

# AMHERST GAZETTE.

CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY.

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Full Moon, 1st d. 7h. 21m. a. m.  
Last Quarter, 9th d. 0h. 14m. p. m.  
New Moon, 16th d. 3h. 1m. p. m.  
First Quarter, 23rd d. 0h. 31m. a. m.

## Amherst Gazette.

AMHERST, N. S., FEB. 27, 1874.

### Canada Census Statistics.

We are in receipt of the second volume of statistics of the census of 1871, which refers to ages of the people; these unable to read; and occupations; ages and sexes of the dead, causes of death; number of churches, educational establishments, &c.

### AGES.

This table suggests the fact that Canada is very favorable to longevity, and that of all the provinces Nova Scotia is by far the most conducive to extreme old age. We find these numbers attained the age of 101 or more:

Ontario	67, or 1 in 24,000 of population
Quebec	27, or 1 in 32,000
Br. New Brunswick	10, or 1 in 28,000
Nova Scotia	27, or 1 in 14,000

Ours is the banner province for old women, which may probably be taken as an evidence of that advanced civilization which accords to the gentler sex its proper sphere, while among some of the lower classes elsewhere burdens are imposed upon it which only properly belong to the stronger sex. In all the other provinces the number of males above 81 considerably exceeds that of the other sex, while in Nova Scotia the reverse is the case. The number of females from 91 to 101, in this province, exceeded that of males by 29 per cent. In Cumberland 4 males and 6 females are returned as from 91 to 101 years old.

### AGES OF THE MARRIED.

We are glad to find that in this province there was only one person in 1870 so silly as to marry while yet under 16 years of age, whereas in Ontario 43 were reported, in Quebec 47, and in N. Br. New Brunswick 3. Throughout the Dominion, however, both sexes go to the opposite extreme, as the popular age for marrying is shown to be about 40. This develops two important facts: 1st, that our people deliberate well before entering upon such important responsibilities; 2nd, that those who imagine their chances for continued bachelorhood or maidenhood good at 40, instead of settling down to despair, should know that they are just on the border of the Elysian fields. Those who would obtain a wife old age, however, must marry; for of the 73 males in the Dominion who attained the age of 101, 64 had been bachelors, while among the 68 females, 97 had been married.

### Ontario.

The public accounts of this province for 1873 were brought down a few days ago. They show the expenditure to have been \$2,460,212, against \$1,847,956 in 1872, or an increase of \$612,256. The sum expended is represented by the six following items: Colonization Roads, \$70,150; Public Works and Buildings, \$287,624; Immigration, \$101,428; Education, \$41,703; Municipalities Fund (a matter of account only) \$43,062; Crown Lands, \$9,778.

The other side of the account shows a revenue amounting to \$3,314,565, exceeding the expenditure by no less than \$854,304. Of this, the larger amounts are: From Woods and Forests, \$343,357; Interest on Investments, \$258,040; C. Land Sales, \$159,065; Law Stamps, \$95,249.

An address to the Governor-General has been moved in the Ontario House by Dr. Clarke (Northfolk), in favor of powers being granted to the several Provincial Legislatures to enable them to make laws suppressing, wholly or in part, the traffic in intoxicating liquors which passed unanimously.

QUICK PASSAGE.—We doubt if there ever was a quicker passage made than St. John to Greenwood by a sailing vessel with full cargo than that of the barque *Oseo*, which made it, from her wharf in St. John, within eighteen days, having arrived at Greenwood on the 31st ult. We are glad to be able to say, not only that the builder, Mr. O'Brien, and the master, Captain Fulton, are Nova Scotians, but that the vessel was built and is principally owned in this country.

March 26th has now been fixed as the date for the meeting of the Dominion Parliament.

A large day's work was lately done at the Spring Hill Mines, when 242 tons of coal were raised.

### N. B. Legislature.

On the bill which has been before the House for several years, to incorporate the Loyal Orange Association of the province, a motion for postponement was lost, 15 to 20, four being absent, and the bill was agreed to.

