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MECHANICS' INSTITUTE -On Monday, 17th, inst. George N. Smith, Esq., lectured before a full and most respectable audience on the modes of calculation used by Astronomers to ascertain the distances, magnitudes, densities, motions, drc., of the heavenly bodies. His explanations comprised a series of inductions, shewing how the measure of the earth's diameter was determe measure of the earth's diameter was determined and applied as a base to spherical triangles, one angle of which is obtained by the discovery of parallax. The application of the laws of Kepler, and of Newton's incomparable conception of universal gravity, to obtain the volumes, masses, densities and forces of the bodies which force of the sales and forces of the bodies. which form our solar system, were explained in as popular a manner, perhaps, as the abstruse subject would admit of; and the lecture was recaived with great attention and applause, -St. John, N. B. Observer, 25th ult.

TELEGRAPH BETWEEN MIRANICHI AND THE BESD OF PETITCODIAC .- We are gratified in being enabled to report that the whole of the Stock for the construction of this line has been subscribed, and the company advertised for the supplying of the posts.—Minamichi Gleaner,

A premising lad of 11 years of age, son of Charles Upton, Esq., of Simonds, Carleton County, was so severely kicked by a colt on the 5th Feb., that he died in three days after.—St. John,

Finnemore, who has been confined for som time in the gaol of this County on a charge of murder, made his escape on Friday evening, has since been retaken and committed. - Wood-

ELECTIVE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL .- We have not yet received a copy of this important Bill, but we learn that the following are its principal

The Bill commences by declaring that after it becomes law, and receives the Royal assent, the present Legislative Council shall be dissolved, and all appointments thereto annulled, the Members, however, retaining their title of "Honour-able." An Elective Legislative Council shall then be established. For the purpose of electing Councillors, the Province is divided into five districts, designated respectively the Northern, the Eastern, the Southern, the Western, and the Central District. The Northern District will comprise the Counties of Restigouche, Gloucester, and Northumberland; the Eastern District will comprise Kent, Westmoreland, and Albert; the Southern District, King's and St. John; the Western District, Charlotte, Carleton, and Victoria; and the Central District, York, Sanbury, and Queen's Counties.

Each of these districts will return four members to serve in the Council; the qualification for members is the possession, in freehold, of real estate, of the value of £300, which must be free of all encumberances The qualification of electors, is to be the same as for County Members to

serve in the Assembly. Members of the Council are to be elected for eight years; but one member in each district, to determined in the first instance by lot, must go out every two years. The President of the Council will be appointed by the Lieutenant Governor; he will not vote on any question, unless there is an equality of votes, when he will give a casting vote. The President and Members of the Council are to receive the same pay and allowances as the Speaker and Members of the Assembly, for the time being, shall be entitled to by law. The Members of Council are to be free from arrest, only while in Session, and for ten days before and after; and they are to be disqualified, if they cease to possess the requisite amount of real estate; or become bankrupt, or insolvent, or compound with their creditors, or become publie defaulters, or are convicted of felony, or any

All powers and authorities now vested by law in the Legislative Council, are to be exercised by the Elective Council, with this addition—the Elective Council may amend or alter any Revenue or Money bills sent up by the Assembly, where alone such bills can originate.

infamous crime.

Such are the most striking features of a Bill which is of the greatest interest to this Province, and which there is little doubt will be fully and ably discussed before becoming the law of the land, This Province has been selected to lead the way in North America, in this great change in Colonial Government, and great care should be taken to set a good example to the neighbouring Colonies, which will soon claim a similar

privilege.
This Bill was presented in the Legislative Council on Thursday last, by the Hon. Mr. Chandler. It was read a first time and ordered to be printed; and it was agreed that a call of the Council should take place, on a day to be specially named for the discussion of the measure. -St. John N. B. Courier, 1st.

MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS .- We have been favoured with a copy of the Bill for the establishment of Municipal Corporations in this Province, introduced in the Assembly by the Hon. Attor-

ney General, on Tuesday last.

This Bill provides, that if it be desired to incorporate any County, the same shall be signified as follows :- At least fifty rate-payers must petition the Sheriff, praying him to call a public meeting, at the County Court House, to take the subject into consideration; the Sheriff shall call uch meeting giving at least three months' noice; if one hundred householders and rate-payers are present at the meeting, it shall be put to

if two thirds of those who vote decide in the affirmative, the Sheriff shall certify the same, un der his hand and seal, to the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

On receiving this Certificate, the Governor in Council shall issue a Charter, under the Great Seal, incorporating the County, with all the necessary corporate powers and privileges, and with power to hold real estate, for public purpos-

es, to the value of £300 per annum.

