

Mr. Killam presented a petition from the Directors of the N. S. Telegraph Co. complaining of the imperfect transfer of the line by the Government to the Company. The Provincial Secretary retorted with great severity and personality upon Messrs. G. Moran and J. Stewart, signers of the petition, and others. Mr. L. M. Wilkins protested against the uncourteous and unparliamentary conduct of the hon. member, in launching such vituperation against the signers of any petition to that House.

On Friday a second petition was presented from the Electric Telegraph Company, and after a good deal of discussion, in the course of which Mr. Howe apologised to the House for any expressions which he used yesterday, that might be considered improper or unparliamentary, both Petitions were referred to a Committee of five, who are to report to the House.

The Speaker gave notice, that in future the public will be admitted, by ticket, to the Gallery opposite to the Chair (a motion to wash it out first, would not have been amiss), and freely to that over his Honor's head. Would it not be an improvement, if Professional men were admitted by ticket into the Lobby below, as formerly; and if comfortable accommodations were provided for ladies, on the right and left of the Speaker, when they might feel a desire to attend. Their presence might help to soften the "asperities incident to public life," which too often burst forth. Another burst too, had better be restrained, namely, an irreverent appeal to the name of God,—in plain English a violation of the third commandment—which we heard two or three times in as many minutes—and which is sometimes unnecessarily repeated by the printer.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

On Saturday, as expected, there was a majority of one against Mr. Almon's amendment to the Address. It is not easy to understand why that simple yet important echo of his Excellency's prudent caution, was not allowed to pass. On Tuesday Mr. Almon made enquiry respecting the taking of the Members' pay from the Treasury, last year, without the observance of the usual constitutional forms. The Sol. General did not directly answer the question, and reference being made to the President, that gentleman stated the rule of the House to require two days notice of such motions. Accordingly Mr. Almon reduced his query to writing, and laid it on the table of the House as follows:

"Whereas it has been currently reported that the Members of the House of Assembly, for the Session of 1852, received a sum of money out of the Provincial Treasury as pay, and to reimburse them for travelling expenses, contrary to an express negative of the Legislative Council,—I beg leave respectfully to ask the members of the Executive Government, if such report be correct, and if so, whether the sum or sums were paid under the usual certificate of the Speaker, and also the dates on which each member received his quota."

The Hon. Gentleman intimated that unless satisfactory answers were given, he should feel it his duty to take further steps.

D. C. SOCIETY.

An interesting meeting of the Local Committee of the D. C. Society, was held in Dartmouth on Wednesday evening, the Rector in the Chair. We presume some account of it will be sent to us for insertion and therefore we add no more. Respectable contributions have been made heretofore by the Members of the Church in this Parish, and we hope they will this year not fall off, but rather exceed the old mark.

We are happy to hear that from Yarmouth and Tusket, the handsome sum of £43 has been forwarded, notwithstanding the pressure of heavy local claims, and the absence of some old friends, who, we regret to say, have left their native land for the golden regions of another hemisphere.

NOVA SCOTIA EXHIBITION.—The Committee charged with the onerous duty of preparing for this Provincial display, appear to be judiciously and energetically proceeding with their work. Mr. Desbrisay, the Assistant Secretary, has recently returned from a visit to the Eastern Counties, in each of which he has held large meetings, which have doubtless been instrumental in awakening a powerful interest in behalf of this worthy object. Similar visits to the other counties we think would be desirable, especially on the S. W. coast, where perhaps there is not a sufficient appreciation of the benefits likely to result from the contemplated Exhibition.

We hope that in all parts a laudable ambition will be felt to make it creditable to the Province, and at all events not inferior to that of New Brunswick.

HUMAN DEPRAVITY.—A horrible instance of this was exhibited on Wednesday, by the discovery of a fine looking new born infant, dead, and exposed under the steps of the Wesleyan Meeting House, in Brunswick street. However revolting to our feelings, we cannot, as the conductors of a religious paper, avoid noticing this sad proof of the depths of barbarity and crime, to which the tempter, acting upon the corrupt desires of the human heart, may lead those who yield themselves in that particular direction to his deadly power. There is, unhappily, too great laxity of principle in this matter. The sin of impurity is not confined to the lowest of the land. It is harboured too often by those who lay claim to refinement and mental superiority. But it is a FOUL AND A DAMNING SIN wherever it is found. The case before us, reveals only some of its features as regards the present world. As regards the next, let the Word of God be heard, when it declares that "they who do such things shall not inherit the Kingdom of God." Moreover, all decency was outraged by the delay which took place in the removal of the murdered remains. It was said to have been discovered at 9 o'clock in the morning, and was not taken away until near 5 o'clock in the afternoon, and in the mean time the street was thronged, and passengers were impeded by a rabble of boys and men around the place. Surely if no coroner could be found, his legal substitute might have done the needful, and thus have prevented such offensive delay.

