for carrying on Free School operations for the year. There is, we learn, great enthusiasm felt throughout the country in carrying out the provisions of the law.

Notices, &c.

YARMOUTH COUNTY MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE.

The next meeting of the Baptist Ministerial Conference of Yarmouth Co., will be held (D. V.) at Tusket, on the last Tuesday of January commencing at 9½ o'clock Preaching in the afternoon by Bro. J. Rowe, and on the previous (Monday) evening by Bro. I. Wallace.

W. H. PORTER,
Sec'y. of Conf.

ANNAPOLIS AND DIGBY CO., QUARTERLY MEETING.

The Annapolis, and Digby Co., Quarterly meeting will be held with the Digby Church, commencing the first Monday evening in February, at 7 o'clock.

D. W. CRANDAL.

RECEIVED FOR THE FRENCH MISSION.

Granville Street Church, Halifax	$15.82
DeBert River, per Revd. J. E. Balcom	9.11
Great Village	7.28
Beaver River Church	12.15
Estate of B. Raymond	20.00
Mrs. G. Goudey	1.00
	$65.36

W. R. DOTY,
Tres. of French Mission.

A CARD.

I wish to return thanks to our kind friends who visited us on the first evening of the New Year, and not only cheered us by their presence and friendly greetings but left with us such substantial tokens of their esteem.

R. R. PHILP.

Maitland, Jan. 3rd, 1872.

LETTERS RECEIVED.

Wm. Cummings, 1 sub. B. L. Telfer, $10. J. E. Potter, Esq., 1 sub. Messrs, Wetherspoon & Sprowle. M. Sibley—much obliged. H. Starratt, $2. Rev. T. Burdett, 1 sub. J. Gough, 1 sub, $2. Rev. T. C. Delong, $2—& $8 books sent. N. E. Butler, $2. W. R. Doty. A. Marshall Esq., $9. Rev. D. Tupper. Rev. M. P. Freeman, $2. Ezra Layton, $4. Joseph. Dimock, 1 sub. G. H. Hardy, $2. A. E. Durland Esq., $4. J. J. Parker, $2. L. McDonald, $4. A. McDonnell, 1 sub, $20.10. J. Richardson, Senr, $2. N. Miller, 1 sub, $11. W. S. Raymond Esq., $4. Hon. A. McL. Seely, $4. W. Chipman Esq., $2. W. F. Cutten Esq. Mrs. J. Elderkin, $2—& $2 for W. A. S. Rev. Dr. Tupper, 1 sub. Rogers & Black. J. P. Cunningham. Rev. Chas. Randall, 1 sub, $4. J. Ham, $2. A. J. Ledbetter, $7 The $1, before came all right. Rev. J. L. Read.

News of the Week.

FIRE AT THE RAILWAY DEPOT. On Friday evening last a fire broke out in the Round House in which the locomotives are kept at Richmond. The floor being saturated with oil the fire spread over the whole in a very short time, and before any thing could be done to arrest the progress of the flames, the entire roof of the building was on fire. There were nine locomotives in the building at the time. It was impossible for men to get in and bring them out, and it was feared that the whole would be destroyed. The fire was fortunately confined to the one building. One of the steam fire engines and one hand engine were sent from town, but soon after they arrived the burning roof fell in, covering the whole of the locomotives. It was feared that these would be all rendered unfit for future use, and that great public inconvenience, would arise from not having sufficient engines to work on the railway. It was at first estimated that the loss would be from one to three hundred thousand dollars, but after the fire had been subdued, and examination of the locomotives was made, on Saturday afternoon the following report was given :—

"Engines No. 21, 22, 23, 24, and 16, boilers, flue and running gear all right. Outside repairs to these will cost $500 for each engine. Engines No. 6, 7 and 12—boilers not yet tested. If these are all right, the cost of external repairs will not exceed $500. One snow plow, value $500. was destroyed. One engine, belonging to the W. & A. Railroad, appears to have sustained about the same injury as the No. 21. The walls of the building are good. Only a new roof and turn-table will be required The damage is altogether trifling to what was at first supposed. Some of the Engines will be running very shortly, and no interruption will be experienced in the working of the road."

It appears that there were a smaller number of engines in the Round house than usual, or than had been there for some time previously. The total loss including the damage to the building is estimated near $50,000.

CAPT. MICHAEL, of the brigantine *Nina*, who was in jail charged with shooting and severely wounding Daniel Duggan, second mate of the vessel, has been released on bail. The mate has issued a capias against the captain for the amount of wages due.

