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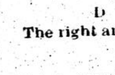

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Cotemporary Press and News.

DR. LIVINGSTONE'S EXPLORATIONS IN AFRICA.

At a meeting of the Royal Geographical Society, held in London on Monday evening,—Sir R. Murchison in the chair,—the following letter from Dr. Livingstone, as briefly noticed in our telegraphic news yesterday, was read. It was addressed to the Earl of Clarendon:—

UGOMANO, 18th May, 1866.

MY LORD,—When we could not discover a path for camels through the mangrove swamps at the month of the Rovuma, we proceeded about 25 miles to the north of the river, and at the bottom of Mikindamy Bay entered a beautiful land-locked harbor, called Kinday-on-Pemba. The population consists of coast Arabs and their slaves. The six villages in which they live are dotted all round the shore, and may contain 300 souls in all. They seemed to be suspicious, and, but for our having been accompanied by H. M. S. "Penguin," would have given trouble. The ordinary precaution of placing a sentry over our exposed goods caused a panic, and the sirkar, or head-man, thought that he gave a crushing reply to my explanations, when he blustered out, "But we have no thieves here!" Our route hence was S.S.W. to the Rovuma, which we struck at the spot marked on the chart as that at which "Pioneer" turned in 1861. We travelled over the same plateau that is seen to flank both sides of the Rovuma, like a chain of hills, from 400 feet to 600 feet high. Except where the natives, who are called Makonde, reside, the whole country within the influences of the moisture from the ocean is covered with dense jungle. The trees in general are not large, but planted so closely together as generally to exclude the sun. In many places they may be said to be woven together by tangled masses of climbing plants, more resembling the ropes and cables of a ship in inextricable confusion than the graceful creepers with which we are familiar in northern climes. They gave the impression of being remnants of the carboniferous period referred to by geologists, and the huge pachydermata of that time were the only beings that could wriggle through them. Trade paths have already been made, but we had both to heighten and widen them for camels and buffaloes. The people at the sea-coast had declared that no aid could be got from the natives. When we were seven miles off we were agreeably surprised to find that for reasonable wages we could employ any number of carriers and wood-cutters we desired. As they were accustomed to clearing away the gigantic climbers for their garden ground, they whittled away with their tomahawks with remarkable speed and skill. Two days' continuous hard labor was as much as they could stand. It is questionable whether any people (except, possibly, the Chinese) who are not meat-eaters, can endure continuous labor of a kind that brings so many muscles into violent action as this work did. French navvies could not compete with the English until they were fed exactly like the latter. The Makonde have only fowls, a few goats, and the chance of an occasional gorge of the wild hog of the country. Little can be said about the appearance of the country. By the occasional glimpse we got, it seemed covered with great masses of dark green foliage, except where the bamboo gave a lighter tint, or a sterculia had changed its leaves to yellow in anticipation of winter. The path we followed sometimes went along or across a "waddy," in which we were smothered by the grass overhead. Such rocks as we could see were undisturbed gray sandstone, capped by ferruginous conglomerate. Upon this we often stumbled against blocks of silicified wood that any one would be unwilling to believe at sight were not stones. This is a sure indication here of coal being underneath, and pieces of it were met in the sands of the river. When about 90 miles from the mouth of the Rovuma the geological structure changes, and with this change we have more open vegetation. The chief rock is new ayenite, and patches of fine white dolomite lie upon it in spots. Granitic masses have been shot up over the plain which extends in front all the way to Ugomano,—the confluence of the Rovuma or Louma, and Loendi. In the drier country we found that one of those inexplicable droughts had happened over the north bank of the Rovuma, and a tribe of Mazite or Mazitu, probably Zulus, had come down like a swarm of locusts and robbed away all the food above and in the ground. I had to make forced marches with the Makonde in quest of provisions for my party, and am now with Matumora or Machumora, the chief at Ugomano, and by sending some twenty miles to the south-west I shall soon succor them. This is the point of confluence, as the name Tugamano, or Ugomano, implies, of the Louma and Loendi. The Loendi is decidedly the parent stream, and comes from the south-west, where, in addition to some bold granite peaks, the dim outline of distant high land appears. Even at that distance they raise the spirits, but possibly that is caused partly by the fact that this is about 30 miles beyond our former turning-point and the threshold of the unexplored. I propose to make this my headquarters till I have felt my way round Lake Nyassa. So much has been said about Arab proselytism that it was with interest inquiries were made about their success in converting the Makonde to the Mahommetan faith. Here, as elsewhere, no attempts to teach had been made. Some Arabs asserted that it would be useless, for the Makonde had no idea of a deity. On making inquiries about the gum copal digging, I was shown a tree from which the gum was actually dropping, but they do not dig under the trees at present living. They choose the vicinity, in the belief that near to the modern trees those which yielded what is now considered fossil gum must have grown. Here they dig, "and," said the spokesman, "the first and second day we may labor in vain, but God may give it us after that." To this acknowledgment of a deity all responded, "It is as He wills it." The experiment with the buffaloes and tsetse has not been satisfactory; one buffalo and two camels died.

Hoping that this short sketch, which I write in haste for an Arab, who is passing down to the coast, may be approved, I am, &c.,
DAVID LIVINGSTONE.

Sir Roderick Murchison, in some remarks on the letter, expressed the opinion that Dr. Livingstone would be at least able to penetrate as far as the Nyassa, so as to determine whether any river entered it from the north, which would be an important point to ascertain.

MR. DOULTON, M.P., AND THE "DAILY TELEGRAPH."

(From the London Standard.)

In the Court of Queen's Bench on Monday (before the Lord Chief Justice, and Justices Mellor and Lush), Mr. Field, Q.C., moved on behalf of Mr. Doulton, M.P. for Lambeth, for a rule calling on the *Daily Telegraph* to show cause why a criminal information should not be filed against the printer of the paper for a libel, Mr. Doulton, on whose behalf he moved, had been for some years M.P. for the borough of Lambeth, and also a member of the Metropolitan Board of Works. He was returned for Lambeth as a supporter of the late Lord Palmerston's Government, and he continued to support that and the subsequent government, with the exception of voting for the last Reform Bill.—That gentleman, with many others, conscientiously objected to certain portions of that Bill, and for what they did in consequence they had received the name of Adullamites.—For any strictures of his public character he did not and would not complain, however severe, unless they imputed to him dishonesty of conduct likely to affect his private character. Believing, therefore, that the article complained of went beyond the former and attacked the latter, he felt bound to come forward and ask their Lordships to grant this rule. The article, which was a very long one, appeared on the 20th Nov., and commenced by referring to a speech delivered by Mr. T. Hughes, the other M.P. for Lambeth, on the previous evening, at the Walworth institution, which meeting Mr. Doulton did not attend, because it was called by Mr. T. Hughes without any reference to him (Mr. Doulton).—The article, after praising Mr. T. Hughes for his political honesty, proceeded to animadvert in very severe terms on Mr. Doulton for his conduct in Parliament. The learned council then read the article at length, and the following are some of the passages complained of by Mr. Doulton:—"'Representative' has come to mean in certain mouths a senatorial personage who, on false pretences, embezzles a seat with hypocritical addresses, in order that he may misrepresent his electors on the flimsy plea of independence." "Those who mouth the word 'independent' while they swindle the people, to give them a stage for their political knavery to strut upon, would do well to note two passages in the address (Mr. Hughes's) delivered on Monday night at the Walworth Institution." "Dare any of the spurious independents of the time say such things in such a position? Their own measures and scales are vile, with too much self-interest—fraudulent, with too many hidden make-weights, to allow it. They have to stop at home, like Mr. Doulton, because the new-fashioned honesty of the present House of Commons passes muster there, but is found out and called a sham in less delicate assemblies." "He represents his potteries, and not the borough, and his proper place is among them." "If the borough possessed a dock for political swindlers his proper place would be easier to point out, and he would then have a good right to be heard." "This new Judas of the modern potter's field crept into the confidence of Lambeth in the days of Palmerstonian promises and petty performances—picked the pockets of the Lambeth men of their votes—embezzled the seat for the borough, and then made it a sort of branch establishment for his own private opinions and ends." "The wisest thing that man has ever done since he filched the appendage of M. P. has been to give up saying one word to palliate his condition."

The Lord Chief Justice said it was a discussion of Mr. Doulton's public conduct, and did not attack his private character.

Mr. Field said it imputed improper conduct to Mr. Doulton, who had retired from his pottery business, in order the better to discharge his Parliamentary duties.

The Lord Chief Justice said the article meant that Mr. Doulton came in on certain expressed principles, which the electors really assumed to be held by him, but instead of that he voted against the Reform Bill of the late Government, and had thereby violated his pledges to the electors. The court would be lowering the character of its summary jurisdiction in matters of libel if they granted a rule on this article.

Mr. Field submitted that the article charged Mr. Doulton with private ends.

The Lord Chief Justice said that meant politically. Public men must not be so thin-skinned. All came in now-a-days for their share of public censure or praise. The court could not entertain the application.

Application refused.

CANADIAN NEWS.

— The Toronto police have resumed the system of three hours on and three off alternately during the night, instead of eight consecutive hours on as during summer.

— The Oshawa *Vindicator* says:—The Hall Works are about to engage in a new manufacture for Canada. They have made arrangements for manufacturing printing-presses. Their list will embrace different sizes of the Washington Hand, Gordon Power, and a newspaper power press either for hand or steam.

—A druggist of Quebec, who has not fully complied with the early closing movement there, has had his sign torn down in the night. Such freaks as this can only injure the movement in question, which to be effectual must be quite voluntary.

— The Grand Trunk Railway Company have in process of erection a new freight house, a little southeast of the passenger depot. Its dimensions are to be 300 by 40 feet; and its erection is consequent upon the inconvenient distance from the heart of the city at which the old freight-house is situated.—*London Free Press.*

— On the evening of the 11th inst., at Toronto, a man named Edward Whaelan was killed by the falling of a beam. The man was, it appears, assisting in unloading a quantity of heavy timber on Duchess street; the log, rolling suddenly off the waggon, fell heavily upon deceased, striking him on the head and killing him instantly. His father was also present aiding in unloading the timber, and assisted in picking up his son.

— Steps are being taken to form a Joint Stock Company, having for its object the navigation of the Saugeen river.—*Guelph Mercury.*

DIED FROM DRINK.—On Friday, the 27th ult., a shoemaker of the name of Geo. Burgess was found dead on the Guelph Road. It appears the unfortunate man was in the habit of going on the spree, and that he was last seen alive on the Wednesday evening before his body was found. It is probable that he fell down in a state of intoxication, as an empty bottle, which had evidently contained whiskey, was found in his pocket.—*Ibid.*

THE QUEBEC SUFFERERS.—5,046 pairs of blankets, valued at £2,192 19s. 6d. sterling, and also a bale of flannels, valued at £23 18s. 6d., have been generously contributed by Manchester.

OBITUARY.—Rev. James Baikie, formerly Principal of the Galt Central School, and recently minister of the Gospel at Toronto, died on Sunday evening last, after a prolonged illness.—*Hamilton Times.*

KILLED ON THE TRACK.—The *Globe* says that on Thursday night an unknown, small-sized man, evidently a farmer, was killed at the Cobourg station, by being run over by the night train, after it had gone about 200 yards. The wheels passed over the middle of his head, crushing it to atoms.

DEATH OF AN OLD AND RESPECTED CITIZEN.—On Tuesday Mr. John M. A. Cameron, father of Mr. M. C. Cameron, Q.C., M.P.P., died at the residence of his son, on Duke street, Toronto. The deceased was one of the oldest citizens of Toronto, and for over a quarter of a century occupied a responsible position in the service of the Canada company.—*Leader.*

SPITTING IN COURT.—Thomas Carren, John Lawrenesen, and John Bride, being caught in the commission of the above offence, were placed in the dock, and received a lecture on their personal habits from the Magistrate, with a promise of a week in gaol if caught in the act a second time.—*Globe.*

FIRE IN BIDDULPH.—The tavern and sheds of Mr. Owen, fifth concession, Biddulph, were destroyed, with all their contents, on Monday morning last. The loss is estimated at one thousand dollars, of which but two hundred and fifty dollars is covered by insurance. The fire is thought to have been the work of an incendiary.—*London (C.W.) Advertiser.*

A SUSPENSION BRIDGE.—The commander of Her Majesty's ship "Aurora," we perceive, has determined to construct a suspension bridge between the Custom House wharf and the Commissioners' pier, in order to secure more convenient and ready access to and from the shore during the winter, and prior to the formation of the thick ice. Two strong chain cables are already stretched from wharf to wharf, a distance of 180 feet. The vessel is covered over in a substantial and comfortable manner for the season.—*Quebec Mercury.*

A PROFITABLE BUSINESS!—The returns of the customs department of the government for 1865 show that at several ports of entry, high salaries are paid to officials where very little business is done, and that the expenses exceed the collections in many instances. At some of the ports there have been no collections made. At Sault Ste Marie, although the place has been a free port for a number of years, $1,000 salary for the year was paid to the collector, and $500 each to two landing waiters. At Saugeen, the returns show $500 paid as salary to collector, and $25 40c. amount of collections.—*Paisley Advocate.*

AN ATROCIOUS OUTRAGE.—On Tuesday evening, between three and four o'clock, a most diabolical outrage was perpetrated on the person of Captain Murdock, residing on his farm in Griadstone Island, opposite Gananoque, but in the State of New York. It appears that at this hour Captain Murdock and his wife went to the stables to feed the cattle for the night. Mrs. Murdock, having milked the cows, left her husband, when two men, with their coats turned inside out and their faces masked, leaped from the hay loft, seized Captain Murdock, beat him until he was insensible, tied his arms up to the hay stack, and resorted to a horrible mutilation.—*Kingston paper.*

GREAT WELL.—On Friday last the largest flowing well in or near Petrolia commenced to flow, at the rate of about 800 barrels per day! The well is situated on Lot 11, 11th Concession of this township; is 380 feet deep from the surface, 290 feet in the rock, which is not, by about 100 feet, the depth of the majority of the wells in this vicinity; and is owned by the North Eastern Oil Company, of St. Catherines. When the vein was struck from which the flow proceeds, there was no means at hand to save the precious fluid, and a considerable quantity was lost, until at last it formed a perfect creek of oil, about 100 yards in length by 12 in width, and from 1½ to 3 feet deep, where, on Sunday last, it still lay, and was inspected by hundreds from our village. There has been so much talk of big flowing wells lately, which turned out so much less than at first stated, that we had some doubt about the truth of the above until we had seen for ourselves. We have seen and believed, as the tank, which was constructed as soon after the strike as possible, and is a 250-barrel one, was filled in the short space of seven hours. The amount of gas that continually pours forth is scarcely conceivable, and the force with which it comes iout is prodigious. A set of tools, weighing 1,000 lbs., were lifted completely up and thrown some distance from the pipe by the force with which the gas comes up. The noise which the gas makes on issuing from the pipe is like the blowing off of steam. Experienced oil men from Pennsylvania say that they have never seen anything like it before in connection with oil. They also have the opinion that when the gas has exhausted itself, the flow of pure oil will be correspondingly increased.—*Petrolia Sentinel.*

AMERICAN NEWS.

