

Nicaragua.—A letter from Panama says: "As regards the situation of Walker, I have authentic information. A gentleman occupying a high position here has permitted me to read a letter from the British Consul at Punta Arenas, in Costa Rica, (the Pacific side). The letter states that Walker, with the remnant of his forces, is hemmed in on all sides by the allied and Costa Rican forces, without clothing and provisions, and demoralised by disease and starvation. His entire force does not exceed five hundred men, and they are fighting with a desperate hope of being able to get out of the country."

"I see by the last advices from New York that the newspapers still speak of Walker's Government, as if it had a *de facto* existence in Nicaragua. Walker's Government is limited to the few miles of country where he chances to be; and with every change of his position there is a corresponding change in the small extent of territory that acknowledges his rule. His few companies of sick and famished filibusters are his only subjects."

"The Government of Nicaragua, which is the only one recognised by the people and the other Central American States, is already organised under Rivas as thoroughly as it can be until filibusterism is extinguished on the soil, and Señor Irizarri, the Minister of Guatemala to the United States, now holds his credentials as the representative of Nicaragua at Washington, and has probably by this time been recognised. A few days will probably determine whether Walker will fall the victim of his own misguided ambition, or make his escape from the soil which he has so ruthlessly ravaged with fire and sword."

CANADIAN AFFAIRS.

HAMILTON, C. W., March 12th.

Another of those fearful accidents, which human forethought appears inadequate to the task of preventing, took place this evening near the city.—The train from Toronto, which is due at 5.45, had scarcely touched the swing bridge over the Desjardins Canal, when it gave way, and the whole train was precipitated into the water, falling a distance of 40 feet. The engine, tender, and baggage cars were all completely buried in the water. The forward passenger car, in descending, was turned upside down, leaving but little of it above the water. The forward end of the last passenger car rested upon either the engine or passenger car, and, falling back upon the wall supporting the bridge, remained in an upright position. Immediate assistance was rendered from the different shops and persons engaged on the works. All that were in the last car were taken out, mostly wounded, and, we are sorry to say, too many dead. A hole was cut in the bottom of the car which lay across the canal, and the bodies taken from it as soon as possible; but this could not be otherwise than a slow operation, when it is considered how high the water was at this season of the year, and that the depth was sufficient to hide an engine, tender and baggage car from view.

Mr. Muir, the Traffic Superintendent, was on board, but fortunately was in such a position at the time as allowed him to jump on terra firma as the car took the leap into the frightful abyss, where so many of his fellow passengers were hurried into the presence of their Maker.

Mr. John C. Henderson, we are sorry to say, was among the killed. Mr. Barrett, Conductor on the train, escaped without injury. The express messenger, post-office clerk and conductor escaped from the baggage car, when submerged in the water, by climbing to the top. Among the killed is Mrs. P. S. Stevenson, of Hamilton.

Seventeen bodies were taken to the baggage room, and laid side by side; all, with the exception of two, were recognised.

The following is a list, as near as can be arrived at:

Donald Stuart, of Hamilton; a man with A. Grant marked on his shirt bosom; Mr. Russell, of the firm of Mellish, Morrell & Russell, of Brantford, (a very large amount of money was found on the body); a man unknown, about twenty years of age, with light hair and dark dress; Joseph Harr, of Niagara, (in the pockets of this person was found a note due yesterday to Bruce & McMurich, Toronto, for £245. Other memorandums were found, making it certain who he was); a female, with some American gold in pocket, and two rings on wedding finger, one of which was marked "D."; Jas. Ganon, a stout, light-complexioned man, with a grey under-shirt, no whiskers; Samuel Zimmerman, railway contractor of Clifton; Thos. Benson, merchant, of Port Hope; John Sharp, a book-vender at the depot; Rev. A. Booker, father of Major Booker, of Hamilton; a little boy of eight years of age; a little girl, daughter of J. K. Clare, of Hamilton; John C. Henderson; a female about 30 years of age (has on a slate-colored silk dress,

and cloak nearly the same color), unknown; a tall man, about 45 years of age.

