

SPECIAL FROM ST. JOHN.
Guitau Found Guilty. — Amherst Amateurs Make a Hit.

St. John, Jan. 26.—The jury last night, after fifty minutes deliberation, found Guitau guilty of murder. He will probably be sentenced to-morrow.

The comic opera "Patience," by the Amherst Amateurs, was played last night to a crowded house. The performance was in every way a great success. The Telegraph says "Amherst covers itself with glory," and makes special mention of the acting of Miss Kerr, as possessing all the finish of a professional. Miss Carrille, Mr. Carrille, Mr. Bigelow, Miss Moore and Miss Hamilton are all spoken of by the City press in flattering terms.

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Rev. D. D. CURRIE is lecturing on the "Loyalist Idea."

E. L. THORNE, Esq., Customs Appraiser, St. John, is dead.

The "Northern Light" has been making regular trips to date.

The Rink is well patronized. A Carnival is to take place at an early day.

A Manganese mine, seven miles from Truro, is being worked up by Mr. Couch.

A MUSICAL CONCERT will be given by the Choir of St. Paul's Church next month.

MARINE RAILWAY.—Rumored that a meeting takes place at Point de Bute next week.

A Public Meeting on Wednesday last at Bay Verte, passed strong resolutions in favor of the Chignecto Marine Railway.

CHURCH SOCIABLE of the members of St. Ann's, Westport, and St. Paul's takes place at S. S. House, Sackville, Tuesday evening.

The Survey of the Chignecto Marine Railway has been completed. A straight and level line can be obtained, tho' the work in places is heavy.

FRIENDS ABROAD.—New Brunswick travellers will be reassured by the news that five of their countrymen are on the police force of Boston.

The Governor General and party arrived at Halifax on Saturday at noon per "Parisian," and on Monday at Ottawa, travelling through a heavy snow storm.

FARMERS' ASSOCIATION at Hope-well, on the 7th prox. Papers are asked for on "Agricultural Societies, their object, management and effect," and on "The Dairy."

BECK.—Yesterday, Messrs. Lower-son and Capt. Wilmet shipped a car load of fat cattle to Mr. John McDonald, St. John. A car load was shipped from An Leo on Monday to St. John to John McDonald.

The Times and the clergy are in a row. Rev. J. B. Hemmison says the Times has "violated every principle of honor and respectable journalism," and the Times intimates that "Mr. Hemmison is in intimate terms with the Devil."

The Bank of P. E. Island will likely resume business early in February. The report that Mr. Brecken, Sr., had given up his large fortune to meet his son's defalcations turns out to be untrue—he merely pays \$26,000, the amount for which he was bound as surety for his son. The more the Bank's affairs are opened up, the more apparent it is that Mr. Joseph Brecken was either criminally reckless or had taken leave of his senses.

A NEW RAILWAY DEVICE.—The constant liability of journals on trains to get heated is a source of wrong and anxiety to passengers and the delays necessary for them to cool has produced a large percentage of Railway collisions. What is wanted is a perfect lubricant, free from acids and also a device for storing and delivering a jet is wanted. Mr. Thomas R. Gordon, of New York, (formerly of Fort-Lennox) is now having tested on the I. O. R. between St. John and Halifax a formation and circular brass for lubricating journals. The result so far is very satisfactory.

Cumberland County Finances.

Cumberland Municipal Council votes \$12,500 for the incoming year. The following are some of the items of expenditure:

Inmate Asylum	\$2,000
Schools	7,100
Clerks salary	250
Treasurer	100
Juries	600
Councillors pay	480
Collectors commission	400
Stamps remitted	850
For purchase of safe	400
Road damages	170
Bills passed in May, 1881	200
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—Syndicate lands at Brandon have been sold at \$250,000 for 300 acres, and Sir A. J. Smith's organ is greatly grieved thereat. Probably because the "bear and the wolf" were not consulted.

—Messrs. Austin, Lorillard and other N. Y. capitalists, propose to build a line of steamships that will cross the Atlantic in six days—running 500 miles a day, for the benefit of passengers. The two ports will be Port Pond Bay and Milford Haven.

—Robert Beckwith, Esq., Attorney-at-Law, of Dorchester, was married on the 25th of December, 1881. Due notice was given at the residence of the bride, on the 19th of January, in the following year, the intelligence reached the ears of the Dorchester editors.

—A P. E. Island "crank," named Parsons, who thought "things were dull about Milton, and wanted to have some fun," has been trying to win a horse race, as a humorous diversion. In the fifth attempt, last week, he was caught by men concealed to watch the locality, and will probably have plenty of horse-bait to enjoy the joke.

—The verdict of the Jury in the case of Oliver tried at Fredericton for bigamy was "Guilty with a strong recommendation to mercy." The Hon. Mr. Justice had no doubt in the verdict of St. John. It would be interesting to find a case so strong that the gentle hearts of New Brunswick jurors would allow the law to take its course.

—An International Colonization Company, with a capital of \$10,000,000, has been formed in the U. S. A., and a number of wealthy capitalists, for the purpose of emancipating the Russian Jews. The purpose is to secure 500,000 acres of land in the Northwest Territory on which to establish a colony. Rev. J. C. Allen is requested to investigate this movement and to report on it in respect of the final registration of the Lost Tribes. Will a new temple be built, and a general rendezvous, the establishing of a seat of government, to Priscilla, daughters of Mr. Edward Biggs, of West Branch, River Philip.

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Oath for Mr. Allison.

Below is a list—correct as far as it goes—of the Sackville contributors to the Mr. Allison fund. The list is not authorized, and is not complete; there are said to be several others who have given liberally, and more to follow:

Joe L. Black	\$ 500
Chas. Prescott	500
J. R. Inch	500
A. D. Smith	100
J. H. Moore	100
Wm. F. George	500
James George	100
Mrs. C. F. Allison	1,000
Geo. E. Ford	100
Amasa Dixon	100
James R. Ayer	100
Robert Taylor	50
H. Humphrey	100
G. T. Bowser	50
C. W. C. Milner	50
Geo. Bowser	25
A. W. D. Knapp	25
Alfred Ayer	50
T. Baird & Sons	5
Ed. Trueman	20
Al. Cogswell	200
Wm. F. George	100
Chas. George	1