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MEETING OF PARLIAMENT.—On Thursday, at the Privy Council held at Windsor, Parliament was ordered to be further prorogued from the 3d of January, until Tuesday the 31st January, 1854, and a proclamation was issued summoning Parliament to meet on that day "for the despatch of public business."

LADY NAPIER.—It is said that Lady Napier, widow of the conqueror of Scinde, was so poor that a pension of £100 must be given her. Next that he left £20,000 to her—all that remained of £76,000 prize money at Scinde. Now, the fact is, he had not spent the Scinde money, but gave away £50,000 on his death bed, to save the heavy legacy duty on it, if it went as a bequest.

The Reported Escape of Mr. W. S. O'Brien.—Letters have been received in Dublin from Mr. Smith O'Brien, written from New Norfolk, bearing date the 16th September, three days later than the date assigned for his escape, from which it would appear that the reports of his escape, emanating from Limeick, are totally destitute of foundation.—[Scotsman, Dec. 31.]

THE FRENCH ARMY.—The Emperor of the French some time back gave directions to the Minister of War to prepare a report for him, giving an exact detail of the present situation of the French army, to be accompanied with a statement of the number of men France could, if necessary, place without delay on a war footing. This paper, it is said, has been lately sent in, and the number of men which could be thus employed is set down at 1,250,000.

Count de Peyronnet, the well known minister of the Restoration, has just died at his estate of Montferand, near Bordeaux, aged 77 years.

JEWESSES LEARNED IN HEBREW.—A French lady, at Athens, established in 1849, a prize of five thousand francs for the Jewish damsel who, after close examination, should be declared the most proficient in the Hebrew language. It has been divided between a young lady of the city of Nancy and another of Strasburg, 2700 francs to one, and 2300 to the other. The Three Grand Rabbis of the Central Consistory of France, and several eminent Hebrew scholars were the judges. They found the competitors thoroughly versed, and worthy in an absolute sense, of what was awarded.—[Paris Cor. N. Y. Journal of Commerce.]

HONORS TO THE CAPTAIN OF THE THREE BELLS.—New York, Jan. 26.—This morning the freedom of the city, together with a gold snuff box, was presented to Capt. Creighton, of the Three Bells, at the Astor House. Afterwards, the Captain proceeded with the Committee to the Governor's Room, in the City Hall, where he was greeted by an immense throng of our citizens with enthusiastic acclamations. Among the distinguished persons present were General Scott and staff.

The Three Bells was one of the vessels which rescued the passengers and crew of the steamer San Francisco. This ship lay by the sinking steamer six days to effect this noble object.

A train of forty-two cars came down from Columbus over the Columbus and Xenia and Little Miami Railways, Ohio, on Thursday, January 5, having on them three thousand seven hundred and sixty-four hogs, weighing in all about one million two hundred thousand pounds.

A Warning to Filibusters.—The Mexican Chiefs of Lower California have already made a descent upon the small town Encinata, and "chawed up" President Walker and his budding Republic.

It is said that one of the most distinguished physicians of New England ascribes the fearful increase of cases of paralysis to the use of stoves in close rooms, particularly in sleeping apartments.—Boston paper.

Chester Jennings, for many years the popular proprietor of the City Hotel, Broadway, N. York, died on the 20th inst. at the Astor House.

SHIPS FOR ENGLAND.—Mr. McKay, who recently launched at East Boston, a ship of 1500 tons, for James Baines & Co., merchants, of Liverpool, has another ship, which will measure nearly 3000 tons, on the stocks for the same firm.—Messrs. Baines & Co. are the owners of the celebrated St. John built clipper ship Marco Polo, whose voyages have distanced all competition.—They are also building at Belfast, Ireland, an iron sailing vessel, which will be the largest iron sailing ship in the world. The length will be 300 feet, beam 43 feet, depth of hold 30 feet. She is a three decker, and will have light steam power and a screw. The vessel is to be built under the superintendence of Mr. James Hodson, engineer.

Death of the Russian Minister at Washington.—Mons. Bodisco, the Russian Minister, died at Washington on the 23d ult. The American papers say, he served his master faithfully, and yet was as honest a diplomat as ever was recognised at the White House.

A Royal Advocate of the Maine Law.—The king of Sweden recently made a temperance speech before the Diet, and announced that he intended to submit a proposition for the suppression of the manufacture and sale of ardent spirits.

