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THE F. B. GENERAL CONFERENCE.

The first snow of the season made its appearance on Friday morning (the 3rd inst.). It made the outer world look and feel rather chilly, but it did not make less warm and hearty, the greeting of the brethren, who, at 10 A. M., met in

ELDERS' CONFERENCE.

Separated for a year, many of them not having seen each other during all that time, it was the most natural thing in the world, that they should enjoy their meeting. A relation of experiences—made up of sadness and joy, apparent defeat and real triumph, discouragements and hope—served to strengthen them, and an interchange of views concerning the best modes of work, sharpened them. No body of men appreciate the companionship of each other, more than do the ministers of the Gospel; and no men are more benefited by such association. Several brethren were absent, and, of course, were missed—especially the older brethren, such as Elders Weyman and Merritt. The Chairman of last year being absent, the meeting was called to order by the senior minister—the venerable Father McMullin; after which, Rev. J. Noble was elected to the Chair, and Rev. C. T. Phillips, Secretary pro tem. Rev. J. I. Porter, of N. S., and Rev. Mr. Harding, of Calais, were invited to seats. The whole day was occupied with discussions of different questions of interest to both ministers and churches. Among other things, the Communion question received consideration. The brethren gave no uncertain sound in expressing their views, and a resolution, re-affirming the denomination's unwavering adherence to the old position, was unanimously passed. Free Baptists of N. B., in common with their brethren—everywhere—are unquestionably loyal to the grand truth—that the Communion of the lovers of the Lord Jesus, without respect to the denominational name they may have, and not the communion of a few who belong to a single church organization, to the exclusion of all others.

The Elders' Conference, taken altogether, was interesting. There are some matters, however, which were brought before it, which might better be disposed of in another place, so that the original design of the Conference of Elders, might be more strictly adhered to.

Saturday.

The Religious Conference, held Saturday morning, was largely attended; and was a good and pleasant sitting together in Christ Jesus. The testimonies of the lovers of the Saviour were most prompt, and hearty. All hearts were cheered and made stronger, and God was glorified.

At 2 P. M., the Chairman of last year called the meeting to order, the roll was called, and the business of

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was properly commenced by the reading of the Corresponding Secretary's Report. The Report gave a somewhat detailed account of the churches and their condition; the ministers, their labours and successes. Of thirty-six ministers, six, through age, infirmity, or other cause, have not been actively engaged in the work of the ministry during the year, two have been engaged in mission work, and twenty-eight have had regular pastoral work. From this, it appears, that more churches have been properly cared for than in any previous year; and the result is encouraging; for those churches which have had pastoral oversight, are reported as in a prosperous and thriving condition. The addition to the churches by baptism were *Four Hundred and Sixty-five*—a gain which ought to incite to more abundant zeal and labours during the current year. In moving the adoption of the Report, Rev. J. Noble made some timely remarks. Amongst other things he said, "Thank God, we have a place amongst other Christian bodies. We have imperfections—many defects need to be remedied; but contrasting the present with the past, there is much to encourage. Glad the churches are becoming awake to the necessity of having proper ministerial care. A few years ago, they thought that an occasional revival was all they required. They see differently now; and each year they will see more clearly their need in this respect. Experience has proved, that the best kind of revivals are promoted by constant labour; and the results are, as a rule, better and more permanent, than those reached by other means. He had seen some good re-complished under God, and he expected to see more. Only a few years ago, he was called 'the young brother,' now he was classed with the old; yet his heart is young, and he intends, by the grace of God, to do some more service, and is not without hope of seeing some victory for Jesus. To the young men, he bids God speed. May they be useful above their predecessors."

