

We have had a very successful season, and our business is now in a flourishing condition. We have received many orders from our friends, and we are glad to say that we are able to supply them with the best of goods at the lowest prices.

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Travel in the manufacturing district good. There is a large increase of tonnage traveling to Australia. The weather is most favorable for agricultural purposes. In the north the spring has been backward, a fortunate occurrence as comparatively little has been planted.

The arrival of Mrs. Stowe in England has created great sensation. The London Times says that Southey will be tried immediately for having abused the hospitality of England, by accumulating arms and ammunition for revolutionary purposes on the continent. At a house in Rotterdam. The defeat of the Government 200 to 169 on the advertisement duty is much talked of. The Canada Clergy Reserve Bill, passed in the Commons by a majority of 80, bids fair to be defeated in the Lords.

Fire.—We regret to state that the valuable Saw Mill estate on Bathurst street, owned by Alexander McLellan, Esq., was destroyed by fire on the morning of Thursday last, together with a considerable quantity of deals, boards, &c. We have not yet learnt any particulars.—*Miramichi Gleaner* 25th.

The valuable tract of land known as the Lancaster Mill property, was sold at public auction on Thursday last, by W. D. W. Holburn, for the sum of \$23,500, and was purchased by H. Garbutt, Esq.—*N. Brunswick*.

A sum of \$500 has passed the N. B. House towards encouraging the erection of Out Mill throughout this Province.

Prince Edward Island. Hazzard's Gazette, states that the Hon. Charles Young, and Captain Sawley, had resigned their seats in the Executive Council, and also their respective offices as members of the Council. The former as Attorney General—the latter Registrar of Deeds, Keeper of Plans, and chairman of the Board of Education. Joseph Henley was sworn in as Attorney General on the 10th, and it is rumored that John Longworth, Esq., will accept the appointment of Solicitor General. The P. E. Island Legislature was prorogued on the 10th.

Canada. PETERBORO' AND PORT HURON RAILROAD.—The contract for this Railroad was signed on the 6th April. Messrs Miles & Clarke, of Rochester, are the successful bidders; their tenders being for the complete line of 100 miles, for \$125,000. The line is twenty-seven miles and a half in length. The work commences immediately.—*Globe*.

The locomotive built by Mr. Good, of this city, at his locomotive works, was tried for the first time, on Saturday last, and proved an excellent machine. The locomotive is to be called the "Toronto," and is about eight or nine feet in length. It is in active operation, on the line of the Ontario, Simcoe, and Huron railroad, for which company it was built.—*Toronto Colonist*.

GOLD MINES IN CANADA.—By special telegraphic communication, last night, from Quebec, we learn that an application has been made, by certain respectable parties in England, to the Colonial Office, for a concession of the gold mines in the Eastern Townships.—*Herald*.

The Gazette (Canada) contains the Quarantine Proclamation, appointing a Superintendent of Emigration with full power over all officers and other persons whatsoever in Gross Island.

UNITED STATES. There was quite a disturbance yesterday at the St. Peter and St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church, South Boston, in consequence of a change of pastors. It appears that during the past week, the Rev. Father F. Fitzsimmons, who has been in the city for some time, was appointed pastor of the church at South Boston, which resulted in the suspension of Mr. Fitzsimmons from preaching at the present. Rev. F. F. Linden, pastor of the Church of Charlestown, was appointed his successor, and yesterday morning went over and entered the pulpit of the church of the Holy Spirit. He introduced himself by reading a letter from the Bishop, informing the church of the new appointment. When he came to the sentence, "I have appointed Father F. F. Linden as Pastor of the Church of St. Peter and St. Paul, several of the audience shouted out, "We don't want you. We don't want you." "We don't want you." "We don't want you." A number made a rush for the door, and for some time great excitement prevailed. The disturbance was finally quieted, and the services continued.

After Vespers, a meeting of the church was held and a committee of twelve was chosen to confer with the bishop on the subject of the removal of Mr. Fitzsimmons. This committee immediately repaired to the city, but could not find the bishop at home, and returned without having an interview.—*Boston Traveller*.

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YOUNG MRS. CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.—At the regular monthly meeting of this association, held in Stuyvesant Institute last evening, it was reported that there are now over one thousand members. The association is free of rent, and has \$150 in its treasury, but will need \$700 more to carry out its operations for the ensuing year. About \$1000 has been raised for the library, and about 1,300 volumes have been purchased.—*New York Spectator*.

GRAND INDIAN COUNCIL.—We learn that the grand Indian council of all the Indian tribes held on the South side of the Canadian, in the neighborhood of the Red Hills, about 350 miles from this place, about the middle of May. The Keechees came to the Creek nation a few days ago to give notice of the time appointed by the wild or moving tribes of the prairie. It will be a grand affair.—*Fort Smith Arkansas Herald*.