MONTREAL HARBOR.—The Montreal Harbor

Commissioners recommend that a new harbor deep enough to accommodate sea going vessels, and of 18 to 20 acres superficies, be constructed. The vicinity of Point Charles, seems the location best adapted, as, on account of Victoria Bridge, the railway trade will centre in that direction. It is therefore recommended that a harbour be constructed between Nun's Island and the main land, a channel being deepened in the river to allow ships to come in. The harbour will be connected with the Canal, and all cartage in the transfer of goods saved, which is an important consideration. The harbour is expected to cost £75,000, and the Commissioners recommend a loan of £100,000, to be secured by debentures, with the Provincial guarantee attached to them.

Domestic.

NISI PRIUS COURT.—John Nelson was on Saturday placed at the Bar at about half-past 12 o'clock, to receive sentence of punishment for an assault upon Mrs. Allen, the circumstances of which are already before the public. The Hon. Mr. Justice Parker, in passing the sentence of the law, took occasion to make many observations which, for the eloquence in which they were delivered, and soundness of the principles enunciated, evidently made a deep impression upon the large concourse which crowded the Court. He reviewed succinctly the whole circumstances of the case; explained why, under the law, the jury could not pronounce him guilty of felony, altho' the minor offence had been accompanied with circumstances the grossest, most revolting and disgusting. The effects of such assaults, if allowed to go unpunished, would afford a precedent which, he believed, would prove disastrous to the best interests of the community. The learned judge also took occasion to pass an eulogium upon the lady whose position in this melancholy case had justly excited public commiseration, and to acknowledge himself strongly persuaded that her whole demeanor had been such as should be the characteristic of a pure-minded and honorable woman. His Honor proceeded then to speak of the crime of adultery, which had been the one which he, Nelson, himself had not pretended to deny he sought to perpetrate, and briefly but most touchingly alluded to the dishonorable position in which his unfortunate victim, (if seduced) would have been placed. Next his, Nelson's, own infidelity to the wife of his bosom, and the awfully depraved example he had openly set his young and interesting family, and while he felt a severe punishment was justly due, he considered she would not be called to suffer, nor his innocent offspring; that public sympathy would be rather for them than against them; that they would be borne up in the arms of public sympathy; that he, and he only would suffer. He expressed his belief that the Court had decided upon the mildest sentence the revolting circumstances of the case would permit, "which sentence," said his honor, "is that you, John Nelson, be confined in the Provincial Penitentiary for one year, during which time you be kept at hard labour."

At the announcement of the sentence the auditory seemed deeply affected,—while the prisoner found vent for his feelings in tears. The Sheriff was then commanded to see to the fulfilment of the sentence of the law; and the weeping prisoner was remanded amid the profound silence of the crowd.—Morn. Times.

Destruction of the Parliament Buildings at Quebec.

A telegraph despatch received at the News Room, states that the Parliament Buildings at Quebec were destroyed by fire on Wednesday morning. The fire broke out between 3 and 4 o'clock in the south wing of the buildings, and continued raging with terrific fury until the whole block was entirely consumed. Very little was saved from the wing in which the fire originated, but it is said the greater part of the Library and many of the most valuable documents were rescued from other sections of the building. The exertions of the Firemen and Military were beyond all praise. The fire is thought to have originated from one of the flues of the hot air furnace. The building is said to be insured for £30,000 in offices in England.

JANUARY.—The Weather, during the month just expiring, has been variable; but for the most part severely wintry. January commenced with very cold weather and deep snow; which was succeeded by rapid thaws and rains, that beat down and swept away a great portion of the snowy accumulation on the ground. This again was replaced by renewed heavy snow-storms, succeeded by intense cold, the thermometer being at times far below zero. The last eight or ten days have been mostly distinguished by severe cold weather and keen northerly winds; one of the coldest days of the season was Wednesday last; and the night of Saturday last we believe to have been the coldest we have experienced this winter. On Sunday morning, the thermometer fell to 22° below zero (of Fahrenheit), in the City, and 25° below zero on Carleton heights. The temperature

moderated yesterday, sufficiently to allow of a slight fall of snow; which, however, was accompanied by a boisterous wind. To-day we have soft weather and rain.—Obs.