SNOW-STORM.—On Tuesday last a heavy snow storm fell at Buffalo, the snow descending at the rate of two inches in ten minutes; the whole surpassing in thickness and rapidity anything of the kind ever known there. Not less than two feet of snow had fallen.

THE "ALABAMA" CLAIMS.—Amid all the Administration's talk of going to war with England on account of the "Alabama" claims, there is no word about going to war with the Captain of the "Alabama." While the Secretary of State is expounding the immorality of England's conduct to Lord Stanley, Mr. Semmes is peacefully teaching moral philosophy in Louisiana.—*Boston Transcript.*

THE NEGRO IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.—The House of Representatives wasted no time yesterday in debating the suffrage bill for the District of Columbia, but with noble haste ordered the previous question, and adopted the measure by a vote of 113 to 46. Thus Congress has at last done its share in removing disgrace from the Capital, and transfers to the President the present responsibility. If Mr. Johnson vetoes the bill—we suppose he will not attempt to pocket it,—it will be a useless effort to baffle the resolution of the people. Manhood suffrage is virtually from this day established in the Capital, and this grand act of justice is but the "swelling prologue to the imperial theme,"—the forerunner of absolute justice to all citizens in all the States.—*N. Y. Tribune.*

GENERAL GRANT'S ARMY.—An idea of the strength of the armed force which enabled General Grant to give the rebellion its death-blow may be formed from the exhibit of the volunteer troops mustered out of service between May 1, 1865, and November 1, 1866, which foots up 1,023,021 men. Of these there were 111,682 colored troops, 136,593 from New York, 107,332 from Pennsylvania, 102,398 from Ohio, and so down to 34,270 from Massachusetts, 19,791 from Maine, 14,169 from Connecticut, [illegible] from New Hampshire, 9,932 from Vermont, [illegible] 5,616 from Rhode Island. There was but a loyal white man in the service from South Carolina to be discharged, but Virginia had 85, Georgia, 147; Mississippi, 355; Alabama, 667; Florida, 992; Texas, 1,275; Louisiana, 2,652; North Carolina, 3,224; Arkansas, 5,186; and Tennessee, 14,659. Certainly this proves that in each of the above-mentioned rebellious States there had been white citizens who were willing to "follow the flag and keep step to the music of the Union."

THE RELIEF OF BROADWAY.—The Committee of the State Senate, appointed to consider the various Broadway railroad projects, unanimously agreed yesterday to report in favor of the underground plan, which contemplates the construction of a double track through a tunnel under Broadway to Park-row, and of two branches from that Point to the Harlem river, one running under Chatham street, the Bowery, and the Third-avenue, and the other under Hudson street, and the Eighth and Ninth Avenues. We are now, as we have always been, decidedly in favor of this plan, so far as it goes. We must have cheap and quick transit between the upper and lower ends of the island. We must reform radically the beastly modes of conveyance under which we are now suffering; and an underground railway does very well for a beginning. But there is need of an elevated railway also. The relief of Broadway and the health and comfort of our citizens require, not only the construction of a new avenue for way passengers, but a separate track for rapid through travel, and enlarged facilities for the transportation of merchandise. To secure all this we shall want not only the tunnel road, but an elevated tramway beside.—*N. Y. Paper.*

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS.

Taken at the Montreal Observatory (latitude 45° 31' N., longitude 4h. 54m. 11s. west of Greenwich; height above mean sea level, 182 feet,) at 2 P.M. yesterday, and 7 this a.m., by CHAS SMALLWOOD, MD., LL.D., D.C.

DECEMBER 18, 1866.

	2 P.M.	7 A.M.
Barometer, corrected....	29.467	29.872
Thermometer	16.°3	7.°4
" greatest cold	...	6.°2
Wind.....	N. E.	W.
" Miles in 24 hours..	....	171.20
Snow, depth in inches..	....	4.25
Rain, depth in inches....	....	....

The Daily Witness.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1866.

— The Emperor of Russia is about to introduce a number of reforms into Poland.

— An idle report of the arrest of James Stephens in England was telegraphed yesterday, followed almost immediately by its contradiction.

— Victor Emmanuel declares that he will respect the territory of the Pope, and that the best understanding exists between himself and Louis Napoleon.

— The London *Times* has a round-about telegram by way of Berlin to the effect that the Pope has been officially invited to visit the United States.

— All quiet in Ireland.

— The U. S. iron-plated frigate "New Ironsides" has been totally destroyed by fire at Philadelphia; loss $1,000,000.

— Washington telegrams say that Maximilian will not accept the proposition of the clergy and the mercantile community to remain in Mexico.

— The U. S. House of Representatives has, by resolution, declared its intention to support the Executive Government in vindicating the policy of non-intervention by foreign powers in American affairs. This resolution has been adopted with especial reference to Mexico.

— Between Windsor and Detroit the ferry-boats are, it is said, furnished with American custom-house officers, to examine the pockets of passengers for smuggled goods.

— Bohan's patent radiator appears to us, from a fair trial of it, to be a very valuable contrivance for preventing heat from escaping up the chimney until it has done its duty in warming the house. The cost of the cords of wood and tons of coal that are sent up the chimney prematurely in this city would probably defray the expenses of our civic government.—See advertisement.

— If it be true, as stated by the Toronto *Telegraph*, that the Cashier of the Bank of Upper Canada was at the same time agent for Glynn, Mills, & Co., to collect their claims against the Bank, and that he got for this service $30,000, we trust, bad as public morality is in Canada, he will not be permitted to continue any longer in connection with that institution. It is likewise a most painful thing that an individual of the Church-Society-antecedents of the Hon. J. H. Cameron should have had any thing to do with the appointment of trustees. We have had ministers of the Crown, and influential men in Parliament, who were receiving in one way or another large pay from the Grand Trunk, or the Hudson Bay Company, at the time that it was their very duty to protect the interests of Canada against these corporations; but if cashiers of banks are to become like politicians in this respect, what is to be the result to our moneyed institutions?

PEAT.—The *Gazette* says, the Grand Trunk Company have given Mr. Hodges a contract extending over five years or seasons, during the first of which the company will take 100 tons of his prepared peat per day, and during the four succeeding seasons 300 tons daily. Arrangements are in progress for the manufacture of peat for the open market, and it is probable that by next summer it will be for sale in quantity in Montreal. What with the greater amount of coal consumed in the city than formerly, and what with this new article of combustion, the price of fuel can hardly fail to be reduced, or, at least, be kept from a further permanent rise.

THE DOG-TAX.—An assessor in Toronto has been brought before the magistrate, on a charge of having wilfully omitted to discharge his duty as assessor in St. Andrew's Ward, by not assessing dogs liable to be taxed. We imagine that a good many similar actions would lie in Montreal.

THE BELMONT RETREAT FOR THE INTEMPERATE.—A private letter from the experienced and philanthropic proprietor of the Belmont Retreat for Inebriates, contains the following interesting information concerning that much-needed institution :—

"We have at present twelve patients, and if the history and improvement of those twelve, as well as others who have recovered at the Retreat and gone back to their friends and society, could be made known, I think it would be great encouragement for others to place themselves under similar care and treatment (but that cannot be). The testimonials attached to the circular, and my connection during 20 years with the Beauport asylum, is surely a sufficient guarantee for its management."

GOLD AGAIN.—A correspondent in Melbourne, Eastern Townships, writes :—"Gold has been found in the banks of the Windsor River, about five miles from the St. Francis. In one locality, where there is a flat of about two acres, the precious metal has been found in several places. About two feet from the surface is a very ferruginous deposit of gravel containing gold, and beneath is a bluish kind of clay, with pieces of talcose slate, cellular quartz, and a quantity of iron pyrites; this last deposit contains the most gold. The rocks in the vicinity strongly indicate the presence of the metal."

EXPLANATION.

(To the Editor of the Daily Witness.)

SIR,—In some strictures of your correspondent "Senex," on a letter of mine which appeared in the Kingston *News*, the following words occur :—

"He (Mr. Allen) was invited to lecture on modern history at Queen's University this winter. Since the publication of his Annexation letter, it has occurred to the authorities of the University that his teaching on history now, like his teaching on divinity formerly, may not be so orthodox as to suit the region in which he teaches. Mr. Allen has intimated that he has been invited to resign his chair, but will not do so. And it remains to be seen what action the University managers will take in the matter."

Now, this is wholly a misconception on the part of "Senex,"—the "authorities" having never even hinted to me a wish that I should resign. To his other remarks I think it best not to reply.

Yours respectfully, J. A. ALLEN.

Alwington, Kingston, Dec 13.

CITY ITEMS.

—The Treasurer of the St. Andrew's Society acknowledges, with thanks, a donation of three dollars from "A Subscriber to the *Witness*."

—The social tea-meeting intended to have been held in the Sherbrooke street Wesleyan Church this evening has been postponed, in consequence of the missionary anniversaries, until Friday next.

— Friends of missions and others should go to the Missionary Meeting in the Griffintown Wesleyan Church to-night. It is expected the Rev. Dr. Jeffers and the Rev. Mr. Douglas are to speak; they may rely upon getting some valuable information.

— We call the attention of young men to the advertisement of the second of the free course of lectures to be delivered by Dr. Wilkes this (Tuesday) evening, in the rooms of the Young Men's Christian Association. Subject: "Formation of Habits." Tea will be served at 6.50, and the lecture will commence at 8 o'clock.

— To-night will be the night of the season for our young folks. The High School boys are to go through manual and gymnastic exercises; and, we believe, to sing some songs at Nordheimer's Hall, for the benefit of the Ladies' Benevolent Society. Let young Canada have a full house. (See advertisement.)

—The annual general meeting of the Montreal Snow-Shoe Club was held at Dolly's on Saturday evening, 15th inst., when the following gentlemen were elected office-bearers for the ensuing season :—N. H. Hughes, President; F. B. Matthews, 1st Vice-President; T. Coffin, 2nd Vice-President; J. Van Buskirk, Secretary and Treasurer. Committee—C. Radiger, W. Maltby, J. Irvine, and A. Davidson.

— The City Horse Railway are this morning running their sleigh-cars.

VICTORIA SKATING CLUB.—We are requested to say that tickets must be shown at the door this evening, and that otherwise there will be no admittance.

CRYSTAL PALACE CONCERTS.—The second of these concerts was given last evening in Nordheimer's Hall, which was well filled with a most respectable audience. The programme was good, and the selections were performed with a degree of artistic skill that was frequently applauded. The crowded state of our columns precludes any criticism in detail.

MONTREAL LITERARY CLUB.—The monthly meeting of this Club was held last night, when Dr. J. Baker Edwards, late Professor of Chemistry at the Royal Institution, Liverpool, gave an address on "Electrical Discharge," accompanying his remarks with a series of beautiful experiments, new to most of those present.

THE VICTORIA SKATING CLUB.—The Band of the 23rd Regiment will play at the rink this evening.

THE FUR CAPS OF THE 100TH REGIMENT.—A correspondent complains of what he calls the "ridiculous figure," which the men of the 100th Regiment cut with their fur caps of many colors, and begs to know whether the 100th is a condemned corps or not, that their caps should be so singularly different from those of other corps. He says (of course we do not vouch for the truth of the story) that one day last week one of them—that is, the caps—frightened a horse so, that the animal would not pass, although both whipped and coaxed to do so.

WESLEYAN METHODIST ANNIVERSARY MISSIONARY MEETING.

The above meeting, for the Centre Circuit, was held last evening in the Wesleyan Church, Great St. James street; the Hon. James Ferrier presiding.

On the platform were Bishop Janes, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, U.S.; the Rev. Mr. Elliott, Rev. Dr. Jeffers, Rev. G. Douglass, Rev. Mr. Borland, Rev. Mr. Briggs, Hon. Jas. Ferrier, Wm. Lunn, Esq., and Mr. J. A. Mathewson.

The Rev. Mr. Elliott gave out a hymn, and the Rev. G. Douglas offered up prayer.

The Hon. JAS. FERRIER then took the chair, and introduced the business of the evening by a few brief observations, amongst which was the statement that the Methodist body in the States had during the past year received an increase of 130,000 members.

J. A. MATHEWSON, the Secretary, then read an abstract from the Report. After having given some statistics of the mission work in connection with the English Conference, it showed the progress made by the Canadian Methodist mission, which, it is said, consisted of five branches,—the one at Hudson Bay, that among the Indians, the German and the French missions, also a domestic mission. One had also been recently organized in British Columbia, where there had been formed a class of Chinese. Good accounts were heard from all these, as several statistics quoted showed, the whole of the statistics of the missions being to be found in the printed report.

