

presses, in which particular the A. B. E. is without a rival among publishing houses. The enterprise deserves the thanks and the encouragement of every one who desires the wide and general diffusion of a healthy and beneficial literature in all departments of useful knowledge. C. D. R. Wolfville, May 4th, 1880.

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

Yarmouth Co.'s S. Convention.

Dear Editor,— The Tenth Semi-annual session of the Yarmouth County Baptist Sabbath School Convention, met with the Central Chebogue Baptist Church, (Rev. A. H. Lavers, pastor), April 23th, 1880. Eleven schools were represented by 32 delegates. Number of teachers reported 116. Male scholars in attendance during the winter 512. Female 592. Church members belonging to schools 424.

Three sessions were held as usual, morning, afternoon and evening. After the usual business connected with such meetings, the following subjects were discussed:

- 1st. The Teacher's reward—By Rev. G. E. Day, M. D.
2nd. The Model Class, taught by Rev. A. Cohoon. Lesson Matt. xvi. 13-28.
3rd. The comparative merits of large and small classes—Opened by Bro. J. W. Crosby, Hebron.
4th. Should Teachers call attention to the different readings of Scripture passages? Opened by Rev. A. H. Lavers.
5th. What constitutes good order in the Sabbath School, and who is responsible? Opened by Rev. A. Cohoon.
6th. The best method of meeting Sabbath School expenses, and who should meet them? Opened by Rev. G. B. Titus.
7th. Obligations of experienced Christians to engage in Sabbath School work. W. E. Huestis, Sec.

BEAVER RIVER.—Baptism, Opening of Vestry at Maitland, Yarmouth Co., Dear Bro.,—Since my last communication it has been my privilege to baptize and welcome into the church two others of our young people.

Last Sunday we opened the basement of the new meeting house at Maitland. In the morning the opening sermon was preached by the pastor. At 2 o'clock p. m., the Sunday School was organized. Bro. A. Cogswell preached at 3 o'clock, and Bro. A. H. Lavers at 7 o'clock, Bro. E. N. Parry was present and took part in the exercises, afternoon and evening. As we look back and consider the work done and the blessing received by the Church in this place the past fifteen months, we exclaim, "What hath God wrought?"

We trust that our houses of worship may not stand as monuments, telling of what has been done, but rather as pledges of what shall yet be accomplished.

Our prayer is that many souls may be led to Christ.

Please allow me to acknowledge the following sums for the building fund: John Wheelock, Aylesford... \$1 00 W. H. Gridley, Yarmouth... 2 00

Fraternally, G. B. Titus. Beaver River, May 6, 1880.

GREAT VILLAGE.—Rev. M. P. Freeman administered the ordinance of Christian baptism to three believers on Sunday last.

Rev. G. O. Gates has resigned his pastorate at Liverpool and accepted a call to the Baptist Church at Moncton.

DOMINION & FOREIGN NEWS.

DOMINION OF CANADA.—In the discussion of a bill to amend the Canada Temperance Act on Tuesday last, Mr. Boulbee introduced an amendment that there should be a majority of the names on the roll in favor of the adoption of the Act instead of a majority of those voting to secure its adoption. It was shown by Mr. Bowell, Mr. Longley, Sir S. L. Tilley and others, that this amendment would in many places effectually prevent the adoption of the Act, nevertheless on division there appeared 95 in favor whilst 72 were against. The leading men on both sides of the house voted with the minority.

The closing sitting in the House of Commons seems to have been occupied in complimentary speeches, rather than in the disorder frequently seen on the closing day of the session.

On Friday the Governor General with the usual ceremonies prorogued the Parliament by the following speech.

Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate:

Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

On relieving you from your attendance in Parliament, I desire to thank you for the care and assiduity with which you have applied yourselves to the performance of your important duties.

The evidences of a recovery from the long continued state of depression to which I alluded at the opening of the session, are, I am glad to believe, steadily accumulating, and we may, I trust look forward with some confidence to a prosperous year.

The measures relating to the Banking and the Currency, and to the amendment of the tariff, with the other laws passed this session, will, I hope, aid in the promotion of the anticipated prosperity.

The expectations of a large immigration of valuable settlers into the North West, in which I then ventured to indulge, appear from the latest information to be fully realized.

