

G... SINGING.—A volume of good sense is contained in the following extract from an exchange:—

"Good congregational singing, in all ordinary cases, can be had only by having a good choir, and an earnest desire on the part of the people to do their share. An organ is not indispensable, although it is a most important and incalculable advantage. But a good organist, a good choir, and a willing people cannot help making good singing."

Free-will Baptists.

A correspondent of the *Watchman & Reflector* writing from New Hampshire, says, respecting this body:

"They number in this State 138 churches and 8,769 members. This denomination originated in New Hampshire, and here is its headquarters. When our own churches were becoming strong, our Congregationalist brethren had much to say about 'close communion'; for no other reason that I could ever see except that the Baptists were the only denomination who were willing, in that day, to commune with all whom they baptized. But the cry of 'mad dog' did not help those who raised it. It was, however, a great advantage to the Free-will Baptist churches that were just then rising into notice. But their experience has been that, while for a time it helped the numbers, it hurt the cause. Inviting all who love Christ—thus leaving each to judge himself of his own spiritual state, they were plagued with those religious nondescripts that grow up in every community, who can find no minister holy enough to baptize them, or church good enough for them to join. Heretics who would not be allowed to join any Christian church, expelled members who—in their own judgment—had been dealt so severely with in other churches, hailed the open communion doctrine as a peculiarly liberal feature. But the good and holy men who form the bulk of this denomination could not endure this thing. And the sounder ministers and brethren do not hesitate to-day to say that, whatever the invitation they give, a notoriously immoral or heretical person persisting in coming to the table would be requested to stay away. One step more—that the church is judge not only of the character, but of the ordinance as well—and they occupy our ground of the communion as a church ordinance. As to the doctrine of election, it is observed that some of our brethren in that denomination are careful to call themselves Free Baptists, instead of Free-will Baptists. In all the larger statistics these churches are numbered with ours as a part of the great Baptist family. And, so reckoned, our Baptist strength in the State is far from being as inferior as some would represent."

Notices, &c.

Acadia College.

A meeting of the Governors will be held in the Library on Friday the 20th inst., at ten o'clock A. M. A punctual and full attendance is requested.

Scholarship-holders are entitled to attend the meetings of the Governors, and to take part in the proceedings.

S. W. DE BLOIS, Secretary.
Wolfville, March 7, 1868.

We trust that our respected Correspondents will bear with us. We have several articles on hand which we shall be glad to place before our readers, as early as possible.

Colchester Co. Baptist Sabbath School Convention.

The Colchester County Baptist Sabbath School Convention will meet in Quarterly Session, at Great Village on Friday, the 27th inst., at 2 o'clock, P. M.

Very important business will be taken up, and it is hoped that a large number of Delegates will be present.

T. B. LAYTON, Sec'y.
Londonderry, 9th March, 1868.

Donation Visits.

Mr. Editor.—I wish to express many thanks, to my church and congregation, and other friends, who, on the evening of the 4th of Feb. donated me \$80.00, (\$54 in cash).

The stormy day gave proof of their generosity and good will.

May the giver of all blessings, richly reward them and theirs, with all needed good, is the prayer of their Pastor

J. MELBOURNE PARKER.
Port Williams, March 7th, 1868.

Mr. Editor.—Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of a Donation on Monday evening last, from the members of my church and congregation, amounting to \$50.00. Appropriate and earnest addresses were delivered and the meeting closed with Prayer by Rev. W. E. Hall.

STEPHEN MARCH.
Bridgewater, March 13th, 1868.

Letters Received.

G. H. Ross, \$1. Rev. Dr. Spurden. J. Hunter. J. M. Roop. T. S. Harding, Esq.—W. Cummings. W. J. Gates, \$2. J. Bent, Esq. W. Higgins. J. A. Kinnear. C. Y. Snell, \$4. Rev. W. H. Richan. M. Kinsman, \$8. T. B. Layton. Rev. Dr. Tupper, \$5. 1 sub. Rev. J. Chase. Rev. Geo. Armstrong.—Jas. Lantz, \$9. R. Chambers, Esq. Rev. D. Freeman. C. Huntington. J. S. McDonald, \$2. Rev. J. M. Parker. E. Rand. J. M. Soley. J. McNay, Esq. \$4. Rev. J. F. Tooker. Geo. W. Freeman, Esq. \$20. Thos. H. Patton, Esq. \$2. J. Shaw. H. E. Payson.

