

TELEGRAPHIC.

LONDON, Feb. 20.
The Princess Alexandra has been safely delivered of a daughter.

The War Estimates as presented in the Ministerial Budget are largely increased over those of the preceding year.

Berlin, 20.
Reports from all portions of Northern Germany indicate that the Liberals have carried the Prussian unity elections.

Athen, 20.
Newspapers received here that the Turkish government is about to send a man-of-war in pursuit of the Greek ship Panhellion at the Island of Corfu. An armed brig will be despatched from Greece to her assistance in case of emergency.

London, 21.
Consols 91. 5-20 74.

New York, 20.
Gold 137 3/4.

It is now stated that James Stephens is not and has not been in Ireland. It is reported that he has recently been in Paris.

The national troops are posted at various places in Kerry and Cork Counties in such numbers as to effectually prevent any further outbreaks.

The English Government announces that it will not sign any treaty in the act of rebellion as pirates.

London, Feb. 21.
Consols closed at 91 for money. United States Five-twos 74 1/2. Illinois Central Railroad shares 37 1/2.

New York, Feb. 21.
President Roberts has called a Convention of the Fenian Brotherhood in the State of New York for the 26th inst., to meet on the 12th of March, at Chicago.

The Fenians of Pennsylvania will hold a Convention early in April and State Conventions of the Brotherhood will follow in all other States.

San Francisco, Feb. 20.
The Fenians held a large and enthusiastic meeting here last night, and resolved to earnestly co-operate with their Eastern brethren to achieve the independence of Ireland.

Liverpool, Feb. 22.
The air, to the steam-ship Great Eastern having been completed, she was successfully launched to-day from the griddon at Birkenhead.

Vienna, Feb. 21.
The restoration of the constitution of 1848 to Hungary by the Emperor Francis Joseph, heretofore existing in that Country. The people are now quiet and contented.

Verona, Feb. 22.
Baron Von Bismarck, Minister of State of the Austrian empire, says that Austria is in favor of the evacuation of Serbia by the Turkish forces so far as Cretan affairs are concerned. The Baron says it is the policy of the Government to avoid the question entirely.

Berlin Feb. 22.
Count Bismarck is much better to-day and it is now thought that he will recover.

Intelligence has been received from Vienna that serious apprehensions are entertained there of a rising of the peasants in the Austrian provinces on the Danube and a large number of arrests have been made by the government authorities.

London, Feb. 22.
The proposed Greek loan is on the market here.

The English Government promises to issue the Blue Book giving a complete account of the Postal Service between Great Britain and the United States.

Consols 90 3/4. 5-20 73 1/2.

New York, Feb. 23.
Gold 138 1/2.

The news from Spain is of an exciting character. Though the government of that country is seeking to keep from the public the course of events, there is no longer any doubt that a serious insurrection is impending.

Consols 91. 5-20 73 3/4.

Gold 138 1/2.

Montreal, C. E. Feb. 23.
A cable dispatch announces that the Confederation Bill had passed a third reading in the House of Lords.

The provincial Parliament has been further prorogued to April 6th.

London, Feb. 23.
Consols 91 for money. 5-20 73 1/2.

Berlin, Feb. 24.
The session of the first Parliament of the North German States was formally opened yesterday by the King of Prussia.

New York Feb. 25.
Gold 138 1/2.

The Quebec Chronicle, referring to the celebrated salmon fishing ground at Fox Island, in Miramichi river, says:—"In the Miramichi New Brunswick, the season [last year] was most productive. The nets on Fox Island, at the mouth of the river, produced a thousand fish in one day. About 200,000 pounds were put up in tins, and 50,000 pounds pickled and smoked. As the loss of weight in preserving is about 50 per cent, the catch must have been over 450,000 pounds. The fish in that river average about 8 lbs. We almost shrink from giving the number of salmon thus arrived at, but it is upwards of 50,000, or about equal in number, though not in weight, to produce of all the Canadian salmon river put together."

TABLE ROCK GONE.—St. Catherine's papers report the fall of the famous Table Rock long one of the objects of interest of tourists who visit the Falls of Niagara. It will be remembered that some years since a very large section of this rock, which had been hanging in a very threatening position for some time

broke off with a loud noise, and tumbled down the precipice into the bosom of the Niagara, and that only a few years since another large slice of this once famous rock went the way of all rocks about the Falls. It is thought probable that the heavy snow-storms and sudden and violent "thaws" of the past month or six weeks had loosened the balance of the rock, and thus caused its disappearance.

