

and will compete on nearly equal terms with Halifax in all. But it may be asked how it happened that Major Robinson should have selected a route, which had so many objections, and so few advantages? The answer is easy: Major Robinson was a soldier, not a merchant, and his leading ideas were military, not commercial. He desired therefore, to lay down his road at such a distance from the boundary of Maine, as would oblige the Yankees, in case of war, to fight a battle, before they could reach the rails. Hence, from fear of the enemy he has run into the sea. We do not think, however, that the present and enduring interests of peace, should be sacrificed for the distant contingent interests of a state of hostility, which, we hope, is very unlikely to arise.

Since the above was in type we have heard that the Hon Inspector General has submitted a proposal for the Halifax and Quebec road to the Railway Committee; so that we presume we may now look upon this road as a Government measure. This augments the importance of the question treated of above.

KINGS COLLEGE ENCENIA.—The annual Festival of Kings College was celebrated on Thursday, June 26: the Sermon before the University having been preached on the Sunday preceding by the Archdeacon, and the Examinations of the College and Collegiate Schools having taken place in the customary order. The Chief Justice in his capacity of Chancellor, presided in Convocation, which was attended by the Lord Bishop of Fredericton, as President, the Master of the Rolls, the President of the Legislative Council, and the whole Academical body. The Principal delivered the Commemorative Oration.—The Essay which had obtained the Douglas Gold Medal was read by Mr. George Goodridge Roberts. The following Students were admitted to Degrees:

- Edward B. Fisher, A. B., Bachelor in Civil Law.
Joseph R. Hez, A. B., Master of Arts.
Hugh M. Johnston, }
Henry B. Nichols, } Bachelor of Arts.
Thomas W. Street, }

The Chancellor announced as the subject for the Douglas Medal for the ensuing year—

THE LITERARY AND SCIENTIFIC CHARACTERISTICS OF THE 19TH CENTURY COMPARED WITH THOSE OF THE AUGUSTAN AGE.

He then addressed some remarks to the Convocation and the Undergraduates. He thanked the Reverend Principal for the Eucœneal Oration—in which even those who might differ from the views of the Reverend Gentleman, must acknowledge those views had been brought forward in a graceful manner, and which must have given pleasure to all who could appreciate the tasteful and appropriate use of the English Language. He expressed his satisfaction with the Essay which had gained for Mr. Roberts the Douglas Medal, in which he thought a subject somewhat difficult, had been treated by him in a manner very creditable to his research and discrimination.

He then urged on the Undergraduates the desirableness of attention to the mode of delivery, as well as the matter to be delivered, in all cases of public speaking, as a means by which the attention of the audience might be secured, and without which, however sound the views or correct the language, the main object of all public speaking, namely, to convince or persuade, could not generally be attained.

Although there was no positive instruction given in this useful accomplishment, yet all who attended the College had constant opportunities of hearing those who might be taken as good models. He need only particularly refer to the two chief Dignitaries of the Church, and the Reverend Principal of the College. He thought if those whose future destiny might be the Pulpit, the Bar, or the Senate, would act on these suggestions, in after years he might deserve the thanks of themselves and their hearers.

He had much pleasure in stating that the report of the Principal and Professors was satisfactory as to general good conduct and proficiency during the Academical year now closed, and as to the latter, he could himself bear testimony to the Examination of the previous day, and was authorised to add that of his Lordship the Bishop, whose opinion in such matters was of much greater weight. He was willing to infer from this, that they appreciated the great advantages afforded by such an Institution, in which many were constantly laboring for their benefit. He trusted that those who had finished their Collegiate course, would ever hold in grateful remembrance the Institution which had done so much for them; and that those who would return, after spending some time in rational enjoyment in their homes and among their friends, would apply themselves with renewed vigour, and terminate each succeeding year of their Academical career as satisfactorily as that which was now closed.—Royal Gazette.

In answer to the questions of a Subscriber we can only say, that we do not believe there is any truth in the rumour that George Hayward, Esq., is to be appointed Surveyor General; nor do we think it right to condemn the Government for appointments that have not, and probably will not, overtake place. We know that serious difficulties have for a long time stood in the way of filling up the Executive, but we hope soon to hear that these difficulties have been removed and appointments, every way satisfactory to the Country, been made.

We have received from the agent at St John, D. Ross, Esq., the 4th number of SEAR'S ILLUSTRATED FAMILY VISITOR, a Paper containing a large amount of useful and interesting matter, published weekly in New York, at \$2 per annum. To persons desirous of extending their information we would recommend this paper as a pleasant and valuable assistant.

