

## Telegraphic News.

New York, April 10.

A. T. Stewart, a leading merchant of N. York, died at his residence here this afternoon, after a short illness, from inflammation of the bowels.

The Music Hall building and dwelling house at Athol, Mass., was burned on Saturday night. Loss \$75,000.

Baltimore also had a \$225,000 fire yesterday.

Don Pedro does not wish to have any public or private reception while visiting the United States.

Gold 113 1/2.

London April 10.

Shocking atrocities are reported as being committed by Bosnian insurgents on Christian inhabitants for refusing to participate in the revolution. In Hagand a torch was applied to two hundred dwellings, and more than that number of innocent persons were massacred.

Garibaldi has accepted a donation of one hundred thousand lire, offered him by the King and nation some time ago.

Serious Agitation outbreaks have taken place in the district of Madras, where 3,000 peasants are assembled.

It is stated that the Czar of Russia really intended to abdicate, but the idea was abandoned in consequence of the restoration of his health.

THE DICKENS CHILDREN, respecting whom we published an article in our last issue, are not badly off as reported. It appears that Mr. Keeling, their guardian, expresses much surprise at the statements recently published in the New York Sun, on the authority of Eli Perkins. He says:

There are two of the Dickens children with me, namely, Adrian and Amy. They are in no want of assistance from any person. I have money enough in my hands to keep them until they are old enough to take care of themselves. They are going to school—to a good school; they are well clothed, well fed, and no children in the neighborhood are enjoying themselves better. They are both strong, healthy children, and are learning very fast. I expect, as soon as the boy is old enough, to put him to some good trade or some business. I shall take as good care of these children as if they were my own, as Mr. and Mrs. Dickens were both friends of mine.

With regard to Bertram, the oldest, he is now studying for the Methodist ministry. He was here on a visit a short time ago, and I think very highly of him.

I think Mr. Eli Perkins might have found some other business to attend to instead of vilifying the character of persons he never knew.

### The Early Discovery of Coal.

Bituminous coal, or sea coal, was known upwards of a thousand years ago, in the year 833, but did not come into general use until the 16th century, and was not used in the manufacture of iron until the 17th century. Anthracite coal came gradually into use so late as the 19th century, and was not used as fuel in the manufacture of iron until about 16 years ago.

So early as 1700 anthracite coal was known to abound in the county of Schuylkill, in the State of Pennsylvania; but it being of a different quality from that known as sea coal or bituminous coal, and being hard of ignition, it was deemed useless until the year 1795, when a Pennsylvania blacksmith, named Whetstone, brought it into notice. His success in burning it induced persons to dig for it; but when found, every person connected with the enterprise had to experiment with its combustion, and vain were the attempts to burn it by the majority of them, and all came to the conclusion that it would not come into general use.

About the year 1800, Mr. Morris, who had a large tract of land in Schuylkill county, Pennsylvania, procured a quantity of coal therefrom, and took it to Philadelphia city, but he was unable with all his heroic exertions to bring it into notice, and abandoned all his plans. From that time until 1805 it was talked about as a humbug; when accidentally a bed of coal was found in digging a tail race for a water wheel for a forge, which induced another blacksmith David Berlin, to make a trial of it. His success was generally made known, which induced others to try to burn Pennsylvania coal.

A breach of promise suit was concluded at Halifax last week. Both parties belonged to New Glasgow—the plaintiff being Miss Jessie Graham, and the defendant Mr. Peter McGregor Chisholm. A number of love-letters from Chisholm, which were put in evidence at the trial, are published in some of the Halifax papers, and teem with expressions of ardent and devoted affection for the girl whom he deceived, betrayed, and cast off with blighted character. The jury awarded her \$1000 damages, and the costs must be considerable, as Chisholm had two able lawyers engaged in his defence. The suit appears to have caused much interest, and some of the gushing love-letters of the plaintiff are published in the papers of the adjoining Provinces.