MONTE ALA, April 19.—The special messenger which arrived at New York from the schooner Bonita, from Vera Cruz with the Tehuantepec treaty as ratified by the Mexican Government with Col. Sisco, has arrived in this city, en route for Washington, D. C.

To Advertisers.

The Provincial Westman, from its general and large circulation, is a very eligible medium for advertising. We invite the attention of Merchants and others to this fact, assured, if they wish their advertisements to meet the eye of a host of readers, they will secure this object through the columns of this paper. For the patronage received in this department, we return thanks, and as the Spring Goods are arriving, we cordially request a continuance and an increase of advertising.

There has been considerable talk about "copper" at Indian Point. A report had been sent to England that it existed there in such quantities and of such quality as to be worth nine millions of pounds. A recent examination was made and the vein was said to be only 100 feet in length, and the ore was a bluish grey. It is said, however, that a reward to the first person who should discover the "copper" of the Sun of yesterday contained a certificate of Mr. T. J. Balguy, Mining Superintendent, claiming the discovery for Mr. R. C. Fulmore, of Five Islands.

The article, under the head of Temperance, in our last, headed "Shall the Cause Ascend or Descend," could have been credited to the Athenaeum.

Intending to reduce Stock, Room-paper, of excellent pattern, is offered at reduced prices, at the Wesleyan Book-Room. Persons in want should embrace this opportunity of obtaining a supply. Orders from the country punctually attended to.

The Nova Scotia Western District Meeting, will be held at Liverpool, to commence (D. V.), on Thursday, the 2nd day of June.

The Nova Scotia Eastern and Prince Edward Island District Meeting will commence (D. V.), at Charlotte-Town, P. E. I., on the last Thursday of this month.

Methodist Almanac for 1883 can be obtained at the Wesleyan Book-Room. Call soon and get supplied.

Letters & Monies Received. (See that your remittances are duly acknowledged.)

Rev. Dr. Evans (with enclosure—appropriated as request d—) party removed to U. S. Mr. W. B. Burd, Amherst, per Rev. W. B. C. B. (new sub.), Rev. H. P. Hickard (enquiry shall be made, and an answer returned soon), Rev. T. Gaetz (alterations in the Nova Scotia Western District Meeting, for Mr. Wm. Marc, Rev. J. Buckley, Rev. J. G. Hennigan, E. Wood, Esq., Rev. C. Lockhart (two new sub.—20s.), Rev. J. S. S. (new sub. 10s.), Rev. J. L. Phinney, Wilmet (new sub. 5s.), Rev. J. L. Spongle (new sub. 20s.).

Rev. Dr. Evans, Charlottetown, £1 6 0  
Rev. H. Pope, Windsor, 0 5 0  
Rev. Dr. Kelsey, Halifax, 2 11 0

Commercial.

Halifax Markets.

Corrected for the "Provincial Westman" up to Wednesday, April 27th.

Bread, Navy, per cwt. 30 6d.  
Pilot, do. 16 6d. a 17s. 6d.  
Baker, Prime, do. 32s. 6d.  
Butter, Canada, do. 11s. 6d. a 12s. 6d.  
Coffee, Laguayra, do. 74s. a 80s.  
"Java, do. 74s. a 80s.  
Flour, Am. sp. per bbl. 25s. 6d.  
"Do. do. 23s. 6d.  
"Do. do. 21s. 6d.  
Indian Corn, do. 14s. 6d. a 15s. 6d.  
"Do. do. 14s. 6d. a 15s. 6d.  
"Do. do. 14s. 6d. a 15s. 6d.  
Pork, Prime, per bbl. 85s.  
"Do. do. 80s.  
Sugar, Bright P. R. 100s.  
"Do. do. 97s. a 100s.  
Hoop "do. 22s. 6d.  
"Do. do. 21s. 6d.  
Codfish, large 15s. 6d.  
"Do. small 13s. 6d. a 14s. 6d.  
Salmon, No. 1, 65s. 6d. a 70s.  
"Do. No. 2, 60s. 6d. a 65s.  
Mackerel, No. 1, none.  
"Do. No. 2, 42s. 6d.  
Herring, No. 1, 50s. 6d.  
Alewives, 16s. 6d.  
Cod, Sydney, per cwt. 24s. a 25s.  
"Do. do. 24s. a 25s.  
Prices of the Farmer's Market, corrected up to 3 o'clock, Wednesday, May 4th.

April 28.—Steamship Canada, St. John; brig Brooklyn, Dolly, Cork, since Nantux, Marshall, D. S. L. (since Nantux, Marshall, D. S. L.)  
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