

Telegraphic News.

New York, Dec. 26.
Business is generally at a stand still on account of the Christmas holidays.

The acquittal of ex-Mayor Hall of complicity in the Tweed swindles is generally approved by the public.

A terrible murder was committed in Boston yesterday morning, between midnight and one o'clock. Joseph Heger shot and killed Anton Hittle. He also mutilated the head and neck of his victim with a hatchet. Heger was arrested. Both are Germans and room mates.

Mail advices from Cuba report that great drought prevails in the neighborhood of Sagua La Grande, and crops of corn, rice, vegetables are completely lost. It will also materially influence the crops of the sugar estates that have no cane left over from last year, as the growth of ratoon and newly planted cane has been too much retarded.

The barque "Thorhill," from Quebec, bound to Liverpool, which sailed November 14th, has been lost with all on board, except one man, who was badly frost-bitten. Where she was lost is not reported. The captain and sixteen men lost their lives.

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Berlin, Dec. 26.
The Emperor William is much better this morning.

Paris, Dec. 26.
Marshal Bazaine has left Versailles for the Island of Sainte Marguerite.

Hon. GEORGE BROWN, after having so often and so long resisted the efforts made to get him to return to public political life, has at last done so by accepting a seat in the Senate of the Dominion. Than Mr. Brown there are few able or more experienced politicians in the country, and it has been a source of regret to all parties that he had not come to Parliament on the inauguration of Confederation, to which he had lent the able support of his own personal influence as well as that of the "Globe." Mr. Brown will doubtless speedily join the Government, but being somewhat extreme in his views it may be doubted, judging from his antecedents, whether he would long remain in the Cabinet. His presence in Parliament, however, will afford much strength to the Government and add very decidedly to the intellectual character of the Senate.

INDIAN OUTRAGES IN TEXAS.—The Indians are at it again in Texas, murdering and plundering. From San Antonio it is reported that in a raid on the Nueces River they killed twenty-four persons, mostly sheep herders; that at Elkin's ranch a band of thirty-five redskins succeeded in running off thirty-eight horses; that at one place they came upon two Mexicans, one of whom they saw himself jump into a well, and that the factious savages, thinking it a good joke, threw the other one in, and went on their way; that at another ranch where thirteen herders were driving sheep, the Indians killed seven of the men and hanged them up in the trees to dry, and as for the other six men, they are missing.

In view of the condition of the national finances, the House Committee on Appropriations will remain in Washington during the recess, and are pushing the work of reducing the estimates as rapidly as possible. Saturday, Congressman Hale of this State visited all the departments and personally impressed upon the heads of the same the necessity of cutting down their estimates for the work of next year. All of them expressed the opinion that scarcely any reduction was possible. Nevertheless, it will be made, and instead of appropriating \$18,000,000 more than was called for, as was done by Congress last year, the committee intend to cut at least \$25,000,000 from the amount of the estimates sent in at the opening of Congress. The total appropriations for next year, therefore, will probably be about \$275,000,000.

Western Counties Railway.
We are glad to report progress on this line. The contract for clearing, grading, fencing, bridging and masonry of section No. 3 has been awarded to Mr. Arthur Patrit, late engineer on the Windsor and Annapolis Railroad. The section extends from the end of Section No. 2 at the end of the old Kemps Road, to the County line—a distance of 8 1/2 miles.

John Crawley, jr., Esq., of Carleton, has taken the contract for 25,000 sleepers for the road.

Frank Kilham, Esq., M. P., is now in England on business connected with the Western Counties Railway.

Meanwhile the line progressing so steadily and satisfactorily.—[Yarmouth Herald.]

ACCIDENT.—Mr. James F. Allen, of Yarmouth, master builder of the new ship "J. W. Lewis," fell into the hold of that vessel, at Bridgewater, on Wednesday evening of last week, receiving such severe injury that he expired on the following morning. His remains were brought to Yarmouth by steamer for interment. He has left a widow and three children.—[Ibid.]

PROBABLE SCARCITY OF PEPPER.—Advices from Singapore, despatched in November state that telegrams had just been received to the effect that in consequence of the information that the Dutch had sent out another expedition to Achene, the Achenees had burned down all the pepper plantations of the West Coast, to prevent their falling into the hands of the Dutch. Should this news be confirmed the price of pepper, which has already risen, will further advance. At the present time pepper remains very scarce, the crop being finished.

