

Cities.	Per cent of population at school.	Per cent of population over 20 years of age, unable to read.	Per cent of population over 20 years of age, unable to write.
Halifax, N. S.	9.3	3.0	4.8
St. John's, N. B.	18.1	4.4	6.6
Quebec, P. Q.	17.1	10.6	14.7
Montreal, P. Q.	16.7	10.6	13.9
Toronto, O.	18.6	2.0	3.2

These results reveal the fact that Halifax stands first in the proportion of its population at school, whilst Toronto stands first in the number of its people who are able to read and write. Montreal is the lowest, Quebec being nearly the same, in the number of its population at school, and in their ability to read—about one tenth of the people being in that unfortunate condition, that they cannot read—whilst Montreal has 13, and Quebec has 14 in every 100 who cannot write.

Here is food for reflection, which our governments would do well to take in and digest, so as to be prepared to adopt such measures as may appear severally necessary under the circumstances.

THE TEMPERANCE CRUSADE like all great moral movements has a very simple basis and one which can hardly be called in question as efficient ground on which to operate. Here it is: First, That intemperance is the great evil of the times.

Second, That it is especially a great evil in this town or city.

Third, That it can be eradicated by this method if persistently adhered to.

Whilst prohibition is held to be the ultimatum, yet it is admitted that this cannot be expected till the moral sentiment of the people is raised and strengthened to render such a law effective. As woman is the principal sufferer it is not to be wondered at that women should be ready to do whatever may offer a chance of removing the dreadful evil.

Henry Ward Beecher has given his approval of the crusade in his usual vigorous and scathing language.

He says, "There is no evil that cries aloud in more voices to Heaven for suppression than intemperance. While it is peculiarly deleterious in individuals, it is murrain and blight in families. It has defiled legislation, and moral force has not overcome it, but now, in the providence of God, there has risen this cyclone of influence."

"Is a woman to stand still in an everlasting waiting? Her first sphere is home undoubtedly, but when she feels that her domestic relations are affected has she no right to move? Has she no right to combine and exert her power? Is there any other than the ruin evil that so spreads nets for her husband's and son's feet? If Dante had lived in the present day he would picture a pure, proud woman tempted into wedlock with a libidinous, drunken kuave, who has a right to her society, her table, her couch. She must live in the presence of a total bog. No greater suffering can be conceived. Has such a woman no right to rebel? May vipers crawl in and out of their homes and nobody be allowed to tread on them? He added that he was not attempting to speak critically of the movement or saying in what channels it may run; he was only contending that no popular movement ever had a greater or more righteous cause, and it deserves prayer and countenance. It is a great pity that the force of this women's movement cannot be economized. If this movement could be transferred to the churches it would gain a perpetuity. As to the right of women to pray down a man's business, Mr. Beecher thought it was natural that there should be a difference of opinion, but if a man was running from a burning building only a fool would remind him to turn out his ties as the dancing masters teach. So the women may carry their point by indiscretions here and there, but such things are inseparable from any great movement.

THE LATE DEAN BULLOCK.—But few men have been better known in Halifax for the last 25 years than the Rev. William Bullock, dean of St. Luke's. Devoted to the interests of the Church of England, he was much respected by all classes in the community, for his genial spirit, and his readiness to exchange a kind word and do a kind act to any with whom he came in contact. He was most diligent in visiting the parishioners of St. Luke's, especially if any were sick and desired his ministrations. He had just completed his 78th year, and had been upwards of 51 years in the ministry of the Church of England. Previous to this he was a midshipman in the British Navy, and was always pleased to be regarded as a British sailor. He had been failing for only a few weeks and died on Saturday last.

The appointment by the Dominion Government of three barristers reported in our columns last week as a Court for trying Disputed Elections to the Dominion Parliament in this province, has elicited much discussion in the

public press. The neglect of the Local Government to appoint three Judges of the Supreme Court for this purpose is charged upon the administration as a dereliction of duty. The Government organs defend the appointment by stating that the disputed elections to the Dominion Parliament was not a matter which the Local Government should have anything to do with.

It is contended that for such important functions as deciding upon the validity of an election to Parliament partizan barristers are not fully competent. In all the other provinces the Courts for this purpose are composed of Judges. The Toronto Globe has expressed a strong opinion on the subject.

INVESTIGATION.

The persistence of the Presbyterian body has induced the government to appoint a commission to visit Antigonish, and take evidence in the case of the three magistrates in that locality, Messrs. Archibald McGillivray, Hugh McLellan, and Angus McIsaac, charged by the Pictou Presbytery with misconduct in connection with the Chiquity riot last summer. Mr. J. W. Johnston is the Commissioner appointed by the Local Government, and Mr. W. A. Johnston is to act as counsel for the Presbytery.

