

TELEGRAPH NEWS

Toronto, Dec. 31. The Whelan case came up to-day before the full Court of Error and Appeal. Hon. Mr. Cameron said it was doubtful whether the case should be brought before the Court by a writ of error issued by the Queen's Bench or a writ of appeal issued by the Court of Error and Appeal.

Paris, Jan. 1. The Emperor Napoleon, on the usual New Year's reception of the Diplomatic Corps, in reply to the address of the representatives of foreign powers, said that he realized with much pleasure the conciliatory spirit animating the European governments which enabled them to quiet animosities and smooth international difficulties as fast as they arise.

New York, Jan. 2. A severe snow storm yesterday extended over a wide tract of country to the north and east, it is badly drifted causing delay to rail road trains.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER.

The following suggestive Programme has been prepared by the Evangelical Alliance: Sunday, January 3.—SERMONS. Subject: The Impression of the "High Priest over the House of God," the motive and model of unit prayer. Heb 10:19-22.

Tuesday, January 5.—Nations: for their temporal and spiritual prosperity; editing influence and the maintenance of peace; for increased opening for the Gospel; for the removal of social evils for the better observance of the Lord's Day; and for kings and all in authority.

Wednesday, January 6.—Families: for children of Christian parents; for a blessing on home learning; for all Seminars of Christian literature—Universities, Colleges and Schools; for Sunday Schools, and private instruction; for our youth abroad; and for a blessing on Christian literature.

Thursday, January 7.—The Church: for more knowledge of God's Word and increase of spiritual life; for sound and faithful preaching adapted to rich and poor; growing love to Christ; a more earnest love to Christians of varied name and of all nations; and for the sending forth of more laborers into the harvest.

Friday, January 8.—Mission: for the conversion of the Heathen and Mohammedan; for the growth of Missionary zeal; for the removal of hindrances to preaching the Gospel among all nations; for recent converts; and for all who are suffering persecution for the truth.

Saturday, January 9.—General: for the conversion of Israel; for the circulation of the Holy Scriptures; for Christian and philanthropic Societies; and for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Christians and Christian Churches throughout the world.

Sunday, January 10.—Sermon: Subject: The duty of the Christian Church in relation to the religious wants of the world.

MASONIC PRESENTATION.—Yesterday being New Year's day—a deputation consisting of Pastmasters Alex. Robertson, James Robertson, W. F. Bunting, and W. S. Marven, Secretary of Allison Lodge, paid a visit to the aged and much respected Brother John Bowyer, Grand Tyler of the Grand Lodge, with a gift of one hundred dollars, which had been subscribed by individual members.

Pastmaster J. S. McNeill, Jr., of New Brunswick Lodge, was, on the 25th ult., presented by Zion's Lodge, Sussex, with a valuable Silver Ring; and last evening Mr. D. R. Moore, W. M. of the Union Lodge of Port land, was presented by the members of his Lodge with a handsome Gold Watch and Chain, a testimonial of the esteem and fraternal regard of the brethren.—Globe.

AGES OF THE NEW MINISTRY.—The cabinet consists of fifteen members, the oldest of whom is Lord Chelmsford, who is 68; the Lord Chancellor, 67; Mr. Gladstone, 59; Mr. Bright and Mr. Lowe, each 57; Mr. Caldwell, 55; Mr. Bruce and Earl Granville, each 53; the Duke of Argyll and Mr. Chichester Fortescue, each 46; the Earl of Kimberley, 42; Earl de Grey and Mr. Childers, each 41; Mr. Goschen, 37; and the Marquis of Harrington, 35. The Lord Chancellor, Mr. Bright, Mr. Lowe, Mr. Bruce, Mr. C. Fortescue, Lord Kimberley, and Mr. Childers, are respectively new to the duties of Cabinet Ministers.

WINDSOR AND ANNAPOLIS RAILWAY.—The Bridgeport "Free Press" learns that locomotives are running the whole distance from that town to Wolfville (52 miles). The rails are being laid down to Annapolis; and on Tuesday a locomotive with a train of cars crossed the bridge and passed to the station on the other side of the river.