Rev. J. Perry in seconding the adoption, spoke vigorously and to the point. He said, "I regret that I am not able to labor as formerly. The church's prosperity and adversity are mine. Notwithstanding the failure of his strength, he feels, when he comes face to face with facts such as contained in the report, served to work more. The scarcity of ministers and the consequent destitution of the churches make the heart sad. Want, and must have more ministers; churches must care for the ministers; they must respect them, and be careful never to speak lightly of them. Ministers' power sometimes destroyed by indiscreet words and manner of church members. No church should be without a pastor if it be possible to get one; and where one cannot be had the church must—if it would retain its life—have regular prayer meetings. His own experience in the ministry had been somewhat varied, and by some would be thought very hard. During first nine years in ministry he received only \$40 as remuneration for his services; yet he does not think he sacrificed for Christ. He gave his life and all he had to his

service, but God had repaid him, and more. He was back again to where he started, more than thirty years ago, knowing all through which he would have to pass, he would, without hesitation, enter the gospel ministry again; the only thing he would do differently would be that he would spend four or five years in getting an education, so that more efficiently he might do the work assigned him. He feels, before God, to be in full union and fellowship with every brother in the ministry, and prays God to give every one of them large success as winners of souls."

Rev. G. W. McDonald said, "A few years ago he knew nothing of Free Baptists. He thanked God that His servants of this denomination came; and through their instrumentality he was won into saving fellowship with Christ. He has no other home than this. It cast out from this, whether shall he go? He would be homeless indeed. 'Your God is my God, your people my people'; let me live with you, labour with you, die with you; and then heaven shall be ours together. He was heartily pleased to know that in the year just closed God had specially honoured pastoral labour. Let those churches that have hitherto ignored the pastoral office learn the lesson God would teach them by these facts. While ministers have great responsibility, churches should remember that they have responsibility as well. Instead of refusing all because they cannot secure services of some favorite, they should take the best one available, and determine to help him to help them. A church can easily make a weakly minister a strong one. Churches do not know what they can do until they try. His own church, though in a country district, and having no rich men, had, during the six years of his pastorate, contributed for religious purposes an average of \$1000 or more a year. For their kindness to him he should ever be grateful; while he had labored for their good, they had held up his hands and in every way done him good. Now that he was about leaving them for another field of labour he felt a great pain at his heart, which increased as the separation time drew nearer. He should ever pray for and rejoice in their prosperity. He concluded by urging upon ministers and church members individual consecration to God as essential to true success."

Some remarks were also made by J. McLeod, which need not be repeated here. They had reference to the encouraging features in our history; pointed to the necessity of loyalty to each other and to the denomination as our home and sphere of action; the necessity of having a proper estimate of our position and responsibilities; and above all of having abiding faith in God, praying always, the Holy Spirit—by whom the work is done—to make our efforts effective.

Rev. J. I. Porter, delegate from the Nova Scotia Conference of Free Baptists, reported their standing and prospects. He was pleased to be with his New Brunswick brethren, more so than at any former visit. Considered that the facts concerning work in this Province told only part of the story. That being done in Nova Scotia was in reality part of the great work being carried on by Free Baptists. There are in Nova Scotia thirty churches with a membership of 3,000. They have 13 ministers, all of whom—except one who is too old to work—are fully engaged in the duties of their office. They have two Quarterly meetings; one of them comprises twenty churches, every one of which has pastoral care. During the last year one hundred and fifty-eight were added to the churches by baptism. They have 30 Sabbath schools. The ministers who have gone to them from New Brunswick are doing good service. They have recently organized a church in Halifax, which promises to be a growing interest. In Foreign Mission work they are doing more than formerly. Four or five years ago they agreed to support Miss Phillips (sister of Rev. J. I. P.) in the mission field. Each year, though there was a deficiency. Last year, having been convinced that the difficulty in raising the desired amount arose from lack of system, they assessed the churches, which plan proved a decided success. This year they not only paid in full the salary of their missionary, but had enough besides to pay the deficiencies of the previous four years. Their Home Mission Society is doing what it can. Efforts are just now concentrated to aid the Halifax interest. In education they are doing something, though not so much as they would like. They have lost several young men, who intended entering the ministry, because of lukewarmness in this matter. The differences of opinion that heretofore hindered the movement have ceased to exist, and the people are now almost, if not quite, a unit in the conviction that the growth of the denomination demands that provision be made for the education of young men called to the ministry. They are pleased to continue the correspondence by delegation; for we are one in every respect.

