

General Intelligence.

Domestic.

Mechanics' Institute.—The third lecture for the season was delivered on Wednesday evening by Mr. St. George, on the subject of the barbed wire.

One of the most remarkable facts stated by the lecturer was the discovery of Cario or Senate House, and in it the remains of a human skeleton, and among others, for Christians for blaspheming the national deities by affirming that there was one God and one Saviour.

THE RAILWAY PROGRESS.—The third contract for grading and constructing 2 miles and 37 chains of Railway, extending from the end of Black & McDonald's track beyond Sackville River.

It has been proposed to erect a massive granite viaduct over the Sackville River, but the competition in mason work not bringing the tenders within the limits of the Engineer's estimate, the design has been abandoned, and it is now determined to erect a Bridge of Tubular iron across this rapid through narrow channel.

Under the joint Resolution of the Council and Assembly the Commission is authorized to expend about \$330,000 during the coming year, should the price of labour and materials render it expedient. With so large a sum at their disposal, the Board are in a condition to lay out an extensive plan of operations and push the works rapidly forward.

Three lines have been surveyed to Windsor: 1st. Commencing at the Sackville River and following generally the line surveyed by Wightman, distance from Halifax, 43 miles.

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European News.

Packet brig America arrived to-day from Halifax. American Steamship Pacific arrived at New York this afternoon from England.

THE VALLEY SCHOOL was opened with appropriate religious services on Tuesday last. The Revs. Messrs. Hennigar and Carby delivered addresses suitable to the occasion.

THE LATE FRASER.—A correspondent of the British Constitution, in a letter dated Brunswick, Canada, gives fearful accounts of the loss of property and the narrow escape of some of the inhabitants of that locality, by the late freshet.

THE PROBABLE FAMINE IN LOWER CANADA.—A correspondent of the Canadian, writing from the lower part of the District of Quebec writes:—The frost, that terrible scourge which destroyed a large portion of the crop in the lower counties of the district, has made itself felt in the parish of St. Simon.

THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY was shocked by the horrible murder of the Superintendent of the Cincinnati Marine Hospital, and his wife, by means of a torpedo. The man suspected of the crime has managed to evade the officers of justice till a few days since, when a letter addressed by him to an individual in Cincinnati was accidentally taken out of the Post Office by a person of the same name.

THE CHRONICLE, on the authority of the Secretary of War, (the Duke of Newcastle,) shows that the British troops landed in the Crimea previous to the 1st of October, exceeded 30,000, and that the total casualties from disease and in killed and wounded up to the 25th, was less than 5,000, and that 4,000 men had been sent from England to replace casualties—so that the actual loss of the British troops, exclusive of the sailors and marines landed from the fleet, is between 25 and 30,000.

A whale fifteen feet long was recently captured in the Hillsborough River, Prince Edward Island. Having got into shallow water, he was attacked by a man and two boys, the only weapon used being a manure drag, the prongs of which were driven into the monster's head, the blow proving mortal. His carcass will yield from 60 to 70 tons of oil.

RESOLUTIONS BY THE PEOPLE. RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY, That for the last two years we have been in the constant habit of using the Mustang Liniment, for Rheumatism and for all Sores, Bruises, Sprains and Burns, and it has never failed to give immediate relief.

RESOLVED BY THE LADIES, That we have used the Mustang Liniment for Sore Nipples, Sore Breasts, Chafes and Sores on Children, and it has always proved effectual—leaving the skin smooth, soft and white.

RESOLVED BY ALL AGES AND SEXES, That we shall ever continue the use of the Mustang Liniment because we have tried and proved its efficacy. See advertisement in another column.

A MINK ATTACKED BY INDIANS.—The Miners in the employ of the Quebec Mining Company on Michipicoten Island, on the north shore of Lake Superior, arrived here in small boats on the 31st ult., having been attacked by the Indians in that neighbourhood and driven west from the island, on the 28th ult. The Indians went so far as to fire at the miners, and made a very bold demonstration. The agent of the mine, Mr. Wilson, of Hamilton, C. W., was absent at the time, and the men had no other way left but to abandon the mine. These men applied at once to Joseph Wilson, Esq., the only magistrate on the Canada side, opposite this place, for assistance, but Mr. W. could do nothing as the Government has provided neither ways nor means for such an emergency, and the consequence will be that the Indians will rob the mine of its provisions and of everything in fact, that is valuable in the way of movables. This is the second time, and may prove as serious as the Mica Bay affair, in the fall of 1850, when a large number of men were attacked and much property destroyed. They succeeded so well that they thought they had undertaken the same thing again. This occurrence is very much to be regretted as it not only does great injury to this particular

Commercial.