To the Editor of the Standard.

My dear Sir,—

In an interesting article in your last issue on "Island Groups in the Pacific Ocean," the inhabitants of the Fiji group are represented as "an energetic, but savage race, addicted to cannibalism, who amazingly enjoy a roasted missionary for a side dish; but are thought to be capable of great improvement." While Christianity is recognized as existing and wielding a beneficial influence in the Society and Friendly Isles, its existence in Fiji is quietly ignored. As Methodists we are in the habit from time to time at our Missionary meetings of referring to the glorious triumphs of the gospel in these islands; such a statement is certainly misleading. Knowing that you desire to make your journal a medium of correct information, allow me to say; that in the Fiji group we have some 400 church edifices, 40 Ministers—some European, some natives; 320 lay Preachers, all natives; 400 Catechists; 1,300 Sabbath School Teachers; 13,000 Day School Teachers; 22,000 Sabbath School Scholars; 36,000 Day Scholars; 15,000 Church members, and 100,000 hearers.

In addition to this we have a collegiate institution for the training of a native ministry, where last year 35 young men were receiving a regular college education.

With these facts before me, allow me to observe, that if the writer of the above named article, knew these things, and kept them in the background, he was guilty of perpetrating a great injustice on the noble men labouring in Fiji, and their supporters generally; and if he knew them not, his statements respecting the other groups may be presumed to be equally unreliable.

Yours very truly,

ROBERT WILSON.

GOODS IN TRANSIT.—The following notice is published in the Royal Gazette, and should also be more generally communicated to the mercantile public through the medium of the press in commercial centres.

NOTICE.—The Commissioners of Her Majesty's Customs do hereby give notice, that the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury have directed that on and after the first day of January one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven, a duplicate Shipping Bill of all Goods entered or required to be entered in transit, under the transit Regulations now in force, from the United Kingdom to the British Possessions abroad, shall be furnished by the person or persons entering such Goods to the proper Officer of Customs at the Port or Ports in the said Kingdom at which such Goods may be entered for exportation in transit.

CUSTOM HOUSE, LONDON.
Dated this sixth day of December, 1866.
Geo. DICKENS,
Secretary to the Commissioners of Customs.

Subscribers in arrears, will oblige us by paying at their earliest convenience, as we dislike to do, and have waited in some cases for years.

The Standard.
ST. ANDREWS, FEB. 27, 1867.

Confederation.

From intelligence by the Cable, we learn that the Bill for the Confederation of the British Provinces of North America, has passed the House of Lords, and has been read twice in the Commons. We trust the news is true; without doubting its correctness, it cannot be denied that some dispatches within the past month proved unreliable. Confederation is now however, a "fixed fact," and out of danger. It signifies but little now, what one held or the other thought; Opposition and Government supporter will share alike in its benefits. It is to be hoped that our Anti-friends will gracefully fall into the ranks, as a few of them did, when they ascertained "which way the wind blew," at the last Election; of course they will willingly yield to prior claims now and then.

The standing of the Ministry with reference to the Reform question has not interfered with the "Union Bill." The delegates have fought their battle and won; and from what we have seen and read, there will be no appeal to the people, they having decided the question at the polls here and in Canada. There is a report in a letter, which perhaps it will not be out of place to mention, although it has not yet been alluded to by any of our contemporaries—"that the Hon Mr. Tilley is to be knighted, or made a Baronet." His numerous friends in the Province will be delighted, should the news prove correct. It is also said that one each of the delegates from the other Province will likewise receive a similar honor. Early in January we drew attention to the choice of an Ottawa representative and invited the Electors of this County, to cast their eyes around, and select their man. Upon this topic we will have something to say soon, and will speak plainly. The old prejudices and party

ties, should be cast to the dogs. A man of talent is required.

CONCERT.—From a notice in our advertising columns it will be seen that a Concert in aid of the new Wesleyan Church, is to be given in that Church, on Monday Evening next, the Amateurs have presented an attractive programme, and it is to be hoped will have a full house.

