

As can be gathered from the returns, at nearly 40,000 miles. Of this amount there was nearly 4,000 miles in Great Britain, of which 100 miles only were under ground, with about 400 or 500 miles in course of construction in England, Scotland and Ireland, and as many more projected. In America there were 20,000 miles of telegraph completed and in operation, with ten thousand more in process of construction. Russia has just commenced her system of telegraphs between St. Petersburg, Moscow and Cracow, and the ports of the Baltic and Black seas. About 400 miles are about to be constructed in India. The only unsupplied portions that will soon present themselves on a telegraphic map of the world, will be Australia, Africa and China.

THE REPORTED DEATH OF MR. HEALD.—We are authorised to state that there is no truth whatever in the paragraph that has been going the round of the papers respecting the alleged death of this gentleman. Mr. Heald and his party have safely arrived at Cadiz. The entire story of the loss of his yacht, and its consequences, must therefore have been a fiction.

CONVERT FROM ROMANISM.—The Hon. Miss Stapleton, sister of Lord Beaumont, has renounced the errors of Popery. She received the sacrament at Carlton Church on Christmas-day.

STEAM NAVY OF FRANCE.—We read in the *Phare de la Loire*:—For some time past the establishment of Indret has been manufacturing steam engines for vessels at different ports. One has been sent to Lorient for the Jean Bart, and one to Cherbourg for the *Marceau*. At this moment, also, experiments are making on the *Montebello*, at Toulon, with an engine of 160 horse power from Indret, intended as an auxiliary for first-class sailing ships, to leave port without being towed. An engine of 150-horse power is about to leave Indret for the *Austerlitz*, at Cherbourg. In construction there is one of 400-horse power for the *Assas*, which is building at Rochefort; one of 650-horse for the *Ulm*, which is building at the same port; and one of 400 horse power for the *Phlégethon*, which is building at Cherbourg. To these we must add a machine of 1,200-horse power, which the Minister of Marine has ordered for the *Bretagne*, which is to be built at Brest.

RECOGNITION OF THE FRENCH EMPIRE BY RUSSIA.—M. de Kisseleff on Wednesday presented his new credentials to the Emperor.

EXTENSIVE FORTIFICATION OF VIENNA.—A letter from Vienna, of the 30th ult., in the *Breslau Gazette*, states that the Austrian government has resolved, on the recommendation of a military commission, to surround the capital with a continuous wall of fortifications, the extent of which will be five German miles, (about 22 English miles.)

UNITED STATES.

THE ERICSSON EXPERIMENT ENTIRELY SUCCESSFUL.—The calorific ship *Ericsson* made her trial trip down the bay this morning, (Jan. 11.) and the result is universally regarded a perfect triumph. She is of 2200 tons burthen, is 250 feet in length, 40 feet in breadth, and draws 17 feet of water. She is remarkably sharp, and, unlike the ocean steamers, carries but two masts. Her wheels are 32 feet in diameter. She has four cylinders, each 14 feet in diameter, and with six feet stroke. On deck there are four small white pipes, two serving as chimneys, and the others for conveying air. The machinery is compact, and so arranged that much valuable space is preserved, which in ocean steamers is devoted to machinery, &c. It is estimated that a saving of 6 or 7 thousand dollars in fuel may be made in a voyage to Liverpool and back. The most coal that can possibly be consumed, is seven tons in 24 hours, this being about one-sixth of the quantity required for vessels of the same class propelled by steam. There can be but little wear of machinery, and it is believed that it may be used five years or longer, without having need of repairs. But two men—the fireman and engineer—are required to work the engine. The magnitude of the cylinders, the curious and ingenious application of the working beam and crank, first attract the attention of the observer. The machinery is not very complicated.

In our last we took from the latest No of the *News of the World*, a list of the newly formed Ministry, which turns out to be incorrect, and we therefore publish to day the names as they now stand, (until the next change comes.)

Earl of Aberdeen, Premier; Lord Cramworth, Lord Chancellor; Hon. Mr. Gladstone, Chancellor of the Exchequer; Lord Palmerston, Home Secretary; Lord John Russell, Secretary of Foreign Affairs; Duke of Newcastle, Secretary of the Colonies; Sir James Graham, first Lord of the Admiralty; Earl of Granville, President of the Privy Council; Duke of Argyll, Lord Privy Seal; Hon. Sydney Herbert, Secretary of War; Sir John Wood, President of the India Board; Sir W. Molesworth, President of Public Works; Marquis of Lansdowne, seat without office; Hon. Mr. Caldwell, President of Board of Trade; Sir A. Cockburn, Attorney General; Sir W. P. Wood, Solicitor General; Earl St. Germain, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland; with other inferior appointments.

