

Telegraphic News.

London, Dec. 5.
The Spanish Government intends to push the bombardment of Carthage.
It is reported that a disagreement has occurred between Castelar and Salmeron.
The Government squadron has not been seen in the vicinity of Carthage.
The insurgents in its absence, procured fresh supplies and captured several provision boats.
Verdon Harcourt has been re-elected to Parliament from Oxford without opposition.
Washington, Dec. 6.
There is the highest authority for stating that the Castelar Government has not asked that the "Virginia" be placed in the hands of the of a third party to await adjudication.
Gold 109 1/2.

London, Dec. 7.
A conference has taken place between Castelar and Salmeron which is believed to have resulted in the restoration of harmony between them.
In the House of Commons, Mr. Salmeron began his closing argument for the defence.
The crew of the "Loch Earn," which ran down the "Ville du Havre," have reached Plymouth, England. Their statement is that there was a lack of discipline on board the ill-fated steamer, and that the officers and men acted the part of cowards.

New York, Dec. 8.
There is no doubt that Gen. Sickles will be immediately relieved from Madrid. During most of the recent negotiations he has been practically ignored by the State Department.
The secretary of the navy has asked Congress for an appropriation of \$500,000.
The House of Representatives at Washington has passed by a vote of 141 yeas to 29 nays a bill granting universal amnesty without exception, and repealing the test oath.
Gold 109 1/2.

A WRECKING INCIDENT.—The day before the storm last week which drove the "Atlantic" wreck further inshore, one of the divers after coming up, reported that under the companion gangway were the bodies of a man, woman and child. The female had the body of the child under her arm, and clasped firmly in one hand a valise. The man's clothes exhibited a profusion of brass buttons, from which it is judged he was an officer of the ship. The diver suggested that next day he would send up the bodies, and this was agreed to. During the night the storm came on, and when the sun went down next morning he found that the changed position of the ship had caused an immense weight of iron to be thrown on the bodies, and it is probable they may not be recovered at all. There they lie, the loved ones of some family circle, who in March last left their friends in the old country to cross the Atlantic, and now repose beneath the waters within a few yards of the rocky shore. "Wonderful are the vicissitudes of life."—Halifax Recorder.

GOLD-MINING IN VICTORIA.—The report of the Government mining registers of Victoria shows the total yield of gold of that colony for the quarter ending in June to be 283,248 ounces. The number of miners at work during the quarter was 52,885, of whom more than a quarter were Chinese. This would give each miner 5 1/2 ounces as his quarter's pay. Fifteen dollars per ounce is the usual allowance at the gold fields. The miners are, therefore, paid on the average at about the rate of \$320 a year. One man avoided being an average miner by finding a nugget in which the pure gold will weigh, it is estimated, 170 ounces.

SUPPLIES FOR THE GOLD COAST.—The Dromedary, the Himalaya, and the Tamar are the three ships which are to be sent by the British Government to the Gold Coast, with stores and reinforcements for Sir Garnet Wolseley. The Joseph Dodd has lately sailed laden with 200 tons of railway plant, 50 tons of ammunition, 800 cases of salt beef, 1,200 cases of salt pork, 3,000 cases of Australian preserved meat, 8,000 cases of rice, and 600 barrels and bags of biscuits, besides miscellaneous provisions and other stores. Her captain had great difficulty in engaging his crew, about twenty-five hands. The voyage to the west coast of Africa is not popular among seamen.

LIBRARIES OF ROME.—Scholars will be interested in the fate of the great libraries of Roman convents, whose property has been recently confiscated by the Italian government. "Two convents, that of the Dominicans at S. Maria sopra Minerva and that of the Augustines at S. Agostino, have libraries of from 180,000 to 200,000 volumes, and several thousands of manuscripts. The Collegio Romano comprises 50,000, and the library of the Oratorians, which has already been made accessible to the public, about as many volumes. Forty-four more convent libraries in the town possess together 175,000 printed works and 500 manuscripts; thirty-seven in the province have 48,000 printed works and 280 manuscripts."

These collections ought to be placed where they will be accessible to scholars of every nation and creed. Omissions have, however, been set up which may prevent some of the libraries from becoming public property.

