

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

GASPÈREUX, HORTON.—Dear Brother, —It was my privilege to baptize four persons into the fellowship of the 2nd Horton Baptist Church, yesterday, eight on Sabbath the 46th, and one on Sabbath the 8th, in all thirteen. The good work is still progressing, and we trust there are more to follow.

Yours truly, ISA. WALLACE. December 23rd, 1878.

DOMINION & FOREIGN NEWS.

DOMINION OF CANADA.—Hon. Mr. Tilley returned to Ottawa last week. The temperance organizations of Ottawa presented Mr. T. with an address in the Methodist Church on Tuesday.

Christmas was observed generally, in a very quiet way at Ottawa. The Vice-Royal household attended divine service at St. Bartholemew's Episcopal Church, where Bishop Lewis preached the annual sermon.

Business is very dull at Ottawa. Great distress prevails among the poor. The Toronto St. George's Society distributed to 600 families 5000 lbs. meat, 1000 large loaves bread, 175 lbs. tea and 300 lbs. sugar on the 24th.

A large shipment of choice cattle and sheep left Toronto on Tuesday for Liverpool, G.B. It is estimated that 500,000 sheep and 200,000 cattle are feeding in Ontario for exportation in the spring.

Reports from the west give accounts of a furious snowstorm blockading railways and stopping trains. The storm commenced on Saturday night and continued three or four days. The cold was intense in Western Ontario, reaching as low as 30 to 40 degrees below zero in some places.

The Dominion Government has decided on the construction of the Rat Portage link of the Canadian Pacific Railways. It will be proceeded with at once in order to prevent the diversion of northwest trade to the United States seaboard.

On Tuesday night the ice in the St. Lawrence broke away at Port Neuf, taking with it 27 cabins used for fishing. Two men were also carried off. Search-parties started along the beach to Quebec on Saturday evening.

The men after floating some 30 miles up and down the river on the piece of ice, were rescued some distance below Quebec on Saturday evening.

On Tuesday night two men were killed and five injured by the explosion of the wood pulp boiler at the Dominion Paper Co's. mill at Kingsley. The building took fire immediately after the explosion.

Three persons were burned to death on Christmas morning at McKillop, about 20 miles from Dublin, Ontario. About 2 o'clock the house of Mr. O'Brien was discovered to be on fire. The inmates were aroused by the youngest child. After alarming the family she ran down stairs and discovered the back kitchen in flames. With great presence of mind she closed the door. They all got out, but unfortunately Mrs. O'Brien ran into the house, followed by her eldest daughter, and both were burned to death. The eldest son was badly burned and has since died. Mr. O'Brien himself is badly frozen, and is in a critical condition.

Parliament is further prorogued to the 8th day of February next, and is not then called for the despatch of business.

The Dominion Commercial Traveller's Association met at Montreal on Saturday night. It has 836 members—an increase of 144 over last year. It has a clear surplus on hand of \$9,896.

A man named Charles Clairmont dropped dead on the street on Saturday night.

The first piece of silk woven in Canada in the new factory established in Montreal, was exhibited on Sunday last.

Private despatches from Ottawa on Monday night report Letellier has been dismissed.

Hon. Mr. Tilley emphatically denies the report of the Globe that the balance of the loan was taken by financial agents, and that the public would not subscribe. He says the whole amount was taken on the 9th, and the first instalment paid before the 15th inst.

A Montreal friar, was fined in the police court for administering excessive punishment to a child in school.

The Ottawa Free Press indulges in certain speculations in reference to the early retirement of Sir John A. Macdonald from the Premiership and his appointment to the position of Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada.

The Presbyterian Church in Carlisle was broken into on the night of the 16th by tramps, who made a fire of the Bibles and hymn books. The men escaped capture, but a woman who was of the party, was arrested.

The fall of snow has been exceptionally heavy in the Upper Provinces—three feet at Montreal, two feet at Ottawa and over two feet at Quebec. It has been so heavy throughout Ontario as to seriously interfere with the running of the trains.

NEW BRUNSWICK.—On Saturday week at Hopewell corner, a little boy, son of Captain George Wood, came to his death by falling into a tub of boiling water. His sufferings were truly terrible, but

were mercifully of short continuance, for death came to his relief.

