

of necessity, be denied, practically, to Protestants.

Should the Bill pass and become law, the control of it would to a large extent pass into the hands of the Dominion Government; and however unjust or oppressive it might be found in its operations, great obstacles would lie in the way of its removal.

If Separate Schools be established in our Province the following results may be expected:—

1. In Sections where harmony now exists, the attempts of any kind of a minority to establish a Separate School would produce fierce contention.

2. Sectarian minorities would stir up strife among the denominations throughout the Province, who are now living together in peace.—such strife as would disturb all the departments of society and could never be allayed as long as the law might stand.

3. More school-houses and teachers would be required. This would greatly increase the taxes which are now regarded as sufficiently burdensome.

The unsoundness of the principle upon which it is sought to establish Separate Schools, together with the above, among other considerations, have induced the undersigned to address this Circular to the friends of Education. It is recommended that each Protestant congregation should as far as practicable petition Parliament separately at its next Session.

The attempt to secure Separate Schools originated with the Roman Catholics. We see that danger is near. Ere we are aware our rights will be taken away; and additional and unnecessary taxes will be bound upon us. Let the friends of education and religious liberty bestir themselves.

Two forms of Petition accompany this Circular. One of these is addressed to the House of Assembly and the other to the Legislative Council. These, when subscribed as largely as possible, should be forwarded to members after the meeting of the Legislature. The work of soliciting subscribers should be commenced at once, as prompt and energetic action is required. The same names should be subscribed to both these petitions.

R. F. UNLACK, Rector of St. George's, Halifax.
ANDREW KING, D.D., Prof. Presbyterian College.
J. C. COCHRAN, Canon, Trinity Church.
P. G. MCGREGOR, Presbyterian Minister.
JOHN MCMURRAY, Wesleyan Minister.
E. BOTTERELL, Wesleyan Minister.
G. S. MILLIGAN, M. A., Wesleyan Minister.
JOSEPH ELLIOTT, Congregationalist Minister.
WILLIAM MAXWELL, Presbyterian Minister.
E. M. SAUNDERS, Baptist Minister.
A. W. TURNER, Wesleyan Minister.
J. E. GOUCHER, Baptist Minister.
JOHN FORRESTER, Presbyterian Minister.
ALLAN SIMPSON, Presbyterian Minister.

Notices, &c.

THE FOREIGN MISSIONARY BOARD will meet (D. V.) in Tremont, Aylesford, on the third Tuesday in January, at one o'clock, P. M. A full attendance is very desirable.

Aylesford, Dec. 20th, 1868. C. TUPPER, Sec'y.

Parties that are supporting Native Preachers, &c. in Burmah, and need to make remittances, and all that have money to forward for the Foreign Mission, will please send it in at their earliest convenience; as a remittance to Burmah must be made soon.

Aylesford, Jan. 1, 1869. C. TUPPER, Sec'y.

Donation List.

DEAR BROTHER,—I wish to acknowledge through the Christian Messenger, the receipt of a Donation presented me by the people of St. Mary's Bay, amounting to about sixty dollars (\$60.00), twenty-four of which was in cash the remainder in useful articles. May the Lord bless the donors.

Yours truly,
L. B. GATES.

Letters Received.