THE English papers regard the action of Parliament, or rather its attitude, by which the late Government was forced to resign in order to avoid defeat, as a favorable indication calculated to restore to public confidence abroad which, according to the same press, suffered in consequence of the "Pacific" revelations. They urge that it is required of the present Government that the investigation into charges against members of the late Ministry be prosecuted until all the facts are

clearly established, and the full scope of the transactions between Sir Hugh Allen and Sir John A. McDonald revealed.

ACCIDENT.—While Alma, third daughter of Rev. Robert Wilson of Marysville, York, was out coasting the other day, she was carried over the bank, which near the parsonage is very steep, and somewhat seriously injured. When taken up she was quite unconscious, was badly bruised about the head and eyes, and otherwise injured. Under medical treatment, she has been placed out of danger.

The Standard.

SAINT ANDREWS, DEC. 10, 1873.
River Du Loup Railway Company violating their Contract with the Government.

Not long since, we published a petition representing to the Local Government that the "New Brunswick Railway Company" were not building their roads according to the terms of their contract with the Government, and the Subsidy Act granting them ten thousand acres of land per mile. This petition was very numerous signed by the inhabitants of Charlotte and Carleton counties. The contract referred to is dated 24th January, 1872, and may be found in the Journals of the House of Assembly of that year. The recital states that "the New Brunswick Railway Company have offered to construct a line of Railway from the Parish of Saint Mary's to Edmundston in the County of Victoria, including connection with Woodstock."

The second paragraph provides that the line so to be constructed shall be "a line of Railway from Woodstock passing through the Counties of Carleton and Victoria AS NEAR AS MAY BE BY THE VALLEY OF THE RIVER SAINT JOHN UP TO EDMUNSTON at Little Falls, in the County of Victoria; and also a line from the Parish of Saint Mary's passing through the Counties of York and Carleton on the Eastern side of River St. John, so as to form connection with the said first mentioned line at such point as the Company may select, (subject however to the approval of the Governor in Council as to such point.)"

Instead of being constructed "AS NEAR AS MAY BE BY THE VALLEY OF THE RIVER SAINT JOHN UP TO EDMUNSTON"—the road from Woodstock, so soon as it reaches Acker's Brook about four miles up river from Woodstock, turns away from the River St. John almost at right angles for about two miles, then deflects downwards towards Fredericton, so that at about four miles from the River St. John the line is a mile further down than it is at two miles from the River, and before it gets nine miles from Woodstock it not only gets out of the valley of the River St. John, but is diverted DOWN FROM, while the contract requires it to be built "UP TO EDMUNSTON."

This deviation from the route pointed out by the Contract and Subsidy Act, for the line from Woodstock "UP TO" Edmundston, was the matter petitioned against; and the effect of it is, that about SIX MILES of haulage is thrown against all traffic between Woodstock and the Upper St. John, which would be wholly avoided by construction of the road according to the terms of the contract, while the haulage of all traffic between St. Mary's and the Upper St. John would not be increased.

Our contemporary the "New Brunswick Reporter" of the 3rd inst., in referring to an article which appeared in the "Carleton Sentinel," has a very ungenerous article on this subject, in which, without coming at the question at issue in the consideration of the Petition above referred to, he drifts into some observations upon the persons he chooses to consider the only persons interested in this matter—observations not very creditable to his judgment and knowledge.

Now we would have him understand that the people of Charlotte, fully realize the effect of this proceeding on the part of the New Brunswick Railway Company to prevent them enjoying the advantages to be derived from the construction of these Railways, as fully as they believed they would when the Subsidy Act was passed; and we are sure the Hon. John McAdam would never have introduced the Subsidy Act had he supposed any other route than that so clearly and explicitly named in the Subsidy Act and Contract, would be adopted.

Charlotte County, and particularly the Railway and Shipping interests, are deeply affected by this matter, and we do not believe public attention is to be diverted from it by the ungenerous observations of the "Reporter," upon the energetic and enterprising Railway man of this County, and the inaccurate statement of the subsidies which have been received in the construction of the 126 miles of Railway which have been built by them, and which were intended to be benefited by the construction of the Railway from Woodstock to the Upper St. John. The "Reporter" should bear in mind that the 10,000 acres per mile of land subsidy that this Province gives to River Du Loup Railway is, a large portion of it, of equal value with the extensive tracts of timber lands owned by their energetic President, and valued by him at from five to ten dollars per acre—that at the time the Subsidy Act was passed, the Legislature believed a broad gauge road would be built, and that by the removal of the Export duty since the contract was entered into, these timber lands are more than doubled in value.

