

## News of the Week.

## CANADIAN.

Only twenty-five Italian live in the Province of Quebec.

The Mayor of Montreal was re-elected on Monday by acclamation.

A Merchant's Building and Savings Society has just been organized in the town of Dundas.

The members of the Canada Presbyterian Church, First Mission, presented their paper, the first, to the Rev. James Watson, with a valuable horse.

A movement is on foot in Quebec to establish a Young Men's Christian Association. A disputation from Hamilton will assist in organizing it.

It is believed in Ottawa that the Dominion Parliament will be summoned for the dispatch of business about the first of April. It is said of necessity must be the first of April.

On Sabbath last the Rev. R. P. Burns, D.D., of Montreal, preached his last sermon in Cook's Church, Toronto, in which the sermon was specially of a missionary character.

The St. Catharines brought out quite a number of immigrants, about 100, on a steamer in Montreal, but only about five returned to this city, the remainder went westward.

The work of doing the revenue in the city of Montreal was continued on Monday last. The people were noticed in the different churches to contribute to the assistance in their power.

The return from the Audit Office shows the Government circulation of Provincial, Dominion and fractional notes to be \$11,467,000. The currency has amounted \$7,200,000, the specie \$4,267,000.

The prospect is raised of the Montreal and St. Jerome Colonization Railway Company. Capital \$200,000, of which \$100,000 has been subscribed. This line will go over the ground of the Northern Colonization Railway scheme.

The statement of the Post-office Savings Bank account for the last month shows a deposit of \$28,000. The amount in the hands of the Receiver-General on the 31st Dec. was \$2,831,602.

Two railway schemes are agitating the people of the county of Waterloo. One of these is a proposed branch of the Grand Trunk Railway from Berlin to Waterloo, and the other the extension of the Berlin and North Branch to the town of Galt.

The two Presbyterian congregations of Elora are about erecting two new churches, each costing between \$9,000 to \$13,000. The Oberlin says it has been suggested that the two congregations erect one fine building costing from \$19,000 to \$23,000.

During the past week, a grain merchant purchased some 10,000 bushels of wheat in Port Perry at a price ranging from \$1.20 to \$1.60. The want of money for carrying or shipping facilities, however, prevents Port Perry becoming a good grain market.

The total estimated expenses of the Government for 1872 is \$2,000,000, and the expenditure \$2,500,000, which will leave a surplus for the ensuing year of \$1,500,000. The principal items of interest are the \$500,000 loan issued in the Scott's loan case, and \$800,000, to be used for immigration purposes.

The Peihoa Advertiser mentions, as an instance of the liberality of the Government, that during the month of May, W. McLean, agent for England, Canada, and the United States, the firm of J. C. McLean, supplied the city of London with 10,000 barrels of ards oil and fifty car loads, or 10,000 barrels of ards oil.

The superior financial condition of Ontario is evidently owing to its municipal corporations whereby a large part of the expenditure on Common Schools and Administration of Justice, and the waste of money on the part of the municipalities, with local roads and bridges, is raised by direct taxation, leaving the funds of the Local Administration free to be applied in some other way.

Three surveying parties on the Pacific Railway arrived in Montreal on the 8th instant. One party explored the country about seventy miles east of Lake Superior, and the other two parties explored the country about Lake Superior, and the other two parties explored the country about Lake Superior.

At the Mayor's dinner at Kingston, on the 8th inst., Dr. John A. Macdonald made some interesting statements relating to the Dominion. The credit of the country, which before Confederation was a mere collection of isolated Mother Country, stands now at a premium. The surplus in the Treasury was now \$5,000,000, which he said was as good as a gold mine as possible for purposes which would be beneficial to the Dominion.

## UNITED STATES.

The New York Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, during the year 1871, obtained 457 convictions under the cruelty to Animals Act.

A cable dispatch from London to the Tribune says: "Earl Granville's despatch contains no threat to withdraw from the arbitration, and makes neither demand nor proposal to amend the arbitration, as a temporary and subsidiary language to the assuming that England adheres to the Treaty."

A delegation from the Western Retail Lumbermen's Association, of Kansas City, has appeared at the Capital with a petition requesting the removal of the lumber tax from the State of Kansas. The petition is signed by the owners of the lumber, and is supported by the lumbermen of the State.

A clerk in Boston Post Office is said to be a defaulter to the amount of \$40,000. His name is Marshall P. Lora, aged 20, unmarried, and has been employed nearly three years in the mailing department. He is said to be a defaulter to the amount of \$40,000.

The Japanese Embassy are enjoying themselves at Salt Lake City. Members of the embassy are seen here and there, carefully inspecting everything they see, and are generally seeking knowledge everywhere. They are very polite and pleasing in their manners, and make excellent subjects for conversation. They are very polite and pleasing in their manners, and make excellent subjects for conversation.