Mr. Napier called the attention of the House to a statement in the *Religious Intelligencer* that a member was drunk on the floor of the House. On the appearance of the editor of that paper in the House, afterwards, Mr. N. "new strangers in the gallery" and the House was cleared. It remains to be seen whether Mr. N. will derive satisfactory results from thus playing with edge tools.

Mr. McQueen introduced a bill to provide for a stipendiary magistrate and clerk in the county of Kentville.

At the conclusion of a long discussion on Lindsay's bill to increase the jurisdiction of justices from \$20 to \$40, it got the three months' rest by a vote of 20 to 16, the lawyers voting in a body against it.

### Amherst Skating Rink Co.

A meeting of the stockholders was held on Thursday evening of last week when it was resolved that the name of the company be as above, that it obtain an act of incorporation and proceed at once to erect a circular rink of 120 p diameter on a site to be hereafter decided on. The following were elected provisional Directors: Senator Dickie, Dr. N. Tupper, W. D. Main, J. T. Smith, and J. A. Black, Esq.'s; F. W. Bent, Esq., provisional Secy and Treas. The following were appointed a committee to invite tenders: Messrs. C. J. Townshend, F. W. Bent, D. R. McNeill, John R. Lamy, D. W. Douglas. Tenders are invited in our advertising columns.

We very much regret to say that the Rev. Alexander Clarke, D. D., has been suffering from severe illness which confined him to his bed. We are pleased to be able to state, however, that his health is now somewhat improved. There is no doubt that this venerable servant of God, who is now in his 80th year, has been led, by his great zeal in his ministerial work, to expose himself too much during this inclement season.

NEW CHURCH AT SUSSEX.—A new Episcopal church was consecrated at Sussex on Monday last. The church is a handsome edifice of the Gothic style, costing \$8000, and will seat 350 persons. Besides the Bishop a large number of clergymen were present, including the Rev. G. Townshend of this place, who assisted in the service.

WOMAN BURNED.—A woman named Powers, says the *Fredericton Farmer*, was seriously burned by the accidental ignition of some alcohol with which she was bathing one of her arms which had been paralyzed. Having been alone, it was only by neighbors hearing her shrieks that the flames were extinguished.

REVIVAL.—We hear of great religious revivals in several places. In Charlottetown, P. E. I., 200 have been added to the Wesleyan Church and a number to the Presbyterian, during the past few weeks. At Acadia College and Academies, Horton, there is scarcely an unconverted pupil.

The ladies of the Baptist Sewing Circle, of Harvey, N. B., lately passed resolutions expressing their thanks to Mr. A. L. Miles, of this place, for his assistance in furnishing some excellent music at an entertainment there.

Messrs. Buckley & Co., of this place, have bought and disposed of, during the winter so far, about 1000 sheep. During the past two weeks they have sent away by rail seven tons of beef and mutton.

The contract for the supply of bread to the Army and Navy at Halifax, has again been awarded to Messrs. Moir & Co., whose excellent manufactures are so well known.

The Rev. J. D. H. Brown, who a short time ago received valuable presents from his Maccan congregation, was more recently presented by it with nearly \$40 in cash.

Mr. G. B. Smith, of Moffat & Smith's firm, lately left to purchase goods in Great Britain. W. D. Main, Esq., left on Monday last for the same purpose.

Thousands of people in New York are on the verge of starvation. Bennett, of the *Herald*, munificently offers to establish soup kitchens at a cost of \$30,000.

The people of Oxford give a complimentary dinner to George Hibbard, Esq., to-day.

Elder Knapp, the revivalist preacher, is dead.

### Late Publications.

The best magazine which comes to our table, for the price is "Wood's Household." Its articles have a chaste, home circle. The last number has three illustrations, and it is announced that hereafter each number will be illustrated.

The "Maritime Trade Review" is a new and neatly got up publication, originating from St. John publishers, which is worthy of patronage by all classes of business men.

