

# TELEGRAPHIC.

New York, Feb. 7.  
A special London despatch by Cable says:—  
"Great preparations are making for the Reform demonstrations on the 11th. People say they will show the Queen a procession worth seeing. The bitterness of popular feeling is undiminished. Pleasants are scarce. Even personal regard for the Queen is eclipsed by the Reform fever. A series of receptions are announced to-day."  
Gold 137½.

London, Feb. 6.  
In Parliament last night, Lord Derby in reply to an enquiry made by Earl Russell, said Lord Stanley had asked Mr. Seward to state plainly the points of the claims on which and an adjustment by arbitration was desired by the Government of the United States.

A new Atlantic Telegraph Company is now forming with the intention of laying a submarine cable by way of the Azores to Halifax.

London, Feb. 7.  
The Bank of England has reduced its rate of discount to 3 per cent. Consols are quoted 99 11-16 for money, U. S. 5-20's 72 9-16. Illinois Central 80½. Erie 39½.  
Kingston, C. W. Feb. 7.  
The Daily News announces several new discoveries of Gold in the township of Loughborough, not far from Kingston.

New York, Feb. 8.  
Gold 137½.

Light.  
A serious item of business and domestic expense, arises from the consumption of the several artificial light in the evenings. A new gas, patented in Canada, and introduced in some of the cities there—with great success, promises a great return in the item mentioned, and is an invention which, it would appear, is even better adapted to rural towns than large sea board cities, as in the former case the raw material is more readily obtained.

The gas is made of old stumps, wood of various kinds, bones and other animal and refuse matters. The cost of erecting the works is about about one-half the ordinary gas works, while the strange and most important point, financially, is in the fact that each town, in supplying itself with gas would from the residue of the wood, bones and other matter, get large supplies of such valuable materials as tar, turpentine, phosphorus, pyroigneous acid, liquid ammonia and super-phosphate of lime; and the sum of these at even half the present market rate would more than pay the whole working expenses. This seems an extravagant assertion, but it is fully warranted, if the quantities given of the several extracts are correct. Reduced to figures the statement of the profits of making this gas as compared with that from coal, is positively, astounding.

It occurs to us that this invention would be well worth the consideration of some of our enterprising people in Woodstock. The gas could be manufactured here much cheaper than in Canada, while the surrounding agricultural country would always offer a ready market for the rest of the materials above-mentioned.

The speech of the Hon. Charles Fisher, at the dinner of the Canada Club, concluded with the following eloquent peroration:—  
We therefore, look to England to assist us to complete this work—inaugurate this union, and you add to your own strength. He could not contemplate the future that lay before them, when the road was carried to the Pacific, without feeling his own littleness. He was lost in wonder at the stupendous results that loomed up in the distance; that present themselves to his intellectual vision. He was unable to portray the effect to the maritime provinces, the valley of St. Lawrence, the great lakes, the Red River, and the Saskatchewan all to the shores of the Pacific filled with free men; the peoples of Europe and their products and their manufactures would pass over it for ever and with the trade of India, China, Japan, and the islands of the South Sea. The old flag, the hold cross, at once the symbol of faith and the emblem of our nationality, will float over these lands, and England, to use the language of one of her statesmen, would send forth one of her sons to perpetuate her laws, her language, and free institutions to the end of time.—(Loud cheers.)

DREADFUL ICE SNOW.—The Montreal Witness publishes a letter from St. Regis, C. E., dated the 25th stating that a dreadful ice snow-jack place there. The writer says:—  
"I was awakened at half-past four by some one calling 'Ice come! Ice come!' I jumped out of bed and ran down stairs, when I found myself in water. The noise of crushing ice was like thunder, and the rushing water, screams of poor Indians, men, women and children, all in the dark, were frightful. Ice came within a few feet of our house, and as it stands on the highest ground in the village, you can imagine the position of matters. It was a fearful scene, Mr. Combs got up into a tree and had to sit there for three hours, the ice being up to the roof of his house. The priests and many others had nothing to eat for a day. The poor Indians lost their all, and are lying on straw without any covering."

