

General Intelligence.

Foreign and Domestic.

The North Baptist Sabbath School, held a picnic on Wednesday, on the grounds of the Rev. M. Umacke, near the North West Arm. They assembled at the chapel at 10 o'clock, and walked in procession to where the tents had been pitched. The enjoyment was checked soon after dinner by the indications of rain. These continued to increase until the showers showed the necessity of a retreat.

As difficulties and disasters often have the effect of uniting those who endure them, more closely, some good may result even from this disappointment.

The AFRICAN ABOLITION SOCIETY also held their annual gathering on Wednesday. The falling showers however sent them home with a less orderly appearance than they had when marching to the scene of their festivity.

Indications of the Potato disease have made their appearance. The statement of the Witness is, however, somewhat in advance, when it says—"all the potato-fields about the city begin to look scorched, black and ruinous."

The *Chronicle* of yesterday, a good authority in such matters, says:—"There are as yet (in the Western counties) no symptoms of the potato blight to speak of."

RAILWAY DAMAGES ASSESSMENT.—The last *Royal Gazette* gives the items of the appraisal of lands taken for Railway purposes in the county of Hants. The sums vary to the different proprietors from 10s. up to £1550. The total amounting to £6365 3s. 3d.

The Report of the Jury sworn to assess for damages in Halifax county have awarded to the amount of £4280 3s. 4. Of this sum £1526 10s. is for lands dedicated; £2,581 13s. 4d. for privileges formerly enjoyed; and £122 10s. 0d. for material taken.

The Halifax Roman Catholic Temperance Society, purpose having a grand procession through the City on Saturday next.

ANOTHER BOAT RACE between a St. John and a Halifax boat, is appointed to come off this day. But little public interest is felt in it.

According to a Return furnished to the Merchants' Room, by W. G. Fife, Esq., the stock of Rum, Sugar, and Molasses in Warehouses on the first of this month, was 401 puns. 41 hds. 11 bbls. Rum, 2,825 hds. 142 tcs., 1194 bbls. Sugar; 7,705 puns. 311 tcs., 909 bbls. Molasses. At a corresponding period last year the stock of Sugar and Molasses in the city was larger. The supply was then, 6,000 hds. Sugar, and something over 10,000 hds. Molasses.

The Jeffery property in the vicinity of the Grand Lake was sold in one lot on Wednesday to B. Wier, Esq., and six others, for the sum of £1,800, which is generally considered an extremely small price, for so large a tract of Land.

CHALMER'S CHURCH.—The interior of this Church has been much improved. The galleries have been lowered, an elegant new Pulpit erected and the whole interior newly painted, &c. The repairs will cost about £400.

ROYAL ACADIAN SCHOOL SOCIETY.—The Annual General Meeting of this Society was held on Tuesday, the 30th June. Present: the Hon. Hugh Bell, President, and John Williamson, Esq., Vice-President. Agreeably to the act of incorporation the executive committee submitted a report of their proceedings for the past year and of the progress and general state of the schools. The Treasurer's accounts of receipts and disbursements were also given in, together with full reports from the respective teachers of both branches of the schools,—all of which having been read and discussed, were declared to be highly satisfactory, approved and passed; thereupon the following gentlemen, being all attached friends to the institution; and who take a warm interest in its welfare, were elected office bearers for the ensuing year.

Hon. H. Bell, President, John Williamson, Esq., Vice President.

Executive and Monthly Committee—Robert Noble, John Metzler, J. H. Anderson, John Gibson, the Mayor, and J. C. Cogswell, Esq. William Murdoch, Esq., Treasurer.

J. C. Hume M. D., Secretary.

The meeting was much gratified to learn that, with the exception of a small sum still due for sundry repairs to the premises, this society is nearly clear of debt, and its schools, under the present superintendent and matron, maintain the character they have held for nearly half a century as among the most valued of our educational institutions.

Subscribers are respectfully invited to avail themselves of their privilege of filling up the roll of free scholars. JAMES C. HUME, Sec'y.

The sad duty devolves upon us of communicating intelligence, received in a letter without date, but having the post mark "Carleton, Gaspe, July 27," of the death on the 18th ult., of a seaman named Michel McGrath; said to be from Dartmouth, and having relatives now residing there. He was engaged on board the brig *Margaret*, Edmund Hilton, Master, when falling from the fore-top he struck the rail, and survived only six hours. The letter we have received may be obtained by his relatives at our office.—*Westegan*.