"The Maritime Monthly" for February opens with a carefully written article on "Our Blind," by T. Allan Jack, Esq., followed by the second of Rev. M. Harvey's brilliant papers on "Pompeii," and contains several articles of an entertaining character, so that, altogether, the Magazine takes a high rank among the periodicals of the day. It is now published by an association of gentlemen who promise to make it the leading literary publication of the country, and their ability to fulfill this promise is above question. Its typography is very creditable to Messrs. J. & A. McMillan. Price \$3.00 per year. Address: "Maritime Monthly Club," St. John, N. B.

"Harper's Monthly" for March has just been received. It opens with a most interesting article on the Light-houses of the U. States, with numerous illustrations showing a variety among the leading erections of this kind. It also has an illustrated article on the Observatories of the U. States; and one on Bermuda, with illustrations. It is a capital number.

The "Canada Farmer," semi-monthly, published at Toronto, is among the best of our exchanges devoted to agriculture, horticulture, and kindred subjects. Farmers everywhere ought to have it. Published at \$2.00 a year.

We have received a copy of the first number of a monthly magazine published by F. E. Grafton, Montreal, entitled "The Protestant," and which "is to be devoted to Anti-Romish and Anti-Ritualistic questions." Price \$1.50.

Messrs. C. G. O. Chipman & Co. have laid on our table copies of the following poetic works, which, having been in large numbers, they are enabled to sell below regular rates: "Mrs. A. John Jennings' Journal," and "Songs of the Sierras," by Joaquin Miller.

SALE OF PROPERTY.—Messrs Chapman & Eter's business having gradually extended so that their premises are no longer sufficient, particularly in view of the dimensions to which their tailoring department has grown, they have purchased from Mr. John Hillson his excellent stand, with the buildings, at corner of Victoria and Havelock Streets. They will add fifteen feet to the length of the building, the work on which, with alterations required, will probably occupy until next August. This property, which ten years ago sold for \$1200, has now brought \$3200.

The act respecting the coasting trade of Canada, 33 Vic., chap. 14, is to come into force on March 16th. It places the same prohibition on U. S. vessels from coasting between Canadian ports that has been in force against our coasters in the U. States.

We were lately present at the Amherst Iron Foundry during the casting of a wheel weighing about 1500 lbs. The work was done in a manner which gave good evidence of the facilities possessed by the establishment.

There are four vacancies in the Legislative Council of New Brunswick. They will probably be filled by members of the House who do not wish to contest for their seats at the coming general election.

The Rev. J. M. Gibson, Montreal has been called to Chicago at a salary of \$8,000, where he would preach in the finest church edifice, owned by Presbyterians, in the world.

Mr. Tighe's windows are radiant with colored posters announcing a large reduction in prices. His adv't will also be found in our columns.

The Local Legislature of Prince Edward Island will meet for the dispatch of business on Thursday, 5th of March.

The "Amherst Choral Society" now numbers upwards of 40 active members, in chorals and orchestra.

Sir Gaspard LeMarchand, who was Governor of N. S. from 1852 to 1857, died last Friday at the age of 70.

The Hon. Wm. Annand came to Amherst yesterday, and leaves to-day.

The Dominion Board of Trade is in session at Ottawa.

Messrs. Cutten & Co. advertise a clearance sale.

The latest "fortune" story is that a colored woman named Mrs. Reeves, who lately was a Miss Elliot, formerly of the United States, has fallen heir to a sum of \$20,000, by the recent death of an uncle in the State of Ohio. The Mrs. Reeves alluded to is wife of the Chief Steward of the Tug *Boats* owned by Messrs. Dawson, Harrington & Co., of this city.—*Colonist*.

### Clergymen and Politicians.

Here are some sensible remarks from the *Toronto Globe* against the absurd notion held by some, that clergymen should not meddle in politics, even to the extent of reading a vote:

"To exclude clergymen from the franchise, to forbid them to exercise an intelligent judgment in political affairs, is to imply that there is necessarily something inherently bad in politics itself. Like all questions involving a conflict of opinions and a rivalry of interests, politics do undoubtedly offer a temptation to men to swerve from the paths of rectitude, and fall into evil courses. But is the exclusion from all sympathy with the secular controversies, from all part or lot in the struggle of men whose calling peculiarly gives them authority to speak in the name of truth, justice, and righteousness, a thing to be desired? Is the last grain of the millstone to be eliminated from the mill? Is not one particle of heaven to be tolerated in the whole lump?"

