

The News and the Press.

ST. JOHN, N. B., FEBRUARY 10, 1871.

BREVITIES.—It is said that information has been received that the Law Officers of the Crown of England have given opinion that sustains the Local Government in the dismissal of Geo. Botaford, Esq., Clerk of Legislative Council.—The marriage of the Princess Louise and the Marquis of Lorne has been fixed for March 21st.—A man named Robbins has been found guilty of stealing £100 from a Roman Catholic Chapel in P. E. Island.—A lad, ten years old, son of Mr. Ellis Ford, of Milton, N. S., was drowned last week by falling through the ice.—The Street Railway does not pay. The report submitted the other day shows the expenditure to exceed the receipts nearly \$3,000. The stockholders, by a large majority, voted not to run the cars on Sunday.—A special meeting of the York County Council, to consider the River du Loup Railway question, is to be held soon.—An old French woman, named Mazerall, died in Kingsclear, York county, a few days ago, at the age of 105 years.—A new railway project is being agitated. It is to build a line from Fredericton to Grand Lake, and thence to the E. and N. A. R. R. somewhere near Apoqua. The master will be brought before the next session of the Legislature.—The Legislature of Nova Scotia was opened on Thursday last.—A case of small-pox has been discovered near Houlton, Maine.—Advices from Saskatchewan state that 2,000 Indians and freedmen have died of confluent small-pox.—The cold in France is intense; in Bordeaux, so severe a winter has not been felt since that of 1839, when the wine froze in the storerooms.—Among the "food devices" employed by the Parisians during the siege, were bird-traps, and the sparrows and other small birds suffered accordingly.—Red Cloud's band, of the Sioux tribe of Indians, having been reported in a starving condition, the President has ordered Gen. Auger to furnish them with supplies. A thousand head of cattle are to be sent at once.—Prince Frederick William will hereafter be styled Imperial Highness and Crown Prince of Germany.—The number of French prisoners now in Germany being so large, the people are taxed enormously to support them. One contract alone, at Stettin, for the prison barracks, was given to the lowest bidder for \$150,000.—South Carolina has a negro Lieutenant-Governor, three negro Congressmen, eleven negro State Senators, eighty negro Representatives, and one negro Judge of the Supreme Court.—The good pasture lands of the valley of the Platte river and its tributaries are estimated by recent explorers at over 12,000,000 acres.—New grass is reported, two inches high, in the valleys of Utah Territory.—Boston has begun to dispense soup to her poor at the station-houses.—There is a machine in operation in East Sumner, Maine, which can make thirteen thousand toothpicks in a minute; yet the demand is greater than the supply.—A bill introduced in the Illinois Legislature proposes to require every vendor of patent medicines to file in the office of the clerk of each county in which he desires to sell them a statement of the ingredients of the medicines in question.—The recent flood in Rome is reported to have been the most disastrous since the year 1530.—The celebrated leaning tower of Pisa, Italy, threatens to fall.—Ezra Churchill, Esq., of Hantsport, N. S., has been appointed Senator in the room of Hon. Mr. Anderson, deceased.—The small-pox is still in Ottawa.—The friends of Rev. Thos. Todd, Sackville, gave him a donation of \$90.—Bismarck is still sick.—Many are dying every day in Paris of starvation.—Mr. J. G. Forbes, barrister, has commenced proceedings against the editor of the *Freeman* for alleged libel. The libel was contained in an article referring to Mr. Forbes' connection with Ferry matters.—Saturday night last was one of the coldest ever experienced in this province.—The census of the Dominion is to be taken on April 2nd.—The Inman steamer *City of Baltimore* made her last passage from Halifax to Queenstown in eight days.

THE SMALL POX

is gradually increasing in the city. There have been eight deaths since its commencement, and there are now several persons very low with the disease and not expected to live; others are recovering. A few cases have occurred this week, but the Board of Health is seeking to shut it up within narrow limits. Had the doctors understood the first case that occurred it might have been confined to him, as they pronounced it something else, the needful precaution was not taken, and hence its diffusion. As it is, vaccination should proceed as rapidly as possible in city and country. —Visiter.

PROHIBITION IN QUEEN'S COUNTY.—We are glad to be informed by Rev. D. Crandall that an application to sell intoxicating liquors, made to the late Sessions at Gagetown, was rejected. Out of 22 magistrates present, 18 voted against this diabolical traffic in the blood of souls. Well done Queen's. —Ibid.

COUNCIL PROPERTY.—At a meeting of the Common Council on Wednesday, petitions in favor of the proposed bill to amend the Assessment Law and tax Church property were received from the Wesleyan Church, Carleton, Saint John Presbyterian Church, Saint John, Free Christian Baptist Church, Carleton, Leinster Street Baptist Church, Saint John, and St. David's Presbyterian Church, City of St. John. The petitions were received and laid on the table.

E. & N. A. RAILWAY.—The following is a comparative statement of traffic receipts for the month of January, 1871, compared with the corresponding period in the two preceding years:

	1869.	1870.	1871.
Passengers,	\$3,921,62	\$4,682,37	\$5,354,51
Freight,	7,637,37	6,625,16	9,045,63
Mails and Sundries,	679,29	642,11	1,048,04
Total,	\$11,900,18	\$11,188,83	\$15,926,85

STATEMENT OF IMPORTS AT THE PORT OF SAINT JOHN FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 1871.