The laws for the better organization of the North west territories, for the amendment of the Dominion Lands Act, and for the more efficient management of Indian affairs, must tend greatly to the advantage of that vast and interesting region.

The measure for the consolidation of the laws concerning the Inland Revenue, and other important Acts relating to the public interests, seem well adapted to promote those interests.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

I thank you in her Majesty's name for the supplies you have so liberally voted. I trust that the vigorous efforts made to settle the Indian bands of the North West on their reserves will diminish in the future the calls made on the public treasury for aid to save them from starvation.

The appropriations made will enable my Government steadily to prosecute the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and to hasten the completion of our canal system.

In bidding you farewell, I desire to express my earnest desire for your happiness and prosperity in your several homes.

The Governor General and Princess will leave on their summer fishing excursion early in June, but the arrangements will not be definitely made until after the arrival of Prince Leopold.

The Vice-Regal party will leave Ottawa for Quebec on the 19th inst. All the Ottawa lumber mills are now running on the full time.

A fire took place on Wednesday last at Uphema township burning the dwelling of Jas. A. Gage. Two of Mr. Gage's daughters perished in the flames, also a daughter of Mr. George Wade, a neighbor, who came to stay with them during their parent's absence.

The Quebec City Council had to elect a new Mayor last week. Nine candidates were voted for, and it was not until 36 ballots had been taken, that Mr. Broseau obtained the necessary majority of votes. The balloting occupied two hours and a half.

NEW BRUNSWICK.—Mass meetings are being held in New Brunswick to express satisfaction with the decision of the Supreme Court of Canada, sustaining the Temperance Act. A meeting was held in St. John last week. The late change with regard to said Act will materially modify the "satisfaction."

Robert Campbell, of Pennfield, while laboring under a temporary fit of insanity, a few days ago, committed suicide. There was a great freshet last week at the Flat Lands on the Restigouche. An ice jam caused the rivers Restigouche and Metapedia to overflow, and the rivers have risen 15 or 20 feet above the level. Families living on the Flat Lands had to seek shelter on higher grounds, some finding shelter in the Presbyterian Church.

Two children by the name of Marr, were playing in an outbuilding at Rousesay, on Sunday, the 25th ult. Some straw in the building caught fire, and before assistance could be had, one of the children, a boy four years of age, was burned to death.

UNITED STATES.—A telegram from Bradford, Pa., states that about 800 oil wells were burned, together with hundreds of thousands of barrels of petroleum. The loss is very great and falls on poor producers. Many men will be bankrupt, while others have lost their means of support. No estimate can be formed as to the actual loss, as the fires are still raging with unabated fury in different parts of the field. The losses will no doubt run into millions.

Some twenty fishing boats capsized in a squall near Point Adams, Astoria, and twelve men were drowned. The Indians have suddenly appeared on the borders of Arizona and in New Mexico, where they have run off thousands of sheep and murdered and shockingly mangled a large number of shepherds. A party of volunteers left Silver City on Sunday and two more on Monday to aid the miners on Mineral Creek, near San Francisco River, in driving off the Indians, who are reported as having killed three prospectors.

A terrible tragedy occurred at Bena Yan on Tuesday morning. Mrs. George Woodruff, during the temporary absence of her husband from home, took her two

sleeping children from out of bed, one aged six, the other one year, and going to the cistern drowned both. She is undoubtedly insane.

Five hundred passengers sailed from New York, on Saturday last for Europe. Two thousand immigrants arrived on Friday.

Four miners were fatally burned on Friday by an explosion of fire damp in Henry colliery, Shamokin, Pennsylvania.

The Central Vermont Railway Company are going to try the experiment of using Nova Scotia coal on their locomotives running to St. John's. The coal is to be delivered via the Intercolonial and Grand Trunk at a low figure.

On Sunday afternoon a gas explosion occurred in a stove in the house of Justice Cline at Rixford, a town eleven miles south east of Bradford, Pa., and set fire to the building. The fire spread rapidly, and before its fury was spent 80 buildings were burned. A tank containing 7,000 barrels of oil, was burned, and an iron tank, containing 25,000 barrels.

CENTRAL AMERICA.—The volcano at Colima, Mexico continues in active eruption. The town of Lorilla, at the foot of the volcano, is reported sinking, and the inhabitants are panic stricken and abandoning their homes.