The investigation closed on Saturday night. Eight of the rioters were bound over to appear for trial in the Supreme Court.

A telegram from Antigonish to the Chronicle says:—

On Saturday night a window in the photographic saloon of Mr. Robertson, a witness, was smashed. Jonathan Gass, another witness, was pursued on the street on the same night by a party connected with the riot.

We have been obliged to lay aside several articles already in type to admit the Address of the Committee of Convention in another column.

Just as we go to press we have some additional "good news," which we must reserve for our next.

Notices.

YARMOUTH, FEB. 28TH, 1874.

Dear Editor,—Please acknowledge in the Messenger, the following sum received from Granville Street Church, Halifax, per T. G. Dunlap, Esq., for Home Missions, \$63.00.

For Home Missions, from Windsor Baptist Church per Rev. D. M. Welton. \$21 00
Do. per do., for French Mission. 4 00
SAMUEL BROWN, Treas.

RECEIVED FROM WOMAN'S MISSION AID SOCIETY.

Chelsea,—Miss Sarah Baker, \$4.25.
M. R. SELDEN, Sec'y.
Halifax, N. S., March 11, 1874.

OUR FOREIGN MISSION.

To the Editor of the Christian Messenger.—Mr. Editor,—Permit me to acknowledge, through the columns of your welcome Messenger, the receipt of the following sums for our Foreign Mission:—

From a Friend to Missions; sent to me by the Rev. Charles Tupper, D.D.; who received it from Bro. J. S. McKenne, of Ragged Islands, N. S. \$15.00
From C. D. Everett and wife, signed at farewell meeting at the Brussels Street Church, N. B. 10.00
From Mr. J. A. Estey and wife, at the same farewell meeting, Brussels Street Church, N. B. 10.00
From Miss S. A. Hendry, per Miss Phillips, Fredericton, N. B. 1.00
From a sincere friend to Missions at Cape Canso, for Karen preaching in Siam, per Rev. J. M. Cramp, D. D. 40.00
From the Amherst Church, N. S., per A. S. Blackburn, Esq., their Treasurer. 40.00

Total. \$116.00
Yours, most respectfully,
Z. G. GABEL,
Treasurer of F. M. B.

Rev. H. Achilles wishes to inform his friends and correspondents that he has removed to Greenfield, Queens Co.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND QUARTERLY MEETING.

The next Quarterly Meeting will be held with the Baptist church at Three Rivers commencing Friday the 20th of March, 1874. Preaching at 7 o'clock, P. M. As there is a certain subject under consideration, and is to be discussed there and then, it is desirable that all our ministering brethren on the Island and delegates from our churches should be there.

Ministers and delegates are cordially invited to come and are expected to attend.
JOHN SHAW.
Three Rivers, Feb. 2nd, 1874.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

I hereby acknowledge the following actions made me during the past winter by the people here at our own residence, Victoria, Dec. 3rd. One hundred dollars, fifty of which was in cash. A few weeks later at the residence of Captain Joseph Harris, Margareville, sixty-seven dollars nearly all cash, this is not counted in the minister's salary. For this and many other expressions of kindness from the people here, I would offer my sincere thanks.

J. A. MOORE.

Victoria, March 2nd, 1874.

Dear Bro. Selden.—Allow me through your valuable paper, to thank our friends of this Church and congregation for the friendly visit which they made us on the evening of Jan. 29th. After an excellent tea provided by the ladies of this place; good music, and speeches, the hour came to separate when they left with us the amount of about forty dollars.

Yours truly,
W. L. PARKER.

Freeport, Feb. 10th, 1874.

LETTERS RECEIVED.

J. Ham, 3 subs., \$6. J. B. McNutt, Esq., \$2. J. R. Creed, J. L. Fulton, \$2. Rev. G. N. Ballentine, Jas. E. Potter, Esq., Jos. Dimock, Esq., \$2. Rev. H. Achilles, Rev. J. A. Moore, J. E. Wells, Jas. Desbrisay, Esq., yes all correct, \$10.40. Rev. W. B. Buggs, Rev. J. C. Morse, \$2. R. C. Cann, \$2. T. M. King, Esq., \$2. J. Stevens, \$2. Rev. S. T. Rand, R. M. Barrat, Rev. W. H. Richan, \$8. W. A. Morse, \$10. W. A. Reid, \$6. W. Aymar, Esq., \$17. Rev. D. McKeen, \$4. Rev. W. L. Parker. J. Uhlman, A. H. Cogswell, \$1. Rev. C. Randall, \$4.

