

TELEGRAPH NEWS.

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.
The report of a great battle on the left bank of the Seine is confirmed. The battle was fierce and lasted several hours; but as far as can be ascertained no decided results were gained.
The loss of the Prussians very heavy.
The French troops showed remarkable spirit and daring.
The bombardment of the southern forts of Paris commenced at 9 o'clock on Thursday morning.
Gold 110 1/2.

LONDON, Jan. 6.
The British Government has ordered 80,000 Royal rifles, and Russia has ordered the recruiting of 1,000,000 reserves.
Truth accuses the garrison of Avron with contemptible cowardice.
At the request of Bismarck Austria will accredit a representative to Versailles.
The Treaty between Mexico and Italy has been signed by latter power.

LONDON, Jan. 8th.
Austria is reported to be very much disaffected with the proposed to be submitted by England at the coming Conference.
The Russian Government has occurred the Sublime Porte of its fidelity to the Treaty of 1856.
Bismarck expressed reluctance to accept Gravel's demand of violation of neutrality.
The released Frigate left for New York by the Cuba from Liverpool on Saturday.
Troops have issued another proclamation to reassure the Parisians that Bourbaki is marching on Nancy and Belfort.
Letters from Paris indicate danger of a riot.
French approximate losses at Bapaume at 9,000 Germans, and 4,000 French.
The Germans evacuated Bapaume on Friday.
The German forces beyond Verdun met two French corps on Friday, which sides claim a victory. The Prussian losses were heavy.
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management the French are. Gen. Malroy and Blaise occupied the Maison 14 miles at Neuilly. But the night before the Prussians had concealed themselves in the cellar; the French neglected to make any search, although they knew the Prussians were near. Whilst Blaise and some other officers were standing before the fire, they heard a Prussian bugle call, then a volley was fired, and Blaise fell wounded. Blaise lay where he fell all night his blood freezing his body to the ground. Of course he could not recover after that. At this happened within a short distance of 10,000 French soldiers.

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SAINT ANDREWS, JAN. 11, 1871.
Municipal Incorporation.

The following Resolution was unanimously adopted at the Parish Meeting held on the 31st instant, in the Parish of Andover, Victoria Co. We have heard similar opinions expressed on several occasions in this County, with reference to the adoption of Municipal Incorporation as being in advance of the present system. Some years ago a vote was taken on the question, but the measure was rejected by a small majority, arising from the apathy of those in favor of the measure, not attending the public meeting held in the Court House for the purpose in June 1854. The Petitions to the late Sheriff Jones, to call a meeting, were numerous signed by the tax payers in the various Parishes of the County; but the opponents mastered their forces and attended; their leaders used every artifice to defeat the movement, and they succeeded. Whether time and experience has wrought a change in the minds of the people that they would adopt this popular mode of managing County affairs, can only be known by a test vote. The following is the Andover Resolution:

"Whereas, the manner in which the County business has been transacted, and the County funds expended, for several years past is very unsatisfactory to the people of its Parish, and whereas we believe the only remedy for all such evils is by Municipal Incorporation. Therefore resolved that we, the rate-payers of the Parish of Andover, now commence to take the legal steps to get the County incorporated."

THOMAS R. CAMERON,
Parish Clerk.

Andover, Jan. 3, 1871.

THE CROWN LANDS.—Complaints are made in several of the Counties where lumbering is carried on, of trespassers cutting and hauling logs without permits from the Crown Land Office. This is an old story, and in no part of the Province has it prevailed to a greater extent than in Charlotte County. The remedy (if not too late to adopt it) lies in the power of the Government; let the Seizing Officer be paid an annual salary to look after the Government Domain; and above all, they should be selected from men who are independent of and unconnected politically or otherwise with the lumberers. In some instances, the Seizing officers, who are also Deputy Surveyors, are in the employment of the lumber merchants, as clerks, or surveyors of lumber. It is probable that such men will quarrel with their own "breed and butter." Will they not wink at trespassing, and perhaps after surveying lots, report to their employers tracts of good timbered lands for purchase, or if their master is not particular, for the purpose of cutting without license.

True, the Regulations impose a penalty of \$1 per thousand for logs, and rates on other lumber cut without license, the Seizing Officer receiving one quarter for seizing. The performance of the duty however, is more "honored in the breach than in the observance." And even when the officer performs his duty, the guilty party, who, perhaps, a member of the Government, and would work the business in such a way as to get clear; it might be some political friend of his, whose interest would be useful at election times and the seizure must be got rid of by the small payment which the seizing officer was entitled to.

Unless the officers are furnished with maps of the lands in the different Counties which are granted or leased for the purpose of lumbering, it would be impossible for them to know who were trespassers.

