

Telegraphic News.

London, April 12. The Times says England will deliver its counter case at Geneva on 15th, but will not regard this act as prejudicing the position taken in opposition to the American claim for indirect damages.

New York, April 13. Gold ranges from 110 3/4 to 110 1/2 Exchange quiet. The Car Depot, stables, paint and repair shops of the Third Street horse railroad, Philadelphia, was burned this morning; also, a large number of harnesses. The horses and all the cars, but seven, were saved. Loss \$100,000.

London, April 13. Admiral Stewart has been appointed Comptroller of the Navy. The Spanish military authorities report that the Carlist demonstrations are unimportant. Ample precautions have been taken to prevent a rising.

The health of King Charles of Sweden, which has been very poor, does not improve, and fears that he may not recover are entertained.

Ottawa, April 13. An order in Council, published in to-day's Gazette, places three, four and six ply white and colored unfinished cotton thread, in barks, not under number twenty yarn, on free list. Judge Johnson's appointment, as Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba, was gazetted.

Freight on hides and leather passing over Nova Scotia Railway has been reduced as follows: On hides, raw, salted or dried, 25 cents per 100 lbs. from Halifax. -Globe

London, April 15. The Titchborne claimant obtained fifty thousand pound bail, but the Judge declined his bondsman. He remains in jail till trial.

The London journals continue the discussion of the Alabama Question, the majority expressing a decided opinion that the ministry must adhere to the position taken against the admission of indirect claims.

Paris, April 15. Reports are current that troubles have grown out of the recent diplomatic negotiations between France and Germany and grave complications are apprehended.

New York, April 15. On Saturday night the business portion of Ayer, Mass., was burned. Loss \$150,000. The Lake Shore Railroad elevator, with 200,000 bushels of grain, burned. Loss \$150,000.

Over 60 buildings were burned at Tiffin, Ohio. Loss large. The Radford House and elevator, with 500,000 bushels of grain, burned at Warrensburg, Ind. Loss \$190,000.

The Metropolitan Paper Collar Factory, New York, burned. Loss \$150,000.

The Halifax Chronicle of Thursday gives some further particulars of the wreck of the "Dacian" It says:—

The "Dacian" left London on the 24th Mar. for Halifax and St. John, N. B., with general cargo and four passengers. The weather was rough during the whole voyage, but especially as she approached our coast. On Tuesday morning a dense fog prevailed and the steamer was running at half speed, her officers believing that she was approaching Halifax harbor in the usual course. Suddenly about seven o'clock she struck on a rock, known as the Flint Ledge, near Pipers Island, at the Eastern side of Calm Bay, about thirty five miles from Halifax. She struck hard and soon filled with water. The passengers and crew reached the shore safely and the purser was sent to Halifax for assistance.

The Flint Ledge being a bad place, there is reason to fear that the "Dacian" will be a total wreck, and that unless the weather should be very favorable her cargo will be lost.—There being no telegraph line on the Eastern shore no news was received from the vessel later than that was brought by the cruiser, who left soon after she struck. The heavy Southwest wind and the sea of Tuesday night and yesterday would diminish the chances of saving the cargo.

AN UNSINKABLE SHIP.—Capt M. Twee die, R.A., addressed an important suggestion to the Artillery Institution for iron plating a cruising ship so as to avoid the disadvantage appertaining to iron plated vessels generally, and to provide a comfortable sea-going ship, fairly capable of holding her own with an iron-clad in an emergency, and yet almost unsinkable. At present, he thinks, neither the iron clad nor the wooden ships fulfil the necessary conditions—the iron clad on account of the injurious action of the salt water upon her iron plating exposed to it, the difficulty of repair in foreign ports, and her doubtful qualities as a seaboat; the wooden ships on account of her being an easy prey to an iron clad enemy on a sudden outbreak of hostilities, and her liability to be sent to the bottom by the first shot fired at her. Having got to the limit of iron plating on the outside of the ship, and yet having a gun able to pierce it, he proposes to put the armour cruising ships inside. His plan is to spring an arch or dome of iron inboard from the side of the ship below the water line, the top of dome rising a little above the surface covering the engines, the lower deck, and store rooms; divided into a series of water-tight compartments. This he contends, would give additional strength to the ship, and, however much her hull might be knocked about, she could not sink unless the arch were penetrated, which, owing to its shape, would be nearly impossible.