BAY STEAMER.—We were pleased to learn, that there is every probability of a first class Steamboat being placed, during the coming season, on the route between this City and the Bend of Petico-diac. An association of enterprising merchants have energetically started the project, and it is rapidly approaching entire success. The Boat is to be an iron Screw Propeller, of the very best description, and to be built at Glasgow. The estimated expense is £13,000; of which sum we learn stock has already been subscribed in this City, by parties of the highest respectability, to the amount of £6,050; (or about half of the whole) and it is expected that the other half will be readily subscribed in the county of Westmoreland. We heartily wish the projectors every success; as there is no route on which a first class Steamer is more required, than that between St. John and the head of the Bay.—Ib.

Another Specimen of Naval Architecture.—A very fine Ship of 1202 tons n. m., and 1113 tons o. m., was brought to this port on the 11th inst., from Tynemouth, where she was built by Messrs. Lovitt & Parker, for Messrs. William Leavitt and I. L. Bedell, of this City, and called the "Simonds." She was built and fastened under the especial direction of Mr. Tucker, Lloyd's Surveyor for this port, and will bear examination.—Cow.

SHIPWRECK.—The bark Envoy, Hagarty, master, which sailed from this port on Saturday last, for Londonderry, was wrecked the same night on Brier Island. Crew saved, though some of them were frostbitten.

MISSING VESSEL.—Brigt. Syria, of Windsor, N. S., from Baltimore for this port, with wheat, sailed from Edgartown on the 28th Dec., and is supposed to have foundered in the gale of the 29th ult.—New-Bruns.

A MUNIFICENT GIFT.—On Monday the 23d inst., the sum of One hundred and seventy-two dollars was presented to the publisher of the Provincial Patriot with the accompanying—"To Mr. Lorimer, Editor of the St. Stephen Banner, as a new year's offering." We regret that we are not at liberty to publish the names of those generous gentlemen who have thus evinced their kindness towards us, as very few Editors meet with such tangible tokens of good-will, but the handsome donation merits gratitude too deep for words.—Eight individuals, who would feel an honest pride in recording their names each for himself, as one of the people, are associated in this "new year's offering"—to them, as in duty bound, we tender our sincere respect, and shall ever feel deeply grateful.—St. Stephen Patriot.

BUSINESS DONE IN TORONTO.—A Toronto paper says that Ross, Mitchell & Co. last year, sold goods value three millions of dollars—that they sent off property value £10,000 to Australia, on sale—that MacMaster does the next largest business in extent—Shaw, Turnbull & Co. turn over a great deal of cash in the course of twelve months—that Mayor Bowes's business (we don't mean his city shaving business) is a very good one—and that Mr. McMurrich's share of the profits of his firm for 1853, was at least £5,000.

The amount of duties collected at Toronto in 1853, was £155,260; at Quebec, £141,019.

SHIP-BUILDING AT KINGSTON.—Capt. Gaskin has laid the keel of a second ship at the Marine Railway ship-yard. She is to be about fifteen feet longer than the one now on the stocks, and will measure 800 tons. The first is well advanced, as nearly half the planking is done. Both ships will be out early in the season, and be advertised for Liverpool in the Kingston papers.

No tidings of the English Steamer at Halifax this morning at 9 o'clock.

Brother Troop received his License from the 1st Springfield Church, and not from Wickham, as stated last week.

MONEY RECEIVED.—Rev. A. Mutch, 25s; Mrs. Wm. Vaughn, 10s; Benj. Churchill, 15s; Rev. D. Crandall, 7s 6d; Zeb. Gabel, 7s 6d; D. Roberts, 7s 6d; J. D. Colwell, 7 6; Geo. Ballentine, senr., 5s; by Mr. John Ford, 45s; Joseph Read, 7s 6d; Rev. B. Scott, 7s 6d; Mrs. FitzPatrick, 5s; Rev. D. Crandall, 17s 6d; Hon. J. McCully, 7s. 6d; Dr. Patterson, 10s; J. Crandal, Esq. 12s. 6d.

There will be a Protracted Meeting held at Point de Bute, on the 10th of February next.—As many of our Ministering Brethren as can attend are respectfully invited. J. ROWE.

A GREAT BLESSING TO THE AFFLICTED.

