

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—Communications from Rev. Dr. Tupper, G. V. Rand, and Rev. M. P. Freeman, are received and will appear in our next.

Donald Ferguson, Esq., will perceive by the article in another column on "Good Templars" that his views have been anticipated.

General Intelligence.

Domestic.

Provincial Secretary's Office,
Halifax, December 12th, 1864.

APPOINTMENTS.

To be a Member of the Executive Council of the Province of Nova Scotia—James McDonald, Esq., M. P. P., in place of the Hon. Isaac Levesconte, resigned.

The Hon. James McDonald to be the Financial Secretary of the Province of Nova Scotia, in place of the Hon. Isaac Levesconte, resigned.

His Excellency has also been pleased, by and with the advice of the Executive Council, to appoint Avar Longley, Esq., M. P. P., to be Commissioner of Railways, in place of James McDonald, Esq., M. P. P., resigned.

On Saturday last several boys were skating over the thin ice formed on Steel's Pond when by the ice giving way under them three were precipitated into the water. Two midshipmen of H. M. S. *Galeata* rescued two of them, but sad to relate one lad named Cogan about 13 years of age was drowned. The young gentlemen were much exhausted by their efforts in saving the two former.

THE FIRST SNOW of any consequence of this winter fell on Saturday night. It has convinced us that winter is really upon us, and, although we had a rapid thaw on Sunday and Monday morning, yet we must expect similar visitations, without long intervals of such weather as we have had for some time past.

FIRE.—We much regret to learn that the Dwelling House of Daniel Nichols, Esq., of Clarence, was utterly destroyed by fire on Sunday morning, nearly all his furniture being consumed by the insatiable flames. It was partially insured.

DISTRESSING ACCIDENT.—A little girl, about three years old, daughter of Mr. James Chute Bridgetown, was severely scalded on Saturday and died in consequence the next day.

DESERTERS.—Five soldiers, having deserted from St. John, N. B., a few days ago, crossed the Bay of Fundy in a small, rickety old boat, and landed at Leitch's Cove, Lower Granville, on Friday morning, running the boat upon a reef. The boat, beaten by the surf, was almost instantaneously dashed to pieces. They wore their military uniform, and had their guns with them. They told persons where they landed that they had been on a pleasure party, and were blown off.—It is a marvel that such a boat should survive the perils of a dark night in the Bay. They changed their clothes at Leitch's Cove and left for parts unknown. The military authorities at Halifax were apprized by telegraph from St. John of the desertion; and yesterday four soldiers passed through this town, who had been despatched from Halifax to apprehend the runaways. It is doubtful whether or not they will succeed in doing so.—*Bridgetown Freepress*.

A carpenter named John Tracey fell dead in Mr. G. McPherson's workshop on Grafton Street, on Tuesday morning. Disease of the heart is supposed to have been the cause of his death.

Some fellows have lately been successfully imposing on certain parties in our city by selling them furs and other articles of wearing apparel, representing that they were smuggled, and could be sold by them for much less than their value. Some of the above were found to be only dyed rabbit skins and comparatively worthless.

Live Cattle continue to be shipped from here to Bermuda.

An attempt is being made, we learn, to form a joint stock Hotel Company in Halifax with a capital of £20,000 to build a large hotel in Hollis Street to be known as the "Royal Halifax."

PROTHONOTARY'S OFFICE, 6th Dec., 1864.—John Young Payzant, B. A., of Halifax, Student at Law, having been duly examined, and having received a first-class certificate was on the 6th instant, admitted and enrolled an Attorney and Barrister of Her Majesty's Supreme Court of Judicature for the province of Nova Scotia.

Mr. W. D. Sutherland has passed the necessary examination, and also been admitted and enrolled an Attorney of the Supreme Court.

The Hardware Stores of Messrs Black Bros. were entered by burglars on Sunday night last. The rascals got their labor for their pains.

A truckman named David Piers had both his legs broken on Tuesday morning, by being thrown from his cart.

THE NATIONAL TEMPERANCE LEAGUE.—A great meeting was recently held in the Guildhall London under the auspices of the National Temperance League. The old hall was crowded, and hundreds of persons were unable to procure admission. The Lord Mayor presided, and speeches were delivered by Mr. Gurney, M.P., S. Morley, Mr. Scott, City Chamberlain, the Rev. Newman Hall, and other gentlemen.

Punch has a cartoon in reference to this fact—Gog and Magog are taking a cup of tea together. The former says:

"Something like a loving cup this Brother Magog, oh?" Magog replies "Hem, That's a matter of opinion Brother Gog."

Prince Edward Island.