Esq., \$5. A. E. Durland, \$4. Rev. S. March. H. R. Cunningham, \$5. Rev. M. P. Freeman, \$6. W. H. Chipman, Esq., \$20. B. B. Moses, Esq., \$4.

Marriages.

By Rev. D. Freeman, in Canning, Jan. 9th, 1868, Mr. Alexander McNutt to Miss Roxannah Wood, of Peregau.

By the same, in Peregau, Jan. 22, 1868, Mr. Rufus Bennett, to Miss Nancy Newcomb.

By the same, in Peregau, Feb. 25, 1868, Mr. Lamont Kinsman, to Miss Amelia Burgess, both of Cornwallis.

Deaths.

At Charleston, Queens Co., on the 14th ult., Thomas Edgar, in the 21st year of his age, son of Dea. Thomas Munro. He died with bright hopes of heaven.

At Lower Canard, Dec. 8, 1867, Beatrice, daughter of Jehial and Maria Bishop, aged 13 months.

At Medford, Jan. 13, 1868, Clarence, son of J. W. and Ellen Strong, aged 8 months.

At Scots Bay Road, Jan. 19, 1868, Susannah, daughter of Silas and Abigail Bennett, aged 21 years.

At Canning, Feb. 12, 1868, Eunice, wife of William Harris, Senr., aged 65 years.

At Lower Peregau, Feb. 22, 1868, Emma, daughter of Elijah and Levisa Pinceo, aged 2 years and 2 months.

At Canning, March 3, 1868, Freddie, only child of William H. and Augusta Fellows, aged 3½ years.

On Wednesday morning, Mrs. Susan Hilpert, in the 77th year of her age.

On the 11th inst., Harriet A., the beloved wife of Simeon E. Whidden, in the 42nd year of her age.

On Tuesday, March 10th, Michael Killackey, aged 66 years.

On Sunday, 8th inst., Mary Ann, the beloved wife of Stephen Pearce, in the 29th year of her age.

On Sunday, 8th inst., Mr. Patrick McNiracy, in the 60th year of his age.

On the 29th ult., Hannah Bates, in the 66 year of her age.

At the Poors' Asylum, on the 9th inst., Sarah Levens, aged 26 years.

At Port Williams, Annapolis Co., Feb. 25th, of consumption, John Cropley, aged 54 years.

At Montreal, on the 29th ult., John Frederick Buris, infant son of Thomas Cramp, Esq., aged 6 months.

On the 11th inst., after a long and painful illness, borne with patience to the divine will, Harriet A., the beloved wife of Simeon E. Whidden, in the 42nd year of her age.

At Bridgewater, on the 9th inst., James S. Elliott, and grand son of the late James Starratt, aged 7 years and 6 months.

On Saturday, 14th inst., Susan, wife of Mr. Peter Brush, in the 71st year of her age.

On the 13th inst., John Howard Macauley, aged 3 years and 10 months, youngest son of Rev. John E. Goucher.

At Dartmouth, on the 14th inst., Ann McKenzie, relict of the late Walter Robb, aged 72 years.

Suddenly, at Mount Uniacke, on Saturday, 14th inst., William Mickle, aged 45 years.

At Wallace, on the morning of the 28th ult., Joshua Huestis, Esq., in the 81st year of his age.

The deceased was the first Postmaster appointed in the Township, and had filled the office for upwards of half a century. He was also one of the oldest Magistrates in the County, and for several years Custos Rotulorum.

At Hammonds Plains, on the 13th inst., Hugh Frizzle, in the 72nd year of his age.

At Dartmouth, on the 16th inst., Mr. Patrick Walsh, aged 65 years.

Shipping List.

PORT OF HALIFAX.

Arrived.

Tuesday, March 10.—No arrivals from sea.

Wednesday, 11.—Steamer *Carlotta*, Magane, Portland.

Thursday, 12.—R M S *Etna*, Bridgman, New York; steamer *Carlotta*, Magane, hence for Portland, returned, having experienced heavy W S W winds; schr *Nimble*, Whitney, Lunenburg.

Friday, 13.—Schr *Juliet*, Simpson, St. John, N B; *Sardonyx*, Banks, Barrington; *Sentinel*, Barrington.

Saturday, 14.—Brigt Express, Howard, Boston.

Sunday, 15.—No arrivals from sea.

Monday, 16.—Brigt *Golden Rule*, Patterson, West Indies.

Cleared.

Tuesday, March 10.—Schr *Blue Jacket*, Green, Philadelphia.