Public Meeting.

From the following Report it will be seen that a Meeting of the Rate Payers was held on Saturday last in the Parish School Room. The utmost harmony pervaded the meeting, and a unanimous opinion expressed that the present Parish School House is unfit to teach in, being unhealthy for teacher and pupils. It will be seen by referring to our advertising columns that another meeting has been called, to be held on Friday 15th March in the Parish School House:—

ST. ANDREWS, 23d Feb. 1867.

Which day a meeting of the Ratepayers of St. Andrews was held in the Parish School for the purpose of appointing a School Committee—of taking immediate measures to provide improved school accommodation for District No. 1, and considering any other matter connected with the Parish School. A. W. Smith, Esq., Sen. Justice, occupied the Chair. The meeting having been called to order, the following resolutions were proposed and carried.

1. It was moved by J. H. Whitlock, Esq., seconded by Dr. Ross and unanimously adopted—That Messrs. James Russell, C. E. O. Halliway and J. Stevenson be appointed a School Committee for District No. 1, Parish of St. Andrews.

2. It was moved by Robert Stevenson, Esq., seconded by James Russell, Esq., and unanimously adopted—That the present accommodation in District No. 1, Parish of St. Andrews is decidedly inadequate to public requirements, and that requisite steps should immediately be taken to provide a sufficiently commodious school room and play ground.

3. It was moved by Mr. Fitzsimons, seconded by S. H. Whitlock, Esq., and unanimously adopted—That the Committee be instructed to provide suitable accommodation for District No. 1, Parish of St. Andrews either by purchase or building.

4. It was moved by Wm. Whitlock, Esq., seconded by Mr. Fitzsimons and unanimously adopted—That the School Committee be authorized to draw the money held in trust by the General Sessions of the County for use of the Parish School in this District.

5. It was moved by S. H. Whitlock, seconded by Mr. Algar and unanimously adopted—That Mr. Chandler be requested to draw up a Bill to be laid before the Legislature authorizing the investment of the money arising from the sales of the School lands in other lands of the Town of St. Andrews for the benefit of the Parish School.

6. It was moved by Mr. Fitzsimons, seconded by Wm. Whitlock, Esq., and unanimously adopted—That it is the opinion of this meeting the Town should be assessed for supplementary funds.

7. It was moved by R. Stevenson, Esq., seconded by Dr. Ross, and unanimously adopted—That a copy of Res. 4th, properly certified under the hand of the Chairman be forwarded to the Clerk of the Peace to be laid before the General Sessions. After a vote of thanks to the Chairman, the meeting separated.

JOHN HOME,
Acting Sec.

On Monday Evening last, a Quadrille party was held in the Town Hall, which we learn was well attended and passed off very pleasantly. Indisposition prevented our accepting the kind invitation extended to us.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—Lines in reply to a "Wife wanted," we may insert them in our next issue.

"VOLUNTEER," under consideration. It is probable that the whole matter referred to will receive a thorough ventilation. As there are reflections in Volunteer's letter, the writer had better call at our office. His name will be kept secret.

Owing to the large amount of Money Orders drawn on St. John Post Office, and the increasing responsibilities devolving on Mr. Howe, the Post Master General, is about to remove Mr. Hale the Secretary of the General Post Office, Frederickton, to the St. John Office, to take charge of the Money Order department.

At a Meeting in the Mayor's office yesterday, to consider a proposition to send two racing boats and crews to contest in the great Regatta during the Paris Exhibition, Hon. R. L. Hazen, Hon. J. H. Gray and Sheriff Harding were appointed a Committee to correspond with the Regatta Commissioners and ascertain whether the boats can be entered, and with the Government in regard to furnishing pecuniary assistance. An estimate of the probable expense was submitted, which fixes it at from \$5,000 to \$6,000.—[Tel.]

We understand arrangements have been made for a daily train from here to Woodstock to take effect on the 1st March. The Branch line will connect every alternate day with the main line, as at the present, and run a through train on the intervening days.—[St. Croix Courier]

A NEW BANK, under the name of "The Canadian Bank of Commerce," has been organized in Toronto.