PROVINCIAL APPOINTMENTS.—PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE, Halifax, January 3rd, 1872.—*Halifax Co.*—To be a School Commissioner of the City of Halifax, Reuben J. Hart, Esq., in the place of James Thomson, Esq., resigned. To be School Commissioners for the Rural District, John D. Tupper, and John Taylor of Middle Musquodoboit.

Guysborough Co.—To be School Commissioner for the District of St. Mary's, James McG. Campbell, Esq., M. D. To be a Justice of the Peace, Archibald Chisholm (Downe).

Antigonishe Co.—To be Issuer of Marriage Licenses at St. Andrews, John Chisholm, Esq., in place of John McMillan, Esq., resigned.

Lunenburg Co.—To be Commissioner of Schools for the District of New Dublin, Rev. Wm. E. Gelling. To be a Justice of the Peace, Lewis Smith. To be a Coroner, James S. Calder.

Shelburne Co.—To be a Registrar of Probate, Cornelius White, Esq. To be Justices of the Peace, Robert J. Irwine, John A. McGowans, and George Cox.

Victoria Co—To be the Keeper of the Halfway House, between Ingonish and Cape North, Neil McPherson of Aspy Bay. To be Justices of the Peace, Donald McLellan, Duncan McAskill, Murdoch McKenzie, Donald McKay, Philip Fraser, and Donald J. McRae.

Digby Co.—To be Justices of the Peace, Jasper Journeay, Colin Johnson, and Eliakim Tupper.

Cumberland Co.—To be Health Officer at Amherst, Clinton J. Morse, Esq., M. D.

Hants Co.—To be a Justice of the Peace, John Taylor. To be a Commissioner of Schools for West Hants, Rev. John Carmody, in place of Dr. Walsh, removed from the county. To be Commissioner of Sewers for the township of Windsor, Robert Bacon.

High Sheriffs for the several Counties, for the year 1872:

Joseph Bell—Halifax.
Peter Bennett—Annapolis.
Henry P. Hill—Antigonish.
John L. Hill—Cape Breton.
Charles Blanchard—Colchester.
Rod'k. McLean—Cumberland.
P. W. Smith—Digby.
E. H. Francheville—Guysborough.
Jas. M. Geldert—Hants.
Robert M. Dougall—Inverness.
John M. Caldwell—Kings
John H. Kaulback—Lunenburg.
Wm. H. Harris—Pictou.
Joshua N. Freeman—Queens.
John F. Fuller—Richmond.
John A. Purney—Shelburne.
Jacob S. Ingraham—Victoria.
Wm. K. Dudman—Yarmouth.

A DEAD HOUSE WANTED—Dr. Jennings in a letter to the *Chronicle* suggests that the lower portion of Dalhousie College, recently vacated by the Post office, might very properly be appropriated to the purposes of a Morgue! It may be that he would have it in convenient proximity to the Medical School there, so that subjects might be obtained under certain circumstances. It is not uncommon that men believe their own profession should have the first consideration. Such a proposition, however, is hardly complimentary to that Institution. There are plenty of places where a dead house might be erected less objectionable than in the centre of the city.

ROCKHEAD had 75 prisoners last week. 41 men and 34 women. It is said by an evening paper that three-fourths of the criminals are there in consequence of the use of intoxicating drink, and we believe it. The sober part of the community are by this means taxed to assist in sustaining *respectable* rum-sellers. Is this just and right?

FORTUNATE.—It is said that a man, who was formerly an under-keeper in the City Prison at Rockhead, or the Penitentiary, and now living in Halifax, has fallen heir to a large fortune, left him by an uncle and an aunt in England. A leading Solicitor of this city has, we are informed, received all the necessary documents.

THE CHANGES OF WEATHER this season have been unusually rapid and great, on Friday and Saturday last, the weather was uncomfortably warm, on Sunday morning the cold was down to about zero, causing no little trouble to the sextons of the churches. We understand that in several of the places of worship the cold was almost unbearable.

TRADE OF HALIFAX.—Statement of Goods imported, entered for consumption, and duty collected thereon at the Port of Halifax for the quarter ended 31st December, 1871:—

Imports	$2,280,295 00
Home Consumption	2 269 672 00
Duty	270,736 55

Imports for the month of December, 1871:

Imports	$392 334.00
Home Consumption	459 206 00
Duty	75,487 78

In St. John, we learn from the *Globe*, the duties collected for the quarter ended Dec. 31st, amounted to $212,582.94, and for the month of December to $52,973.13.