A heavy earthquake was felt at Floctuta, State of Oaxaca, on Wednesday, passing from North to South.

Peace prevails throughout the Republic. Business good, there being a considerable increase in exports, mostly to Europe. Government finances greatly improved.

SOUTH AMERICA.—On the 10th the Chilean fleet in Callao Bay sent before daylight a torpedo launch against the Peruvian corvette Union, anchored well in shore, but before reaching her it exploded harmlessly against the floating palisade protecting that vessel.

CUBA.—A conspiracy has arisen in the central part of Cuba, and 42 of the principal conspirators have been captured. It is in connection with three filibustering expeditions which left the United States last month.

ENGLAND.—Prince Leopold, the Queen's youngest son, sails from Liverpool on Thursday for Montreal. It is uncertain whether the Prince will visit the United States.

The members elect of the House of Commons, who were appointed to the Ministry, have been re-elected without opposition.

Herbert Gladstone, who stood for Middlesex at the recent election, will to-morrow be elected without opposition for Leeds, to fill the vacancy caused by his father electing to sit for Midlothian.

In the event of the law not allowing Bradlaugh to make an affirmation instead of taking the oath required of members of the House, a bill will be introduced to legalize such affirmation.

Henry Fawcett, recently appointed Post Master General, in a speech said that one of the first duties of the new Government will be to investigate the financial condition of India.

Captain Potter of the Constellation was presented with the freedom of the city of Dublin. Lord Mayor Gray, who presided at the ceremony stated that the distress in Ireland was as great as ever, and he feared that in the next three months it would prove most severe.

The King of Siam has sent a message to London, saying his journey abroad has been abandoned at present, on account of ill health.

FRANCE.—Taxes are being easier collected than ever before, and the economic and political condition of the country is exceedingly favorable.

GERMANY.—The Berlin correspondent of the News fears the days of free towns in Germany are numbered.

Bismark, writing to the member for Bremen, says: "The Government intends to move for a special tax to be paid by all foreign ships in German harbors."

A petition has been sent to the Bundesrath from Hamburg signed by 57,000 citizens, praying the German Empire not to encroach upon their rights.

TURKEY.—Bankruptcy is rife in Constantinople. In its extreme embarrassment the Porte seized the pension fund of the foreign post and telegraph offices employ.

The inhabitants of the town of Bitlis have revolted against the Government, in consequence of the scarcity of food.

RUSSIA.—Affairs between China and Russia are still threatening. A conflict is reported between troops of the two nations on the Ili frontier.

Chung How, late Ambassador to Russia, and contractor of the treaty at Livadia, has been sentenced to decapitation.

A large supply of lint and bandages have been requested of the Lady President of the Red Cross Society, presumably for the expedition to the Chinese frontier, or for Skobloff's command.

The Empress of Russia has had several delirious attacks within a few days.

SOUTH AFRICA.—Sir Garnet Wolseley embarked from Cape Town, for England on Tuesday last. Before leaving Natal he had an interview with John Dunn, who reported that throughout Zululand the feeling regarding the settlement of affairs there is satisfactory.

News.

Some of the wharf laborers tried to get up a strike on Saturday last for \$1.25 a day, but found that they had to remain idle.

The N. S. Historical Society held a meeting last week in the Legislative Library. It appears from the report that the Committee are succeeding in collecting together works of historic interest. It is expected that in a very few years the greater part of the books and pamphlets published in the Province will be in the Library.

There has been some concern in the minds of citizens on the increase of licenses for liquor selling in certain parts of the city, to the detriment of the localities, and injury of parties living in the neighbourhood. We have not heard of a license being granted to any house next door to an Alderman's residence.

HALIFAX COUNTY.—The Municipal Council were in session last week. There was a somewhat stormy time in consequence of the want of funds to carry on the business of the County. Some of the Councillors expressed a desire to close up all county works, dismiss all officers, close up the Court House, throw open the gaol and leave everything to take care of itself, as there seemed little chance of any money being forthcoming.

In considering the Government road grant it was shown that the amount granted for roads and bridges was something over \$6,000, against which the Government had a contra account for school advances and interest thereon to the amount of about a thousand dollars over the road grant, virtually meaning that nothing could be expected from the Government.

