

LETTER FROM THE UNITED STATES.

CAMP MEETING.

Our Camp Meeting season, which has been one of extraordinary interest is past. The weather was remarkable for out-door religious services, scarcely a drop of rain falling during the camping weeks.

Several of our larger Camp meetings have become places of summer resort. This has changed the original character of these meetings somewhat, still, we believe, they are accomplishing great good in the spiritual life and work.

THE BUSINESS WORLD.

There is still a heavy pressure on our financial interests, but we see signs of its being lifted somewhat. Some kinds of business are reviving, and this leads our business men to expect that the general business of the country will at no distant day resume its wonted activity.

THE HARVESTS

have been abundant. The wheat crop was never better in quality and quantity. The corn crop promises a great yield. Fruit, of all kinds was never more abundant.

THE CENTENAL EXHIBITION

is attracting great attention, and as the fairs for its close is drawing near, the number visiting it is increasing. The Exhibition and attendance have been satisfactory to all concerned, and we doubt not will so continue.

THE PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN

upon us, is one calculated to create an intense political excitement. The two great political parties, the Republican and Democrat, are nearly equally balanced, and this gives intensity to the struggle, as both will leave no efforts unused to win, and a slight change or unexpected event, may give the winning party the victory.

LITERARY.

There has been a little quiet in the literary world, but more activity is now seen as fall and winter approach. The great publishing house of Messrs. Harper & Bros. moves steadily on as usual, furnishing the public with a vast amount of reading.

The "Life and Letters of Lord Macaulay," by G. Otto Trevelyan, M. P., issued by the same house, is one of the most attractive and valuable biographical works published for a long time.

month. The Weekly has as large a circulation, and the Bazar circulates about one hundred thousand. These periodicals are always fresh, meeting the demands of the times, filled with the information and reading the people desire, and are read more extensively than any others in their departments.

Rev. J. Dorman Steele has written a History of one hundred years of American Independence, and issued by Messrs. A. S. Barnes & Co., a work of great interest, especially to all American readers, at this time.

The author is well known by his brief Histories of the United States and France which have had an immense sale. His exceedingly popular style insures a reading for all his productions.

The same house has issued the "Lives of the Signers of the Declaration of American Independence," a book full of biographical and historical interest, and also "Over the Sea and far away" a narrative of wanderings around the world.

Messrs. James R. Osgood & Co., are constantly furnishing the public with the most choice, entertaining and instructive reading, and some of their recent issues are worthy of special note.

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ter Smythe, Esq., of Shanghai. It treats of the religion, history, government, education, literature, trade, art, amusements, employments, domestic and social customs, and other facts of English life, from the standpoint of a cultivated Chinaman.

Comte de Paris, second volume of "History of the Civil War in America," from the press of Messrs. J. H. Coates & Co., has come to hand, and is not only equal to the first, in interest, but if possible exceeds it.

CECIL.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

NOVA SCOTIA.

The contract for Eastern extension has not yet been signed between the Government and the contractors. The reasons for the delay are not in our possession.

A party of five gentlemen from Halifax caught 500 halibut off Mar's Hook on Thursday evening. The steam yacht, in which the party went and returned, was well loaded.

The output of coal at Spring Hill continues to increase. One day last week 700 tons were raised. The trains per day now run over 1,000, carrying it. The company contemplates opening the west slope.

The high wind on Saturday and Sunday week was so destructive to the orchards around Windsor, hundreds of bushels of apples were blown down. In some of the big orchards the ground was fairly covered with windfalls.

The wind storm of Saturday, 2nd inst., was felt with some violence in parts of the country, and during the blow the spire of a new Baptist meeting house, in course of erection at Paradise, blew down, and was somewhat smashed to pieces.

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Neil Haley, a man employed by Messrs. Duffy & Co., contractors for the breakwater, while sculling a scow from the mainland to the breakwater, on Tuesday evening, accompanied by John Jennings, fell overboard. A man in a scow ahead heard the splash, and Jennings, who had turned round to watch the course of the scow, saw his late companion in the water.

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On Saturday night each of the employes in Gregory's mill, Carleton, was informed that in future a reduction of 20 cents per day would be made on the former rate of wages.

Cobb Campbell, brother of John N. Campbell, of Dalhousie, has gone to Prince Edward Island in search of evidence to establish his brother's claim to the title and estates of the Earl of Breadalbane, in Scotland. This is the second claimant for New Brunswick.

On Friday evening a man named Reed, of Brussels street, St. John while sitting in his chair was taken suddenly ill and died in a few minutes.

By falling from a staging in Mahoney's shipyard, Marsh Bridge, on Saturday morning, a young man named John Kyle, who lives at Long wharf, Portland, lost one of his shoulder blades broken. He was taken to the hospital.

P. E. ISLAND INTELLIGENCE.

The Land Commission has been sitting during the week. The Yeo, Fanning and Thomson estates have been disposed of, and the estate of J. R. Bourke is now before the Court. The awards have not yet been made.

James McIntyre was committed at Kensington for the robbery committed in Mr. Nicholson's store. Thirty-five dollars in notes were found sewed up in the lining of his pants. He was on his way to New Brunswick when he was apprehended.

