

Telegraphic News.

Ottawa, Dec. 20.
The Reform Association has declined to support Martineau for the mayoralty of the city. He will be strongly backed by Ministerial influence.
The auditor's report to-day shows an excess of specie on hand for the past week of nearly \$100,000.
The "Gazette" contains the appointment of Geo. Brown to the Senate, also the appointment of William S. Ecker and William Ambrose, County Judges, vice Mulloch and Logie, deceased.

London, Dec. 19.
The Cure of Santa Cruz has escaped into France.
Despatches from the Gold Coast say that the king of Dahomey has joined the Ashantis. The fever continues among the British troops, and 100 invalids have been sent to St. Helena.

Calcutta, Dec. 20.
One half of the supply of food in the Province of Bengal is exhausted, and it is now believed that a famine cannot be averted. Thus far there has been no actual distress among the people.

New York, Dec. 20.
II. W. Genet, another of the Tammany Ring, was found guilty yesterday, and sentence was deferred until Monday, but bail was refused.
It is now considered certain that the nomination of Williams as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court will be either withdrawn or rejected.

Portsmouth, N. H., Dec. 20.
A collision of two freight trains occurred last night near Kennebunk on the Portland and Portsmouth Railroad. The conductor, fireman and brakeman on the Portland freight train were killed, and two or three are reported wounded on the other; 3 engines and 13 cars were wrecked.
Gold 110 1/2 to 110 3/4.

London, Dec. 22.
The British ship "America," from Harrow, England, for New York, St. John, N. B., foundered off Newfoundland. The captain and three men were drowned. The crew, who were in the boats six days, were picked up and landed at Dartmouth.

The Emperor William has a slight attack of dyspepsia which causes much anxiety, and efforts are made to conceal his condition.
Genet, and other alleged Ring thieves in New York, have absconded to avoid sentence. Gold 110 1/2.

Mr. Baring's Gift to Lord Northbrook.
The London correspondent of the Manchester Guardian says:—The rumoured assignment by the late Mr. Baring of a million and a quarter sterling to his nephew, Lord Northbrook, is exciting considerable interest both in fashionable and financial circles, and its possible result is keenly discussed in both quarters.
It seems to be understood that the proceeding was effected by a formal deed of gift, but executed only the day before the donor died, the recipient being, as we all know, in India, and of course not cognizant of nor "agreeing" to the splendid donation in his favor. This being the case, it is fully expected that the proper authorities of Somerset House, as is invariably their wont in such instances, will very rigidly investigate the circumstances of the matter, with the view of ascertaining whether the gift amounted to an absolute abandonment of all power whatever over the sum thus dealt with, and whether the abandonment was legally and validly effected. Apart from the concurrence of the party so actually interested, and when, as is obvious, the party could not have exercised any right of ownership over it, the absence of the two latter conditions to the transaction seems to suggest considerable doubts whether it will be allowed to stand good; and the whole case has undoubtedly raised the question whether the Succession Act would not be improved by some amendment in the shape of a requirement that only a stipulated period of time between deeds of gift and decease should relieve the former from being regarded as a bequest and exempt them from legal duty.

The gallant 42nd.
The gallant "Forty two," otherwise designated the "Black Watch," heroes of over an hundred fights, have been called upon to serve their country in the undelecable region of West Africa. Egypt, Corunna, Fuentes d'Onor, Pyrénées, Nivelle, Nive, Orléans, Toulouse, Peninsula, Waterloo, Alma, Sevastopol and Lucknow, have seen the standard bearing the banner of St. Andrew, with the national motto flaunting in the van. The Ashanties may feel proud that they are to be honored with the steel of what is usually considered the crack regiment of the British army. We feel sorry when we think that the strains of the bagpipe will call these warriors to meet a savage foe, but we are proud when we recollect on how many honorable fields it has been heard. There is not in the whole history of the British empire one battle-field, which has not seen its martial stirring blast. We cannot help noticing that the regiment is to be taboed the use of the kilt on this campaign, and we wonder at it. It appears that owing to their ideas of the exigencies of bush fighting, the officers at head quarters think it better that the national dress should be forewarned. We think not, and we can speak from experience. In New Zealand the bush is even more dense than what it is in Africa, yet the men engaged in the war against the Maori rebels unanimously adopted the kilt costume, as being more conducive to their entire freedom while on the march. There is a time honored proverb, which says that it is a difficult matter to take the breeks off a Highlander, and we think it would be superlatively impudent to put them on. Scottish Am. Journal.