We are glad to hear that several of the fine fishing vessels, belonging to LaHave River and its neighbourhood, have already returned from the Labrador, and with full fares of fish.—*Journal*.

MEDICAL SOCIETY.—At the fourth annual meeting of the Medical Society of Nova Scotia, August 1st, 1857—the following office bearers were elected for the ensuing year:—

President—Dr. Parker, Halifax.

Vice Pr's—Dr. Tupper.

Dr. Black,

Dr. Snyder, Shelburne.

Dr. Grigor, Halifax.

Dr. Harding, Windsor.

Dr. Desbrisay, Dartmouth.

In addition to

Dr. Allan, Halifax.

Dr. Steverman, Lunenburg.

Dr. Hume, Halifax.

Dr. Forsyth, Bridgetown.

Dr. Fraser, Windsor.

—previously elected.

Treasurer—Dr. Almon, Halifax.

Secretary—Dr. DeWolf

It was decided that the Annual Meeting should take place in future on the first Wednesday in March, and the names of all members who neglect to registrar according to law, should be omitted from the Society's list.

BREKAVEMENT.—Capt. Lewis, a respected citizen, lately resident at Freshwater Bridge, met death suddenly on Saturday last. He left home in apparently good health, for a visit to Canada and the United States.—While sitting in a Railway car at Portland, he was affected by apoplexy, and died in a few minutes.—*Sun*.

The Block-house at Yarmouth was burned down one day last week, supposed to be the work of an incendiary.

A fog bell has recently been placed near the Light-house, Cape Forchu, off Yarmouth. Five hundred pounds appropriated at the last session of the Legislature for the Eastern State, has been applied to this object. It is said to have cost £625.

From various parts of the country we learn the hay crop is above the average—in this locality the report is, the crop will not exceed if it should equal the amount of last year. Other crops give great promise of an abundant and profitable yield.—*Western News*.

The *Bridgetown News* says:—Mr. R. F. Randolph left at our office a sample of ears of wheat, of the Canadian white flint variety, the produce of a single kernel, which, on inspection has been pronounced almost unequalled, no less than thirty stalks surmounted by as many ears of more than average size, being the yield from the single kernel planted.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.—The Charlottetown Horticultural Society, held its semi-annual exhibition on the 15th ult. Prizes were given for the best flowers, fruits, and vegetables. "The day was fine and there was a good display of beauty and fashion on the ground."

A Great Medicine.—No medicine ever offered to the public has met with such universal and signal success as Perry Davis' Vegetable Pain Killer. It is a sure cure for all kinds of pain. Try it and thank us for the suggestion. Sold by Morton & Cogswell.

Terrific Gale at the North, and fearful loss of life.

We have been favoured with the following extract of a letter written for publication in the *Miramichi Gleaner* by James Blackhall, Esq., of Caraquet, dated Saturday, July 25th, but which was received too late for insertion in the last number of that paper. Caraquet is situated near the entrance of the Bay of Chaleur, which divides the Northern part of New Brunswick from the extreme Eastern portion of Canada, and is famous for the extent and value of its fisheries. We deeply regret to hear of such a fearful sacrifice of human life. So far as is known no less than thirty-eight lives have been lost, and we have too much reason to fear that the number will be greatly augmented.

CARAQUET, July 25th.

DREADFUL GALE AND LOSS OF LIFE.—On Monday and Tuesday last, all the Fishing Boats left Caraquet, Shippagan, and other places in the Bay of Chaleur and head of the Gulf, and proceeded chiefly to the Orphan and Bradeille Banks. Tuesday was very hot with but little wind, until towards the close of the day a gale sprang up, almost instantaneously, from the Northeast. Some of the Boats remained at anchor; not a few of them, it is supposed, foundered with all hands. Others either weighed anchor, cut cables, or the cables parted, and hove-to, but so severe was the storm, accompanied with heavy rain, that some foundered, others were driven ashore, many of them went to pieces, and only a few got safe into the Gulches of Shippagan, Pokemouche, Tracadie, &c. Several were capsized in entering, and the crews drowned in the very entrance of the harbours. The whole coast from Miscou Island to Tracadie was strewn with the wrecks, the dead and the wounded. Late last evening, one of my neighbours returned from Pokemouche, where he had interred his brother; who was capsized in Shippagan Gully; his comrade was immediately found near the Boat, but this man's brother was found at Green Point, between Pokemouche and Tracadie, a distance of about twelve miles from the place of the disaster. From his mouth I took a list of those actually known to be drowned, to-wit, fifteen belonging to Caraquet, nineteen to Shippagan, and four to Pokemouche.