Besides the foregoing, the flour-store, we believe, contains nineteen bodies, laid side by side,—sixteen men, two women and one child. Three of these bodies were recognized at the close of the Coroner's examination, at 15 minutes past 10 o'clock. These were Edward Duffield, of Hamilton; Richard Dheeshae, of Hamilton; John Morley, of Thorold. Six more bodies have since been discovered, which makes the total number of bodies found forty. It is difficult to arrive at the number on the cars. It is stated that eighty persons left Toronto; but what change took place we have no means of ascertaining. Only about ten or twelve escaped uninjured.

The appointment of Chief Justice Draper, Provincial Agent to England, to guard Canadian claims in the proposed renewal of the Hudson's Bay Company's licence, is much canvassed by the Press: it being contended, on the one hand, that such employment is inconsistent with his judicial position; and, on the other, that, inasmuch as this is a national, not a party question,—as the demand for a recognition of Canadian claims to the territory is made by the leaders of both sides of the House,—it cannot be regarded as making the Chief Justice in any wise a partizan, while the vast importance of the interests involved rendered the selection of the very best man necessary.

BEAUTIFUL MIRAGE.—Tuesday last, the people of Coburg were delighted by a grand display of the mirage, by which they could distinctly see the American shore, and small objects, not less than 65 miles distant. The village of Charlotte, the light-house, steamers in the harbour, and some say men, could be plainly seen for an hour or more.—*Canada paper.*

CANADIAN POLITICS.—The ministerial reply to Governor's speech was adopted. All amendments proposed by the Opposition, were voted down by majorities ranging from 20 to 27.

Elihu Burritt, the "learned blacksmith," delivered a lecture on Saturday evening, in the St. Lawrence Hall, upon the subject of a "plan of co-partnership between the Northern and Southern States for the extinction of slavery." The House was filled to overflowing, and the lecturer was greeted with warm applause. The scheme which Mr. Burritt advocates is briefly this, that the unsettled lands now belonging to the United States should be devoted to the object of emancipation, the proceeds of their sale being applied to the purchase of all the slaves of the fifteen Southern States, at such a valuation as will be deemed by their owners, just and equitable. This plan, Mr. B. argues, will throw upon the Northern States a fair proportion of the burden, and will render easy the accomplishment of the great work, without adding a dollar of direct taxation.—*Toronto Globe.*

THE LATE DR. KANE.

We regret to find that Dr. Kane, of Arctic celebrity, has recently died at Havana. He was only in his 35th year, and has no doubt been hastened to this premature end by the hardships and sufferings which he endured in the search for Sir John Franklin. The cause of science and humanity has lost in him one of the brightest ornaments of this generation. While the names of contending politicians in his own and other countries will speedily sink into oblivion, leaving no mark for good on the face of the Society in which they lived,—the name of Kane will descend from generation to generation as among the noblest on history's page,—as the man who turned his back on the comforts and endearments of country and of home, and nobly went forth with his life in his hand to brave the horrors of Arctic winters and regions of eternal ice, in order to rescue, if so it might be, some of his fellow creatures from their dreadful fate.

In the bustle and turmoil of this stirring world, such high minded deeds are not appreciated as they ought to be. But to the reflecting mind they come as refreshing and redeeming evidence that humanity has still within it something nobler than the narrow regard for self which predominates around us.—*Halifax Morning Journal.*

The intelligence of the death of Dr. Kane is received everywhere, by the Press and by the people, with expressions of regret, the sincerity of which it is impossible to doubt. The wonderful narrative, the completion of which was almost the last act of a life long enough to establish a lasting fame, but too short for the interests of science, has made the name of Dr. Kane familiar in almost every intelligent Household. We believe that we only express a deep and general feeling, when we suggest the erection, either in this city or in any other which may be thought a better locality, of a statue to the memory of this heroic man. Ample funds might easily be secured for the purpose, and

the amount of individual subscriptions might be fixed so low that even those of limited means might have the pleasure of contributing. Surely no man, no matter in what field his fame may have been acquired, was ever more worthy of such an honor than Dr. Kane. His courage, his endurance, his scientific and literary achievements, the modest and beautiful simplicity of his character, all demand such a testimonial. We believe that, if once considered, our suggestion will be acted upon with alacrity by the people.—*New York Tribune.*

LATER FROM HAVANA.—THE FUNERAL OF DR. KANE.—*New York, Feb. 26.*—The Black Warrior, from Havana, the 21st inst., arrived here last night. The funeral of Dr. Kane at Havana was attended by a long procession of all the Americans in the City, as well as the Vice-Captain General of the Island, and many other Spanish officials.