Rev. Mr. Harding, delegate from the Penobscot (Maine) Yearly Meeting of Free Will Baptists, said: "While listening he had been carried in memory over the history of his own denomination. So far as he has seen or can learn, we are one people. The churches of the Yearly Meeting which he represents, are spread over a territory of 250 by 200 miles. Its membership is about 4,000. They have more churches than ministers. For years they have been trying to impress churches with need of pastoral care; and have been considerably successful. Churches are coming to see the need of more liberally sustaining their preachers, but have not reached the proper point yet. Notwithstanding many drawbacks, such as are common to all Christian bodies, there is great encouragement in what God has done for us. In loyalty to denomination I yield to no one. 'Though I was brought to Christ by the influence of one who was of another denomination, I love my own with all my heart. Loving all others as lovers and labourers for Jesus, we must stand out boldly in defence of the interests that are dear to us, and assert our right to work for God and souls in the sphere in which he has placed us. When he entered the ministry he was cautioned thus—'Don't you study; as though it would ruin him. It was a great mistake, the notion entertained by some in those days, that a minister did not need to know anything. We dishonour God, if we do not by the use of every means in our power make the most of ourselves for God and His glory.' He spoke words full of good cheer to young men thinking of entering the ministry. 'No nobler work to which man can devote his life. Do not hesitate to enter upon it, remembering the promise, 'Lo, I am with you always.' Requested continuance of correspondence."

We have given the briefest outline of the speeches. It is impossible to re-produce on paper their spirit. The large congregation was attentive throughout, and we have no doubt the good things uttered by the speakers will be remembered long, and benefit to churches and ministers will result from them. In the evening the Sabbath School Convention held its Anniversary. The report of the Sabbath School Agent suggested some things, to which reference will be made hereafter. Not having been present, we are unable to report the speeches. Rev. A. Kinney was in the chair; and speeches were made by Brethren Kinghorn, Peters, Randall and Price.

Those who desired that the Sabbath should be a fine day (and there were none who did not so desire) were disappointed, for it rained all day long, a cold, driving rain. There was a prayer meeting at 9 A. M. The preaching was as follows: Waterville—10 A. M., Rev. J. I. Porter; 2 P. M., Rev. J. McLeod; 7 P. M., Rev. J. Perry. Third Tier—10 A. M., Rev. J. T. Parsons; 2 P. M., Rev. J. Gunter; 7 P. M., Rev. J. E. Reid. Methodist Church (3rd Tier)—2 P. M., Rev. J. Noble. Victoria Corner—7 P. M., Rev. Mr. Harding. ... Despite the rain and mud the congregations were large. It cannot be that the preaching of the word of God was in vain. The Lord was present to help His servants, and the word spoken seemed to be the "word in season." May God grant that it may bear fruit unto eternal life. At the close of the afternoon sermon at Waterville, the Lord's Table was spread, and a goodly number of believers bore testimony of their love to Him and their appreciation of what He had done for them, by partaking of the emblems of His body and blood broken and spilled in their behalf. It was good to be there.

At 10 A. M., the regular work of the session commenced. Roll-call revealed the fact that there were not so many delegates present as last year. The ballot for Moderator and Assistant Moderator resulted in the election of Rev. A. Taylor to the first, and Rev. G. W. McDonald, to the second office. The announcement having been made by the chair that the office of Clerk of Conference was vacant by the death of B. J. Underhill, Esq., who had held the position for twenty-two years, Bro. George E. Foster was elected to fill the office, being nominated thereto by the assistant Clerk, Bro. D. McL. Vince. The Nominating Committee was at once appointed, and proceeded to their duty, which by the way is no light one, the arranging of all committees during the session, preparing lists of officers for the various societies, &c. &c.

Each year a member of the Elders' Conference is appointed to prepare a paper to be read before that body at its next session. The paper for this year was "The qualifications of an efficient ministry," by J. McLeod. The Elders' Conference was so taken up with other matters that it was voted to have the essay read before General Conference, which was done Monday morning, the house being filled with members of Conference and visitors. It was voted to request the publication of the "Essay in the INTELLIGENCER; the form of publication and the editorial arrangements of the conference were a slight change was made in the bye laws of Conference relating to licentiate. The bye laws require a person holding a church license to present it to the District Meeting to which the church should be discontinued; it is the action of a majority of the Dominion Parliament was a direct interference with the Constitutional rights of the people of this Province as vested in their Local Legislature by the British North America Act; and that such interference was entirely unwarranted by any circumstances of the case, and must seriously militate against the harmony and good will that it should be the aim of the Dominion Parliament to promote amongst all the Provinces and people of the Dominion."