It is impossible at present to make even a vague calculation of the loss of lives or of property, but when the number of Boats belonging to this and the neighbouring harbours exceed four hundred, each about twenty-six feet keel,

and costing about fifty pounds when new, fit for sea, with their nets, lines, &c., the loss in a pecuniary point of view will be great; but this is nothing to the enormous loss of life and the number of families left destitute.

The Honorable Robert Gordon, M. D., went through this settlement on his way to the Lazaretto in Tracadie on Tuesday, intending to return on Thursday. He is not yet come, and I expect he remains there to administer assistance to the wounded that have been picked up.—*New Brunswick*.

A Methodist camp meeting was held in King's County, New Brunswick, recently. It continued for two or three days.

The *New Brunswick Leader*, newspaper, says that the hay crop on the low-lands is greater than it has been for several seasons; on the high-lands thin: and that the entire return, if weather prove favourable, promises to be abundant.

SHEDIAC RAILROAD.—We see it stated in some of the papers that this Railroad is expected to open on the 10th of August, but no person with whom we conversed during our recent visit to Moncton, had any idea that it could open so soon. Some said there seemed but little prospect of getting it open until late in the autumn, if even then. In fact, as the season advances, terrible havoc is being made along the line. We observed that a large portion of the bridge across the Creek had given way, that a similar bridge near by had become so disarranged as to render it necessary to take it out entirely. The embankments in some places have broken down and must be re-built. How all this is to be done in time to get the iron horse in motion over the entire line by the 10th proximo, we cannot imagine, unless they possess some magic power that we know not of. At all events there is a deal of work to be done by somebody before the road can be opened with safety. We regret to give this unfavorable report, but fidelity to the truth requires it.—*Visitor*.

Canada.

SEAT OF GOVERNMENT.—A letter from Mayor Morton and Mr. Tessier, the delegates to England on the Seat of Government question, was read at the meeting of the City Council, on Friday evening last. During their interview with Mr. Labouchere, Secretary for the Colonies, he inquired as to the natural and commercial position of Canada, and particularly of the port of Quebec. The question of the seat of Government, the right honorable gentleman stated would not be decided until the memorials setting forth their claims had been received from all the aspiring cities. Our delegates, express the greatest confidence, and we are told, if they may judge from the opinion in high places, that there is every reason to believe Quebec will be selected as the Capital of Canada, as it will be eventually of the united Provinces of British North America.—*Quebec Morning Chronicle*, July 27.

A collision occurred on Lake St. Peters, below Montreal, on the night of the 4th inst., between the steamers Quebec and Montmorency. The latter was sunk, but no lives were lost. She was laden with flour.

BANK ROBBERY IN TORONTO.—*Toronto*, Aug. 3.—The Upper Canada Bank was robbed on Thursday night, of between £4000 and £5000.

The rumours of gold discoveries in Canada are again revived. The *Quebec Mercury* says that an old Californian explorer has been exhibiting at Quebec specimens of gold found in one of the tributaries of the Chaudiere. He reports the prospects of gold digging to exceed anything he ever saw in California. Three hours' work yielded in nuggets and grains over an ounce.

Wheat cutting will commence in this neighbourhood in a day or two, on farms lying west of the city. The fields now ripening have a bright and healthy appearance, without appearance of rust, and promise of good yield.—*Toronto Colonist*, July 30.

POSTAGE OF NEWSPAPERS IN CANADA.—An alteration has been made in the law with respect to newspapers. It came into operation on the 1st inst. The only Newspapers which pass free of postage are those sent by Newspaper publishers to their subscribers. Any one who wishes to mail newspapers to a distant friend, must buy it and mail it from the office of publication, or a charge of one half-penny each will be made.

United States.

THE LAND OF FREEDOM!—Governor Bashford, of Wisconsin, on the 9th inst., granted a commission of Notary public to a colored man named Nolan, residing at Madison. All the forms requisite to its validity, were gone through with, and the bond presented to the Secretary of State, to be filed, when that functionary not only refused to file it, but endorsed on it as follows:—"This appointment is in violation of the Constitution, and therefore void."

