2 in Ireland; and 8 in the Foreign Mission Stations. In the removal of these men of God, "the Methodist Connexion has sustained no ordinary loss; and, while such faithful men are called away, survivers are solemnly admonished to work while it is called day."

Thirty-seven young men, who had honourably and creditably passed through their Examination before Conference were to have received Ordination on Wednesday, the first of this month

The Rev. John Ryerson, Representative from the Canadian Conference was introduced to Conference on Saturday July 28th; to whom the President said, (at the same time extending to him his hand) "Mr. Ryerson, I give you the right hand of fellowship, as the representative of this venerable Body of Ministers in England, and receive you as the Representative of the Sister Body in Canada. Be kind enough to take your seat on the platform. The Brethren rejoice to see you?"—

The President was prevented by indisposition from preaching on the Conference Sunday. His brother, the Rev. Samuel Jackson, officiated in his stead.

The official Sermon was preached by the Ex-President, Dr. Newton. The text was—

Gal. vi. 14. "But God forbid that I should glory save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ."

A copious Report of the Sermon is given in the Watchman.

Death of a Minister during the Sittings of Conference.

Mr. Batty, long a highly-respected minister of our Church, and for a year or two past settled as a supernumerary at Jersey, was in Conference for an hour or two on Wednesday morning, (25th July) conversing cheerfully and piously, and within 27 hours was dead and buried;—he was struck

"By the blue post, whose grips no art can shun—
No force unwrench."

With relentless fury it

——"fixed its icy hold,
And wrung out life with agony and cold."

But the man of God was ready—"he had been 40 years," he said, "preparing for death, and he was quite ready to die." He devoutly thanked God when he heard who had been chosen President and Secretary. Shortly after midnight on Thursday morning he expired, and about half-past 2 p. m. was buried by Dr. Newton, at the Cheetham Hill burying-ground. May we also "be ready, for in such an hour as we think not, the Son of Man cometh."

Obituary Notice.

Died at Annapolis, John Tupper, aged 58. Mr. Tupper had been a consistent member of the Wesleyan Church upwards of 35 years. His affliction was long and severe but his end was peace. By his death the Church has lost an excellent member, and the Ministers a valuable friend. He has left a widow and several children to mourn the loss of a kind husband and father. A. M.

Visitation.

The Ministers concerned are respectfully informed that the *General Superintendent of Wesleyan Missions* in the *Nova Scotia District* purposes, God willing, to visit the following Circuits, at the times specified. The Superintendents will please to make the necessary arrangements for the public services, and for Meetings of the official members, on their respective Circuits.

PLAN.

Lunenburg,	Sunday,	August	2nd.
Liverpool,	"	September	2nd.
Shelburne,	Thursday,	"	6th.
Barrington,	Sunday,	"	9th.
Yarmouth,	"	"	16th.
Charlottetown,	"	"	30th.
Guysborough,	"	October	7th.

EPHRAIM EVANS,
Gen. Sup. N. S. Dist.

Halifax, Aug't. 10th, 1849.

MISSIONARY OF THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.—The Rev. R. McNair, A. M., Missionary of the Church of Scotland, arrived in our City on the 7th inst, and we understand, commenced his Mission on Sabbath last by preaching two excellent sermons in St. Matthew's, and St. Andrew's Churches. We hope the Lord of the harvest will crown his labours with abundant success.

LIBERAL DONATIONS.—The late Jas Wood. Esqr., left Legacies to the Wesleyan Connexion as follows:—

To the Wesleyan Miss. Society,	£500 0 0
" " " Theological Institution,	500 0 0
" " " Itinerant Wes. Meth. Preachers' Annuitant Society,	300 0 0

All free of duty.

Mr. Wood had been a very liberal supporter of Wesleyan Methodism during his life time.

A VALUABLE CONSIDERATION.—We perceive by the *Christian Guardian* of the 1st inst., that on the eve of his departure from Toronto, the Rev. S. D. Rice was presented, by the Wesleyan Society of the West City Circuit, with a purse of *twenty-five* pounds, as an expression of affection and *good-will*.

SUMMARY OF NEWS.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

As there is a probability that hay will be scarce during the ensuing winter, we would suggest to our agricultural friends the policy of securing the corn stalks for fodder. This may be done by topping them just as the corn begins to turn. Cattle will thrive as well on corn stalks secured in this manner, as they will on hay.—*Carleton Sentinel.*

The Steamer *Reindeer* made the run from Indian Town to Fredericton in *six hours and twenty-one minutes*, including several stoppages. Mr. Tibbets, the inventor of the principle by which she is propelled, was on board, and must have been much gratified with the performance. We understand he is engaged in the construction of the machinery for another boat upon the same principle—the working a high and low pressure engine with the same steam.—*St. John Courier.*

We learn from the Head Quarters of Wednesday last that a diabolical attempt was made on Sunday night to set fire to the dwelling house and premises of George L. Hatheway, Esq., at Nashwaak. Fire was applied to the buildings in four different places; an accidental circumstance led to the discovery by Mr. Hatheway, and providentially saved his property and perhaps the lives of his family. We trust the villian or villians will be found out.—*Ib.*

There is a great scarcity of seamen in St. John, N. B. Unemployed seamen going there may ensure immediate employment and high wages.

