

Archibald Patterson, Esq., is appointed Inspector of Excise for this Province, and S. Tupper, Esq., is collector for Halifax.

The City Railroad Company announce that after the first of January, freight will be substituted for cars on the line, if there is sufficient snow on the ground.

A man named Benjamin Gould fell overboard from a vessel at Black Rock, King's Co., on the 10th inst., and was drowned.

It is reported that a few nights since a schooner was wrecked at the "Roaring Bull" off Pictou harbor. The *Standard*, in referring to the reported disaster, says:—"The upper parts of the vessel are visible from the shore, but the drift ice and lily prevent access to ascertain passengers. A quantity of pine boards drifted on shore, are supposed to have come from the vessel. It is feared that all hands on board are lost."

United States.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 19.—A terrible railroad accident occurred at Cheever, this State, yesterday, from displacement of rail. Two rear cars of express train from Cleveland for Buffalo were thrown from the track, and rolled down an embankment fifty feet. Thirteen passengers were killed instantly and forty-eight burned to death, owing to cars taking fire from the stove.

A fire broke out in the York on Tuesday morning in a tenement house, No. 606 Second Avenue which resulted in the suffocation of nine persons. It is supposed that the several persons were dead before the fire was discovered by the Police.

European.

The examination at Dublin of John Martin and others connected with the funeral demonstration of the 8th inst., was concluded yesterday, but the decision of the court was reserved. This morning, the accused were again brought before the magistrates, and Mr. Martin and Mr. Lawlor were committed for trial on a charge of aiding and abetting. They immediately furnished required bail, and were discharged from custody.

Prime Minister Gladstone replied yesterday to the attack upon the Government by the Liberal party in the Irish House of Commons. In the course of his speech he said that Italy would sooner or later possess Rome, but that end would be accomplished not by arms, but by moral force. Bismarck's attitude made a speech in opposition to the Minister, saying that the popular vote in Naples and other cities in Italy showed that the nation desired a different policy.

Arms and ammunition, secreted by Fenians, have been discovered and seized by the police at several places in England.

A terrible explosion occurred at Newcastle on the Tyne. The authorities received information that a quantity of Nitro Glycerine had been secreted in that place, it was supposed by some Fenians. The Sheriff and Town Surveyor, with a large squad of police proceeded to the spot indicated, and discovered red oil packed in an unusual manner. While they were removing it the substance exploded with a tremendous crash. Several of the police were injured, and but few escaped unhurt. The men who were nearest the packages were blown to atoms. Both Sheriff and Surveyor were badly hurt and are lying in a critical state.

In the House of Lords on the 5th inst., the contract, with the Cunard Company for the conveyance of mails between Halifax, Bermuda, and St. Thomas, at the cost of £10,500 per annum for ten years with power to terminate the contract within five years was approved.

Four men who gave their names as English, O'Keefe, Desmond and Allen, have been arrested on suspicion of having been connected with recent Fenian outrages.

The alarm caused by recent Fenian outrages here continues. The magistrates are wearing special policemen. The guards around the prisons have been strengthened, and warehouses in the city are carefully watched during the night. Troops were suddenly ordered to Portsmouth Island and left on a special train.

The Coroner's inquest on the bodies of those who were killed by the explosion at Clerkenwell prison, was concluded this afternoon. The jury returned a verdict, charging Timothy Desmond and Allen (who were arrested on the 18th) with murder in having caused the explosion.

The prisoners, English, Mulvaney, O'Keefe and Desmond, who were arrested on the 18th, were brought before a Justice for examination today. The test given to the prisoners was that they had something to do with the Clerkenwell explosion. They were remanded to jail for further examination.

A great fire is raging in Newcastle-on-Tyne. No particulars have yet been received.

It is reported that the Emperor has proposed to Belgium, Holstein and Switzerland to join France in customs union. Belgium is said to have declined the proposition on the ground that she has already concluded a military and commercial alliance with Prussia.

A report is current that the Grand Duke of Baden will abdicate and leave the Duchy free to join the North German Confederation.

In view of the recent outrages committed or attempted in England by the Fenians, and to prevent by summary measures their repetition, the Cabinet has decided to ask Parliament to suspend the privilege of Habeas Corpus in England.

The Week of Prayer for 1868

The following topics, amongst others, are suggested as suitable for exhortation and intercession on the successive days of meeting:—

Sunday, Jan. 8.—Sermon. Subject: The person, work, and kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Monday, Jan. 9.—Thanksgiving for special and general mercies during the past year, to nations, churches, and families: and confession of sin.

Tuesday, Jan. 10.—Prayer for nations: for kings and all in authority: for the observance of the Lord's Day: for the removal of obstacles in the way of moral and religious progress: and for internal and international peace.

Wednesday, Jan. 11.—Prayer for families: for schools, colleges, and universities: and for sons and daughters in foreign countries.

Thursday, Jan. 12.—Prayer for Christian ministers, and all engaged in Christ's service; for God's ancient Israel, and for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Friday, Jan. 13.—Prayer for the sick and afflicted: for widows and orphans: and for the persecuted for righteousness' sake.

Saturday, Jan. 14.—Prayer for the Christian church: for increase of holiness and activity, fidelity and love: and for grace equal to the trials and dangers of the times.

Sunday, Jan. 15.—Sermon. Subject: Christian charity.—1 Cor. xiii.

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