The Rev. Mr. ELLIOTT then moved, seconded by Wm. Lunn, Esq., that the thanks of the meeting be given to the Committee of the past year; and that the following persons form, for the present, the committee of the Auxiliary Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society in connection with the Canada conference :—Hon. J. Ferrier, Messrs. R. Campbell, R. Latham, J. Sinclair, J. H. Henderson, J. Brandon, J. Hardman, W. Riley, J. Torrance, jr., James Aiken, W. Lunn, S. F. Newsom, P. Reynolds, T. M. Bryson, J. R. James, B. Whalley, Samuel Finlay, R. Benn, G. Armstrong, Robert Smith, W. Hodgson, Jas. Jeffery, George Forbes,—James Ferrier, jr., Treasurer; J. A. Mathewson, Secretary.

The Rev. Mr. BORLAND then addressed the meeting, and, in so doing, drew attention to the responsibility which rested upon the church in regard to the missionary work. These meetings were, spiritually, somewhat analogous to the annual inquiry or balancing of accounts made by the commercial man, wherein he sought to ascertain whether his profits had during the year been proportionate to the capital employed. The people came to these meetings to see what God was doing. The report showed that whilst there was much to cheer there was also much to humble. There had not been done all that might have been, and the conclusion was not perfectly satisfactory, although the income from Montreal had been larger than on any previous year. There was something wanting beyond contributions. Did they seek to bring down by prayer the divine influence necessary for the success of the missionaries? This was a period of commercial, scientific, and literary activity, and was it then a time for the church to be supine? No: neither should they be satisfied with the results of the past year.

The Rev. Dr. JEFFERS said, a church existing in a young and partially settled country like Canada was in itself essentially a missionary church. He was disposed to take a more favorable view of what they were accomplishing. The Wesleyan Church of Canada sustained twice as many ministers, in proportion to the number of its members, as did the Wesleyan Church in England. Besides supporting its own ministry and churches, it sustained nearly two hundred missionaries in various fields. At the reunion of these bodies in 1830, the Canada Missionary Society had adopted the missionary stations of the parent body in Upper Canada, and had not drawn from the latter the £1000 annual grant which was stipulated for. The Wesleyans of Canada also contributed as much per member as did the Wesleyans of England, and more than did those of the States. This was the greatest Missionary Society in Canada, being greater than all the others put together. Whatever might be done in the Old World, it was important that the principles of the Gospel and of human liberty should be upheld on this continent, as a security to the Protestantism of America, and in order that the Gospel might be sent to the end of the earth.

Bishop JANES showed how much of the happiness of the world was due to the knowledge and hope conveyed to the masses by Christianity, and said it was difficult to conceive of the wretchedness of those who were without this knowledge. Without this, how sad were our estates! Yet this was the state of the heathen. Ignorant of the true God, they go about to create gods, and sought by sacrifices to pacify their fears. Christianity met this doubt and darkness of the soul, and was the only active agency that sympathized with the heathen. No Protestant Government constituted itself a religious propaganda. Wherever the British or the American Governments extended their sway, they merely protected and tolerated Christianity. But the morning was breaking for the heathen, and the time of their deliverance was near. The speaker then took a retrospect of what had been done in this direction by the Bible Society and other agencies during the past fifty years, and drew the conclusion that the missionary aspect of the present day was one of great hope and of good cheer. He also recounted the special responsibilities laid upon the Methodist body to assist in evangelizing the world, and, calculating from data, showing the rate of increase of Methodism in the United States since its introduction there a hundred years ago, he showed some cheering, and even astonishing, prospective results to be achieved by the end of another century. The increase in contributions during the past twenty-five years had more than kept pace with the increase in numbers. In the last five years there had been an increase of six fold, and he believed that in twenty-five years they would have an annual income of twelve million dollars. Other Protestant Churches were also laboring in the same direction, and he thought that the evangelization of the world drew near; the millennium, whatever that might mean, was not far off. He believed that there were some now living who, when earth should be married to heaven, would be there. He concluded with exhorting them to hasten this happy consummation, by instruction of the young at home and in the Sunday School, by the pulpit, and by other means, and, thus meeting their obligations to the world and to God, the Almighty would soon bring the former to himself.

A collection was then made, during which the Chairman announced that a telegram had just been received from the Treasurers, stating that great things were expected from Montreal at the present missionary meetings.

The doxology having been sung, the benediction was pronounced by Bishop Janes, and the meeting separated.

The missionary collections on Sunday amounted to $157.76.

FESTIVAL OF THE INSTITUT CANADIEN.

Last night the rooms of this vigorous society were thrown open for a musical and literary *soirée*, to inaugurate their new building and celebrate the twenty-second anniversary of the formation of the Institut.

The Hall is a handsome and commodious room, capable of accommodating a large audience, and it was well filled. Amongst the guests present were his Worship Mayor Starnes; Hon. Messrs. L. H. Holton, A. A. Dorion, Laframboise, and Dessaulles; Messrs. C. J. Brydges, W. Workman (President Irish Protestant Benevolent Society), J. J. Day, Q. C. (St. George's), J. C. Becket (St. Andrew's), Peter Redpath (President Mercantile Library), Dr. Smallwood, J. C. Doutre, and others.

Between each of the addresses, throughout the evening the band of the Rifle Brigade played some of their popular selections, and their performance was admirable.

Upwards of an hour was spent in reading long reports in a monotonous tone of voice, and then the orator of the evening, the Hon. Mr. Dessaulles, went over the same reports again, so that it was half-past ten o'clock before the gentlemen connected with other societies, who had been invited to speak, could begin. The hon. gentleman gave a history of the rise and progress of the Institute, the struggles which it had encountered, and the triumphs it had won in establishing itself as a school of liberalism. He repudiated the accusation that it was an infidel affair, but admitted that they would not exclude from the library books which were admitted into all the public libraries of Europe.

Mr. Wm. WORKMAN made a few remarks, expressing his pleasure in being present on this occasion to observe the very fine building the Institution had acquired. Whilst the city was progressing in matters of wealth (thanks perhaps to the Grand Trunk) institutions of this kind were cultivating the intellectual talent of the people.

Mr. J. J. DAY, in the course of his remarks, noticed the liberal character of the Institut, and its efforts to unite the different religious nationalities together. This liberality was what should govern institutions of this kind, being neither political nor religious in their organization. Theirs was an Institut, not English or French, but *Canadien*, and their aim was unity and intellectual progress.

His Worship Mayor STARNES expressed his great pleasure at the evening's entertainment. There was not a county in Canada, nor in Europe, where there were more means of instruction than in the city of Montreal. He referred to the invaluable assistance that the clergy had afforded in the establishment of educational institutions, and again expressed his thanks at being invited to be present on this occasion. He also had to express his regret at the absence of Mr. Papineau (cheers), and he hoped that on another occasion they would have the pleasure of the presence of that illustrious gentleman. (Cheers.)

An elegant supper, provided by Mr. Alexander, was afterwards partaken of, after which the large concourse of guests separated.

COMMERCIAL.

MONTREAL WITNESS OFFICE,
Tuesday, Dec. 18, 1866.

Morinng clear and cold. Thermometer at 7 a.m., 7° above zero.

INSOLVENTS.—The following is the new list of Insolvents in the *Canada Gazette* of the 15th inst :—

Clayton Ellsworn, Wainfleet, C. W.
James Brett, Toronto, C. W.
Philip S. Darland, Murray, C. W.
Ira E. Dorging, Danville, C. E.
James Brockway, Belleville, C. W.
Joseph T. Kerby, (formerly of Niagara, C. W.), Montreal, C. E.
Cornelius Danford Paul, St. Thomas, C. W.
Donald Mathieson, Toronto, C. W.
William Burke (Smith & Burke), Toronto, C. W.
William Camp, Prescott, C. W.
Thomas McGee & Co., Quebec, C. E.
James Jones, Sarnia, C. W.
Jas. K. Urquhart (formerly of London, C. W.), Montreal, C. E.
John Lewis, Sarnia, C. W.
Robert Tucker, Chatham, C. W.
James Ostrander, Hamilton, C. W.
George Parker, innkeeper, Chinguacousy, C. W.
Joseph Henderson, South Easthope, C. W.
James Graham, lumberer, Ottawa, C. W.
H. Torrance (Henry, Torrance, & Co.), Toronto, C. W.
Edwards & Hodder, merchants, Oshawa, C. W.

THE UPPER CANADA BANK.—We understand that there was an error in the telegraphic report published yesterday respecting one of the candidates for the place of assignee of this Bank, vacated by Mr. Street. The name should not have been McMaster, but Alexander, a member of the firm of Blaikie & Alexander, and a gentleman whose qualifications for the task we hear spoken of in high terms of praise. We suppose that it will now be found impossible to avoid an investigation into the management of the institution, as we learn that a bill has been filed in Chancery by a stockholder, to compel restitution from Mr. Cassels of various sums of money which the plaintiff alleges have been improperly obtained by the cashier. One of the grounds set forth in this bill is that Mr. Cassels while acting as the cashier of the Bank, and receiving therefrom a large annual salary, was also acting as the agent of the Messrs. Glynn, one of the creditors of the Bank, for the purpose of protecting that firm from loss; that this position was inconsistent with that which he held as manager of the Bank; and that the money which he received from the Messrs. Glynn for so protecting their interests, must be refunded. Another ground is that a Locomotive Factory, which formerly belonged to Mr. Morton, at Kingston, but which came into the hands of the Upper Canada Bank, was sold by the Bank while Mr. Cassels was the manager, and bought at a very low price by a Company in which Mr. Cassels is a large shareholder. If these allegations are proved, we think there can be no doubt that the Court will grant relief; for we cannot imagine anything more improper than such transactions as these, should they be established.—*Herald.*

— The following is the amount of flour and grain in store at Chicago, as reported to the Secretary of the Board of Trade :—

	Dec. 8, 1866.	Dec. 9, 1865.
Flour, brls	93,524	47,177
Wheat, bu	763,180	708,093
Corn, bu	352,035	128,948
Oats, bu	329,173	416,179
Rye, bu	155,341	81,173
Barley, bu	364,890	357,836

MONTREAL CATTLE MARKET.—Dec. 18.

Extra Cattle, $10.00. First quality of Cattle, $7.50 to $8.50; Second and Third, $6.50 to $5.50. Milch Cows, $25.00 to $30.00; Extra, $40.00 to $45.00 each. Sheep, $3.00 to $5.00; extra, $8.00 to $10.00; Lambs, $2.50 to $4.00 each. Hogs, live-weight, $4.50 to $5.00, silver; Dressed, $5.50 to $6.50, silver. Hides, inspected and trimmed, 8½c to 9½c per lb. Pelts, 80c to $1.10 each. Tallow, 6c per lb.

REMARKS.—Some few Extra Cattle for Christmas are offering; but butchers are not disposed to pay the prices asked;—good cattle are scarce, and drovers are not disposed to sell at less than about $1.00 per 100 lbs. over last week's prices. Hogs dull of sale. Sheep and Lambs in demand.

NEW YORK MARKETS.—Dec. 17.

FLOUR.—Receipts 3,254 brls.; market 15c to 30c better; sales 14,700 brls; $8.15 to $10.00 for Superfine State; $10.50 to $11.00 for Extra State; $11.15 to $11.90 for good to choice do; $8.15 to $10.00 for Superfine Western; $9.50 to $11.50 for common to medium Extra Western; $11.50 to $13 for choice do. Rye Flour rather more steady; at $6.10 to $7.50.

GRAIN.—Wheat—Receipts none; market 3c to 5c better; sales 56,000 bu; $2.25 to $2.42 for good No. 2 Milwaukee; $3.10 to $3.17 for White Amber. Rye—Receipts none; market steady; $1.20 for Western. Barley—Receipts none; dull. Corn—Receipts 16,776 bu; market 1c to 2c better; not very active; sales 47,000 bush; $1.14½ to $1.16 for Mixed Western, in store and afloat. Oats—Receipts 1,165 bu; market firm; sales 39,000 bush, at 65c to 66c for Chicago and Milwaukee; 70c for State.

COLONIAL GOVERNMENT SECURITIES.

The following are the latest quotations in London of Canadian and other Colonial Government and Railway Securities :—

	Closing Prices.
British Columbia, 6 per cent.....	
Canada 6 per cent., Jan. and July, 1877.....	92 to 94
Do 6 per c., Feb and Aug..	90 to 92
Do 6 per c., Mar and Sept..	90 to 92
Do 5 per c., Jan and July..	77 to 78
Do 5 perc., Inscribed Stock	75 to 77
New Brunswick 6 per c., Jan and July.....	94 to 96
Nova Scotia 6 per c, Stg., March & Sept., 1875.....	96 to 98
RAILWAYS.	
Atlantic and St. Lawrence.....	56 to 58
Buffalo and Lake Huron.....	3¾ to 4¼
Do Preference.....	7¼ to 8¾
Grand Tunk of Canada.....	18½ to 19½
Do Equipt. Mort. bonds, first 1st charge, 6 per c.....	85 to 87
Do 1st Preference bonds.....	57 to 59
Do do deferred.....	50 to 54
Do 2nd Preference bonds.....	50 to 52
Do do deferred.....	00 to 00
Do 3rd Preference stocks.....	39 to 42
Do do deferred.....	00 to 00
Do 4th Preference stocks.....	23 to 25
Do do deferred.....	00 to 00
Great Western of Canada.....	12¾ to 12¾
Do new.....	12¾ to 12¾
Do 6 per c., without option, 1873	91 to 93
Do 5¾ do 1877-8.....	82 to 85
N. Rail. of Canada, 6 per c., first preference bonds.....	82 to 85
N. Brunswick & Canada, class A } N. Brunswick & Canada, class B }	
BANKS.	
British North American.....	47 to 49
Commercial Bank of Canada.....	00 to 00
MISCELLANEOUS.	
Atlantic Telegraph.....	38 to 43
Do 8 per cent.....	72 to 77
British American Land.....	20 to 25
British and Colonial Steamship...	00 to 00
Canada Company.....	75 to 80
Colonial Securities Company.....	00 to 00
Canada Loan and Investment.....	2 to 1 dis
Hudson's Bay.....	16¾ to 16¾
Trust and Loan Co. of U. Canada.	1 to ¼ dis
Vancouver Coal Company.....	3¾ to 2¾ dis

—Traffic receipts of Grand Trunk Railway (including the Montreal & Champlain and Buffalo & Lake Huron Railways) for week ending Dec. 13, 1866 :

Passengers.....	$ 42,590 00
Express Freight, Mails, and Sundries..	5,100 00
Freight and Live Stock.....	87,114 00
Total.....	$134,804 00
Corresponding Week of 1865.....	131,074 00
Increase.....	$3,730 00

News by Telegraph.