They opened a new Market House in Charlottetown, P. E. I. the other day, which is said to be the biggest thing of the kind in the Lower Provinces. It is 150 feet long, 45 feet wide, 30 feet high, and contains 103 windows and ten doors. A cellar 8 feet high stretches under the whole building divided into 10 apartments. There are 8 ventilators. The whole is surmounted by a cupola, which 85 feet from the ground.

The British Government has notified the Cunard Steamship Company that the contract for the conveyance of mails will not be renewed after the present year. The plans are under discussion which will change the whole system of mail conveyance and most probably reduce the rate of postage materially.

European steamers from New York are said to have their full complement of passengers engaged for the next three months. It is the same on the other side, the rush of Emigrants from Great Britain and Ireland being so great that fares have been raised.

## The Standard.

ST. ANDREWS, FEB. 13, 1867.

BANK OF ENGLAND.—The following facts with reference to the Bank of England may be interesting, many have heard nothing about its resources, and even in England according to a London paper few understand the position of the Bank to the State; an idea exists, that its privileges are of enormous extent and incalculable value. The Bank is entitled to issue £15,000,000 sterling against Government securities, for every further note issued it must have gold in its vaults. Its relation to the State consists in its being—first, as farming the privilege of issue; second, as managing the National Debt; third, as an ordinary bank of deposit. The gross profit on the £15,000,000 is easily ascertained, it is represented by the 3 per cent. interest made on the capital (the security which the Bank holds in place of gold against its notes,) and amounts to about £450,000 per annum. This is the gross profit from which we must deduct "the expenses of manufacturing, issuing, and exchanging the notes issued not only in London but at the ten branches of the Bank of England in the country," amounting to about £170,000; so that the profit of £450,000 is reduced to £280,000. Of this £280,000 more than £190,000 goes to the State, leaving the privilege of issue worth £90,000 to the Bank. The amount of £190,000 is paid to the State under two heads—a direct payment of £133,000, and about £60,000 as composition for stamp duty. It will accordingly be seen that the State derives double the profit from the issue to that made by the Bank, and the capital of the latter being £14,000,000 and the profit on its issue department being £90,000, the percentage of profit from this source amounts to five-eighths per cent. on its capital; and we ought further to take into account that for this fractional remuneration the Bank guarantees the State; the note-holder at present has the security, not only of the Government debt, but of the capital of the Bank. If the State were to suspend payment, the Bank is by no means *ipso facto* relieved of its responsibility.

Meeting of Rate Payers.  
A meeting of the Rate Payers has been called for the 23d inst., as will be seen from the following notice for the purpose therein stated; and as the people are deeply interested in the object for which the meeting is convened, it is to be hoped there will be a full attendance. That the building in which the Parish School is held is totally unfit for the present demands of the Parish, cannot be denied, the room is too small, badly ventilated, and consequently unhealthy for the teacher and pupils, in fact no person however well qualified for the important, responsible, and onerous duties of a teacher, can do justice to himself or scholars, in a pent up ten by twelve room, and in addition to other inconveniences be obliged to pay for the accommodation (?) out of the miserable pittance granted by law. Besides, all well appointed educational institutions have a very necessary adjunct in the shape of a play ground, where children can amuse themselves in the open air without annoyance to any one; and men of large experience have stated that a large school room and play ground is as requisite for youth, as a good preceptor. It will be in the power of the rate payers by a majority (we trust it will be a unanimous vote) to provide "a commodious School House and play ground," and we sincerely hope "wise counsel will prevail."

A copy of the following notice has been posted up in public places for several days, and with the publicity which has been given, the rate payers who do not attend, will have themselves to blame, should they disapprove the action of the meeting. As we before said, a suitable School House and play ground are imperatively required.

ST. ANDREWS, 22 Feb. 1867.

NOTICE is hereby given, that a public meeting of the Rate Payers of School District No. 1, in pursuance of a requisition handed to us for the purpose of taking into consideration the proper steps for providing a sufficiently commodious School House and play ground for said District, the appointment of School Committee and any other matter connected with the Parish School, will be held in the Parish School Room, St. Andrews, on Saturday the 23d inst., at 3 P. M.