Rev. D. Freeman. Rev. J. F. Kempton, 4 subs. Jas. Desbrisay, Esq., \$9. Asaph Marshall, Esq., \$4. H. Hall. Rev. D. W. C. Dimock, (2), 1 sub. F. A. Cosgrove, \$7.70. Rev. E. C. Spinney. G. W. Freeman, Esq., 1 sub., \$46.28. N. Miller, \$7.50. M. Kinsman, 1 sub. \$4. J. L. Tremain, Esq. Rev. Dr. Tupper, (3), 3 sub. R. Chambers, Esq., (2), \$11.88, 1 sub. N. Freeman, Jun., \$5. Rev. W. E. Hall. S. Brown. B. Woodworth. C. M. Waterman, \$1.25 to July 1, '69. (See our News column.) S. Nelson, F. Miller. N. R. Westcott, \$2.24. Rev. Geo. Wethers. Rev. L. B. Gates, 1 sub. J. Read, \$2. A. H. Patterson. M. Sears, \$3. E. O'Brien, \$2.50. Ezra Layton, Esq., \$5. H. C. Creed. Rev. P. F. Murray, \$10.00. A. E. Durland, \$4. Rev. W. H. Richan, \$4. Jos. Dimock, 1 sub. \$4. D. B. Lynds, Esq., M. D. Jas. B. McNutt, Esq., \$4.50. C. Hamilton. C. Winchester. W. Chipman, \$4. W. F. Rogers. J. McLean, Esq. E. Scofield. J. S. Witter, Esq., (2) \$8. Rev. J. F. Tucker, 3 subs. \$16.50. X. Z. Chipman, \$8. Jas. E. Potter, Esq., 1 sub. \$8. Isaiah Thurber, Esq., 1 sub. Joseph D. Masters, 1 sub. \$4. M. J. Bowden, \$2.32. W. Eaton, Esq., \$4.

We have to return sincere and hearty thanks to our friends for the kind wishes in the above, and for the accompanying substantial evidences of warm hearts and active efforts on behalf of the Messenger. We shall remember them gratefully. We have not been able to attend to all the business in said communications, but shall do so in the course of a day or two, and we trust that any omissions or errors may be discovered and rectified.

General Intelligence.

Province of Nova Scotia.

CLERICAL DEMANDS.—At a meeting of the City Council last week, the Mayor brought to the notice of the Council, the fact that the Rev'd Dr. Hannan and Canon Cochrane had for some time past attended at the City Prison, and that they considered they had a claim against the city. One hundred dollars was voted, but notice of reconsideration was given.

FIRE-WARDS FOR 1869.—The following gentlemen have been appointed Fire Wards for the ensuing year:—

Ward 1—J. B. Smithers, Duncan Grant, and John R. Murray.

Ward 2—James Reeves, Wm. Kandick, and John McCulloch.

Ward 3—James Duggan, Wm. McDonald, and Peter H. Lenoir.

Ward 4—Michael Kearney, jr., Ald. Blackadar, and M. J. Power.

Ward 5—John Flinn, Peter Hogan, and John Ead.

Ward 6—Wm. Nisbet, R. T. Roome, and Ald. Storey.

Henry Pryor, Esq., the Stipendiary Magistrate for the city has decided that horse-racing, and betting on horse-races, is not illegal in this Province, and that a bet on a horse-race can be collected in the same manner as any other debt. We are sorry for it.

NEARLY AN ACCIDENT.—One day last week a boy who was coasting on Mores's wharf, shot off the end of the wharf into the water. He was observed by the Commissary boat crew, who were returning from George's Island, and was rescued.

John Cashin, the soldier charged with stealing a clock from the Garrison Chapel, was on Saturday committed for trial at the Supreme Court.

The Liverpool Advertiser, the publication of which has been suspended for some time, owing to a fire which destroyed a quantity of the office material, will be resumed in January.

LEVEE.—Lieutenant Governor Doyle held a Levee on New Year's Day which was attended by a large number of public officers, civil and military, and private citizens.

THE RAILWAY COMMISSIONERS.—The Intercolonial Railway Commissioners, Messrs. Walsh, Bridges, Chandler and Coffin, arrived in Halifax on Friday last from Truro. They left on Monday morning in company with Sandford Fleming for Truro enroute for Canada.

ENCOURAGING.—The Bridgetown Free Press reports that locomotives are running on the Annapolis railway, the whole distance from that town to Wolfville. Twelve luggage cars are completed, and are lying at the Bridgetown station. A number of the railway employees are engaged in laying down the rails in the direction of Annapolis. On Tuesday, 22nd inst., for the first time, a locomotive with train of cars, crossed the bridge, and passed to the station on the opposite side of the river.

ACCIDENT.—On Saturday afternoon, while the brigantine "Express," lying at West's Wharf, was getting ready for sea, two stevedores named Charles Duggan and John Burns, fell from aloft to the deck. Duggan was very badly injured. Burns escaped with some slight bruises.—Chronicle.

