

SUMMARY OF NEWS

From *Wilmington & Smith's European Times*.

The subjects of University tests has been the cause of a fierce debate, and of a very narrow division in the House of Commons—so narrow, that only eight votes stood between the Government and defeat. The abolition of religious tests in the Scotch Universities was originally brought before the House by Mr. Rutherford, and when he introduced it, Sir James Graham intimated the probability that the Ministry would concede the demand. The second reading of the bill, in the absence of Mr. Rutherford, was moved by Mr. Macaulay, the member for Edinburgh, who is, our readers need hardly be informed one of the most effective and brilliant speakers in the House. The question at issue involves this consideration—whether the members of the Free Church in Scotland shall have access to the Universities of their country. As the tests now stand, they are excluded: and as the Free Church constitutes the great majority of our northern countrymen, the grievance is felt to be tyrannical in practice, and unjust in principle. On the second reading, the Government very unwisely for their stability and popularity, resisted the required boon, and in doing so, laid themselves open to a cutting exposure of inconsistency. To oppose the abolition of tests in Scotland, while, in their new Collegiate Bill, they insist upon the absence of tests in Ireland, is an anomaly, if not an absurdity. The inconsistency is so palpable, the cases are so parallel, that the opposition speakers stood on "savage ground," and made the most of their position, while the Government and its advocates were puerile in argument, and powerless in warding off the assault. The debate was the most damaging which the Ministry has experienced, and the feeling of the House was so strong, that the whipper in found the greatest difficulty in saving his friends. Indeed, it is said, that had the opposition marshalled their forces with equal, or even moderate zeal, the Government would have been defeated. On this occasion, Lord John Russell came out "strong," as it is phrased, and said some cutting things, in the bitterest and most telling manner. The subject is to be mooted again, in another form, when resistance, if it is preserved in, will be useless. Perhaps Ministers, who cannot help feeling their embarrassment, will give way.

Mr. Bonham and Captain Boldero have been pronounced, by a select committee, guilty of turning, in the matter of the South Eastern Railway, their legislative and official duties to pecuniary account. But these gentlemen must resign, perhaps have done so; but suspicion that they are sacrificed to keep up appearances, and that they will leave behind them many whose hands are not a whit cleaner than their own.

Major General Ready, the Lieutenant-Governor of the Isle of Man, and son-in-law to Sir John Lubbock, died on Thursday morning, in the 73rd year of his age, under circumstances unusually afflictive. His Excellency has long suffered from ill health, and was in the habit of having draughts frequently administered internally and embrocations applied externally. Medicines were consequently frequently lying about his bed-room. On Thursday morning, it appears there were placed side by side, a bottle containing morphine and another containing atropine. The difference in the bottles not being well known, and no distinctive mark of "poison" being affixed, the deadly poison, atropine, was unfortunately administered by mistake. Death ensued almost immediately. The deceased gentleman was appointed Governor of the Island in December, 1832. His Excellency was aide-de-camp to the Duke of Richmond, while that nobleman was Governor of Lower Canada, and subsequently, for some years, held the appointment of Governor of Prince Edward Island. General Ready was much and deservedly esteemed throughout the Island.

DEPUTATION FROM THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.—The Rev. Dr. Simpson, one of the above Deputation, arrived in this City on Saturday afternoon, and preached two excellent sermons on Sunday. The Rev. Mr. McBean, of Chatham, officiated in the evening, in St. Paul's Church. On Monday morning at 10 o'clock the two Elders, and a Committee of Trustees, waited upon this Rev. Doctor, to whom they presented an Address, which with his answer, we copy below.—*Fredericton*, Aug. 6.

The Rev. Doctor departed for Saint John this morning by the Steamer New Brunswick.—*Head Quarters*.

To the Reverend Doctor Simpson, the Reverend Doctor McLeod, and the Reverend Norman McLeod, Deputed by the General Assembly of the Established Church of Scotland, to visit the North American Colonies.

"REVEREND SIRS,—We, the Elders, Trustees, and Congregation of Saint Paul's Church, in this City of Fredericton, beg leave most cordially and heartily to welcome you to this Continent."

