

THE MICROPHONE.

The marvelous, thought as yet somewhat vague, accounts which have reached us from England of Professor Hughes' discovery of a new adaptation of the principle evolved in Edison's carbon transmitter...

DANGERS THAT BESIEGE SUB-MARINE CABLES.

Every one who has at all studied oceanic telegraphy perfectly understands the dangers to which the shore ends of the communication wires are exposed from the action of electric currents, the anchors of ships, &c.

THE VOLUNTEERS AT MONTREAL.

The disposition of the military force in Montreal, on Friday last, reflected the highest credit upon the General Sir E. S. Sutherland...

INTEREST.

No bluster draws sharper than does the interest. It is the most powerful of all the passions of the human mind...

A Ministerial crisis has arisen at Vienna.

Prince Adolf Aehrenthal, President of the Austrian Council of Ministers, tendered to the Emperor July 27th, his own resignation...

Communications.

For the "Agriculturist." Sir—A writer in the last Reporter makes an attack upon John Pickard, Esq., M. P. for having said he "appointed a young man to a position in the Custom House at a salary of \$100 or \$200 per annum."

THE AGRICULTURIST.

FREDERICTON, N. B., July 20, 1878. In consequence of the retirement of Professor Foster from the editorial charge of the AGRICULTURIST, the management of the paper has been entrusted to other hands.

THE GOVERNMENT.

Last Monday an Extra of the Royal Gazette announced the resignation of the Hon. Mr. Stevenson, as Surveyor-General, and the appointments to the vacant and vacant departments.

FAIR PLAY.

FREDERICTON, July 19, 1878.

BOSTON CORRESPONDENCE OF THE "AGRICULTURIST."

BOSTON, MASS., July 16, 1878. The American people have not yet become reconciled to the Halifax Award. They still feel very sore about it.

The first charge is that the appointment was made through the influence of a Senator who was the fellow-townman of Kellogg; that the Senator was unduly influenced by the British Minister, &c.

Second—That Mr. Kellogg was, during the tenure of his Commission, and is today of an unimpaired mind.

Third—That the award, first put at \$4,000,000, and on Mr. Kellogg refusing to accept it, then raised by Messrs. Galt & Delfosse to \$5,000,000.

What will puzzle a Philadelphia lawyer to find out is, in what way the alleged insanity occurred in a cable and ocean station it was found that it had been intercepted by one of the casual spies of the station.

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There is a feeling about the above which is not satisfactory, but your correspondent is unequal to the occasion, and admits that he has done the best in his power.

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By articles 1, 2, 3, Bulgaria is constituted an autonomous principality, under the suzerainty of the Sultan, with a Christian Government and national militia; it is limited on the south by the Balkans. It is united to the north by the reigning European dynasty, shall be elected by the population and confirmed by the Porte and Powers. The basis of its public law is contained in the following articles:

The following shall form the basis of the public law of Bulgaria. The distinction of religious belief or confession shall not operate against any one as a reason of exclusion or incapacity in what concerns the enjoyment of political rights, admission to public employment, functions or honors, or the exercise of different professions and industries. The liberty of public profession of all creeds shall be assured to all the native population. No franchise shall be imposed on the basis of the different communions or their relations with their spiritual chiefs.

Bulgaria shall pay tribute to the Porte, the Ottoman army shall evacuate it, and its fortresses shall be destroyed.

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HEAT CENTRE IN ST. LOUIS.

The heat in St. Louis has been terrific, judging from its effects, though the thermometer does not appear to have stood extraordinarily high. The heat came to a climax on the 16th.

At 8 A. M. the thermometer marked 90 in the shade. About 10 A. M. the venerable Dr. McConnelly, editor of the *Christian Advocate*, fell prostrate while at work in the office. He revived, though in a critical condition. At 11 A. M. a prominent real estate dealer, while talking to his partner, R. H. Lator, the well known politician and capitalist, fell for the floor insensible. Lator rushed out to the door, and on his return fell on himself, and though both survived they are yet in a critical condition. Immense cargoes of grain were on the boat waiting to be discharged, but the stevedores in most cases, refused to put their men on the mills and factories also large numbers refused to work, and the works of several large establishments were also suspended. On change several prominent millers discussed the situation, and it is stated, greatly to surprise work and not resume until there is a change. At noon, there were fifteen cars in the morgue. Two horses were killed, and the bodies of two victims to the cemetery. Undertaker Smithers lost three horses in the same service. At 8 o'clock last night, there were twenty-five bodies in the morgue. The stench was awful. Fifteen bodies were already boxed up for burial. The bodies of the victims to the morgue of the day yesterday exceeded forty, besides over a hundred non-fatal cases treated at the public hospitals.

The paper which has been published in the hands of the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis R. R. has asked a suspension of work until it is reformed, which request has been granted.

The heat wave has reached Boston, and probably all the cities on the Atlantic coast will suffer.

The Ladies of St. Dunstan's Church will hold their annual picnic on the Hartington grounds, on Wednesday, the 31st inst. None know better than these ladies how to cater for the varied tastes of their visitors. Bountifully spread tables, sports, music and dancing, will be on the cards. In all the Province there is not so beautiful and shady a retreat as Hartington, and the picnic is held for a pleasant gathering. The Hartington picnic has always been looked forward to with pleasure by many resident Frederictonians, and is sure to attract pleasure seekers from up and down river.

Messrs.