"We can see no sense nor expediency in such doctrines. If a clergyman's religion is only of a fair weather nature, it will do little good to anybody, and sooner it is rubbed off by contact with politics or anything else, the sooner will the sham be detected and cease to do credit. But if it be of the right stamp, if it be practical, earnest, and consistent, then the more we have of it in our political conflicts the better. It may shame us in our tendencies towards anything unfair or dishonorable; it may mollify our ardor, and perhaps suggest that the Christian philosopher is, after all, the true statesman."

A Novel Treat.

It is seldom we have the opportunity of enjoying a treat such as that about to be advertised by the appearance of the distinguished American lady lecturer, Miss Kate Stanton; but the thorough rail between St. John and Halifax has made this possible.

She has just lectured in St. John for the second time. The *Telegraph* thus notices the event:

"She attracted to the Academy of Music a very large and highly intellectual audience. It was her second appearance, and was even more successful than the first. She instructed, thrilled, saddened and amused her audience as pleasure, causing each of the large audience to feel, as a lady expressed it on coming out, that 'She would not have missed it for anything. A soft, musical voice, a fine figure, a fair woman elegantly attired, discarding, fairly, intelligently, eloquently—no wonder she interested her hearers.'"

As the attendance will, doubtless, be very large, tickets should be secured early.

DEATH OF A B. C. BISHOP.—The death of Bishop Guigue occurred at Ottawa a few days ago. The Bishop was born in the South of France in 1828; was ordained priest at Marseilles in 1852; taught philosophy and ministered in the diocese of Marseilles several years; and in 1847 was named first Bishop of Ottawa. He was at the 70, and it is believed that the debility which resulted in his death was in a great measure caused by the trip on that occasion.

An Englishman, afflicted with the rheumatic gout for fifteen years, has found this singular remedy. He insulated his bedstead from the floor by four broken off bottoms of glass bottles, and immediately began to improve. The *Scientific American* is reminded by this that a patent was taken out in the U. States several years ago for curing disease by the use of glass insulators in the same way.

The closing exercises of the second term of the academic year at the Mount Allison Institutions took place on Tuesday evening, and embraced a long and varied programme, including some excellent music under Prof. D'Amour's direction. The *Pat* gives the attendance during the term as 83 females and 80 males in Academics; 31 in College.

A barn and cow belong to Mr. Richard Hudson, of Grey's Road, were lately burned, and the fire is believed to have originated from the pipe of a smoker. Mr. H. has appealed to the people of Oxford, River Philip and Amherst for aid, with good results.

Mr. A. J. White, M. P. P. for Cape Breton, has been sworn in Commissioner of Crown Lands in place of H. E. Flynn.

The February number of the "Journal of Agriculture" is in mourning for the late Joseph J. Nasthip, President of the Board of Agriculture, and pays a high tribute to the character of the deceased.

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### Correspondence.

We usually allow a considerable space of latitude for the expression of correspondence opinions on most subjects, public interest, but not permitting any facility for them. To guard against the publication of anonymous communications, we must be accompanied by writer's name, in confidence.

### Branch Railways.

Ma. Enron.—A correspondent has been airing his thoughts through the columns of several of the Halifax papers on the subject of branch railways, with a view, no doubt, of pressing upon the attention of the people and government of the country the absolute necessity of constructing a branch from the inter-colonial Railway to Pugwash Harbor, to carry out the terms of the North American Act—by completing a connection with Prince Edward Island by the shortest route, at the least expense and to the people, and, at the same time, would be likely to produce the largest amount of revenue. Although these points appear to have been clearly established, a recapitulation of the advantages of this branch may be the means of calling the attention of your numerous readers to a careful consideration of the subject, and the advantages of importance of this over any other proposed line, having a view to a connection with P. E. Island.

