LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Rev. Mr. McDougall, of Baddeck, and the Rev. Mr. Nicholson, of Baddeck Forks, exchanged pulpits last Sunday.

LOST.—August 1st, between Baddeck and Port Bevis, a lady's small cape—greenish color—finder kindly leave at McKay & Co.'s.

Visitors to Boisdale are recommended to call at Central House, kept by Mr. D. N. McIntyre. It is in the neighborhood of Loon Lake, a favorite resort for trout fishing. The house is only a quarter of a mile from the station.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered at Englishtown last Sunday week. Very excellent and much appreciated sermons were preached by Revs. D. Drummond, John Fraser, Angus McLeod and M. McLeod, the pastor.

Baddeck Customer. — "Really now, are these eggs fresh?" M. K.—"Yes, Mrs. Blank; if you will kindly step to the telephone and call up our farm you can hear the hen that laid these eggs still cackling."

Great progress is noticable in the northern settlements of this county in regard to church buildings. In the Rev. Mr. McLeod's parish, two fine churches have been erected since four years and now a manse is on the tapis. In the Rev. J. Fraser's charge, three large churches are about being finished in good style, and as for the very comfortable North Shore manse, completed and paid for a year ago, it must be seen to be appreciated. It beats everything in Cape Breton.

We are in receipt of the Royal Gazette, published at St. John's, Nfld., from which we clip the following:—"The Hon. A. B. Morine, one of the Colonial delegates, arrived from England by the S, S. Dahome yesterday evening. To a reporter of the Daily News he stated that the delegates had a pleasant reception in London in all quarters, and were able to do considerable work for the colony.

In 1800, Louisiana was retroceded to France by Spain and in 1803 it was sold to the United States for $15,000,000 by the former government. The region comprehended in this purchase included all the country west of the Mississippi river not occupied by Spain as far north as the British territory and comprised the whole or parts of the present states of Arkansas, Iowa, Kansas, Louisianna, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Oregon, The Indian Territory, Colorado, Mountana, Washington and the territories of Dakota, Idaho and Wyoming.

BADDECK TELEPHONE is the name of a new journalistic venture that made its bow to the public last Wednesday. It is a neat eight page paper and gives every promise of being spicy and newsy, and will no doubt fill a long felt want in the good old county of Victoria. In its salutary, the editor, Chas. H. Peppy, announces it to be a local newspaper, patriotic and non-partizan. It contains a column of Gaelic under the editorship of Dr. Bethune, M. P. The get up is neat clean and fresh in appearance, and the typographical work is equal to the average. We wish the TELEPHONE a long life of usefulness as a newspaper. —Railway News.

Last week there were two basket socials on the North Shore, St. Ann's Bay. Both were held for the purpose of raisiug money to complete their fine schoolhouses. The one on Monday at French River, realized $96. The one on Wednesday at Indian Brook, realized $112. These sums are most creditable to those who took part in the entertainments and speak volumes for those who contributed, thus showing their desire to have comfortable schoolhouses. "The sun do move." A short time ago any building was considered good enough for a schoolhouse, now substantial buildings with modern seats, etc., are the rule. In this laudable work, may Victoria County soon take the head of the class. A great deal of this schoolhouse building enthusiasm is due to the lively interest taken in educational matters by the clergymen of St. Anns and North Shore.

The wars of the United States and the number of troops engaged in each have been as follows: War of the Revolution, April 19th, 1775 to April 11, 1783, 309,781 men; Northwestern Indian wars, September 19th, 1790 to August 3rd, 1795, 8,983 men; war with France, July 9th, 1798 to Sept. 30,1800, 4,593 men; war with Tripoli, June 10th, 1801 to June 4th, 1805, 3,330 men; Creek Indian war, July 27th, 1813 to Aug. 9th, 1814, 13,781 men; war of 1812 with Great Britain, June 18th, 1812 to Feb. 17th, 1815, 576, 662 men; Seminole Indian war, Nov. 20th, 1817 to Oct. 21st, 1818, 7,911 men; Black Hawk Indian war, April 21st 1831, to Sept. 31st, 1832, 6,465 men; Creek Indian war, May 5th, 1836 to Sept. 30th, 1837, 13,418 men; Florida Indian war, Dec. 23rd, 1835 to August 14th, 1843, 41,122 men; war with Mexico, April 24th, 1846 to July 4th, 1848, 112,230 men; Apache Navago and Utah war 1849 to 1855, 2,561 men; Seminole Indian war, 1850 to 1858, 3,687 men; civil war, 1861 to 1865, 2, 772,408 men. The number of troops on the confederate side in the civil war was about 600,000.