The "Reporter" is in error in saying the object of the parties moving in this matter is "to compel the New Brunswick Railway to adopt such a route from Woodstock to Beauséjour as should turn the trade all in their direction;" all they want is to be placed on EQUAL footing to secure a share of the trade of the Upper St. John, and this is

what was intended to be secured by the construction of the two lines named in the contract. And the location as made by the Railway Company in violation of their contract, looks very much like as if this Company, which the "Reporter" would have us believe is so very magnanimous, and so anxious for the development of the resources of New Brunswick, wished "to turn all the trade of the Upper St. John in THEIR own direction," that is to St. Mary's, at any rate so far as an adverse and unnecessary haulage of SIX MILES would enable them to do so.

We have not at times been in entire accord with all the management of the New Brunswick and Canada Railway Co., but it has always appeared to us, that this Company have been very anxious to see the trade of the Upper St. John opened up by Railway, and conceive that in supporting the matter of this petition, while exhibiting a proper care of their own interest, they are acting for the next interests of the trade of the County, and particularly of the shipping interests of St. Andrews and St. Stephen.

DEATH OF MISS PARKER.—Under the proper heading in this days paper, we have the melancholy duty of recording the death of this amiable and accomplished lady, widely known for her many virtues and extensive charities. Beloved by all who had the pleasure of her acquaintance—esteemed for her sincere and truly christian character, and her universal benevolence. She has left a blank in our midst which will be difficult to fill. In her departing, we have lost a true friend who was ever ready with her aid to supply their wants—her relatives and friends, and intellectual and esteemed relations of assistance, and this community one of its most valued ornaments—but their loss is her eternal gain. She was an "Israhite indeed in whom there was no guile."

ROBBERY.—On Wednesday night last, the store of J. W. Street & Co., was entered, through a back window, from which the bolt was wrenched from the shutter and four panes of glass broken, affording an easy access to the parties. The tills were rifled of about three or four dollars of loose change, and a few bottles of liquor taken. The firm offers a reward of \$50 for the discovery of the perpetrators of the robbery.

The door of Mr. W. B. Morris' store was discovered to be wide open about nine o'clock on Saturday night last. It is said that a drunken fellow while passing accidentally fell against the door which sprung the bolt, and burst the door open, landing the young man on his back in the store. The proprietor had the place properly secured in a short time.

PRESENTATION TO THE KEY. W. FOLLY, P.P. In the "Standard" of the 26th ult., we announced that the Rev. Mr. Folly, had been appointed to the charge of the Catholic congregation of this Parish, and we have the pleasure of stating this week, that on his taking leave of his friends in Woodstock, they presented him with an Address, expressive of their deep regret at his departure from among them—their sentiments of respect, esteem and regard for him, accompanying it with a substantial token—a purse of \$130; which drew forth a feeling and appropriate reply from the Rev. gentleman. It is a pleasing duty to record such tokens and feelings of affection existing between a pastor and people of ALL denominations, for it appears from Mr. Folly's reply, that his Protestant friends "generously contributed to the handsome testimonial."

The Executive Council is to meet at Fredericton to-day, when it is probable the time of meeting of the Legislature will be determined upon, and other business transacted. The Hon. Surveyor General who was here for a short time, left a few days ago, to attend the meeting of Council.

Loss of the schooner "Greta."

The S.S. "Greta," Stinson, master, of this Port, was lost on the 25th Nov., on Fisherman's Cape, near County Harbor, on the Nova Scotia coast, about 120 miles to the eastward of Halifax. The crew were on the wreck all night, the sea breaking over them. They succeeded in getting ashore the next morning, and when the Captain wrote were camping in a tent. He thought they would be able to save the rigging, but could not say much about the wreck. The "Greta" was built in 1871, was 147 tons register, and owned by the Captain, G. F. Stickney and others. No insurance.

The Trustees of the City of St. John Schools have decided to keep them open until the 21st inst. This will prevent several of the Teachers, whose families reside in various parts of the Province, from participating in the time honored custom of enjoying their family Christmas reunions. By closing one day earlier, education would not suffer, and teachers would enjoy a pleasant family greeting.