Wednesday 11.—Brigt *Spanish Main*, Ham, Demerara; Brigt *Louisa*, Gammon, Jamaica; Brigt *Starling Fawn*, Nickerson, British West Indies.

Thursday 12.—R M S *Etna*, Bridgman, Liverpool, G B; R M S *Merlin*, Shaw, St. Johns; Nfld; Steamer *Carlotta*, Magane, Portland; brigt *Wanderer*, Farrel, B W Indies; schr *A R McKenzie*, Perry, Barrington.

Friday 13.—R M S *Etna*, Bridgman, Liverpool; schr *Chester*, Kennedy, Baltimore.

Saturday, 14.—Schr *Alpine*, Smith, B W Indies.

Monday, 16.—Schr *Maggie*, Reddy, New York.

General Intelligence.

Province of Nova Scotia.

HALIFAX ITEMS.

DEPARTURE OF GENERAL DOYLE.—His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor took his departure on Friday last, in the steamer *Etna* for England. Three hearty cheers were given by the citizens assembled on the wharf, and a salute fired from the Citadel as the steamer left the dock.

Col. Franklyn, R. A., the Senior Military Officer in Garrison, was on Saturday, sworn in as administrator of the Government during the absence of General Doyle.

A tavern keeper named Longille was fined \$20 in the Police Court on Saturday for permitting minors to play cards in his tavern.

OUR STREETS have been in a sad condition during the past week. The City Railway Company had cut away the ice over the rails causing trenches, and making it very dangerous for all kinds of vehicles. The Company's sleighs had stopped running, but their cars could not resume running until the ice had been cleared away. A number of cars were employed for several days removing the ice from Water Street. The cars resumed running yesterday.

At the College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York, the following young men, natives of this city and Province, graduated in the term just closed:—William Avery, son of Rev. D. Avery, Amherst; John C. Black, son of Dr. R. S. Black, Halifax; James E. M. Lordly, son of Charles Lordly, Esq., Chester; Daniel McEwen Jr., son of Daniel McEwen, Halifax; John H. McKay, Truro, N. S. Messrs. Thomas Tremman, son of the late Alderman Tremman, Halifax, and Robert G. Baxter, Truro, were in attendance as first-year men.

The man Mitchell, who escaped from the Provincial Penitentiary, has been recaptured on the Guysborough Road, and brought back again.

FATAL ACCIDENT ON THE RAILWAY.—On Saturday morning, when the trains for Windsor and Halifax were at the Mount Uniacke Station (where trains meet and pass), an accident occurred, resulting in the death of Mr. Mielke, road master of the section between Mount Uniacke and Windsor. He was standing on the track when an engine and tender came along. The usual alarms were given but he appeared not to have heard them, and before the engine could be stopped he was struck to the ground and instantly killed. He was a native of Scotland, and a brother-in-law of George Taylor, Esq., Traffic Superintendent on the Railway.—*Chron.*

The journeymen bakers of the city have formed a society to protect their interests and have laid their views before the employers by a circular. They demand that the present system of commencing work at 2 or 3 o'clock in the morning be discontinued, the hours of a working day to be from 5 a. m. to 6 p. m., any time after these hours to be extra. They also "strike" for wages, demanding \$8 for ordinary journeymen and \$9 for foremen. They have fixed upon the 6th of April next as the day upon which they expect the new order of things to commence.—*Chronicle.*

Volunteers who have attended drill are to receive the \$5 and \$10 respectively, according to merit, orders having come from Ottawa to that effect. The distribution will take place this week at the Drill Room.—*Recorder.*

The friends of the Rev. S. W. DeBlois will pay him a donation visit on Thursday the 19th of March; in the vestry of the Baptist Church in Wolfville. Friends are requested to meet at 6 o'clock, P. M.—*Acadian.*

The Wolfville *Acadian* says there is considerable dissatisfaction at the awards made for land taken by the Windsor and Annapolis Railway Company. Some of the inhabitants of Kentville have made applications for a slight alteration in the route that less expensive property may be taken and the town spared from unnecessary demolition.

The store of Edward Clarke in Canning Kings Co., was totally destroyed by fire on Wednesday morning last. It is supposed that the fire caught from a hot stove pipe.

SAD ACCIDENT.—The *Bridgetown Free Press* of the 12th inst., says:—"On Saturday one of the workmen on the Railway, about four miles from this town, was seriously injured by an untoward explosion of gunpowder, which was being used to break up the hard surface of the frozen earth. He will certainly lose one eye, and it is feared that he may be altogether deprived of sight."