CONCERTS.—By request of the ladies and gentlemen of Cornwallis N. H. Phinney, assisted by his class at Woodville, intend giving concerts as follows: at Woodville Hall, Saturday evening, Jan. 20th, and at Waterville Hall, Jan. 22nd.

Programme—A select number of pieces will be sung from "The Dulcimer," "Bradberrys Anthems," and "The Jubilee," also a choice selection, consisting of Solos, Duetts, Trios, Quartetts and Choruses.

There will be solos sung by different teachers of music. Doors opened 6½ o'clock. Curtain to rise at 7 o'clock. Admission 15 cents.

The Halifax *Evening Reporter* has put on an entire new "dress" and presents a very neat, handsome appearance. Success to enterprise!

SHIPPING OF YARMOUTH.—The Yarmouth *Herald* publishes a list of the shipping belonging to the County of Yarmouth, and other statistics connected therewith. From this statement it appears that there were lost during the year 1871—1 steamer, 2 ships, 7 barques, 1 brig, 2 brigantines, and 7 schooners, in all 22 vessels, amounting to 6,062 tons. There were sold out of the County during the same period—1 ship, 2 barques, 1 brig, and 3 schooners, in all 7 vessels, amounting to 2,235 tons. But although the lost and sold together thus aggregate 29 vessels and 8,297 tons, it is gratifying to find that there is still an increase of 4,514 tons, the amount of tonnage in January, 1871, being 90,669, whilst at the present time it is 95,182.

An abstract given by the *Herald* classifies the vessels owned in the County as follows: 2 steamers, 424 tons; 32 ships, 29,883 tons; 92 barques, 54,365 tons; 8 brigs, 2322 tons; 23 brigantines, 3,380 tons, 100 schooners, 4,808 tons—257 vessels, measuring 95,182 tons.

DONATION VISIT.—The friends of the Rev. James Stevens met at his residence, at Gaspereaux, on Tuesday evening, 16th ult., and presented him with cash and useful articles to the value of $76 00. Other donations are expected which will probably swell the amount to $100 00. Such a mark of esteem is very creditable, both to the donors and the recipient, as indicating the hold Mr. Stevens has upon the affection of the inhabitants of that village. In the absence of a settled pastor he is at present preaching for them as often as his health will permit.—*Kentville Star.*

Worthy of note.—An exchange says, there is scarcely a day passes that we do not hear, either from persons coming into our office or in some other way, of the success of *Johnson's Anodyne Liniment* in the cure of coughs, colds, so prevalent about town just now.

If we can benefit the readers of the *Christian Messenger*, any by recommending *Parsons Purgative Pills* to be the best anti-billious medicine in the country, we are willing to do so. We have had about as good a chance to know as any one.

New Jerusalem, N. b., Feb. 4, 1864.—I was subject to frequent and severe attacks of *Rheumatism* until I used Graham's Pain Eradicator, a few applications of which cured me. I can confidently recommend it to the afflicted.

NATHANIEL INCH, SEN.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

Steam Fog Whistle, Digby Gut.

NOTICE is hereby given that a Steam Fog Whistle has been erected at the entrance to Digby Gut, a few yards east of the present Light House.

In thick and foggy weather the Whistle will be sounded EIGHT SECONDS IN EACH MINUTE with an interval of fifty-two seconds between each blast.

This Whistle has been heard six miles against the wind and over fifteen miles with the wind in calm weather. The Whistle is now in operation.

H. W. JOHNSTON,
Agent Marine & Fisheries.

HALIFAX, N. S.,
Dec. 29th, 1871. } Jan. 3.

"INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY."

THE Commissioners appointed to construct the Intercolonial Railway, give notice that they are prepared to receive Tenders for the erection of Freight and Passenger Buildings at Little Forks, River Philip, Iron Mines, and Debert; also, Buildings for Flag Stations at Nappan Road, Minudie Road, Salt Springs, Grenville, Purdys, Folly Lake, and Ishkonish; also, for Tank Houses at Little Forks, Salt Springs, River Phillip, Grenville, Folly Lake, Iron Mines, and Debert, on the Nova Scotia District of the Railway.

Plans, specifications, and forms of Tender may be seen on and after the 15th January, at the Office of the Chief Engineer, Ottawa, and at the Railway Offices at Moncton and Halifax

Tenders may be for the whole or any lesser number of these Buildings, and will be received at the Commissioners' Office, Ottawa, up to 12 o'clock, noon, of the 20th day of February next.

