

conclusion is, that Britain is now doing justice, in every way possible, to Ireland, and that the Irish should not continue their spirit of rebellion.—The Rev. George McDonald, D. D., of London, has been lecturing to crowded houses in Boston, on "Robert Burns," and other subjects. The Bostonians are delighted with him, and appreciate fully his great ability.

There has been a crisis in the money market in St. John, N. B., which has caused a number of failures, besides pinching some of the wealthiest and most influential men in the city. The Bank of New Brunswick, which does the largest banking business in the province, had been compelled to refuse discounting new paper. The other Banks increased the rate of per cent, so high that those who were compelled to negotiate money with them complained very much. Such were the circumstances which caused many to fail. It is to be hoped that the pressure may be soon removed; otherwise there must still be a large number of failures during the winter. It is said that money in the city has not been so tight since 1841. At such times strange revelations are made. There is one gentleman in the city who was allowed to draw from his own bonded warehouse, at his option, what he wished, on the understanding that his custom-house duties should be paid up at the end of every month. This was a privilege enjoyed by himself alone. Such was the confidence which the custom-house authorities had in his honour and his wealth. When he failed, it was found that he owed over \$30,000 for duties which he was unable to pay. For a few days there was great excitement among the merchants at such a piece of favouritism.

There has been much discussion in the Law Courts over the School Bill which has become law in New Brunswick, and which has been nearly a year in force. Those opposed to the measure for a time used every endeavour to prevent it coming into force. Now they are resorting to every quibble to avoid paying the necessary taxes for their support. The Law Courts have not as yet decided on the constitutional question, but it is generally supposed that it will be favourable to the advocates of the new system. They have found, however, without entering on the constitutional question, that in some instances the taxes have not been levied according to law, and in such cases parties cannot be compelled to pay. The difficulty in such circumstances is that the Trustees require money now to pay their teachers, and the running expenses of the schools for the past year. It is expected that the Government, on the meeting of the House of Assembly, will introduce a

bill rendering it compulsory for all to pay their taxes, notwithstanding any unintentional irregularity which may have occurred. This would only be justice to those who have already paid.

Almost every city and town and village in Canada has been visited by an epidemic among horses, which has caused much inconvenience and annoyance to business communities. Lately, it has extended into the Maritime Provinces and the United States. In New York, Boston, Bangor and St. John, for days comparatively few horses were to be found on the streets. When care is taken, it seldom proves fatal. It is feared that every horse on the Continent will be affected with it, so infectious does it seem to be.

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Intelligence.

Old Calabar.

Last April, the first native convert in this Mission field was ordained as a preacher of the Gospel. His scholastic training is not so thorough as that received here; yet he commands the respect of all, and bids fair to be a valuable acquisition to the missionaries located in Old Calabar.

Japan.

A Christian church has been formed at Yokohama, consisting of nine young men professing Christianity. Two others joined the number afterwards: and, so far, all are unmolested by the Government. The actual existence of a Christian church in this long benighted land furnishes reason for great thankfulness to God.

Prome, India.

Several of the Burman disciples in this locality are conscientiously devoting one-tenth of their income to the Lord, and their example is inciting others to do the same. Additions to the church have been considerable, and there are cheering evidences that the truth is taking hold of the minds of the people.

Constantinople.

Three young Jews in Constantinople have lately been baptized. They re-