(BY ATLANTIC CABLE.)

BUFFALO, Dec. 17.—The rolling mills attached to the Buffalo Iron Works were destroyed by fire this morning. Loss, $250,000; insured for $200,000.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The following resolution was adopted in the House this afternoon :—

Resolved,—That the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States will give unfaltering support to the Executive Department of the Government to vindicate the time-honored policy of this Republic against foreign armed intervention, which tends to the destruction of constitutional liberty on this continent, and especially commend the tone of the national voice in reference to the Republic of Mexico.

QUEBEC, 17th.—There has been a snow-storm prevailing since midnight. The river is full of ice. The "Arctic" is still making regular trips between Quebec and Levis.

A gunner of the "Aurora," while intoxicated, missed his footing on the gangway of his vessel on Saturday night, and fell headlong into the current. Before assistance could be rendered he sank to rise no more.

A child, one day old, was brought to this city from the Island of Orleans, nailed up in a soap box. It was alive when removed, but when it reached here it was taken out a corpse. A verdict of died from exposure was returned.

Skating rinks have been built upon our principal wharves, and are crowded nightly with skaters.

It is said that it is the intention of those opposed to the proposed dismemberment of the Parish of Montreal and the erection of the Parishes of St. James and St. Patrick in the event of the Metropolitan refusing to indorse their demands, to send a deputation to Rome to lay the matter before his Holiness the Pope, and that as much as $1,500 have already been subscribed among those belonging to the St. Patrick's congregation alone, for the purpose of defraying the expenses.

By a recent statute it was enacted that stamps should be affixed to promissory notes at the time of their making, varying in value according to the amount of the notes; and, further, that in the event of the omission of such stamps or of part of them, the defect might be remedied by affixing double stamp by way of penalty for the neglect. Two actions were recently brought before the Supreme Court in this city on promissory notes. Both as it happened were insufficiently stamped. One of these came before Mr. Justice Stuart, and the other before Mr. Justice Taschereau; and, strange to say, within the space of a fortnight, judgments directly opposite in their nature were rendered.

OTTAWA, Dec. 17.—The weather was severely cold yesterday.—The Ottawa River is frozen across. There was a snow-storm from the east to-day; evening mild and fair.

A silly rumor is current here to-day that Mr. Langevin has sent a despatch by Atlantic Cable to Mr. Cauchon, Mayor of Quebec, to the effect that the Seat of Government would be removed to Montreal; provided suitable buildings could be obtained, otherwise to Quebec.

Similar absurd rumors have been sent from this city to the Montreal *Transcript*.

The late Sheriff Fraser willed, amongst other bequests, one hundred dollars, respectively, to the Ottawa Protestant Hospital and St. Andrew's Society. His estate in Ottawa is worth nearly sixty thousand dollars, and will shortly be sold for the benefit of legatees.

TORONTO, Dec. 17.—A bill in Chancery has been filed against the directors and cashier of the Bank of Upper Canada for an account of the sums expended by the directors as such, and seeking to hold directors specially liable to stockholders for the amount thereby expended improperly. It is said Mr. Cassels, following the example of Mr. Street, has resigned his position as assignee of the Bank.

An attempt was made yesterday to set fire to the dwelling of Dr. Newcomb, on Yonge St. Two horses' harness, and other valuable materials, were destroyed. Loss over one thousand dollars.

There was a heavy fall of snow yesterday, and splendid sleighing.

IMPORTANT CHRISTMAS SALES BY MR. SHAW.

TUESDAY EVENING, the sale of Lumley's old and curious Books will commence. Sale at 7 o'clock.
WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, the sale of Chief Justice Bowen's library will commence.
WEDNESDAY EVENING, Lumley's books continued.
WEDNESDAY EVENING (down stairs), a splendid consignment of London gold jewellery, watches, chains, brooches, &c., &c.
THURSDAY (up stairs), Chief-Justice Bowen's Library, in the afternoon, and Lumley's in the evening.
THURSDAY EVENING (down stairs), the sale of fine gold Jewellery continued.
FRIDAY, the same sales continued in the places and at the hours indicated.
SATURDAY: Sale of a consignment of magnificent Rosewood Pianos.
SATURDAY EVENING, the Jewellery sale will be continued.

Particulars of all the above sales in to-day's papers.

New Advertisements This Forenoon

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS
THAT ARE
USEFUL AND ORNAMENTAL.
ARM CHAIRS,
LADIES' SEWING CHAIRS,
LADIES' WORK-STANDS,
MISSES' CHAIRS,
CHILDREN'S CHAIRS,
Made of WILLOW, in a variety of styles and colors.
CORNER BRACKETS AND SHELVES.
BOOK HOLDERS and STANDS.
CHILDREN'S IRON BEDSTEADS and CRADLES.
CHILDREN'S CHAIRS of various kinds.
And a variety of other articles too numerous to mention, at
S. R. PARSON'S FURNITURE WAREROOMS.
603 AND 605 CRAIG STREET.

NUBIAS AT WHOLESALE.
WM. BENJAMIN & CO.,
Have just received a large assortment of
ENGLISH AND AMERICAN NUBIAS,
In White and Solid Colors.

HOLIDAY PRESENTS!
MORISON'S CHEAP SALE
OF
SILKS, FANCY DRESSES, AND SHAWLS.

BOYS' CLOTHING STORE.—A large Stock of Boys' heavy lined Overcoats, plain and fancy trimmed, to select from; also, Boys' strong Tweed Suits, suitable for winter wear, at GEO. RICHARDSON'S,
10 Victoria Square (late with Arthur.)

HOLIDAY PRESENTS!
MORISON'S CHEAP SALE
OF
SILKS, FANCY DRESSES, AND SHAWLS.

CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR'S PRESENTS.
For sale, by the Subscribers, a splendid assortment of articles suitable for CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR'S PRESENTS, consisting of
FANCY CHAIRS, OTTOMANS, FANCY BRACKETS, MUSIC STANDS, PIANO STOOLS, CANTERBURY, DAVENPORTS WORK-TABLES, ETAGERS, WHAT-NOTS, &c., &c., &c.,
ALSO,
A magnificent selection of EMBROIDERED and LACE CURTAINS, EMBROIDERED, EMBOSSED, and DAMASK TABLE and PIANOFORTE COVERS of the latest and most elegant designs; FANCY WOOL and COCOA MATS; GILT MANTEL and PIER GLASSES, and every description of CABINET and UPHOLSTERY GOODS.
J. & W. HILTON.

FOR THE HOLIDAYS
New and elegant designs of gilt and enamelled China Breakfast, Dinner and Tea SETS; fancy motto Breakfast CUPS and SAUCERS. Also, Bohemian VASES, GLASS SHADES, and a general assortment of Cut and Pressed GLASSWARE.
EDWARD HAGAR & CO.
501 St. Paul, corner of St. Peter street.

INSOLVENT ACT OF 1864.
IN THE MATTER OF
JAMES BROUGH, an Insolvent.
The undersigned has been appointed Assignee in this matter, and requires Claims to be filed within two months from this date.
JAMES COURT.
Montreal, 15th Dec. 1866.

FOR SALE,
31 tons Three Rivers PIG IRON.
Apply to ROBERT MITCHELL,
No. 33 St. Sacrament street.

BOARD AND STORAGE.—A few more vacancies for Boarding Horses at E. I. BANCROFT & CO'S STABLES; also, Carriages Stored for the Winter at reasonable rates.

1000 BUFFALO ROBES retailing at wholesale prices for the next ten days, at AMERICAN HOUSE, St. Joseph street.
ROBERT PATTERSON.

THE BUSINESS of the late Firm of HALL, KAY, & Co., dissolved by the death of the late Mr. ARCH. GLEN HALL, will be continued under the same name, by the surviving Partners, who will settle all the liabilities of the late Firm.
Montreal, 17th December, 1866.

GARDNER'S SYRUPS.
J. GARDNER, CHEMIST and DRUGGIST, 455 Notre Dame, *near McGill street*, intimates to his friends and Customers that he is prepared to supply his
CHOICE SYRUPS
In large bottles as usual. Syrups put up in the ordinary size bottles *to order only* at *Wholesale* at 2s. 6d. per dozen less than for the large size bottles.
J. GARDNER,
Notre Dame, near McGill street.

FLAVOURING ESSENCES of the PUREST KINDS, and of full strength, for sale, Wholesale and Retail.
Be sure to get the ONLY GENUINE "CONCENTRATED LYE."
J. GARDNER,
455 NOTRE DAME STREET.

New Advertisements This Forenoon

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS!!
A fine assortment of
TOILET REQUISITES,
for CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S PRESENTS, comprising:
HANDSOME ODOR CASES, with Cut and Gilt Bottles.
HAIR BRUSHES in Solid Ivory, Shell, and Buffalo Horn Backs.
DRESSING COMBS in Shell and Ivory.
SILVER-TOP SCENT BOTTLES.
ALSO, A LARGE VARIETY OF
BOHEMIAN GLASS TOILET BOTTLES, IN NEWEST PATTERNS.
FOR SALE BY
E. MUIR,
CHEMIST AND DRUGGIST,
PLACE D'ARMES.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS.
PRUSSIAN DRIED FLOWERS
IN
BOUQUETS, WREATHS, GARLANDS, CROSSES,
TABLE AND MANTLE BOUQUETS, HANGING BASKETS, &c., &c.
FOR SALE BY
E. MUIR,
PLACE D'ARMES.

DIAMOND POWDER, for dressing the hair for parties and balls, for sale by E. MUIR, Place D'Armes.

BENBOW'S PURE GLYCERINE SOAP, a superior article for CHAPPED HANDS, &c. For Sale by
E. MUIR, PLACE D'ARMES.

HOLIDAY PRESENTS!
MORISON'S CHEAP SALE
OF
SILKS, FANCY DRESSES, AND SHAWLS.

NEWCASTLE GRATE COALS. For sale by
TUCKER DAVID, 12 William street.

WANTED, a good Boy to make himself generally useful. Apply at No. 8 Union Buildings.

POSTPONEMENT.—In consequence of the Wesleyan Anniversary Missionary Meetings, the Social Tea Meeting, to be held in the Wesleyan Church, Sherbrooke street, on TUESDAY EVENING, Dec. 18th, will be POSTPONED until FRIDAY evening, Dec. 21st.
Tickets, 25c.; can be had at Pickup's and Bennett's News Rooms, and at the door on the evening of the meeting. Doors open at 6 p.m.; tea at 7 p.m. precisely. Entrance from Sherbrooke street.

WANTED IMMEDIATELY, for a lady and gentleman, two Rooms, furnished or unfurnished, without Board preferred. Address J. C. M., WITNESS office.

SHERIFF'S SALE
[No. 2,619.]
SUPERIOR COURT OF MONTREAL.
T. JAMES CLAXTON, PLAINTIFF,
versus
PETER HAINING, DEFENDANT.
Will be sold, by public Auction, on
THURSDAY, 20th DECEMBER, INST.,
at the Store, No. 429 Notre Dame street, the GOODS and CHATTELS of the defendant (removed for covenience of Sale), consisting of HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS, with an extra quantity of BED and TABLE LINEN. Also, a large quantity of DRY GOODS, CLOTHS, SILKS, BLANKETS, COTTONS, HOSIERY, GLOVES, UNDER-CLOTHING, &c., &c.
TERMS CASH,
Sale at TEN o'clock.
M. DEMPSEY, Sheriff's Officer.
Montreal, 10th Dec., 1866.

COALS.—Best House, Steam, and Blacksmiths' COAL always in stock and for sale by EDWARD SHAW,
Royal Insurance Buildings.

COMMISSARIAT CANADA,
MONTREAL, 17th Dec., 1866.
Tenders (marked on the envelope "Tender for Bills") will be received by the Senior Commissariat Officer, at Montreal, until Noon on WEDNESDAY, 19th inst., for
BILLS,
to be drawn at Thirty days' sight on the Lord's Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.
The proceeds of the Bills to be deposited with the Bank of Montreal to the credit of the Senior Commissariat Officer.
The Tenders to state the rate of Exchange, and to specify in Sterling the amount of the Bills, as well as the number of sets required.

BEST DISSOLVING VIEWS, Movable Astronomical and Natural History Slides, exhibited to Schools, &c., during the holidays. For terms, &c., apply at the WITNESS office.

FLOUR! FLOUR! FLOUR!
For sale, fresh ground, from selected wheat.
XXX PASTRY FLOUR
BEST FAMILY FLOUR,
GRAHAM FLOUR,
Put up expressly for family use in patent bags, three sizes, containing half, quarter, and eighth of a barrel.
PARKYN & BRODIE, Millers.
OFFICE, corner Craig and Bleury streets.

