

first joy at the news, then astonishment, then a general inquiry, "What will England say?" "Then a few more began to think and count the cost of Slidell and Mason. Some said, 'It's all right; we'll make apology, but we can't give up the prisoners.' Others wondered what Lord Lyons would do or Mr. Seward would say. Others abused England in anticipation, as a safe measure under all circumstances; a few threatened terrible things—like a writer, an officer of the Congress, "who this morning invites all the Monarchs of Europe generally to come on 'if they like and join the South, in the Jefferson Brick style. The Streets buzzed with the talk, 'and the hotel roared with it, and the bar rooms were full of it. Among the crowd all was de-light and excitement!"

The Cabinet which met immediately the news came—on Saturday, the 16th—locked, however graver. The Sunday was spent in determining on the cue to be given to the press; and this seems to have been that ambassadors from a belligerent power to a neutral might be seized as a matter of course. This was, indeed, not very easy to make out; but most inconveniently of all for them, it was directly in the teeth of their own conduct and declarations, even if the law had been sound. If Mr. Lincoln makes this his plea, he at once repudiates all his refusals to acknowledge the Southern Government as a belligerent, and he is self-convicted for trying the captured privateers' crews as pirates, and threatening to hang them, a threat Northern rage would probably carry out, but that an equal number of northern officers, prisoners of war, are selected to be hung if the privateers' crews are thus unjustly dealt with. After hearing all the Federals have to say, Dr. Russell does not appear to have the least doubt that the law of the case is altogether against the Americans. He deprecates saying one word to create irritation, and wishes the case to stand where it is till they hear from England.

He thinks there will be scarcely more than one view of the case adopted by foreign nations; and it is natural he should so think, not only from the legal view of the case, but from what he saw at Washington. Visits, he says, were exchanged among the foreign Ministers; they all called on Lord Lyons. The domestic Ministers, the French Princes, the Generals were also greatly moved, and some there were who did not conceal their dread of the consequence of an act so violent and so strange. It seems, indeed, that the news was scarcely credited at the English Legation at first; but the Ministers of France, Russia, and Prussia, who called on Lord Lyons, had all heard of the extraordinary circumstance.

The Prince de Joinville speaks of the transaction with the profoundest regret, and evidently regards it as inexcusable, and the Orleanist Princes share the sentiments of their uncle. Indeed, Dr. Russell says:—"There is but one opinion among the representatives of the foreign Powers in reference to this outrage."—"Such is the mildest term used respecting it."—"France, Prussia, Russia, Spain, all are agreed in considering that the blow struck at England is not the accident of a *contemps*; and the United States, if there was wisdom in her counsellors, would really feel some doubts in reference to the policy she has adopted, when she sees, as she has done before, that there is no friend left to her in the world. In spite of her abject adulation of France and Russia, the Ministers of those Empires have acted as though they felt they had a duty to perform to law and civilisation, which far exceeded the obligations imposed by petty jealousy, or the rivalry of opposed nationalities."

Perhaps this last fact is the most hopeful of all on the side of peace. When the mail which left on Saturday arrives, the American Government will see that the spontaneous sentiment of all distinguished foreigners at Washington is echoed by their countrymen at home. Even that utterly reckless politician, Seward, may well hesitate to isolate his country in Christian civilisation. The consequences of a war with England would be bad enough, but to war with the opinion of the whole civilised world would be a moral madness which would promptly bring its own penalties. May America consult her honour, not her passion, spite, and jealousy, and then she may take one step upwards towards true dignity!—*London Freeman.*

IRELAND.

The "Young Ireland" party are making use of the present opportunity to disturb the quiet of the Emerald Isle. A great mass meeting was held in Dublin on the 6th ult. The O'Donoghue M.P. was in the chair and made a most inflammatory speech in the course of which he said:—

"Fellow countrymen," "I know I am expressing your opinion and the opinion of the people of Ireland generally, when I say that they are against aiding England in a war with the North American States."