The King of Achente not only asserts his sovereignty over Cape Coast Castle and the other British settlements; but tells his tributary chiefs of the interior that the Queen of England is one of his wives, and manages his cotton and tobacco plantations. A short time before the war he sent word to the English that he had heard that the forts at Cape Coast Castle and Elmina were in a very dirty condition, and wanted them cleaned and whitewashed, as he intended to inspect them.

The Standard.
SAINT ANDREWS, DEC. 31, 1873.

PRESENTATIONS.—In another column we have great satisfaction in noting that the Rector of this Parish, and others in many places in the Province, have been presented with valuable Christmas Gifts. It is pleasant to record such generous acts; and we would be wanting in gratitude, did we not acknowledge, that some of our townsmen, and farmers, did not forget the Editor of this paper. To them, and our patrons generally, we tender the compliments of the season, wishing them one and all, a prosperous and "HAPPY NEW YEAR."

CHRISTMAS DAY was one of the best during the winter, and was well observed. The Churches were filled; several went driving, and others amused themselves by walking about the streets. In the Episcopal Church, services were held at 8 and 11 a. m., and the Holy Communion administered. The singing was very fine, and the decorations in the church displayed great taste, the rich green trimmings of spruce had a fine effect; the mottoes—"Gory be to Thee, O God," "The Prince of Peace," and the Cross, particularly that in the monogram H. I. S., were beautifully cut, and evinced a fineness of conception seldom surpassed. The festooning of the pillars had a pleasing effect; in a word, the members of "All Saints" may well feel a pride in their Church and its surroundings.

In the Roman Catholic Church services were held at 7, 9 and 11 a. m., and Mass celebrated by the Rev. W. J. Foley, whose health we are pleased to say is improving, but some time must elapse before it will be thoroughly restored; his motto appears to be "let us hope." The Church was festooned with bright evergreens, tastefully arranged, and three arches erected in front of the altar upon which were the following nicely executed mottoes—"Ave Maria Gratia Plena," "Gloria in Excelsis Deo," "Venite Adoremus Dominum." At Vespers, the music and singing was good, and creditable to the choir. Service was also held in the Methodist Church, where there was a goodly attendance. The day was observed by many in this community very quietly, owing to the large number of deaths in their families and among their relatives. For many seasons past, the mortality has not been so large as during the year which ends to-night.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTATION.—We understand that the Congregation of Chateauc Church, a few days since, presented the Rev. Doctor Roberts, their Rector, with a handsome Sleigh Robe and Rug, accompanied with an Address, expressive of their gratitude and love for him, and their kind wishes for his happiness at this joyous season.

Complimentary Dinner to the Governor by the citizens of St. John.

At a large meeting of the leading citizens of St. John, of all shades of politics, it was agreed to tender the Lieut. Governor, Hon. S. L. Tilley, C. B. Mrs. Tilley, and suite, a Public Dinner, on Tuesday, the 13th January, at the Victoria Hotel. An executive committee of prominent gentlemen was appointed, including members of the Local Government, Dominion and Local Parliaments, to extend the invitation and perfect the arrangements. A pleasing feature is that ladies are to be invited. As the accommodations will not admit of more than 200, many of the Governor's friends will be prevented from joining in the oration. As the dinner has nothing whatever to do with politics, all parties can join in the festivity.

SPECIAL CONSTABLES.—At a meeting of Justices, held at the office of C. E. O. Hatheway, Esq., on the 26th, two special Police Constables were appointed and sworn in, for the purpose of keeping the peace, and order on the streets. They are to report to the following committee of Justices: C. E. O. Hatheway, J. W. Street and William Whitlock, Esquires.

THE BANQUET to the Hon. Mr. Huntington, at Montreal, must have been a grand affair. The attendance was very large, and our Canadian exchanges describe the dinner and speeches as the best which ever took place in Canada. As the old year with its political vicissitudes and heart readings, ends to night, it is to be hoped that the New Year will commence with good feelings and a desire to do justice to all parties. Let all unite, and let the emulation be—who can best work and best agree.

"Honor and fame from no condition rise, Act well your part, there all the honor lies."

THE ASHANTEE KING.—The reported death of Coffi Calcutti, the King of the Ashantees, turns out to be false. He has long been notorious for his contentions with England. He governs a country extending several hundred miles northward from near the equator and very far inland from the British territory known as the Gold Coast, which divides it from the Atlantic Ocean.