News of the Week.

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE, Halifax, 20th February, 1874.—Appointments:—To be a member of the Executive Council—A. J. White, Esq., M. P. P., in the place of the Hon. E. P. Flynn—resigned. To be Commissioner of Crown Lands—Hon. A. J. White, in the place of Hon. E. P. Flynn—resigned. To be Notaries and Tabellions Public—J. M. Chisholm, and Byron A. Weston, Esqrs.

Digby Co.—To be Justices of the Peace—E. E. Rice, Hillsburg; Geo. H. Dunbar, and Wm. H. Dahlgren, Weymouth.

The Local Parliament will meet to-morrow. Some of the members have been in town several days.

CENTRAL BOARD OF AGRICULTURE, 1874.—Government Member:—Hon. R. A. McHaffey, Windsor.

District No. 1, Halifax County—Colonel Laurie, Oakfield.

District No. 2, Kings, Annapolis, Digby—John Dakin, Esq., Marshalltown, Co. Digby.

District No. 3, Lunenburg, Queens, Shelburne, Yarmouth—Goo. S. Brown, Esq. Yarmouth.

District No. 4, Hants, Colchester, Cumberland—Israel Longworth, Esq., Truro.

District No. 5, Pictou, Antigonish, Guysboro—David Matheson, Esq., Pictou.

District No. 6, Cape Breton, Richmond, Inverness, Victoria—John Ross, Esq., M. P. P., Boularderie.

It is reported that Judge Dodd has resigned his seat on the Bench.

THE LADIES AND THE LIQUOR DEALERS.—A circular has been received by a number of Liquor-dealers in Halifax purporting to come from the Women's Association, entreating them to cease their soul-destroying business, and promising if they do not before the 14th inst., they will be visited by a number of ladies with reference to this matter. It is believed to be a hoax, as no name is appended to the Circular.

Two tavern keepers were fined \$40 each at the Police Court on Tuesday of last week, for having their shops open on Sunday.

The "Western Chronicle" says the dwelling house of Mr. James McMaher, near Somerset, was totally destroyed by fire on Monday morning last.

PRESENTATION.—At Government House Lieut. Governor Archibald presented Capt. John Cook, of the schr. "Annie Brown," of Harborville, N. S., with a gold chronometer watch, awarded by the U. S. Government in recognition of his services in saving the crew of the American schr. "Ravenwing," which was abandoned in a disabled condition on the 15th Dec. 1872, and her crew transferred to the "Annie Brown," where they were kept for 22 days.

Our late bachelor Governor, Sir Hastings Doyle, with his well known desire to please everybody, old and young, sent out a large lot of presents for the children of the 87th Regiment, of which he is the Colonel. One day last week the juveniles were entertained at a tea-party at the Wellington Barracks and the presents were distributed to them. Lieut. General O'Grady Haly and staff, and a number of ladies were present and enjoyed the occasion.

THE CHASE.—Four moose were killed near Bear River, Annapolis County, last week by some Indians.

Three caribou were secured by Mr. Giffin and Mr. J. Daley in a recent hunting excursion in Digby.

SALMON-FISHING has commenced. We hear of their being taken with the fly in the Medway.

SHIPBUILDING it appears will be carried on in N. S. this summer with more than usual activity. Our country exchanges in every direction speak of keels being laid and preparations made for new vessels and ships of large size.

Crime is not allowed to go scot-free in Annapolis county. The Farmer reports the number of commitments for last year as five for larceny, one for bigamy and one for assault, whilst thirteen were incarcerated for the misfortune of being in debt.

A CENTENARIAN.—Jerry Johnston, an old resident of Liverpool, N. S., has just died, aged 105. During the war of 1812 Jerry, with others, made their escape in a boat down Chesapeake Bay, and were received on board the British fleet under Admiral Cochrane and taken to Halifax.

The Cape Breton Times reports the death of a man named Jerry Fielding from alcoholic stimulants and exposure to the weather.

THE EAST INDIA REMEDY is the only thing upon record that positively cures CONSUMPTION and BRONCHITIS. We have many palliatives, but Calcutta Hemp is the only permanent cure, and will break up a fresh cold in twenty-four hours. One bottle will satisfy the most skeptical. Price \$2.50. Send a stamp for certificate of cures, to CRADDOCK & CO., 1032 Race Street, Philadelphia, Pa., naming this paper.