A branch from the nearest point on the I. C. R. to Pugwash Harbor would require only about fourteen miles, and of easy grade and trifling expense compared with projected lines or branches. Pugwash has the advantage of one of the finest harbors in Nova Scotia except Halifax, capable of accommodating all classes of merchant shipping up to 1000 tons and could be improved by dredging to accommodate much larger vessels, admirably adapted for shipbuilding and other branches of manufacturing industry, surrounded by a large quantity of sea salt agricultural resources, and a place well adapted for carrying on the fishing business. All these natural resources and advantages require artificial facilities for development, and successful prosecution of the various branches of industry. As a watering place and resort for excursionists from more southern cities and warm climates during the hot season, Pugwash, with its artificial facilities for communications, would be all that could be desired, and would in the summer be the resort of thousands of this class.

Capitalists seeking means for profitable investment could find ample use for their surplus cash in the various branches of industry, such as cotton factories, woolen factories, shipbuilding, and other manufacturing enterprises, or in the fisheries, for all of which it is so admirably calculated. The shortest and cheapest connecting line to unite and complete the grand system of inter-colonial Railway communication.

The Pugwash branch is required, with a line of similar character to the I. C. R. in P. E. Island, to fill up the inter-colonial chasm. This arrangement, when completed, will open up the most direct means of communication between P. E. Island and the rest of the Dominion, and the rest of the Maritime Provinces are complete, the inter-colonial route to the New England States. The advantages as a shipping port for Spring tides could not be overlooked. From this port the Montreal and Quebec markets will be supplied with coal, as well as all up Gulf ports and P. E. Island; and all the foregoing and many other advantages available to the public by the completion of the branch Railway, will be readily perceived that there must be a ready market for the revenue derived from it, while it would be a safe and paying speculation for a company to construct and own and run the road by the government for the people, as a part and parcel of the inter-colonial Railway system. The foregoing considerations will naturally suggest to the minds of people and government, the propriety of giving the matter early attention. Yours as ever, F. POWELL, Feb. 25th.

DARING DEED.—Three men started from Cape Tormentine, last week, and walked across the straits to Cape Tra-la in P. E. Island, without a boat. The distance is about nine miles, and when it is remembered that it is in our rare occasions, and only for a few hours at a time, that the ice in the straits is so hazardous and full of danger, the feat of the attempt will be realized. Those who have crossed the straits in the ordinary way know, that even with the boat, and in company with experienced couriers, who understand every varying phase of the passage, the voyage is hazardous and full of danger. The ice in the straits is almost continually on the move, as the current between the two capes is very strong. The couriers have, on various occasions, started in the morning with every indication of fine weather, but before they have got half way over, violent storms have driven them miles out of their course, in more than one instance resulting in the death of some of the passengers from fatigue and exposure. The feat performed by these three men, Farrow, was only once before attempted, and successfully accomplished. On that occasion it was done by a half-pay British sailor, many years ago, who, having been laid up by the bolts, voted that he would get over ahead of it. Seizing a long pole, he started on his perilous adventure, and, strange to say, reached the island side in safety, but whether before or subsequent to the boat's arrival, tradition does not say. Such attempts are tried only about once in a generation, and, on the whole, are scarcely worthy of emulation.

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### The New British Ministry.

Benjamin Disraeli, First Lord of the Treasury.  
Baron Cairns, Lord High Chancellor.  
Earl of Derby, Secretary of State for Foreign Department.  
Duke of Richmond, Secretary of State for War.  
Marquis of Salisbury, Secretary of State for India.  
Earl Carnarvon, Secretary of State for Colonial Department.  
George Mark Hunt, Secretary of State for Home Department.  
Gathorne Harvy, First Lord of the Admiralty.  
Sir Stafford Northcote, Chancellor of the Exchequer.  
Lord Leimon to be Commissioner of Works and Building; Capt Stanley Under Secretary of State for War; Sir John Charles Hay, Secretary to the Admiralty, and Lord Hamilton, Under Secretary for the Foreign Department.

All the elections for the new English Parliament have been held. The result is, Conservatives, 351; Liberal and Home Rulers, 302.