About three years ago, Mrs. Thomas Sparkes, of Orland, Me., lost her husband; two years ago her eldest son; last fall her next son, her only dependence for support, died; shortly after her two sisters died; a few weeks ago her mother was buried, and at the funeral Mrs. Sparkes fell and broke her wrist; all her money, seven hundred dollars, was in the now suspended Bucksport Savings Bank, and by a fire a few

days since she lost her house, furniture, food, and in fact all she had left in the world.

LUMBERING.—Logs have been got out more cheaply this winter than any season for many years past, the fine weather and good teaming in the woods having enabled the operators to do almost double the amount of work of an ordinary season. Prices appear to be good also. The Fredericton Reporter says Alex. Gibson, Esq., has cut on the Nashua and its tributaries twenty-seven million ft., seventeen million being off his own lands.

## The Standard.

SAINT ANDREWS, APRIL 12, 1876.

### THE CROWN LAND INVESTIGATION.

We have read attentively the evidence, as published, given before the Crown Seizure Investigation Committee of the House of Assembly, and also the reported speeches pro and con with reference to the question, and to our view, the matter has been cleared up to the satisfaction of any unprejudiced mind. The explanation given by the Surveyor General of the facts of the case showed clearly that the Department had acted justly with the trespassers—the Government have really been paid as much as though the lumber had been cut under license. It so happens, that while we were at one time connected with the Department, a case precisely similar to that of Ferguson & Co. took place, and although the logs were seized, the broad arrow marked on them, the parties were allowed to remove, as it was termed, and paid the fees, the Department thereby lost nothing, and the parties obtained their logs and timber. The fact is, the whole proceeding bears the stamp of an attempt to lash the Government over the Surveyor General's shoulders, and also to ground a want of confidence vote against them, which has not succeeded, as we learn on a direct vote the Government was sustained—the vote being 23 for the Government, 12 against, one on each side being paired off.

Thus ends a vexatious discussion which has tended to strengthen the men in power, and we suppose the house will now be prorogued.

THE WANT OF CONFIDENCE vote in the Local Legislature on Monday, received its quietus by the following vote—yeas 13, nays 23. One of the Charlotte members, Mr. Cotterell voted with the nays.

THE COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS was opened yesterday, His Worship Wm. Whitlock presiding. A number of Justices from the upper Parishes were present. The following persons were sworn as grand jurors:

Henry Osburn,	W. D. Forster,
Eber Stinson,	A. Lamb,
J. Campbell,	C. E. Mowat,
A. S. Carlow,	Angus Turner,
P. McAllenan,	J. Lever,
B. Gillmor,	F. Gillis,
J. Dewar,	H. Dick,
C. P. Hawkin,	S. Poole,
W. Libby,	Wm. Thompson,
J. Coffernan,	H. Keezer.

The Jury having retired to their rooms elected

Henry Osburn, Foreman.  
John Campbell, Secretary.

The Clerk of the Peace read the License Law, after which Justice Whitlock delivered a brief charge to the Jury pointing out their duties.

C. E. O. Hatheway, Esq., was unanimously elected Chairman of the Sessions. The question of granting applications for Liquor Licenses is made the order of the day, on Thursday, 13th inst., at 2 o'clock P. M.

After some routine business was transacted, an adjournment until 2 P. M. on Wednesday, was carried, as the Grand Jury will present their report.

### Instrumental and Vocal Concert.

We understand that several ladies of St. Andrews, intend giving a concert on Wednesday, 18th inst., in Stevenson's Hall, in aid of the purchase of gates for the Cemetery. From what we have heard there is no doubt that the Concert will be both well attended and give entire satisfaction. The music will be selected from Moody and Sankey's sacred Hymns.

BUSINESS CHANGE.—Mr. P. Donahue, for the past fifteen years a clerk in the store of the late J. W. Street & Co., has commenced business on his own account in the store near the old steamboat landing, where he is prepared to wait upon his friends and the public generally. Mr. Donahue is well and favorably known, to

persons throughout the County, and will no doubt receive a share of public custom. His advertisement was too late for insertion to-day.