The following resolutions are said to have been proposed and the meeting adjourned. We are not informed if they were carried by a vote.

"Resolved—That the population of the Great Republic, from the St. Lawrence to the Gulf of Mexico, and from the Atlantic to the Pacific shores, being largely composed of men of Irish birth or Irish blood, it would be unnatural to suppose that Ireland could remain an indifferent spectator of a struggle between England and America."

"Resolved—That the events of the hour imperatively dictate to all Irishmen a forgetfulness of past differences and a united rally for the old cause of their country."

"Resolved—That a chairman, two secretaries, and a committee of 24 members be chosen by a

majority of voices at this mass meeting, to take into consideration the advisability of an organization in the present state of affairs at home and abroad."

ITALY.

TURIN, Dec. 2.—The debate of the Roman question was continued to-day in the Chamber of Deputies. Signor Musalino was called to order by the President for declaring that the French alliance was not a sincere one.

GENOA, Dec. 3.—Garibaldi, in reply to an address from the inhabitants of the Italian Tyrol, said that he hoped for the early deliverance of Italy, for which the people should prepare.

Garibaldi, on his arrival here yesterday, proceeded to the office of the Central Italian Committee, of which he is the President. He eulogised the work undertaken by the committee, and urged its vigorous prosecution.

In the evening a grand demonstration was made in his honour, and an immense crowd of people assembled before the house in which he was staying. Garibaldi appeared on the balcony, and made a short speech, in which he said, "With you it must be deeds, not words. At the moment of battle I shall be with you."

Preparations are being made for another demonstration.

INDIA.

REAL ESTATE MAY BECOME FREEHOLD.—One of the greatest revolutions in India, one not inferior to that of bringing the whole country directly under the rule of the Queen, has just been accomplished. All India may now become freehold property, and Europeans may become proprietors of estates. Hitherto the old Company's jealous policy of excluding unofficial Englishmen from the country, with the notion that for the Government to be the landlord of the soil was the perfection of policy, has prevented the sale of the land in fee-simple, and the redemption of the land-tax. Lord Canning has signalled the last year of his vice-royalty by putting an end to this mischievous system. Waste lands are to be freely sold; and the rent charge to be redeemed. This has long been urged on the Indian Government in vain, and it will, Lord Canning believes, be a blessing to the country not inferior to the Incumbered Estates Act to Ireland.—*Freeman.*

MISCELLANEOUS.

A United Prayer-meeting was held at Exeter Hall on the present position of affairs between England and the U. States.

Some of the religious bodies had held special meetings for giving expression to their desire for peace and advising arbitration if diplomacy failed.

Lord Edward P. Clinton, of the Rifle Brigade second son of the Duke of Newcastle, left on Wednesday evening for Halifax.

Commercial.

HALIFAX MARKETS.

CORRECTED FOR THE C. MESSENGER, JAN. 1.