Messrs. Arch and Clayton on Immigration to Canada.—Mr. Arch has at last reached Leamington, and, somewhat contrary to expectation, in view of his strictures as to what he calls the illiberality of Canada, both toward Mr. Clayton have informed the Union that they fully believe in Canada being a most eligible field for the emigration of agricultural laborers. They are going to try and send out 10,000 emigrants in the Spring when Mr. Arch will again visit Canada, and hopes to take out with him 500 families. Mr. Arch's impression is that Canada and the United States afford ample scope for English agricultural laborers; but, owing to the present stagnation of trade, he considers it would be injudicious for artisans to emigrate.

The Standard.

SAINT ANDREWS, DEC. 24, 1873.
CHRISTMAS.

Of the origin and history of this time-honored and ancient festival, it is not necessary here to refer at length. Enough for all to know that the joyous season is now upon us. In this country and particularly in the United States, the observance of the day was not so general formerly, as it has been for the past few years; and all are becoming to hail it as one of "great joy," and truly it is so. In different countries the day is observed in various ways,—but there is a very marked similarity in one respect, viz: that of bestowing charitable offerings upon the poor, bringing sunshine into many dark households, and enlivening the hearts of the afflicted and poverty-stricken. Let those who are blessed with abundance "remember the poor."

We tender to our readers one and all, a right "MERRY CHRISTMAS."

U. S. FINANCERS.—There appears to be some anxiety with reference to the United States Treasury, which some of the leading journals say is in a desperate condition. How far this is true, is a question which the Secretary of the Treasury alone can answer. The papers are so given to sensational reports, that the statements require official confirmation. It is said that the greenback reserve is rapidly melting away, that the balance will soon be used up, that the outstanding circulation is reported to be \$17,000,000, in excess of the law, or in other words, that amount over the sum authorized by law. To meet the emergency, Secretary Richardson has appealed to Congress for more taxes to replenish his depleted coffers—he wants \$12,000,000 more of annual income, and proposes that it be raised by renewing taxes abolished as no longer needed. The fact is, the Treasury's accounts are overdrawn, and there is no money to be had outside of what is called "the reserves," except gold, and should the gold liabilities be presented for payment, the government would protest for want of currency. The fertile genius of our neighbors will bring them out of the difficulty; they never will say "die," and will not be "put down."

THE QUEBEC LEGISLATURE is overburdened with petitions on every conceivable subject. The Opposition are urging the Government to bring forward their measures; they argue that the measures of the Government should have been before the House a few days after the meeting of Parliament. Hon. Mr. Hulton curtly remarked, there was one thing the Ministry might do happily, and that was they had the prospect of ending their Christmas dinners in the enjoyment of their officers, a prospect rather dim a few days ago, and "which would become dimmer in its promises for the future not long after the vacation," which will be after the Christmas recess. A wholesome opposition (not a factious one) is needed in every Assembly.

Our correspondent "OBSERVER" is rather early in the field; wait a bit "Observer," there is lots of time to discuss the matter of the proposed "unholy alliance" you write of. There may be changes in the election programme before the 1st of March; and the publication of your letter could effect no good purpose at present. It will keep; the information it contains, and the advice tendered to the electors, will thrive better under the summer sun than from the winter soldier. We accept your offer, and also your advice "to keep our ears unbuttoned and our eyes wide open." We confess to you that the "information" is like a huge joke upon the intelligence of the constituency, and as "a burnt child dreads the fire," we will wait with patience further developments in County politics.

