

THE "MORNING JOURNAL."—It is refreshing to observe that a healthy tone is beginning to manifest itself in the managers of this paper. Those who have hitherto refrained from becoming subscribers to the same will hesitate no longer. The *Morning Journal* has now ceased to be purely an advocate of the Southern Confederacy and devotes a portion of its space to Provincial affairs. A "Summing up" of the whole Confederation—the delegate Confederation—in fifty lines was admirable, and a leading article on the recent rains with an apt quotation of "water water everywhere" from "Ancient mariner" (! did he write the celebrated poem "Coleridge") will surely tend to convince those who say that the *Morning Journal* is often "drawn blank" for Nova Scotia news, that they are in error.

NOVA SCOTIA INSTITUTE.—The Nova Scotian Institute of Natural Science met last Monday on which occasion the Rev Mr. Ambrose read a most interesting paper on the Sea birds of this province. A letter from the venerable Professor Owen, was also read which tended to prove that the bones found in the "kitchen middens" of which we have heard so much were in many cases far from ancient. Some indeed the professor believes to be common modern marrow bones. We believe that the Society recently congratulated themselves on the discovery of a very ancient skeleton, supposed to be that of an Indian who lived many thousand years ago. The further discovery of remains of an ordinary coffin fastened with iron nails, in the immediate vicinity of the skeleton, renders its extreme antiquity somewhat doubtful.

We must congratulate Nova Scotia on the change which has recently taken place in the management of the *Morning Chronicle*. Both Federatists and Anti-Federatists must rejoice that in all parts of the country the people will have an opportunity of seeing both sides of the questions at issue. The delegates themselves must share our joy at seeing the darling wish of their hearts—Federation freely ventilated—accomplished.

For the information of strangers visiting this city we have taken some pains to compile the following table which expresses the relative values of the different triweekly papers in terms of their original matter.

16	<i>Morning Journals</i>	make	One Sun.
2	<i>Suns</i>	do.	One Recorder.
3	<i>Recorders</i>	do.	One Express.
2	<i>Expresses</i>	do.	One Reporter.
3	<i>Reporters</i>	do.	One Citizen.
1½	<i>Citizens</i>	do.	One Colonist.
10	<i>Colonists</i>	do.	One Chronicle.

Oddly enough, the *Chronicle* is pursuing the old arguments used by the "whipper-snapper" *Bullfrog* writers. It is never too late to mend.

Should Canada and the Maritime Provinces unite, the R. Catholic population would out number the Protestant population by one third.

Archbishop Connolly has written to the *Chronicle* in favor of Federation.

Summary of the Telegraphic News of the Week

Advices from Yokohama, Japan, to Nov. 30, report the murder by the Japanese, of two British officers. The British minister had demanded the arrest and punishment of the assassins, and would take measures to compel it.

The Japanese authorities, show a disposition to comply with the demand.

North China advices announce the wreck of the British Gunboat Race Horse, Nov. 5th, in the Bay of Hungman, and the loss of eighty-nine of her officers and crew.

Private letters from Savannah state that the destruction of the Gulf railroad by Sherman, is a severe blow to Lee's army. Not less than eleven thousand five hundred cattle per week were transported over it to Richmond from Florida and Southern Alabama.

Confederate papers are engaged in a bitter quarrel for and against Jeff Davis's policy in regard to appealing to England for protection.

The Richmond *Whig* says:—"She has no ships that could encounter the Yankee monitors with any prospect of success, although she might build such, yet the probability is that they could not cross the Ocean. She could not even break up the blockade, far less send an army and fleet here to assist us. It is, therefore, hardly worth while to think of returning to English vassalage."

Confederate papers confirm the advance of Sherman into South Carolina.

The Secretary of War has left Washington for Savannah and intermediate head quarters, on important matters relating to the war.

The rebel pirate Olustee ran out of Wilmington on Christmas night while the Federal fleet was engaged in the attack on Fort Fisher.

Steamer Potomac, running from New York to Portland, took fire this morning while entering Portland harbor, and was burned to the water's edge. Four lives lost.

The merchants of New York and Boston are raising a large fund to supply the citizens of Savannah with provisions.

The blockade runner, (steamer) R. E. Lee, was wrecked off the mouth of the Rio Grande, and 22 of her crew were drowned.

Governor McGrath, of South Carolina, calls every able bodied man in the State between the ages of sixteen and sixty to the defence of Charleston.

It is rumored that Gen. Sherman has communicated to the President that the Georgia State authorities have applied to come back into the Union, and that Secretary Stanton's visit to Savannah, is in connection with the subject.

Reports from Gen. Dana's cavalry expedition to the Mobile and Ohio Railroad show the destruction of about sixty-two miles of the line—with many cars and army wagons.

Governor Bramlette, of Kentucky, in his annual message, recommends gradual emancipation. Resolutions have been introduced in both Houses of the Legislature, declaring for immediate emancipation.

The reported appointment of Fremont to the French Mission was untrue.

The Richmond *Scout* says the masses in that city are absolutely starving.

The Legislature of North Carolina are discussing resolutions, looking to propositions of peace with the Federal Government.

Government has sent a special agent to Savannah to look after the cotton captured by Sherman. It is reported that immense amounts of cotton will be secured in Georgia.

The *Herald* correspondent says Gen. Butler has been relieved from his command.

Late rebel papers show that Jeff Davis has now on his hands quarrels with the Governors of Mississippi, Georgia and Alabama.

The Richmond *Whig* prints testimony from a Savannah clergyman, Gen. Wayne, and Gen. Beauregard, that the reported atrocities at Milledgeville, charged upon Gen. Sherman's army, are wholly unfounded. The ladies of Milledgeville also write that no such violence was ever attempted.

The *Tribune's* Washington despatch says Gen. D. Prentice, just from Richmond, reports that Jeff Davis' Government had conclusively resolved to free and arm the slaves; that 200,000 of them would soon be equipped and put into the field.

Advices from Colorado Territory state that a party of 1500 Indians attacked the overland mail and express coach, robbing the mails and express. They then made an attack on a station house near by and burned it. A guard of 80 soldiers at the post after a savage fight, repulsed and drove the Indians off, killing 39, including their chief; 19 soldiers and settlers were killed.

Movements in aid of the people of Savannah are being made in Boston, New York, and Philadelphia.

Steamship Moravian, with Liverpool dates to 29th ult., arrived at Portland to day. General Dix's order to pursue the raiders into Canada attracts much attention. The leading journals hope that it will not be acted upon as trouble may ensue.

Late rebel papers acknowledge that Stoneman and Barbridge's Raid in East Tennessee and West Virginia did great damage; and state that they have done all the harm they can do in that region.

The rebel senate have adopted resolutions of thanks to their allies the Cherokee Indians.

A sharp discussion is now going on between the rebel papers in which Jeff Davis's meddling is charged as the cause of all their recent disasters. Some of them in his defence assail General Lee as a marplot.

A Quebec despatch states that Messrs. Emmons and Lat' ap, of Detroit, who have been there some days in communication with the Government, regarding the passport system, have left for Washington, on the same business.

Another batch of peace rumors has been started, in which it is alleged the rebels have appointed Commissioners, and applied to the Washington Government to receive them.

The Galt House, the leading Hotel in Louisville, Ky., was burned yesterday morning. One life lost.

Hon. James Guthrie was elected U. S. Senator from Kentucky to succeed Mr. Powell, after 4th March next.

There is no truth in the story that Sherman has represented to the President that the Georgia State authorities have applied to come back into the Union.