Flour, American spfinc., per bbl.,	\$ 6 50 a \$ 7 00
Canada " "	do.
Rye " "	\$ 4 00 a \$ 4 50
Cornmeal, " "	3 60 a 3 80
Indian Corn, per bushel,	0 75 0 80
Bread, Navy, per cwt.,	4 00 a 4 50
Pilot, per bbl.,	3 25
Butter, Am. per lb.,	0 12 a 0 15
N. S., " "	0 15 a 0 17
Coffee, Laguayra, per lb.,	0 18
Jamaica, " "	0 20
Tea, Congo, " "	0 35 a 0 46
Sugar, Bright P. R., " "	0 85 a
Cuba, " "	0 71 a 0 08
Molasses, Muscovado, per gal.,	0 32 a 0 34
Clayed, " "	0 23 a 0 30
Beef, Mess, per bbl.,	7 00 a 9 00
Pork, Prime, " "	12 00
Mess, " "	15 00 a 16 00
Codfish, large, per qt.,	2 50 a 3 50
small, " "	2 00 a 2 70
Salmon, No. 1, per bbl.,	12 50
No. 2, " "	11 50
No. 3, " "	10 00
Mackerel, No. 1, " "	11 00 a 12 00
No. 2, " "	7 00 a 8 00
No. 3, " "	4 00 a 5 00
Herring, No. 1, " "	2 00
Acwies, " "	2 60
Haddock, " "	1 40
Leather, sole, per lb.,	0 23
Bar Iron, com., per cwt.,	13s. 6d.
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Sheet, " "	22s. 6d.
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wrought, per lb.,	3d. a 6d.
Lumber, 1 inch Pine, per 1000,	\$16 00
" (mer.), " "	16 00
Shipping Pine, " "	11 00
Spruce, " "	8 80 a 9 00
Hemlock, " "	6 50 a 7 00
Coal, Sydney, per chaldron,	6 00
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Fresh Beef, per cwt.,	20s. a 35s.
Oatmeal, " "	15s. 0d.
Oats, per bushel,	2s. 3d. a 2s. 6d.
Apples, per barrel,	10s. a 15s.
Potatoes, per bushel,	1s. 6d. a 2s. 3d.
Veal, per lb.,	3d. a 3 1/2d.
Lamb, " "	2 1/2d. a 4d.
Mutton, " "	3d. a 4d.
Pork, Fresh, per lb.,	4d. a 5d.
Bacon, " "	6d.
Butter, " "	8d. a 1s.
Cheese, " "	6d.
Calf-skins, " "	4d.
Yarn, " "	2s. 6d.
Eggs, per dozen,	7d. a 10d.
Poultry, Chickens, per pair,	1s. 6d. a 2s.
Ducks, " "	1s. 3d. a 1s. 9d.
Turkeys, per lb.,	6d. a 7d.
Geese, each, " "	1s. 6d. a 2s.
Homespun Cloth, wool, per yard,	2s. 6d.
Do., (cotton and wool), " "	1s. 7d. a 1s. 9d.

Letters Received.

Rev. John Shaw, 18th, 18s. 5d. Rev. M. Normandy, 18th, W. S. Raymond, 20th 20s. P. Parker Esq., 26th. B. Hardy, 24th, 1 sub. B. C. B. Gibson, 20th. Jos. D. Masters, 26th, 32s. 6d. G. F. Cunningham, 26th, 10s. R. Chambers, Esq., 27th, 1 Rev. G. Armstrong, 25th. Rev. D. O. Parker, 25th. J. W. Barss, 27th,—presented same day, paid 31st.

Received from Archibald McDonald, Margaret Bay, for Manning Fund.

Archibald McDonald.....	\$1 00
Atlan McDonald.....	2 00
John Hubley, Junr., 26th.....	1 00
Benjamin Hubley.....	1 00
Samuel Mosher.....	1 00
Peter Mosher.....	1 00

NOTICES.

Acadia College.

The next Term will commence on Monday, Jan. 6 1862. The Roll will be called at three o'clock. P. M.

J. M. CRAMP, President.

Dec. 28, 1861.

Annapolis Ministerial Conference.

The Ministerial Conference appointed to be held in the Central Meeting House, Annapolis, on the 17th of Dec., was not held in consequence of the non-attendance of the Ministers. A meeting of the above body is hereby notified, for Monday the 13th of January, at 2 o'clock, P. M., at the place above named. It is hoped that the brethren concerned may see this notice and as far as possible make arrangements and use effort to be present.

The Quarterly Meeting is expected to begin in the same place on the evening of the same day at 6 o'clock. The Rev. Isaiah Wallace is expected to preach the opening sermon, and Rev. H. Achilles to be his alternate.

Brethren and friends generally invited to attend.

GEORGE ARMSTRONG, Pastor.

Bridgetown, Dec. 24, 1861.

Western Domestic Missionary Board.

A Meeting of D. M. Board, of the W. Association is appointed to be held in the Central Meeting House, Annapolis, on Tuesday the 14th of January, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE ARMSTRONG, Secretary.