Fire.—On Wednesday night last, about ten o'clock, flames were seen issuing from the barn of G. F. Campbell, Esq., an alarm was at once given, and the fire companies and inhabitants were early on the spot—one of the most closely built and populated block of buildings in the Town. The fire had made such headway in the hay that it was impossible to get out a valuable cow in time to save the poor animal, which was burned so badly that she had to be killed. The fire companies worked nobly, ably assisted by the populace, and confined the fire to the barn which was consumed, and the L. between it and the house was also several times on fire, but through timely and excellent efforts it was saved although considerably damaged. Had the fire not been discovered as soon as it was the whole block would have been destroyed—indeed it is believed, that the most valuable part of the town would have been in ruins. Mr. Campbell's loss cannot be less than about five hundred dollars. The engine companies and inhabitants are entitled to much praise for their successful efforts in preventing the fire spreading.

Many had returned to their homes and were in bed when another alarm was given; the barn of Alex. McElroy a few blocks up the same street being in flames. The fire companies and people quickly assembled and the fire was extinguished, not however before the barn was destroyed.

We are sorry to state, that a very general belief is expressed, that these fires were the work of incendiaries, and a reward of fifty dollars has been offered by the Justices, to any person who will give such information as will lead to the apprehension and conviction of the perpetrators of the diabolical acts.

A SABBATH SCHOOL CONCERT was given by the children attending the Baptist Sabbath School in their Church on Sabbath evening last. Little Miss Harrit presided at the organ, and rehearsed the pieces with good effect for so young a girl, indeed the accompaniments were played with great judgment and taste. The scholars who are mere children sang the hymns with a correctness highly creditable; several recitations were given, after which the doxology was sung, the Pastor, Rev. T. W. Crawley, A. M., pronounced the benediction, and the large congregation was dismissed.

### Town and Parish Officers.

The Town Meeting held last week in Stevenson's Hall, was largely attended. The Sheriff was appointed chairman, and presided with his accustomed ability. Several recommendations were passed, and are to be laid before the Sessions for approval. The following is a list of persons elected as Town and Parish Officers:

Constables.—R. Haddock, T. A. McCurdy, Wm. Hannan, L. Chase, Wm. Ross, C. Morrison, J. Gallagher, A. Markee.  
Collector of Rates.—W. A. Rollins.  
Surveyors of Roads.—George Gibson, E. Hume, John Townsend, F. Dismore, W. Simpson, J. Gallagher, Jos. Denley, S. Mac Donail, R. Peacock, A. Boyd.  
Weigher of Coal.—E. Lormier.  
Inspector of Wood & Bark.—P. Fitzgerald.

Inspector of Fish.—Wm. Hicks.  
Assessors of Rates.—S. H. Whitlock, J. R. Bradford, R. Dismore.

Revisors of Votes.—J. Parkinson, T. T. Odell, J. S. Magee.

Field Drivers.—A. Markee, T. Finley.

Finance Viewers.—W. A. Rollins, L. Chase, J. Townsend, D. Rankin.

Inspectors of Butter.—Donald Clark, J. Baisan.

Town Clerk.—T. A. McCurdy.

Surveyors of Lumber.—James Bolton, P. Fitzgerald, Jas. Ross, G. Gunnison, Jas. Stevenson, Alex. Campbell.

Commissioners of Bye Roads.—District No. 2.—R. Dismore, District No. 3, Thos. McCullough.

Pound Keepers.—T. Finley, A. Markee.

Inspector of Grindstones.—Andrew Elliot.

The meeting was a decided improvement on former gatherings for the same purpose; the fact is the heavy tax payers had their pockets touched, and great dissatisfaction was felt at the manner in which the assessments had been made, and the ratepayers at the meeting, swept the former assessors from office, and elected men whom they believe will perform the duty more satisfactorily.

A committee was also nominated, and the Sheriff asked to appoint them on the Grand Jury, in order that they may be in a position to examine the Town and Parish accounts.