A. W. SMITH, Trustee.  
J. LOCHART, Jr., Trustee.

THE FISHERIES.—We understand that great dissatisfaction exists among the Fishermen at the Southern side of Grand Manan, in consequence of the permission granted American fishermen to occupy their fishing ground at the ridiculous low rate of fifty cents per ton; these vessels can enter American ports duty free, but a British fishing vessel is subject to a duty of \$1 per barrel. This is but a small part of the disability which our fishermen lie under. They complain that the original time allowed for spawning has been extended from "the middle of July to the middle of September"—to the 15th October, which is disadvantageous to our fishermen; and again the spawning ground has been extended, thereby preventing our fishermen of the privilege of herding fishing. They also require a qualified person from Charlotte County, to superintend the Fisheries—one who commands a vessel which would be a protection to the Fisheries, and might also be employed at other times supplying the Light houses in the Bay of Fundy. Such a person and vessel can be obtained, and the cost to the Government would be comparatively small, in comparison to the benefits which would accrue to the fisheries and the present expense of supplying the Lights. We shall return to this subject at another time.

As an instance of the amount of deals and other lumber exported from this Port during the past year 1866, we give the quantities shipped by two of our Lumber Merchants, as near as we could get at them; the amounts are at all events under rather than above the mark:—  
Mr. Clinch shipped to:  
Great Britain 3,455,240 ft. deals  
To United States 1,750,000 do  
1,890,500 Laths  
53,073 Palings  
Mr. Ross shipped to Boston:  
Sleepers 113,208  
To St. Stephen 20,236  
Poles 2,690  
Total 136,134

We will be happy to publish the quantities shipped by others when furnished with the statistics. The manufacture and shipment of lumber, gives employment to a large number of men and vessels, and we learn that a much greater amount of business will be carried on during the present year, as we understand large contracts have been entered into.

NO MAILS.—The travelling has been so bad, that no mails from St. John or the States had been received at St. George from Friday last to Tuesday. In low lands the roads are overgrown, and it is dangerous to pass over them in daylight. Friday's mail was brought into St. George on the postman's back. The travelling is something better now, and unless there should be another heavy storm, the mails will soon be received as they are due. The mail carriers have had a hard time for the last three weeks, being obliged to travel several miles out of their way to reach their destination. Wagons and carts are used in town, as the streets are bare in many places.

We learn from the "Globe" that Colonel Thomas Anderson at one time Major of the St. John Volunteer Battalion, and late Adjutant General of Militia, has become an honorary member of Captain Thurgar's Company, and has acknowledged the honor in a very handsome manner. Colonel Anderson has always taken a warm interest in the Volunteers of St. John, and although not now in any way connected with the St. John Volunteer Battalion this last act proves that his heart is in the movement.

No doubt of it, the COLONEL, as he is familiarly known in Charlotte County, is universally, and it is unnecessary to add, deservedly respected. His foresight and thorough military disposition of the small force under his command to protect the Frontier, during the Fenian invasion last spring, for several weeks, was such as to merit notice from the Government, and had common justice been done him, by the then Commander-in-Chief, his services would have received not only a suitable acknowledgment from the Imperial Government but something more tangible. We are pleased to hear, were Colonel Anderson appointed inspector General of Volunteers and Militia in the Province, it would give unbounded satisfaction in every County; and it is only surprising that he has not received such an appointment ere now. That he is every inch a soldier, performs his duty, and has the qualifications required, is admitted by Officers competent to form an opinion.

Report says that our townsman, Mr. Buck, C. E., having recently tendered his resignation as Engineer of the St. Stephen Branch Railway, the Board of Directors subsequently passed a Resolution expressive of their full appreciation of his services during the construction of the Road, which is now open for general traffic. Mr. Buck, we further understand will commence the survey for the Hospital Branch next week.

FIRE.—About 2 o'clock this morning an unoccupied house on Wm. Henry street was discovered on fire. The house was formerly owned by Mrs. Ames, and latterly by A. J. McCurdy who resides at present in Robbinston. The house and barn were consumed at one time Geo. Cole's cottage and the Scotch church were in imminent danger, but fortunately there was no wind, and they escaped. It is generally believed the place was set on fire. The property was insured.