JUST RECEIVED,
A large and complete assortment of
TALL AND LOW ROUND SHADES,
Do. do. OVAL do.
A new importation of those
BEAUTIFUL WAX FLOWERS AND FRUIT.
Also, the *newest styles* in Cut and Pressed GLASSWARE, viz:—Tumblers, Wines, Goblets, Decanters, Dishes, Pickle Bottles.
"RICH BOHEMIAN GLASS VASES,"
A call will be esteemed:
E. WRIGHT & CO.,
No. 492 St. Paul street.

TO LET, a first-class Two-story Brick House; rent low. Apply at 221 Dorchester street.

WANTED, a Boy about 16 years old, as Shop Boy; must have references. Apply to E. MUIR, Druggist, Place D'Armes.

WANTED, first-class Operators on Singer, and Wheeler & Wilson Sewing Machines, for Clothing, at
RINGLAND, EWART, & CO'S.,
422 St. Paul street.

Meetings, &c.

LOYAL ORANGE LODGE, No. 16 (VICTORIA) Regular Monthly Meeting, on WEDNESDAY, the 19th inst., at half-past SEVEN, P.M., for the Election of Officers, and other important business.
Candidates for Initiation will please attend.
Every member must be present.
(By order), W. M.

THE LADIES' FRENCH MISSION ASSOCIATION, in connection with the Church of Scotland, intend holding their ANNUAL SOIREE and SALE OF WORK, in the basement of St. Andrew's Church, on WEDNESDAY EVENING, the 19th inst, at 7 o'clock. Tickets may be had at the door.

UNITED PROTESTANT WORKINGMEN'S BENEFIT SOCIETY. An adjourned meeting will be held on TUESDAY EVENING, 18th inst., in Good-Templars' Hall, at 8 o'clock precisely. Important business. A full attendance required.

MONTREAL YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION, BIBLE HOUSE, CORNER CRAIG AND ALEXANDER STREETS.

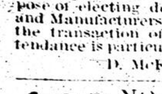
The monthly Social meeting will (D.V.) be held on TUESDAY EVENING next, on which occasion the second of the free course of Lectures will be delivered by REV. DR. WILKES. Subject: "Formation of Habits." All young men are cordially invited. Tea served at 6.30. Chair taken at 8 precisely.

ALFRED SANDHAM, Assist.-Sec.

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE of MONTREAL.

A meeting of the members of the Mechanics' Institute, of Montreal, will be held in the Long Room of the Institute, on Monday, the 24th inst., at half past SEVEN o'clock p.m. for the purpose of electing delegates to the Board of Arts and Manufacturers for Lower Canada, and for the transaction of other business. A full attendance is particularly requested.

D. McFARLANE, Recording Sec.



NO. 6 (or HIGHLAND COMPANY) ROYALS.—A full muster is particularly requested TO-MORROW (Tuesday) EVENING at DRILL, as after Drill the vacancies among the non-commissioned officers will be filled by election.
(By order), JAMES ESDAILE.

CLOSING THE GATES OF DERRY.

The members of LOYAL ORANGE LODGES Nos. 5 and 14 will celebrate the Anniversary of the CLOSING OF THE GATES OF DERRY, by a GRAND CONCERT and SOIREE, on TUESDAY EVENING, 18th Dec., in NORDHEIMER'S HALL, 111 Great St. James street.

A choice programme has been prepared, including a number of select and appropriate songs.

Several clergymen and other gentlemen will address the meeting.

Music by the L. O. A. Choral Union and others.

Doors open at half-past 6. Tea on the table from 7 to 8 o'clock.

Tickets (including refreshments), Gents' 40 cents; Ladies, 25 cents; may be had on application to any member of the above-named Lodges, and at the door on the evening of the entertainment.

Doors open at half-past six o'clock.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

BAZAAR, IN AID OF THE BUILDING FUND OF TRINITY CHURCH.—The Ladies of Trinity Church purpose holding a Bazaar, in Nordheimer's Hall, on WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, the 19th and 20th December, inst., when will be offered a quantity of USEFUL and FANCY ARTICLES; Col. Bell, V.C., 23rd Royal Welsh Fusiliers; Col. Boucher, V.C., Prince Consort's Own Rifle Brigade; and Major Pierce, 25th King's Own Borderers, have kindly placed the splendid Bands of their respective Regiments at the disposal of the Committee of Management.

Luncheon each day from 12 o'clock.

Admission 12½c.

It is respectfully requested that donations for the Bazaar be sent to the Ladies' Committee this week.

BAZAAR AT THE AMERICAN CHURCH,
Corner of Dorchester and Drummond streets, on the 17th and 18th instant.

A sale of USEFUL and FANCY ARTICLES will be held in the Lecture-room of the above Church, on MONDAY and TUESDAY next. In addition to music and refreshments, there will be an exhibition of STEREOPTIC VIEWS, and a large and handsomely furnished CHRISTMAS TREE.

Doors open at 12 M. Tea at 6 o'clock.

VICTORIA SKATING CLUB.—The Rink will be opened for the season (weather permitting), on TUESDAY, the 18th inst. Doors open at 7.30 p.m.

W. F. GAIRDNER, Sec.-Treas.,
39 Little St. James street.

GRAND ATTRACTION AT MONTREUIL'S MUSEUM!

At MECHANICS' HALL, on MONDAY, 17th inst., and for a few days only. Arrival in town of the "BIG LITTLE WOMAN."

She weighs the enormous weight of 516 pounds; measures around the body 7 feet 9 inches [no hoops]; around the arm 27 inches; around the calf 38 inches; and yet is only 5 feet 1 inch tall; only 13 inches across the shoulders, and, however, incredible, wears with ease a No. 6 Glove, and a No. 3 Shoe.

These are facts which must be seen to be believed, and when seen you are tempted to doubt the reality still. Her affable and pleasing manner in conversation, supported by a liberal endowment of intellect and wit from nature, endowment of intellect and wit from nature, makes her entertainments the most attractive of the kind. Two of the amusing features of the entertainment are a CAT WITH SEVEN LEGS and a "WHAT IS IT?"

Admission 25 cents; Childen 12½c. Open from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.

M. MONTREUIL.

VOCAL AND INSTRUMENTAL CONCERT, in aid of the School Fund of St. Luke's Church, to be given in the MECHANICS' HALL,
On TUESDAY EVENING, DEC. 18, 1866,
Under the management of MR. TORRINGTON

PROGRAMME:

PART I.

1. "In Light Tripping Measure" (Cinderella)—Choral Class.
2. Duett—"See the Pale Moon"—Misses Gaw & Arnold.
3. Operatic Selection (Ernani)—Orchestra.
4. "Blest Saint in Heaven"(Massaniello)—Choral Class.
5. Solo—"Song of the Captive Greek Girl"—Miss Arnold.
6. Quartette—"O! who will o'er the Downs so Free"—Misses O'Grady and Gaw, and Messrs. Anderson and Hugman.
7. Clarionet Solo—Selection from Norma"—Mr. Thorbahn.

PART II.

8. "Anvil Chorus" (Il Trovatore)—Choral Class.
9. Solo—"The Flag that Brav'd a Thousand Years"—Mr. Robinson.
10. Cornet Solo—"Miserere" (Il Trovatore)—Mr. Barwick.
11. "These Moments Entrancing" (l'Elisir d'Amore)—Choral Class.
12. Trio—"Thee only have I Lov'd" (Attila)—Miss Arnold and Messrs. Millar and Robinson.
13. Solo—"Robert toi que j'Aime"—Miss Arnold.
14. "Glorious Apollo"—Choral Class.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

The Piano to be used on this occasion is from the manufactory of Mr. T. D. Hood. Tickets to be had at Mrs. Walton's, and Prince's, and Gould & Hill's Music Stores.

NORDHEIMERS' HALL.
TUESDAY 18th DECEMBER, 1866.

ELOCUTIONARY AND GYMNASTIC ENTERTAINMENT.

In aid of the funds of the
LADIES' BENEVOLENT SOCIETY,

By the Pupils of the High School of McGILL College, under the direction of Messrs. BARNJUM and ANDREW.

For particulars see Programme.

Admission 25c.; Reserved Seats 50 cents. To commence at 8 o'clock.

Programmes and Tickets can be procured at Messrs. Dawson Bros. and Messrs. Gould & Hill's.

Advertisement Notices.

Auction Sales this Day.

Great Library Sale, Dec. 10.....Mr. Shaw
Furniture, &c., Dec. 13.....H. J. Shaw
Pawnbroking Sale, 17th to 19th..J. F. Raymore
Newspapers, &c., 18th.....J. J. Arnton
Lumley's Books, Dec. 18.....H. J. Shaw

Auction Sales To-morrow.

Gold, Jewellery, &c., Dec. 19.....H. J. Shaw
Sale of a Law Library, Dec. 19.....H. J. Shaw
Assignee's sale of House, 19th.....T. S. Brown

Auctions.

Sheriff's Sale, Dec. 20.....M. Dempsey
Bankrupt Stock, 20th.....G. McGregor
Pianos, 22nd Dec.....H. J. Shaw
Furniture, Dec. 22nd.....H. J. Shaw

Meetings To-day.

No. 6 Co. Royals, Dec. 18.....Muster
U. P. W. Benefit Society, Dec. 18.....Meeting
Fair, Dec. 17th and 18th.....American Church
Trinity Church Bazaar,.....18th and 19th Dec
Gymnastic Entertainment, 18th..Nordheimer's
M. Y. M. C. Association, Dec. 18.....Lecture

Meetings To-morrow.

French Mission Association.....Dec. 19
L. O. L., No. 16, Dec 19.....Meeting

Meetings.

Montreal Literary Club Dec. 19.....Meeting
Mechanics' Institute, Dec. 24.....Meeting

The following are the New Advertisements for this day:—

Christmas Presents.....E. Muir
Christmas Decorations, &c.....Place d'Armes
Useful and Ornamental Presents..S. R. Parson's
Xmas and New Year's Sales, Dec. 22..L. Devany
Boys' Clothing Store.....10 Victoria square
Nubias—Wholesale.....Wm. Benjamin & Co
Glass, China, Vases, &c.,.....501 St. Paul street
In re James Brough.....James Court, assignee
Board and Storage.....E. I. Bancroft & Co
1,000 Buffalo Robes.....Robt. Patterson
Business Notice.....Hall, Kay, & Co
Gardner's Syrups.....J. Gardner
Flavouring Essences.....455 Notre Dame street
Xmas and New Year's Presents..J. & W. Hilton
Pianos, 22nd Dec.....H. J. Shaw
Furniture, Dec. 22nd.....H. J. Shaw
Tenders for Bills.....Commissariat, Canada
Hard Coal.....David Shaw
Operators wanted.....Ringland, Ewart & Co
Pigs strayed.....243 William street
Operators wanted.....Ringland, Ewart, & Co
Widening of Sherbrooke street, Dec. 20..Meeting
Situation wanted.....X. X., this office
Patent Radiator.....H. Bohan, agent
Boy wanted.....E. Muir, druggist
Holloay Presents.....Morison's
Pig Iron for sale.....Robert Mitchell
Sheriff's Sale, Dec. 20.....M. Dempsey
Coals for sale.....Edward Shaw

AFTERNOON.

Land o' Cakes.....Charles Alexander
To Grocers.....O.P.Q., this office
Situation wanted.....101 Notre Dame street
Chistmas Gifts.....Murray & Co., stationers
Situation wanted.....131 George street
Sleigh Robes.....Marcou & Henderson
French Teacher wanted.....St. Lawrence Hall
Great sale of Fruit.....173 McGill street
Anniversary of W. M. M. Society..this evening
Situation wanted.....J. N., this office
Robe lost.....L. Craven
Annual Festival, Dec. 21.....Cote street
Merry Xmas.....McClure & Cassils

AUCTION NOTICES.

— Parties requiring to purchase from Mr. Lumley's collection are reminded that the sale takes place this evening.

— The sale of Chief Justice Bowen's library takes place here on Wednesday afternoon; Mr. Shaw auctioneer.

— Gentlemen who purchased pictures at Mr. Shaw's sale are requested to remove them to-day, as the store must be cleared.

— We beg particular attention from parties wishing a splendid Piano to the sale advertised by Mr. Shaw on Saturday next. Three of the instruments are by the well-known prize maker, Vose, of Boston, whose Pianos are so highly appreciated by our first families in this city. Two of them are by well-known German makers and are exceedingly fine-toned instruments. The Pianos will be on view on Thursday.—See advertisement.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

BRYAN'S WAFERS (the great public remedy) have now been in use over twenty years, hence it cannot be said that they are on trial. They have been thoroughly tried, and pronounced (on the authority of those whose lives and health they have preserved) to be a pure, harmless, and eminently salutary preparation, and if taken in season will invariably cure colds, coughs, sore throat, and all bronchial affections. One fair trial will convince the most skeptical. Sold by all medicine dealers at 25 cents per box.

DERBY LINE, VT. Jan. 7, 1861.—I have used Dr. M. F. Colby's Anti-Costive and Tonic Pills, for nearly two years, experiencing the same beneficial effect from them without increase of dose. It affords me great pleasure in commending them to the favorable consideration of the public.—PORTUS BAXTER, M. C.—Sold by druggists generally.

TO DRUGGISTS, GROCERS, AND FAMILIES.—Burnett's standard flavoring extracts, renowned for their great purity and strength are for sale by the trade generally,—indorsed by the leading confectioners.—BARNES, HENRY, & Co., and ALEX. MCGIBBON, Montreal, general agents.

— Use MARTIN'S CARDINAL FOOD for infants and invalids, recommended by the leading physicians of this city.—See advertisement.

BIRTHS.

On the 17th inst., at 2 Jacques Cartier Terrace, Bleury street, Mrs. Archd. Laurie, of a daughter.

In Toronto, at 207 Jarvis street, on the 13th inst., the wife of John A. Carlaw, Cashier G.T.R., of a daughter.

MARRIED.