FROZEN OVER.—Most of the boats which ply in the Province are frozen over, and navigation is suspended. The St. John and Miramichi are closed, and the St. Croix down as far as McAllister's wharf. The "City of St. John" unexpectedly discontinued her trips last week, because the St. Croix and Magalloway rivers were closed. The schooner "Clarity," Capt. King, however, continues her regular weekly trips, and will no doubt be well patronized.

MAN KILLED.—It is reported, that a man named Hanlon, was killed in a stable at Woodstock, on Monday afternoon, by an horse named Lynch. From all we could learn, the men quarrelled about a horse, and came to blows; Hanlon was thrown down by Lynch, and died in a few minutes.

A TREAT.—The inhabitants of this place, will, this and tomorrow evenings, have an opportunity to witness the performance of two thoroughly accomplished artists, Lotta and Henry Jerome, in Stevenson's Hall. They visit St. Andrews, to fill up a day or two, previous to fulfilling engagements at St. John and Halifax. The illusions are said to be of a high order, such as performed at the Polytechnic, London. The Royal Marionettes form the amusing portion of the entertainment, and assure our readers and the public generally, that a rich treat is in store for them at Stevenson's Hall. The price of Admission is 25 cents,—reserved seats 50 cents.

THE FARMER'S ADVOCATE is received.—We are pleased to see the marked improvement in its appearance. The Advocate is published in London, Ontario, by Wm. Wells, at \$1 per annum, and is full of valuable reading matter for the farmer. The Seed, Stock, Dairy, Field and Farm Departments are excellent, and the paper is well illustrated.—The Advocate gives some spicy rubs to both of the political parties, hitting right and left, wherever the editor thinks the rights of the farmers are being intruded upon.—The Advocate ought to be in the hands of every Canadian farmer. The President of the Markham Farmers' Club says, "The Farmer's Advocate is the only really good, independent agricultural paper published in Canada."

The "Freeman" says:—

The New Brunswick School question was the not very remote cause of the downfall of the late Government. We hope that it will not prove equally fatal to the Government now in power. Brouse Sir John A. Macdonald and Sir George Carter trifled with this question, one day offering the Chauveau amendment as a compromise, and another day refusing to pass that amendment, and substituting for it the Colby amendment, but always refusing to exercise the power vested in them by the constitution for the protection of the minorities, they lost the confidence of a large portion of their supporters in Quebec and Ontario. . . . They made the mistake of paying more regard to the threats and clamour of a few fanatics in the Maritime Provinces than to the honest public opinion of the Dominion, and this mistake proved fatal. . . . The majority of the men now in power showed when they were in opposition a disposition to do justice despite the unreasonableness of the men who traded in fanaticism. They profess to be guided by high principles, and we believe they are, above all, men of high principle. Principle, therefore, and not mere expediency, must be their guide in this School question, as in all other questions, if they would not sacrifice the high reputation gained by the sedulous and the efforts of so many years.

All the ill the Dominion, and more particularly New Brunswick is heir to, arises according to the "Freeman's" idea, from the School Bill. Of this the "Freeman" may rest assured, that the "Macdonald" Mackenzie or any other Government, will not upset the present School Law. The principle is fixed, but it is not impossible there may be some slight change in the details.

SUMMARY.
MR. BRYDGES retires from the board of Intercolonial Railway Commissioners, to devote his attention to Grand Trunk Railway management.

The weather for the past week, has been mild; the snow has disappeared, and skis have given way to wheels.

During the week, skaters have enjoyed themselves on the "rink," and on Chamcook Lake, with their healthful exercise. "Achmes" were in demand, and those in use did good service.

—Lt. Col. Saunders and Capt. G. Fred Ring have been appointed Aides-de-Camp to Gov. Tilley. Lt. Col. Saunders is appointed Private Secretary.

—Some gentlemen propose organizing themselves into a Reform Association in St. John. The Wesleyans of Moncton have organized a lecture course for this winter.

—The Caledonian stone quarries, says the "Post," have shipped 1,500 tons more stone than ever before. They are arranging to build another wharf, and to largely extend their works next summer.

NOVA SCOTIA.—Mailman, under sentence of death in Lunenburg for wife murder, has made a confession. He is unrepentant, and is trying to starve himself to death.

—Typhus fever is yet prevalent about Wallace. A young man named Langille was buried last Sabbath at Wallace Bay and several other cases are reported.