The following resolution on education was passed: "Whereas, it is believed by this Conference that in a country like this (the population of which comprises all classes of religionists), a system which provides for strictly non-sectarian schools is the only one that can be just to all parties—

And whereas, we believe that each year the operations under the Common Schools Law will more and more conclusively prove its adaptability to the real educational wants of the country—Therefore resolved, That in the opinion of this Conference, any attempt to interfere with the proper working of the system is detrimental to the best educational interests of the country, and should be discontinued; that the action of a majority of the Dominion Parliament was a direct interference with the Constitutional rights of the people of this Province as vested in their Local Legislature by the British North America Act; and that such interference was entirely unwarranted by any circumstances of the case, and must seriously militate against the harmony and good will that it should be the aim of the Dominion Parliament to promote amongst all the Provinces and people of the Dominion."

[We thought to give the whole report of Conference in this issue, but find that it grows so rapidly in writing that part of it must be held over till next week. We want to report it to those readers who are interested in the doings of Conference will have a somewhat definite idea of what was said and done.—En.]

DENOMINATIONAL NEWS.

THE HARMONY QUARTERLY MEETING held its First Session with the Free Baptist Church at Port Medway, Queen's Co., commencing on Friday, Oct. 3rd, 1873.

Bro. Edwin Morine was chosen Moderator. There were but very few present from the churches, as representatives or visitors, yet there were enough to transact what business came before the conference.

Bro. H. J. Durkee, agent for the Free Baptist Society in Halifax City, and approved by the Nova Scotia Conference to collect funds to purchase a place of worship in that city, was present, and rendered efficient service in the deliberations of the session.

For various reasons there were no letters from the churches. Some of them were reported verbally, but there was nothing of special interest communicated. The general cry from all quarters seemed to be, spiritual declension.

Bro. H. J. Durkee, formerly an ordained Elder in the United States, but now a member of the Port Medway Church, having expressed a desire to become a member of the Nova Scotia Conference, was unanimously received in accordance with our denominational usage, and heartily welcomed to our ministerial ranks. We hope that he will have the sympathy and support of his fellow-laborers, and of the denomination and of all true Christians, that he may accomplish a great work for the Master in his native Province.

These were considerable interest manifested in the Home Mission subject. The public meeting was held on Saturday evening, and although the attendance was small the funds were considerably increased, and we trust the hearts of the people greatly enlarged, so that they will more willingly "run in the ways of God's commandments," and consequently find peace and satisfaction to their souls.

The sum of \$100 was promised toward the interest in Halifax, from the funds of the Home Mission Society.

In view of the lack of interest among our people generally, with regard to our Quarterly Meetings, a committee was appointed to prepare resolutions touching that subject, which should be published in the RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCER. The work of that committee was as follows:—

Whereas, There exists a manifest apathy on the part of the members of our churches in attending the sessions of the Quarterly Meeting; and whereas, many churches seem to discard entirely Article 6th of our Quarterly Meeting Constitution, which provides that all the churches shall "represent themselves by letter and by delegates" at each session.

Therefore resolved, 1st, That this Quarterly Meeting consider these sessions of vital importance to the denomination, and a means of grace to the churches.

2nd, That we renewedly urge upon the attention of our churches the necessity of complying with Article 6th of our Constitution.

3rd, That more strenuous efforts be made to secure Ministerial aid, both by delegation from our sister Quarterly Meetings, and by pastors in our own churches.

4th, That the pastors and deacons be requested to lay the matter before their several churches at some time previous to the next session of this Quarterly Meeting, when these resolutions, with the Quarterly Meeting Constitution, shall be read in the hearing of the people.

5th, That we call upon all of the followers of Christ to earnestly plead at the Throne of Grace, that God will grant great success in His vineyard, and an ingathering of precious souls.

The religious meetings in connection were quite interesting and profitable. The Social Conference on Saturday was good. The Sabbath-school exercises on Sabbath afternoon were a great credit to school and denomination. As Bro. Durkee was the only minister from abroad, he preached in the morning and evening of Sabbath. The preaching was good and the listeners attentive, and we trust that God was glorified.