HOUGHAN, McKENZIE.—In this city, on the 14th inst, at the residence of the bride's brother-in-law, by the Rev. J. B. Bonar, Robert Houghan, to Margaret McKenzie, youngest daughter of the late John Ross, Esq., of Beauharnois.

DIED.

HUNTER.—In this city, on the 16th instant, Catherine Burnet, widow of the late James Hunter, and sister of William Burnet, Esq.

The funeral will take place on Wednesday, the 19th instant, at 2 o'clock, from the residence of her brother, No. 62 St. Urbain street, to the place of interment, Mount Royal Cemetery. Friends and acquaintances will please accept this invitation.

11 A. M. EDITION.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18, 10 a.m.—Gold, 138¾; Exchange 9¼.

(BY ATLANTIC CABLE.)

BARNSLEY, Dec. 16.—Several explosions took place at the Oaks colliery yesterday and to-day, but no further loss of life. The most touching scenes of woe and despair are hourly witnessed. Over 80 funerals have taken place. 160 women have been left widows and 330 children made orphans by this calamity, and many are mourning in the streets from morning to night.

HANLEY, Staffordshire, 16th.—Eighty-five of those who went into the mine at Talk-'O-the-Hill on the morning of the explosion are known to be dead, and there are more still remaining in the pit of whose safety all hopes are lost.

VALETTA, Malta, 17th.—A U. S. sloop-of-war has arrived here, bound to Alexandria, to take Surratt back to America.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—The Paris correspondence of the *Times* says, it is now generally admitted that the object of Gen. Castelnau's mission was to get Maximilian to abdicate.

PARIS, Dec. 17.—It is semi-officially stated that Almonte has received assurances by telegraph that Maximilian has avowed his determination to put himself at the head of the loyal Mexicans, and fight for his crown.

LONDON, Dec. 17, evening.—Consols 89; U. S. 5-20's 71¼; Ill. C. 77½; Erie 47¼.

ROME, Dec. 17.—There is some probability of the Pope accepting an invitation to visit the United States.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 17.—Up to this noon Stephens has not been seen by any of the coast-guard, or any of the police. Rumors are that he failed to reach Ireland, and has gone to Havre to await a favorable opportunity to take passage on some small vessel for the northern part of Ireland. The whole coast of Ireland is now under the rigid scrutiny of English gunboats, and a largely-augmented force of the coast-guard in small boats.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 17th, p.m.—Tallow firm. Breadstuffs quiet and unchanged. Provisions unchanged.

BERLIN, Dec. 17.—It is rumored here that Maximilian was detained in Mexico against his will, and is virtually a prisoner under surveillance of the French officials, who are said to be acting under orders from the French Emperor, as the latter fears complications may arise from the hasty withdrawal of Maximilian.

DUBLIN, Dec. 17.—Advices from all parts of the island up to noon to-day report all quiet, and there are no prospects of any immediate disturbances. Patrols of troops have been established in the most suspected localities, and the arrests made within the past few days have been on the decrease.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

— Santa-Claus was round last night enjoying his first sleigh-drive, and looking after presents for his young friends. He observed with pleasure that Murray's stock was as large and as well assorted as ever, and many new things too, he saw, which he hopes the young folks will bear in mind, and send their Pa's and Ma's to look at before Christmas. The place is Stationer's Hall, corner of Notre Dame and St. John streets.

— In making presents to ladies, great care should be taken to select something that is pleasing, useful, and ornamental. The above three qualities are attained in a greater degree in C. W. Williams & Co.'s Family Sewing Machines than any other article for the same money; $25 expended in no other article will please a lady more, or be of greater use. Call and see them at their sales-room, No. 65 Great St. James street.

12 O'CLOCK EDITION.

— Greenbacks are bought at 28 discount, and sold at 27 discount. Silver is bought at 4½ dis., and sold at 4¼ discount. 5-20's are sold at 108 to 112; 7-30's are sold at 105¼.

P. D. BROWNE, Broker,
16 Great St. James Street.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Within the past week two Fenian privateers are reported to have sailed out of this port well armed and judiciously manned, with the secretly avowed purpose of commencing as soon as possible, if not at once, to prey upon British commerce. One of these vessels is said to have cleared for a port in the British possessions partly in ballast. She is supposed to have been well supplied with heavy guns, boarding pikes, cutlasses, small arms, and ammunition. Of the other cruiser little is known outside of those who were actually concerned in despatching her. A pilot well acquainted with the British coast is attached to each.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—The *Herald* has Vera Cruz dates of the 2nd. Affairs in Mexico had improved wonderfully since Maximilian's resolve to remain. Great anti-American demonstrations had taken place at Vera Cruz. The populace were given to understand that Sherman and Campbell were to complete their transfer to the United States. The appearance of the "Susquehanna" on the 29th, with these two gentlemen on board, appeared to cap the movement in favor of Maximilian, who, having received promise of money, telegraphed his resolution to remain.

1 O'CLOCK EDITION.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18, 11 a.m.—Gold, 138¼; Exchange, 9¼.

— The N. Y. *Shipping List* reports Canadian pease in good demand, and a sale of 14,000 bu., for export, at $1.35, in bond.

LATEST FROM SWEETSBURG.

(Special Telegram to the Witness.)

SWEETSBURG, 18th Dec., 1866.

There was a good deal of excitement in the village early this morning, an alarm having been given that a party of Fenians were coming to rescue the prisoners.

About 1:30 a horseman came galloping into the village and asked for Major Campbell, to whom he communicated the intelligence that a large body of armed men were marching from Abbott's Corners in the direction of Sweetsburg.

The volunteers were immediately got under arms, and, within a few minutes after the alarm was given, with the exception of a guard left to protect the village, the whole of the red-coats, with Major Campbell at their head, were on the march on the road by which it was supposed the army were coming.

Scouts were at the same time sent out through the surrounding country to guard against a surprise by the approaching raiders. Meanwhile all was bustle and excitement in the village. The police were got out by Colonel Ermatinger, and telegraphs were sent to St. Johns to hurry forward more troops. The prisoners were roused and dressed, and teams got in readiness to take them to the nearest railway station, West Shefford.

It turned out after all to be a false alarm. The volunteers marched out a few miles, and meeting no enemy returned. The assurance was given that no raiders were coming, and the soldiers and police returned to their quarters, and the village to its peaceful slumbers.

It is said that the alarm was got up by the officers to test the efficiency of their men and there readiness to turn out at a moment's notice, and there is some complaint that no notification of these intentions was given to those in charge of the civil force.

2:30 O'CLOCK EDITION.

NEW YORK, December 18, Noon.—Gold, 138¼.

MISSIONARY BREAKFAST.—At the annual breakfast meeting in aid of the funds of the Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society, held this morning in the Great St. James street Church, the attendance was scarcely so numerous as on former years, although the proceedings were of a very interesting character. The tables were bountifully provided, and the addresses were eloquent. The speakers were the Hon. James Ferrier, in the chair, Rev. Mr. Henderson, Rev. Dr. Jeffers, editor of the *Christian Guardian*, W. Clendinning, and Bishop Janes, the latter giving a comprehensive *resumé* of the operations of American Methodist missionaries, both home and foreign, on behalf of his denomination in the United States, pronouncing the most cordial and friendly sentiments in reference to his brethren in the British Provinces. The amount realized towards the close of the meeting was $2,648; being slightly in excess of last year, when the subscription summed up to only $2,502.25. The proceedings shortly afterwards were terminated in the usual manner.

DIVISION OF THE PARISH OF MONTREAL.—The report which we copied from the *Gazette* yesterday of the interview of the delegation from Montreal with the Administrator of the Archbishopric of Quebec gave, we understand, a very incorrect impression of his Lordship's reply. Instead of saying that he could not in conscience entertain the appeal, he said that the Bishop of Montreal, in dividing the parish, must have been, or believed himself to be, the delegate of the Holy See, in which case the Archbishop of Quebec was incompetent to review his decision, and the appeal must be to the Holy See itself, to which he would forward all the documents.

New Advertisements This Evening.

GIFTS—CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

The favorite place for GIFTS for young and old is MURRAY'S, corner of Notre Dame and St. John streets.

On hand a splendid assortment of
Toy Books in cloth, beautifully colored,
Alphabet Block and Games,
Gift Books handsomely bound,
Family Bibles, Pocket Bibles and Testaments,
Church Services and Prayer Books,
Photograph Albums in great variety,
Gold Pens and Pencils,
Rubber Gold-Mounted Pens and Pencils,
Boxes of Colors, Penknives, Card Cases,
Morocco Pocket Books and Portemonnaies,
And many other appropriate Gifts for the Holiday Season. Let all drop in and examine the Stock. Prices reasonable.

REMEMBER STATIONERS' HALL,
Corner Notre Dame and St. John streets,
MURRAY & CO.

THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE WESLEYAN METHODIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY takes place THIS EVENING, in the Ottawa street Church. The Rev. Dr. Jeffers, Rev. Mr. Woolsey, a returned missionary, Rev. Mr. Henderson, Rev. Geo. Douglass, and others, will (D.V.) be present, and take part in the proceedings. Chair to be taken at 7 o'clock.

THE ANNUAL FESTIVAL of the Cote Street Canada Presbyterian Church Sabbath-school, will be held on FRIDAY evening, the 21st instant, at half-past five o'clock for the scholars, and at half-past six for parents and friends. Admission 25 cents.

WANTED, a situation as Coachman by a young man who understands the business; can give good city reference. Address J. N. WITNESS office.

LOST, last night, a Black Robe and Apron, trimmed with red, white, and blue. Any one returning it to L. CRAVEN, 136 Prince street, Griffintown, will be rewarded.

WANTED, by a respectable person, a situation as Housemaid. Apply at 131 St. George street.

FANCY SLEIGH ROBES, in Bear, Wolf, Coon, and Buffaloes, at
MARCOU & HENDERSON'S,
186 and 368 Notre Dame street.

WANTED.—Wanted, a French Teacher, at Room No. 10 St. Lawrence Hall, to Teach a Lady French; a Frenchman required. Inquire daily from 4 to 5 o'clock, p.m.

GREAT SALE OF FRUIT.
10 Tons English PUDDING RAISINS,
5 Tons ZANTE CURRANTS,
And a large Stock of other Goods, at
R. FOSTER'S, 173 McGill street.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A
HAPPY NEW YEAR.

McCLURE & CASSILS,
400 NOTRE DAME STREET,
Have a large supply of articles, suitable for the Gift Season, in
HOSIERY,
GLOVES,
TIES AND SCARFS,
UNDER-CLOTHING,
AND
FANCY GOODS

☞ A CALL, BEFORE PURCHASING ELSEWHERE, IS RESPECTFULLY INVITED.

LAND O' CAKES,
"AN' FARLS BAKED WI' BUTTER FU' CRUMP THAT DAY,"
ESTABLISHED 1842.

CHARLES ALEXANDER respectfully intimates that he has on hand a good supply of CAKES of all kinds, suitable for the COMING FESTIVE SEASON, consisting of Scotch Buns, Short Bread, Queen, Plum, Raisin, Currant, Citron, and Lady Cakes, Tea Cakes, and Biscuits of all kinds; also, Iced and Ornamental Cakes.

The CONFECTIONERY DEPARTMENT includes an extensive supply of all the various sorts in the line, French Bons-Bons, Chocolate Cream-drops, and Caramels, Fancy Boxes of French, English, and German manufacture, and Horns of Plenty, at prices to suit all.

Family orders promptly attended to.

Breakfast and Supper Parties supplied, as usual, with the greatest attention.

CHARLES ALEXANDER,
391 Notre Dame street.

TO GROCERS.—A party with Capital and experience would be willing to buy out an established Retail Grocery, or accept a Partnership in one. Address O.P.Q., WITNESS office.

WANTED, by a married woman, a place as Cook in a first-class family. Apply at 101 Notre Dame street.

HARD COAL.
American COAL,—lump, egg, and stove sizes, for sale by the subscriber at summer prices.
DAVID SHAW, Royal Insurance Buildings.

CITY ITEMS.

— Major Bacon of the Victoria Rifles has been appointed to the office of Brigade-Major.

— Those who have purchased tickets for the entertainment in aid of the Ladies' Benevolent Society, at Nordheimers' Hall to-night, are recommended to go early in order to secure good seats. Everything connected with the arrangements is progressing favorably, and those who are fortunate enough to be present may expect something more than is usually given at an amateur entertainment.

CLOSING OF THE GATES OF DERRY.—Loyal Orange Lodges Nos. 5 and 14 will have a grand entertainment in Nordheimer's Hall, No. 111 Great St. James street, this evening, the 18th instant; it being the anniversary of the closing of the gates of Derry. A choice programme has been prepared; music by the L. O. A. Choral Union. Several clergymen and other gentlemen will address the meeting. Members of other city lodges and friends will be cordially welcomed. Tickets may be had of any member of the above-named Lodges, and at the door on the evening of the entertainment.

"THE LITTLE OLD WOMAN."—One of the chief attractions of the Bazaar to be held in Nordheimer's Hall in aid of the building fund of Trinity Church to-morrow and the day following, will consist in the representation of the well-known melody that takes us all back to the happy days of childhood,—

"There was an old woman that lived in a shoe,
She had so many children she didn't know what to do."

We have been favored with a photograph, taken by Mr. Notman, of this wonderful old woman sitting in a shoe formerly worn by one of the gaints that fell beneath the powers of "Jack the Giant Killer," surrounded by a swarming progeny, numerous enough to bother the wits of any matron, young or old.

MONTREAL RETAIL MARKETS.—Contrary to expectation, the attendance was very small to-day. Turkeys and geese were scarce, and in demand. If the weather continues fine, it is expected that a plentiful supply will come in during the week.

RECORDER'S COURT.—Joseph Burns, driving with a false number, $5 or one month.

Pierre Gauthier, for assaulting Charles Lapin, $1 or 8 days.