—HIGH RATE OF LABOR.—Forty cents an hour is the price paid for labor in discharging

and loading the steam vessels now in this port. This is equal to four dollars a day and for a ten hour day, and is certainly good pay. -Globe.

The Standard.

SAINT ANDREWS, APRIL 17, 1872.

The Sessions.

The Justices were busy at work during the past week, with the County business. On Friday last the Licence Question came up for discussion, with a full attendance of Magistrates, some of whom were recently appointed, and acquitted themselves with much ability, evincing an acquaintance with parliamentary usages. Mayor Dow, of St. Stephen, and Mr. McGill, of Pemmigon, proved good debaters. A round of solid temperance speeches were made on the granting of Liquor Licenses, and arguments used against the traffic. Petitions were presented from St. George, Milltown and other places against granting Licenses, but in consequence of their not being up to the letter of the law, namely, signed by a majority of the rate payers, they were not in all cases complied with. A question here arises, which is entitled to the serious consideration of the Justices; where any district petitions against granting Licenses, and the exact number of signatures is not upon the petition, should the application not be entertained? And if not, would it not be advisable to give public notice to liquor dealers in those districts that after a certain date no Licenses would be granted; thereby giving the dealers an opportunity of disposing of their stock on hand without loss.

It was decided that no new Licenses should be granted in the Parish of St. Andrews, and none in Milltown, Grand Manan or St. David.

The Licenses were raised.—Retail \$40, Wholesale \$50.

The apportionment of County Assessment for Schools was fully debated and the following scale agreed upon and passed:

Table with 4 columns: Name, Tax, Ratep's, Valn. Rows include Granlmanan, St. Patrick, St. Stephen, etc.

The reports of the Committees on Parish and County Accounts were approved and passed; and a large amount of business transacted. The Sessions were adjourned until Saturday, when the business will be closed.

IMPROVEMENTS.—Mr. Mulligan's new store and residence is nearly finished and will be ready for occupation by the 1st of May. The work of enlargement and renovation is highly creditable to the contractor, Mr. Robert Bell, who is also principal workman. The store is high and roomy, and has a large glass modern front, the design being for books and stationery, while the other is adapted for confectionary, fruit, &c. The building has been raised nearly six feet, and when finished and painted will add materially to the appearance of the old church block on Water Street.

The Minister of Customs Villa is nearly finished on the outside. The new Mansard roof affords a magnificent view of the surrounding country. The contractor, Mr. David McRoberts, has pushed along the work, notwithstanding several weeks of bad weather.

Several other improvements are being carried on of which due notice will be given.

A WARNING.—From reports to Boards of Health, it has been demonstrated, that wall papers, artificial flowers, and dress materials in which green is the prevailing colour, the arsenical poisoning is so great, that numbers of persons have been poisoned. The two principal green pigments containing arsenic in common use are the arsenite of copper, and the aceto-arsenite of copper. Fortunately all the green pigments in use are not of this dangerous character, many of them being harmless. A ready test is furnished by chemistry. The greatest danger lies in paper hangings; and cases are cited where persons poisoned, have been thoroughly cured by removing from rooms covered with green flowered paper. Even a few days in such rooms will cause vomiting, with burning sensation in the throat and stomach, affection of the lungs, &c. Sweeping and dusting these rooms has partially poisoned those engaged in that employment.

The Legislature was prorogued on the 11th inst. During the Session seventy-five Acts were passed. The only local Act in which this County is interested is one incorporating "certain districts of the Parish of St. Stephen to be known as the Town of St. Stephen," and to authorize the Town Council to borrow money to pay off a debt due by the Fire Department of that Town. The Bye Road appropriation is \$6,494, Special grant \$999.