The St. John News reports three heavy gentlemen at Indiantown Messrs. D. Roberts, D. Morrow and J. McCann—whose combined weight is 702 lbs. This locality boasts that it can produce six men whose weight is greater than that of any six to be found in any other town of the Dominion.

The St. John schr. Ellen, lumber laden, was totally wrecked on the 22nd inst., at Duck Island, Mount Desert, Me., with the loss of Capt. Woodworth, of Halifax, and three men. The mate and one seaman were saved. The former telegraphed the news on Saturday to Capt. Mahoney, of Carleton, the sole owner. There was no insurance on the vessel or cargo. She is the fifth St. John vessel lost in the great gales of Saturday and Sunday last week. Capt. Woodworth was formerly mate of the Annie Cotter.

P. E. ISLAND.—Attempted burglary in Charlottetown on Tuesday night was discovered by the watchman. The thieves escaped by jumping from the window a distance of fifteen feet.

The Alberton Pioneer says that the small-pox patients at that place are still quarantined on Savage Island, outside of Casumpeque harbor. They are nearly well, and will before long be set at liberty.

UNITED STATES.—The day before Christmas was extremely cold in the Northwest. A cold wave passed over the country. The Thermometer ranged from zero to 30 below. The coldest was west of Sioux City. In Chicago it ranged from four to nineteen below for two days.

A private despatch from Buffalo on Thursday morning reported three feet of snow since Sunday.

There were snow blocks on the railroads in the Western part of New York State.

A fire at Cleveland, O., on the 24th ult., destroyed the large barrel factory of the Standard Oil Company. Loss \$20,000; no insurance. The factory employed 1,000 men. Its producing capacity was 5,500 barrels daily.

Masked robbers captured the farm house of Wm. Marsh at Glendale, Long Island, on Christmas morning. Marsh fired at them with a revolver, but the robbers knocked him senseless, then nearly smothered his wife in a bed. They ransacked the house, carrying off \$1,000 in money and jewelry, and escaped. Marsh may die from his wounds.

Nord, a town situated about three miles from St. Louis, is said to be entirely destroyed by a flood.

The Brush electric light will soon supplant gas in lighting the Boston Music Hall. An engine for producing electricity has been put in, and four burners in the auditorium. The cost of lighting by the new method will be about \$1.50 per night, while the gas costs from \$15 to \$25.

SOUTH AMERICA.—A telegram from Ceara, in North Brazil, reports the deaths in the capital, from small-pox, to number 607 daily. The distress in the interior is appalling, and the people are devouring carrion and corpses.

ENGLAND.—It is understood that the Duke of Edinburgh is about to be promoted to the rank of Rear-Admiral.

Severe weather continues throughout the United Kingdom, and the distress increases. The Mayor of Sheffield announced on Monday that 10,000 people required relief in that city.

Another snow storm blockaded the Scotch railways worse than ever on Thursday last. It is thawing in London.

On Friday in London the thaw continued and the snow and ice had nearly disappeared. Nearly all over England the weather is comparatively mild. The work of clearing away the obstructing snow on the Scotch railways is making good progress, and at many points traffic has been resumed.

The steamship State of Louisiana, from Glasgow for New York, ran ashore on Tuesday at Hunter's Rock, while entering Lorne Lough. The vessel has probably become a total wreck.

The Manchester Guardian says there are signs of the Oldham strike ending by a number of hands being obtained from neighboring towns; it is believed that New Year will find many mills running at a reduction of wages.

The Oldham cotton operatives strike is virtually over.

FRANCE.—A French company, under the chairmanship of the Duke of Bassan, is forming for stimulating emigration.

Gambetta, speaking at a banquet on Tuesday, anticipated a Republican majority of 25 in the Senate, and said that the duty of the Republic would be to solidify its own party and govern others.

A despatch says 48 children were drowned by the breaking of the ice on a pond at Chapelle Moche, Department of Orne.

SPAIN.—The Supreme Court of Justice has finally condemned to death Juan Moncasi, who attempted to assassinate the King.

The Imparcial announces that a marriage has been arranged between Infanta Pilar, sister to the King, and the Prince De Joinville's eldest son.

GERMANY.—Prince Bismarck has addressed a long letter to the Federal Council, explaining his views relative to guiding principles in revision of the

customs tariff. The letter concludes as follows: "Our own interests alone ought to determine our action. These interests will perhaps shortly lead to fresh negotiations respecting tariff treaties with foreign countries. If these negotiations are to have the prospect of a beneficial result it will first be necessary to create an autonomous customs system, placing all our home products in the most favorable possible position in relation to articles of foreign production."