Yesterday afternoon a meeting of leading citizens was held in the commercial rooms of Messrs. Blake & Alexander; and before the meeting closed about \$150,000 of capital was subscribed. The capital of the Bank is limited to \$1,000,000, and \$400,000 must be subscribed before commencing business. The whole of the capital must be subscribed and paid up before the 1st January, 1870; but it is expected that this will be done long prior to that date. The increasing demands of commerce render additions to the bank capital necessary, from time to time. Besides, a gap had been made by the destruction of the capital of the Bank of Upper Canada; and most banks get more or less of their capital locked up and ineffective after they have been a considerable time in operation. The capital of the banks is less than it was a year ago; and even if it did remain the same, the effective capital generally decreases as years roll on, a portion being locked up one way or another. These considerations seem to show that employment for additional bank capital can be found.—This point we presume has been well considered.

The country is rich and money plentiful; capital difficult to invest in any thing above seven per cent on mortgages, thought might be probably the ruling rate. The present is therefore a favorable time to get the capital of a new bank taken up. The agents for obtaining subscriptions to stock are Messrs. Blake and Alexander; and many of our wealthiest citizens are among the subscribers. It is thought that the Canadian Bank of Commerce will be in operation by the 1st of May next.

FRIGHTS LOOKING UP.

There are at present a large quantity of shooks on hand for the Cuban Market, but no vessels are offering. Rates have advanced to 25.

Freights from Cuba to the United Kingdom and American ports are active and advancing. Sugar 52s. 6d. to United Kingdom, 56 a cask U. S. currency to New York.—[Journal.]

Fifteen years ago Flour sold in San Francisco at \$75 a barrel. The other day Messrs. D. O'Brien, Pierce & Co. of Portland, Me., received a lot of flour direct from California. It was shipped in sacks and was received in good order.

The Bishop's party at St. George's Church, Carleton, took possession of the building on Saturday evening, and maintained it in spite of the remonstrances of the Wardens. There were about sixty persons present at the services on Sunday morning, but no disturbance occurred, although it was evident from the countenances of some that such an event was not unlooked for.—[Journal.]

ITEMS.

For winter bonnets the latest style consists of a postage stamps with strings of green ribbons; the hair is carefully combed back, so as to give the hair untroubled access to the roots.

The manufacturing of sugar from beet root will be commenced on a large scale in Canada this fall.

Sir J. Manners Sutton is steadily winning the good opinions of the colonists of Victoria, Australia.

Mr. Pike has secured from Congress a grant of \$15,000 for the river and harbor of St. Croix, provided New Brunswick will give a similar amount.

The Halifax Express says that Mr. Brookfield of this City has taken a contract from the British Government to build a casemate battery on George's Island, Halifax harbor, and the work will cost about \$150,000. This does not look like "abandoning the Colonies."

H. R. H. Prince Alfred (Duke of Edinburgh) has hoisted his flag on board the Galathea, 26 guns, at Devonport. The Galathea is the finest in the British navy. It is probable that the Galathea will be placed on the North American Station.

A Company has been organized at the Falls of Niagara to construct a foot bridge across the river from Bender's Quarry, a little below the Clifton House, to Victoria Point.

Railway traffic in Canada since the first of January has been very much interrupted by the severe snow storms, and the receipts of nearly all the lines show a falling off as compared with 1866. The aggregate receipts of the Grand Trunk Railway from Jan. 1st Feb. 2nd, 1867, were—\$508,843; a decrease of \$53,346 as compared with the corresponding period of 1866.

The Contractors on the Woodstock railway advertise for five hundred men, to whom the highest wages will be given.

The Woodstock Branch Railway folks are driving their work on with great energy. Arrangements have been made in England for the purchase of sufficient iron for the whole road on very satisfactory terms.

It has been a hard year for Maine lumbermen on account of the deep snow. The Machias Union say it is the worst remembered on that river.

It is understood that the Committee for publishing the Debates of the House of Assembly, for the ensuing Session, have accepted the tender of Messrs. March and Dixon, for reporting, and Mr. G. W. Day for printing.—[Journal.]

British Government are about to expend five millions on iron clads. Three millions of this will be invested in the purchase of iron a fact which ought to cause iron "to look up."

The Hon. Mr. Cauchon Mayor of Quebec and a large party of Canadians are off on a tour in Europe.