A Sackville contemporary remarks—"somebody must pay for school houses and teachers. Each one cannot have a school at his own door." He also says what is a positive fact, that, "there are many difficulties in the way of suiting everybody in taxation for and location of schools." Trustees have an onerous and thankless duty to perform, without remuneration; and yet some of them have been annoyed by attempts to interfere with their arrangements, but happily without success.

The trains have been arriving regularly and on time, since the removal of the snow blockade. The men who were at work, fighting the snow and clearing the track, show by their appearance hard work. They are bronzed, reduced in weight, and many of them have had their sight temporarily injured, the hot sun and glare of the snow did its work most effectually, on Manager and men. One fact is now patent, the people believe in railroads, and could not get along without them—they are the necessities of the age.

MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS.—Several Councils in the Province are applying for Municipal Acts; the Parish of St. James in this County is about taking the proper steps for the incorporation of that Parish into a Municipality. There is also a desire expressed that the County should apply for an Act of Incorporation at an early day. The Parish would then have a fair representation, the business would be done according to law by councillors who would be directly responsible to the electors, and whose term of office would expire annually, unless re-elected. We believe the time has arrived for Municipal Corporations and will aid any efforts towards attaining so desirable a system of County government.

The Steamer "City of St. John," arrived here on Sunday morning last, being her first trip for the season. She has been refitted during the winter, her machinery overhauled and is in capital order. The only change in officers is the new clerk, Mr. Corbett. The new tariff has several reductions in rates of freight; this will be satisfactory to shippers and consignees.

The "City" arrived to-day about half-past one o'clock from St. John. She is to leave during the season on Wednesdays and Saturdays—returning on Thursdays and Mondays.

SONS OF TEMPERANCE.—A new Division was formed here on Friday last, and the officers elected by the members. The following are the officers for the current quarter:—

- Geo. Edgar, W. P. H. Hannah, W. A. Alex. Campbell, C. J. Meghler, R. S. R. H. Davis, A. R. S. J. Stoop, F. S. C. C. Bridges, T. J. Hughes, Con. W. Coats, A. C. H. McQuaid, I. S. H. Armstrong, O. S. J. Russell, P. W. P. B. H. Davis, D. W. G. P.

Division Room over W. Ingram's Store. Meets every Monday evening at 8 o'clock.—St. Andrews Division commences with 12 members, and several applications for initiations.

RETURNED.—The Hon. B. R. Stevenson, and R. Robinson, Esq., M. P. P., arrived from Fredericton by Train on Monday evening. The labors of the Session being terminated, these gentlemen will now have time to devote to their private business.

The Small Pox, we are pleased to learn from the "Courier," has been stamped out of St. Stephen. The few cases in the hospital, and those in Mr. Donald's family are recovering. Nevertheless those who have not been vaccinated should attend to it without delay.

The Country roads are represented as being in a fearful state; some parts are bare, and others are covered with several feet of soft snow and slush, rendering travelling dangerous as well as difficult.

Our Dry Goods Merchants are receiving their Spring Stock of Goods, and are making a fine display. Purchasers will have a new selection to choose from.

From telegrams to the St. John Press, we learn that in the Dominion Parliament on the 18th inst.—"Mr. Bolton gave notice of enquiry whether it is the intention of the Government to introduce, during the present session, any measure to provide for more equitable financial terms for the Province of New Brunswick.

Mr. Connell gave notice of an address for copies of all correspondence between the Government of New Brunswick and the Government of the Dominion respecting any claims by the Province for a more equitable arrangement with the Dominion; also of any orders in Council, or other documents touching the above or connected with the mission of delegates from New Brunswick on this subject, together with detailed statement of account between the Dominion and Province to 1st April, 1872."