The *N. Y. Herald* of 13th inst. states, that the negotiations for a treaty relative to the Fisheries and reciprocity in trade with Canada, have been forwarded to England, and will not be returned for some weeks. He adds, that it will not probably be sanctioned by the Senate.

Provincial Legislature.

THE LEGISLATURE.—The House met yesterday at 2 o'clock, and took up the Address in answer to His Excellency's Speech, presented on the previous day.—An amendment was moved by the Hon. J. W. Johnston, on the clause relating to the Fisheries, the object of which seemed to be to guard against a committal to any particular course or to any premature concession of our privileges, without such an equivalent as the people of Nova Scotia, through their Representatives might approve. After much discussion, in which Messrs. Johnston, L. M. Wilkins, Marshall, &c. on the one side, and Messrs. Howe, S. Campbell, Wado, &c., on the other, took part, the House divided, and there appeared for the amendment, 18, against it 26—majority in favor of the original clause, *i. e.* in favor of Government, 8.—During the debate there were indications that "asperities," had not quite passed away.—Mr. Johnston asked leave to present several Bills, among them, one altering the Elective franchise, and another similar to that of last Session, for Elective Councils. Mr. Howe congratulated Mr. Wilkins on his return to the red-benches, without the loss of any of that good humour and manly bearing for which he had formerly been distinguished.

In the Legislative Council, matters came to a *fix*. In the answer to the Governor's Speech, the clause in which His Excellency enjoined caution, in reference to the liabilities to be contracted by the Province for Railroads, was unnoticed. Mr. Almon, proposed as an amendment, an echo of the said caution, which was closely debated, but owing to the absence of Dr. Grigor there was an equality of votes, so that they could neither move one way nor the other, whereupon the matter was adjourned until the next day; when it is presumed the amendment will be lost.

Correspondence.

AYLESFORD BRANCH DIVISION CHURCH SOCIETY.

A meeting was held at St Mary's School-house, Aylesford, near the Church, on the evening of Thursday, 30th Decr., at 6 o'clock.

The Rev. Mr. Avery, Rector, in the chair. The Meeting was opened with prayer; after which the Rev. chairman addressed the meeting at some length in eloquent and expressive language, showing how indebted we are to the parent country for funds and assistance, and setting forth the objects of the Society, its efforts and operations, the great necessity for active and increased exertions on the part of its members, &c.

Messrs. Buskirk, Wm. Tupper, and Wm. Morton then addressed the meeting, urging the necessity for renewed and continued exertions, stating the destitute condition that thousands of our fellow men are in, and the great want of the Gospel, of teachers and missionaries, not only in Heathen lands, but in our own Province.

Owing to the bad state of the roads those from a distance were not able to attend.

The meeting was closed by singing the Doxology, and the members retired much pleased with the proceedings.

31st December.

A Meeting was held at Morden, on the evening of Tuesday, 11th Jan., at 7 o'clock, at Mr. John Orpin's house.

The meeting was opened by singing and prayer, when the Rev. Mr. Avery took the chair, stating the purpose for which the meeting had been called; showing how much we had received from the home country, and as there were now claims from other parts, much more urgent, we could not reasonably expect to receive as we hitherto had, but that we should now consider the destitute and that our own Farms, our Houses, our Shops, and our vessels, all should help in forwarding this great and good object, reminding us, how we had been favored for the last twenty years in having one of the most faithful of Ministers, and whose labours should not be forgotten, &c.

A subscription and collection was then taken and £4 6s. 3d. received. The meeting closed with singing and the benediction.

WILLIAM H. MORTON.

13th January.

FOR THE CHURCH TIMES.

A meeting of the local Branch of the Diocesan Church Society, took place in the Schoolhouse at Mahone Bay, on Tuesday evening, 11th inst. at 7 o'clock. The meeting was opened by singing the 100th Psalm, and the prayers usual on such occasions were offered up by the Rev. W. H. Snyder, Pres. who after briefly and succinctly stating the objects of the Society, and the causes which led to its formation, then called upon the Rev. H. L. Owen to move the first Resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Lewis Knaut, and passed unanimously:—

Resolved, That the acknowledged wants of the Church in this Province, and the inability of the Diocesan Church Society, with its present income, to supply those wants, are a loud call upon every member of the Church in this Diocese cheerfully and liberally to do

his and her part towards making that income equal to the increasing demands upon it.