Accounts have been received from Sir John Richardson, commanding the boat party in search of Sir John Franklin, under date of Port Confidence, Great Bear Lake, Sept. 16, 1848. They had examined the coast line from the eastern branch of the McKenzie to the Coppermine river, including almost every intervening bay, found no traces of any Europeans having passed, nor any indications whatever of shipwrecked vessels.—*N. Br.*

The Telegraph Posts are all up between St. John and Sackville, N. B.

PRINCE EDWARD'S ISLAND.

THE "ROSE" STEAMER.—The Steamer *Rose*, M'Mullin, master, 35 days from Plymouth, arrived here on Thursday afternoon, the 7th instant. This vessel is the property of James Peake, Esq., and is intended to run between this port and Pictou, for the purpose of conveying the mails, passengers, &c. The *Rose* has excellent accommodations for passengers, her principal Cabin being sufficiently large to seat comfortably three dozen persons. The Cabin for Lady passengers is also very convenient. She came out under sail; and as soon as her paddles are fixed, and sundry other arrangements made, she will start for Pictou, which will, in all probability, be on Saturday, the 18th inst.—*Islander.*

The first sample of new Barley grown this season was brought in town yesterday, to George Coles, Esq. We have been informed that the grain is of excellent quality large and full. We have not yet heard the name of the grower.—*Gazette.*

CANADA.

IMPORTANT FROM CANADA.—By a telegraphic despatch from Montreal of August 8, we learn that it was rumoured that Lord Elgin had resigned. There was a report by the last English Mail that his Lordship has been offered the Vice-royalty of Ireland.

THE CRIMINAL TERM AT MONTREAL.—Only seven of the Grand Jury being present at the opening of the Court on the 2nd instant, fines were inflicted on the absentees, and the Jury discharged. The Court would adjourn from day to day during the term. Messrs. Mack, Freres, Howard, and Montgomerie, who were under recognizances, on charges connected with the late outbreak, were in attendance, and gave new bail to appear when called upon.

The interments from cholera within the city and suburbs of Quebec, including emigrants, seamen, &c. for the twenty-four hours ending on 4th August, were—Catholics, 19; Protestants, 7. On the 5th they were—Catholics, 15; Protestants, 2.

At Montreal on the 4th, the Board of Health reported twenty-eight interments in twenty-four hours, of which six were from cholera, and of the aggregate, seventeen were children.

The Montreal *Courier* says, it is rumoured that Mr. Lafontaine, Mr. Morin, Mr. Caron, and Mr. Cherrier, are to be elevated to the Bench forthwith; that Mr. Blake is to be Vice-Chancellor of Upper Canada; that Mr. Drummond is to be Attorney General *vice* Lafontaine, and Mr. Chanveau Solicitor General *vice* Mr. Drummond. It is also rumoured that Mr. Price is about to resign his office in the administration, and that Mr. J. Sandfield MacDonald is to come to Montreal to look for the post which Mr. Blake is to vacate.

CROPS.

LOWER CANADA.—Harvest operations are commenced, and several fields of early wheat are being cut. On account of the long drought wheat in this section of the Province has been hastened, and is under an average crop. The hay harvest is pretty well forward, and a good deal of it being secured; it is a very light crop. Oats, barley and pease have improved by the late rains and subsequent genial weather. Potatoes are looking well, and we have not heard a single complaint of rot.—*Montreal Gazette.*

UPPER CANADA.—The Rust has already shown its mischievous effects on the heavy fall wheat, particularly in the latter sown, North of Toronto and in the Western District. Most of the early is very good as is likewise the spring wheat. The other spring crops promise well. The dry state of the pastures is unfavourable to dairy produce, which in some places has run very short.—Potatoes in some districts will be an absolute failure from the continued dry weather, and we regret to say that in many places they indicate a tendency to decay.

Turnips are suffering, but would soon recover if the weather should prove moist.—The second growth of clover and its rapid blossoming has been remarkable.

Montreal, August 8, 1849.

The interments for the 24 hours ending noon this day are 14, of which 9 were deaths by cholera.

The last report from Quebec mentioned 16 deaths from cholera for the preceding 24 hours. The cholera is greatly on the decrease.