Judge Wilnot delivered a lecture on Ninerech, or rather on Prophecy and its Fulfillment, in the Wesleyan Church on Thursday evening, to a large and attentive audience. The lecturer's manner was pleasant and unpretentious, and what he said was both interesting and instructive.

The Provincial Exhibition for 1876, will be held in Charlottetown in September. The cattle show will take place on the 28th, and the general exhibit of agriculture and local industry on the 29th. Under the new arrangement competition will be open to the whole province.

On Tuesday last, a son of Mr. Donald McLeod, Montague bridge, about six years old, was playing on Gaul's wharf, when he fell over and was drowned. A boy about the same age, who was with him, did not give the alarm until half an hour after.

A young man named Daniel Fitzpatrick, aged 22 years, belonging to Ten Mile House, St. Peter's Road, was accidentally killed on Monday last. It appears that he was returning in a sulky from Mount Stewart, bringing a young booby alongside of the horse he was driving, when the animal took fright and ran away, striking Mr. Fitzpatrick in the wheels of the vehicle, and fatally fracturing his body.

UPPER PROVINCES.

The Japanese Centennial Commission inspected the public schools and parliamentary buildings, Ottawa, making minute inquiries and expressing great admiration of everything.

G. Benson Hill, perhaps the largest owner of timber lands in the world, is dead. He owned the Montmorency falls, and was a man of much ability. The St. Hyacinthe fire cement is not yet over. It is now attributed to the finished work of an incendiary, and there are threats of lynching him if he is caught. One thousand loaves of bread have been sent from Montreal. Thirty two hundred souls are homeless.

The screw steamer "Northern Light," built by Mr. E. Sewell, of Quebec, for the purpose of winter communication with P. E. Island, was launched Sept. 6th, at Quebec. The engines and boilers will be fitted and made ready for use in eight weeks.

A telegraphic message received by the Department of the Interior, from Governor Morris, dated Carleton, North West Territory, August 28th, states that a treaty has been concluded with all Plain and Wood Cree Indians.

A gentleman just returned to Ottawa from Quebec brings most encouraging reports of the timber trade at that port. Timber is moving off rapidly at good prices. There is no doubt that all timber taken to Quebec this year will be sold before the season closes.

It is rumored that Hon. Mr. Letellier is to be made Collector of Customs at Quebec, and that Mr. Langelier is to be called to the Senate in his place.

Mr. Orme, the agent of the Methodist Church of Canada, is making a tour through the Ste. Marie section of the Algona District, with a view to increasing the appointments already worked by that branch of the Christian Church.

Bush fires are raging in the townships of Athol and Marysburg, doing great damage to farms, and destroying large quantities of valuable timber. Rain has not fallen here for five weeks. The land is fearfully parched, necessitating the driving of stock in some sections long distances for water.

The Committee appointed to search for the grave of Tecumseh have been successful. The remains of the great Shawnee Chief were found near Thamesville.

Wm. Carruthers, station-master of the Great Western Railway, Clatham, has absconded. It is rumored he has embezzled through false shipping bills to a large amount. Several persons have been victimized in town. The embezzlements are said to exceed \$10,000.

A large quantity of fruit of a very fine quality, consisting of pears, plums, grapes, and peaches, has been recently shipped from Hamilton by the fruit growers of this vicinity for exhibition at the world's fair in Philadelphia. This is the second instalment.

A number of Germans who some time ago left Breslau, Ont., for the Western States, are on their way home again, thoroughly disgusted with the land of the West.

Col. Rhodes, of Quebec, has been appointed one of the judges of the agricultural department of the Centennial at Philadelphia.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals have circulated notices in all the London markets, announcing their intention of prosecuting all persons detected plucking the feathers off live poultry.

Admiral Sir Alexander Milne is to be raised to the peerage. He is now seventy, has been in the navy 69 years, and for 18 years at intervals since 1837 has been a lord of the admiralty. Sir Alexander commanded the British fleet in North American waters during the American civil war.

The Cabinet Council of Madrid decided to notify Provincial authorities that while the constitution forbids manifestations offensive to the Catholic religion a proper respect for irrevocability of Protestant churches and cemeteries must be enforced.

In Northfield, Minnesota, 7th inst, a gang of mounted desperadoes surrounded the bank, killed the cashier because he refused to open the vault, and wounded another officer; the institution people meantime rallied, and killed a couple of the miscreants, the others escaped.

There was a serious political riot among the negroes of Charleston, S. C., on 30th ult.

Republicans at Massachusetts have nominated Gov. Rice for re-election, by acclamation.

The American ship "Senora," from San Francisco, and a Spanish steamer, were both sunk by collision at Holyhead, Sept. 5. Loss one million dollars.

John Bright, in a letter to a public meeting, held to protest against Turkish barbarities, says: "It is understood throughout the world that England is the main, if not the only supporter of the Turkish war in Europe. Had she acted with Russia and other powers, it is almost certain that the Serbian war would not have occurred."