A resolution was passed requesting the Justices to place the collection of all the taxes in the hands of the Collector of Rates, for which he is to receive three per cent. It is not probable that any responsible man will be found to give bonds for the performance of these duties, and have barely two months to collect the heaviest

taxes, for the small percentage named. True—it is only a request, but the laborer is worthy of his hire, and three per cent. on the total amount which requires so much time in collection, will not be sufficient remuneration.

The Session of the Dominion Parliament is fast drawing to a close, some of the Maritime Members have already returned to their homes. The Session has not been an uneventful one, although not very exciting. Several measures of importance were introduced and passed. The tariff remains unchanged notwithstanding the efforts made by protectionists in the Government and opposition ranks. We fail to see that the Administration has been weakened.

### Railroad Crossings.

A Bill has lately been passed by the Massachusetts legislature, providing that "no highway or townway shall hereafter be laid out across a railroad at a level therewith, nor shall any railroad be laid out and constructed across a highway or townway at a level therewith, without the consent in writing of the Board of Railroad Commissioners, in addition to the authority of the Court Commissioners, as now required."

This is an excellent and most sensible measure, and one which deserves the attention of the legislatures of all the other States. While we have scores of inventions for the safety of passengers in the cars, there is little attention paid to proper safeguards to keep people out of the way of the trains. As a rule, the railroad companies are only required to put up a sign to "look out for the locomotive while the bell rings" at road crossings, and blow whistles or sound bells when the train approaches the road, and that is all that is thought needful to protect the public from trains rushing at the rate of fifty miles an hour. It is no easy matter to estimate the speed of an approaching locomotive, and accidents are constantly occurring simply through people thinking that they can drive across a track before the locomotive can reach the crossing, or on attempting to cross, and failing to observe the coming train until too late to avoid it. By sinking or raising the track, so as to leave a clear passage, these accidents, of course, become impossible. In England, it is of a very frequent occurrence for railway and highway to cross on the same plane; and whenever such intersection does exist, guards with signals are kept constantly on the alert.

### Save your Soapuds.

The following timely information we extract from a contemporary who has proved its correctness:

Who would throw away a barrel full of soft soap or a box of hard soap? Were it not otherwise useful, it would be of great value as a fertilizer, if spread, in its raw state, about our fruit trees or berry bushes. But, after being dissolved in water and passing through the wash tub, gleaming the imperceptible elements of the best manure from soiled linen, its fertilizing power is vastly increased. Indeed we may almost say that the average soapuds from the kitchen and laundry is worth more than the soap which produces it. Do not, then, allow your soapuds to run away wasted, while you have trees which it might benefit.

BALLOON'S MONTHLY MAGAZINE FOR MAY.—The May number of this Magazine is issued, and contains an immense variety of interesting matter, in addition to M. Quad's great story of "That Taylor Boy," one of the most exciting continued stories that the noted humorist of the West ever wrote. Its interest continues to increase, and much speculation will be made as to what will be the boy's ultimate fate. That he will come out all right, we feel assured.

### Fire at Calais.

The Calais Times states that "Sunday morning last the Iron Foundry, owned by Wm. E. Slayton, at the head of the lower steamboat wharf was destroyed by fire. The fire broke out about three o'clock and before the arrival of the steamer the flames had made great progress. Unfortunately the suction hose of the steamer was broken at the start, and the hand engine "Washington" which was sent for was ascertained to be dried up. Of course under these circumstances the foundry buildings were totally destroyed. The pattern shop alone was saved, and the flames were with difficulty kept from other buildings in the vicinity. The origin of the fire can only be conjectured. Mr. Slayton's loss will exceed \$15,000 upon which there is an insurance of \$5,000. Fortunately his most valuable patterns were saved and it is to be hoped that he can arrange to rebuild it at once."