The business of the County then becomes ves ted in a County Council, consisting of two Conncillors from each Parish, elected by the rate-payers, when the Councillors meet, they choose Warden, who presides at all their meetings; they appoint an officer called the Secretary-Treasurer, who is both Secretary and Treasurer of the Counsil, as in Canada; a County Surveyor is appointed, who oversees all public work done in the County, and takes care of all public buildings and real estate; no public work of any kind can be undertaken, unless a report thereon from the County Surveyor, and an estimate of the cost is first submitted to the Council. Two County Auditors are also to be appointed and sween; and no account can be paid by the Council unless it has first been audited and allowed by the Audi tors. All work done by or on behalf of the Coun cil, must be done under a Contract in writing .-The Council will meet four times in each year. and oftener when necessary; every meeting must be duly netified and be open to the public .-Councillors must serve two years; but one Councillor for each Parish must go out annually. No Warden or Councillor can receive any remuneration for their services, and are made liable to a fine of Ten Pounds for refusing to serve the of fice. All County Accounts must be open at all times to any rate payer who wishes to insper

All the powers and authorities now vested by law, in Justices of the Peace, in Sessions, after the County is incorporated, are transferred wholly and entirely to the County Council, without any exception or reservation; the Justices are thus deprived of the slightest controll over County affairs, and are restricted to their legitimate duties, as conservators of the public peace .- #

THE RAILWAY FACELITY BILL. - This Bill has not yet been introduced, being still under the consideration of the Executive. We understand however, that the mode of assisting the construc tion of the European and North American Rail way, will be by loan of Provincial Debentures. to the extent of £300,000 sterling, bearing interest at not more than six, or perhaps five, per cent. There will probably be grants of wilderness land in addition, but we cannot speak with sufficient accuracy to make a precise statement

HONOUR TO NEW BRESSWICK .- We are happy to state, that M. H. Perley, Esquire, of this City was on the 13th ult. elected a Corresponding Member of the Natural History Society of Bos ton, and that a Diploma, under the Seal of the Society, has been received by Mr. Perley. We believe that this is the first compliment of the kind which has been paid to a native of New-Brunswick .- 16

THE ELECTIONS in the Counties of York and Carleton have terminated. In the former County the Candidates were, Charles Fisher and Charles Macpherson, Esquires. The official return of the votes polled amounted to 813 for Mr. Macpherson, and 646 for Mr. Fisher-giving a majority of 167 to the former. A scrutiny was demanded by Mr Fisher; but he consented, nevertheless, that Mr. Macpherson should take his seat, in order that the County might have its full

representation in the Legislature.
In Carleton County, all the candidates but Richard English and H. E. Dibblee, Esquires, polled were as follows: -- English, 492; Dibblee, 372-majority for Mr. English, 120.-1b.

The Fredericton Telegraph line, is said to be nesting 30 per cent.

The Membera' Pay Bill has passed. The allowances are 15s. per day for Members during the Session, and travelling expenses at the rate of 15s. for every twenty miles. The Speaker's allowance was fixed at £100.

A general Census of the Province of New Brunswick is to be taken during this year.

Prince Edward Island.

LAUNCHING OF TWO VESSELS ON THE ICE .-Saturday, the 15th inst., was quite a gala day at Rustico-upwards of 500 persons, and some 250 horses, were collected together, some to assist, and others to witness, the launching of the Brigts Regina and Thrasher, the one 190 and the other 164 tons, which vessels it will be recollected were driven up high and dry in the great gale of November last, just as they were loaded and ready for sea. Three Sleighs were placed under each vessel, then 120 horses were attached to one, and she was drawn, broadside on, for about one mile and a half to the channel, the other was then served in a similar manner. From the time the herses started with the first vessel, until both were safely lodged in deep water, but two hours elapsed - and that without an accident .- Is-

On the night of the 26th ult., the Barn and Stable (under the one roof,) of Mr. Henry Mooney, of Cardigan Road, Lot51, with all their contents-3 valuable cows, an ox, a lot of poultry, a large stack of oats put in the previous day, all his hay and straw, and about 15 bushels of wheat—were entirely consumed by fire. The vote whether the County shall be incorporated; the afternoon, and he has no idea of the cause or the law.

origin of the fire, unless it was a spark from the chimney of his dwelling, situated about 1 chains from the barn. When the fire was observed, it had made such progress that nothing could be saved .- Royal Gazette.

