

CHURCH AND STATE IN QUEBEC.

We are not quite free from a union of Church and State on this side of the Atlantic. Whilst all the other provinces are free from that incubus the Province of Quebec is still behind in this matter as well as in many other respects. We learn from what has of late appeared in the Toronto Globe that the people of that province are still enduring the evils of that system. It appears that the tithing system was instituted in 1663, and, as originally imposed, the payment comprised one-thirteenth of all products of the land. This was found to be an intolerable hardship, and accordingly the law was amended, reducing the tithe to one-twenty-sixth part of all grain grown, including wheat, corn, rye, barley, buckwheat, oats and peas. There is no tithe payable upon the product of newly-cleared land for the first five years. The tithes are payable in kind, the grain to be delivered to the priest after it has been threshed and winnowed. This impost is for the support of the priest alone—not for general church purposes—the money requisite for building and maintaining churches being raised by other means. On the session of Canada to England the tithing system was retained in accordance with the provision of the treaty that the rights and privileges of the Church were to be respected. After some litigation it has been settled that the tithes are payable by the Catholic tenants who harvest the grain. The only means by which the occupier of land liable to pay tithes can avoid playing them is to make a formal declaration of apostasy from the Roman Catholic Church, and as may be supposed, there are few, if any, of the habitants bold enough to take so extreme a step, with all the social ostracism involved, unless they are at heart converts to some other form of faith.

Since the institution of this system the Province of Quebec, which was then purely agricultural, has developed its mercantile and manufacturing resources; and, as a large proportion of the population now live in cities, and towns, and thus escape from the tax, the agricultural community have to bear much more than their fair share. An attempt was made in 1848 by the Liberal party in Quebec to abolish the system altogether, but the priests successfully opposed the movement. Some years later Mr. Charles Daoust strongly advocated the abolition of the tithe on the ground that the residents of towns and villages ought in justice to bear their fair share of supporting the priests. When he came out as a Parliamentary candidate the clergy denounced him from the altar as a bad Catholic, and threatened damnation to such of their flocks as dared to vote for him. The opposition of the priests was successful, and latterly the agitation has died out.

Now, however, the attitude of the priests has changed, for the farmers are shrewd enough to avoid the tax by leaving the grain which is titheable, and growing root crops and raising stock. This movement on the part of the farmers has been met by one on the part of the priests, who have of late years introduced what is known as the supplement, in the form of a money payment. This tax is purely voluntary so far as the law is concerned, but its payment is enforced under spiritual penalties, and as the administration of the Sacraments is conditional upon its being paid, there is generally little difficulty in collecting it from good Catholics. The system is not upon a uniform basis, being different in different localities. In some places it is based upon the municipal assessment roll, and only applies to the owners or occupants of real estate. In other localities it is a capitation tax of so much per head. In other parishes again both systems are combined. In fact it is difficult to present a general view of the supplement system, so various are the details according to locality. But in one form or another it obtains in the towns and villages, and wherever any considerable proportion of the community are not to be reached by the tithe on grain.

While every Protestant must feel sympathy for the priest-ridden inhabitants of our sister Province of Quebec, we can scarcely hope that the time will ever come when the voluntary principle will be introduced. The contrast of the tithe system with that in vogue in this Protestant community is very marked, and should increase our gratitude for our many privileges.

Dr. Joseph Parker, of London, says: "It is uncertain whether the geologists contradict Moses, but it is positively certain beyond all doubt that geologists contradict one another."

THE DUTY OF BAPTISTS TO TEACH THEIR DISTINCTIVE VIEWS, by J. A. Broadus, D. D., American Baptist Publication Society, Philadelphia. Price 8 cents.

A clear and forcible tract of 35 pages showing the duty of Baptists to maintain the principles entrusted to them, in a loving spirit; and at the same time to "gladly co-operate with our fellow-Christians in general, Christian work as far as we can without sacrificing our convictions."

EARLY SOWERS IN "THE WHITE FIELDS OF FRANCE."

A sketch of the American Baptist Mission in France, by Mrs. Ada C. Chaplin, published by the Woman's Baptist Missionary Society, Boston.

Notices.