All the valuable Crown Lands have been bought by speculators; and we only utter an oft repeated truth, when we say that there has been gross mismanagement in the disposal of the public domain both by the labor Act and in granting licenses.

EDUCATIONAL.—The Governor of the State of Maine has Annual Address to the Legislature, saying:

"There is one thing above another that commands our institutions to the approval of the civilized world, it is our common school system by which the means of education are brought within the reach of the people. Its creation was the crowning act of the wise men who laid its foundations; and our surest guarantee of national progress, and a pledge of the increasing grandeur of our republican form of government."

We are paying about three-fourths of a million dollars annually to support our common schools, which is about eight dollars per scholar, counting the average attendance. This sum is generously and wisely paid by the taxpayer of the State, who ought to demand, as they have a right to expect, that the large sum be honestly and wisely appropriated.

Our Normal Schools, Teachers' Institutes, etc., are well managed, and have improved innumerable teachers, and produced good results. We are actually beginning to realize the benefits of

our Normal Schools in the general efficiency of the teachers who have enjoyed the advantages of these institutions. Not that the graduates of the Normal Schools are always the best teachers, for no system of education or training can make a good teacher of unfit material. Only assert, what all experience proves, that other things being equal, the teacher who has had special training for the duties of his profession, will be more likely to succeed than one who has had no such advantages.

I commend this important interest with the report of the State Superintendent to your careful consideration.

St. Andrews Steamboat Wharf Company.
The annual meeting of this Company was held last evening, 10th inst., in Russell's Hall. The President, J. W. Street, Esq., in the Chair. The meeting was largely attended and the proceedings were as harmonious as they were interesting to the Stockholders, and indeed we may say to the public.

The Report of the Directors was read, and upon a vote, unanimously adopted. The election of Directors by ballot then took place, and the Stockholders appeared to be of one mind, for the former Directors were re-elected—a proof that their management was satisfactory.

Mrs. J. W. Street, H. Osburn, W. Whitlock, Robert Ross, Thos. Hipwell, J. S. Magee and H. O'Neill.

From the very satisfactory Report we learn that the total expenditure for the past year was \$339.86 earnings of the Wharf do 831.00, which paid off the existing debt against the wharf, showing that the Stockholders own the property upon which there is no liability. It is proposed to erect a large Freight Shed during the coming season, in which the cars may be loaded and where passengers can remain for the Railway and Steamers. We regret that the limited space at our service to-day prevents us giving as full a report of the proceedings as we desire. There is no doubt, that the Wharf will be a remunerative investment to the stockholders.

After the business was concluded, a conversation took place with reference to a new and large Hotel. There appeared so much unanimity upon the subject, that a committee was formed to ascertain the minds of the people upon the subject.

LECTURES.—We learn that the first of the course of Winter lectures will be delivered in Russell's Hall on Wednesday evening next, by the Rev. C. B. Pritchard; and that John Boyd, Esq., Rev. Mr. McKewen and other gentlemen have kindly promised to deliver lectures during the season.

RATHER COLD.—The thermometer at Fredericton last night at 30° below zero in that City on Thursday morning at 7. Hudson too shows in minus cold, on Friday last the mercury indicated 2° below zero. The ice bridge across the St. Croix is rather extensive, from St. Stephen to near the Lodge the river is reported to be frozen so that travellers pass along with their teams.

ARRIVAL.—Mr. Charles Bradley, son of Chas. Bradley, Esq., who left here upwards of thirteen years ago for England, arrived this morning, on a visit to his family. Mr. Bradley's robust appearance indicates that a West India climate agrees with him. His numerous friends will give him a hearty greeting.

THE "WEEKLY TELEGRAPH," published at Fredericton, (see Prospectus in our column) is one of the largest and cheapest papers in the Dominion. It issues 24,000 copies every week, and the Daily issue amounts to 27,700 copies. The Weekly contains spirited editorials, the latest news from all parts of the world, and one or two interesting tales. Only \$1 a year.

SUMMARY.
DENTAL.—Dr. Griffith is in town, and has his Office at Clark's Hotel, where he will remain for two weeks to practice his profession.

We are sorry to notice that the Woodstock Railway is in difficulties. The road is only kept open on sufferance. It is to be hoped matters will be arranged, and that the road will have ample travel and traffic.

The "Home Journal" of New York has been increased nearly seven columns in size, and has a new dress of type. It is the reflex of the upper classes of the City.

Mr. Gregory was re-elected Mayor of Fredericton on Monday last. The vote stood, Gregory 316, Dow 274.

The St. John Circuit Court was opened yesterday, Judge Fisher presiding. His Honor congratulated the County on the absence of crime.

OUTSIDE PAGES.—Several interesting articles, tales, poetry, &c.

A Blind girl in the Edinburgh Blind Asylum has worked a beautiful shawl for the Princess Louise in view of her approaching marriage. The gift has been graciously accepted.