The St. John "Globe" in a leader last week among other remarks on public men, speaks of St. John owing the Hon. Mr. Tilley, the new Governor of this Province, more than any other public man in the Dominion. While disapproving of the manner Mr. Tilley left political life, (we are not so sure he has,) it concludes:—
"For a quarter of a century he has given public service to this city, and we suppose, generally, has done what he considered best for the public welfare. He has not considered himself, and there is not the slightest hint of personal corruption against himself or of rottenness in his department. We suppose that he has been as consistent as men in his position can be. He has not always acted wisely, but we believe he generally meant well. If, then, honor is to be shown to anybody it ought to be to the man who has served us as he best, know how; not to men who, like Mitchell, has done his best to imperil our interests, and who has always taken good care of himself."

Christmas gifts are very acceptable at this season, and under the influence of the joyous time,

merchants are selling at reduced prices. A splendid assortment of holiday goods are advertised in the STANDARD by Odell & Turner.

Fifty-Fourth Anniversary of the Charlotte Co. Agricultural Society.

The Society celebrated its fifty-fourth Anniversary by dining together at Morrison's Hotel, on Thursday evening, 18th inst. At seven o'clock, the Society and guests sat down to a sumptuous and excellent dinner. The President, R. STEVENSON, Esq., occupied the Chair, on his right was Rev. Canon Ketchum, J. W. Street, and Wm. Whitlock, Esqs. on his left J. Donald, Esq., M. P. P., Geo. F. Campbell, and Geo. S. Grimmer, Esqs., ably supported by A. T. Paul, Esq., and J. S. Magee, Esq., as croupiers. After the substantial and viands had been done ample justice to, the Chairman called upon the company to fill to a toast. The following is a list of the toasts from the Chair which were drunk with all the honors. The "Queen" The "Prince of Wales" and the Royal Family. Song, Rule Britannia, by Messrs. F. A. Stevenson, G. N. Smith and others. The "Governor General." The "Fifty-Fourth Anniversary of the C. C. Agricultural Society." The "Senate and House of Commons." The "Vice President" then gave The "President of the United States." The "Lieut. Governor of New Brunswick." The "Executive and Legislature of New Brunswick." "Our Sister Societies in the Dominion." "The Volunteer Army of the Dominion." The foregoing concluded the regular toasts.

The "President of the United States," was responded to by Dr. Small, in a neat speech. The "Lieut. Governor," by Geo. D. Street, Esq., and the "Legislature," by J. Donald, Esq., M. P. P. Want of space will not permit of our giving even an outline of the speeches.
Among the volunteer toasts were the following: The "President of the C. C. Agricultural Society," which was acknowledged by Mr. Stevenson in his happiest vein, giving a brief history of the Society from its organization up to the present, naming its Presidents, and showing the great benefit it had conferred on the farmers, by improved tillage and Stock, &c.
The "Bench and Bar," was responded to by Mr. Grimmer in a humorous and happy speech, during which he drew amusing comparisons between the lawyers and farmers.
The "Clergy," was acknowledged by Dr. Ketchum in one of his best speeches, during which he made a feeling allusion to the Rev. P. Keay's absence from illness, his worth as a Christian brother, and his usefulness in the community.
The "Commercial and Manufacturing interests of St. Andrews," responded to by Mr. Whitlock, for the merchants, and by Mr. Lamb and Mr. J. M. Hanson, for the manufacturers.
The "Press," acknowledged by the Editor of the "Standard."
"Our Schools—and with them the Trustees of this District." Mr. Magee observed that the toast had been handed to him to propose; he spoke in complimentary terms of the Trustees having performed their duties faithfully and to the benefit of the district—that they were the right men in the right place, and that although he did not agree with all they did, he would not withhold from them the credit they were justly entitled to. He declared himself in favor of taxation for Schools and a Free School man.