The last ball at Government House seems to have been a very pleasant affair, and

those present enjoyed themselves thoroughly.

MARRIED.

At the Congregational Church, Union St. St. John, on Thursday morning, by the Rev. Frederick Hastings, Mr. Robert C. Adams, of Carleton, to Anne M., youngest daughter, of George Eaton, Esq., Merchant, of that City.

SHIP NEWS.

PORT OF ST. ANDREWS.

ARRIVED.

Feb. 20, Schr. Emilie, Fuller, Calais, Mead, C. F. Clinch.

22, Reclab, Mowatt, Eastport, Express Co. goods.

23, Daisy, Carson, St. John, ballast, master.

23, Encline, Fuller, Calais, Mead master.

CLEARED.

Feb. 20, Reclab, Mowatt, Eastport, passengers.

23, Encline, Fuller, Calais, Ballast.

23, Harriet Britt, Boston, old iron &c. H. Osburn.

27, Daisy, Carson, Portsmouth, 2000 sleepers, R. Ross.

Reclab, Mowatt, Eastport, Passengers.

And at Chiffpuego (no date) Bright Marion from St. Andrews, N. B.

St. Andrews, 23d, Feb. 1867.

Public Notice.

In compliance with the above Requisition, we do hereby give Public Notice, that a Meeting of the Ratepayers of School District No. 1, will be held in the Parish School House, on FRIDAY, the 15th MARCH.

at 3 o'clock, P.M. To take into consideration the propriety of Assessing the Ratepayers of said District, for said purpose.

A. W. SMITH,
J. LOCHARY, Jr., Trustees.

St. Andrews, Feb. 26, 1867.

NOTICE.

OUR AMATEURS to whom we have so often listened with much pleasure and satisfaction, intend giving a Concert in new Wesleyan Church, on Monday Evening, 4th March.

PROGRAMME.
Wake the song of Jubilee, Anthem
Too Late—from Parable of Ten Virgins. Duet.
Glory be to God on High. Anthem
Pass under the Rod. Solo
Guide me O Thou Great Jehovah. Anthem
Evening Song. Duet.
Thanksgiving Anthem.
Easter Anthem.

PART SECOND.
Tramp Chorus.
Beautiful Moonlight. Duet.
Happy be thy Dreams. Solo.
Departed Days. Solo & Chorus.
Daisy Dean. Solo & Chorus.
On to the Field of Glory. Duet.
Row. On. Quartett.
This was God save the Queen.

Doors open at 7 o'clock—Concert to commence at 8 o'clock.
Tickets to be had at A. D. Stevenson's and at the door.

St. Andrews, Feb. 27, 1867.

NOTICE.

ALL Persons having any demands against the Estate of EDWARD WILSON, Esq., of St. Andrews, deceased, are requested to present the same duly attested within three months; and all those indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to

Z. CHIPMAN,
R. R. STEVENSON, Executors.

St. Andrews, Feb. 26, 1867.

Cases Brandy.

100 Cases Pale and Brown Brandy, vin. '64, just Received.
J. W. STREET.

Feb. 6, 1867.

Notice.

ALL parties having accounts against the County of Charlotte, are hereby notified to send duplicates thereof to me, on or before the 1st day of APRIL, next for audit.

JOHN S. MAGRE,
COUNTY AUDITOR.

St. Andrews, Feb. 20, 1867. Courier 4i

Western Insurance Co.

(Limited) of England.
Capital £1,000,000 Sterling.

Losses promptly adjusted and paid, without reference to England.

The Subscriber has been appointed Agent of the above Company, and is prepared to take Risks against Fire on liberal terms.

GEO. D. STREET.
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Feb. 13, 1867.

FOR SALE.

THE Corporation of St. Paul's Church Grand 1st Mann, will offer for sale at Public Auction, at the Church Gate, on Wednesday, the 25th day of May next, between the hours of 12 o'clock noon, and 3 o'clock P. M.

Half an Acre of Land more or less, situated at Grand Harbour on the West side of the Creek near the Public Landing, and being a part of the Globe Land granted said Corporation.

Terms and further particulars at sale.

GEO. T. CAREY, Rector.

COCHRAN CRAIG, Church

PHILIP NEWTON, Wardens.

Grand Manse, Feb. 1, 1867.—2m Feb 13

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