

woman who watches the enthusiasm, as it surges about, creeping nearer to him. He owes her much for the grace she has cast about his stern rule; and men in Paris begin to say there must be something good in the man after all, for, indisputably, he is still her tender lover; and has remodelled his life, forgetting the orgies of his early days under the power of her beauty. Turning from the sentiment of the scene to its political lesson, we may see, in the man who sits upon the throne, a strong mind and a strong will. But what hope can the clearest eye perceive in the speaker whose voice is sufficient to loose him the crown, should fate ever place it a single moment within his reach. Such a voice is a terrible addition to the list of absurdities already tacked to the heir apparent."

NEW COLONIAL SECRETARY.

We are indebted to Lloyd's Weekly Newspaper, for the following brief notice of Mr La. bouchere, the recently appointed Colonial Secretary.

"The Right Hon. Henry Labouchere has been appointed to the important office of Secretary of State for the Colonial Department. Mr Labouchere descended from a French protestant family, which left that country and took refuge in Holland on the expulsion of the protestants by the revolution of the edict of Nantes. The family subsequently settled in this country, and from their wealth immediately acquired a considerable position. The father of Mr Labouchere married a daughter of the house of Baring, and the advantages of this connection may have been the first cause of his early rise into a subordinate office in the Whig Ministry in 1832. In that year Mr Labouchere was appointed a lord of the admiralty, which office he held until November, 1834. From April, 1835, to March, 1839, he was vice president of the board of trade, and master of the mint. After this he was a short time under-secretary of the colonies, and subsequently president of the board of trade until the downfall of Lord John Russell's cabinet in 1841. On the return of the whigs to power, in 1846, Mr Labouchere became secretary for Ireland, which office he held until July, 1847, when he was again appointed to the board of trade. He remained at that post until 1852. On the fusion of the whigs and Peelites in Lord Aberdeen's Cabinet, Mr Labouchere's claims on his party were sacrificed in favour of some higher talents then introduced into the coalition.

"In the House of Commons, Mr Labouchere has taken a respectable position, shining neither as a statesman nor as a debater. By marriage he is closely connected with the reigning families of the whig dynasty, having married first a sister of Sir Francis Baring, and secondly, Lady Mary Howard, sister of the Earl of Carlyle, the Duchess of Sutherland, the Countess of Burlington, and closely related to the noble families of Grey, Cavendish, and Gower."

GENERAL MOURAVIEFF.

As the name of General Mouravieff is likely to be much more frequently before the public than has hitherto been the case, it may not be out of place to repeat an anecdote which is told of "that first of Russian tacticians," by M. Gallet de Kulture, who was formerly Secretary to Prince Demidoff, which appears in a late English paper:—

"Some years since, after having distinguished himself greatly in the Caucasus, Mouravieff returned to St. Petersburg. The late Czar, who had heard the General highly spoken of, one day said to him, 'As you play the professor in the Caucasus, I must judge for myself whether your pretensions are well founded.—Take the command of a corps, and manoeuvre against another which shall act under my direction. Do your best; for I do not intend to spare you.' The manoeuvres had hardly commenced, when the Emperor lost sight of the corps opposed to him. Some hours passed, and as no Mouravieff appeared, the imperial force retired towards the Neva; but, unfortunately for the military reputation of the sovereign, the corps of his adversary was concealed behind some high ground close to the spot to which he had withdrawn. Mouravieff suddenly appeared, pushed forward a column which separated the Czar from the gross of his corps, and eventually managed to get the latter between his artillery and the river. On seeing this, General Yermoloff, who officiated as judge de camp, galloped up to Mouravieff, and thus addressed him:—'I congratulate you, *mon cher*, on a victory which will prove to be a defeat.'—The sequel showed that Yermoloff knew his master. Mouravieff was under a cloud, and nothing more was heard of him until very recently, when he re-appeared on the scene as Commander-in-Chief of the separate corps in the Caucasus."

SOUTHERN MAIL.