Arriving as you do amongst us, upon a mission of love and benevolence, we cannot but hope that Almighty God will sanctify your presence to the great and permanent advantage of this Province; and that the result of your investigations into the spiritual wants of Presbyterians in New Brunswick, will speedily lead to an abundant supply of Gospel Instruction and Ministration, of which many portions of this Province are now so happily destitute.

Although but a comparatively brief period has elapsed since the attention of the Scottish Church was first attracted to the Members of Her Communion in this Colony, yet such has been the bounteous goodness of

God, that numerous Congregations have been formed throughout the land, and supplied with suitable Pastors, the poorer Congregations being assisted by the Parent Church, and a blessing thus secured to them which their own, unaided efforts would have failed to attain.

"For this Christian liberality of the Church of Scotland, we have reason to express the warmest emotions of gratitude; but while much has been done there is yet much to be accomplished."

"At every stage of your progress, you cannot fail to discover the necessity of a more plentiful supply of laborers in the Gospel Vineyard; and as the population is rapidly increasing, and the Members of our Communion are yet ungathered, this state of spiritual destitution must also increase in a corresponding degree, unless ovated by the ministration of zealous and pious Missionaries."

"While, therefore, we are happy to recognize in your appointment, and unabating desire by the Church of Scotland for our spiritual welfare, we confidently anticipate, as the results of your labours of love, in this hemisphere, a strengthening of the bonds which unite us to the Parent Church, and an enlargement of the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

"JOHN McBEATH } Elders.
ANDREW INCHES }
T. R. ROBERTSON, Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

August 4, 1845."

To which Dr. Simpson on behalf of the Deputation made the following reply:—

"GENTLEMEN,—

"On the part of the Deputation, I beg to return our best thanks for the cordial welcome with which you greet our arrival amongst you. The origin and object of our appointment by the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, to visit the North American Provinces, you correctly understand when you describe it as 'a mission of love and Christian benevolence.' It originated in the deep and sincere sympathy felt by that Church in the spiritual concerns of this distant land, and its object is the alleviation and relief of the destitution in respect of religious ordinances and Pastoral care, under which so many of her sons, and adherents to her communion are now unhappily labouring, in this land of their adoption. In prosecution of the task assigned to us, we embrace and seek every opportunity to preach the Gospel, accounting this a primary and most important branch of it, and the large number attending, and the deep and absorbing interest with which the word is listened to, we humbly and gladly hail as a token that our 'labour is not in vain in the Lord.' It is our object, rather, to gather such information, as may enable the Church by which we are deputed for this purpose, to carry out, in the most effectual and beneficial manner, her earnest desire and purpose to aid in promoting the cause of Christ in these Provinces. That our endeavours may be blessed of God to this great end, is the wish and prayer of our Church—a wish and prayer in which we heartily join. May He, with whom it remains to give a successful issue, more than fulfil your most sanguine expectations of happy results!"

For the measure of supply of the means of grace, which, as you state, has, by the Divine goodness, been afforded to the adherents of the Church of Scotland in this Colony, we desire to join with you in humble and hearty thanks. Of the destitution still existing and appealing so urgently to Christian sympathy, we are fully aware; and we have great pleasure in assuring you that to the best of her power and the extent of the resources at her command, in respect of labourers to gather in the harvest, and of pecuniary aid towards supporting them, in those places, were, from the poverty of the people, such aid is required, the assistance of the parent Church will not be wanting. These supplies should keep pace, as nearly as possible, with the rapidly increasing population.

In our appointment you rightly recognize the evidence of "an unabating desire in the Church of Scotland for your spiritual welfare; and nothing will be to her matter of sincere satisfaction than to find that the effects of our visit are such as you anticipate, namely, a strengthening of the bonds which unite you to the Parent Church, and an enlargement of the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. This result, she herself contemplates with eager expectation, and in its realization she will gratefully rejoice as the fulfilment of her fondest wishes, and the answer to her fervent prayers."

TEXAS.—Official intelligence has been received at Washington, that in the convention of delegates, which assembled on the 4th of July, there was but one dissenting voice in an unqualified assent to the proposed union with the United States—United States troops were on their march to the frontiers of Texas at the latest date, and the intelligence of their approach is said to have delighted the Texans.