Pierre Blais and Theophile Gauthier, for the same assault, 7s 6d each or 10 days.

A number of carters were fined for driving without a number.

Joseph Patenaude, employing a hired man without a license, $5 or one month.

Xavier Turcotte, interfering with the police, $2 or 15 days.

Joseph Latour, carter, shouting and fighting in Craig street, 7s 6d or 10 days.

Clement Sanschagrin, interfering with the police, $5 or 8 days.

Thomas Cawthorn, acting as a carter, $2 or 15 days.

Total number of prisoners 35.

Corn Exchange Daily Reports.

(Furnished exclusively to the Daily Witness.)

WHOLESALE PRODUCE PRICES.

MONTREAL CORN EXCHANGE, Dec. 18, 1866.

FLOUR, per brl. of 196 lbs.—Superior Extra nominal, $8.00; Extra, nominal, $7.50 to $7.65; Fancy, $7.25 to $7.35; Superfine, from Canada Wheat, $6.80 to $6.85; Strong Superfine from Canada Wheat, $6.90; Superfine from Western Wheat, nominal, ; City-Brands of Superfine, nominal; Superfine No. 2, $6.35 to $6.45; Fine, $6.00 to $6.20; Middlings, $5.75 to $5.90; Pollards, $4.00 to $4.50; Bag Flour $3.30 to $3.45 per 100 lbs., according to quality. Market quiet but firm,—at an advance of 10c per barrel for Supers. Sales of Superfine from Canada Wheat at $6.82½ and $6.85;—strong Bakers' Flour, in one or two instances, bringing $6.90. A sale of 200 barrels.

OATMEAL, per brl. of 200 lbs., worth $5 to $5.10.

WHEAT, per bush. of 60 lbs.—Range for U. C. Spring according to samples, $1.47½ to $1.50.

PEAS, per 60 lbs—Market dull; the quotation per 60 lbs. is about 80c to 82½c.

OATS, per bush. of 32 lbs.—Worth 32c in store.

BARLEY, per 48 lbs.—Market dull, at 56c to 58c.

RYE, per 56 lbs.—Nominal at 62½c to 65c.

CORN, per 56 lbs.—82½c. asked for Mixed, duty-free, but no transactions.

ASHES per 100 lbs.—First Pots, $5.60 to $5.70; according to tares; Inferiors, $5.35 to $5.40. Pearls, $7.35 to $7.40.

PORK, per brl. of 200 lbs.—Market quiet, and prices nominal.

DRESSED HOGS, per 100 lbs.—Range $5.50 to $6.25 (*silver* currency) according to quality and condition.

BUTTER, per lb.—Market dull, and unchanged.

CHEESE, per lb.—Dull and nominal; Canada Factory, 10c. to 12c. according to quality; Dairy, 9c to 10c.

FINANCIAL.—Sterling Exchange continues scarce and very firm. Bankers' 60-day drafts 9¾ to 10 prem., at Bank, none offering in street. Counter-rate 11 prem. Best private 60-day bills, 9½ to 9¾ prem.; little offering. Documentary and Produce, 8½ to 9 prem. The Commissariat advertise for tenders for 30-day bills on Her Majesty's Treasury,—to be opened to-morrow at noon. The quotation for Sterling Exchange in New York to-day was 9¼ prem. Demand-drafts on New-York, 27½ to 27¾ dis.,—the quotation for gold in that city at noon to-day was 138¼.

LATEST WESTERN ADVICES.—The following are the latest Western Advices received by telegraph at the Corn Exchange:

MILWAUKEE Dec, 17.—No. 1 Wheat, firmer, $2.15 in store. No. 2 Wheat $1.96 in store; receipts 3,000 bush. Flour offering $9.50 asking $9.75. Mess Pork dull, $18.00.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—No. 1 Wheat steady; $2.10 in store. No. 2 Wheat $1.87½ to $1.88 in store; receipts 13,000 bushels. Corn quiet 80½c in store. Mess Pork quiet $18.00 The quotation for Corn on the 15th should have been 80c not 86c in store.

ARRIVALS OF PRODUCE BY G. T. RAILWAY.—DEC. 18.—Wheat, 700 bu; Flour, 1,400 brls; Ashes, 30 brls; Butter, 44 kegs; Dressed Hogs, 249; Leather 15 rolls; Pork 10 brls.; Oats 1,200 bu.; Highwines 42 puns; Oatmeal 100 brls; Tallow 5 brls; Hides 158.

FINANCIAL.—New York, 10 a.m.—Gold, 138¾; Exchange, 9¼. 11 a.m.—Gold, 138¼; Exchange, 9¼.

Auction Sales.

BY JOHN LEEMING & CO.

TO-MORROW.

ASSIGNEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE.

Will be sold, at the Court House, in the city of Montreal, on WEDNESDAY, the nineteenth day of December instant, that valuable parcel of Real Estate belonging to the estate of PATRICK HIGGINS, an Insolvent, fronting on McCord street, in the St. Ann's Ward, being numbers 5, 7, 9, 11, and 13, where it measures about sixty-two feet, running through to Murray street, on which it measures about sixty-nine feet, French measure, with three brick two-story Shops and Dwellings, and other Tenements thereon erected.

This property, but a few steps from Wellington street, facing the Canal Bridge, and nearly opposite the St. Ann Church, with its long frontage on two streets, and situated in an active business neighborhood, will always secure good tenants, and must be a desirable investment.

Sale at TEN o'clock.

T. S. BROWN,
Official Assignee.
JOHN LEEMING & CO., Auctioneers.
Montreal, 10th Dec., 1866.

BY G. McGREGOR.

BANKRUPT STOCK OF
WATCHES, JEWELLERY, CLOCKS, &c.

The subscriber has been instructed by A. B. STEWART, Esq., Assignee to the Estate of C. MELOCHE, Jeweller, &c., to sell, without reserve, the whole of the Stock of said Estate, on

THURSDAY, THE 20TH INST.,

at the Stores, Nos. 459 and 461 St. Paul street, comprising Superior Gold and Silver Watches, fine Gold Chains, Brooches, Rings, Ear-rings, and other Jewellery; 50 Time-pieces, in Bronze and Mahogany Cases, Clock Stands, Spectacles, India Rubber Chains, Plated-ware, Looking-Glasses, &c., &c.,

ALSO,
6 Double Stoves,
1 Office Safe,
1 case Watchmaker's Tools,
1 case Bohemian Glassware.

Sale at TEN o'clock.

G. McGREGOR, Auctioneer.

BY JOHN J. ARNTON.

TO-MORROW.

SALE OF NEWSPAPERS, PERIODICALS, &c.—On TUESDAY evening next, Dec. 18th, the subscriber will sell for the ensuing year, at MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATIONS' ROOMS, Bonaventure street, nearly the whole of the large number of NEWSPAPERS, PERIODICALS, &c., taken by the Association. Sale at EIGHT o'clock.—JOHN J. ARNTON, Auctioneer.

BY L. DEVANY.

IMPORTANT and EXTENSIVE CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S SALES.

The Subscriber has received direct consignments from Mr. C. H. RONDEUX, of Paris, Messrs. GEORGE CUTTS & Co., and Messrs. WM. GALLIMORE & Co., of Sheffield, which he is instructed to sell by auction, at his Stores, 139 Great St. James street, commencing on

SATURDAY, 22nd DECEMBER,

And continuing each day until the whole is disposed of. The Stock comprises:

Elegant French Clocks, Bronze, Gilt and Ormolu.
An extensive invoice of French Ornaments, in ditto.
Tea and Coffee Services, and a general assortment of richly Silver-plated and Silver Goods.
500 doz. Electro-plated Forks and Spoons.
300 LONDON WATCHES, comprising: Diamond-back Levers, 18 k., fancy, enamelled, and plain Gold Silver Cases, &c.
Also, a general Stock of Useful and Fancy Goods.
Sale each day at TWO o'clock, and SEVEN in the Evening.

L. DEVANY, Auctioneer.

BY J. F. RAYMORE.

THIS AFTERNOON.

JUST IN TIME FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

HART & SON will hold their great annual PAWNBROKING SALE, for four nights only, MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, and THURSDAY, December 17th, 18th, 19th, and 20th, at their Store, 37 Notre Dame street, two doors west of Donegana's Hotel, when they will sell the whole of the unredeemed PLEDGES, together with a large and varied assortment of Gold and Silver Watches and Chains, fine Electro-Plate Tea Sets, Clocks, Clothing, and a great variety of numerous other articles, which will be sold without reserve.

Sale each evening at SEVEN o'clock precisely.

J. F. RAYMORE, Auctioneer.

Remember No. 37 Notre Dame street, doors west of Donegana's Hotel.

Miscellaneous.

PATENT RADIATOR AND DAMPER.
SAVE ONE-THIRD the FUEL!

The DAMPER and RADIATOR is so constructed as to produce this result, and also the burning of a portion of the smoke in the stove pipe, instead of its being lost in the chimney. The same result cannot be secured by any other dampers, as this is constructed entirely on scientific principles. With two oval cups or hemispheres, which can be regulated according to the draft of stove or furnace; and is quite different from the three-plate flat or oval Damper, with wire surface, now to some extent, in use. Housewives who would have a quickly heated oven, a good cake, and a saving of wood or coal, should not fail to test this machine for themselves. A trial will be found convincing, and no charge is made for letting the machine speak for itself. The most complimentary letters have been received from the following well known citizens, who have tried this invention, and have proved it to be what is claimed for it: Messrs. R. Sharpley; Ringland, Ewart, & Co.; P. D. Browne; W. H. Seymour; T. & C. C. De Lorimer; D. T. C. Jones, M. D.; C. E. Seymour; Janes, Oliver, & Co.; Starke, Smith, & Co.

All orders left at the Merchants' Hotel, College street, will be promptly attended to.

H. BOHAN, Agent.

Price $1.25 Fitted in the Pipe.

MRS. MILLER, 117 St. Dominique street, opposite St. Lawrence Market, begs to inform her friends and the ladies of Montreal that she purposes remaining in this city the winter months, and will continue to give lessons in the useful and Ornamental Arts of Modelling in Leather, Wax Flowers, Fruit, and Figures Draped in National Costume. Specimens of work always on hand, and ladies wishing articles in any of the above branches can have them made to order.

WILL OFFER in a few days, a fine lot SMOKED GEESE, PORTLAND FINNAN HADDIES.

ARMSTRONG & ROBERTSON.

INSOLVENT ACT OF 1864.—In the matter of FRANCOIS TESSIER, JOSEPH TESSIER, NARCISSE TESSIER, and LOUIS TESSIER individually, and as Partners under the name of TESSIER & FRERES, Traders, St. Hyacinthe, Insolvents.

The Creditors of the Insolvents are notified that they have made an assignment of their estates and effects, under the above Act, to me, the undersigned Assignee, and they are required to furnish me, within two months from this date, with their Claims, specifying the security they hold, if any, and the value of it; and if none, stating the fact; the whole attested under oath, with the vouchers in support of such claims.

T. SAUVAGEAU, Official Assignee.
Montreal, 13th Dec., 1866.

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Family Reading.

[For the WITNESS.

DON'T BE MEAN.

"I detest mean people."

"So do I. I think they are the most despicable folks going, and I know a chap that is just as mean as mean can be. Look here on a pay night when a lot of us boys come out of the shop; he will come along with us until we come to a certain place where we drop in to have a treat; then he will step out from amongst us and say, 'Good night, boys,' and walk coolly off."

"Do you never chafe him about it?"

"Chafe him! Well, I would not have as much said to me as we have said to him for anything."

"How did he take it?"

"He only laughed, so we have almost given it up; but sometimes yet the boys will give a groan for him, or throw a stone at his heels: but it don't do any good, he only turns around gives a ha! ha! and walks quickly off."

"Now, I like that chap, I think he is a manly fellow; and I am sure he despises as well as he pities you."

"Despises as well as pities me!"

"Yes he despises you, because you have not courage to step out and walk off in spite of their chafing and jeering, when you know it degrades you and those related to you to enter that low rum-hole; and he pities you when he thinks of the avaricious rum-seller, who, when he has finally shut his door for the night, looks over the well-filled till, and grins as he thinks of the sweaty brows and knotty, labor-soiled hands which earned that shining heap for him; but he is not the only one that chuckles at your folly. His wife is there watching with interest the gleaming store, as thoughts of new furniture and extra help suggest themselves; and the daughter, too, giggles gleefully, as her thoughts fly quickly from her already well-supplied wardrobe to that beautiful new dress-pattern just out. No one in that family wears thread-bare coats or fringed pants, nor dresses turned up side down nor outside in; is it so in yours?"

[For the WITNESS.

AN INCIDENT.

Some time ago, it was my custom, on a Sabbath eve, to visit two shanties not far from my father's dwelling, giving the inmates tracts, and reading and praying with them. In one lived an old man of seventy odd summers, whose form was bent and decrepit, not so much through age as intemperance and exposure. He had begun life with better prospect of success than many of his compeers, who by an opposite course to his had grown wealthy. He gave himself over to drink and the company of fallen humanity till his family had to leave him, and he was left alone, a miserable dependent on public bounty. In the other lived a man and his wife, both heavy drinkers. He was well connected, having friends in England both wealthy and pious, and was at one time in a lawyer's office; she had been married before and was then a decent woman, and capital house-keeper. But how had the fine silver become dross, and the gold become changed? Drink, that can change angelic woman into a very fiend, may give the answer.