SUICIDE.—On Thursday night a soldier of the 30th regiment, named William Stevens, committed suicide by shooting himself through the head. He was arrested the previous Sunday for assaulting a woman, brought up at the Police Court on Monday, and handed over to the military authorities, by whom he was sentenced to fourteen days confinement. An inquest was held on the body of the deceased, and a verdict returned to the effect that he came to his death by a gunshot fired by himself while laboring under temporary insanity.—lb.

TAXES.—On Thursday last the sum of eleven thousand dollars was paid into the City Treasury.

CITY PRISON.—The number of persons confined in the City Prison at present is smaller than at any time during the last three years.

AN AGED SINGER GONE.—We find the following in one of our exchanges: "Mrs. Ducheman, an excellent singer who had for fifty years been a member of the rather noted choir of the Methodist Church in Charlottetown, recently died in that city. She was seventy years of age, and performed her part in the choir on the Sabbath preceding her death."

We understand that this lady was the mother of Miss Ducheman the talented Teacher of Music in this city.

"THE COUNTY OF KINGS" has been selected by the governors of Kings College as the subject for the Prize Essay on Nova Scotia County History. The prize is of \$30 and will be awarded at the next Encenia in June, 1869. The Essays for Competition must be sent in to the Secretary on or before the 25th of May next.

WINDSOR TO HALIFAX.—The new regulations on the Windsor Railway appear to be driving the traffic of the farmers on to the common-road. Countrymen having to bring their teams to Windsor must either keep them there or pay the extra charges on the railroad. Rather than do this, as time is not considered, many of them prefer driving through. When the railway is completed westward there will doubtless be a great change in these matters. Farmers will leave their teams at home and bring their produce at a much lower rate than when in their own conveyances.

ST. MARGARETS BAY.—INGRAHAM DIVISION.

—Mr. Editor,—Sir, as it has become fashionable to give publicity through the medium of periodicals—to the various entertainments which frequently take place, especially in the more populous, and advanced localities of our province—it will not, perhaps, be amiss for us to ask the attention of your readers, to a brief description of a very interesting one which took place last evening in connection with "Ingraham Division." We the more readily assume this liberty, as we believe that popular applause is too often bestowed upon the multitudes, while the strenuous and successful efforts of the few are apt to be overlooked. Perhaps, Sir, you may remember having published an article some three years ago, concerning the above named Division—at which time it was only in its infancy; but if I mistake not, mention was then made of the enterprising spirit of the people of Ingham River, which presaged a future of progress. The fewness of its number was then alluded to as the chief apparent difficulty. It was then a Bachelor Division, and lacked an essential element in all such organizations. This discouraging feature has since disappeared through the accession of "Lady Visitors," who we believe were the chief agents in providing for the good time which we enjoyed last evening. A spacious Hall has been erected by the undaunted perseverance of a very few individuals, of whom A. Webber, Esq. ought especially to be remembered for his laudable efforts. The outside of the structure already presents a very respectable appearance, and within is quite commodious. In addition to this it was made pleasingly attractive by a profusion of ornament, surpassing, both in quantity and quality, everything of the kind we had before seen, on similar occasions. The rosy arch, the expressive mottoes on every side, the banner and the chandeliers exhibited great delicacy of taste while they served as a proof of the exhaustless patience and untiring diligence of the ladies who wrought them. Ample provision was made for entertaining the company from far and from near. A table was spread in rich abundance with the good things of the land, so that those who came from a distance, and as many others as chose could bountifully satisfy their hunger, and partake of every luxury which is afforded in the absence of Bacchus. The feast was succeeded by a literary treat of more lasting value than sweetmeats, which consisted of a variety of amusing Dialogues and Recitations, interspersed with pieces of excellent music. We were next favored with appropriate addresses by the following gentlemen of Halifax, viz.: Messrs. Taylor, Murray, Ellis, and Bligh, also by Francis Webber, Esq., of Sackville. A unanimous vote of thanks was extended to the ladies for their valued services, after which the National Anthem was sung. The attentive audience dispersed, after spending about five hours pleasantly, and we trust profitably. The proceeds of the evening, we understand, was a handsome sum which it is intended to be appropriated to the finishing of the hall. We would not neglect to mention that the Division were presented by Mr. Taylor with a nicely finished picture, containing the portraits of the officers of the National Division—a donation, which we doubt not, will be highly prized. We heartily congratulate "Ingraham Division" in their past prosperity, and wish them continued success, while we would recommend their example as worthy of imitation to all our temperance friends.

