

The public as for the Maine Law already presented to the Legislature of Vermont by 27,000 persons, of whom 17,000 are legal voters. Strong signs are entertained, that the desired law will be passed by the present Legislature.

It is, you know, the most important principle I will try to give you. The Maine Law is a civil contract. It is a contract between the State and the people. It is a contract which is binding on all who enter into it. It is a contract which is binding on all who enter into it. It is a contract which is binding on all who enter into it.

SEARCH FOR SIR JOHN FRANKLIN.
On Monday evening a very numerous and most interesting meeting of the Geographical Society was held in the Theatre of the Royal Institution, London. Sir Robert J. Schomburgk in the chair, when Capt. Inglefield, R. N., read a paper upon his recent voyage to the Arctic regions in search of Sir John Franklin. It is a paper which will be read by the President and fellows of this society; and her ladyship's original plan not being able to be carried into effect, she had offered the ship to the Admiralty, as an addition to the expedition which was being fitted out by the Government for the next year to the Northern Sea. This proposal was declined, and her ladyship then offered to give the vessel to any competent person who would convey to Sir Edward Belcher an ample supply of provisions and stores which had been placed in her. Capt. Inglefield accepted the offer, and other charges, for which he was to be compensated on his return to England by the sale of the ship.

Capt. Inglefield having briefly narrated these introductory facts, said that he sailed from the Thames on the 6th of July last, and from Peterhead on the 10th of the same month. He had first proposed to go by the route proposed by Mr. Peary, but by the time he had reached the head of Baffin's Bay, he had turned his attention to the Northern Sea, at the head of Baffin's Bay, he had turned his attention to the Northern Sea, at the head of Baffin's Bay, he had turned his attention to the Northern Sea.

He (Capt. I.) accordingly landed, and closely examined the place, but no trace of anything European could be found. He then proceeded to the head of the bay, and there he found a small boat which the Queen's arms had been impressed; and these articles had no doubt been left by her Majesty's ship North Star, which had wintered near to this spot. He (the gallant captain) found an ugly cairn upwards of six feet high, and covered with very heavy snow. His desire to view the contents was much increased by the fact that on removing the outer stones a quantity of bones were found. The cairn was soon levelled to the base, and the earth dug out to a foot depth through the frozen soil, but great was his satisfaction at finding, upon the authority of their naturalists, that the bones were those of the whale, the walrus, and of different fishes.

On the shores of Whales Sound he discovered a small settlement, who on seeing the crew indulged in immoderate laughter, and expressed the utmost astonishment at their clothing. They had evidently never seen Europeans before, but they soon became friendly, and many of the small articles that lay on the table were purchased of them, the most singular of these being a small, round, yellowish object, which they used to gnaw their blubber. These vessels were hollowed out of solid stones by means of a harder kind of stone, and the formation of one was a work requiring immense time and labour.

Notwithstanding that he (the gallant officer) left England three months later than the expedition of last year, he had completed in reaching a considerably higher latitude than was attained by Ross and Parry in their voyage of 1818, and he had explored and laid down 600 miles of new coast line, determining also that the entrance into Whale Sound was a great strait passing in the Arctic basin, and thus apparently defining Greenland as an island. At the entrance of this strait he discovered a cluster of islands, which he had rapidly surveyed, and laid down upon his chart. To the strait he had given the name of Marchioness's Straits (—chess)—and the principal island he had called Northumberland Island. Leaving this sound, as it had hitherto been termed, he sailed northward, in the direction of South Bay, and after a great extent of coast stretching far before him. On the 27th of Aug. at 2 p. m., he attained the lat. of 78 deg. 25 min. (nearly 120 miles further north than any former voyager). He was then in a great sea, the entrance of which was 25 miles across, only partially encumbered with ice, and which, upon the western shore, presented a magnificent view of the great Polar Basin, perfectly level, and as far as the eye could reach, and as far as the eye could reach, and as far as the eye could reach.

At the conclusion of the paper, Sir John Ross said, he thought that the Arctic expedition was undoubtedly on the right track. He (the gallant officer) was undoubtedly on the right track. He (the gallant officer) was undoubtedly on the right track. He (the gallant officer) was undoubtedly on the right track.

HASZARD'S GAZETTE.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1852.

THE MAILS out, which left here on Thursday last, have not been able to cross the Strait, from the unfavorable state of the weather. The River opposite Charlottetown remains closed, but the ice is unable to travel on, even for foot passengers.

ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH.—The wires are now brought into the Tower Hall, and the line completed, but owing to some unforeseen circumstance, no messages have yet been received from Cape Traverse.

SCIENTIFIC CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARDS THE IMPROVEMENT OF AGRICULTURE IN NOVA SCOTIA, BY J. W. DAWSON, Secretary of Education, Nova Scotia, Cor. Mem. Ac. Nat. Sci. Phila., Pictou, Published by J. Dawson & Son, 1852, pp. 99. (Printed by G. T. HASZARD, Charlottetown, price 1s. 6d., currency.)

The institutions of the Academy at Pictou, as well as that of King's College in Windsor, have been productive of the happiest effects in the neighbouring Province; while they have produced men whose fame and reputation are not confined within the narrow boundaries of their own province, and while such men as the writer of the work, the title of which is prefixed to this article, have been enabled to become the instructors of their countrymen, hundreds of others have derived from the same sources, the means of benefiting by those instructions, throughout the whole Province of Nova Scotia, there are to be found numbers of well-educated men in every class of life, with the exception, perhaps, of the more laborious, who have derived their knowledge from one or other of these seminaries or from those of more recent origin. Among those whose names have conferred honour on the place of their education, stands Mr. J. W. Dawson. A native of the town of Pictou, he was a pupil of the late Rev. Dr. McCulloch—one of those literary pioneers, who having spent a life of hardy toil and privation in the service of his country, could scarcely be overlooked, and whose labours had been at last begun to be appreciated. It was natural, that in the midst of coal mines and iron sandstone, lime and other mineral productions, the bent of Mr. Dawson's mind should be inclined to the study of Geology and its kindred and congenial sciences. These were pursued with that ardour which is ever the concomitant of genius, and which, when under due regulation, never fails to lead to success. Mr. Dawson achieved a reputation in his native Province, and obtained the important and highly responsible post of Superintendent of Education. Of the manner in which he has performed the duties of his office, we shall hereafter have occasion to speak. It would seem that while so engaged, his attention was directed to the state of agriculture in Nova Scotia, and by a mind like his, travelling into every part of the Province, he could scarcely be overlooked, and whose labours had been at last begun to be appreciated.

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HOLIDAY REVIEWS FOR CHRISTMAS TREES.—A sheet of verses under the above title has been put into our hands. The following extracts will enable our readers to judge of its merits. Of the Dinner that came off in the House of Assembly Chamber last summer, the poet thus speaks:—

"The Dinner o'er, the crumbs were cleared,
When seats and cushions were heard:
'The Queen' of course—name so endear'd
To all the nation—
Some speaker spoke, and long was cheer'd,
With approbation.

"After the Queen, 'Here's Captain Sleight,
Our honor'd guest, from far away,
With right good will we hail this day,
His bright appearing,
Long, long amongst us may he stay'
(Tremendous cheering.)

"He gave response, in happy style,
With easiest flow and blindest smile,
Prais'd his 'broad acres' in this tale—
Replete with beauties;
And preach'd a homily, meanwhile,
On landlords' duties!"

It is to be sold, we are informed, at Mr. BASSMAN'S.

PER CENT.
Blocks and Dead Eyes, ad valorem, 25 00
Jewellery, 10 00
Clothes, ready made, " 10 00
Wrecked Vessels, whether got off, 5 00
or broken up, " 5 00
Cider, additional, per gallon, 0 04
Fish (pickled), per bl., 0 20
(dry), per quintal, 0 16
Add to these, the additional 6d. on Rum.

The Editor of the Royal Gazette promises to give us, after the Christmas Holidays, some information on the subject of the Revenue, and to show us up, we presume, for asserting that the Island is as highly taxed in 1852 as in 1849. We beg to recommend to his consideration the following items additional in 1852:—

The above was written before the Royal Gazette of yesterday came to hand. We do not choose to make any alteration. Its publication will serve as an answer to much of the misrepresentation contained in the leading article of that number.

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Passenger in the Schooner Orinoco, from Halifax to Georgetown, on Monday, the 13th instant, by J. W. Dawson, Esq. Messrs. White, Crab, Beer, and others took passage on Wednesday from Halifax for Georgetown.

Arrived at Georgetown on Saturday—Schooner Sarah Ann Gray, Tury, Orinoco and two small vessels belonging to Point Pim.

Port of Charlottetown.