The "Ladies" was responded to by Mr. Finley in happy terms; among other things he said he was much pleased to notice that several ladies had changed their name lately, and hoped more would follow their excellent example, at least, he knew of one whom he believed would change her name before another annual dinner of the Society.
The "Steward of the Dinner," replied to by Mr. Smith.
The "Host and Hostess," responded to by Mr. Grimmer, Mr. Morrison, and Mr. Magee for Mrs. Morrison.
The "Secretary-Treasurer of the Society" was proposed by Mr. Grimmer in complimentary terms, and acknowledged by Mr. Magee.
Songs were sung during the evening by Mr. Smith, J. S. Magee, and Mr. Smith.
The Secretary read letters of apology for not being present from Rev. W. J. Foley, E. Lynott, Rev. Mr. Keay, H. Lodge. He also read the following telegram from Hon. B. R. Stevenson from St. John:—

"I hoped to have the pleasure of meeting my friends at the Charlotte County Agricultural Society's Dinner this evening. The many matters which occupied the attention of the Government, so prolonged the session just closed, that I am prevented meeting. I wish the Society every success and the company a very enjoyable occasion."
Thirty-four persons sat down to the table, being a larger number than had been present for several years; we were pleased to notice a good sprinkling of farmers old and young among them. And it gives us pleasure to state that all were pleased, and that the whole affair passed off pleasantly.
To merely say the Dinner was well got up, would not convey an adequate idea; it is an old saying that what every one says must be true, and as all present declared the repast to be the best in every respect ever given here, much credit was accorded to Mr. Morrison for the rich and abundant dinner he had provided.

Next day, a Luncheon was given by Mr. Morrison, to a few gentlemen, at which the best of feeling prevailed. Several toasts were proposed, among them some that were unavowedly omitted at the dinner. The "Premier of St. Andrews," the oldest gentleman in the Dominion," was responded to by Mr. Grimmer for Mr. Campbell, who spoke in warm terms of that officer's long and faithful services, his efficiency and integrity. The health of J. W. Street, Esq., the

oldest merchant in the County was heartily drunk, and was responded to by Mr. Street in fitting terms. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Mr. Morrison for the excellent lunch, and the company separated hoping to meet again on a similar occasion next year.

The public Schools were closed yesterday for the Christmas holidays, and will open again according to Regulation on the 7th January.

We are happy to state that Rev. P. Keay is better, but still weak. He has been allowed a three months vacation by vote of the Church Trustees.

HARPER'S MAGAZINES for December and January are splendid numbers. The January number could not be surpassed in its variety of reading matter, and number of illustrations. It contains sixty nine engravings. Now is the time to subscribe for this standard Magazine.

For the Standard.
Ecclesiastical Titles.

Mr. Editor.—Can you inform me where the newspapers and some church goers obtain their authority for addressing a Colonial Bishop as your "Lordship." According to my British papers, among them the London "Times," they are styled "Bishop" only. They are not members of the House of Lords as the English Bishops are. It looks to me as if these who are in the habit of addressing their Bishop as "my Lord" or his "Lordship," are desirous of introducing empty titles from over the water. I suppose the next thing we will hear is some good Presbyterian addressing the head of the Synod, as his "Lordship," the Convener, or a Methodist speaking of the Chairman of the Conference, as his "Lordship" the Chairman.
Yours,
PLAIN TALK.

To the Editor of the Standard.

Dear Sir.—I read with approval the letter of "A Churchman," in your paper of the 17th inst., and agree in the main with his views, although I am not an Episcopalian. Is it not a matter of regret that this community is afflicted with such a meddlesome, officious, gossip monger and firebrand, as described by "a churchman." Let me inform that "individual" that his last attempt to cast the apple of discord among a peaceful people, has failed, but has lighted a brand which is consuming himself. His production is "blasphemous," and wreaths from scripture its true meaning. I refer him to the middle clause of verse 12, of 2d Peter, chap. 2. May his mind be enlightened, is the wish of
AN OLD RESIDENT.

SUMMARY.

DR LIVINGSTONE.—A despatch received from the West Coast of Africa reports that, in consequence of a statement that Dr. Livingstone was at San Salvador, an expedition of the inhabitants had proceeded inland for 3000 miles in search of him, but no tidings could be ascertained.