KANSAS.—A despatch from Lawrence dated the 18th, says:

Gov. Walker had entered Lawrence the day previous with eight companies of Dragoons, and had posted the troops just outside of the town. His proclamation forbidding the people of Lawrence to adopt a municipal charter, bears date Leavenworth, 15th inst. He passed through Lawrence on the 13th (the day of the Charter Election,) on his way down to Leavenworth for the troops. But said nothing then against the Charter movement. The Charter has been ratified by a popular vote, and a Mayor, Aldermen and other functionaries, elected under it.

The new light-house at Minot's Ledge, near Boston, Mass., in place of the one that was washed away a few years since, will cost one million of dollars.

A World's Temperance Convention is to be held in Chicago, Illinois, the present summer.

The Excise Commissioners paid a visit of inspection on Wednesday to the Five Points, to aid them in determining to whom they would grant licenses. They looked into the low and loathsome dens, peered into the cellars, walked through the alleys, and stated that they would not license a single groggery in the whole neighborhood.

The Children's Aid Society have now five schools, containing 1,200 children, under their charge. Since its establishment in 1823, it has provided homes in the country for over 8,000 children.

STORMS.—Tremendous rain and thunder storms have occurred within a week past all over the country. On Thursday of last week rain fell copiously in this city. On Saturday it poured down upon Albany in such torrents that a stream ran through State street roaring like Niagara: barrels, boxes, paving-stones, and every movable thing that the rain could break from its moorings was dashed with violence towards the river. In Tewksbury, Mass., at about half-past five o'clock on Friday afternoon of last week, some of the inhabitants noticed over Round Pond a singular appearance. It resembled a waterspout; was at first about the size of a cart-wheel, and appeared to be in a whirl. As it gathered force, a noise was heard like that of a heavy train of cars under full headway; it had a variable motion, at one time taking a Southwest, and at others an Easterly course. Its path was through the valley, with a width of about twenty-five rods, and it soon assumed all the characteristics of a violent tornado, leveling and sweeping all within its sphere. It destroyed orchards, took a man's team into the air—horses and all—and dashed his wagon to pieces, throwing him across the road, and blowing a tree upon him that injured him seriously, prostrated oak forests, tore down fences and cornfields, demolished houses and barns, and in one case struck an ox-team with such force as to take it from the ground and break it in pieces. Such visitations have been more frequent this season than usual.—*N. York paper*.

WARNING TO OWNERS OF DOGS.—In a trial at Kingston lately for damages sustained in consequence of a dog barking at a horse so that he ran off the road and broke his leg—the jury gave a verdict for the plaintiff of £22 10s.

A Friend in Need, is the Balsam of Wild Cherry to all who are afflicted with bronchial troubles or Asthma. Its singular power over these diseases has rendered Dr. Wistar famous wherever pulmonary complaints are known.

Religious Intelligence.

Prince Edward Island.

The Charlottetown P. E. I. Protector informs us that the Rev. John McMurtry, of the Wesleyan Church left that city for Truro, Nova Scotia, on Wednesday, the 22nd ult. The Reverend gentleman carries with him the best wishes of the Protestant community of that Island.

On Thursday the 23rd ult., a Missionary Meeting was held, in the Temperance Hall, Charlottetown, for the purpose of introducing to the Church the Rev. John William Matheson, of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia, who is on the eve of his departure to Aneiteum, one of the Hebrides of the South Seas; and with a view to co-operate with the Rev. Messrs. Geddies and Inglis, missionaries there. The meeting was opened with praise and prayer by the Rev. Mr. Matheson. The chair was occupied by the Hon. Dr. Young, with the utmost satisfaction to the meeting.

Rev. Mr. Watson gave a brief history of the missions to Aneiteum. There are three missionaries on the Island; one is almost ready to depart; one in Nova Scotia, and two in Scotland, are preparing themselves. The population of the island is three thousand; two thousand eight hundred of these have been within six years, brought under Christian influence; there are twenty-six native teachers on Aneiteum, six on Tana, and three on Fortuna. The common schools are about sixty; the meeting-houses are two, containing unitedly nearly two thousand; the attendance is frequently sixteen or seventeen hundred, and sometimes much larger. A church has been formed; it consists of one hundred members, forty of whom have been added during last year. Printing operations are proceeding rapidly. The four Gospels have been translated and printed; the Acts, Jonah, and the half of Genesis, are ready for the press; an almanac and several school books are in wide circulation. Almost the whole population attend school, from the child of seven, to the adult of seventy years of age. Several islands are earnestly asking for teachers and missionaries. We expect to have one or two placed soon on Tana, Fortuna, and bloody Erromanga, where Williams fell. After stating these facts, Mr. W. urged the duty and policy of Christians