One of those Sabbaths I will not soon forget. I went to their lowly hut, and my young heart was gladdened with what my eyes beheld. He was reading the Bible, and she Bunyan's Pilgrim to a man for whom she washed. I learned that the husband had not tasted drink for three weeks,—a *long time* for him. But gloomy were the tidings of the next Sabbath: poor Mary was a corpse, and the husband was arraigned to answer for her death. I felt sick at heart: all my fond hopes were blighted in one short week. Who that have gone about, like the blessed Jesus, seeking to do good, have not found drink opposing at almost every step; and so found I. I learned that the stranger above mentioned had returned on the Thursday and had sent Mary for whiskey. The husband on returning from work was induced to drink and the spree ended fatally on the Sabbath morning. The husband was acquitted for the want of evidence, and has since died miserably in Toronto Hospital. Old John, the occupant of the other hut soon died, I fear, as he lived, and suspicion again fastened on the same individual, as there were appearances of strangling; but nothing could be proven. If in my previous life I disliked drink, I loathed and hated it now. Is it, can it be, possible that any man loving Jesus, and his fellow as himself, will put the damning cup to his neighbor's lips?

Meadowvale, Nov. 21st, 1866. W. L.

THIRTEEN REASONS WHY MR. ——, OF HALIFAX, GAVE UP SMOKING.

1. When he saw Church members paying from $6 to $12 for tobacco, and only from $2 to $4 for the Gospel per year, he thought that if a man will rob of his tithes and offerings from love to his pipe, it was high time to cast to the moles and bats the "idol" that claimed such a supremacy.

2. It often seemed to him that smoking beclouded the light of God's countenance in Christian experience, and dampened the fire of love and zeal in God's cause.

3. When he saw professors of religion smoking *while* going to and coming from meeting,—he felt a disgust at the practice both in them and in himself. When he saw preachers seeking a *secret* place to "puff," he would think if the deed were justifiable, why not do it publicly; or was it that they felt guilty and ashamed to be seen.

4. Every time he saw the pipe and tobacco in the window of a grog-shop on one side, and the decanter and glass on the other, his conscience would smite him.

5. When he saw boys and young men, and women too, smoking the pipe, he felt he could not *consistently* say aught against it; and when he beheld the drunkard and the profane likewise, he would say, "I am the brother and companion of these characters in the *pipe* at least," and then again his conscience would smite him.

6. When he read and heard so much against smoking he would feel that he ought to give it up.

7. That as in drinking so in smoking, it was almost impossible to keep temperate, it was better to abstain totally.

8. When the *Provincial Wesleyan* would denounce "smoking," he often observed that smokers would shut their eyes, or if they read the article, they would feel annoyed, and justify themselves in the practice, and so smoke on in spite of all the arguments against it.

9. As it appeared evidently to be now the duty of the Church to set up a standard of total abstinence against the floods of *intemperance*, which is annually destroying its hundreds of thousands, it also appeared to him, to be the duty of the Church, now that *smoking* is keeping pace with its elder brother intemperance, to set up a like standard against it.

10. That for the Church wholly to abandon both smoking and drinking and set an example of total abstinence to the world, it seemed to him, would remove two great hindrances out of the way of a more general outpouring of the Spirit of God, and hasten the latter day of glory.

11. Often when smoking he would ask himself, "If Victoria were here now could I smoke in her presence? and is not a greater than England's Queen here, and shall I respect her more than the King of Heaven?"

12. Then when he smelt his own smoky breath when at his devotions—he wondered if God would accept the incense of tobacco.

13. That "if it be as hard (he would say) for the drunkard to give up drinking as it is for me to give up smoking then I should have more feeling for the poor drunkard"; and how, he asked, can I *consistently* advocate total abstinence from drinking while I am intemperate in smoking?

After duly weighing all these facts and arguments, he determined to try if he could not abandon the pipe. When the appetite would cry for "the pipe—the pipe—haste give me the pipe," he would sometimes give it an extra cup of tea, and sometimes a little licorice, and by and by it got less clamorous and craving, until finally it calmed down into a willing submission to total abstinence; and when he got the victory, he could not help praising God for the deliverance, which he often wished for, but never he thought could obtain; and now he feels better in health, more lively in his spirits—less peevish and fretful—has a clearer intellect—a better memory—a peaceful conscience—a brighter evidence and sweeter and nearer communion with God and his Church. And now he says to all, "If I have conquered, so may you, only try and rely upon *Divine* strength, for you will need it if smoking has been a long habit with you, and the victory will be yours also and the result the same.—*Halifax Provincial Wesleyan.*

[Regard for the ladies should prevent smoking at home, and regard for decency and the passengers in the street should prevent one from smoking abroad. Above all, a person should never take a smoke before going to church, or to an evening party, lest he sicken those within reach of his breath.—ED. WIT.]

AGRICULTURAL.

SOCIABILITY AMONG FARMERS.

Naturally the farmer is an unselfish man. His labors are mostly out of doors. His calling takes him much abroad, and enables him to mingle considerably with the world. Yet, looking at the very large proportion of the population embraced in his pursuit, and the important influence exercised by it over all our public affairs, it is a subject of common remark, even by agriculturists themselves, that their social intercourse should be so much restricted.

There is no other cause for this seclusiveness on the part of farmers that we can see than the "treading in the footsteps of their predecessors." Be this as it may, there are other causes operating which appear to be changing this for the better. County fairs, bringing agriculturists together from districts sufficiently near to each other to make acquaintanceship pleasant and lasting, and putting them in friendly emulation in matters and things involving their agrestic skill and success, are clearly working to form more close companionship between those whose domestic comforts and family enjoyments must be greatly promoted in the future.

Little clubs among the farmers of a neighborhood, to meet once a week to discuss or talk over the innumerable subjects connected with the intelligent prosecution of their noble profession, produce a decidedly fraternizing and socializing effect. While these local associations should not be too formal and restricted, they should have an official organization, as better calculated to cause punctuality at the meetings, as well as to add to their permanency.

On these occasions the wives and daughters of families should always accompany their husbands or brothers, not to participate of course in the proceedings that may take place, but to increase the agreeability of the meetings, and to share in the pleasure of the delightful interchanges of good neighborhood. Indeed, if the truth must be spoken—and we are ready to do it upon all occasions, especially upon such a one as this—there is very little social enjoyment in the world which is not refined and made doubly enjoyable by the presence of woman.—*Germantown Telegraph.*

A SHORT SERMON ON STABLES.

The recent improvements in American architecture have not reached the stables, to the extent that could be desired. Brown stone fronts, high ceilings, marble mantlepieces, costly furnaces for warming and ventilating the dwelling, may please the eye and promote the health and comfort for the occupants, while the valuable horses of the proprietor are suffering from a poorly constructed and poorly ventilated stable.

The fault often lies in two directions. The stable may be too tight, or too open. A horse needs light, as well as air and suitable warmth and food,—the vegetable structure hardly needs light more than he does. Pure air is essential. His blood cannot become purified while the air which inflates the lungs is full of foul gases from fermenting manures. Nor is it enough to keep the stalls clean, if they are so tight that the horse is obliged to breathe his own breath over and over again. Digestion is interfered with, and all the functions of life are impeded. Lazy grooms declare that a close, warm stable helps to make a horse's coat fine and glossy in winter as well as in summer. But in winter, such a coat is not to be desired. Nature provides the animal with longer hair and more of it, to defend him from the cold. If the horse is well groomed and blanketed, his hair will be smooth and glossy enough all the year round. The indolent groom ought himself to be shut up for twenty-four hours in the hot, steaming air in which he would confine his master's horse, and see how he would like it. Open the doors of such a stable in a morning, where several horses are kept, and the hot air and the hartshorn are almost sufficient to knock a man down. What wonder, then, that horses so used, should suffer from inflamed eyes, cough, glanders, and other ailments! The wonder is that they bear the abuse so long and so well.

Now, the "*improvement*" to our sermon is simply this: *ventilate the stables.* Ventilate, both in winter and summer. The outer air should be brought in at certain places near the floor, but not in the immediate neighborhood of the horse, so as to cause hurtful drafts of wind directly upon him. Impure air must be ejected, as well as pure air brought in. This can be done in summer very well by leaving several windows open in different parts of the stable. But a better way is to insert ventilators in the highest part of the building, into which ventiducts (square wooden tubes), shall lead from the stalls and which can be opened at will.

CALOMEL FOR FRUIT-TREES.—A gentleman of this city was lately in Saratoga County, and was there shown an apple-tree in fine, healthy condition, which had been ill, subjected to treatment with calomel, and thoroughly cured. This tree was afflicted with insects, which were destroying it, and rendering it unproductive. A hole was bored into the body of the tree, nearly through the sap, and two grains of calomel inserted. As soon as this calomel was taken by the sap, the vermin on the tree died, and it began to bear fruit, and has done so for three years, to the entire satisfaction of the owner. We are told that sulphur may be mixed with the calomel, and produce a good effect. It may not be new to them, but it is to us. Homœopathists and Thompsonians may object to the calomel treatment, but, if they do not like it, they may find among the sugar pills of lobelia and red pepper a substitute.—*Rochester (N. Y.) Union.*

THE ICE HOUSE.—Many persons build their ice house at a distance from other buildings, rendering it inconvenient of access. We built ours against the woodshed, with the walk to the stable running between the woodshed and ice house. A door cut through the wall, with a small step, renders it as convenient for the family to get in and deposit any article there for safe-keeping as it is to get the wood from the woodshed. A shed roof with walls seven or eight feet high, covering a space of ten feet square, is large enough for the ordinary purposes of a family. Box up the inside, leaving a space of one foot between the walls, and fill the space with spent tan or sawdust, and you have an ice house. Spread on the bottom a layer of tan or sawdust a foot in thickness, before depositing the ice. After the ice is all in, spread over a cover of sawdust a foot in thickness, keep your door shut, and make a small wooden chimney through the top to let out the moisture and warm air that may accumulate, and you will have an abundance of ice all summer. A tier of boards nailed on the inside of the rafters and filled between with sawdust is an additional security.—*Maine Farmer.*

— Subsoil ploughing furnishes a strong evidence of the value of deep ploughing. Should corn be planted in a subsoiled field, the corn will be darker in color and increased in height, and as a sequence the yield will be greater.

— There are only two things worth looking at in a horse—action and soundness; for I never saw a "critter" that had good action that was a bad beast.

— Feed the land before it is hungry; rest it before it is weary; and weed it before it is foul.

— In all composts intended for light sandy soils, clay is one of the most valuable ingredients that can possibly be used.

MISCELLANEOUS.

REDUCTION OF THE HOURS OF LABOR.—The Lowell *Courier* says the matter of a reduction of labor is a subject thoughtfully debated in manufacturing interests at this time. The desire is to lessen the amount of goods manufactured; the question of reducing the hours of labor for any other purpose than to lessen the production of goods is not now entertained; and how best to accomplish the object is the point to be determined.

GREAT AGE.—There is in Sandusky, Cattaraugus County, N.Y., an old Revolutionary soldier, Matthias Bakeman by name, who draws a pension from Government. He was born in 1755, and is therefore now 111 years old. His wife, who was one year younger than himself, died about three years ago; and his daughter, fourscore years and more, keeps house for him. The old man enjoys remarkably good health for one of such advanced years, and walks to the village, half a mile from his residence, every two or three days. On each Fourth of July he takes his old fowling-piece and goes out into the fields, where he blazes away a salute in honor of Independence Day.

HORRIBLE ACCIDENT.—The Utica papers give the particulars of a runaway accident that occurred at Holland Patent, 11 miles north of Utica, last Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Ward, wife of Nathaniel Ward, jr., a most estimable woman, and the centre of an affectionate family circle, started with her little boy to attend a meeting of the Baptist Church at the Patent, where she was to meet her husband and daughter. After going a little way the horse became restive, when the little boy became frightened and returned home. Soon afterward the vicious beast became unmanageable and started to run. Mrs. Ward, in attempting to jump, caught her hoop-skirt on the springs, and was thus dragged a mile and a half over a rough and stony road. She finally became disentangled, and was found most horribly torn and lacerated, and life nearly extinct. Her clothing was scattered along the road, and even her shoes and stockings were torn from her feet. One arm and one limb broken, her head nearly scalped, and the flesh in several places torn to the bones, tell how great must have been the sufferings of the unfortunate victim. Death soon relieved her of her sufferings.

HOW TO COOK A BEEFSTEAK.—A beefsteak ought always to be broiled, and never fried; but the following method of cooking is recommended by Mrs Hutton, which even those who are accustomed to broiling may be willing to try. "The frying-pan being very dry, place it upon the stove and let it become hot—*very* hot. In the meantime mangle the steak—if it chance to be sirloin, so much the better—pepper and salt it, and then lay it in the hot, dry pan, which instantly cover as tightly as possible. When the raw flesh touches the heated pan, of course it seethes and adheres to it, but in a few moments it becomes loosened and juicy. Every half minute turn the steak; but be careful to keep it as much as possible under cover. When nearly done, lay a small piece of butter upon it; and if you want much gravy, add a table-spoonful of strong, good coffee. In three minutes from the time the steak goes into the pan, it is ready for the table. This method of cooking makes the most delicious, delicately-broiled steak, full of juice yet, retaining all the healthy beefy flavor that any John Bull could require. This method may be applied to mutton chops, only they require a little longer cooking to prevent them from being rare. An excellent gravy may be made for them by adding a little cream, thickened with a pinch of flour, into which, when off the fire and partly cool, stir in the yolk of an egg, well beaten."—*N. Y. Paper.*

WHISKEY, SO CALLED.—If the Temperance societies would publish the revelations recently made as to the way in which whiskey is manufactured in New York, it would have more effect on the cause than volumes of didactic reasoning. It is conclusively shown that men whose digestive organs are not iron-clad cannot drink the liquor of modern times with impunity. The manufacturer is not content with making a harmless imitation, but is led by avarice to reduce the strength of the alcohol one half by adding water; putting in fiery substances that the deception may not be discovered. Thus the liquid burns the throat of the drinker, who is thereby led to believe that it is strong. The receipt generally used is as follows:

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T. S. BROWN, Official Assignee.
Montreal, 12th Dec., 1866.

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