TERRIBLE STEAMBOAT EXPLOSION.—The steamer Wapello reached this port yesterday from the Missouri. She reports that on the morning of the 23d inst. the steamer Big Hatchee, Capt. Frisbee, bound from this place to Weston, burst her starboard boiler as she was shooting out from the landing at Herman, sending the boiler straight forward overboard; the steam aft carried away the main cabin, as far abait as the ladies cabin, and displacing the larboard boiler some three or four feet from its bed, and scalding twenty-three of the passengers and crew; of that number three are dead.

The New York Gazette of Friday says—"Three Hundred Dollars was asked yesterday for a copy of the European Times of the

19th, the passenger for whom the Steaming train was kept back, bringing on but two copies for this city, and stating that the other copy had been purchased at that price! It seems to be hardly worth while to detain a whole train in this way, for the private speculation of some particular and favored individual."

COMMUNICATION.

For the Standard

Ma. Editor.—While the action brought by the corporation of "All Saints Church," to obtain possession of the "Town School House," was pending a legal decision, it might by some persons have been deemed indelicate, if not improper, to have entered into a public discussion of the merits of the question or to have proposed a public movement of any kind touching the matter in dispute. But the case having been decided by a Court and Jury of the country, against the Church, I conceive that it becomes the duty of the people of this Town and parish, to take immediate steps to obtain possession of the remainder of the lots justly belonging to the School, and of which they have been late most unjustly deprived.

As to the best mode to be adopted in the first instance, I will not pretend to dictate, but I would take the liberty to suggest, that a full statement of the case be made to the Lord Bishop of Fredericton, accompanied with all the documents which have come before the public in the course of the trial, and a respectful memorial requesting his Lordship to order a conveyance to be made of said lots in trust to the Justices, in conformity to the true intent and meaning of the original parties interested in the transaction. This mode if adopted, would be likely to meet the ends of justice, and prevent further litigation and excitement, and to prove to the whole country that if a "petty faction," or a "sectarian faction" [as the learned counsel for the plaintiffs was pleased to call those who contend for the public right], exists in connection with the affair, the most intelligent of all classes and denominations of people in this community, know well to whom in justice to apply the term.

Yours &c.

A SPECTATOR.
August 11, 1845.

For the Standard.

Ma. Editor.—Not being much accustomed to newspaper correspondence, I should not have troubled you with any remarks at this time, had not the gross abuses which are practised in this Parish, been of such a nature as to call forth the energies of every well-wisher of his country, into the greatest activity to set the tide of public opinion against them. The errors to which, I shall more particularly direct your attention, are those connected with the expenditure of bye-roads appropriations. It is a well-known fact, that the improvement of our bye roads is not at all in proportion to the liberality of our Provincial Assembly, in making these appropriations, and that the money is often very badly applied. But of all places St. James seems to be doomed to suffer the most from a series of most unrighteous neglect, (to say the least of it,) in the conduct of its officers. At the sales specifications are made, contracts are entered into, and these have all appearances of being binding on the parties; but when the work comes to be performed in many instances both are alike, neglected, and receive no more attention than though they had not been in existence. It is true, indeed, that some are honest enough to perform the labour per se, according to agreement; rightly concluding, that at the time of the sale they should have considered whether they would or would not be remunerated for their labour; and that after a bargain is made there is no "backing out." Others there are who are compelled to be honest, whose contracts will most certainly be produced, and must be fulfilled to the very letter, and receive all the regard that is due to them. Well would it be for the country, if all similar contracts received similar attention!

Observe, Sir, I do not censure this latter process, no, I heartily applaud it; the misfortune is that it is so rarely acted upon. Out of many instances of last year's work, I will only refer to one. There is a bridge commonly called the long Bridge, between the Baswood-bridge and the kirk. The travelling of this was sold; and one of the articles of the agreement was, that the bridge should be covered at least eight inches. Shortly after the job was accepted, I examined and found scarcely one inch in several places; and now it requires to be gravelled again, indeed one cannot drive a horse and carriage faster over it than a walk, without endangering either his carriage or his bones.

Now although this and many other scandalous jobs were performed by Mr. Sinclair's own relations; yet for the sake of appearances, in the absence of any higher motives he should have caused the work to be performed at least something better than it was. I lay down my quill for the present, promising at some convenient season to give you an account of the manner in which the appropriations for this year is expended.

Yours, &c.