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Report of Chapel Island Indian Mission crowded out of this issue—will appear next week.

A letter from Mr. Kidston appears in another column. Other letters received to late for this issue.

We are glad to learn that John, the only son of the Rev. D. Drummond, of Boularderie, is slightly better. He has been undergoing treatment in the Victoria General Hospital for about five months and will soon, it is hoped be able to undertake the journey home to his parents.

James C. Hutchison, son of Mr. David Hutchison, of this town, who is on board the New York, decribes in a private letter, the exciting scenes at Santiago de Duba and other parts of the battle ground, most of which has appeared in the papers. He writes in glowing terms of the humane efforts of the United States government for the relief of the Cubans, the wretched coudition of whom was appalling. He further describes the manner in which the sick and wounded are cared for, and how supplies are kept, up and adds: "Uncle Sam takes care of his men in good style."

An English bookseller records in The Academy the purchases Mr. Gladstone made at his shop. He usually bought by means of the catalogue, and, as he was a cash customer, got the usual discount of 10 per cent. Mr. Gladstone was perfectly familiar with books, and their mercantile value. The bookseller once showed Mr. Gladstone a six-guinea volume, fac similes of early German prints. "I offer you 5 guineas," said Mr. Gladstone, and Mr. Gladstone got the book. Among his last wants for books were two—Thomas Browne's "Urn Burial" and a "Guide to Suffolk." And so, says the bookseller, he was preparing himself for "either world." In a catalogue Mr. Gladstone had marked with orders there were found to be included, in the list works on anthropology, political economy, sculpture, ecclesiastical vestments, physiology, &c., and collections of epitaphs and proverbs.

The first through train to Port au Basques in connection with the regular tri-weekly mail service with the continent left the station in St. John's on Sunday evening at six o'clock, and made the rum across the island in one hour, under the scheduled time. The S. S. Bruce had to be taken off the route from Sydney to Channel for a few days for survey and is now in dock here. Untill she is ready the contractors have hired the S. S. Fiona from the government to take her place. The inauguration of this service is the crowning point of the government's railway policy of the past fifteen years, and all will hope that the result will find a happy issue not only in increased inter-communication between our island and adjacent continent, but in a development of resources and industries which will bear some satisfactory ratio to the large sacrifices which the Colony has made for the establishment of its railway system.

County Court.

The county court opened here yesterday morning the Honorable Mr. Justice Dodd presiding. Besides the local bar there were present Messrs. Colin Chisholm, John A. McDonald, and D. D. McKenzie, of the Cape Breton bar. The docket is not large and will probably be disposed of in about two days. The matters entered for trial are:

(a) In re appeal of H. F. McDougall against the assessment in Dist. No. 1, Victoria County. The County Incorporation Act provides an appeal to the county court from the decission of the assessment appeal court. This matter occupied the court all day yesterday and judgement was reserved.

(b) R. W. Moffat vs. Jas. G. Dunlop. This was an action on a promissory note made by the defendant in favor of a party at Cape North and by said party, endorsed to plaintiff. The matter was settled without trial.

(c) McNeil vs. McNeil.—Called and declared settled.

(d) Carmichael vs. the Municipality of Victoria County. This is an action for constables fees, involving nice points of law and the decission will be watched with much interest, as the liability of a municipality to pay constables for services rendered in the execution of criminal processes issued by justices of the peace at the instance of private prosecutors is at issue.

In regard to the McDougall case, Mr. McDougall claims that he was assessed far higher than others in the district. A number of witnesses were examined on both sides. The evidence of the witnesses were very conflicting but any person could see that the way assessments are made up is rather peculiar. The judge made some very pertinent remarks on the manner of assessing generally in this county and in Cape Breton. We trust that future assessors will be more careful; while no motive was shown yet great indifference was apparent. The judge thought the assessors were guided more by caprice than by sound judgement.