NEW DISCOVERY.—The Editor of the Head Quarters has just learned, that the Iron Foundry in Woodstock erected by Mr. James Everett, and now owned by Mr. Robert Hay, is in actual operation. If the Editor had been inclined to do justice to us or the Foundry in question, he would have noticed this fact long ago, but as our remarks do not seem to carry sufficient weight in the matter, we will advise Mr. Hay to ship a Steam Boat load of his castings to Head Quarters, which will do more for him than all the newspaper paragraphs in the world. We have nowhere seen smoother or better castings than are now made at this Foundry, and we are satisfied that the cooking stoves made here, will, when offered for sale in Fredericton, command a ready and extensive sale.

HALIFAX AND QUEBEC TELEGRAPH LINE.—We had the pleasure of seeing the last pole of this line set on Friday morning last, and we are told that the wire will be strung and let into the office here in a very few days. This line deserves a more extended notice than our limited space at present will admit. More anon.

We have just been shown a new and splendid map of North America, published by Jacob Monk, Philadelphia. It is certainly the best and clearest map we have ever seen, and is withal very cheap. The agent, Prentiss M. Clark, will visit Woodstock in a few weeks, when the public will be enabled to see and judge of the qualities of this map for themselves.

THE ST. JOHN CHRONICLE came to us last week considerably enlarged and improved, presenting altogether a healthy and prosperous appearance. The Chronicle is bound to go ahead, and we rejoice in its success.

We have been requested to give notice that a public meeting will be held at the Mechanics' Institute on Friday evening next with a view of establishing a News-room in this place. All persons interested in this matter are requested to attend.

A successor to the corpulent Mrs. Armitage appears in the person of a Mrs. Farmer, who is now exhibiting in the Strand, London. The weight of the good lady in question is reported to be 336lbs.—English paper.

A short time ago we saw a young lady in Bridgewater, Mass., only 17 years old, weighing 460lbs.—Ed.

We were yesterday shown some very fine strawberries, grown in the Garden of Mrs. Martha Tabor, at Houlton, Me.; one of these berries measured four inches in circumference, and weighed three drachms. This we are told is not by any means as large as some raised in the same garden this season. Houlton ain't dead yet!

The cabbage headed rascal that broke into our office on Saturday night last, will immediately supply us with a new lock, or find himself booked for trial at the next Quarter Sessions.

DISTRESSING ACCIDENT.—Mr. James Hatheway, of Indiantown, (brother of G. L. Hatheway, Esq., M. P. P. for this County,) left the steamer Forest Queen this morning about 6 o'clock, in a small boat, accompanied by four or five of his acquaintances from St. John, for the purpose of bathing on the opposite side of the River. When the party landed, Mr. Hatheway immediately stripped, and in an instant after getting into the water sank and was drowned. It would appear that the suddenness of the accident so completely paralyzed his companions that they were unable to offer him any assistance. The body was speedily recovered and brought back to the steamer, on board of which a Coroner's Inquest was held at 8 o'clock, before Henry Fisher, Esq. Verdict—"Accidental death by drowning." This distressing occurrence has thrown a gloom over the large number of visitors from Saint John, with whom the deceased came up last evening on a pleasure excursion, and also on the inhabitants of this city generally, to whom the deceased was well known. Mr. Hatheway has left a widow and four children to deplore their bereavement.—Head Quarters, July 23.

THE LAST LYNCHBURG TRAGEDY.—The Lynchburg Virginian, of the 3d inst., gives the following particulars in regard to the tragedy in that place:—

"On Sunday evening last, about dark, Dr. Lorenzo D. Williams, son of Jno. M. Williams, residing just across the river, on the Amherst side, eloped with the eldest daughter, aged about 19, of Capt. Richard G. Morris, who also lives immediately over the river, with the purpose of marrying her. The couple, accompanied by one of W.'s brothers, and a Mr. Edmund Hill, took the Charlottesville route for Washington city.

The family of the young lady getting wind of the elopement accidentally, in a short time after it occurred, Capt. Morris and his son Richard G. prepared immediately for a pursuit. They overhauled the runaways in Charlottesville, they having been disappointed in meeting a ready conveyance from that place. The daughter was concealed in the hotel, but the father and brother got possession of her, and then had Williams and his party bound over in the sum of a thousand dollars each. Both parties left for home, and on Tuesday evening they put up accidentally at the same hotel in Livingston, Nelson county.