## Ecclesiastical.

## PARIS PRESBYTERY—REMOVAL OF CALL TO REV. JOHN McTAVISH.

A special meeting of this Presbytery was held on Tuesday the 9th Feb. It was agreed to grant the Rev. John McTavish, of Woodstock, asking that a call be suspended for a minister at an early date. Tuesday the 20th was appointed, the Rev. Mr. Auld, of Bath, to preach and preside. We understand that the congregation intend to renew their call to the Rev. John McTavish, of Woodville.

In this connection the Woodstock Free Press says: The stipend offered is \$1,200 and a free house. It was agreed at a congregational meeting that each former belonging to the congregation should be allowed a vote of one vote in the election of the call.

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of \$1,557.50 was expended last year in repairing and beautifying the church. The debt on the church is now \$381.82, to pay off of which the trustees submitted a scheme which was unanimously adopted. The trustees propose to pay the debt of the debt themselves, the balance to be raised by a collection on the 1st of March in March. The total receipts of the church, since last year, were \$2,763.61, total disbursements, \$2,556.02. The balance in hand of the treasurer amounting to \$200.00.

## PRESENTATIONS.

A few of the members of the Palladium church, met at the house, on the evening of the 21st January, and presented their pastor, Rev. Robert Hamilton, with a address and a purse containing \$100, as a token of their hearty appreciation of his services amongst them.

A presentation has lately been made by the members of a Presbyterian church of Hamilton to their pastor, the Rev. D. Gordon, in the shape of a valuable horse. This expression of the church is more creditable to all concerned in it than it is to the church, as it is sometimes the case, a sort of argument to obtain what is paid during the half year's salary having been a few days before, promptly paid in advance.

At the annual meeting of the Congregation of Chalmers' Church, Glasgow, held on Thursday afternoon last, and before the ordinary business of the meeting was entered on, the Rev. Mr. Wardrop was made the recipient of a very handsome pulpit gown. The gift was accompanied by a very feeling and affectionate address on the part of the lady members and adherents of the congregation, and to which the rev. gentleman replied in a most befitting manner. D. Strick, Esq., M.P., made the presentation on behalf of the lay donors. We also learn that Mrs. George Hadden has, likewise, with a most commendable liberality, presented the church with splendid pulpit Bible and Psalm Book, and some generous women have been further contributed to the adornment of the church pulpit by the presentation of a new, the ornamental and metal.

## MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

Brakins Church, Ingersoll, is about to erect a brick church at a cost of \$6,000.

The congregation of Stratford is erecting a brick church which will cost \$20,000.

The Rev. Mr. Traver, late of Dorlin, was presented by his congregation in Brockville with \$148.

The congregation of Knox Church, Scarborough, are about to build a new brick church at a cost of about \$7,000.

The two Presbyterian congregations of Elora are about erecting two new churches, each costing between \$9,000 and \$13,000.

The Rev. Wm. Goshen, M.A., of Bradford, has been lecturing with much acceptance at Toronto, Peterborough, Whitby and Stroudville.

The congregations of Doon and Hespeler, have extended a hearty and unanimous call to Mr. Peter Scott, Probationer, to be their minister.

"The congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Montreal, are greatly excited over recent changes in the mode of conducting worship." So says an exchange.

The Presbyterians of Lakeland and North Smith advertise for tender for the erection of a Manse in connection with their Church. They are acting wisely in thus providing a suitable dwelling for their Minister.

Rev. Dr. Waters, Minister of the Presbyterian Church, St. Marys, has been increased to \$1,300 per annum. This is a proper acknowledgment of his services in the past.

Rev. Walter Wright, of Muskoka, has applied for re-admission into the C. P. Church. His connection with the Canada Congregational Missionary Society ceased at the end of December. So says the Independent.

The Rev. Dr. Wright, Inspector of Schools delivered his annual address on Education in the Town Hall, St. Marys, last Wednesday night. The Hall was well filled with children, parents, and those interested in educational matters. The lecture was concise, practical, and to the point.

The Rev. J. P. Dickie having accepted the call given him by the congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Berlin, the Presbytery of Guelph will meet there on Tuesday the 20th instant, at 7 o'clock in the evening. The Rev. Mr. Wardrop will preach and preside, the Rev. Mr. Smith will address the minister, and the Rev. M. Smellie the people.