Jan. 28. 1m

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For Certificates, &c., taken before Justices of the Peace, see pamphlets which can be furnished at the Agencies.

Agents at Halifax—Brown, Bros. & Co.; John K. Bent.

Manufactured by C. GATES & CO., Middleton, Annapolis Co., N. S.

South Farmington, September 1869.

Dr. GATES, Dear Sir,—I suffered two years with Asthma—I suffered day and night. I purchased every remedy that I could hear tell of, but all to little or no purpose; the more I took of doctor's medicines such as powders, &c., the worse I got, and they left me so weak that I could scarcely walk. I expected to suffer the rest of my days; but, thanks to Gates' Life of Man Bitters and Syrup, I am cured of the asthma. I have completely recovered my health, strength, and spirits. My friends, my physician, and myself, are confident that it is owing solely to the use of your wonderful Life of Man Bitters and Syrup that this happy result has come to pass; and I shall ever gratefully acknowledge it; and am now and will be at all times ready to state any further particulars to satisfy the public that my assertions are true in every respect.

THEODORE H. SPINNEY.

March 11.

PRIVATE BILLS.

PARTIES intending to make application to Parliament for Private Bills, either for granting exclusive privileges, or conferring corporate powers for commercial or other purposes of profit, or for doing anything tending to affect the rights of property of other parties, are hereby notified that they are required by the Rules of the two Houses of Parliament, (which are published in full in the Canada Gazette) to give TWO MONTHS' NOTICE of the application (clearly and distinctly specifying its nature and object), in the Canada Gazette, and also, in a newspaper published in the County or Union of Counties affected, sending copies of the Papers containing the first and last of such notices to the Private Bill Office of each House.

All Petitions for Private Bills must be presented within the first three weeks of the session.

ROBERT LEMOINE, Clerk of the Senate.

ALFRED PATRICK, Clerk of the House of Commons.

Jan. 28.

PREPARE FOR WINTER.

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GEO. HENT, Junr.

Oct. 22.

NEW ADVERTISEMENT.

A TEACHER WANTED.

A GRADE A TEACHER for Queen's County Academy, will be wanted at the beginning of next term. Apply to J. NEWTON FREEMAN, Trustee Sec'y.

Liverpool, Feb. 28, 1874.
March 11. tf.

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HALIFAX AND SHELBURNE,

And on the Branch Routes between Lunenburg and Mahone Bay, and between Lunenburg and Bridgewater,

on and from the 1st July next. The conveyance to be made on the Main and Branch Routes by Wagon, drawn by not less than two horses.

The route pursued in the conveyance of this Mail to be as above.

The computed distance between Halifax and Shelburne—including the Branch Routes is one hundred and fifty-seven miles.

The Rate of Travel to be not less than six miles per hour, including stoppages for all purposes.

The days and hours of Arrival and Departure to be as follows, subject to a right of the Postmaster-General to alter the same, should he consider it advisable so to do.

MAIN ROUTE:

Leave Halifax, Daily at 6 A. M. Arrive at Bridgewater on same day at 6 P. M.

Leave Bridgewater Daily at 6 A. M. Arrive at Shelburne on same day at 6.30 P. M.

Leave Shelburne daily at 6 A. M. Arrive at Bridgewater on same day at 6.30 P. M.

Leave Bridgewater Daily at 6 A. M. Arrive at Halifax on same day at 6 P. M.

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Leave Mahone Bay Daily, on arrival of Mail from Halifax. Arrive at Lunenburg in one hour and a quarter.

Leave Lunenburg Daily at 3.30 P. M. Arrive at Bridgewater at 5.20.

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The contract if satisfactorily executed, will continue in force for a term not exceeding four years, the Postmaster General reserving the right to terminate the agreement at any time previous to the expiration of the four years—should the public interest, in his opinion require it—upon giving the contractor three months notice of his intention.

All expenses on this route for Tolls, Ferries, &c., must be defrayed by the Contractor.

Each tender to state the price Per Annum, in words at length, and to be accompanied by the written guarantee of two responsible parties, undertaking that, in the event of the tender being accepted the contract shall be duly executed by the party tendering, for the price demanded; undertaking also to become bound with the contractor in the sum of Thirty Hundred Dollars for the due performance of the Service.

Plated forms of Tender and Guarantee may be obtained of the Post Office at Chester, Bridgewater, Liverpool, Lunenburg, Mahone Bay, Mills Village and Shelburne, or at the office of the subscriber.

A. WOODGATE,

Post Office Inspector.

Post Office Inspector's Office, }
Halifax, 13th Feb. 1874. } March 4.