

"I am the representative of a class of persons," said the venerable divine, "who suffer more from this exorbitant tax than most men, as our correspondence is usually great, and our means small. I have paid \$4000 during my life, upon letters which grew out of my clerical duties, and the burthen was heaviest when I was a poor man even than I am now. I want to be relieved of this, if practicable, for the rest of my life."—Again he said: "I have given a large family to my country, and it has been so ordered, that whenever I receive a letter from my absent children, the postage has most frequently been twenty-five cents. This is too heavy a tax upon the domestic intercourse of the people."—*Cincinnati Paper*.

The Frankford (Ky.) Commonwealth states that Gov Owsley has refused to pardon Delia Webster, convicted of assisting runaway slaves, she will therefore be sent to the Penitentiary for the term specified in her sentence.

It is computed that the trade in the western waters employs six hundred steamers, with an aggregate tonnage of 130,000 tons, navigated by 12,000 men, at an annual expense of twelve millions of dollars, with cargoes to the amount of some two hundred millions of dollars.

We have seen a letter from an agent of the Home Missionary Society, says the Rochester Daily American, to a gentleman in this city, which states that 1,000,000 francs have been sent over by foreign Catholic associations to extend Catholicism in this country. This is \$30,400 more than all the American Protestant contributions for home missions.

Stereotype plates of iron are now made in Germany. A Bible printed on a set of these has been sold for twenty-six cents a copy!

Gov. Ford, of Illinois, has sent in his special message relating to the late Mormon disturbances in Harroek county. It is altogether favourable to the Mormons. The expenses of the first campaign, have not been reported; the last campaign commonly called the "wolf hunt," cost between eight and nine thousand dollars.

We learn from Havre that six Dominican friars had taken their passage in the last packet for the United States, and two others for Martinique. Eight other German missionaries, and seventeen nuns have also arrived at Havre, who were proceeding to the same destination.

The influx of Jews to the Holy Land has been very great of late. There is no more room in Jerusalem for them; they have already spread over a part of the Turkish quarter. Jaffa has been selected by them for the establishment of a Jossiba, and several Rabbies have been appointed for that purpose. Many new converts have settled at Jaffa and other places along the coast.

The Rothschilds have been excommunicated by the Jew's Synagogue at Jerusalem, for the very extraordinary reason that they have subscribed £100,000 for the amelioration of the Asian Jews. The Synagogue is bigotedly opposed to all innovation in the way of improvement, it seems.

There are about five hundred schools in Massachusetts where vocal music is now practised. Half a dozen years ago, the number was probably less than one hundred.

An agricultural college is about to be established near Nashville, Tenn., designed to combine intellectual and moral culture with physical improvement.

Over one million of books are now in the District School Libraries of the State of New-York; 700,000 children are taught in the schools, which is 50,000 more than last year.

An improved kind of horse shoe, made at Troy New-York, is now sold at the price of only five cents per pound, ready prepared to be used. At a factory recently erected, fifty tons of these are now turned out per day.

There are in Ohio about six thousand Public School Districts, and 695,839 youth entitled to the benefit of the schools in these districts.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, January 8.

The Bill to authorize the Corporation of Toronto to purchase an industry farm in the neighbourhood of that city, was read the third time, passed, and sent to the Council.

The petition of the Talbot District Agricultural Society was referred to the committee on expiring laws.

On motion of Mr. Dewitt, an Address was ordered for a statement of each Scholastic Institution to which an annual grant is

made from the Provincial Revenue, with the number of pupils in each.

Col. Prince gave notice of his intention to bring in a Bill to establish a General Agricultural Society for Canada.

Mr Christie moved the second reading of his Bill for the commutation of the Seigneurial Tenure in Lower Canada. The second reading was postponed for a month.

THURSDAY, January 9.

Pursuant to order the House was then called.

Members Absent.—Messrs, Bertholet, [sick] Harrison, Small, [with leave] Stuart, of Bytown, [sick] and Tachereau.

A writ was ordered for a new election for a member in the room of Mr. Harrison, who has accepted the office of Judge of the Home District Surrogate Court.

A great number of petitions were presented. The following were read:—

Of Rev. J. Carr and others, of the District of Wellington and Gore, and Rev. T. Schindler and others of Niagara, praying that the privileges granted to various religious sects by the Act of 11 Geo. 4, cap. 26, may be extended to the "Evangelical Association."

Of T. Syer and others, of Cavan, for alterations in the law regulating Common Schools.

Of Rev. W. Leeming and others, on behalf of the congregation of Trinity Church, Chippewa, praying compensation for the burning of the said Church by an incendiary.

Of the Corporation of the Montreal General Hospital, for pecuniary aid.

Twenty-one petitions from members of the Church of England and Ireland, residing in Grimsby, Chippewa, Osnaburgh, Toronto, and Chingacousy, Hamilton, Six Nation Indians, Ancaster, and Dundas, Nassagaweya, Nelson, and Trafalgar, Brock, Tiny, Colchester, Smith's Falls, Thornhill, Carlton Place, Williamsburgh, Fredericksburgh, Adolphustown, Manitoulin Islands, Richmond, Wilmet and Kemptville, praying that the portion of the Clergy Reserves apportioned to the said Church in this Province, may be placed under the management of the Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto.

Of the President of the London Mechanics' Institute, for pecuniary aid.

Of Mrs. Ann Cuthbert Fleming, for pecuniary aid in the publication of certain elementary works on the English language.

Mr. Cameron, in moving that the petition of W. Evans, Esq., of Montreal, praying for aid in the publication of the Canadian Journal, should be referred to a Select Committee, referred to the great efforts the petitioner had made in favor of agriculture, and the claim the work had on the Province.

Messages from the Governor General in reply to addresses from the Assembly were read to the House. The first in reference to the discontinuance of the "Unicorn" steamer, stated, His Excellency would submit the subject to the Home Government, but that no intimation of the discontinuance of the "Unicorn" had been received by him. The second, recommended the case of Colonel Fitzgibbon to the consideration of the Assembly, on the score of his long services, zeal, and fidelity. The third, stated that the Address of the House asking for a free passage for the political exiles who have been pardoned, and who are now in England, would be favourably recommended by His Excellency to the Home Government.

FRIDAY, January 10.

By a resolution of the Upper Canada House of 1841, we believe no member could sit on more than one Election Committee, but this resolution was rescinded by one come to last (Thursday) night, an attempt was made to rescind this second resolution, and thus re-affirm the original one, but this was negated by a majority of 40 to 34, the Ministers voting in the majority; consequently the resolution of Thursday night is the one now in operation.

Three petitions, from members of the Church of England and Ireland, residing respectively at St. Catharines, the Carrying Place, and the Township of Oxford, praying that the proportions of the Clergy Reserves pertaining to the said Church may be placed under the management of the Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto.

Of the Natural History Society of Montreal, for pecuniary aid.

Of R. W. Brennan, and others, for a grant to make a road from Delaware to the north-east corner.

MONDAY, January 13.

Of E. C. Allen, Principal of the Sherbrooke Academy, praying for pecuniary aid to their Institution.