Tenders will also be received for the erection of New Freight and Passenger Buildings at Moncton and Truro, and Engine House at Truro, and a Refreshment Building at Amherst.

Plans, specification, and form of Tender for which, may be seen at the same offices on and after the 15th February next, and Tenders will be received as above, up to 12 o'clock, noon, of the 20th day of March next.

Tenders will also be received for the construction of two Post Office and Smoking Cars, for the Nova Scotia District of the Railway, to be delivered at Amherst or Truro; also, for one hundred Platform Cars, fifty to be delivered on the line of Railway at Campbellton, and fifty on the line of Railway at Miramichi

Plans, specification, and form of Tender for these Cars, may be seen at the offices referred to, on and after the 15th day of January next, and Tenders will be received as above, up to 12 o'clock, noon, of the 20th day of February next.

A. WALSH,
E. B. CHANDLER,
C. J. BRYDGES,
A. W. McLELAN,
Commissioners.

INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY,
Commissioners' Office.
Ottawa, 20th Dec., 1871.
Jan. 3. 4 ins.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

COAL BY RAILWAY.

THE ACADIA COAL COMPANY beg leave to announce to the citizens of Halifax that they have established a COAL DEPOT at RICHMOND RAILWAY STATION, where they are now prepared to retail their superior

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fresh from the Pits at **$4.00** per ton of 2240 lbs The Acadia Coal is carefully screened makes no soot and but little ash is entirely free from sulphur, and does not throw off unhealthy fumes while burning, especially adapted for cooking Stoves and Ranges and can be used for broiling and toasting, and for all purposes for which charcoal is used.

The supply will be constant during the winter, and *there will be no increase in the price.*

Steam and House Coal for shipment at Richmond and Screened Slack for Blacksmith and other purposes, can be furnished by previous arrangement with the Officer in charge of the Depot, or with the undersigned.

JESSE HOYT,
General Agent,
Stellarton, Pictou County, Nova Scotia.
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All persons wishing further information will please inclose stamp for Circular.

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In cases of lung disease, the No. 1 Bitters must be taken with No. 1 Syrup, except in weak cases and young children, when No 2 Syrup and No. 1 Bitters must be used. Those suffering from Lung diseases, should not fail to use in addition to the above Gates' Vegetable Plaster applied between the shoulders and to the throat and chest with Nerve Ointment.

In Liver complaint and Dyspepsia, No. 2 Bitters must be taken with No. 1 Syrup.

In bad cases of Dropsy, No. 2 and No. 3, Bitters must be taken with No. 1. Syrup.

For Gravel No. 3. Bitters and No 1 Syrup, together with Gates's Vegetable Plaster and Nerve Ointment applied to the back near the kidneys.

For pains and Rheumatism in any part of the body, No 1 Syrup, and Gates's Nerve Ointment and Acadian Liniment mixed together applied to the paintul parts.

For sore throat, rub the Liniment and Ointment (mixed together) into the parts affected, at the same time taking No. 1 Syrup to cleanse the stomach.

These medicines will be promptly forwarded by the manufacturers when orders are accompanied by the cash. Address CALEB GATES & CO., Middleton, Wilmot, Annapolis Co.

New Cornwall, Lunenburg Co.,
September 26, 1871.

MR. GATES,—Dear Sir,—This is to certify that in the year 1870 I was severely attacked with pleurisy fever. The Doctor was sent for, and bled me. When he came again the pain was no better, and he again bled me. I was bled three times, and became no better. Was going to be bled again, but my strength would not admit. My whole system was in a weak state. No medicine would act on my bowels I had two doctors employed, but could not get cured A severe cough set in, raised blood and matter profusely Had no appetite, could not sleep and was rapidly wasting away. I feel thankful that I took the Bridgewater *Farmer* and saw your advertisement, as I had paid a large sum of money to the doctors, and received very little benefit from their medicines. My doctor advised me to try your medicines which I saw advertised, and I did so. I did not feel much better for the first few days while the medicine was working through my system, but my bowels were soon regulated, my cough left, and I could sleep well and felt well, for which change I feel thankful to God and grateful to you. I shall always be pleased to furnish further particulars to any one requiring your medicines, and you are at liberty to use this testimonial as you think proper.

Yours respectfully,
NICHOLAS SPIDLE.

PRICE.
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☞ A large number of certificates similar to the above, have been received and will be published at times for the information of the afflicted and the people generally.

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GENERAL AGENT, JOHN K. BENT
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Jan. 10.

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CERTAIN DEATH TO
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