THE SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION OF THE N. S. CENTRAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

will be held at Upper Aylesford, Kings County on Thursday, the 22nd day of September next. Morning session opens at 10 o'clock, a. m. It is very desirable that members and delegates should be present at opening of morning session. If any of the Sabbath Schools in the Central Association have not received the Minutes of the last Convention and Blank returns—they will please let me know at once, that I may forward them. A list of subjects, &c. will be printed in the MESSENGER at an early day.

HENRY LOVETT, Sec'y S. S. Convention of the N. S. Central Baptist Association. Kentville, July 16th, 1881.

CONVENTION FUND FOR P. E. I.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes Summerville Ch. per S. Burns, Belfast " D. W. Crandal, Cape Wolfe " P. Fish, Grand River " Geo. Haulett, S. School for W.M.A.S., Murray River Ch. per F. D. Cook, Tryon Church per W. B. Hawatt, L. McQuarrie, Fairview, D. G. Macdonald, Fin. Com. for P. E. I. Charlottetown, Aug. 18, 1881.

The next meeting of the Cumberland and Colchester Ministerial Conference will be at St. Andrews, Colchester Co., Monday, Sept. 5th, 1881. The first meeting at 7 P. M. Sermon by the Secretary.

C. H. MARTELL, Sec'y. Onslow, Aug. 19th.

RACKED BY INNUMERABLE PANGS, restless by day, sleepless at night, rising unrefreshed in the morning, without appetite, and pestered by varying and perplexing symptoms, the dyspeptic takes indeed a gloomy view of human existence. For him the zest of life seems gone. Heartburn, oppression at the pit of the stomach, and the attendant annoyances of constipation and biliousness, combine to render him utterly wretched. But there is, if he will take advantage of it, a reliable source of relief from all this misery. NORTHRUP & LYMAN'S VEGETABLE DISCOVERY AND DYSPEPTIC CURE IS, as its name imports, a botanic preparation, free from mineral poison, and an all-sufficient remedy for indigestion in its most obstinate form. It not only enriches the blood by enabling the digestive organs to convert the food received into nutriment, but depurates it by increasing the action of the bowels and kidneys, the natural outlets for its impurities. But while it relaxes the bowels, it never does so violently and with pain, like a drastic cathartic. It aids, but never forces. Nature, invigorating as well as purifying and regulating the system. It thoroughly removes those diseased humors which tend to vitiate the blood, purifies the urinary secretion, and promotes a flow of healthy bile into the natural channel, besides expelling it from the circulation. Experience has proved that this standard medicine is a thorough remedy for dyspepsia, and biliousness, costiveness, kidney complaints, scrofula, erysipelas, salt rheum, lumbago and all impurities of the blood. Price, \$1.00. Sample Bottle, 10 cents. Ask for NORTHRUP & LYMAN'S Vegetable discovery and Dyspeptic Cure. The wrapper bears a FAC-SIMILE of their signature. Sold by all medicine dealers. June 29. eov. 2m.

Marriages.

At Canning, Aug. 9th, by the Rev. D. Freeman, Mr. John Worden, of White Water, Blomidon, to Miss Alfretha Spicer, of Lower Pereaux, Cornwallis.

At Annapolis, on the 13th inst., by the Rev. Geo. O. Robinson, B. A., Mr. Greenleaf Reid, of Centerville, Cornwallis, to Myrcena, daughter of Frank Sylvester, Esq., of Brocton, Mass.

At Hammonds Plains on the 7th inst., by Rev. W. Lucas, Thomas Marsman, to Mary Mangoo.

At Chester, on the 20th of July, by the Rev. J. W. Weeks, Mr. Ephraim Hennigar, of Chester Grant, to Amanda Swinehammer, of Chester Basin.

At St. John, on the 17th inst., by Rev. J. T. Parsons, Mr. David Edward Taylor, of Parrsboro, N. S., to Miss Martha E. Lane, of St. John.

At Musquodoboit Methodist Church, on the 9th inst., by Rev. J. H. Davies, Mr. Alexander Nicolson, of Dartmouth, to Miss Mary J. Dunbrack, of Musquodoboit, Halifax Co.