Yours,
ALTIQVIS.

Ingraham River, Dec. 30th, 1868.

THE CITY RAILROAD IS SNOW.—The fall of snow, on Saturday morning brought forth a renewal of the Snow-plough difficulty in our streets. The snow thrown off the track by the plough, was piled up on either side all through the streets, until Mr. Fishwick put on his Express team and threw it back on the railway; another heavy team followed packing it down on the rails. The contest was kept up for an hour or two when the City Railway Company gave in and took to their covered sleighs instead of the rail-cars. It is likely these will continue now on through the winter.

CENTREVILLE, DIGBY NECK.—Dec. 30, 1868.—Sometime since the Baptists of this place commenced to build a house of worship, but owing to hardness of times they were unable to proceed with it until the present year. (Just now expiring.) In March last a few of the members of the church and friends formed themselves into a committee and proceeded to finish the outside of the building. Falling short of funds the ladies took it in hand, and, as usual proceeded to prepare for a tea-meeting which came off on Tuesday the 20th inst.

A large number attended both of Baptists and Methodists. The net proceeds of the meeting were \$75, the whole amount \$98.38. This is highly pleasing as it will nearly remove what was due on the house. The Rev. J. C. Morse, pastor of the church, and the Rev. Mr. Weldon, (Wesleyan) were present. Appropriate speeches were made by them; after which the company joined in Singing.

"Come holy Spirit, heavenly dove."

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Weldon, and the company then dispersed with feelings of delight. All our friends who so kindly aided us will please accept thanks.

ONE PRESENT.

P. S.—Our Wesleyan friends held a Christmas Tree in the same place and realized \$54.

Several of our contemporaries have made improvements in their appearance at the commencement of the year. The Colonist and the Express have come out in new type and in enlarged form and make a highly respectable appearance.

The Editor of the Reporter will please accept thanks for a handsome Card-Calendar printed in gold and four different colors.

It affords us pleasure to be able to bring out our present issue of the Messenger in new type. We doubt not it will be no less gratifying to our readers. We might by spreading out make more of display, but our close type enables us to give a larger amount of reading matter, and it may be read with pleasure and satisfaction when so clear and distinct.

HYPOCHONDRIASIS

Is one of the most difficult to treat successfully of all nervous diseases. Reasoning with nervous or hypochondriacal and insane persons rarely proves serviceable. The mind cannot be overcome while the nervous system is weak. In many instances the deriding laugh at the unfortunate, or the more temperate appeal to the reason is absolutely injurious, by exciting irritation in the mind of the sufferer, who thinks his advisers either unfeeling or incredulous toward his complaint. There is, however, no longer necessity of resorting to such treatment. Both the feeling and the reasoning faculties are now successfully treated by

FELLOWS' COMPOUND SYRUP.

through its direct and potent action on the nervous centres.

Sold by Apothecaries. Price \$1.50 per bottle, or 6 for \$7.50. On the receipt of \$7.50 the proprietor will forward 6 to any part of Nova Scotia or New Brunswick, free.

JAMES I. FELLOWS, Chemist,
St. John, N. B.

Commercial.

Halifax Markets.—Wholesale.

Corrected for the C. M., January 6th, 1869.