This mail still lags unaccountably behind time. Last week we complained of its detention, and since then the delay has been even greater. It did not arrive on Sunday until seven in the evening, and yesterday, at 4 in the afternoon. The delay in all cases, we understand, was in Nova Scotia. Yesterday's mail did not leave the Bend until 9 hours behind its time. Our Subscribers will easily perceive to what trouble and inconvenience these delays put us—leaving us but a very brief period to make selections.

MIRAMICHI LADIES' AUXILIARY BIBLE SOCIETY.

The 34th Annual Meeting of the M. L. A. Bible Society, was held in the Wesleyan Chapel, Newcastle, on the 17th October last, Mrs. Harkins, presiding.

The meeting having been opened with prayer by the Rev. J. Curdy, the same gentleman read, for the Secretary, the minutes of last meeting, the correspondence which has taken place during the year, and also the Annual Report, the substance of which is subjoined.

Newcastle, Napan, Nelson, and Black Brook not being heard from as yet, it was agreed that the account be not closed for some time, that returns may be received from the above districts. Newcastle and Napan collectors have since given in their returns, which are included in the report and account.

Agreed to appropriate from £10 to £15 to the purchase account, and the balance of the receipts as a Donation to the Parent Society.

Agreed, on application of Mr. McCurdy, that a Bible be given to Pulpit of New Church in Harvey Settlement

Office Bearers for the last year were re-elected.

The following Ladies were appointed collectors.

For Chatham—Miss Kerr, Miss McCurdy, Miss Brown and Miss A. Fraser.

For Douglstown—Miss Wyse, and Miss Ellen Chalmers.

For Napan—Miss Gray, and Miss Wilson.

For Newcastle—Miss Sargeant.

For Nelson—Miss Harley.

REPORT.

There was remitted during the year to the Parent Society, the sum of £45 7s. Currency, or £37 2s. Sterling, which, according to the directions of the last annual meeting was appropriated as follows—£22 2s. Sterling was presented as a donation to the Parent Society, and £15 Sterling employed in the purchase of Scriptures. To the amount of one half of this sum the London Depot supplied us with books, and the other half was expended in Glasgow for the purchase of Scriptures having the Metrical Psalms and Paraphrases bound therewith.

For this sum of £15, there has been received 100 Bibles, 138 Testaments, and 6 Psalms, or a total of 244 copies. *Of these several consist of large and elegant Family Bibles.

There have been sold during the year 35 Bibles, 55 Testaments, and 9 Psalms, and given gratis 1 Bible, 3 Testaments, and 1 Psalm, making the total of distributions 104 copies.

The receipts for the year are: in Sales £9 13s. 5d., and in Subscriptions and Donations £35 18s 6d., total £45 12s.

ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING OCTOBER, 1855.

Receipts.	£.	s.	d.
Balance last year,	45	7	0
Sale per Revd. J. M'Curdy,	9	13	5d
Per Collectors—Chatham.			
Per Miss Thomson,	11	2	6
Misses Cunard and M'Dougal,	10	7	7
Miss Brown,	1	4	3
Douglstown.			
Per Misses Wyse and Chalmers,	6	19	2
Napan,			
Per Miss Grey,	1	9	1d
Newcastle.			
Per Miss Sargeant,	3	16	11
2 years sub. from Mrs. Harkins,	0	10	0
do Miss Henderson,	0	10	0
	£90	19	0
Expenditure.			
Remitted in Sterling Bill of			
£37 2s. Currency,	45	7	0
Paid average loss at sea from			
"Faside," in which books			
were imported,	0	9	7
Postage &c.,		2	5
Freight on box re-shipped from			
P. E. Island,		1	3
	£46	0	3
Balance	£44	18	9
	£90	19	0

THE BENEFITS OF GAS.

The following interesting extract copied from the Scientific American, has been handed to us for insertion.

