

sleety or opaque ice. We have not noticed from our exchanges that such was the character of the pane-smashing hailstones of June last.

GEOGRAPHY.

Baron Nordenskjöld has discovered the eastern coast of Greenland to be separated by a narrow and shallow cold current from a warm current flowing from the south.

The average elevation of the National Park, in Wyoming territory, is about 7,000 feet above the sea, and it contains not less than twenty mountain peaks, ranging from 8,500 feet to nearly 11,000 feet high.

Edward Whymper states that the height of the glacier-clad interior of Greenland, in lat. 70 deg.—71 deg., considerably exceeds 10,000 feet. He describes it as presenting a high, level ridge, so absolutely covered by snow and ice that not a crag breaks the line. Many of the highest mountains are strewn with drifted rocks to their summits.—*American Naturalist*.

ORNITHOLOGY

The following resolutions were passed at the Ornithological Congress of Vienna: 1. The chase, capture, and trade of birds of passage and their eggs should be forbidden, during the second half of the winter and the spring; 2. All wholesale capture of Birds of passage, and trade in them, should be forbidden, except during the hunting season.—*Science*.

Dr. Karl Russ, of Berlin, received the highest honor diploma of the Congress, for his works on bird-keeping, canaries, parrots, and his Journal called the *Feathered World*.—*Science*.

On the 10th of June a concert was given by the students of the Pictou Academy to raise money for the work of the Ornithological

Club. \$106.50 were the gross receipts from the concert, and \$40 as donations in addition.

On the 11th July the Pictou Academy closed for its summer vacation with a grand *Conversazione*, at which one hundred and fifty dollars was raised for the mounting of Nova Scotia birds by the Ornithological Club. Eighty-seven birds, with a few of the smaller mammals, were exhibited as the work of the first four months of this club. Over 2000 specimens of insects, work of the Entomological Club, were exhibited in another room. An extensive collection of minerals and fossils and anthropological curiosities, etc., were exhibited in the museum, which has already become crowded. The Herbarium specimens in the library were not exposed for fear of injury.

The Art Department room was brilliant with native painting in oils on canvass, silks and plaques, water colors and crayon work. The general convocation hall contained refreshment tables, and no less than eight compound microscopes, a polariscope kateidoscope, &c, all of which were in charge of students able to demonstrate. The Band of the Pictou Garrison Artillery was present in the evening. The proceedings closed by a display of fireworks from the grounds between nine and ten o'clock. Over four hundred were present on the first day. The building was opened on next morning, principally for school children and others, and the rush was not over until midday. The Pictou Academy Science Association is the most popular institution in Pictou.

Last week a wild goose was shot in Richmond Bay, Prince Edward Island, and sold to Benjamin Taunton. While the bird was being prepared for cooking, a large leaden bullet was found imbedded in its liver, completely encysted or covered with animal tissue, indicating that the bird had probably carried it for years. The bullet weighs an ounce, and was hammered round, and not cast, as is usually done.—*Pioneer, Summerside, P. E. I. May*