

DURING the past week a Temperance Convention, previously advertised, assembled at the Temperance Hall in this City, and was attended by a large and respectable body of Delegates from various parts of the Province. The chief subject of their deliberations has been a Prohibitory Law, somewhat like that so well known as the "Maine Law," which it is desired to pass through the Legislature in order to restrain the importation, manufacture and sale of intoxicating drinks, except for sacramental, medicinal and mechanical purposes, and under certain regulations. The discussion of this important subject has been characterized by much ability, prudence and moderation; but as the action of the Convention is merely of a recommendatory nature, and designed to put the Legislature in possession of the opinions of the people of Nova Scotia, with regard to the proposed enactment, we add nothing more at present as to the details of the measure. On Thursday last the Speaker and Members of the House of Assembly, and several Members of the Legislative Council, attended in the Temperance Hall by invitation from the Delegates, when an able address replete with valuable statistics, and varied information, bearing on the subject in hand, was delivered by the Rev. Dr. Cramp, and was listened to by the Honorable Gentlemen with marked attention.

This one fact, unprecedented in the history of this Province, may be regarded as highly significant of the increased importance attached to the great Temperance question in the minds of the people of this country,—and also as showing that a crisis has arrived, demanding the application of more stringent remedies than have been hitherto applied, to cure the manifold evils which Intemperance inflicts upon this land.

Whatever difference of sentiment may exist as to the particular measure now in agitation, there can be but one opinion among all christian people, as to the urgent necessity for the speedy application of some efficient check to these acknowledged evils. While we deprecate rash or violent Legislation on the subject, we do hope and pray that a matter so vitally affecting the present and eternal welfare of generations to come may be dealt with in a calm, dispassionate and deliberate manner, with a single eye to the glory of God and the real good of our people, and under a solemn sense of the account which ere long must be rendered at His bar, by those who make our Laws and those for whom they are made.

LEGISLATIVE.

THERE has not been much of interest in the Parliamentary proceedings of the week. The Elective Franchise question has been again under discussion. Railway bills in conformity with the Resolutions given in our last, have been introduced by the Government, and we presume will be taken up at an early day. A Bill in amendment of the existing License law has also occupied the attention of the House. On Thursday, after the address at Temperance Hall, the Hon. J. W. Johnston spoke for nearly three hours on the Resolutions introduced by him relative to a Federal Union of the Colonies. We only heard the closing part of the speech, which both for matter and style, was in refreshing contrast to the party bickerings which too often resound in our Legislative halls. Judging however, from the listlessness of some, and the constant locomotion of others, it would seem as if members were little sensible of the importance of the measure under consideration.

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RECEIPTS.	
Feb. 1—Westport,	£1 0 0
Wilmot,	5 15 0
2—New Dublin,	10 0 0
Sydney, O. B.,	27 0 0
Pugwash,	8 17 11½
Musquodoboit,	5 5 8½
3—Granville,	21 5 0
Lower Granville,	9 0 0
Bridgetown,	12 5 0
4—Pictou,	19 4 1
5—Digby, £19 18 3½; Marshall	
Town, £2 11 5½,	22 10 0
7—Newport £10 19 10½; Walton, £2	
8s. 9½d.; Coganmaguon, £2 2s. 4d.	15 11 0
8—Aylesford,	18 3
Truro,	31 2 9
Hubbard's Co.,	4 12 6
Digby,	2 2 6
Weymouth,	12 5 0
Liverpool,	62 10 0
Yarmouth,	35 0 0
9—Lunenburg,	27 10 2½
Antigonish,	16 3 3
Sackville,	10 7 6
Ship Harbor,	17 11 3
St. Margaret's Bay,	13 3 8