The Rev. Thomas Alexander, Presbyterian of Perry, having retired from the active work of the Ministry, was on leaving the scene of his labours, presented with a purse of \$200 accompanied by very affectionate addresses from the members of his church and Bible class, and another from the general community. Mr. Alexander came to Canada so long ago as 1851, and with the exception of ten years which he spent in Scotland, has been in this country ever since. We understand, says the Globe, he proposes to spend the remainder of his days in Toronto, without the fatigue of a regular church.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1871 OF THE SABBATH SCHOOL OF THE FIRST CANADIAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, BRAMPTON.

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## ATTENDANCE.

The total number on the annual roll for 1871 is 75—Girls, 42; boys, 37. Compared with 1870, there are 11 girls more and 8 boys less. Total increase 3.

Removed from the neighbourhood, 6 girls and 2 boys. Ceased to attend, 4 girls and 8 boys. Gave to other schools, 4 girls and 1 boy. Total withdrawn, 28.

The school was open on 84½ one Sabbath during the year.

To number on the roll each quarter is as follows:—

Girls..... 97 88 69 57  
Boys..... 17 25 30 19  
Total..... 114 113 99 76  
Compared with 1870, 43 53 53 54

for the 31 Sabbath to girls, 96; boys, 14; total, 110, being an increase in number of girls 21, and a decrease of 4 in number of boys, showing a total increase of 17 for the year.

LESSONS ARE ACQUIRED.

The Edinburgh Scheme of Lessons is used, and a supply have been procured for the year 1872. Notes on the same are supplied to the teachers quarterly.

The Shorter Catechism and Catechism for Infants are supplied from time to time to the scholars, who are urged to be careful of them, and it is hoped that parents will aid in seeing that their children learn and preserve them.

Twenty-two copies of the S. S. Union, published semi-monthly, are taken and paid for till the first of July next, these are distributed as near as possible, one copy for each family.

The want of a Presbyterian Repository in Canada for the supply of Sabbath School requisites and books is a source of great inconvenience, causing us to depend on other lands and other discommodious for every useful requisite.

PRIZES.

To induce regular attendance, prizes were offered to all who would be present every Sabbath during a quarter, and whose conduct was commendable; and at the close of the year the list stands thus:—

Present every day..... Girls 8 Boys 2  
" 40 days..... 3 0  
" 40 "..... 1 0  
" 48 "..... 0 2  
" 46 "..... 1 1  
" 45 "..... 1 1  
" 44 "..... 2 0  
" 43 "..... 0 1  
" 42 "..... 1 0  
" 41 "..... 3 0  
" 40 "..... 1 0  
under 40 to 13 years..... 10 7

—Total 46. TEACHERS.

During the year we have had the kind assistance of a more regular staff of teachers—7 men and 4 women; total 11. The average attendance of the men is over 8, and that of women 8.

In the absence of teachers for the regular classes, we have had to extemporize from visitors and the older pupils—no less than 38. One of these has assumed the regular charge of a class. The present staff consists of Misses Robb, Whitehead, Jane Pringle, Catherine McTavish, Misses W. N. Hoyle, William Kirkwood, Andrew Johnston, Andrew Redlich, John Robertson, Thomas Walker, and Dr. C. Y. Moore, temporarily absent.

VISITATIONS.

Ministers 2, Superintendents 2, Elder 1, Barrister 1, Doctor 1, Students 2, others 26; total 37.

For want of funds, no new books have been added to the library since 1868, consequently the number of exchange is only 407. For the sake of comparison we refer to preceding years, viz: 307, 670, and 1,114.

FINANCIAL.

Receipts—Jan. 1871.—Balance on hand, \$5 00  
Contributed by scholars for min-  
istry, boys \$2.57, girls \$6.57. 7 84  
Friend..... 0 25  
From congregation..... 12 81  
Total..... \$24 40

Payments.—Paid for requisites and sundries..... \$15 40  
To be voted for missions (and subsequently paid to Manitoba and Saskatchewan, each \$100)..... 8 00  
Total..... \$24 40

The prices for distribution on the present occasion have been procured on the credit of the Session, by Mr. Wm. C. Moore, who has realized \$200, while the expenses were \$207.25—less 100.

The Session should provide means to procure an addition to the library and other needed requisites.

CONCLUSION.

From these statistics, the teachers hope to submit a grateful sympathy on the part of parents and others in the congregation. They would also solicit frequent visits from parents and guardians. Their presence has a beneficial influence on the deportment of the children, which is often very improper and trying to the teachers; and we would affectionately urge upon parents and guardians to see that their children "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy," and that they also join with the congregation in the religious exercises of the Sabbath School.

May God grant to us all a deeper interest in this work, and abundantly bless the Sabbath School as the nursery of the Church, and may it be a year of increased spiritual interest among the scholars as well as the teachers.

W. H. ROBERTS,  
Superintendent.

January 9, 1872.