When Williams's party and young Richard Morris were seated at the supper table, opposite each other, some indignity was offered young Morris by the other party, when

he threw his plate into the face of Williams. Morris Williams and Hill then commenced a general shooting, which resulted, after some eight or ten rounds, in the death of young Morris and of Hill, and it is said of the mortally wounding of Dr. Williams. Young M. was shot in the body by Williams's brother Robert. Hill was shot by Morris in the centre of the breast; and Williams was shot by him in the side or back.

When this occurrence took place the father and daughter were in their room up stairs. A message was forthwith dispatched to the families of the parties, and they arrived here at an early hour yesterday morning. The news of so dreadful a tragedy of course created the greatest excitement and regret in this community. As to the feelings of the unhappy families involved, whose cup of grief has been perhaps forever embittered, we shall not attempt a description. Language would be inadequate to the task.

Later intelligence reports that Hill had died of his wound. Mr. Morris was shot but once, and that through the body. He was not killed in the general melee, but was shot by Williams's brother Robert, after he (Morris) had shot down both of his antagonists, Hill and Dr. W., and was retiring from the dining room. Dr. W.'s first cap had exploded when he was shot by M. Hill and W. both shot after they were wounded, but without effect. Morris lived but five minutes, dying in his father's arms, who met him at the head of the steps. Robert Williams has been arrested."

FROM THE CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.—An arrival at Boston brings dates from the Cape of Good Hope to May 15th.—The English steamer Vulcan had arrived out with 700 additional troops, to assist in quelling the rebellion.

The intelligence is to the effect that the Kaffir war still continues.

At Tamboukes, Captain Tylden had a battle with the rebels, in which 216 of them were killed. The Dutch frontier boers behaved with great bravery.

The Winterberg is again infested with Kaffir and Hot-tentot marauders, who have taken up their old position in Water Kloof, and are said to have had a skirmish with a party of the colonists, in which two of the latter and eight or ten of the rebels were killed.

A rebel chief named Masosi had been attacked by Major Donovan, and defeated. The Kaffirs lost 300 killed, 64 of which were drowned in an attempt to cross the river.

Notwithstanding these victories, the Kaffirs still appear in force, and the industry of the colony is at a complete stand still. Murders and robberies are constantly committed by bands of rebels in all parts of the country.

The recent Papal excitement has had the effect of increasing the funds of the Bible Society by £13,000.

The old Frigate Shannon, so celebrated for her action with the American frigate Chesapeake, still exists in the navy under the name of the St. Lawrence, and is at Sheerness ordinary.

The following Brethren have been installed by D. G. W. P. Baird, Officers of Melancthon Division, No. 34 S. of T. for the current quarter:—Joseph Harvey, W. P.; A. K. S. Wetmore, W. A.; A. N. Garden, R. S.; Duncan Dickinson, A. R. S.; William Leonard, F. S.; David Munro, T.; Richard Dibblee, C.; David Phillips, A. C.; Mathew Stevenson, I. S.; Alex. Hunter, O. S.; Brother R. D. Clark takes the Chair of P. W. P.

Died.

On Tuesday the 22d inst., Timothy L., infant son of Mr. Amos Tofford, aged 10 months.

In Simonds, on the 11th inst., of consumption, Wm. P. Kermot, in the 26th year of his age. [Toronto papers please copy.]

At the residence of Mr. Geo. Foster, Simonds, on the 17th inst., Miss Sarah Murray in the 52d year of her age, deeply regretted by all who had the pleasure of her acquaintance. [Fredericton papers please copy.]

PROGRAMME OF THE TEMPERANCE CELEBRATION, AT WOODSTOCK, JULY 31st, 1851.

THE GRAND AND SUBORDINATE DIVISIONS will meet at the Hall of the Woodstock Division, at 10 o'clock, A. M. where the Procession will be formed in the following order:—

- Cadets of Temperance, Music
Members of the National Division, Grand Division.
Sub. Divisions, according to seniority, including Aroostook Division, and others from the State of Maine
Other Temperance Organizations, such as Members of Temperance and Abstinence Societies.
Strangers, and others wishing to join in the Celebration.
The Procession will march to the Free Will Baptist Meeting House, where the Meeting will be addressed by a number of talented speakers from various parts of the Province and the State of Maine; after which the Procession will be re-formed, thence marching through the principal streets of the Village, will reach the Grove about 2 o'clock, when

THE COLLATION WILL BE SERVED. Arrangements will be made at the Grove for the accommodation of all ladies whose husbands or brothers participate in the Procession.

All friends of Temperance are respectfully invited to assist in the proceedings of the day.

By Order of the Committee of Management. Woodstock, July 28, 1851.