The sacramental season was refreshing. On the

whole, considering the small attendance, it was a good and profitable Quarterly Meeting session.

The next session is to be held (n. v.) on the first Friday in January, 1874, at the place hereafter designated by the locating committee.

THEO. H. CROWELL, Q. M. Clerk.

October, 1873, WOODSTOCK.—Rev. G. W. McDonald, has accepted a call to the Woodstock church, and will, next week, enter upon his duties. We think the church has chosen wisely; and we pray that Bro. McLeod may be greatly blessed in his labours in so important a field.

Correspondents are requested to address Bro. McDonald at Woodstock; and persons visiting the town, who wish to see him, may find him by enquiring at the store of Mr. S. L. Churchhill.

THE EDITOR SPEAKS FOR HIMSELF.

Our readers learned from last week's paper that the *Daily News* of this city had charged the editor of the *Intelligencer* with having been present at the recent boat races on the Kennebecasis. Being absent from home, attending the General Conference, we did not see either the charge or the denial until we read them in our own columns on Thursday evening. Thanking his brother (Mr. McLeod) for the prompt denial of the charge, the editor wishes to say just a word or two for himself.

We do not have a single fear that any regular reader of the *Intelligencer* will place a particle of confidence in the statement of the *News*; and while we pity the creatures who are so destitute of many principle and every sense of self-respect as to write and publish a deliberate falsehood, we can afford to laugh at their pious attempts to injure us in the minds of the few who read their paper. It is not, then, to defend ourselves against the *News* charge that we write, but simply to show our readers the character of the men who control it, that they may be able hereafter to estimate at their proper value the statements of that paper. That the *News* writers knew before its publication that the charge was untrue, and that they were requested to withhold it, we have proof; hence we are justified in saying that they deliberately published a falsehood.

In the rejoinder to the denial made in our behalf by Mr. McLeod, they neither withdrew the charge nor apologized for it, as any one with any sense of fairness or honor would have done; but instead, they studiously avoided the real question by abusing Mr. McLeod for having concerned himself in the matter, and contrived to write so as to insinuate anew the original statement. This was done on two occasions; which warrants us in stating—that the *News* is guilty of maliciously retelling falsehood. The plea that it was a "jocular paragraph" is of no worth in view of the persistency with which it has been reiterated. Then it must be remembered that a lie is never a joke, especially when the lie, it believed, will affect one's moral character. That it is not believed in this case does not one whit abate the guilt of the *News*, for it evidently meant to do just as much harm as would have been done had the statement been made by one whose reputation for veracity was just the opposite of that of the writer of the slanderous paragraph.

We do not now ask the *News* to publish a denial of its statement, for we cannot so far forget ourselves. If, however, it should by accident or otherwise happen to do so, we think it would be acceptable as evidence of the existence of some hitherto latent conscience and gentlemanly instinct in its managers, which by proper and assiduous cultivation might do them some good service in their future career.

Pen and Scissors.

The theatres in London are now used for special religious services for the masses. A correspondent writes that he has just taken a trip of over eight hundred miles through the interior of Japan, that he found the anti-Christian edicts everywhere removed, and that he was everywhere as safe as if on Broadway.

At the close of a forcible sermon on tobacco, delivered by Rev. D. W. C. House before the last camp meeting at Williamstown, Conn., it is stated that twenty ministers came forward and forswore the use of the weed from henceforth forevermore.

There has been a very general revival throughout the Methodist churches in the South, which is still in progress. Reports of over two thousand three hundred conversions during the week ending September 9th have been received. The number in Alabama was six hundred and thirty-five.

The *Westchester* of a New York church pays three thousand dollars per year, and perquisites make it a man to do all the work for one thousand dollars.

At a National Spiritualist convention held in Chicago recently, it was proposed to change the name from "Spiritualists" to "Anti-Christianity." The proposal met with general favor, and seems exactly fitting to the facts in the case. It is always well to call things by their right name.

Sprague spent his summer holiday in a way, says the *Sun*, which his friend and admirer, Rufus, would be sure to approve. A gentleman placed his carriage at the preacher's service, and the two travelled together from place to place in the county of Kent, viewing its scenery and conversing with its people; and as there was room for another, they took along the hard-working secretary of one of the home mission societies.