Dec. 14.—Schr. Velocity, McPherson, Piquash; bal. —Brig. Mianie, James, Newfoundland; pedon. —Schr. Harriet Howell, Laird, Boston; do.—by W. B. Dean. —20—Birgin River, Newell, Cork; timber and deal.

Ship News.

The Brig Darley, Murchison, sailed, from Georgetown, for London, on Monday, the 13th instant, by J. W. Dawson, Esq. Mianie, James, Newfoundland; pedon. —Schr. Harriet Howell, Laird, Boston; do.—by W. B. Dean. —20—Birgin River, Newell, Cork; timber and deal.

Improvement of Haszard's Gazette.

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IMPORTANT TO TOWN AND COUNTRY SUBSCRIBERS.
The management of the Newspaper which, for the last 30 years, has been successfully conducted by J. D. HASZARD, Esq., is now transferred to the Subscriber, who will assume all the responsibilities thereof after the publication of the present number.

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of the same size as that at which it is at present published, and to Subscribers, at the same price. The advantages which, from this liberal arrangement, will accrue to Subscribers and Advertisers, are so apparent, that they require no comment, and a due appreciation of it, by the public, will, as is hoped, appear in the increased patronage bestowed upon this Paper.

NOTICE.

THE ANNUAL UNION PRAYER MEETING will be held, (D. V.) in the Wesleyan Chapel, at Seven o'clock, on the Evening of SATURDAY, the 1st January.

ALMANACK for 1853.

HASZARD'S CALENDAR for 1853, will be ready for delivery on FRIDAY next, and will be found to contain besides the usual information, much additional matter.

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Between Spring & Broome Streets, BROADWAY, NEW YORK, TREADWELL, ACKER & Co, Proprietors

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15,000 Havana CIGARS,

La Salvador Brand, El President, and El Sol; 30 bbls. prime No. 1 Labrador HERRING, FOR SALE, on Consignment, at the Store of Mr. CHARLES W. WALKER.

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Books for Christmas.

A SELECTION of the most interesting and useful books, for the season, is now on hand, and will be ready for delivery on FRIDAY next, Dec. 29, 1852.

FOR THE DWELLING-HOUSE.

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METEOROLOGICAL.

For the week ending 1st January.

BAROMETER.

Highest (16th.) Lowest (13th.) Mean.

30.40 29.80 29.90

WIND AT 9 A. M.

Dec. 12 W. light breeze. Overcast.

Mo. 13 N.W. moderate do. Overcast.

Tu. 14 N. light air. Overcast.

W. 15 N.W. fresh breeze. Blue sky.

Th. 16 N.W. strong do. Blue sky.

Fri. 17 S.W. light air. Blue sky.

Sat. 18 W. fresh breeze. Blue sky.

Charlottetown.

Exchange 60 per cent. on Sterling.

Flour and Oatmeal, per lb.

Encourage Island Axes! AXI GREAT REDUCED.

THE Subscriber offers for sale, a quantity of Axes, of the best quality, at a considerable reduction.

EDGE TOOLS, of all descriptions, at reasonable terms.

Lot 40, Dec. 24, 1852.

Second Concert.

BY THE SONS OF TEMPERANCE.

Under the Patronage of His Excellency the Governor.

THE Sons of Temperance will give a Second Concert, on FRIDAY, the 29th of December, at 7 o'clock, in the Temperance Hall.

A variety of new and popular Music, will be performed.

The performance to commence at 7 o'clock.

Tickets may be had at the Store of Mr. G. T. Haszard, J. W. Morrison, Charlottetown, Dec. 20, 1852.

Temperance.

THE friends of Temperance are invited to attend a special meeting, on THURSDAY, the 27th of December, at 7 o'clock, in the Temperance Hall.

The object of this meeting is to defray the cost of the Band belonging to the Order.

The Tables are to be furnished with a number of Ladies.

Tickets, 1s. each, may be had of Mr. G. T. Haszard, the Secretary.

Ten on the Table at 5 o'clock.

The Band will be in attendance at 8 o'clock.

December 14, 1852.

N. B.—An early application number only will be issued.

SINGING.

THE Subscriber respectfully informs the Public, that he has a quantity of Music Books for Sale.

Terms—Seven Shillings a length of Lesson, 14 hours course at 5 o'clock, the other at 8 o'clock, the other at 10 o'clock.

The 3d January, 1853, at the number of Pupils offer.

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