A correspondent complains that "some young men are in the habit of preambulating the streets at night in a state of intoxication, singing songs, making hideous noises, and latterly breaking windows," and asks "are there no means to abate the nuisance?" Yes, by the appointment of an efficient police force; and as these worthies are known, it will be easy for our correspondent to enter a complaint before a Justice of the Peace, where they will receive summary justice.

Comparative statement of the Revenue collected at the Port of St. Andrews in quarter ended 31st January 1867.

	1866.	1867.
Import Duty	5,419.67	6,377.57
Export do	408.75	388.12
Railway Impost	410.89	645.61
Light-house dues	106.35	165.95
S. & D. Seamen's do	30.09	53.25
Buoys & Beacons	29.40	49.92
Cape Race Light		1.75
	\$6435.15	\$8281.54
Increase 1867	\$1846.39.	

LECTURE.—On Thursday evening last the Rev. Mr. Thurlow delivered his lecture in the Wesleyan Church on "Men for the Age." Owing to pressing business, we were prevented from attending, but we learn that the lecture gave general satisfaction.

We regret to learn that an embankment on the St. Stephen Branch Railway, was carried on to the track on Saturday last, owing to the heavy rain, but that navies were employed to clear the debris away, and that but a temporary stoppage of the train would take place.

We remind lovers of the Terpsichorean art, that the Ball to be given by the Battery, is to take place to-morrow evening, in Govd's Hall, which has been handsomely decorated, and every arrangement made to ensure a pleasant evening.

We learn that the stock for the Wharf is already so nearly taken up, that operations will be commenced without delay. Upwards of \$5,000 are subscribed; the Committee who are energetic men, will push on the work.

COMPETITIVE EXAMINATIONS.—The Chief Superintendent of Schools, John Bennett, Esq., is continuing the system he inaugurated of "Public Competitive Examinations" of Schools in the various Counties. Already they have been held in Kentigouche, with marked success; and we notice that Circulars have been issued intimating that similar examinations are to be held at Chatham on the 10th July, and at Bathurst on the 16th July. The Candidates are examined in spelling, reading, writing, written arithmetic, mental arithmetic, English grammar, geography, history, mathematics, Latin, Greek, and French, but in no case in less than five.

Three Prizes of value, to be the property of the Schools obtaining them, will also be open to Competition as follows:—  
One Prize to be awarded to the School taught a First Class Teacher,  
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whose Registers shall exhibit the most regular attendance during the current term, ending 1st April next; but the award will in no case be made unless the average attendance shall reach or exceed 55 per cent. of the numbers enrolled.

ITEMS.  
The public education in Spain is very backward, as may be imagined from the fact that out of a total of 72,157 municipal councillors, no less than 12,479 are unable to read or write. Among the number are included 422 mayors and 838 deputy mayors.  
—Mrs. Spencer of Coldwater, Michigan, threatens her husband with a divorce unless he raises a moustache.  
Mr. W. H. Bidwell, editor of the Eclectic Magazine, has been appointed by the U. S. Government as a special agent to inquire into the condition of the American colony in Palestine.

The mother of Lieut. Baines, the gallant officer who lost his life in his efforts to save life and property at the recent Quebec fire, has written a graceful letter of acknowledgement and thanks to the citizens of Quebec for their kind expression of sympathy and their generous gift of funds for the erection of a suitable tablet in the Parish church yard near the home of his family and friends.

The Journal of St. Hyacinthe of the 28th says:—"Yesterday morning about nine o'clock, the cars on the Grand Trunk railroad took fire between Windsor and Richmond. The mail-car was consumed and four persons were injured. The registered letters were saved; but it is believed that the newspapers were destroyed. The fire caught from two stoves which were in the car."

A church living at Arboe, County of Antrim, Ireland, worth £500 a year, has become vacant, and been offered to every fellow in turn in Trinity College, Dublin, and refused.

by all. £500 a year gone a begging in Ireland is somewhat of a novelty.