The Warden and others denied the Government's right to claim interest.

The Committee on the Jail reported on a complaint of His Lordship the Bishop, of the discipline of the prison, that they had heard no other complaints, though frequently visiting the jail, and could not recommend any change in the rules and discipline of the institution.

A motion was passed requesting the Government to authorize the borrowing of \$1,000 for the services of the county requiring immediate attention.

The committee to investigate the Attorney General's complaint against the County Treasurer and the subject of juror's fees and fines generally, were authorized to remain three days after the session closed, at \$1 per day.

Some routine business was disposed of, and the Council adjourned.

The Dartmouth Council were in some difficulty in consequence of Mr. James Turner, who was elected for Warden, declining to serve, but has since consented. Mr. B. Russel was elected for Ward 3, so that the Council now comprises—

- Warden, James W. Turner.
Councillors.—Ward One—J. Campbell, and B. A. Weston.
Ward Two—H. Watt, and George Adams.
Ward Three—J. C. Oland, and B. Russel.

THE TRURO civic elections resulted in the choice for Mayor, Mr. C. B. Archibald. For Councillors:

- Ward 1—G. A. Layton.
Ward 2—Dr. Beat.
Ward 3—F. G. McMullen.

THE LUNENBURG MUNICIPAL COUNCIL affirm the liability of the county for the right of way, for the Nictaux and Atlantic Railway, recommending the Legislature to make the liability legal on the completion of the road, and calling on the Government to concede the extension of time required by the company.

Seventeen men, working at one of the lumber mills, were seriously poisoned by some noxious substances accidentally getting into their breakfast.

AT VALE COLLIERY James E. Fraser, a coal cutter, run a pick through his hand on the 24th ult., injuring it severely.

AT STELLARTON, on the 26th ult., a lad named Anthony Culton was badly hurt by a train of coal cars passing over the fleshy portion of his leg, mangling it terribly.

The Amherst Gazette states that on Friday last during a gale, a boat containing two or more persons were seen to capsiz off West Bay, Parrsboro, and there being no possibility of rescuing those on board, they were drowned. It is thought probable that Alex. Newcomb and Wm. Lorraine, of Allen Settlement, were two of the unfortunate men.

At Milton, on the 4th inst., the body of a little boy named Benny Rafuse, who had been missing for some weeks, was found in a salmon net off Roy.

Mr. Robert Allen's mills at River John sustained damages by recent freshets to the extent of \$2,000. Several bridges were injured, one at the Brook Settlement being entirely carried away.

An Amherst constable was putting a man in jail on Wednesday, who was arrested on a small debt. The man got away from him, and while running, the constable fired after him, the ball taking effect in the back of his neck. The ball was extracted and the man is doing well.

A large fire occurred at Kentville on Wednesday last, by which the Webster House was entirely destroyed. The fire is supposed to have caught in a loft in an outhouse, by what means cannot yet be ascertained. The freight house at the station of the W. and A. R. was all ablaze on the roof at an early stage of the fire, and was saved only by the most strenuous exertions. Had the wind been to the westward the Arnold block would have inevitably caught, after which the saving of the whole square, comprising the buildings on Church, Webster, Cornwallis and Main streets, would have been impossible.

Three lads, prisoners in the City Prison, managed to effect their escape from that place on Wednesday night.

CORNWALLIS SCHOOL LANDS.—The following is the resolution adopted by the rate payers at the late meeting: "Resolved, That in case the present trustees of School Lands misappropriate any of the funds now on hand, that the committee proceed to take action against such trustees, and that the expenses incurred be made chargeable to the township of Cornwallis.

Louisburg C. B. has a large hotel, built by an English company. It is supposed that there will be a large number of visitors to explore the points of historic interest in the neighborhood.

The Allen steamer Polynesian, from Liverpool for Montreal, put into Sydney C. B. last week, owing to the ice in the Gulf. She had 1,180 passengers; She took in coal and left the following day.

A prisoner named Kelly, made his escape from Sydney jail on Monday of last week. He was awaiting trial in the Supreme Court.

On Sunday, the 2nd inst., the C. B. Company's pier at Sydney had three or four spiles knocked away by the ice.

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