At Cape Negro Church, July 24th, by Rev. A. Hockin, Mr. Geo. H. Snow, of Baccaro, to Lois M., youngest daughter of Mr. James Swain, of Cape Negro.

At Haycove, on the 26th ult., by Rev. S. Snowden, Mr. Christopher Joyce, to Miss Priscilla Dicks, both of that village.

At Charlottetown, P. E. I., on the 3rd inst., by Rev. H. P. Cowperthwaite, A. M., assisted by Rev. D. Davies Moore, A. B., Dr. John S. Bagnall to Martha Louisa, eldest daughter of W. H. Findley, Esq., of Charlottetown.

At Amherst, Aug. 1st, by Rev. J. A. Rogers, Mr. James W. Fowler, to Miss Eliza Boyce.

At Bridgetown, on the 30th ult., by the Rev. D. W. Johnson, Mr. Norman A. Moore, of Annapolis, to Miss Annie Milbury, of Belleisle.

At the Methodist Parsonage, Digby, N. S., on the 1st inst., by the Rev. Wm. Ainley, Peter B. Cook, to Sarah B., daughter of Mr. Neil McMill, both of North Range, Digby C.

At Picton, on the 10th inst., by the Rev. W. C. Brown, Mr. Edward McBurnie, of Tatamagouche, and Agnes, daughter of Mr. William Gammon, of River John.

On the 16th inst., by the Rev. C. B. Pitblado, Frederick Bayers, to Angelina Greeno, both of Petpeswick, Halifax, Co., N. S.

At Brightwood, Dartmouth, on the 17th inst., by the Rev. Mr. Doane, Amasa Dixon, to Libbie F., youngest daughter of the late Edward Bowes, both of Sackville, N. B.

In the Baptist Church, Lockport, on the 16th inst., by the Rev. D. F. Creelman, M. A., assisted by the Rev. J. A. Durkee, M. A., Alfred Freeman White, Esq., of Belleville, Ontario, to Louise, daughter of J. G. Allan, Esq. of Lockport, N. S.

At New Germany, July 31st, 1881, by Rev. M. W. Brown, Rufus Mailman, to Esther Winolt, both of Lower Branch Lunenburg County.

Deaths.

On Sunday, August 21st, of diphtheria, Emma Adelaide, youngest daughter of George and Bessie Rent, aged 6 years and 5 months.

July 11th, 1881, Lockman Hatfield, of Fox River, Parrsboro, in the 52nd year of his age. He leaves a sorrowing widow and three daughters to mourn, but not as those without hope for during his protracted illness he was enabled to view Jesus as his Saviour, and died calmly trusting in Him.—St. John "Telegraph" please copy.

At Hantsport, July 18th, Capt. Duncan Dorman, aged 77 years. For twenty-five years he had been suffering from the effect of paralysis. During the last year of his life he was entirely helpless. He was a firm believer in the Son of God. He leaves three daughters and three sons to mourn their loss.

At Chester, July 20th, Brother John Bradshaw, aged 64 years. Our departed brother professed religion, and united with the Baptist Church about forty years ago. He was baptized by Rev. Jos. Dincock whose memory is precious to many until this duty. We trust that our brother now absent from the body is present with his Lord where there is no severing of the ties of friendship, no wounding of the confiding heart, where there is an altar on which the fire of devotion burns with quenchless splendor, and around which the worshippers bow in unfeigned adoration, saying Allelujah Lord God Almighty. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."

On the 16th inst., Florence Mary, infant daughter of George and Ellen Davis, aged 2 months.

"Sleep on, sweet babe, And take thy rest, God called thee home, He thought it best."

At North River, P. E. I., on Wednesday, Aug. 17, after a short illness, borne with patient resignation to the Divine Will, David Albert, aged 20 years, third son of David A. Bears, leaving a large circle of relations and friends to mourn their irreparable loss.

At Five Mile River, Maitland, Hants Co., on the 1st inst., after a brief illness, of inflammation, Mrs. Margaret Maria Waller, daughter of George McGill, of Shelburne, leaving a husband and four children to mourn her loss.

At Rossway, on the 6th inst., Elizabeth, widow of the late Caleb Reed, aged 91 years.