The Sabbath Observer, published gratis by the Committee of the N. S. Sabbath Alliance, January 1853, has just issued from the Press of Mr. Barnes, 179 Hollis-street. It is a sheet of eight pages, well filled with matter original and selected, bearing upon the great and vital question of the holiness of the day of God. We hope it may tend to diffuse more correct views on this great subject. It may be positively affirmed, in reference to the religious character of individuals or communities, that the sanctification of the Sabbath is an infallible touchstone by which it may be tried.

In a late No. we called attention to Mr. Dawson's "Scientific Contributions towards the improvement of Agriculture in N. Scotia,"—and we would again commend the work to the attentive perusal of Agriculturists, and indeed of all our readers. We have pleasure in transferring to our columns, the following notice from Hazard's (P. E. Island) Gazette, which by the way, we are happy to see taking a fresh start, and in somewhat of a new dress.—

"The Institutions of the Academy at Pictou, as well as that of King's College in Windsor, have been productive of the happiest effects in the neighbouring Province, while they have produced men whose fame and reputation are not confined within the narrow boundaries of their own province, and while such men as the writer of the work, the title of which is prefixed to this article, have been enabled to become the instructors of their countrymen, hundreds of others have derived from the same sources the means of benefiting by those instructions: throughout the whole Province of Nova Scotia there are to be found numbers of well educated men in every class of life, with the exception, perhaps, of the mere labourer, who have derived their knowledge from one or other of those seminaries, or from those of more recent origin. Among those whose names have conferred honour on the place of their education, stands Mr. J. W. Dawson. A native of the town of Pictou, he was a pupil of the late Rev. Dr. McCulloch—one of those literary pioneers, who having spent a life of hardship, toil and privation in the service of learning, was removed just when the value of his services had begun to be appreciated. It was natural that in the midst of coal mines and iron, sandstone, lime and other mineral productions, the bent of Mr. Dawson's mind should be inclined to the study of Geology and its kindred and congenial sciences. These were pursued with that ardour which is ever the concomitant of genius, and which, when under due regulation never fails to lead to success. Mr. Dawson achieved a reputation in his native Province, and obtained the important and highly responsible post of Superintendent of Education. Of the manner in which he has performed the duties of his office, we shall hereafter have occasion to speak. It would seem that while so engaged his attention was directed to the state of agriculture in Nova Scotia, and by a mind like his—travelling into every part of the Province—it could scarcely be overlooked, and hence the present work.

A Mr. Thomas Chappel, aged 39 years, was killed at Dartmouth on Tuesday last, by falling into the hold of a vessel now building there. Sudden deaths have been unusually frequent since the year began. We hear another took place at Newport this week—Dr. Hooper, a practising physician at that place. "Be ye also ready."

DIOCESAN CHURCH SOCIETY.

On Sunday 6th Feb. Sermons will be preached in the Churches in Halifax, and Collections taken in aid of the funds of the D. C. S. The Lord Bishop will preach (D. V.) at St. Paul's in the morning, and the Rev. C. Elliott of Pictou, in the evening.

On the following Thursday, 10th Feb. the Public Meeting of the Society will be held in the Evening at Temperance Hall. The Lord Bishop will take the Chair at 7 o'clock.

LETTERS RECEIVED.

Rev. W. Godfrey with remittance; previous letter received; Rev. H. L. Owen, with remittance; Rev. R. F. Brine, directions will be attended to; Rev. T. H. W. L., with remittance; Geo. E. Jean, Esq. Archaic—one subscriber; Rev. Mr. Stamer—remittance and one subscriber. Rev. Dr. Shrove—the papers were sent by Saturday's mail, and should have been received as usual.

Married.