The new Custom House at Portland, Maine, was shown open a few days ago, and inspected by the City government, members of the press. Among the guests were the Governor, the Mayor, the Captain of the English steamship in port, consular agents, &c. The increase of business of the port, demanded more room for custom's business. The first custom house of the port was opened in 1730, under a naval officer named Moses Pears N. The collection of customs was at that time under Great Britain, and the customs authorities held the office in a dwelling house. The imports in 1871 amounted to \$2,946,992, the exports \$5,896,320. After inspection the company adjourned to the basement, and partook of viands prepared for the occasion.

PURCHASE.—Mr. Clarke has purchased the "Railroad Hotel" property from Mr. Pleasant, and will continue to conduct it as heretofore. The property is centrally situated, and the hotel under Mr. Clarke's management has enjoyed a large patronage. We understand that he intends enlarging the house, and making other improvements. The sale of his furniture, &c., is consequently withdrawn.

BALLOU'S MAGAZINE FOR MAY.—The May number of Ballou's Magazine is out, and a capital number it is, filled with good stories, choice poetry, and some excellent engravings of interest. We know of no Magazine that will compare with this for real worth, when the price is taken into consideration. Think of a hundred pages of choice matter for the small sum of 15 cents, and twelve numbers in a year for only \$1.50. Every family in the country could afford as much for the sake of the pleasure which Ballou's Magazine really imparts. The contents for the May number are: Warwick Castle, England; Scene on the Hudson River; Notable Russian Scenes; The Ogilvie Pride; That Robber; and several other stories.—(Humorous Illustrations.) Published by Thome & Talbot, 63 Congress Street, Boston.

SUMMARY.

HAY.—Fifty two bundles of pressed hay brought from Fredericton over the E. & N. Railway, were sold at auction by R. S. Prescott yesterday forenoon, at \$27.50 to \$29. Considering the season and the small hay crop of last year, the prices paid for hay are remarkably low, owing to the ease with which it is brought by rail from Avostook and the Provinces.—Bangor Whig

George W. White, Esq., M. P. P. for Carleton, was sworn in as a member of the Executive Council this morning.—Express, April 12.

John Bright, replying to an address from some Republicans declaring that he was destined to be the first President of the Republic of Great Britain, writes that he hopes it will be a long time before the English are called upon to decide between a Republic and a monarchy. Bright expressed doubt as to whether Republicans are his real friends.

The Berlin correspondent of the London Times says that specimens of the new rifle used for the German army will shortly be distributed among the various regiments to test their powers more completely. The expense of equipping the troops with the new weapon, and manufacturing the necessary supply in reserve is calculated at nearly 50,000,000 thalers. It will be defrayed out of the war indemnity.

At a wedding in Williamson County, Tennessee, February 15, the bride was married in the shoes which her mother wore on the occasion of her marriage on the 8th of February, 1808—a period of sixty-four years and a week, to day. The venerable mother, now past her four score years, was present, and witnessed the ceremony.

A lady in Aberdeen, Scotland, is more advanced in woman's rights than any other woman in Great Britain. She goes regularly to the barber to get shaved.

Gilmore is not without hope that Queen Victoria may come to his jubilee. Prince of Wales is also invited, and perhaps the King of the Canibal Islands may sing a song.—Exchange

The first big egg of the season comes to us from New Brunswick. It was laid by a pullet owned by Mr. Moses Clark; weight 4 lbs., and girth 6 1/2 inches.—[Carleton Sentinel]

Mr. W. D. Hart of this town has an egg laid by a pullet of the Brahms breed, precisely the same weight and size.

A Norristown editor, to whom was sent a song entitled "What Shall my Love Wear," wrote a kind but decided article advising her to wear clothes.

The Cornwall, Eng. Gazette mentions that a number of bank notes recently went through a paper mill. It is supposed that the notes were sewed in some garment which had been thrown amongst the rags.

The number of English silk umbrellas smuggled into America year by tourists and the employers of the steamship companies has been increasing so rapidly that the New York trade has been completely ruined, and there is hardly one house that can afford to keep stock.