The conduct of General Concha on the occasion is spoken of in the highest terms by all resident Americans.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—On Saturday evening last, a fatal accident occurred in the Parish of St. Mary's York County, by which Mr. John Smith, of that place, was instantly killed. Mr. S. was engaged at work loading a sled at the time in the woods, and in some way, the particulars of which we did not ascertain, his head was crushed by the falling of a log. Immediate death followed. He leaves a wife and seven children.—*Morning News.*

William H. Needham, Esq., was elected Mayor of Fredericton on Monday last, by a majority of fifty-two over his opponent, J. S. Beck, Esq., who had 254 votes.

A London paper, of the 16th ult., announces that M. H. Perley, Esq., of this City had an interview with the Colonial Secretary on the preceding day.—*St. John Courier.*

The Engineers' workshop in the Barrack square was on fire last Saturday evening, but it was speedily subdued without doing much harm. On Sunday morning the steam mills belonging to Mr. Estey, on the Strait Shore, were totally destroyed by fire. They were valued at about £2,000—insurance £1,300.—*Church Witness.*

A THOUSAND POUNDS REWARD.

To the Editor of the Leader:

Sir,—The unprincipled men who at present mismanage the affairs of this country, and the equally unprincipled Editors who support them, are assiduous in inventing and dealing forth the most impudent falsehoods, for the purpose of bringing the character of their opponents down to their own level. Amongst the latest, the *Head Quarters, Freeman and New Brunswicker* state more or less broadly that several members of the Legislature—Messrs. Landry, Harding, McNaughton and others—had been offered large sums of money for their votes, and that funds for such purpose had been provided by some of the "Radical merchant princes" of Saint John. Now, as it will be no harm to let the "Loafers" get a share of this Radical money that appears to be so plentiful, I hereby authorise you to offer a reward of a thousand pounds to any man who will make it appear, on credible testimony, that a single penny of bribe or consideration was ever offered by the Liberals to any member of the House for a vote, or that any Liberal merchant of St. John, or of the Province, ever gave, subscribed or offered money for the purpose of buying votes, or for any other such purpose.

I give you my name "in private," as a guarantee that the reward offered will be forthcoming.—If the "Loafers" do not take it up, prove their assertions, and claim the money, I brand them as common liars and slanderers.

I am, yours,

A LIBERAL.

[We received the above from the gentleman who offers the reward, and in his handwriting, and it is in every respect a bona fide offer. Let the slanderers stand forth with proofs, or forever after hold their peace.—Ed. LEADER.]

MELANCHOLY DEATH.—Mrs. Allan, the wife of Benjamin Allan, of Cape Tormentine, who has for a short time been laboring under insanity, was on the 10th inst. missed from the house, and before she was found, had perished from cold, leaving a large family to lament her untimely death.—*Leader.*

The *Halifax Morning Chronicle* says, the failure of the mackerel fishery last fall has entailed a heavy loss on Nova Scotia, and cannot fail to have effect of enhancing the prices of herring during the present season. The latter are by no means superabundant in the Provincial markets.

A gentleman, the other evening, objected to playing cards with a lady, because she had such a "winning way about her."

FACETIÆ.

A note broker should be like a barber, shave close, but never cut his customer until he calls for credit.

Lorenzo Dow once said of a grasping, avaricious farmer, that if he had the whole world enclosed in a single field, he would not be content without a patch of ground on the outside, for potatoes.

"May I leave a few tracts?" asked a medical missionary of a lady, who responded to his knock. "Leave some tracts—certainly you may," said she, looking at him most benignly over her specs; "leave them with the heels towards the house, if you please."

POINT BLANK COMPLIMENTS.—Spanish robbers are very polite. An Englishman was accosted on a lonely road by a ruffian. "Sir," said he, you have my coat on; may I trouble you for it. The Englishman drew out a pistol, and told the fellow that he was mistaken. "Sir," said the robber, "I perceive that I am. Will you do me the honor to communicate your name, that I may remember it in my prayers?"