Eugenie gave a reception on New Year's Day to the French exiles. Among the guests were the Duke of Persigny, Marquis de La Valette, Rouher and many other distinguished men of the Empire.

Significant interchanges of courtesies are continual between Berlin and Wilhelmshofe. The Emperor is confident of his restoration. The spirits of the Empress are depressed. She spends most of her time in weeping and praying for the return of peace.

The Elections in British Columbia, have resulted in favor of union with Canada; the information of this fact is furnished from official sources.

EDUCATIONAL.—The Dominion One Dollar Notes, changed to Fives, are reported in circulation. It will be well for traders to take the book out, as they may be deceived.

Correspondence.
To the Editor of the Standard.

Sir:—It seems to have become too much the fashion of late to abuse poor old St. Andrews and cry up the Western States, by which we have lost a great deal of our home and shore, but there is one thing St. A. has always been famed for, that is paying her clergy well, altho' there may have been a little delay in "shelling out" lately, still I hope our citizens by zeal and attention to their callings will endeavor to keep the lead (if only by a neck) of our Western friends. My cousin, a Clergyman out West, writes me lately, "all received for my salary last year was a Carriage, a Keg of Vanilla and two dozen Clothes Pins. Whenever my children cry with hunger I give them with a clothes pin, when cold I scratch their little stomachs with the carnegies and lay on a good coat of vanilla, this has the desired effect. So you see we get along pretty comfortably out here."

From the foregoing extract Mr. Editor, you will perceive that we still do keep a little ahead of our Western friends.

AN OLD INHABITANT.
For the Standard.

Mr. Editor:—This would seem to be a good time to notice the "Hotel Question." The Provincial Parliament will meet soon, and an act to incorporate a company could be obtained were some influential men to take hold of the matter. Call a meeting, circulate a petition, or in some way get the minds of the people on the subject. I do not see any reason why St. Andrews cannot be made a summer resort. Nature has done everything for us. Now it requires only a little effort on the part of our influential men, to make it one of the smartest little towns in the Province.

Now that there is a prospect of the River du Loup Railway being built, a first class Hotel would probably be another inducement to have St. Andrews the terminus. Last year the movement was begun too late to get an act passed by the Legislature, let us not let this season pass without making a movement in the right direction. If St. Andrews intends to be anything, now is the time to take hold, and the result will be of great benefit to the town.

A FRIEND TO PROGRESS.
For the Standard.

Mr. Editor:—It is customary when articles are sent to Newspapers for insertion with money order for copies of same, for Editor's to refuse publishing article and keep the order; if such is the case, I am satisfied, if not, then it is too late in the day to try this with

A late London paper states that Sir Stafford Northcote, speaking recently of Canada, said that there was now in Upper Canada a very strong feeling against annexation with the United States. He believed no other part of our empire was of greater value to England. He had no doubt he should see the completion of the great railway system, and it would be then most important that ocean communication should be made to get it. As a home for English emigrants, Canada was valuable, but the countries off to the south and east, English feeling greatly prevailed in Canada.

John Richard E. M. P. and Jas. Tibbitts, Esq., M. P. P., left this morning for Grand Falls in order to meet the S. S. of Victoria on matters relative to the granting of aid to the N. B. R. railway.

The "Reporter" contradicts the report that Geo. L. Hildway, Esq. will be a candidate for the Speakership at the coming Session.

The schr. "Lily," which was seized some time ago for being engaged in smuggling, has been released by the Customs authorities, the owner, Capt. Wells, having paid a fine of \$400. The cargo, consisting of flour, oil, etc., has been confiscated, and will be sold.

The case of the schr. "Romp" has at length been concluded. The Court of Vice Admiralty sat this morning, and declared the vessel condemned for infraction of the fishery laws, and she will therefore be sold for the benefit of the Dominion. The owners did not put in an appearance at all. The "Romp" was seized Nov. 8th, in Back Bay, Charlotte Co., and was owned by Asa Buckham, of Eastport.

The case of the "White Fawn," the Gloucester schooner, seized on the same charge, has not yet come to the notice of the Court.

A despatch from St. John's N. F., of the 31st states that "Robert Lane," which arrived there on Friday, short of coal and provisions, would leave on the 3rd to continue to watch for favorable weather to grapple the broken cable.

PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK.
Regimental Division of Charlottetown, No. 13 Company Division.

To be Captain.
Thomas M. Spear, Esq., vice James Campbell, 1st lieutenant.

By Command of His Excellency the Governor General.
P. ROBERTSON ROSS, Colonel, Adjutant Gen. of Militia Canada.