"A gallon of pure sperm oil produces a light equal to 217 cubic feet of coal gas! A gallon of whale oil produces a light equal to 175 cubic feet of coal gas. Therefore, gas at four dollars per 1000 cubic feet gives 250 feet for a dollar, and is therefore much cheaper than whale or sperm oil. The apparatus used for making gas, and the labor attending the production of it, however, involves an expense, (it is considered) greater than the use of oil in lamps under 100 burners, over that number it is considered that gas is more economical than oil.

"Any village, factory, or mill, therefore, using more than 100 burners, will find it more economical—and certainly much more convenient—to use gas rather than oil."

EUROPEAN NEWS.

The following Telegraph was received yesterday morning. We sincerely trust that the rumours may prove correct, and that a peace honorable to the Allies may speedily be entered into, and put a stop to the hurried ravages of

war, to which we have been listening for the last two years.

New York, December 13.

The Baltic has just arrived (at noon.)

News consists altogether of rumours of peace. One is that Russia has requested Prussia to propose conciliatory terms to Western Powers.—Another, and more definite statement is—that propositions have been made to Louis Napoleon on behalf of Russia, which can be honorably accepted—namely, that Russia will conclude peace without intervention of either Prussia or Austria; Russia agreeing to guarantee independence to Danubian Principalities, and freedom of Black Sea. Both parties continue preparations of war, but no active hostilities to be entered on until an agreed date.

Nothing from the Crimea or Asia.

Breadstuffs quiet; flour 1s. lower; corn do.; wheat 2d lower; Provisions unchanged.

Consols 89½.

THE SEASON.—The season up to the present time, has been the most extraordinary one we have witnessed in the country, during a residence of thirty years. Three times has the river been frozen over sufficiently strong to admit of persons crossing over it on foot; and no sooner has the ice acquired that consistency, than it was broken up. Yesterday morning, for the fourth time, persons again passed over on the ice, which is again stationary. On Sunday night some snow fell, but was succeeded by rain, which descended in torrents during the remainder of the night, and the greater part of Sunday. This swept away what little snow remained on the ground, which has since remained quite bare, a very unusual thing at this period of the year. The weather since then has been very fine and clear—some days extremely soft and balmy, with the wind from the south or southwest, others rather sharp, with a bracing wind from the north or north-west.

THANKSGIVING DAY.—In accordance with the Proclamation of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, Thursday last was set aside by the inhabitants as a holiday. There was service in all the places of worship, the stores were all closed, and no labour performed in the ship-yards, or workshops of our mechanics; the inhabitants, very generally, coinciding with the propriety of having such a day set aside, as an acknowledgment of thanks to an all-wise and benevolent Creator, for the blessings he has bestowed on us during the past season—in bestowing the spread of infectious disease, in bestowing on us a bounteous harvest, and of crowning the exertions of the allies in their glorious struggle for the benefit of their fellow man, with victory. For all these privilege we cannot be too thankful.

THE LEGISLATURE.—We perceive by the Gazette that the meeting of the Legislature of this Province is further prorogued until the second Tuesday in January next, but not to meet for the despatch of business.

ACCIDENT.—We understand that a young lad named JAMES YOUNG, belonging to Newcastle, while skating on the river opposite to that town, yesterday afternoon, unfortunately fell through a hole in the ice, and was drowned. His body has not been discovered, though diligent search has been made for it.

Yesterday afternoon a person broke through the ice opposite Douglstown, and it was with great difficulty he was rescued. We understand there have been a number of very narrow escapes from drowning within the past fortnight. The wonder to us is, when we consider the recklessness and foolhardiness of individuals, more particularly of boys, in venturing on the ice, frequently after one night's frost, that more serious accidents do not occur.

PORT OF HALIFAX.—December 7, Arrived, Speedy, Miramichi: Mary Jane, do: C. W. Wright, do: 10, Happy Return, Miramichi.

Our volume will close with the present year. There are very many subscribers in arrears for the past year, and a long array owing from two years and upwards. We know that times are hard and money difficult to procure, but they should recollect that we have our establishment to keep up, and material to procure, which incurs a heavy outlay, particularly at present, when all the necessaries of life have advanced in price. While this has occurred, we have not increased our charges, but on the contrary, the price of the paper has been considerably reduced.