WEST INDIES

☞ We are rejoiced at the copious showers of rain which have fallen at intervals since the publication of our last number.—The parched and withered aspect of the country occasioned by an almost unprecedented continuance of dry weather, has, in some measure, already changed its appearance—the fields, &c., are beginning to look green and animated.—*Bermuda Gazette, Aug. 9.*

☞ The Imperial Duties of Customs hitherto levied in the Island of Grenada, have been repealed by the local Legislature.—*N. Br.*

DOMESTIC.

ROBBERY OF THE HALIFAX BANK.—The Halifax Bank on Friday night of the 10th inst, was entered by means of skeleton keys, and robbed of several bags of dollars. Four bags were discovered the next day; two by a coloured woman, who has since received a reward of £10 for her honesty; and two by other parties. The thieves are undiscovered.

The house of a poor woman named Saunders, with nearly all its contents, was destroyed by fire at Preston.

The man who had received the serious injury on board the Kilsiewood, which we mentioned in our last, has since died. He was buried on Monday last

We have been informed, that a man in Dartmouth, a respectable Mechanic, dropt suddenly down dead on Sunday, while putting on his shirt.—*Col.*

SEIZURE.—A. Richardson, Esq, we are informed, made a seizure of contraband American Liquors, on Fairbanks' Wharf, on Monday last.—*Ib.*

The Potato crops are still looking well—and no signs of blight.—*Yarmouth Herald.*

THE WEATHER AND CROPS.—The hay as has been expected, is a very poor crop. There is as yet no appearance of disease, so far as we can learn, among the potatoes. The weevil has not shown itself to much extent among the wheat, the crop generally has a good healthy colour, and the heads well filled, though the straw will be very short.—*Eastern Chronicle.*

BY R. M. STEAMER.

On the morning of Tuesday last the R. M. Steamer Hibernia arrived at this port, making a short passage of 9 1-2 days from Liverpool.

We give the following items.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Trade has continued quiet, but very steady since our last issue. Cotton has been in moderate demand. The prospects of the harvest, and the absence as yet of disease in the potato crop, have tended to lower the price of bread-stuffs. The metal market is steady, and a fair business going forward. Money is still abundant.

The weather continues exceedingly fine, and is forcing on the green crops to maturity. Harvesting has commenced in the southern districts of England, and will be general in a week or two. Grain crops promise an abundant yield,

A considerable increase on the excessive mortality of last week is reported. The deaths from cholera in the London District, which in the three last weeks were 152, 330, 678, rose last week to 783. Diarrhœa and dysentery have been equally prevalent. The mortality of London and Liverpool and some other large towns is 40 per cent. greater than in their neighbouring counties. The reports from the South coast are more favourable; and at Bristol, the cases of cholera have diminished. At Salisbury, and in that neighbourhood, it makes serious ravages.

PROROGATION OF PARLIAMENT.

Parliament was prorogued by commission on the 27th. The following is the

ROYAL SPEECH.

MY LORDS AND GENTLEMEN,

We have it in command from her Majesty to inform you that the state of the public business enables her to dispense with your attendance in Parliament, and to close the present session. Her Majesty has directed us to express her satisfaction with the zeal and assiduity with which you have discharged the laborious and anxious duties in the performance of which you have been occupied.

Her Majesty has given her assent to the important measure you have passed to amend the Navigation-laws, in full confidence that the enterprise, skill, and hardihood of her people will assure to them a full share of the commerce of the world, and maintain upon the seas the ancient renown of this nation.

Her Majesty has commanded us to acquaint you that the friendly character of her relations with foreign powers afford her a just confidence of peace.

The preliminaries of peace between Prussia and Denmark have been signed, under the mediation of her Majesty; and her Majesty trusts that this convention may prove the forerunner of a definitive and permanent treaty.

Her Majesty's efforts will continue to be directed to promote the restoration of peace in those parts of Europe in which it has been interrupted.

GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS,

We are commanded by her Majesty to return you her thanks for the provision which you have made for the public service. The public expenditure has undergone considerable reduction within the present year, and her Majesty will continue to apply a watchful economy in every branch of the public service.

MY LORDS AND GENTLEMEN,

We are commanded by her Majesty to congratulate you on the happy termination of the war in the Punjaub. The exertions made by the Government of India, and the valour displayed by the army in the field, demand her Majesty's warmest acknowledgements.

Her Majesty has observed with gratification the spirit of obedience to the laws which has been manifested by her subjects during the period which has elapsed since her Majesty last addressed her Parliament.

It is the characteristic of our constitution that it renders the maintenance of order compatible with the fullest enjoyment of political and civil liberty.

The satisfaction with which her Majesty has viewed the peaceful progress of her people in arts and industry has been greatly alloyed by the continuance of severe distress in one part of the United Kingdom. Her Majesty has observed with pleasure your liberal exertions to mitigate the pressure of this calamity; and her Majesty commands us to thank you for your unremitting attention to measures calculated to improve the general condition of Ireland.