Tenders for 50,000 Sleepers for Annapolis Railroad, are asked in the Halifax papers. The Marquis of Westminster, the richest man in the world, whose annual income amounts to nearly a million sterling, intends to devote several years income to the rebuilding of a great part of London, which stands upon his property.

The Naples Rothschild has retired from business with a fortune of \$40,000,000. It is proposed that 20,000,000 of people should each destroy a five dollar bill apiece, per day, and thus dissolve the national debt of the United States.

Greasing the hoofs of horses is practised in northern Europe in winter to prevent balling. It is worth a trial.

Twenty tons of Postage Stamps were issued last year; or 454 square miles of paper. A wheelwright in Autlay, France, recently hanged himself because his wife refused him a cup of coffee on his coming home fatigued from work. She cut him down, however, in time to save his life.

TELEGRAPHIC.—The jurisdiction of R. T. Clinch, Esq., which has been heretofore confined to the lines within this Province, has been extended. Mr. Clinch is now the Superintendent of the Line from Sackville to Bangor. This increased jurisdiction, of course, carries with increased duties and responsibilities, and must be taken as a proof of the confidence and esteem in which Mr. C. is held by the managers of the Companies whose interest he represents.—[Globe.]

## Ship News.

PORT OF ST. ANDREWS.

ARRIVED.  
Feb. 7, Schr. Rockaf, Mowat, Eastport, goods Express Co.  
Mary Ellen, Wm. Waycott, New York, ballast.

CLEARED.  
Feb. 8, Schr. William, Cook, Calais, 150,000 shingles.

## FOR SALE.

THE Corporation of ST. PAUL'S CHURCH Grand Manan, will offer for sale at Public Auction, at the Church Gate, on Wednesday, the 16th 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, situate at Grand Harbour on the West side of the Creek near the Public Landing, and being a part of the Glebe Land granted said Corporation.  
Terms and further particulars at sale.  
GEO. T. CAREY, Rector.  
COCHRAN CRAIG, Church  
PHILIP NEWTON, Wardens.  
Grand Manan, Feb. 1, 1867—3m Feb 13

## UBIQUE.

ST. ANDREWS BATTERY OF ARTILLERY.

UNDER THE AUSPICES OF ST. ANDREWS BATTERY CAPT. OSBURN,

New Brunswick Regiment Artillery,

will be held at

GOVE'S HALL, St. Andrews, on THURSDAY

Evening, 14th Feb. 1867, at 8 o'clock.

Officers and members of Batteries, Volunteer Companies, and Militia Officers, are requested to appear in Uniform.

COMMITTEE:

Henry Osburn, Andrew Lamb, C. Shea,

W. B. Morris, J. Jones, T. Armstrong,

N. T. Gresthead, J. McDonald, Geo. Elliott,

John Dolley, J. I. Street

Tickets.—Lady and Gentleman \$1 50, additional lady 50 cents. Gents. single ticket 50.

Members of Volunteer Companies with a lady \$1, additional lady 50 cents. May be had of the Committee or of the undermentioned.

Wm. Whitlock, Geo. F. Stickney, Henry O'Neil, John Ingram.

St. Andrews, Feb. 5, 1867.

## NOTICE.

To Merchants and Shipowners.

VESSELS going to Spanish ports from New Brunswick without Consular Papers will be fined, and dealt with according to law.

Wm. JACK,

Vice-Consul of Spain for New Brunswick.

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## FISH, FISH.

THE Subscriber has received on consignment, a lot of

Betrels and half barrels Pickled HERRIN GS

Dry COD and POLLOCK.

Also a supply of Smoked Herrings.

Jan. 30. C. F. CLINCH.

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## FLOUR.

IN STORE.—Ex schrs. "Julia Clinch" and

"Maria Jane," from New York,

1,000 Barrels Flour, various grades.

Jan. 30. C. F. CLINCH.

## SEWING MACHINES.

WHAT EVERY FAMILY SHOULD HAVE

One of the Original WEED

Sewing Machines.

These celebrated Machines are now on sale at

the Subscriber's, where the public are invited to

examine and test for themselves.

JAMES STOOP,

Agent.

Jan. 16.

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