The 2nd Resolution was moved by Benjamin Zwicker, Esq. M. P. P., seconded by Mr. Frederick Ernst, and passed unanimously.

Resolved, That the bountiful liberality of the D. C. Society, in which this Parish has so largely participated, is by us most thankfully acknowledged, and Resolved further, that we manifest our gratitude by cheerfully contributing to the extent of our means towards the increase of its funds.

The 3rd Resolution was moved by Doctor Lane, seconded by Benj. Legge, Esq. Churchwarden, and passed unanimously.

Resolved, That we regard the employment of Traveling and Assistant Missionaries as greatly calculated to make the D. C. Society more generally useful, and also to recommend it to the cordial approbation and support of every Churchman in the Province.

The 4th Resolution was moved by Daniel Owen, Esq. Barrister at Law, seconded by Mr. A. W. Savary, Student, and passed unanimously:—

Resolved, That the great spiritual blessings conferred through the instrumentality of the venerable Societies for the Propagation of the Gospel, and for Promoting Christian Knowledge, upon the Colonial Dependencies and other portions of the British Empire, and especially upon these N. American possessions, entitle them to the warmest gratitude of every son and daughter of the Church.

The meeting was addressed on the several Resolutions by the Rev. Mr. Owen, Messrs. Knaut and Zwicker, Dr. Lane, Messrs. Legge, D. Owen and Savary.

A vote of thanks to the Rev. H. L. Owen, Daniel Owen, Esq. (who had come from Lunenburg to render their highly valuable services) and Mr. Savary (of King's College, Windsor) for their assistance on the occasion, was passed unanimously.

The usual Board of Office-bearers, Standing Committee and Delegates, were chosen.—the collection was taken; after a few appropriate closing remarks from the Rev. the President, the Doxology was sung, and the meeting dismissed with the Apostolical benediction.

The urgent, able and very creditable appeals on behalf of the Society from the resident speakers, and the kind and attentive manner in which the numerous, and in most instances protracted addresses were received by a crowded audience, afforded proof alike cheering and gratifying, that the people of that portion of the Diocese fully appreciate the great blessings we all enjoy, and are indeed "zealously affected" in the "good cause," which we hope may speedily gain ground among us.

January, 1853.

MY DEAR SIR,—

I am happy to be able to communicate the following instance of liberality towards our Church, and trust that in making it publicly known, it may be the means of inducing others who have it in their power, to follow so good an example. Mr. Seaman, a large landed proprietor and merchant, residing at Minudio, about seven miles from Amherst, lately presented me with four acres of land in the middle of the village of Minudio, and a hundred pounds for the purpose of erecting a Church—the site is a very fine one, and is intended by Mr. Seaman both for a Church and Parsonage. In recording this fresh instance of Mr. Seaman's exertions for the benefit of his country, I may mention that he has likewise built a School house near the site of the Church, and brought from the United States a superior teacher, who is chiefly supported at his expense. The school house is conveniently arranged internally, and is surmounted with a very neat spire and gilded vane, and is also furnished with a sweet toned bell, such as few of our country Churches possess. All this will appear the more commendable when I tell you that Mr. Seaman's own children are grown up and engaged in the active pursuits of life, and therefore with the exception of a few grand children, his exertions in behalf of education are in a great measure for the benefit of the community generally.

In addressing the above particulars to you, I do not intend my letter for insertion in the *Church Times*, but merely to give you knowledge of facts which you can make use of as you please.

I am,

Your brother in Christ.

GEO. TOWNSEND.

Rev. J. C. Cochran,
Editor *Church Times*, Halifax.

FOR THE CHURCH TIMES.

MR. EDITOR.—Some time since you suggested, that it would be gratifying to the Members of the Church in different parts of the Diocese, if the "Notitia Parochialis" from each Parish, were forwarded for insertion in the *Church Times*.—especially as the Annual Report of the Society F. G. F. did not reach us for some time, and even when it did, very few, comparatively speaking, of the members of the different congregations, had an opportunity of seeing that Report. I now therefore forward the number of Baptisms &c. in the Parish of St. Stephen's, Chester, for the year 1853. Baptisms—*one hundred*; Marriages—*thirty*; Burials—*nineteen*. Of these last, seven died in infancy, three were over fourscore years, and one upwards of ninety; five, in the vigour of youth, were suddenly called into eternity; four having been drowned at one and the same time, some distance from their home; and the other, a promising young man, accidentally shot by his friend and companion.—Communicated.