THE LAND BILL.—We are happy to see by the last No. of the *Royal Gazette* that the "Act for settling differences between Landlord and Tenant, and to enable Tenants on certain Townships to purchase the Fee-simple of their farms" was assented to by Her Majesty in Council on the 1st of November. The Colonial Minister, Right Hon. Edward Cardwell, specially recommended the Bill for confirmation; so it appears that the Proprietors have offered no very decided objection to the measure. The Act goes immediately into operation, and we think that Tenants in heavy arrears on the estates of assenting Proprietors must feel themselves relieved of a part of their burden, and one which might have exacted of them at any time, even at the expense of their earthly all. Those who are privileged by the Act to purchase the fee-simple of their farms, on probably the best terms they will ever obtain, we think would do well to lose no time in making themselves independent freeholders.—*Protestant*.

The Confederation scheme is being vigorously opposed in P. E. Island. The *Islander* is we believe the only paper that fully endorses the proceedings of the conference. The Hon. Mr. Palmer has written several articles in opposition.

New Brunswick.

GREAT FIRE.—NINETY FOUR HOUSES BURNED.—On Friday last a very destructive fire occurred at Indian town, St. John. It originated at Israel Merritt's wharf and continued burning for three or four hours. Then it was extinguished only for want of more material within its reach. The above number of dwellings were consumed besides outhouses and workshops. It appears that the Fire Engines were of scarcely any service and the nearest water plug was half-a-mile distant. The value of the property consumed is estimated at \$200,000. The origin of the fire appears to have been, some wood put into a stove overnight to dry, became ignited. The Temperance Hall used by the Free-will Baptists as a place of worship was burnt with the other buildings. Much suffering will doubtless result from this conflagration, as the families rendered homeless—about 200—are of the poorer classes. Subscriptions are being raised to assist in the present emergency.

Canada.

The *Canada Gazette* contains a proclamation further proroguing Parliament from the 7th inst., to Monday the 16th day of January next, not then to meet for "despatch of business."

The number of Colleges reported in Upper Canada is 16, attended by 1,820 students—increased, 447; with an income from Legislative aid of \$150,000, and from fees of \$44,000. The number of academies and private schools reported was 340, having 496 teachers, 6,653 pupils, and an income from fees of \$58,218.

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Commercial.

Halifax Markets.

Corrected for the C. Messenger, Dec. 14th, 1864.

Flour, American spine, per bbl.	\$5 00	a \$5 00
Canada " "	5 75	a 6 00
Eye " "	4 00	a 4 50
Cornmeal per bbl.	4 25	a 4 50
Butter, N. S., per lb.	0 22	a 25
Coffee, Laguira, per lb.	0 19	a 0 22
Jamaica, " "	0 21	a 0 23
Tea, Congo " "	0 43	
Sugar, Porto Rico, " "	0 09	
Cuba, " "	0 08	a 0 08 1/2
Molasses, Porto Rico, per gallon.	0 40	
Cienfuegos, " "	0 36	a 0 40
Salmon, No. 1, per bbl.	16 00	
No. 2, " "	14 00	
No. 3, " "	12 00	
Codfish, per quintal, large.	3 50	a 4 50
Mackerel, No. 1, per bbl.	9 00	a 10 00
No. 2, " "	4 75	a 5 50
No. 3, " "	4 00	a 4 50
Herring, per bbl.	3 50	a 5 00
Coal, Sydney, per chaldron.	9 00	a 10 00
New Mine, " "	7 00	a 8 00
Wood, per cord.	3 00	a 4 50

Farmers' Market.

Hay, per ton.	\$14 00
Beef, Fresh, per cwt.	4 50
Pork, Fresh, per lb.	0 07
Bacon, " "	0 09
Veal, " "	0 05
Mutton, " "	0 06
Poultry—Chickens, per pair.	0 35
Ducks, " "	0 40
Turkeys, per lb.	0 10
Geese, each.	0 40
Butter, Fresh, per lb.	0 25
Cheese, " "	0 10
Eggs, per dozen.	0 20
Oatmeal, per cwt.	3 50
Oats, per bushel.	0 60
Apples, per bbl.	2 50
Potatoes, per bushel.	0 40
Calf-skins, per lb.	0 07
Yarn, " "	0 60
Homespun Cloth, (wool) per yard.	0 60
do (cotton and wool) " "	0 50

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"O oft in foreign lands
As I see the bended knee,
Comes the thought, at twilight hour,
Do they ever pray for me."

I'M LONELY SINCE MY MOTHER DIED. *Thompson* 30
"I'm lonely since my mother died,
Tho' friends and kindred gather near."

I LIVE FOR THOSE WHO LOVE ME. *Thompson* 30
"For the wrong that needs resistance,
For the cause that lack assistance,
For the dawning in the distance,
And the good that I can do."

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