The Foreign Missionary Board.

As the Secretary, Rev. Dr. Tupper wishes me to announce a Meeting of the F. M. Board. I therefore notify that a Meeting of that body is appointed to be held on Wednesday, the 22nd of January, at 2 o'clock, P. M., in the Baptist Meeting House, at Tremont, Aylesford. Brethren, attend.

GEORGE ARMSTRONG, Chairman.

Tea Meeting.

The ladies of the Baptist Church and Congregation of Falmouth intend holding a tea meeting in the Baptist meeting house, on Tuesday evening the 14th of January 1862. To aid in the erection of a new Building.

All persons are cordially invited to attend. Tea at five o'clock.

Admission, 1s. 10d. All under twelve, half-price, should the weather prove unfavourable, the meeting will be deferred until the next fine evening.

Marriages.

On the 27th December, 1861, by the Rev. George Boyd, William Lane Robinson Scott, Lieut. 62nd Regt., to Elizabeth, only daughter of Edward Lawson, Esq., of this city.

On Christmas Day, by the Rev. John Brewster, Mr. Terence K. McKenzie, to Miss Mary Ann Houseman, both of this city.

By the same, Mr. James Wilson, of St. John, N. B., to Miss Eleanor W. Kelly, of Halifax.

At Guysborough, N. S., on the 19th inst., by the Rev. J. Forsyth, Charles Schomburg Elliot, Esq., M. D., of N. B. Sydney, to Miss Fannie A. Mahan, of Windsor, N. S.

Dec. 8th, near Bridgetown, by the Rev. Geo. Armstrong, Mr. Thomas Gibson and Miss Charlotte Thomas.

On the 9th of Dec., at Graywood, Annapolis, by the same, Mr. Moses Shaw Dunn and Miss Elizabeth Hubly, of Milford.

At Wolfville, on the 24th Dec. 1861, by the Rev. S. W. deBlois, A. M., Daniel Francis Higgins Esq., A. M., to Mary Amelia, daughter of W. H. DeWolf, Esq., of Wolfville.

At the parsonage, Wolfville, Sept. 9th, by the same, Mr. Charles E. Doull, to Margaret A. Scoville. Oct. 1st, by the same, Mr. Elisha Griffin, of Horton, to Eliza Burgess, of Cornwallis.

Dec. 9th, by the same, Mr. Charles Pharris, to Elizabeth, relict of the late James Messom, both of Horton.

Dec. 9th, by the same, Mr. G. W. Patten, to Margaret Hall, both of Horton.

Dec. 17th, by the same, at the Oakland House, Lower Horton, Mr. John Loveless, of Horton, to Margaret A. Scott, of Walton.

Dec. 25th, by the same, at Hantsport, Mr. Ludovick H. Harris, of New York, to Melinda N., daughter of Capt. Joseph Lockhart, of Hantsport.

At Lakeville, 24th inst., by Rev. J. Parker, Mr. Isaiah Wallace, to Miss Abigail, daughter of Cyrus Johnson, Esq.

At Nictaux, 26th inst., by the bride's father, Mr. William A. Morse, to Miss Sophia, daughter of Rev. W. G. Parker, of Nictaux, Lakeville.

Deaths.

On Monday 23rd, after a short illness, Mrs. Mary Egan, in the 80th year of her age.

On Monday 23rd, Mrs. Agnes Pettigrew, aged 81 years.

On Monday 23rd, James Murphy, aged 87 years. On the 23rd Dec., in the 49th year of his age, Mr. Edward P. Stevens.

On Friday last, after a lingering illness, Mrs. Johanna Saunders, in the 67th year of her age.

On the 25th inst., Mary, the beloved wife of Edward Tobin, aged 45 years.

On the 26th inst., William, third son of Anna and H. A. Taylor, in the 11th year of his age.

At Windsor, on the 24th inst., in the 64th year of his age, Mr. William Evans.