Martin Cody, jun , of Lot 30, was fully committed to Jail, to take his trial, by Robert Hitchinson, and Theo. sesbrisay, Esqre., J. P, charged with a violent Assault and Battery on the bodies of Alexander M'Leod, John M'Leod, Donean Nicholson and Sorah, his wife, with a sleigh-stake, on the night of the 5th inst. Alex. M'Leod's life was despaired of for some time John M'Leod is seriously injured; and Duncan

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Nicholson's arm splintered .- Ib.

THE ANNIVERSARIES .- The hearts of the Christian people of Montreal are full on account of their Anniversary Meetings, during the past week;—full of admiration at the size of the andiences and the eloquence of the speakers-full of joy at the evident presence of the Spirit of God, with power-full of enthusiasm in the cause of Christ and his truth, so nobly advocated -full of taith in the will and power of God to prosper his own cause—full of hope and confidence in the future, on account of the soul cheer ng tokens of union and zeal, so clearly and publicly given-full of high aspirations and noble resolves, and saying to their societies in the name of the Lord, only, " Be thou strong and of good courage; go up and possess the land."

Mosopolius.- By a recent decision it is declared to be the law of Lower Canada, that no one has any right to carry, on the business of milling grain, within the limits of the seigniories. i. e., the greatest part of Lower Canada, except the seigniors themselves. A free country this ! Seigniors and priests have its advantages pretty well divided between them.- Ibid

DROWNED .- We have been informed that on Monday evening, as five teams were crossing on the ice from Fairfield's Tavern, Bath Road, the ce gave way, drowning the whole five, and four ont of five men driving them .- Kingston Hs

TAYERN LICENSES -The tectotallers of King. ston have made choice of seven of their number to act as Inspectors of Taverns for the ensuing year, and the Whig is so wroth at what he terms their "consummate impudence," that even at the risk of pocket and person, he is inciting the Kingstonians to tar and feather the Sons of Temperance .- Patriot.

QUEENSTON SUSPENSION BRIDGE .- The wonderful work of bridging the Niagara at Queenston has been accomplished! One can now stand in the centre of that mighty chasm, and if the brain rembles not, look down on the fearful depth below, where the green torrent rushes ever onward! On the 4th instant the work was so far completed as to enable fact passengers to cross. The Engineer, Mr. Serrell, and his lady, were the first to cross; they went from the Canadian to the American shore, and were followed by the Warden of the United Counties of Lincoln and Welland, Major Brown, the chief Carpenter, Mr. McKenzie, and an immense crowd of people of all ranks and degrees Upon reaching terra firma the party were received by a crowd who gave three cheers for the Engineer, three for his lady, three for good feeling between the two countries, and three for the interest of the Company

LAW AT A DISCOUNT .- We are informed that considerable number of the law students in this city have it in contemplation to abandon the profession for mercantile pursuits; and amongst those who have taken this resolution are some of the most promising students in the place. Last students setting the exam threw aside their Blackstones and bid adieu to the profession they had formerly chosen .- Toronto Examiner.

UNITED STATES.

AFLANTIC AND ST. LAWRENCE RAILROAD .-The receipts of this road for the six months ending Dec 31, 1850, were \$00,988,12-expenses \$30,320,31 -- nett earnings, \$61,639,93. It must be borns in mind that the above receipts are from operating the road from Portland to South Paris, a distance of 47½ miles, which is as far as the road has been opened. The road will be opened in a few days from South Paris to Bethel, a further distance of 224 miles. The whole cost of the road from Portland to South Paris, including equipment and cost of its extensive depot grounds, wharves, stores, &c., in Portland, is \$1,521, 646,96, which it will be seen gives to the Stockholders on the investment for the last six months nett earnings of the road, within a fraction of four per cent, or at the rate of eight per cent annually .- Boston Atlas.