—Dr. Grose of St. Stephen is reported quite ill with typhoid fever.

—Elihu Barritt, "the learned blacksmith," is to lecture in Fredericton on the 10th inst., under the auspices of York Division. An effort is being made to have him come to St. John.

AN IMPROVED SKATE.—Mr. Whelpley, an employee in Messrs. Forbes' Acme State manufactory, Halifax, has just completed a skate which he purposes patenting at an early date. He does away with the side clips, and wrench, making it self acting. It is the most simple and at the same time complete article of this description that has ever been invented.

—Red Granite, equal to Aberdeen or St. George, is said to have been found on the Pokick, near the St. John river.

—Another E. C. Priest, R.-v. Mr. Campbell, has been arrested and imprisoned in St. John for non payment of his taxes, which included his school tax. He only remained

in jail a short time when he paid the amount and was liberated.

MALIGNANT sore throat, of a very serious type, prevails to a large extent throughout this County. It attacks alike young and old, and in very many cases proves fatal.—[Sentinel.]

Telegraphic advices from Ottawa state:—The late storm was most severe throughout all the sections of the Upper Provinces. The damage, as far as can be ascertained, will amount to \$1,000,000. Telegraphic lines east and west were all down—west is still interrupted.

Nearly all the Ministers were in their Departments at Ottawa.

A fire at Fort Garry on the night of the 4th inst., destroyed the Parliament buildings.—All the books and official documents were saved.

GERMANY FLUSH.—Germany has been presuming upon the wealth she wrung from France. Believing that because the Bank of England Directors raised the rate of discount, they must have been in a very destitute condition the German Government actually communicated with Lord Granville and offered to supply specie against Bank of England notes. The offer was politely declined amid much amusement in Threadneedle street.

THE STORE LINE. The "St. Croix Courier" says that the City Council of Calais had a meeting on Monday evening to take the Shore Line Railroad into consideration.—There was considerable discussion upon railroad matters, which finally resulted in a vote to call a meeting of the voters of the city, to be held on the 19th of March next, to vote upon the grant of eight per cent. of the city valuation to the Shore Line Road. Eight per cent. of the valuation will amount to about \$121,000, and will necessitate the issue of about \$140,000 of city bonds. The terms of the vote are that each town along the line of the road makes a similar grant; that the road shall be in complete running order, with first-class equipments of every kind, before any of the money is paid, and shall be complete from Calais to Bucksport, (135 miles) with a bridge across the Passaboots River at Bucksport. It was at first proposed to oblige the Company to make the gauge four feet eight inches, but this was afterwards changed to three feet and a half. The vote was unanimous.

CANADIAN ENTERPRISE.—A number of leading merchants in Montreal are preparing to enter with vigour on the Transatlantic steamship business. They are making preparations for building one steamer as a pioneer vessel. "This will be strictly a Canadian enterprise, its vessels being registered in this country and reckoned part of the Canadian marine."

MARRIED.

At Rolling Dam, on the 9th inst. by the Rev. P. Keay, Mr. W. J. Goodill, Margaret's Bay, N. S., to Miss Helen Pascoe, third daughter of John Pascoe, Esq., Rolling Dam.

DIED.

On the 2nd inst., WALTER EDWIN, aged 3 years, only son of Mr. W. B. Morris.

On the 4th inst., JAMES, relative of the late Mr. David Stinson, aged 86.

On Monday, the 8th inst., JANE, eldest daughter of the late HON. NEVILLE PARKER, Master of the Rolls, aged 49 years, deeply regretted by a large circle of relatives and friends.

Ship News

PORT OF ST. ANDREWS

ARRIVED.

Dec. 3, Bagnallfield, Britt, Boston, Cork, &c., Robinson & Glen.
8, Daisy, Maloney, Boston, hides, R. Ross.
9, Odessa, Tatton, Boston, Corn, R. Ross.
Mary Ellen, Beith, Boston, hides, R. Ross.
Nellie Clark, Clark, Boston, ballast, master.
Matilda, Stinson, St. Stephen, gen cargo.
CLEARED.

Dec. 6, Utica, Waycott, Boston, 700 sheep, 60M lumber, R. Ross.
Martha Ann, Brown, Lubec, 11M. hardwood plank, Robinson & Glenn.

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