DENMARK.—A despatch from Copenhagen says that a hotel keeper has been arrested on a charge of threatening to kill the King.

SWITZERLAND.—The Great Council of Geneva has accepted the principle of separation of church and state, and appointed a committee to examine the separation bill.

Great distress prevails in Switzerland. There are 6000 unemployed persons in Geneva.

AUSTRIA.—A man named Admyer has been arrested at Altenburg, Saxony, charged with attempting to assassinate the Emperor of Austria. He pleaded drunkenness.

The Tagblatt has intelligence from the Palace of Goedeoeloe, in Hungary, where the Emperor and Empress of Austria and the Crown Prince are spending the Christmas holidays, that rumors were current for some days in Pesth of attempts on the life of Francis Joseph. The only fact that has transpired, however, is the arrival there of a superior official of the police, with reinforcement for the Gendarmerie guarding the castle. For the purpose of establishing a closer watch around the palace. It is alleged that efforts were made to discover the whereabouts of a Saxon painter, against whom information was received by the police, who has been loitering in the neighborhood, but disappeared.

TURKEY.—The Porte, considering a British guarantee of a further Turkish loan improbable, is discussing the possibility of obtaining an international guarantee.

A Vienna despatch says 40 per cent. of the Bosnians who returned to their homes will perish by the spring if the weather does not moderate.

A despatch from Rome states that the Italian Consul at Cyprus protested against the suspension of his Consular jurisdiction, and refuses to apply for a British exequatur.

INDIA.—A correspondent to the Daily News at Vienna states a telegram from Tiflis says the Ameer of Afghanistan has arrived at Tashkend.

A despatch from Lahore says Yakoob Khan, son of the Ameer of Afghanistan, has just come into Jellalabad. This circumstance is regarded here as equivalent to submission to the British.

A correspondent at Lumur says a proclamation of the Ameer of Afghanistan has been discovered dated November 11th. It shows he had declared a holy war against the British.

A Lahore despatch reports that Yakoob Khan has been proclaimed Ameer by the chiefs of one of the great Afghan sections. Opinion is divided as to his course, but the defection of the Ameer's troops, who at Jellalabad, even joined the British troops, will compel him to accept terms if coupled with a guarantee against his father and the Russians. This might obviate even the temporary occupation of Cabul by the British troops.

The Standard's correspondent with the Kuram column telegraphed that Gen. Roberts convoked the principal inhabitants of Kuram Valley at Piewar and Ali Kheyl, and informed them that the Ameer's rule had passed away forever, and henceforth they must look to the Empress of India.

A Lahore despatch points out that the flight of the Ameer may be merely a retreat to prolong the resistance in the neighborhood of Therat. St. Petersburg correspondence favors the same idea.

A Calcutta correspondent says it is rumored that he carried away with him thirty laces of rupees, and is going to St. Petersburg to appeal to Europe.

Egypt.—About half the Abdin Palace, the winter residence of the Khedive, has been burned.

CHINA.—A fire broke out in Hong Kong, on Christmas and raged all day. The loss of property was very great.

NEW SOUTH WALES.—The Parliament has made an important alteration in the law of that colony. A Bill has been passed granting the wife a right to divorce in the case of the husband's infidelity, and thus in this respect, placing the wife on the same legal footing as the husband. The Bill has excited much discussion, and it is supposed that the Home Government will refuse to sanction the measure.

A citizen of St. Paul, Minnesota, has a span of two-years old elk, which weigh about 500 pounds each, are well broken to harness, and are so well trained that a woman can drive them. It is an easy matter for them to travel sixteen miles an hour, drawing two men and a buggy.

An exchange says that a restless and crying infant may frequently be relieved and quieted by a draught of cold water. Who knows but this simple agent might profitably supersede both spanking and paregoric?

Local News.

PROVINCIAL APPOINTMENTS.—Halifax, 19th Dec., 1878.—Lunenburg Co.—To be a Commissioner for giving relief to Insolvent Debtors, &c.,—Wm. J. Dauphine.

Halifax Co.—To be Notaries, &c.,—Alex. McDonald, Esq.; J. Millen Robinson, Esq.; Jonathan F. L. Parsons, Esq.

Yarmouth Co.—To be a Notary, &c.; Robert Robertson, Esq.