At Chester, on Thursday, the 20th Inst., by the Rev. Dr. Shrove, Mr. GEORGE MEISTER, of Sherbrooke, to Miss SOPHIA WHELAN, of Chester.  
At Spanishship Bay, on Monday, 10th Inst. by the Rev. J. Alexander, Mr. WILLIAM SPEARS, to WINIFRED ANN, fourth daughter of Mr. Aaron McKinley.  
On Monday, 17th, at Liscomb Harbour, by the same, Mr. JAMES HENLOW, to Miss MARY, fourth daughter of Mr. James Mills, of Indian Harbour, Eastern Shore.  
On Wednesday Evening, 10th, by Licence, in St. Mary's River, by the same, Mr. JOHN FERNANDEZ, Merchant, to Miss RACHAEL JACK, both of the same place.  
At St. Mary's Church, Aylesford, on the 13th Inst., by the Rev. R. Avery, Rector, GEORGE NEELY Esq., to Miss EMILY GRACE, daughter of Edmund Palmer Esq., of Bloomfield.  
At Amherst, on Sunday, 16th, by the Rev. R. Simonds, Mr. WILLIAM ATKINSON, to MARY L., daughter of Mr. D. Bent, of Leicester, Cumberland.

Died.

Suddenly on Friday, 24th Inst., Mr. JOHN MACKENZIE, in the 63rd year of his age. Funeral to-morrow, Sunday, at 2 o'clock, from his late residence, No. 16, Dockyard Lane. Friends of the family are requested to attend without further notice.

Shipping List.

ARRIVED.

Saturday, Jan. 22.—Schrs Ariel, McLearn, Shelburne; J. C. Archibald, Martell, New York 13 days; Gazette, Benton, St. John. N. B. 60 hours; Liverpool, N. S. 10 hours.  
Monday, Jan 21.—Schrs Windsor, Francis, Baltimore 18 days.  
Tuesday, Jan. 25.—R. M. S. Merlin, bound to New York, brig Otter, Trinidad, 30 days; Duroc, Fortune Bay, N. F.; brig Adah, Boston.  
Wednesday, Jan. 26.—Steamship Sir John Harvey, (pkt.) Mengler, Boston, 4 days, Schrs General Washington, (pkt.) Boston, 4 days, Lucy Alice, McPhee, Boston, 4 days.  
Friday, Jan. 23.—Schrs Mary, Faulkner, New York, 14 days; Triumph, Conrad, Cardenas, 15 days.

CLEARANCES

Jan. 24.—Steamer Merlin, Cronau, New York, brig Halifax, O'Brien, Boston.  
Jan. 25.—Brig. Fawn, Jamaica.  
Jan. 26.—Brig. Tweed, St. Johns, N. F.  
Jan. 27.—Brig. Harriet, Wild, West Indies.  
Jan. 28.—Brig Brooklyn, Dolby, F. West Indies; Hector, Kellar, Rose Blanche, N. F.; General Washington, Patterson, Boston; Victor, Doano, Jamaica.

PASSENGERS.

Per Steamer Sir John Harvey—Boston to Halifax.—R. Henry, J. Lyons, S. L. Thaxter, Thos. Sullivan, Jervis Best, D. H. Tallot, M. Woods, Thos. S. Saulte, Margaret White, Miss Fraser, J. Bishop, Angella Augema, J. Durmett, D. McCollough, J. Katling.

COUNTRY MARKET.

PRICES ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 29.

Apples, per bush.	2s. 6d. a 3s. 9d.
Beef, fresh, per cwt.	25s. a 30s.
Butter, fresh, per lb.	11d. a 1s.
Catsup, per gallon.	none.
Cheese, per lb.	4d. a 6d.
Chickens, per pair.	1s. 3d. a 1s. 9d.
Eggs, per doz.	10d. a 1s.
Geese, each.	1s. 3d. a 2s.
Hams, green, per lb.	5d.
Do. smoked, per lb.	6d. a 6½d.
Homespun, cotton & wool, per yard	1s. 7d. a 1s. 9d.
Do. wool.	2s. 6d.
Bacon, per lb.	6d. a 7d.
Oatmeal, per cwt.	14s.
Pork, fresh, per lb.	3½d. a 4½d.
Potatoes, per bushel.	2s. 6d.
Socks, per doz.	10s.
Turkies, per lb.	6d. a 7d.
Yarn, worsted, per lb.	2s. 6d.
Ducks per pair.	2s. to 2s. 6d.

AT THE WHARVES.

Coal, per chal.	25s.
Cord Wood.	16s. a 17s.

NOTICE. A MEETING OF THE CHURCH WARDENS, Vestry, and Parishioners of St. Paul's, will be held at the National School House, on TUESDAY next, the 1st February, to receive a statement of the Accounts and Estates of the Parish—For the election of a Vestry Clerk, and for other business connected with the Parish. Halifax, 27th January, 1853. JAMES TREALAIN, } Wardens. E. C. HILL. }