A London despatch to Reuter's Company from Madrid says Wm. M. Tweed and his cousin Wm. Hunt were arrested in the port of Vigo aboard the Spanish merchantman Carmen. Tweed was traveling under the name of Socor. Both prisoners were lodged in the fortress at Vigo.

The "Times" says Turkey has paid the interest due August 1st, on the loan of 1865. This loan is guaranteed by England and France.

The latest reports concerning the South Australian harvest prospects are of a gloomy character. Public sentiment in England is being strongly aroused against Turkish atrocities, and it is believed the Government will be compelled to protest more urgently with Turkey.

Earl Russell again writes a letter calling for an autumn session of Parliament. The "Times" insists on mediation. It says:—"The decision lies with us; if Lord Derby would be now in short what Englishmen want, it is to cease from a vain repetition of the language of tradition, and come to an agreement with the Czar on terms of peace, which the two powers can press with irresistible authority on the Sultan and his ministers."

The most revolting atrocities are charged against the Turks in connection with the recent victories. Hideous stories are told of rape and murder, of wounded Russians tied to trees and roasted, and girls outraged and flayed alive. The roads are filled with thousands of fugitives. There is now to force between the Turks and Belgrade. Forty-eight villages in the vicinity of Alexintz were burned.

The examinations for the P. E. I. Government scholarships in connection with the Prince of Wales College were recently held in Charlottetown. The names of the successful competitors are as follows:—For Queen's County, Archibald McLeod, Humphrey P. W. Mellish. For King's County—John McKinnon, John McGowan. For Prince County—John M. McGowan, Robert J. Craig. Each holder of a scholarship received twenty pounds per annum for two years, and free tuition in the College.

Mr. Donald Ross, of P. E. Island, formerly a student at Prince of Wales College, has this year gained the Gilchrist scholarship.

SERVICE was held at the Rink Sunday afternoon, and considering that it was difficult for those living at a distance to find their way to the building owing to the clouds of dust, the congregation was large. The Rev. D. W. Johnson of Charles-street Church led the meeting, and after the singing of a hymn, offered prayer. The Rev. Thomas Milner of Salem Church delivered an address, selecting the following passages of Scripture as his text:—Proverbs, 18th chapter, 24th verse—"There is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother"; Job 22nd chapter, 21st verse—"Acquaint now thyself with Him." His theme was Jesus, the friend of sinners, whom he described as a rich friend—rich in pardon, happiness, power, and wisdom. He concluded by showing the result of becoming acquainted with such a friend. The address was earnest and eloquent, as all the efforts of this gentleman are. Another hymn was sung, and the Rev. E. R. Brunyate, of Kaye Street Church, spoke from the 12th chapter of Matt., 38th and three following verses. He remarked on the greatness and wisdom of Solomon, and the result that followed the preaching of Jonah and then showed how immensely superior Jesus is to both. At the close he made a very powerful appeal to his hearers to decide for Christ and acknowledge Him to be their King. The congregation evidently felt that the speaker was in earnest. There was perfect silence and attention. This of course in our churches would not be considered as anything remarkable, but those who attend these services must be painfully aware that many young men and maidens too go there for fun and amusement; if we are right, they certainly got more than they expected yesterday. The meeting closed by singing, the Rev. W. H. Heartz offering prayer and pronouncing the benediction.—Reporter.

FREDERICTON DISTRICT.—At the Methodist Quarterly Meeting held in Sheffield last week, Rev. Robert Duncan, President of the conference, Rev. H. McKeown, of this city, and Rev. C. H. Paisley of Woodstock, were appointed a deputation to visit the various circuits in this district, for the purpose of bringing before the people the necessity that at present exists for extra effort being made for more liberal support to ministers engaged in their Master's work.

At a public Missionary Meeting held on Wednesday evening, the Rev. Mr. McKeown advocated the appointment of a mission having special reference to the spiritual wants of a large number of our countrymen who find a home in the forest among brows of pine logs a greater part of the year. On the following morning the Rev. Mr. Colpitts of Boiestown was assigned this important work, and will at once prepare his "kit" and take to the woods on the head waters of the Miramichi.—Fred. Rep.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION. The annual S. S. Convention was held last week at Summerside. The following are the officers elect for the ensuing year. President—John R. Calhoun, Esq., Summerside; 1st Vice-President—J. W. Bars, Esq., Wolfville, N. S.; 2nd do.—Thomas Brebant, Esq.; 3rd do.—R. Hagarty, Esq., Sussex, N. B.

Secretaries—W. D. Baskin, Esq., St. John; W. W. Stumble, Esq., Charlottetown, and Daniel Stewart, Esq., Summerside.

Treasurer—E. McC. Stavert, Esq., Summerside.

Business—E. D. King, Halifax; Hon. W. G. Strong, William Marshall, New Glasgow, N. S., and F. L. Clements, Esq., Yarmouth.

Credentials—Hon. James Muirhead, A. B. McKenzie, Charlottetown, and Isaac McCurdy, Esq., New Glasgow.

Devotional—Rev. M. McKay, J. Grierson, Esq., Halifax, and Hon. Judge Young.

The session was well attended, interesting and profitable. A paper on Normal Class teaching, by Rev. J. Lathern, was read and requested for publication.