Hants Co.—To be a Commissioner for giving relief to Insolvent Debtors, &c.,—The Rev. Henry Pryor Almon.

Cumberland Co.—To be Commissioners for taking affidavits, &c.,—Angus McGillivray, of Parrsboro, Esquire; William Smith, of Wallace, Esquire; John Medley Townshend, of Amherst, Esquire; William Inglis Moffat, of Amherst, Esquire; Charles R. Smith, of Amherst, Esquire.

Pictou Co.—To be a Coroner,—John Smith, of Barney's River, Esquire, M. D.

20th December, 1878.—His Honor the Lieut. Governor has been pleased to make the following appointments:—

Halifax Co.—To be Justices of the Peace,—William C. Moir, Thomas George Power, George Wiswell, Bartholomew Walsh, Duncan Grant, and David Ellis, of the City of Halifax; William Goff, of Oldham; James Covey, of Indian Harbor; Wesley Crooks, of Peggy's Cove; Maynard P. Richardson, of Indian Harbor; Charles H. Whitman, of Ingram River; John Gibbons, of Hubbard's Cove; George B. Hubley, of Black Point; William Wallace Gaston, of Pope's Harbor; William Thomas Kent, of Chezzetcook; Archibald Stewart, of Porter's Lake; John Sprott Stewart, of Upper Musquodoboit; Walter McCurdy and Charles Sprott, of Middle Musquodoboit; James Moreash, of West Dover; Andrew Mitchell, of Oyster Pond, Jeddore; Walter Stoddart, of Clam Harbor; George Jamieson, M. D., of Ship Harbor; Samuel Thompson, of Hammond's Plains; John McDonald, of Preston Road; George A. Niforth, of Seaforth.

Kings Co.—To be Justices of the Peace,—Henry E. Jefferson, Charles Preston Illsley, of Berwick; Manning Chute, South Berwick; Isaiah S. Pineo, Waterville; Albert Webster, Cambridge; John Best, Brooklyn Street; Francis Lyons, New Village; Frederick W. Chipman, Kentville; Samuel Baker and John A. Hall, Aylesford; Charles E. Eaton—in place of Charles Eaton (deceased), Canada Creek; John W. Fullerton, Port Williams; Reuben F. Reid, Wolfville.

The Halifax Chamber of Commerce held a meeting on Friday last, and were actively engaged on the Tariff respecting sugar, coal, &c. A large number of the leading merchants were present.

The Bankruptcy Act was also under consideration, Messrs. J. J. Bremner and Robert Pickford were appointed delegates to the Dominion Board of Trade.

A Lance Sergeant of the 97th Regt., Matthew Horlock, committed suicide on Saturday night about 7 o'clock, by shooting himself. He was a young man, unmarried and hailed from the North of Ireland. Until lately he held the rank of corporal and had done duty as a garrison policeman. A few weeks ago he was promoted to the rank of Lance Sergt. He was considered a very steady and reliable man and favorite with his comrades and officers.

On Sunday Dr. A. Lawson, Coroner, held an inquest, when the jury returned a verdict that the deceased came to his death from a rifle wound, inflicted by his own hand, while laboring under temporary insanity.

At Durham on Thursday last a boy four years old, son of Mr. M. McDonald, was accidentally drowned while at play on the ice.

The Yarmouth Fire Department has purchased a pair of strong heavy horses in St. John, for \$450, for the steam fire engine, and to labour on the streets.

About five o'clock on Monday evening, last week, a man named Andrew Johnson, belonging to Albion Mines, fell through the iron bridge between there and Stellarton, and was instantly killed. His head struck the ice below, a distance of 50 feet, fracturing his skull, and causing a loss of blood sufficient in itself to cause death. The deceased belonged to the old country, but had worked at the Albion Mines for some years. He leaves no family. The jury returned the following verdict:—"That the deceased came to his death on this, the 22rd day of December, A. D., 1878, from injuries received by falling through the iron bridge near New Glasgow, while in a state of intoxication."

The Steamer "Northern Light" was making daily trips between Pictou and Prince Edward Island last week.

A new house at Five Islands, owned by Mr. J. R. Henderson, was burned on Saturday 21st. No insurance.

An engineering party, consisting of Messrs. Odell, Fraser and Holmes, appointed by the Local Government to inspect the W. C. Railway between Yarmouth and Annapolis, arrived there last week and have since gone on foot over the line. They will report to the Government.