A NEW WAY OF SMOGGING.—The French papers report a curious attempt at smuggling which was made lately at Honfleur. The steamer "Ida," from London with a miscellaneous cargo anchored alongside the quay. When discharging her cargo the custom officers remarked some twenty bales of cotton whose small volume was not in proportion to their weight. On opening them it was found that the interior of each bale contained a considerable quantity of pepper or coffee.

A COSTLY MEAL.—A gentleman of Bangor who has a penchant for thorough bred stock, fowls, etc., was the owner of a pure Spanish game cock, a splendid bird, for which 500 had been offered and refused. A few days since the gentleman sent one of his employees out to kill a chicken for dinner, and the blundering fellow, mistaking the instructions among the game cock's neck. The proud bird was cooked and served, however, and eaten; but its owner says he never sat down to a more expensive meal.

A New Departure.
The members of the Episcopal congregation at present worshipping in the Union Meeting House, met on Monday night and decided to send a delegate to the United States, to enquire into the condition of the new movement of which Bishop Cummins is the head, and to ascertain if a Minister can be procured from that body. Dr. Chandler was accordingly appointed and yesterday left to discharge his mission. When he reports to the congregation, they will decide as to the proper action to be taken.—Moncton Paper.

A Vermont youth who desired to wed the object of his affections, had an interview with her parental ancestor in which he stated that although he had no wealth to speak of, yet he was chuck full of day's works. He got the girl.

The evidence shows that he set up with his right after night, and they squar' hands and talked soft, and I think she ought to have shat \$23 damages," was the charge of a Kansas judge to a jury in a breach of promise case, but the jury thought \$175 sufficient.

A woman writing to the St. Louis Democrat of the Ville du Havre disaster, makes some statements that should not go unchallenged. This writer claims to have crossed in the Ville du Havre the past summer. She pronounces the vessel to have been generally unsuaworthy, a "rotten hulk not fit to sail," and adds: "I scuttled the ship in half a dozen places with hair pins and paper cutters, and will the unscrupulous traitor when I say that lying on the sofa in stateroom No. 50, I dug into the punky wood, two or three inches away from the portholes with a paper knife, till I struck the glazing of iron that formed its outer coat."

The "Sun" says the traffic receipts at the Turno station are third in amount on the Intercolonial, and only \$50 less than St. John, Richmond first, St. John second, Turno third.

DIED.
On Sunday 21st inst., Elizabeth B. wife of N. N. Treadwell, Esq., in the 57th year of her age; deeply regretted by a large circle of friends.

Steam Service. Bay of Fundy.

SEALED TENDERS will be received at the Office of the Chief Commissioner of Public Works, Fredericton, until January 2nd, 1874, from persons willing to place a good and serviceable passenger and freight steamer during the Navigation Season of 1874, twice a week on the route between St. John and St. Stephen, calling twice a week at St. George and St. Andrews, and once a week at Beaver Harbor. Also from persons willing to place a steamer once a week between St. John and Quaco.

North Shore.

SEALED TENDERS will also be received at the Office of the Chief Commissioner of Public Works, Fredericton, until February 1st, 1874, from persons willing to place a good and serviceable passenger and freight steamer during the Navigation Season of 1874, once a week on the route between Shediac and Campbelltown, calling at Richibucto, Chatham, Newcastle, Caraquet, Belport and Dalhousie.
The Department will not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender for either of the above services.

W. M. KELLY,
dec 24 Chief Commissioner of Public Works.

NOTICE.

As I intend winding up my business in this place, as soon as practicable, all persons owing me will please settle at an early date.
Dec 23, 1873. W. B. MORRIS.

SCHOOL MEETING.

THE RATEPAYERS of St. Andrews School District No. One, in the Parish of St. Andrews, in the County of Charlotte are hereby notified, that the Annual School Meeting will be held, as required by law, on the 8th day of January next, in No One School House, at 10 o'clock, A. M.
CHAS. ONEIL,
C. O. HATHAWAY, Trustees.
St. Andrews Dec 23, 1873.

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