The recent arrest of a fugitive slave in Boston and his subsequent liberation by the mob, continues to produce a strong feeling in that city. Elizur Wright, one of the editors of the Commonwealth, and several other persons, have been arrested and held to bail for aiding the fugitive in his escape. Mr. Wright was held in the sum of \$2000, to answer at the March term of the United States District Court. Joseph R. Hayes, keeper of the Tremont Temple, has also been arrested, and ordered to give surety in the sum of \$3000. The President has issued a proclamation, occurrence took place between 7 and 8 o'clock in calling upon all well disposed citizens to support

TELEGRAPH TO CALIFORNIA. - Josiah Snow, A. Bangs, and others, having presented a petition to Congress, praying for the right of way and subscription to the stock of the Atlantic and Pacific Tele graph Company; their petition was recine to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, who have reported faxourably to the pro-

The petitioners propose to connect, the valley of the Mississippi with Sun Francisco, in Cal-fornia, by Belegraplace wires, and ask the aid of the Covernment in behalf of the undertaking of fering in seturn the use of the wires for all the vernment purposes for the term of ten years from the time of the completion of the work.

THE HUBSON RIVER .- The ice has broken up. at Albany. Two young men who were crossing the river about the time of the first in weigent of the ice were unable to reach the shore, and were drowned .- Boston Daily Adr.

The consignees of the American steamer Atlantic, in Liverpool, gave her entire-freight lise to the Cunard Company, and a bonus besides of £3000, for forwarding ker treights in the Cambria, being a loss to the owners of the Atlanto of \$35,000

MISSIONARY FOR OMEGON, -The Brv. Edward R. Genry has taken passage in the Empire City. from New York, on Thursday, on his way be Oregon, as a missionary of the Presbyterian Board of Domestic Massions.

ARRIVAL OF STRANSHIP Onto -United States Mail Steamship Ohio, arrived at New York on Sond ult., from Chagres and Havana. She len Havana on the evening of the 17th. She brings, from Chagres \$200,000 in gold dust on freight.

The Ohio's home ward passage was exceedingly boisterous, having experienced a succession of easterly gales from the time of leaving Havan-until her arrival at Barnegat She brings one hundred and fifty passengers, the mails, and a large amount of gold dust in the hands of the

Crime in California stalks abroad with an unshecked hand, rendering life and property dangeroe's in the extreme.

The California Conrier, in an able article of over two columns, advocates the establishment of a line of steamers between San Francisco, China and Japan.

PHILADEAPHIA, Feb. 23d.—The Hay Press below the Navy Yard was destroyed by fire this. morning. Two men were burned to death. The population of New Jersey, according to the official returns, is 490,070; of Maryland,

492,661 free persons, and 90,355 slaves. Portland (Maine) harbour has been frozen up so that loaded teams passed on the ice to Cape. Elizabeth.

GLEANINGS.

HER MAJESTE AND THE DISSESTERS,-A fact came to our knowledge the other day, which deserves to be known. A domestic of the palace was observed by her Majesty to have been crying, and sympathisingly inquiring the cause of her sorrow, learned that Ludy Mary Fox had given the girl notice to quit her Majesty's service, for having attended a dissenting place of worship. This officious lady was immediately sent for and severely censured, the Queen observing that she desired the girl to be retained, and that for the foture it would be distinctly understood that her desire was for all the domestics of the palace have full liberty to worship God according to the dictates of their consciences.

Lord John Russell has addressed a letter to the President of the Royal Society of Edinbergh, announcing the intention of Government to place £1000 at the disposal of the Society this year for scientific purposes.

Her Majesty has conferred the honour of Knighthood on Alexander Bannerman, Esquire, the newly appointed Lieuzenant Governor of Prince Edward Island.

The father of the late Marquis of Hastings had his life insured for £119,000, which cleared off the encumbrances on his estate.

Lord Byron has contradicted the report of his having left the Church of England for the Church of Rome.

The Clerks of the Peace in Ireland have been called upon by Government to make a return of all the Jesuits and Monks registered since the lat of January, 1850.

THE SLAVE TRADE OF THE COAST OF AFRICA. Our private accounts from the coast of Africa state that the slave trade for the present, is on its last legs, and that nearly all the slave dealers on the south coast are bankrupt. Such was the vigilance of the cruisers that there were 8000 slaves in the barracoons at Ambriz, which they would not run the risk of shipping.—United Service

Captain Andrew Drew, formerly of Canada, and well known in connection with the burning of the Pirate Steamer Caroline, has been appoin ed Naval Store Keeper at the Cape of Good

FROM BRAZIA -- Pernambuco, Jan. 16.-The supplies of sugar are very large, and superior whites and Muscovado are in demand at high prices. 6000 bags of white sold at 24s. per cwt. including freight, commission and exchange.

The city is free from disease. All evidence of war between this country and Buenos Ayres has been stayed.

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