PRINCE BISMARCK DEAD.

Bismarck Schonhauser, Otto Eduard Leopold, Prince Von, passed away peacefully early last Sunday at his palace at Friedrichruhe. When the news of his death reached the German Emperor at Bergen, Norway, he was deeply affected and ordered his yacht to return immediately to Kiel. The yacht, with the Emperor aboard reached Kiel Monday evening. The people of the Empire were also deeply moved. Bismarck, the Iron Chancellor, was born at Schonhauser, in Brandenburg April 1, 1815. He was educated at Berlin, Gottingen and Eldena, and although one of the wildest of students passed a successful examination. Having served a year in a volunteer regiment he settled on the family estate and in 1847 was elected to the first Landtag of the kingdom of Prussia. This year too, he married the daughter of a Pomeranian proprietor named Puttkamer by whom he had two sons and one daughter. In 1848 he was rejected at the polls but a year later became a member of the Landtag, which met at Berlin. From this onward his career was in the ascendancy and through all the tortuous mazes of diplomacy and intrigue and in the teeth of formidable opposition in parliament, Bismark kept steadily in view his great aim of the unity and aggrandizement of Germany. Austria having been detached from the Southern German States, it only remained to deal with France. The ill-starred Napoleon, under the domination of an ambitious woman, furnished the necessary pretext for one of the bloodiest wars of modern times and when peace was finally signed at Versailles, Jan. 1876, Bismarck's sovereign had become Emperor of Germany, and Otto Von Bismarck was the most powerful man in Europe. He was created a prince, presented with an estate and made chancellor of the newly constituted German Empire. Since that date the history of Germany has been the history of Bismarck. Under his guidance that country has become a colonizing power as well as the arbiter of peace or war in Europe. No wonder though such a man as this would be missed by those to whose best interest he devoted his life. His last words were addressed to his daughter, Countess Rantzan, who wiped the prespiration from his forehead. They were "Thanks, my child."

PERSONALS.

Premier Murray was in town last week.

Miss Mary McInnis has returned from Boston to visit her parents.

Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Scudder, of Woburn, Mass, are in town.

W. B. Reynolds, wholesale tea merchant, was in town on Tuesday.

H. H. McCurdy, Esq., of Antigonish, and his son, who arrived on Tuesday are visiting relatives.

Miss Katie McKenzie, daughter of Mr. John McKenzie, Inlet, arrived home on a visit to he parents.

Mrs. Dr. McKeen has returned from a visit to her daughter at North Sydney.

Capt. J. J. Moffatt was in town last week.

Miss Rose Weeks, of Sydney, is visiting friends in town.

Mrs. S. C. Campbell, arrived on Monday from a visit to St. Paul's Island.

Mrs. Alex. Fraser and Mrs. Archie Sutherland, of New Campbelton, are visiting friends in town.

Mrs. A. Brooks, sister of M. J. Buchanan, Baddeck, arrived home to-day on a visit to her parents.

Mr. John R. Kerr and wife of Quincy, Mass., are visiting friends in town.

Miss Donaldson, of Kentville is in town, visiting her sister, Mrs. E. P. Barnaby.

Mr. and Miss Ireland, of New York, were at the New Bras d'Or some days ago.

Captain Rudderham and wife, of North Sydney, were in town a few days ago.

Mr. A. J. King was in town Saturday looking after the interests of the old and reliable firm of Brown & Webb, Halifax.

M. G. McLeod, Esq., arrived from New Haven on Saturday, having made the journey from St. Ann's on his wheel.

Mrs. J. N. Allan, of Quincy, Mass., is visiting her aunt, Mrs. John McDonald.

Miss Katie McLean arrived home from Boston last week. She is visiting her brother, Mr. Roderick McLean.

Mr. K. J. McInnis, student at Dalhousie College, who has been visiting friends here left for Guysboro County a few days ago.

Dr. D. J. Bethune of Bay St. George, Newfoundland, en route for Halifax, arrived here yesterday and will remain a few days with his brother, Dr. Bethune, M. P.

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