The Ashantees have always looked upon the English as invaders, but were on better terms with the Dutch, who until 1872 also owned part of the coast. In that year the Dutch transferred their territory, including the port of Elmina, to the British. King Coffi became incensed at this; said the Dutch always paid him tribute, and that he must have Elmina in order to have access to the sea. "Elmina is mine," he declared; "it is there I eat my salt; it is there I drink rum." During the present year the Chieftains, it appears, cried out to the King that they were hungry for war, that they would drive the white man into the sea and make him hide in the belly of the herring. The King gratified these ardent warriors and declared war.

Masonic Celebration.
St. John the Evangelist Day, twenty-seventh December, was celebrated by St. Mark's Lodge, of this place, in the Masonic Hall. The newly elected officers were installed in the afternoon; and in the evening a number of the members and visitors partook of a sumptuous supper, prepared by Mrs. McLeod, of the "Passanquoddy House."

The tables were laid out in artistic style; the plate and glassware looked well under the light from the chandeliers; and the abundance of substantial viands, presented an inviting and pleasing picture, reflecting great credit upon Mrs. McLeod. The usual loyal, masonic, and patriotic toasts were given; and the company separated about ten o'clock, expressing themselves pleased with the entertainment.

The following is a list of the officers of St. Mark's Lodge, No. 5, N. B. R.:
Bro. Geo. E. Elliot, W. M.
E. A. Julian, I. P. M.
J. S. McKimsey, S. W.
W. D. Foster, I. W.
S. T. Gore, Treas.
G. F. Stukney, Sec'y.
Jae Stoop, I. D.
C. Morrison, Tyler.

The Hon. the Minister of Customs, Hon. Mr. Harper, is spending the holidays with his family at St. John.

Benefactions of an Inventor.

A few weeks ago we announced the death of Seth Adams, of Boston, an inventor of no small reputation, who had amassed a large fortune out of his patents and the business he had built up under their fostering protection. The following are among the public benefactions, designated in his will, to Boston charitable institutions: \$1,000 to the Needle Woman's Friend Society; \$50,000 to the Consumptives' Home; \$20,000 to the Home for Aged Men; \$20,000 to the Association for the Relief of Aged Females; \$10,000 to the Baldwin Place Home for Little Wanderers; \$5,000 to the Boston Provident Association; \$1,000 to the Industrial Society; \$500 to the North End Mission; \$1,000 to the Boston Young Women's Christian Association; \$500 to the Children's Aid Society; \$500 to the Female Orphan Asylum; \$500 to the Temperary Home for the Destitute; \$500 to the Children's Hospital; and \$1,000 to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. A liberal sum is also donated to the town of Rochester, N. H., to be known as the Adams Fund, the income of which is to be paid to poor widows and orphans of that town.

A LOCHMABEN PROVOST.—A gentleman belonging to Lochmaben, in Perthshire, in Scotland, at the latter end of the last year, addressed a letter to the Provost of Lochmaben, soliciting his "vote and interest," which was delivered by the servant of the former. The provost, on opening the letter, held it upside down, in order, as he thought, to peruse it properly. The servant ventured to point out the fact. "What!" said the indignant magistrate, "I think I was to be the provost of Lochmaben, I could read a letter any way I like to look at it?"

SPLENDID BEEF.—Mr. James Douglerly had in town this morning, some stall fed beef of his own raising, which would be a credit to any market in the Dominion.

PRESENTATIONS.—In addition to the nut held presented to John Boyd, Esq., the other evening by the employees of the London House, there were other Christmas presentations. Mr. R. L. H. Flaherty was presented by his employees with a pair of fine warm winter gloves; Mr. C. H. Peters, treasurer, was the recipient of a writing desk, Mr. F. Porter, C. E., was presented with a gold watch by the men in his department of the public works service. R. T. Clinch, Superintendent of the Western Union Telegraph Company, received on Christmas Eve a handsome Silver Epergne, Tea Tray and hot water Kettle, accompanied by a modest note asking him to accept them from the Company's employees in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia as a token of their esteem.

Mr. James Ferguson, foreman of carpenters, was presented by the employees of the Intercolonial Railway, with a handsome watch and chain, accompanied with a flattering address. [Mr. F. has several friends in Saint Andrews, who congratulate him on his continued popularity and success.]—Globe.