Halifax Markets. Corrected for the "Provincial Wesleyan" up to 4 o'clock, Wednesday, Dec. 20th.

Bread, Navy, per cwt. 30s. Pilot, per bbl. 27s. 6d. 28s. 6d. Beef, Prime, Ca. 52s. 6d. N. S. 45s. 4s. 6d. Butter, Canada, 1s. 1d. and 1s. 1d. N. S. per lb. 8d. Coffee, Java, per lb. 8d. Jamaica, 8d. Flour, Am. sup. 5s. 8d. Canada, 5s. 6d. Rye, 3s. Cornmeal, 2s. Indian Corn, none. Molasses, Mus. per gal. 1s. 4d. 1s. 4d. Pork, Prime, per bbl. 85s. 100s. Sugar, Bright P. R., 35s. 9d. Star Iron, com. per cwt. 18s. Hoop " 2s. Sheet " 17s. 6d. Colliish, large " 16s. small " 16s. Salmon, No. 1, 90s. No. 2, 75s. No. 3, 65s. Mackerel, No. 1, none. No. 2, 38s. 6d. Herrings, 2s. 12s. 9d. Alewives, 13s. 9d. Haddock, 12s. 6d. Fish, cod, per cwt. 25s. 6d. Firm Wool, per cord, 25s. 6d.

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New Advertisements.

ETNA Insurance Company, Hartford Fire Insurance Company, Home Insurance Company, OF NEW YORK.

BELL & BLACK, Have received by Mic. Mar. Adams, Ham-ber, and Kite, the greater part of their Fall Importation.

Bonus Declared. LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY. This following table gives the means of those allocated to the holders of Policies of ten years.

Table with columns: Age at entrance, Sum paid, Bonus paid, Total amount payable in ten years of the Assn.

MEDICATED INHALATION. NEW METHOD. A MOST WONDERFUL DISCOVERY has recently been made by Dr. J. C. W. of the City of New York, in the use of a certain medicinal preparation, which he has named Inhalation.

DEATHS. On Thursday, 14th inst., Mr. Walter GEARAN, in the 68th year of his age, a native of Lock Mabin, Dumfrieshire, Scotland, died at his residence, 11th Dec. Ave. CLARK, aged 67 years, a native of Ireland.

Shipping News. PORT OF HALIFAX. ARRIVED. Wednesday, December 19. Schrs. DeLagata, Smith, New York, 4 days.

TEMPERANCE HOUSE! BEND OF PETTICODIAE. THE Subscribers having taken that commodious and pleasantly situated Room, next above the Waterfall, in the new building erected by the Rev. Mr. D. Taylor, for the purpose of a Temperance House, and for the reception of the poor and destitute, have the honor to announce that the same is now open for the reception of the poor and destitute, and for the purpose of a Temperance House.

SMITHS. Nova Scotia Daguerrian Gallery. NO. 11 GRANVILLE STREET. THE Improved Daguerrian Gallery is a most beautiful and interesting sight, and is the only one of the kind in the Province. It is situated in the new building erected by the Rev. Mr. D. Taylor, for the purpose of a Temperance House, and for the reception of the poor and destitute, and for the purpose of a Temperance House.

W. D. CUTLIP & BROTHER, General Commission Merchants, AND DEALERS IN ALL GOODS, AMERICAN AND FOREIGN. Tea, Provisions, and New South Produce. No. 15, Duke Street, Halifax, N.S.

ILLUSTRATED LONDON NEWS. THE Illustrations of the London News, published weekly, are the most beautiful and interesting sight, and are the only ones of the kind in the Province. It is situated in the new building erected by the Rev. Mr. D. Taylor, for the purpose of a Temperance House, and for the reception of the poor and destitute, and for the purpose of a Temperance House.