Mr. Talmage's *Free College* for training Christian men and women will reopen in October. Dr. Ruben Jeffrey, formerly of Cincinnati, will have a permanent connection with the college as instructor. A course of theological and practical instruction will be given to the students, and weekly lectures will be delivered by eminent clergymen and laymen. The institution has already 600 students under its drill. It maintains 27 preaching stations. Some of its students have become city missionaries. Mr. Talmage gives his own enthusiasm and energy to the work, and whatever else may be taught, the beauty of dulness is not encouraged.

Public Schools and the Catholics.—A mass meeting was held in the Academy of Music, Brooklyn, N. Y., Wednesday evening, to defend the common school system against the invasion of the Catholics. The building was filled, Dan'l D. Wilder presided, and an address was made by Van Fleet showing how the Catholic clergy had opposed the schools. J. D. Fulton also made a strong speech, and the audience, in which was a large number of prominent politicians, seemed to be aware of the great responsibility that the situation imposes on them. This question is that and its neighboring city is taking quite serious shape.

Mr. de Looze having converted Africa into an island by the isthmus of Suez Canal, Signor Antonio Zimello, of Vicenza, wants him to turn Europe and Asia into one continent. This well-known Italian engineer has a plan for bridging over the Bosphorus. He proposes to do it by erecting eighty pillars from shore to shore, at a height sufficient to allow of large vessels sailing under. The distance across is over a mile and a half, but there is a rock in the channel, upon which stands "Leander's tower," and there are points further up where the shores come close together—so that if a couple of pillars could be established, a suspension bridge might be hung there.

Inviting notice. Every stranger who drops into the Warren Avenue Baptist Church, Boston, Rev. G. P. Pentecost, pastor, has the following notice placed in his hands: "Our house of worship is large, affording sittings for 1400 people, and we of

THANKSGIVING.

The following proclamation appears in the *Royal Gazette*:

It having pleased Almighty God in His great mercy to bless the labors of the Husbandman with an abundant Harvest, and to bestow upon the people of this Province manifold and great blessings during the current year.

I do therefore appoint Thursday, the twenty-third day of October instant, to be observed as a Day of Thanksgiving, and recommend its observance throughout the Province; And I do also hereby proclaim and appoint the said twenty-third day of October to be a Public Holiday.

THE EXHIBITION.

of 1873 is over. Opinions concerning it are quite varied in some respects, but we believe that nearly all who were there agree that it was not nearly so good as showing the agricultural capabilities of manufacturing enterprise of the province, as those of former years. That it was a success, as a horse-racing exhibition, and a harvest time for gamblers is conceded. The owners and backers of the different horses did the usual amount of disputing, talked loudly and blasphemously, and acted generally in a most disgraceful manner, if report says correctly. Rum was sold by authority of the Fredericton City Council, and fortune wheels and other swindling operators were diligently prosecuting their business. It may be that by these things the managers were able to make the exhibition a financial success; but we are sure that it was everything but a credit to the province.

WOOD'S HOUSEHOLD MAGAZINE, for October, has thrust its cheery little self into our presence. It brings to us the treasures it has been gathering the past month, and all are deserving of notice. Each has its own peculiar value. There is an engraving of the chromo YOSMITE, which the publisher is offering as a premium—which gives a very accurate idea, save in size and coloring, of what the chromo YOSMITE is.

Price of the Magazine, One Dollar a year,—with chromo, One Dollar and a Half. Address, WOOD'S HOUSEHOLD MAGAZINE, Newburgh, N. Y.

The *Colonial Farmer* has been enlarged and looks well. We wish the Proprietors success.

The *Maritime Monthly* and the *New Dominion Monthly*, for October, received.

To CORRESPONDENTS.—Silas Lewis: We have forwarded Conference fund to Treasurer. Hope your paper is giving all right by this time.—Rev. C. Knowles: Have given directions concerning Wm. Watts' paper. Want to hear from you again.

"A Short Journey—what I saw and thought," crowded out this week.

The News and the Press.