Commercial.

Halifax Markets.

Corrected for the C. Messenger, March 18th, 1868.

Flour, American sup'fine, per bbl. \$8 25 a \$8 55
Canada " " 8 75 a 9 20
Rye " " 7 00

Cornmeal per bbl. 6 50
fresh ground, per bbl. 5 00 a 5 25

Butter, N. S., per lb. 0 16 a 0 20

Coffee, Laguira, per lb. 0 14 a 0 16

Tea, Congo, per lb. 0 43

Sugar, Porto Rico, per lb (duty paid) 0 08 a 0 09

Cuba, per lb. 0 08 a 0 08½

Molasses, Porto Rico, per gallon, 0 35 a 0 40

Cienfuegos, per gallon, 0 35 a 0 37

Salmon, No. 1, per bbl. 16 00

No. 2, " 13 00

No. 3, " 10 00

Codfish, per quintal, large, 3 50 a 4 50

Mackerel, No. 1, per bbl. 9 00

No. 2, " 8 00

No. 3, " 6 00

Herring, per bbl. 3 00

Labrador, per bbl. 4 00 a 4 50

Haddock, 2 25 a 2 60

Hake, 2 00

Coal, Sydney, per chaldron, 6 50 a 7 00

New Mine, per chaldron, 5 00 a 6 00

Wood, per cord, 3 00 a 4 50

Hay, per ton, 12 00 a 15 00

Beef, Fresh, per lb. 0 6 a 0 8

Pork, Fresh, per lb. 0 08 a 0 9

Bacon, per lb. 0 12 a 0 14

Mutton, per lb. 0 07 a 0 9

Poultry—Chickens, per pair, 0 67 a 0 70

Ducks, per pair, 0 75 a 0 80

Turkeys, per lb. 0 20

Geese, each, 0 60 a 0 70

Butter, Fresh, per lb. 0 12 a 0 25

Cheese, per lb. 0 12 a 0 18

Eggs, per dozen, 0 20 a 0 25

Oatmeal, per cwt. 3 50 a 4 50

Oats, per bushel, 0 50 a 0 65

Apples per barrel, 4 00 a 4 50

Potatoes, per bbl. 0 70 a 0 80

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CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT.

OTTAWA, 17th Jan., 1868.

AUTHORIZED discount on AMERICAN IN-
VOICES until further notice: 25 per cent.
R. S. M. BOUCHETTE,
Commissioner of Customs.

Feb. 12. 3ins.

CLEARANCE SALE.

VAUX BROTHERS,

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Feb. 19.

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Feb. 5. 3i.

DEPARTMENTAL NOTICE.

Department of Inland Revenue,

OTTAWA, 10th February, 1868.

His Excellency the Governor General has been pleased by an Order in Council, dated on the 31st ultimo, to authorize that the 95th Section of the Act 31 Vict., Cap. 8, be so far modified as to place Malt in the same position as Malt Liquor formerly occupied, and as Spirits and Tobacco now occupy, viz: of having the privilege of being sold and transferred in bond, removed from one bonded warehouse to another bonded warehouse, or from place to place where Officers of the Inland Revenue are stationed, and of being exported free of duty, under the regulations provided and approved by an Order in Council of the 17th May, 1855, for the "warehouse" and exportation of Spirits, Malt Liquor and Tobacco."

By Command,

THOS. WORTHINGTON,

Commissioner of Inland Revenue.

Feb. 26.

3ins.

TO BE SOLD BY

AUCTION.

IN front of the premises, on FRIDAY, the 1st day of May next, all that certain Freehold Property in the town of Digby, lately in the possession of the late Henry Stewart, consisting of the Northern half part of Lots Nos. 5, 6 and 7 in Block, Letter W., situate on WATER STREET, together with the

DWELLING HOUSE

and STORE, known as the Telegraph Office. Said half part of said three lots, measures about one hundred and eleven feet on Water Street. Also at the same time and place, the

Water Lot

in front, belonging to the above described upland property, will be sold either with or separate from the upland property, to suit purchasers. For further information parties are referred to George Henderson, of Digby, or the subscribers at Halifax. Terms, a deposit of 10 per cent. at time of sale, balance on delivery of the deed.

R. S. BLACK, M. M.,
M. G. BLACK,
S. H. BLACK,
Executors Estate
of M. G. Black.

Halifax, Feb. 12th, 1868.

Feb. 19.

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