At Weymouth, on the 14th inst., Alpheus Jones, Esq., in the 84th year of his age. Mr. Jones was for many years Surveyor of Crown Lands for the County of Digby, and was highly esteemed, both as a public officer and in his private life. He leaves two sons and five daughters.

At Clyde, Aug. 15th, of diphtheria, Annie Sophia, aged 13 years, daughter of Wm. and Bertha McKay.

Suddenly, the 18th inst., Wm. Nelson, aged 13 years, fifth son of Emma and the late Rev. Nelson Baker, of Dartmouth.

At New York, Aug. 19th, Thomas T., eldest son of the late Capt. Richard Sutcliffe, aged 48.

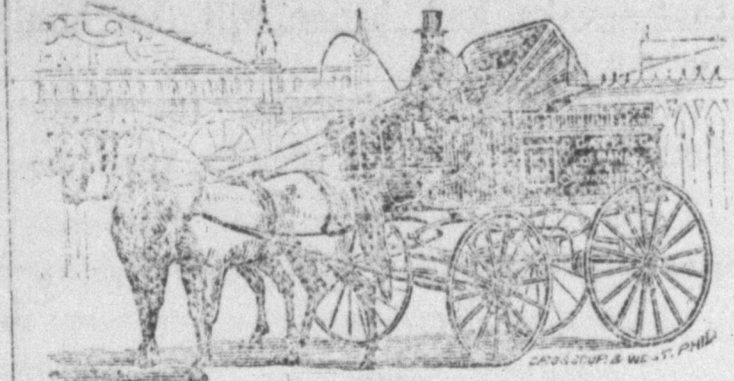
At Pubnico, Aug. 2nd, Margaret, relict of the late Capt. James Lennox, in the 88th year of her age, a native of St. John, Nfld.

At Gunning Cove, Shelburne Co., July 19th, of diphtheria, Evelyn D., aged 3 years and 10 months, and William J., aged 1 year and 9 months, children of Nathan and Lois Snow.

At Barrington Head, on the 13th inst., of diphtheria, Hattie A. N., youngest daughter of Winthrop and Emma Sargent, aged 6 years and 10 months.

At Bridgetown, on July 17th of diphtheria, Annie M. Morse, aged 5 years and 5 months; also, July 27th, Harriet E. Morse, aged 7 years and 4 months, children of N. R. and Cynthia Morse.

THE NEWTON THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTION. THE FALL TERM begins on the 13th (Tuesday) of September. Examinations for admission, in Colby Hall, at 9 A. M. ALVAH HOVEY. Aug. 10. 3 ins.



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ACADIA COLLEGE.

THE next session of Acadia College will open on Thursday, September 1st, 1881. Matriculation Examination on Wednesday, Aug. 21st, and Thursday Sept. 1st. Candidates will meet in the College Hall, Wednesday at 9 o'clock, a.m. Students who may need scholarships can communicate with the President. Classes will be formed in the THEOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT at the opening of the session. Any who wish to join these classes may make application to the Principal, REV. E. A. CRAWLEY, D. D. A. W. SAWYER, President. Wolfville, Aug. 5, 1881. Aug. 10. 6 ins.

HORTON ACADEMY AND Acadia Seminary.

THE next session of these Schools will open on Wednesday, August 31st, 1881. Application relating to the Academy may be addressed to Mr A. W. Armstrong, A. B., the Principal. The School is designed to prepare for College and to give a practical English Education. The patronage of students, who wish for favorable opportunities for study, is invited. Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong (née Mlle. Huguenin) will reside in the Academy Boarding Hall. Applications relating to the Seminary may be made to the Principal, Miss M. E. GRAVES. Young ladies who desire to obtain a thorough English education, or to secure the advantages of a full course of study preparatory to graduation, or to give special attention to the MODERN LANGUAGES OR MUSIC, will do well to connect themselves with the ACADIA SEMINARY. These Schools are now thoroughly organized, and the Committee confidently recommend them to parents who are looking for a place where their sons and daughters may receive superior education, in connection with comfortable homes and under good moral influences. For the Committee, A. W. SAWYER. Wolfville, Aug. 5, 1881. Aug. 10. 6 ins.

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