YARMOUTH SHIPPING.—The Yarmouth "Herald" publishes the annual report of the shipping of Yarmouth for the past year. During the year there were lost 14 vessels, of 2,505 tons; sold, 9 vessels, of 2,052 tons; condemned, 1 vessel, of 710 tons. At the end of the year, notwithstanding the losses and transfers, Yarmouth owns 4 vessels of an aggregate of 8,521 tons, more than it did at the close of 1869.

WOODSTOCK AND RIVIERE DU LOUP RAILWAY.—Mr. Julius L. Inches, the Secretary of the Company organized to build the road, gives public notice in the Woodstock paper that application will be made to the Dominion Parliament for authority to build road bridges across the St. John River at Fredericton, Woodstock and Grand Falls. If this advertisement means anything, it is that the Company intend to run their railroad through every town from Fredericton to Riviere du Loup, no matter what the cost.

The Pall Mall Gazette publishes the trade statistics of October, 1869, and October, 1870, to show the falling off of French Commerce in consequence of the war. The export of

some of the articles mentioned had fallen off by 1st October that the trade in them appears to be on the point of utter extinction.

The oldest printer in Montreal, died last week. Mr. R. H. Campbell was his name, he was sixty-seven years old. He was formerly publisher of the Pilot in that city.

Lord Napier, who commanded the Abyssinian expedition, is about to succeed H. R. H. the Duke of Cambridge as Commander in Chief of the British army. It is for the first time that an engineer officer has attained any very high distinction, although the Engineers are the best educated and the finest theoretical and practical tacticians in the entire army.

Mr. Joseph Bell, son of late Hon. Hugh Bell, has been appointed Sheriff of Halifax. It is intended to give Jules Faure a public reception and dinner on his arrival in London to represent France in the European Congress.

In England a season ticket holder on a railroad found the advertised train not going to start, in consequence of the foreman having neglected to keep up steam, and ordered a special train, at a cost of about forty pounds and then brought an action for the recovery of the money and ten pounds additional for his own loss of two hours' time. The judge expressed himself "astounded" that the company had resisted such a claim, and the jury gave the plaintiff a verdict for all he asked.

The debt of the City of Fredericton is stated to be upwards of \$75,000, or \$15 per head of the population.

The total quantity of sawn lumber exported from Ottawa from the last July to the close of navigation was one hundred and ten millions of feet, of which eighty-seven millions were shipped to the United States, and twenty-three millions to Montreal, Quebec, and elsewhere.

Railroads of the Province are becoming popular. Wells has one in which the rails are but two and a half feet apart, and Canada boats of one in which they are distant from each other three and a half feet. The advantages of such railways are that they are cheaper than those of wide gauge, cars may be made sharper and more frequently, and without so much loss of motive power by the engine.

Mrs. Kate Glover, a Chicago mechanic's daughter, who has a wonderful contralto voice had been engaged by Strakosck for his concert troupe.

Fanny F. Brant assures her readers that Charlotte Bronte made good bread and did household work without impairing her intellect as an example that ought to be followed.

Mrs. Myra Bradwell, the female lawyer of Chicago, says she will not be in divorcing till God divorces, and consequently will not consent to act in a divorce case.

A Boston woman advertises for a husband, and says, among her other requirements, that she cannot do without a man strong enough for dinner and a man strong enough for breakfast.

In Alabama, a man has invented an iron horse which works by steam. It has four legs, and walks with them. It can be made to travel, and so much as plowing, digging, &c. at 100 to 150 miles per hour.

A Quaker Indian agent who was recently visited by the Cherokees, Choctaws, and other tribes, gives it as his opinion, that the Indian females can be elevated, and adds that "hoop skirts are more useful to a family than a wash tub."

A Chicago boy, being asked if he had a mother, said he didn't know, as he hadn't been home since morning, and when he left his father and mother were quarrelling, with the odds in favor of his father, as he had the hatchet in his hand.

A meeting to be organized in New York for the purpose of expressing in Italy the true sentiments of the American people on the change of Cardinals from Rome.

A bird clock is exhibited at Harford Conn., which is surrounded by a vine in which humming birds flutter, and goes from branch to branch. Another bird drinks from a spring and the water from a miniature fall is constantly moving. A musical box is attached, and plays p. lular airs.

Austria will arrest and detain all French prisoners who escape to her territory.

A CURIOSITY OF THE WAR.—A correspondent sends from Paris the most extraordinary thing in the way of a newspaper ever seen. He had cut out all the news columns of the Paris Journal of November had pasted them together, and then photographed them, reducing which filled several columns of print of a space scarcely more than an inch and a half square. This he then forwarded by balloon mail; and although to the unaided eye, its contents were undecipherable, by the aid of a very powerful magnifying glass and a strong light it could be read. When translated into English it made several columns of closely printed matter.

DIED.
At Green Bank, Northampton, Dec. 26th, Jas. Rankin, Esq., aged 84.

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