The Massachusetts Legislature, which is to assemble next week, has a question to determine which may give occasion for argument twenty years of age, was elected in November to the House of Representatives, and will not complete his majority till May next. The constitution of the State does not explicitly fix an age for Representatives, and it is a question, therefore, how far the discretion of the House extends. The constitution of the United States is explicit on three points: requiring a member of the House of Representatives to be twenty five years of age, and a President or Vice President thirty five. John Randolph when his youthful career attracted inquiry as to his age, answered solemnly: "Ask my constituents," and Mr. Tyler may be of the same opinion.

NOTICE.—Persons indebted to this Office for subscriptions, advertising, &c., are requested to pay on or before the 15th inst. Many are indebted for twelve months and upwards, and as we have bills to meet, their attention to this request will save expense. To those who have paid regularly, we tender our acknowledgments.

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THE SABBATH SCHOOL CONCERT in the Methodist church last Wednesday evening, was largely attended, and passed off in a very creditable manner. The walls of the Church were tastefully decorated with passages of Scripture appropriate to the season and occasion, and a number of suggestive mottoes as "Be True," "Be Manly," "Be Fearless," "Onwards," &c. Behind the pulpit, enclosed in a wreath of evergreens, were the names of the Superintendent and Teachers, in the centre of which were the words, "Welcome to our School." On the right were the words "A Merry Christmas," on the left "A Happy New Year," and surrounding the whole the right royal utterance "God Save the Queen." The exercises consisted of vocal and instrumental music, Recitations and Dialogues, and where all did well. It would be tedious to particularize. Some of the songs were very especially "Christ, who art our Father," "A Happy New Year to thee," "The Christmas Eve," "The Christmas Eve," and "The Christmas Eve," were rendered in fine style by Mrs. A. D. Stevenson, who had beautifully and recently operated with the Superintendent, and rendered the affair a success. The audience was attentive and orderly, the collection was \$10.00. Rev. Mr. Wilson was presented with a little sum of money, by two little girls, one of the school, as a proof of the love of the little ones, the National Anthem was sung, the benediction pronounced, and we returned home pleased and profited with the evening's entertainment.

The New Dominion Monthly for January has reached us. We have frequently spoken of this magazine in terms of commendation. The number before us is well filled with interesting original papers, among which are an article on Volcanic Eruptions, No. 2 on the Great North West—an instructive article on Teaching of English with Tables, Poetry, Music, Domestic Economy, and Children's Department.—Published by John Douglas & Son, Montreal.—Price \$1 per annum.

ARTILLERY COMPANY.—We are requested to announce that a meeting will be held on Monday evening next, to form a Battery of Artillery. Particulars will be given in Posters.

We are informed that the Rev. B. F. Ratny has been confined to his home for some days, and that he is still very unwell.

We understand that the wife of J. H. Maxwell, Esq., of St. Stephen, eldest daughter of the late D. W. Jack, Esq., died on Saturday last.

Under our ordinary head, will be noticed the death of John A. Young, of San Francisco, a native of this town. Mr. Young and family left this Province some two years since to join their sons in California.

London, Jan. 4. In view of President Johnson's summary proclamation of the 25th of December, Jefferson Davis, John Sibley, James S. Mason, A. Dudley Mann, and other ex-rebels, are preparing to return to the United States.

Mr. Howe ACCEPTS THE SITUATION.—The "Citizen" of Tuesday contains a lengthy report of a political statement made by Mr. Howe at Cornwallis. In answer to the question, "Do you accept the Situation?" he said that like David, when his son was dead, he bowed to the will of Providence, and submitted to the inevitable. He did not, however, accept a situation for himself, but would try to do the best he could for the country.

ST. JOHN ABOARD.—Mr. Charles C. Ward of this city now residing in New York is highly spoken of by the "Commercial Advertiser" of that city, as rapidly attaining eminence as a faithful figure and landscape painter. His picture of "An Indian Boy" in his native woods is said to be most characteristic and one of the most striking in the whole exhibition at the National Academy. It is being known that in every department of Commerce, Science and Art, our young men are able, in all parts of the world, to give a good account of themselves, and that their merits are speedily recognized, and acknowledged by the people among whom they live.—(Morning News.)

The engineer in charge of the work on a portion of the Union Pacific Railroad.

The N. Y. Journal of Commerce says that a project is under consideration among prominent moneyed men of that city, and will soon be put in shape and presented to Congress, providing gradual return to specie payment by compelling the banks after a given date to render a certain proportion of their issues in gold, and by empowering revenue officers to receive a certain proportion of the customs in paper.

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