St. James, Aug. 5, 1845.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—On Thursday as Mr. Martin Garrely, Branch Pilot, of this port, was bringing the brig *America* to anchor in the harbour, he accidentally fell overboard and was drowned. We learn that he was standing at the bows of the vessel giving directions when he fell and it is thought, in a

fit, (to which he had been subject,) as ropes were thrown overboard, and every exertion made to save him, but the deceased made no effort himself, and unfortunately sunk in an untimely grave.—*Chronicle*.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.
Lines by W. D. S., and *Septem*, will be attended to.
ENCLAVE was received too late for insertion.

THE STANDARD.

ST. ANDREWS, WEDNESDAY, AUG. 13, 1845.

Charlotte County Bank.
Hon. HARRIS HATCH, President.
Director next week—Robert Walton.
T. B. Wilson, Esq., Solicitor.
Discount Day—TUESDAY.
Hours of Business, from 10 to 2.

BILLS AND NOTES FOR DISCOUNT must be lodged with the Cashier, on or before Monday, otherwise they must lie over until next week.

SAINT STEPHENS BANK.
G. D. KING ESQ., President.
Director next week—Abner Hill.
Discount Day—SATURDAY.
Hours of business, from 10 to 1.

BILLS AND NOTES FOR DISCOUNT must be lodged with the Cashier, on or before Friday, otherwise they must remain in his hands until the following discount day.

LATEST DATES.

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| Liverpool, July 19 | Montreal, July 31 |
| London, July 18 | Quebec, July 31 |
| Edinburgh, July 17 | Halifax, Aug. 3 |
| Paris, July 17 | New York, Aug. 3 |
| Toronto, July 31 | Boston, Aug. 3 |

STEAMER GREAT BRITAIN.

We are informed by a gentleman from Boston that the Steamer Great Britain, was spoken by a vessel which arrived at Boston on Saturday last, and that it was supposed she would arrive at New York, about Sunday evening.

The weather for the last week has been variable. A good deal of rain has fallen, succeeded by sunshine to day, without however, the requisite warmth. A large quantity of grass is still uncut. In several places the potatoe crop has been injured by rust particularly in low lands. The other crops promise an average return.

THE SECRETARSHIP AGAIN.—It appears by the following extract, which we copy from the *Loyalist*, that this vexed question, which has cost the Province some thousands of pounds, is not yet definitely settled, and that it is likely to create further discussion, and perhaps cost the people a couple of thousand more.—We trust that the present incumbent may retain the office, as long as he lives—as it is the general opinion no better person could be selected to fill the important situation, and none have better claims. We cannot however place any confidence in the "Ramours," as by late English papers we notice Mr. Saunders' appointment to the Office, is sanctioned by Her Majesty's Government.

Important Rumours.—It is now rumoured that Mr. Saunders' appointment to the Secretaryship is but temporary, and that it has not obtained the sanction of Her Majesty's Government; also, that the Hon. Wm. Black is likely to receive the appointment. We pay but little attention to rumour, but it is our conviction that a deep—if not a dark—game is now playing, and we hope our present silence will not be construed into apathy, for we watch the progress of events, and shall not fail at a proper time to expose the iniquity we strongly suspect to be at this time in progress.

33d REGIMENT.—Lieut. J. E. T. QUAYLE, who has been quartered here for the last eight months, in command of the troops, has been relieved by Lt. Pechell. Mr. Quayle during his brief stay among us, has by his bland manners and urbane deportment, won the respect and esteem of the inhabitants generally, whose good wishes he carries with him. We heartily join in wishing him a safe and speedy passage to the "sea girt Isle."

ST. STEPHEN BAZAAR.—By reference to our advertising columns it will be noticed, that a Bazaar is to be held at St. Stephen, on Thursday the 21st instant, for the purpose of raising funds to assist in the erection of a Presbyterian Church in that place. We trust that these praiseworthy endeavours of our St. Stephen friends will meet with that success which they merit—and that the proposed Church, will be commenced as soon as practicable.

ACCIDENT.—A man working at Messrs E. J. Wilson's new ship fell on Thursday last a distance of twenty five feet, and was severely injured.

(We beg to direct the attention of persons purchasing goods in the Boston Market, to the advertisement of Messrs. Samuel F. Morse, & Co., in our advertising-columns.)