Flour, American sup'fine, per bbl.	\$8 00	a	\$7 00
Canada "	6 50	a	7 00
Rye "	5 50	a	6 00
Cornmeal per bbl.	4 50	a	5 00
" fresh ground, per bbl.	4 50	a	
Butter, N. S., per lb.	0 20	a	0 25
Coffee, Laguira, per lb.	0 14	a	0 16
Jamaica, per lb.	0 14	a	0 16
Tea, Congo, per lb.	0 43	a	0 45
Sugar, Porto Rico, per lb (duty paid)	0 08	a	0 09
Cuba, per lb.	0 07	a	0 07
Molasses, Porto Rico, per gallon.	0 35	a	0 40
Cienfuegos, per gallon.	0 37	a	0 39
Salmon, No. 1, per bbl.	14 00		
No. 2, "	12 00		
No. 3, "	10 00		
Codfish, per quintal, large.	3 50	a	4 00
" Labrador.	2 50		
Mackerel, No. 1, per bbl.	13 00	a	16 00
No. 2, "	13 00	a	14 00
No. 3, "	6 50	a	7 00
Herring, per bbl.	4 00		
" Labrador, per bbl.	4 50	a	5 00
Haddock, "	1 75	a	
Hake, "	1 75	a	
Alowives, "	3 50	a	
Coal, Sydney per, chaldron.	5 00		
New Mine, per chaldron.	4 00		
Wood, per cord.	3 00	a	4 50
Hay, per ton.	\$12 00	a	15 00
Beef, Fresh, per lb.	0 8	a	0 12
Pork, Fresh, per lb.	0 08	a	0 9
Bacon, per lb.	0 11	a	0 14
Mutton, per lb.	0 06	a	0 8
Poultry—Chickens, per pair.	0 60	a	0 70
Ducks, per pair.	0 70	a	0 80
Turkeys, per lb.	0 20	a	
Geese, each.	0 50	a	0 60
Butter, Fresh, per lb.	0 25	a	0 30
Cheese, per lb.	0 12	a	0 15
Eggs, per dozen.	0 25	a	0 30
Oatmeal, per cwt.	3 50	a	4 50
Oats, per bushel.	0 50	a	0 65
Apples per barrel.	3 50	a	4 50
Potatoes, per bushel.	0 25	a	0 40

CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT.

OTTAWA, 11th December, 1868.

Authorised discount on American Invoices until further notice: 25 per cent.

R. S. M. BOUCHETTE.

Commissioner of Customs.
The above is the only notice to appear in newspapers authorized to copy.
Dec. 30. 31.

R. N. BECKWITH & CO.,

BEGS to call attention to their BLANKETS, various sizes and qualities. Ladies' Mantle Cloths, Dress Tweeds, from 74d per yard, Gents' Tweeds and Doeskins, Gents' Overcoatings, Scarlet, White and Fancy Flannels, Scotch Fingering Yarn, Paisley and Woolen Shawls, French Merinos. Ladies' Bonnet Materials—in silk and Terry Velvets, Satins, &c. Ribbons, Flowers, Feathers, Hat and Bonnet Shapes. Nov. 25.

LADIES, (representing all societies, classes and ages)

Clergymen, Lawyers, Editors, Physicians, Merchants, Vocalists, an indeed representatives from all orders, and from every business pursuit, have been benefited or cured by FELLOWS' COMPOUND SYRUP OF HYPOPHOSPHITES.

Amongst the diseases overcome by the use of this remedy, are the following:—

Chronic Constipation, Chronic Dyspepsia, Chronic Asthma, Chronic Bronchitis, Chronic Consumption, Chronic Paralysis, Chronic Laryngitis, Chronic Diarrhea, Nervous Debility, Melancholy. Debility resulting from Typhoid and other low fevers, Diphtheritic Prostration, Hysteria, Hypochondria, Amenorrhoea, Chlorosis, Anemia, Leucorrhoea, Nervous Excitability, Mercurius, or Wasting of the Muscles, Aphonia, or Loss of Voice, Amaurosis, or Loss of Vision, Chorea, or St. Vitas' Dance, Sluggishness of the Liver, Interrupted and Feeble Action of the Heart, Suffocating Feelings caused by mucous obstructions of the Lungs and Air Passages leading thereto, and Debility from various causes, many of which appeared hopeless.

For sale by Apothecaries at \$1.50 per Bottle, or six or \$7.50. Oct. 28. 30.