the Falls at St. John and was drawn in and down through. The scow was upset in one of the whirlpools under the suspension Bridge; Mr. Dwyer clung to his scull oar and some of the wood until he drifted down and he was taken out of the water by two of Mr. Dykeman's sons.

A systematic chain of burglary has been unearthed at Chatham by the arrest of several members of a gang, the chief of whom was a man named Johnson. Several thousand dollars worth of goods belonging to J. B. Snowball, D. M. Loggie & Co., Wm. B. Howard and others, have been identified, and there is a good deal awaiting claimants. The operations have been going on for several months. One of the gang was about to open a store.

Kings County will vote on the Canada Temperance Act June 26th.

On Tuesday night the 13th a large three story brick building owned by Mr. D. J. Schurman and occupied by Mr. George Hilton was discovered to be on fire. A large quantity of stock was consumed.

The corner stone of the new Trinity Church, St. John, will be laid on Monday afternoon, by His Lordship the Metropolitan of Canada.

UNITED STATES.—The President vetoed the Army Interference bill on Monday of last week. It is rumored that the Democratic Committee of safety agreed to adjourn on the 29th inst.

The Talmage trial finally ended last week by the dismissal by the Brooklyn Presbytery of the complaint relative to his method of preaching.

In a drunken quarrel in Elmsville, Connecticut, Andrew Manning killed his wife with an axe.

At Watertown, N. Y., Louis Barron, machinist, on Tuesday last went home sick. He fell fainting in the yard and exclaimed to his wife "I am dying." This frightened his wife so that she died shortly after.

Forest fires are spreading and destroying a vast amount of timber in the north-west part of Pike county, Pa.

A large clearing has been made around the Laffin powder mills, and no danger is apprehended at Moosic. The weather continues dry, and the woods are rapidly disappearing under the fierce flames.

A water spout burst in the lower part of Louisville, Ky., on Thursday, causing much damage to property.

On Saturday last an agreement was signed to subscribe stock for an ocean cable from California to Hawaiian Islands and Japan. Cyrus Field promises \$100,000. It is expected the Hawaiian Government will subscribe \$1,000,000, and the rest will be obtained in the money markets of the world.

SOUTH AMERICA.—A boat from the American gunboat Pensacola, while bringing a family from shore to that vessel, had its ensign carried away by a shot from the Chilean gunboats which were shelling the town of Pisagua. Admiral Rogers signalled the Chilean fleet, and their admiral immediately boarded the Pensacola and apologized.

A despatch from Iquique, Peru, May 5th, says the blockade by the Chilean fleet continues.

SOUTH AFRICA.—A despatch from Cape Town, April 29th, via Madeira, states that the Lancers and Dragoons were expected to arrive at Kambula in a few days, and that an advance would probably occur soon after their arrival.

A petty chief and 80 followers in Basutoanda have surrendered.

The Times' Maritzburg despatch says Ngunawanda reports that no Zulu force of army size existed on the 28th of April.

ENGLAND.—The Empress Augusta, of Germany, arrived at Windsor Castle last week on a visit to the Queen.

In the House of Commons O'Connor Don has introduced a bill to establish the University of St. Patrick, at Dublin, with affiliated colleges, making provision for fellowships, scholarships and exhibitions, at a cost of £1,500,000 to be defrayed from the Irish Church fund. Several Irish members and W. E. Forster and Fawcett supported the bill.