Tax work on the Riviere de Loup Railroad is being pushed forward vigorously, and probably the intention of having the cars in as far as the station, in Northampton, will be accomplished by New Year's. A large engine and freight house has been erected at Campbell's opposite Woodstock. The vigor with which this great enterprise has been pushed forward is very notable and gives promise that 1874 will see communication by rail with Grand Falls.—[Sentinel.]

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DREADFUL ACCIDENT.
Death of the Rev. Peter Keay, A. M.

With feelings of the deepest sorrow we announce the death of the universally respected, and deservedly much beloved Pastor of the Presbyterian Church of this Town—the Rev. PETER KEAY. It is known that for some months Mr. Keay's health was failing, and, as stated in the STANDARD of the 17th inst., he was so unwell on the previous Sabbath, that he was obliged to discontinue his sermon, and close Divine Service. That he was thoroughly prostrated from his increasing and arduous ministerial labors in town and country, not having had any assistance nor rest for the past six years, and that we feared that he would not again be able to resume the onerous duties of his office; little did we then suppose, that he was so soon to leave his beloved congregation forever.

As mentioned in a previous issue, Mr. Keay had been given a three months leave of absence, in order that he might recruit his health. On Friday last he went to St. John to visit his brother clergyman, the Rev. Mr. Cameron, and on Saturday went to Fredericton, to see his old friend Rev. Dr. Bogue, and remained until Monday morning, when he left on his return to St. Andrews, and had arrived at McAdam Junction, and was standing on the platform while the up train to Hamilton was passing; it is supposed that he became faint and fell on the rail and the baggage car passed over him, killing him instantly.

When the telegram announcing the melancholy and fatal accident was made known on Monday afternoon, the people of this Town of all classes and creeds expressed their deep sorrow at the sudden death of so widely respected a man and clergyman, who during the past six years has ministered with so much acceptance in the Presbyterian Church here, at Rolling Dam, and other places in the County. He was beloved and respected by all denominations, who unite in sympathizing with his amiable wife and children in their severe bereavement.

To those who knew him while he lived, he endeared himself greatly by his amiable disposition, and the affectionate interest his thoughtful and intelligent mind led him to take in the welfare of all; and in death, he has left to his mourning family, his congregation, and other friends, the precious consolation of a cleared hope, and that he is gone to be forever with the Lord.

Mr. Keay's remains were brought here on Monday evening last, and are to be interred on Friday next. The Rev. R. J. Cameron, of St. Andrews Church, and Rev. Geo. J. Cair, of Stephens, St. John, and Rev. Mr. Hall, of Fredericton, arrived by last night's train to conduct the funeral service.

In our next issue we will endeavor to give a brief biographical notice of the Rev. Mr. Keay.

SUMMARY.
PAPER AS A BUILDING MATERIAL.—The use of paper as a substitute for wood in the construction of railway carriages has long been known, but the use to which this material can be put seems never to be without limit. The Journal of the Society of Arts says there is a paper church actually existing near Bergen, which is capable of containing about 1,000 people. It is circular without and octagonal without. The relieving outside and the statues inside the roof and ceiling, are all of paper made, rendered waterproof by saturation in vitrol, lime water, whey, and white of egg.

NOTE PAPER.—In London the rage seems to be for note paper of an oblong shape, turning down at the top, and, with an extra fold once over from the side, taking a square form, in which shape envelopes are made very considerably. The fashionable colour is of a brownish tint. In Boston almost every shade is used extensively, though a delicate tawny is possibly in greatest demand. The shape or size of paper is oblong, which given one fold, fits a square envelope.

A SENSIBLE YOUNG MAN.—A Harvard medical student was somewhat embarrassed by the descriptions recently given of the murderer of Bridget Landers, in Dorchester, Mass., as it so nearly corresponded with the details of his own make up, as he appeared in the neighborhood of the tragedy about an hour before its occurrence. He accordingly notified the Boston chief of police to look him over, which that official did by proxy, notifying himself that the voluntary witness was not the person whose body is so anxiously sought for. The young man is deserving of great praise for coming forward at such risk for the purpose of aiding the police, who he feared had been put on the wrong scent.

A strange story comes from Tuft's Cove, N. S. It is said that a Mrs. McCabe who died a short time ago and was properly buried, had appeared to her relatives, telling them that she had been buried alive, and that on recovering consciousness she had kicked the end out of her coffin. The spirit of the dead woman said that she was now in glory, and anxiously awaiting the arrival of her friends. Before taking in to disparture the spirit intimated that the end of time was rapidly approaching and that on the last day it would again appear.