The Agricultural Societies of Cape Breton are discussing the propriety of an Exhibition for the Island. Distance prevents them competing at the Provincial Exhibitions.

The Inquest held on the body of the girl Late, burned in a mill at Lawrence-town, resulted in a verdict "That the deceased came to her death through the carelessness of Charles Taylor and Hiram Late." These two men have been arrested "for building a fire in the mill," and are now in Annapolis jail.

A STARTLING FACT.—Thousands of children have died of diphtheria this winter who might have been saved by a single bottle of Johnson's Anodyne Linctament. It is a sure preventative of diphtheria and will cure nine cases out of ten. No family should be without it a day.

Dr. I. S. Johnson & Co., of Bangor, Me will send by mail, postage paid a quarter of a pound sample pack of Sheridan's horse and cattle powders on receipt of 25 cents. These powders are worth their weight in gold to make hens lay, and will prevent all manner of diseases common to hens, hogs and horses, including hog cholera.

EXPOSITION OF 1876. Wandering through the United States section of this truly wonderful Exposition, hyper-ornamented and over displayed as the most of it is, I came upon an elegant glass case, whose modesty was the more conspicuous from its neighbors' finery, surmounted by the motto Dignis Premiis and displayed in neat packages, the medical preparations of the house of Dr. J. C. AYER & Co., Lowell, Mass.

I was aware of the world-wide reputation of this eminent firm, for the character and quality of their goods, and remember well their agents in London, Messrs. NEWBERRY, in St. Paul's Churchyard. Having a leisure hour, I determined to examine the contents of this case, myself, and I was surprised to see the delicate perfection to which they have brought their household remedies. I was chagrined at the reflection that, while we have at home the most skillful and, pre-eminently, the best physicians in the world, these Yankee doctors distance us so far in the line of popular medicines for family use. They have the sharpness to take advantage of the high scientific discoveries among us and make pills and potions as palatable as they are salutary. I was told by a leading druggist in Philadelphia, that Dr. AYER's manufactory was the largest in America, giving employment to hundreds. I must go to Lowell and see it, on my way home.—Correspondent of the London (Eng) Telegraph.

ANOTHER COMMUNICATION from Mr. Geo. Sewell, dated Moncton, N. B., June 22, 1878.

J. H. Robinson, Esq.—Dear Sir—I wrote you in May last informing you of the wonderful cure your "Phosphorized Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil with Lactophosphate of Lime" had made in my case, and, at the same time promising to write from time to time to let you know how I was getting along. I am much better in every way; am stronger; can walk a good long distance without getting tired. Sleep well and eat a hearty meal. In fact I am a new man in every respect, and those who saw me three months ago and see me now, can hardly believe that I am the same person.

The above are facts, and believing that ingratitude is one of the unpardonable sins, I feel it a duty to tell you of what, under a kind Providence, your preparation has done for me. Wishing you every success, &c., &c.

Price \$1.00 per bottle; six bottles for \$5.00.

Brown & Webb; and Forsyth, Sutcliffe & Co., Halifax, Wholesale Agents. Nov. 6. 2 ins.

DIPHTHERIA has for a long time been very prevalent and very fatal. Its fatality seems to be greatly owing to neglecting what is supposed to be an ordinary cold or sore throat until it has progressed to its last stages, and then when medical aid is procured it has often been found to be too late. From the fatality attending this disease every family should keep a suitable remedy on hand and use it on the first appearance of sore throat. A preparation called DIPHTHERINE has been placed before the public. It is the discovery of an English Physician and has been regarded where it is used to be an infallible remedy for that disease. To place it within the reach of all it is put up in bottles with full directions, and sold by Druggists and Dealers in medicines at the low price of 25 cents a bottle.

Sept. 4.

Some touching and beautiful superstitions prevailed among the Indian tribes. The Seneca tribe entertained one of singular beauty. When a maiden died they imprisoned a young bird until it first began to sing, then loading it with messages and caresses they liberated it over her grave, with the belief that it would not cease its flight nor close its eyes until it had flown to the spirit-land and delivered its precious burden of affection to the loved lost.

Australia has carried off the highest diploma for wheat at the Paris Exhibition. She gained a prize for each seven samples of wheat and flour. Adelaide wheat gained the gold medal at the London Exhibition of 1851.