Value of goods entered for consumption, \$108,264. Value of goods entered for Warehouse, 43,204. Value of goods entered free, 59,072.

Total entered, \$210,530.

Withdrawn from Warehouse, \$11,901,15.

Customs collected during month, \$53,195.

Value of the following goods remaining in Warehouse, on the 31st of January, 1871:

Sugar, \$65,496.

Molasses, 52,678.

Spirits, 95,064.

Tees, 56,541.

Total, \$211,780.

POSTAL IMPROVEMENTS.—All Way Office keepers are to be paid a salary equal to forty per cent. of the receipts of their offices; but in no case is the salary to be less than \$10 per annum, and no salaries are to be reduced by the application of the new principle.

We are happy to be able to announce officially that arrangements have been perfected for carrying the Queen being insulted going from Buckingham Palace to open Parliament, Thursday, is making extraordinary arrangements to keep the public back from the Queen's Coach. Quare has never reached such an alarming point as at present.

Parades are to be held on the 5th. A decree signed by all the ministers has been promulgated annulling Gambetta's decree on electoral disabilities. It maintains the supreme authority of the Paris government and declares that the elections shall be unrestricted.

The price of postage has not yet been lowered—of 160,000 horses originally in Paris 69,000 have been killed for food. Three thousand horses required by the government have been given back to the omnibus company. Cabs have entirely disappeared.

A short distance above Forest City there is lumber camp, occupied by nine men, who read the Bible and observe the duties of social prayer night and morning. The proprietors of the camp belong to Weston, Me.

This pleasing state of affairs at Forest City is largely due to the influence of H. N. Hill, Esq., who originally built the tanneries and owned the land at that place, and in his deeds made it a condition that the sale of liquor on the ground would invalidate the title.—*Courier*.

ON THE RAIL.—During the winter months the train of the New Brunswick and Canada Railway will run to Houlton on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, and to Woodstock on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, returning on alternate days. They will continue running to St. Stephen and St. Andrews daily.

PROCEDURES OF THE NOVA SCOTIA LEGISLATURE.—The case of the ownership of the Provincial Buildings, the election of Mr. Hill, and the protest of Mr. Garvie, are already occupying the attention of the Nova Scotia Legislature. Below we give a summary of proceedings in reference to these matters up to the close of Wednesday.

"Vail had castable of the House, despatched a new Provincial building."

"The Local Government decided in February, 1868, to add the building amount pending a repeal, and subsequently demanded payment of the whole cost. Last March it reduced its demand to \$60,000, the amount spent on it after July, 1867.

The Dominion Government contend that the building is legally owned by the Dominion, the Pictou Railway.

The Committee was drawn to-day to consider Garvie's petition against Hill's return. Fifteen names were drawn, leaving D. McDonald, Eisenhauer, Morrison, Doncet, Flynn and Vail.

The Committee met at ten o'clock. The members of the Government are on the Committee, and Morrison, a strong Government supporter; others moderate.

It is believed by some that Vail's vote will decide the question.—*Tid.*

CHILD FROZEN TO DEATH.—A correspondent at Aylesford, writes to the *Halifax Colonist* on the 28th ult., during the cold snap, a child 4 years old, named McNeilly, whose parents reside on the North Mountain, near Morden Bay, was frozen to death. The child left its home to visit its grandmother, who resides at some distance, and accompanied about a quarter of a mile of the journey, when it must have become benumbed, and sat down and perished. The correspondent states that the cold on that day was the most intense experienced by the Parisians during the siege, were bird-traps, and the sparrows and other small birds suffered accordingly.—Red Cloud's band, of the Sioux tribe of Indians, having been reported in a starving condition, the President has ordered Gen. Auger to furnish them with supplies. A thousand head of cattle are to be sent at once.—Prince Frederick

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RECEIPTS FOR THE RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCER, to Feb. 10.

Subscribers will please see that their money is correctly acknowledged. The whole number of the paper to which they pay the amount.

Wm. McCready, 3,940; Chas. Secord, 3,567; Abram Smith, 2,940; Wm. G. Avery, 2,923; Wm. Vaughan, 2,916; John Porter, 2,923; Wm. Peters, 2,916; Thom. Goodspeed, 2,885; Amos Arnold, 2,936; Robt. McCully, Esq., 2,935; John Brown, Son, 2,884; Jas. Cowperthwaite, 2,884; Jas. S. Smith, 2,884; Jas. C. Moore, 2,884; Samuel Davison, 2,882; Dell Smith, 2,936; Angus MacFie, 4,936; Jas. F. Fowler, 2,915; Jas. A. Porter, 2,936; Jas. C. Cummins, 2,908; Jas. Hay, 2,887; Jas. A. Porter, 2,936; Jas. C. Cummins, 2,908; Jas. F. Fowler, 2,936; B. Hopkins, 2,916; Wm. Musgrave, 2,923; Jacob Laskey, 2,501; T. Hale, 4,936.

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