An Ottawa despatch to the "Daily News" says that Mr. Mackenzie, in his speech at the Hupingdon banquet in Montreal, stated that Mr. Anglin will be in the Government in a few months.

DIED.
On the 29th inst., the Rev. PETER KEAY, A. M., Minister of Greenock Church, Saint Andrews, aged 45, leaving a wife and four children to lament the loss of an affectionate husband and father. He was beloved by all who knew him.

[Funeral from his late residence, on Friday next, at 3 o'clock, P. M. A funeral sermon will be preached in the Presbyterian Church, on Sabbath next, by Rev. Geo. J. Cair, of St. John.]

Ship News.

PORT OF ST. ANDREWS.
ARRIVED.

Dec. 17, Sarah Glass, Glasgow, Boston, bl't.
19, N. Noyes, Holmes, Boston, hides, R. Ross, fl ar, W. Hicks.
Blumer, Stearns, Gloucester, fall-out.
22, Jane, Clark, Boston, hides, R. Ross.
24, Harris, McQuoid, Boston, flour &c., R. Ross.
25, Simpson, Boston, sundries.
27, Frankin, Conts, Boston, hides &c., Robt. Ross and others.
Auna, Simpson, Boston, sundries.

Dec. 24, Diney, Maloney, Boston, 2000 sheep, R. Ross.
Empire, Johnson, Boston, 2,000 sleepers, Goodnow & Co.

Steam Service.
Bay of Fundy.

RAILED TENDERS will be received at the Office of the Chief Commissioner of Public Works, Fredericton, until January 2nd, 1874, from persons willing to place a good and serviceable passenger and freight steamer during the Navigation Season of 1874, once a week on the route between Shediac and Campbelltown, calling at St. John, St. George and St. Andrews, and once a week at Beaver Harbor. Also from persons willing to place a steamer once a week between St. John and Quaco.

North Shore.
RAILED TENDERS will also be received at the Office of the Chief Commissioner of Public Works, Fredericton, until February 1st, 1874, from persons willing to place a good and serviceable passenger and freight steamer during the Navigation Season of 1874, once a week on the route between Shediac and Campbelltown, calling at St. John, St. George and St. Andrews, and once a week at Beaver Harbor. Also from persons willing to place a steamer once a week between St. John and Quaco.

W. M. KELLY,
dec 24 Chief Commissioner of Public Works.

NOTICE.
As I intend winding up my business in this place, as soon as practicable, all persons owing me will please settle at an early date.
Dec 23, 1873.
W. B. MORRIS.

SCHOOL MEETING.
THE RATEPAYERS of St. Andrews School District No. One, in the Parish of St. Andrews, in the County of Charlotte, are hereby notified, that the Annual School Meeting will be held, as required by law, on the 8th day of January, at 10 o'clock, in the School House, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

CHAS. O'NEIL,
C. E. O. HATHWAY, Trustees.
R. STEVENSON,
St. Andrews Dec 23, 1873.

Government House, Ottawa.
Monday, 3rd day of November, 1873.
HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR GENERAL IN COUNCIL.

ON the recommendation of the Honorable the Minister of Customs and under the provisions of the 123rd section of the Act 31 Vic. Cap. 6, intitled "An Act respecting the Customs," His Excellency has been pleased to order, and it is hereby ordered, that the Port of Saint-Jean, in the Province of Quebec, be, and the same is hereby constituted a Port of Entry and a Warehousing Port for all the purposes of the said Act.

Certified,
W. A. HIMS WORTH,
Clerk Privy Council.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, OTTAWA,
31st day of October, 1873.
PRESENT:

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE OTTAWA,
Wednesday, 29th day of October, 1873.
PRESENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR GENERAL IN COUNCIL.

ON the recommendation of the Honorable the Minister of Customs and under the provisions of the 123rd section of the Act 31 Victoria, intitled "An Act respecting the Customs," His Excellency has been pleased to order, and it is hereby ordered, that the Port of Colingwood, in the Province of Ontario, be, and the same is hereby constituted, and erected into an independent Port of Entry, and a warehousing Port for all the purposes of the said Act.

Certified,
W. A. HIMS WORTH,
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GOVERNMENT HOUSE OTTAWA,
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