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NEW BRUNSWICK.—Carleton Co. has already in the field three candidates for the seat vacated by Mr. White, Messrs. Stickney, Harding and Scholly, and it is probable there will be others soon. Mr. Stickney is said to be the favourite. The Steamers are now running all the way to Grand Falls. ... scarlet fever, which has been prevalent in St. Andrews, is on the decline. ... The Marine Hospital at St. Andrews will soon be completed. ... St. Andrews wants to be incorporated, not being satisfied with the irresponsible government of the magistrates. ... Kings Co. election will take place on the 24th inst. Messrs. Wm. Flaveling, Jas. Nowlan, and J. D. M. Keator are in the field. Who or how many more will put themselves or be put forward before nomination day (the 20th) cannot be conjectured. ... Queens Co. Agricultural Society will hold its annual exhibition in New Jerusalem on Tuesday the 21st inst. ... The Corner Store of the Maritime Bank was laid last Saturday. ... A man named Thos. Saunders living in Portland, tried hard last Sunday to commit suicide. He tried to hang himself, but was cut down; then he tried to drown himself, but was rescued. He is a 'right when sober, but being crazy wanted to destroy himself. ... Governor Wilnot is moving from Government House to his own residence. ... There are several persons mentioned as likely to be candidates for the seat in the representation of Kent Co. made vacant by the Hon. Mr. Caile. ... Operations have been commenced at St. Michael's Branch Railway to Dixon's Landing. ... A cargo of railroad iron for the 'Kiviee' de Loupe Co. arrived in the "Aurora Borealis" from New York. ... The gold discoveries at Grand Falls are exciting considerable attention. ... The steam saw mill at Cutham, owned by Hon. Wm. Milnehead, was destroyed by fire on Saturday evening. As there was no insurance on the mill the loss will be very heavy. ... An Ottawa dispatch of the 10th to the *Halifax Chronicle*, says that the Canada Gazette contains a proclamation that places the ports of Miramichi, N. B., and Pictou, N. S., under quarantine. This is especially directed against possible approach of Asiatic cholera. ... The cable between the Cape Traverse and Fortmentine is being laid by the steamer *Robert Lowe*. ... The whooping cough is quite prevalent in Moncton. There are upwards of twenty cases in the town and suburbs. ... A cheese factory is proposed for St. Stephen. ... There are several cases of spinal meningitis in Moncton and vicinity. ... Probably between two and three thousand sheep have been exported from Carleton County to the United States this fall, and there has also been a large exodus from Aroostook Co. A short time since there were over 800 carried away by one train via McAdam Junction. ... John Geddis, who is employed in Messrs. G. & F. Williams' mill, Gagetown, had his hand severely cut across the knuckles, severing the finger bones. Dr. Scott amputated the little finger, but hopes to save the remainder of the hand. ... Mr. George Alward, of New Canada, Queen's County, has a hog, two years old last spring, that girls six feet, four inches, and a half weigh this fall, nine hundred pounds. Its present weight is over eight hundred. ... One of the female inmates of the Lunatic Asylum was very badly burned on Thursday last. Her dress came in contact with the fire and caught, and before she could be put out she was badly burned. ... The laborers' society of this city seem to be controlling every thing and every body. The merchants and ship owners are their submissive servants. A man not a member of the society supplied by Guy, Stewart & Co. The officers of the society at once ordered the work to be stopped on all the vessels being loaded by Luke Stewart & Co.; and the only way out of the difficulty was to discharge the man first named. It is time that this sort of tyranny was done away with. ... Glass' hotel in Gagetown was totally destroyed by fire on Monday night. The office of Mr. Harding adjoining was also destroyed, supposed to be the work of an incendiary. ... A man and his wife were well sent to the penitentiary for drunkenness one day this week. ... The water in the Miramichi is very high just now. ... Some body, said to belong to Saint John, hired a horse and buggy from J. R. Golding, Fredericton, the other day, and has not yet returned.

NOVA SCOTIA.—Three bears have been trapped in Annapolis County during the past week. ... The Antigonish *Capital* says arrangements are in progress to extend the railway from New Glasgow to Cape Breton, and that a company is now prepared to adopt the scheme proposed several times in Parliament, by the Hon. Hugh McDonald. The projectors are sanguine of the success of the enterprise. ... Fish is scarce in Halifax, and speculators have