### Election Majorities in Nova Scotia.

Power, in Halifax	2353
Jones, in Halifax	2192
Jones, in Annapolis	658
Oakes, in Digby	537
Killam, in Yarmouth	430
Tupper, in Cumberland	373
Kirk, in Guysborough	321
McDonald, in Inverness	218
McKay, in Colebrookton	116
Borden, in Kings	116
Goudie, in Hants	116
Flynn, in Richmond	78
Richmond, in Pictou	78
McKay, in Cape Breton	62
Dawson, in Pictou	1

The other five of Nova Scotia's 21 members were elected by acclamation. *Halifax Recorder*.

A despatch to the "Reporter" from Yarmouth states that Sheehan's stables, Salmon River, Digby Co., were burned on Saturday night, with a large loss of property. Loss of the British troops nearly 300, including many officers. The Highlanders alone are reported to have had 160 men killed and wounded. Gen. Wolsey is said to be in need of reinforcements, which were fifteen miles off.

The week before Christmas a Mr. Davidson, of Moncton, N. B., arrived in Wintapung with a large covered sleigh some twenty feet long laden with apples, pears, peaches, grapes, eggs, butter, and other luxuries. There was a storm in the sleigh which kept the fruit from freezing, and evidently the enterprise proved a remunerative one to the proprietor. On Christmas eve he had already sold out all his pears at 50 cents each; apples were going fast at 3 for 10 cents, and eggs at 75 cents per dozen.

A FOX AS A CANTABLER.—A correspondent sends the *St. John News* the particulars of a matter that has caused a considerable excitement in Woodstock, and which, it is believed, has resulted in the death of a large number of dogs. The owners of the canines were at once sued for \$200 damages. The case went to trial, and the bar keeper, testifying that very many persons were induced to visit his shop, where they invested in drinks so that they might learn the history of the fox, which had been kept chained by the bar, was awarded a verdict for \$25.

DRIFTED TO SEA.—Four Frenchmen (names unknown) left their homes on Tuesday, the 27th ult., with the intention of capturing some seals on the drift ice. On their way out one of the four got lame, causing him to return home, managing with great difficulty to cross where the ice had parted, by jumping from clumper to clumper, at the risk of his life. When he reached where he considered himself safe, he looked back for his comrades and noticed that they were still going out, but unfortunately could not give them any warning of their danger. The three men, who were these three men, were in the ice, and he hoped that they are yet alive and will reach their families in safety.—*News of the Week*, C. B.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE.—A correspondent of the *Yarmouth Herald*, writes the following particulars of a fire that place on the 10th inst: "On Tuesday night the new dwelling house of Mr. Godfrey Smith, two stores of Messrs. Smith, Harlow & Co., and a building owned by Mr. Henry Sutherland, and occupied by Mr. Howard Sutherland, were destroyed by fire, with all the goods in the stores and the account books of Messrs. S. H. & Co., in this place. The fire was discovered about half past one o'clock, a. m., in Messrs. S. H. & Co.'s store, and an alarm was given as soon as possible; but before anything could be done to arrest its progress, it burst through the roof. The property destroyed was probably worth \$6,000, on which there was no insurance."

SACKVILLE ENTERPRISES.—The *Bor-ders* says: Mr. Stephen Ayer employs about a dozen hands and is one of the most thriving manufacturers of the place. Mr. Ayer's work goes to all parts of the Province. His workmen are now busy engaged filling an order for 50 harnesses from Bonaventure, Province of Quebec.

New machinery is constantly being added to Mr. Abner Smith's boot and shoe factory and a large number of workmen are employed in it. A few days since a machine for cutting soles was put in operation.

The same paper says Mr. Fawcett is about to build an addition of 60x30 to his foundry. In the erection of dwelling houses for his men and other buildings he has created quite a little town near his works and the foundry is turning out more work at present than ever before.

### Telegraphic News.

London, Feb. 22.—Asiatic cholera is still raging in Buenos Ayres, 40 to 50 deaths being daily reported. Mr. Gladstone has determined to no longer take an active part in Parliamentary proceedings. There is much speculation as to who will succeed him as head of the Opposition. The *Observer* hopes that Mr. Gladstone's determination is not final.