In Green Bay (Wis.) post office, a notice is posted up which reads as follows:—"Price of 3 cent stamps, 3 cent each, licked and stuck 5 cents each; the clock will answer the question, "Has the mail closed?"

About twenty five years since San Francisco contained but one hundred inhabitants. The snow blockade it is said cost the Pacific Railroad company \$25,000. This is not as much as some short lines have paid for similar obstructions.

S. fatal has mining become in the coal districts of England, that one person in every three who is engaged in it, is said to die annually. This is a fearful percentage.

In Boston, recently, two women stopped a street car not for the purpose of getting in, but to ask the conductor where a certain house was. They did not get the information.

Pianissimo, the astronomer, informs a frightened world that he has not discovered any comet that will knock the earth to pieces next August. The story was manufactured from whole cloth by a sensational Swiss journalist.

In the war with the Ultramontanes, the direction of Prince Bismarck to the Bishop of Emsland to withdraw an excommunication inflicted on a school teacher, and a penalty of losing his State salary, is a distinct attempt to prohibit spiritual action by secular means. In Baden, the State, under directions from Berlin, has gone even further, having prohibited all monks and non German priests from preaching in the State Churches and suspended the law of compulsory attendance at school whenever the teacher is an infidelist.

The first through train from Woodstock, since the great snow blockade about six weeks ago, arrived in Carleton shortly after 6 o'clock last evening (the Isaugor train was detained two hours at McAdam, waiting for the connection) and as the road is now open again, the accumulation of freight for that section of the Province will be sent forward this morning.—Telegraph, 13th.

George W. Ross, a lad aged 16 years, residing with John Perre, Esq., Wallace Bay, Cumberland Co., N. S., committed suicide on Sunday, 13th ult., by hanging himself in the barn.

A BEAUTIFUL CARPET, manufactured for Dr. Bayard, and damaged by water on the passage from England, was sold at auction on the Market Square on Saturday, to Mr. McCullough, for \$211. Its original cost was nearly ninety pounds sterling.—[T.]

St. Francis Ronalds, now in ninety years of age, and a member of the recently instituted Society of Telegraph Engineers, proposed a system of electric telegraphy so early as 1816. He erected miles of experimental wires in the private grounds about his house, and in 1823 published a book, now very scarce, in which he said the day would come when the King at Brighton might communicate with the Ministers in London as quickly as if he were himself in the metropolis. In those days many of his acquaintances had serious doubts about his sanity.

MEDICAL DEGREES.—The examination by a committee of the Pennsylvania legislature into the practice of some Philadelphia colleges of selling medical diplomas has already bro't out some astonishing facts. A negro swore that he purchased a diploma for sixty dollars, although he had never attended a lecture.—Another man, who had attended a few lectures obtained a diploma after an examination so trivial in its nature that it disgusted even the aspiring "doctor" himself. But the most remarkable testimony was given by a witness who testified that he arranged with the faculty for the issue of diploma for child two years old, the Professor, who knew nothing of the child's age, naming the sum and agreeing to date back the diploma four years. After such evidence Pennsylvania ought, to make short work with these diploma-mongers.

Halifax expects to have the flagship about May 15.

The Nova Scotia Legislature will prorogue on Thursday.

Women in Halifax carry shield shots. A lady was struck in the forehead the other night and severely hurt. The two women who assailed her passed on, no words were uttered, and the Halifax paper speaks of it as a "strange affair."

The man who wrote "I am saddest when I sing," was a fool to sing much.

India is a host of an inhabitant who was into jail before he was twenty-four hours old.

There are in Germany Empire sixty thousand primary schools, with six million pupils.

In Ohio, if the property was equally divided, every man, woman and child would possess over \$1000.

DIED. On the 14th inst., after a protracted illness, Louis, aged 51, relict of the late Mr. Alexander Watson, leaving a family to lament their loss.

Ship News. PORT OF ST. ANDREWS. ARRIVED. April 11, Schr. Son, Flynn, Calais, Sundries, J. Horton.

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