12—Halifax, St. Paul's collect. in Church	43 8 0
Amherst,	20 2 6
St. Margaret's Bay,	0 11 0
Wilmot,	12 10 0
Barrington,	3 0 0
Guysboro,	10 17 4
15—H. H., Esq., Antigonish, for W. & O.	0 6 0
Collection at Annual Meeting,	24 19 6
Sydney, O. B.,	1 0 0
Proceeds Bill of Exch. £270 stg. rec'd from Rev. J. Stannage.	33 0 0
17—St. Margaret's Bay,	0 7 6

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Our friend at Sandy Cove, will find the article which he sent us, in the Church Times of Jan. 21. "Scrutator" has our thanks.—We have already published the Episcopal statement which he sends, in our paper of "D. W." urging vigorous efforts to secure the requisite endowment for the College, is received.

LETTERS RECEIVED.

From Rev. J. M. Campbell—parcel sent by stage. From Rev. Mr. Jarvis, Arichat—with one new subscriber. From Rev. A. Gray, Digby, one new subscriber. From Rev. Dr. Shreve, with £1—10s. for Mr. Robt. Fox, Hubbard's Cove, and 10s. for self. From A. W. Savary, St. John,—the papers are sent regularly from here, we cannot account for the irregularity—shall send the missing No. if possible, please prepay your letters.

Married.

At St. Luke's Church, by the Rev. Wm. Bullock, the Rev. CHARLES J. SHREVE, Rector of Guysboro, to ELIZABETH HARTSHORNE, daughter of the late Charles Jones, Esq.

At Noddy Quoddy, Eastern Shore, on the 18th Decr. 1853, by the Rev. James Breadlag, GEORGE LOUIS HARTLING, to CATHERINE HECTOR.

At Beaver Harbor, by the same, on the 20th Dec., GEO. HELGREN, to ELIZA HAWBOLT.

At Quoddy, by the same, on 28th Dec., JAMES HARTLING, to ELIZABETH GALLIGHER.

At Mario Joseph, by the same, 31st Dec., DAVID MITCHELL, to JANE HAWBOLT, widow, both of Halifax.

At Sheet Harbour, on the 14th February, by the same, JAMES BOUTILLIER, to ESTHER FARNALL.

At Chester, on Saturday evening, the 18th inst., by the Rev. Dr. Shreve, Mr. ISAAC RAFFUS, to Miss FRANCES FALT.

Died.

On Wednesday afternoon, WILLIAM OXBUTT, Esq., in the 76th year of his age.

On Thursday morning, Feb. 23, Mr. DAVID RUGG, aged 60 years.

At Arichat, on the 10th inst., after a long and painful illness, which he bore with Christian resignation to the Divine Will, CHARLES FIXOTT, Esq., M. D., a native of Jersey, English Channel, leaving a widow, a numerous family, and friends, to mourn their loss.

Lately, at the Narrows, Eastern Shore, Mr. HARRY PIR, an old and respectable inhabitant of that place.

Shipping List.

ARRIVED.

Saturday, February 19—Brig Velocity, Langenberg, Cardenas, 17 days; Brig Harriet Ann, Ellinger, Matanzas 20 days. Am. schr Lucy Ann, Mann, Portland 10 days. schr Noble, Chambers, Newfoundland.

Sunday, Feb. 19—Brigs Fancy, Grant, St. John, P. R.; Belle, Meggier, Boston; brigets Mata, Lauchner, Matanzas 16 days; Violet, Sturmy, Mayaguez 16 days; Lucy Ann, Strapson, St. John, N. B.

Monday, Feb. 20—Brig Orion, Goodwin, Mayaguez 17 days. schr Blue Nose, Martell, Baltimore 7 days.

Tuesday, Feb. 21—Schr Palmyra, Curtis, Cardenas 14 days; J. C. Archibald, Sagua la Grande, 14 days—lost a man overboard on Sunday off Sambro.

Thursday, Feb. 23—Schr Margaret, Odell, Fortune Bay, 14 days.

CLEARED.