Feb. 23, p. m.—Sir Baris Fretz, at a meeting of the Royal Geographical Society last evening, stated that a conference with Dr. Kirk he has come to the conclusion to report of Dr. Livingstone's death was true.

The Queen, on the recommendation of Mr. Gladstone, has granted a pension of \$1000 per annum to the children of Dr. Livingstone.

New York, Feb. 24.—A despatch from Saginaw, Mich., states that three hundred fishermen are adrift on an immense cake of ice, and are in a hazardous situation, two already reported drowned. Later reports say that 50 escaped.

The Maine House of Representatives has defeated the Senate by a vote of 73 to 57, abolishing capital punishment.

Feb. 25.—A quarrel between the inhabitants of two towns in Vera Cruz resulted in a fight, in which 17 persons were killed. In revenge 17 persons were taken to the other and began an indiscriminate massacre of men, women and children, inflicting injuries of a most cruel and wanton character. The military have been sent for to put an end to the atrocities.

It is now probable that all the fishermen on the floating ice in Saginaw Bay will reach land in safety. 200 reached shore in safety last night, and others have been driven to the west shore by a change of wind, so that they can land easily.

Gold 12 1/2. Exchange 4 82 to 4 88. London, Feb. 25.—A report has reached here that a battle was fought at Combahee between the Yankees and the forces under Gen. Wolsley. The whole day is said to have lasted the engagement, and closed with no decided result. Loss of the British troops nearly 300, including many officers. The Highlanders alone are reported to have had 160 men killed and wounded. Gen. Wolsey is said to be in need of reinforcements, which were fifteen miles off.

Meteorological.  
Bathurst, a. m., furnished by D. R. McMillan, Room 213 Building, Amherst.

THERMOMETER.—Saturday 14th, 48°; Sunday 12th, Monday 28th, Tuesday 20th, Wednesday 14th, Thursday 12th, Friday 28th, Saturday 21st, 20°; Sunday 27th, Monday 29th, Tuesday 29th, Wednesday 10th, Thursday 14th, Friday 22nd, Average 20.

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Try your luck by taking one bottle of Collier's Chestnut for Consumption.

ESTABLISHED.—Pictures framed to order. Frames in oil, water, imitation Walnut, most reasonable prices, upon the shortest notice. Cord Hinges, Knives, &c. Also, Pictures in great variety. Having the most approved Machinery and Materials, we do not intend to be beaten in the Twenty Good Canvasings Agents wanted for this business.

ROGERS & BLACK.  
For cramps and pains, try Nelson's Hindoo Linctament; it never fails.

Who at St. John, took to St. N. King St., and in the vicinity of the late L. E. Murphy's machine, and jewelry, and outside which of the book you will purchase for holiday gifts.

Save the children by using Nelson's Cherry Vermifuge for worms.

HEALTHY DISEASE.  
Painstaking, Febrile and Irregular Action of the Heart Cured by the Effluvia Compound Syrup of Hypophosphites.

Druggists, Rogers & Black, 101 King St., St. John, N. S., Sole Agents. JAMES L. WILSON, Esq.—*Am. J. C.*—Gentle, safe, and effective for the relief of the heart. I send you a written statement of my own and the cure effected by using your Compound Syrup of Hypophosphites.

In April, 1868, I was attacked with palpitation of the heart, and the doctor said that no medicine would do me any good, and that I was liable to die very suddenly; being very weak, I was unable to leave my bed, I became emaciated. After my physician gave me the Effluvia Compound Syrup of Hypophosphites, and after I had used it for a few days, I was enabled to get up, and in a few days I was able to leave my bed, and in a few days I was able to go out, and in a few days I was able to go to work. Yours, very truly, R. S. COLLIER.

Crystals of comfort for Dyspepsia Collins' Certain Cure Pills.

Marrriages.  
18th inst., at Westonsville, by the Rev. D. McKee, A. daughter of Caleb Lewis, Esq., of former place.

Deaths.  
14th inst., at Wallace Stone Quarry, of consumption, Henry, second son of