The "cooking" of liquors is now, it appears, an important business, and no doubt has been such for a long time. We have on hand a full description of the mode adopted, and the materials used, in the manufacture of all kinds from the most common article up to the finest and fanciest brands, Port, Sherry, Claret, Cawaba, Bourbon, XXX Brandies, and dear knows what not. The expose will appear on Monday, and will be found interesting to the consumer as well as to the manufacturer and also to the dealer who does a legitimate business, and wonder how those in the same trade make money so fast.—Globe.

## Provincial Legislature.

(Special Despatch to STANDARD.)

Fredericton, April 12.

The Provincial Secretary's resolution to provide the construction of Normal school building with model departments agreed to.

Supplementary estimates passed. House will be prorogued to-morrow.

### Study and Business.

In learning, concentrate the energy of the mind principally on one study; the attention divided among several studies is weakened by the division; besides, it is not given to man to excel in many things. But while one study claims your main attention, make occasional excursions into the fields of literature and science, and collect materials for the improvement of your favorite pursuit.

The union of contemplative habits constructs the most useful and perfect character; contemplation gives relief to action; action gives relief to contemplation. A man unaccustomed to speculation is confined to a narrow routine of action; a man of mere speculation constructs visionary theories, which have no practical utility.

Excellence in a profession and success in business are to be obtained only by persevering industry. No one who thinks himself above his vocation can succeed in it, for we cannot give our attention to what our self-importance despises. None can be eminent in his vocation who devotes his mental energy to a pursuit foreign to it, for success in what we love is failure in what we neglect.

A RIVER OF INK.—In Algeria there is a river of genuine ink. It is formed by the union of two streams, one coming from a region of ferruginous soil, the other draining a peat swamp. The water of the former is strongly impregnated with iron, that of the latter with gallic acid. When the two waters mingle the acid of the one unites with the iron of the other, forming a true ink. We are familiar with a stream called Black Brook in the northern part of this State, the inkly color of whose water is evidently due to like conditions.

The Mexican Revolutionary leader, General Diaz, appeared before Matamoros Sunday with one thousand men. The National Guard was sent out to resist them, but joined the revolutionists. The few regular troops garrisoning the two forts resisted awhile, but finally surrendered. The Government General Lelarras, with a few soldiers, fled to the American side of the river, where they are held as prisoners by the United States General Potter.

When the revenues of Germany fall off the German financiers economize in the public expenditures; and though last year, they were nearly three millions short of the estimates, a saving of more than twice that amount was effected thereby making the surplus four millions.

The damage by the Worcester flood is estimated at about \$500,000. The highways are now being repaired and bridges rebuilt. At the meeting of the water committee of the city council, it was decided to engage seven of the most expert engineers of the country to examine into the cause of the break. The water pipes turn up are being relaid, and another stream has been taken to furnish water to the city. Work will be continued night and day until a supply is secured.

Boston, April 10, arrd.—Schr. Nettie, Britt, hence.

Twenty-one dollars per head is stated as the price paid to the Grand Trunk Railway by Government for conveying emigrants from Quebec to Manitoba.



### MAIL CONTRACT.

SEALED TENDERS, addressed to the Postmaster General, and marked "Tender, for Mail Service," will be received at Ottawa, until 12 o'clock, noon, on Friday, the 21st April, 1876, for the conveyance of Her Majesty's Mails six times per week each way, between St. Andrews, St. George and St. Stephen, for a term of four years and from the 1st July next.

Printed notices containing further information as to conditions of the proposed contract may be seen and blank forms of Tender may be obtained at the Post Offices at St. Andrews, St. George and St. Stephen, or at the office of the subscriber.

JOHN McMILLAN,  
Post Office Inspector.

### GENERAL SESSIONS.

The Court of General Sessions of the Peace for the County of Charlotte, will be held at the Court House, St. Andrews, on Tuesday, the 10th day of April, instant, at 12 o'clock, noon.

At which time and place all officers of the law, and other persons required to be present at this Court, are publicly notified to give their attendance.

ALEX. T. PAUL,  
Sheriff of Charlotte.

I BEG to express my sincere sympathy to the family of the late Mr. John D. death, bath, said Estate, and next of interest in attend the Account.

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