At Ragged Island, on 22nd ult., of diphtheria, Edmund Locke, aged 5 years and 3 months. On the 27th, Florence, aged 2 years, children of Lewis and Ann Churchill.

At Windsor, on the 23rd, inst., after a short but severe illness, Susan Maria Leonard, daughter of the late Thomas Leonard.

Suddenly, at Lower Horton, on Friday morning, Dec. 20th, Mary, relict of the late James Harris, Esq., aged 66 years, regretted by a large circle of relatives and friends.

At Green's Creek, Lower Stewiacke, County Colchester, on the 9th Dec., Margaret Ryan, wife of Jeremiah Ryan.

Lost from on board the Mail steamer Delta, Dec. 24th, while on her passage from Newfoundland to Sydney, C. B. Edward Shay, a live of Tremore, County Waterford, Ireland, aged 54 years, leaving a wife and four children to mourn their loss.

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PORT OF HALIFAX.

Arrived.

Tuesday, 24th.—Schrs. R. O'Brien, O'Brien, Newfoundland—fish; bound to Boston; Ada Amos, (Am.) Amos, Pictou—coal; bound to Boston. Wednesday, 25th.—Bark Joseph Dexter, Shaw, Havana 21 days—Murphy & Twining; schr Spring-bok, (Am.) Grindle, Tignish, P. E. Island—produce, bound to Boston; put in for wood and water.

Thursday, 26th.—R. M. steamer Niagara, Moodie, Liverpool via Queenstown 11 days—41 passengers, 33 for Halifax, and 361 non-commissioned officers and privates of the Royal Artillery for Halifax; Australasian, Moore, Liverpool 12 days—troops, stores, &c. bound to Quebec, got as far as Bird Rock, but had to return on account of heavy snow storm, ship making much ice; Delta, Hunter, St. John's, N. F. via Syncy 3 days—30 passengers.

Friday, 27th.—R. M. steamer Europa, Anderson, Boston 39 hours—72 passengers, 25 for Halifax; brig Esquimaux, Chisholm, Port Maria, Jan. 31 days—George Wilson; Margaret, Balcom, Sheet Harbor; schrs Mary Ann, Grant P. E. Island; Susan, Lang, Sydney; Rapid, Lortway, do; Isabella, Haney, Guysboro; Agility, Pye, Pope's Harbor with crew and materials saved from the wreck of Am. schr empire, of Maine, from Ling in to New York.

Saturday, 28th.—Schr Friend, Westhaver, Lunenburg—J. M. Watson & Co.

Monday, 30th.—Brigs Prince of Wales, Sydney, to S. Cunard and Co.; Conquest, Nunnis, New York, 8 days, to W. L. Evans; Schrs. Express, Stuart, P. E. Island; Ocean Binder, Swain, Sydney, Annie, LeBlanc, P. E. Island; Matthew, Powell, P. E. Island—bound to Boston; Annie McKie, Nickerson, P. E. Island.

Cleared.

Monday, 23rd.—schrs Swan, Publicover, do; Conservative, Cadigan, Ligon; Mary Stevens, Goodrick, Shelburne; Progress, Lowell, Marie Joseph.

Tuesday, 24th.—Amelia Adelaide, Terrio, Arichat. Annie Maria, Muggah, Baddeck and Sydney; bark Black Eagle, McFee, F. W. Indies.

Thursday, 26th.—R. M. steamer Europa, Anderson, Liverpool; Niagara, Moodie, Boston; Ospray, Guilford, Sydney and Newfoundland.

Friday, 27th.—schr Sea Slipper, Green, New York; brig Arab, Mason, Kingston, Jan.

Saturday, 28th.—Steamer Delta, Hunter, St. John N. B.

Memoranda.

During the very severe storm of wind and rain which prevailed at St. John, N. B., on the 18th inst., the schr. Ellen, from Cornwallis, inward bound capsized off the Bell Buoy; the crew clung to her, until they were taken off by Mr. B. Dougherty's boat from Patridge Island.

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