We cannot afford to give so long a credit, or furnish our Journal for nothing; any subscriber, therefore, seeing that his paper is discontinued at the close of the volume, may rest assured we intend to make an effort, through the agency of the law, to recover what he has improperly withheld from us; and if he is put to trouble and expense he will have himself to blame.

It will be seen by a paragraph in another page, that the new ship Sydenham, built at Shippigan, received much damage during a heavy gale on the 16th and 17th November, and put into Sydney, Cape Breton.

We understand by Telegraph from Quebec, that the Schooner Sago, Best, Master, from Montreal, and bound to this Port, with a general cargo, was lost on Maucougan Shoals. She belongs to Canso.

We made an error, it appears, in our notice last week, of the passage of the Ocean Bride. She left this place on the 28th October, and arrived home on the 12th November, completing her voyage in somewhat less than sixteen days.

Fevers of all descriptions and their cure.—Many remedies have been prescribed for the relief of public humanity for the cure of these distressing and often times fatal diseases. Few seem to be worthy of much comment, in a word, few possess any intrinsic value, Holloway's Pills, however, will be found invaluable for these complaints, and will readily check the worst stages of the evil, in truth, by a perseverance with this remedy according to the prescribed directions, they will restore the sufferer to health, after every other means have failed. These Pills are also famous in all diseases of the stomach and bowels.



CROWN LAND NOTICE.

CROWN LAND NOTICE, December 4, 1855.

The undermentioned Lots of Crown Lands will be offered for sale by Public Auction on TUESDAY, the eighth day of JANUARY next, at noon, by the respective Deputies, at their Offices, agreeable to the Regulations of 11th May, 1843, and no sale on credit will be made to any person who is indebted to the crown for previous purchases.

(Not to interfere with the right to cut Timber or other Lumber under Licences applied for previous to the applications for the purchase of the Land.)

(No person is allowed to hold more than one hundred acres payable by instalments.)

NORTHEMBERLAND.

By Deputy Peters, at Chatham.

50 acres, lot 71, Hanna's Brook, Ambrose Holland.

100 acres, lot 17, block 72, Blackville, A. Colford. 92 acres, lot B, Meadow Brook, T. S. Doak; Hinchey to be paid for improvements; allowance to be made on M'Naughton's Grant for variations since 1850.

KENT.

By Deputy Douglas, at Buctouche.

67 acres, lot 48, Saint Anthony's, B. Richard. 95 acres, lot 4, Township three, R. Bysart; improved.

100 acres, lot 135, block O, Wellington, P. Curran.

107 acres, lot 136, block O, Wellington, J. Burns. 107 acres, lot 137, block O, Wellington, C. M. Donald.

57 acres, lot 155, block W, Welford, Wm Morton. 34 acres, lot 67, Louisburg, James Cameron; improved by Jos. Robicheau.

By Deputy Muzerall, at Richibucto.

100 acres, lot S, block R, Carleton, B. Gorman.

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Gloucester Agricultural Society.

The Society's Annual Exhibition of FIELD AND DAIRY PRODUCE, and of DOMESTIC MANUFACTURES, will take place at the COURT HOUSE, Bathurst, on TUESDAY, the eighth day of JANUARY, 1856, at 10 o'clock, P. M. The Committee are requested to meet at 9 o'clock.

WILLIAM NAPIER, Secretary.

NOTICE.

All Persons having any legal demands against the Estate of JOSEPH C. WHETEN, late of Richibucto, in the County of Kent, Esq., Attorney at Law, are required to render the same duly attested within Three Months from this date to the undersigned JOHN WHETEN, Administrator, or at the office of R. HUTCHINSON, Esquire, Protector to the Estate, and all those persons indebted to the said Estate are required to make immediate payment to the said R. HUTCHINSON.

JOHN WHETEN, Administrator. Richibucto, November 10, 1855.