A GOOD RECIPE.—Deacon H. used to say his wife had a certain receipt for testing indigo. It was, to sift a little indigo on the surface of some cold water; if the indigo was good, it would either sink or swim—she couldn't tell which.

In a country paper, the marriage of a Mr. Cooper to Miss Staves is announced. The result will probably be barrels.

In a back township of Upper Canada, a magistrate, who kept a tavern, sold liquor to the people till they got drunk and fought in his house. He then issued a warrant, apprehended them, and tried them on the spot; and, besides fining them, made them treat each other to make up the quarrel.

There was a bishop that was somewhat a delicate person, and bathed twice a day. A friend of his said to him, "My lord, why do you bathe twice a day?" The bishop answered, "Because I cannot conveniently bathe thrice."

Special Notices.

A LADY OF OUR ACQUAINTANCE, Mrs. Powell, No. 18 Stanton street, New York, was troubled with liver complaint for a long time, and after trying many remedies, was advised to try Dr. McLane's Celebrated Liver Pills, prepared by Fleming Bros. of Pittsburgh. She did so, and says that with one box she was effectually cured.

Indigestion, stoppage of the menses, costiveness, and general irregularity of the bowels, are all diseases originating in the same prolific cause, as is also that dreadful scourge, DYSPEPSIA. Those who are afflicted with any of the above enumerated diseases, may rest assured that the source of all their maladies is in the liver, and for its correction the best remedy ever offered to the public is Dr. McLane's Celebrated Liver Pills. Try them. The money refunded if not satisfactory.

Purchasers will please be careful to ask for Dr. McLane's Celebrated Liver Pills, manufactured by FLEMING BROS. of Pittsburgh, Pa. There are other Pills, purporting to be Liver Pills, now before the public. Dr. McLane's genuine Liver Pills, also his Celebrated Vermifuge, can now be had at all respectable Drug Stores—None genuine without the signature of FLEMING BROS.

A. B. C.—WHAT CAN BE PLAINER THAN A. B. C?—Nothing,—except the wonderful virtues of Mrs. M. N. Gardner's Indian Balsam of Liverwort and Hoarhound. The former the infant cannot appreciate,—but, from the cradle to the grave, all can appreciate the action of this great remedy which we speak of. It may be obtained at Weeks & Potter, 154 Washington Street, Boston, General Agents for the U. States and British Provinces.

Wm. T. Baird Agent for Woodstock.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS. The sudden changes of temperature in this climate have a terrible effect upon the skin, the muscles, and the glands. Hence the prevalence of salt rheum, erysipelas, blotches, boils, rheumatism, quincy, sore throat, and the many other complaints so frequently generated and always aggravated by this cause. Fortunately, in Holloway's Ointment we have the means of promptly removing this class of diseases, and of so thoroughly invigorating all the exterior organs and integuments as to prevent their recurrence. The Pills operating in harmony with the ointment, regulate the secretions, and discharge from the fluids of the body any acrid matter calculated to produce external inflammation or internal disease.

MOFFAT'S LIFE PILLS AND PHOENIX BITTERS.—These remedies have stood the test of twenty years' experience, and during that period have benefited three millions of individuals. By their use the blood is purified, without reducing the system. Sold by W. B. Moffat, 335 Broadway, New York, and his agents. W. T. BAIRD, Agent for the County of Carleton. A. P. HAYWOOD, Agent for Houlton.

TAE OLD AND TRUE MAXIM THAT an ounce of preventative is worth a pound of cure, will be fully realized by those who make use of G. W. Stone's Vegetable Liquid Cathartic and Family Physic, as it cleanses the blood from all impurity, frees the stomach from bile, produces a healthy action of the liver, and perfectly regulates the bowels; it also removes all local pains prevents and cures dysentery, diarrhoea, cholera morbus or cholera, strengthens the whole system, and is perfectly agreeable to the taste.—*Vox Populi.*

CARD.

A LONDON MEDICAL PRACTITIONER can be consulted at Mr. DRYER'S, Lower Simonds. The above, who has been Assistant Physician to the College of Civil Engineers, Putney, London, will take in two or three respectable patients, suffering from Chronic Disease of such a kind as would require constant attendance to render success practicable. For Terms, apply to H. REYNOLDS, at Mr. Dryer's, Lower Simonds. Jan. 3. S1194