Saturday, February 19—Steamer Ospray, Corbin, St. John's, N. F.; brigets, Margaret Moritimer, Burke, Kingston, Jam.; Mercy, Cameron; Cardenas; schr Dart, McNutt, Jamaica.

Monday, Feb. 20—Schr Cinara, Roy, F. W. Indies.

Tuesday, Feb. 21—Brig Benjamin Cushing, McDonnell, Boston.

Thursday, Feb. 23—Packet briget Belle, Mougher, Boston schrs Yesta Ellen, (Am.) Ellis, Fernambuco; Lucy, Allee; McPhee, New York.

MATERIALS FOR OIL PAINTING.

JUST RECEIVED, the following MATERIALS FOR OIL PAINTING, all of the best quality. OIL COLORS, in Collapsible Tubes, ACADEMY BOARDS, Prepared MILL BOARDS, PALETTE KNIVES, BADGER BLENDERS, Flat BRISTLE BRUSHES, Sable Ditto, DRYING OIL, ALSO, ON HAND—Round, Square, and Oblong boxes of COLOURED CRAYONS, BLACK CRAYONS, Cork Stumps, Porce Crayons, Drawing Paper, and all Materials for Water Color and Pencil Drawing.

February 18. WM. GOSSIP, 24 Granville Street.

COUNTRY MARKET.

PRICES ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18.

Apples, per bush.	3s. a 5s.
Bacon, per lb.	6d. a 7d.
Beef, fresh, per cwt.	27s. a 30s.
Butter, fresh, per lb.	11d a 1s.
Catsup, per gallon.	4s. a 5s.
Cheese, per lb.	5d. a 6d.
Chickens, per pair.	1s. 9d. a 2s.
Eggs, per doz.	1s. a 1s. 3d.
Geese, each.	1s. 9d. a 2s.
Hams, green, per lb.	5d.
Do. smoked, per lb.	7d. a 7½d.
Hay, per ton.	£3 16s. a £4
Homespun, cotton & wool, per yard	1s. 7d. a 1. 9d
Do. all wool,	2s. 6d.
Oatmeal, per cwt.	16s a 17s.
Oats, per bus.	2s. 6d.
Pork, fresh, per lb.	3½d. a 4½d
Potatoes, per bushel.	3s.
Socks, per doz.	12s. 6d. a 15s.
Turkies, per lb.	6d. a 7d.
Yarn, worsted per lb.	2s. 6d.

AT THE WHARVES.

Wood, per cord.	20s.
Coal, per chaldron.	35s.

Advertisements.

JUST RECEIVED FROM NEW YORK.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LIBRARIES, of 100 Volumes, from the Protestant Episcopal Sunday School Union, and the following Books from the same Society.

Herbert Atherton, Love's Lesson, Stories of the Beatitudes, BARON'S LITTLE DAUGHTER, In the World but not of the World, Christmas at Home, Our Little Comfort, Our Opposite Neighbour, Packages of Sunday School Books.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LIBRARIES of 100 vols. from the Society for Promoting Evangelical Knowledge. These Libraries are got up in a very neat and appropriate style, and are well worthy of inspection. Rylo's Tracts.

—ALSO—FROM BOSTON—

SUNDAY SCHOOL LIBRARIES, from the American Sunday School Union. Consecutive Union Question Book—Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, Union Primer, Union Spelling Book.

February 25. W. J. GOSSIP, No. 24 Granville Street.

LANGLEY'S AROMATIC PRESERVATIVE TOOTH POWDER.

THIS Powder cleanses, whitens, and preserves the TEETH—gives firmness to the GUMS, and sweetness to the BREATH—is quite free from Acids, (so destructive to the Enamel) and all the ingredients employed in its composition, are those recommended by the most eminent Dentists. Sold in bottles at 1s. 6d. each, at LANGLEY'S Hollis Street. Jan. 21.

HEALTHY GERMAN LEECHES.

JUST RECEIVED AT LANGLEY'S DRUG STORE, HOLLIS STREET. Jan. 14th. 1854.

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