THE CAMBRIA.—The *Boston Courier*, in noticing the passage of the *Cambria*, says:—She arrived at her dock at East Boston at five o'clock, P.M. on the 30th July making the shortest western passage across the Atlantic ever accomplished.—She left Liverpool at forty-five minutes after eleven o'clock on 19th, and arrived at Halifax at twenty minutes after four o'clock, A.M. on the 29th; left Halifax at twenty five minutes after six o'clock, A.M. on the 29th, and being detained half a day by fog on the passage, arrived at this port, as above stated, in eleven days and five and a half hours, from port to port.

This is twenty hours shorter than the quick passage of the *Hibernia*, which arrived 1st September 1844, and twenty-one and three quarters hours shorter than the last passage of this same vessel, which was completed on the first of June.

Improvement of Halifax Harbour.—An article in the last number of *Wilmington & Smith's European Times* recommends the laying down of Bell-buoys in several places on the coast of Nova-Scotia and at the entrance of Halifax Harbour, as a means of obviating in a great measure the danger and difficulty of approaching the shore in a fog. The suggestion is well worthy of consideration also to other parts of the North American coast, especially, as it is stated, it would involve but a small pecuniary outlay in comparison with the benefits that would result from its adoption.

PROPOSED TUNNELS UNDER LONDON.—A project has been announced for uniting the Great Western Railway with the Eastern Counties line by a tunnel from Paddington to Shoreditch, under the New Road to Finsbury Square, and then turning off. By means of branch tunnels Tottenham court Road, Somers Town, King's Cross, Islington and other districts are to be benefited. Mr. Robert Stephenson is to be engineer.

Mr. Angus M. Gidney, who for the last eighteen months has been assistant editor of the *Chronicle* and *Novascotian*, has left Halifax to assume the proprietorship of the *Yarmouth Herald*.—Mr. G. has long been known as a popular writer of both prose and poetry in Nova Scotia, and is well qualified to conduct a public journal. We hope the change will prove a profitable one to him.—*Courier*.

His excellency the Governor General attended at the dedication of the new Wesleyan Church in Great St. James Street, Montreal, on the 27th inst. The building it is said has cost about £13,000 and will seat 2700 persons. About three thousand persons, it is stated, were present, and many excluded for want of room. There are now three other Wesleyan Churches in Montreal, the first erected in 1821.

NOVA-SCOTIA.—The *Halifax Morning Chronicle* of Thursday last states that in several of the Western Counties the Wheat crop has suffered severely from the attacks of the Weevil. On Tuesday, at noon, Halifax was visited with a severe thunder-storm, which discharged hail stones of an extraordinary size, causing considerable damage to the gardens in the interior.

The body of a lad named Alexander Johnston was found in "Payne's Creek," just below this City, on Monday last. He had been missing some days. A Coroner's inquest was held on the body; and a verdict of accidental death by drowning returned.—*Loyalist*.

Dropsies Curable by Hollar's Pills.—extraordinary case!—Mrs. Charlotte Diggle, residing at one of the almshouses at Chapel-street, Westminster, was, by the watery dropsy, so dreadfully swollen in body and legs, as to be increased to double her usual size. Medical men had decided her past all hope, and we hope our present silence will not be construed into apathy, for we watch the progress of events, and shall not fail at a proper time to expose the iniquity we strongly suspect to be at this time in progress.

MARRIED.
On the 5th inst. by the Rev. Samuel Thomson A. M. Rector, Mr. George Clinch, to Miss Lucretia Maria, second daughter of Mr. Peter Clinch, all of Saint George.

St. Stephens BAZAAR.

A LADIE'S BAZAAR will be held at the NEW STORE OF W & S. M. GILMORE, IN ST. STEPHEN, On THURSDAY, the 21st instant, at eleven o'clock, a.m.—The proceeds to be appropriated towards the erection of a PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, in that place. Contributions will be received by any of the Ladies of the Committee.

Mrs. J. MARKS,
Mrs. J. FRINK,
Mrs. D. URTON,
Mrs. J. MILLIKEN,
Mrs. W. T. ROSE,
Committee.

The St. Andrews Amateur Band, have kindly promised their aid on the occasion. St. Stephen, Aug. 7, 1845.

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