The number and formidable character of diseases of the Liver have long challenged the attention of medical men. Some of these diseases, classed under the general term of Consumption, have been supposed incurable and the unhappy patient allowed to die, without medical science to offer him a hope of recovery. Happily this can no longer be the case. A remedy has been found which will

cure all complaints, of whatever character, arising from derangement of the Liver. The Pills discovered by Dr. M'Lane of Virginia, act directly on the Liver; and by correcting its operation and purifying it from disease, cut off and extirpates the complaints which have their origin in the diseases of this organ. Remedies hitherto proposed for liver complaints, have failed to operate upon the seat of the disease; but Dr. M'Lane's Pills make themselves felt upon the action of the Liver, and by cleansing the fountain, dry up the impure streams of disease which thence derive their existence.

Purchasers will please be careful to ask for Dr. M'Lane's Liver Pills, and take none else. All others Pills, in comparison, are worthless. Dr. M'Lane's genuine Pills, also his Celebrated Vermifuge, can now be had at all respectable Drug Stores in the United States and British Provinces.

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SEMINARY

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REV. CHARLES SPURDEN, Principal.
MR. A. H. MUNRO, Assistant Teacher.

The year is divided into four Terms, of eleven weeks each, which will commence as follows:

First Term,	16th January,	1854.
Second,	3rd April,	"
Third,	24th July,	"
Fourth,	9th October,	"

TUITION FEES.

Under 10 years of age,	10s.
Between 10 and 14,	15s.
Over 14 years of age,	20s.

FUEL, 2s. 6d. each Autumn, Winter and Spring Term.

BOARD and WASHING, 8s. 6d. a week.

C. SPURDEN, Principal.

January 6th 1854.

Extraordinary Cure Effectuated.

On Saturday last, as we were passing along Market street, our attention was directed to a young girl who was passing rapidly on the opposite side of the street. We at once recognized her as a girl who not more than a year before was a helpless cripple; her foot was turned nearly bottom side upward and she hobbled along on the side of it and her ankle. It was really distressing at that time to see her walking, but now she is so nearly recovered as to be able to walk almost without limping. We took the trouble to inquire how this remarkable improvement in her ankle had been brought about, and learnt Dr Bragg had effected this remarkable cure with his Mustang Liniment.—St. Louis Daily Herald, June 1853.

Sold in St. John, by George F. Everett Co., and G. F. Garrison, Druggists.

A CARD.

MRS. WINSLOW TO THE LADIES.

Mrs. Winslow an old and experienced nurse and Female Physician, would call the attention of the Ladies to her Soothing Syrup for Children teething. It will immediately relieve them from pain, allay all spasmodic action, soften the gums, reduce inflammation, and is sure to regulate the Bowels. Depend upon it Mothers, it will give rest to yourselves and relief and health to your children.

Price 25 cents per bottle.

We have sold very large quantities of Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup during the past six years, several thousand and the last year. We believe it the best medicine in the world for Children teething or for the cure of Dysentery and Diarrhea in Children whether it arises from teething or any other causes. It gives universal satisfaction—never heard a complaint from any one using it—never sold a medicine so universally successful in relieving pain and effecting cures—relief is ABSOLUTELY SURE.

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For sale by Agents in New Brunswick & Nova Scotia.

To Dry Goods Merchants and others,

Whose Business compels them to cross the water or travel at this inclement season of the year.

The Invoice of heavy German Tweeds, Beaver and Pilot Cloths, consigned for immediate sale, to Messrs. Wm. Parks & Son, have been purchased by J. GARRETT & Co., Corner of King and Cross streets, at 25 per cent on sterling invoice. Our reasons for particularly inviting the attention of the above class of Merchants to these goods is, that they well know the quality of the goods when they see them: and are well aware that nothing equal to them has ever been imported into Saint John. Dec. 6.

Hymeneal.

Till Hymen brought his love-delighted hour.
There dwelt no joy in Eden's rosy bower;
The world was sad!—the garden was a wild!
And man, the hermit, sighed—till woman smiled!

On the 24th inst., by the Rev. W. Ferris, A. M., Mr. James Galbraith, to Miss Ellen Galbraith, both of Pisarrieco.

On the 25th inst., by the same, Mr. James Ferguson, to Miss Elizabeth S. Baird, of Pisarrieco.

On Thursday the 26th inst., at the residence of the bride's father, by the Rev. J. Bartholomew, Mr. Thomas Ellison,