

## Telegraphic News.

London, Aug. 13.  
Parliament was prorogued to-day until the 29th October.

The Queen's Speech, in closing, the session says her relations with all foreign powers continue cordial, and she looks with confidence to the maintenance of European peace.

The visit of the Eryid of Zanzibar has led to the conclusion of a supplementary convention, looking to the more complete suppression of the East African slave trade.

With regard to the attack on the English expedition, and the murder of Margary on Chinese territory, she says no efforts will be spared to secure the punishment of the instigators or perpetrators of the crime.

The colonies are generally prosperous. Referring to the preservation of the peace of Ireland, Her Majesty expresses her gratification at the adoption of the measure which, while relaxing the stringency of former enactments, is calculated to maintain tranquility there.

Regarding the shipping bills, Her Majesty rejoices that Parliament has been able to the temporary enactment to diminish the dangers to which British seamen are exposed.

She has every reason to hope that the progress of the revenue, which has marked recent years will be fully sustained at present.

Montreal, Aug. 13.  
Jos. Dantre, Advocate, has received from England the long expected decree of the Privy Council, ordering the burial of the remains of the late Joseph Guibord, in the consecrated portion of the Catholic Cemetery.

Thos. White, Editor of the *Gazette*, received an anonymous letter, threatening assassination if he did not cease giving prominence to the fact that Devlin is in prison.

Ottawa, Aug. 16.  
Lt. Col. J. R. MacShane, M. S., of 62nd Volunteer Battalion, St. John, has been appointed Brigade Major for No. 8 Military District, in place of Lt. Col. A. C. Otty, deceased.

London, Aug. 16.  
Gen. Onoseda, after a sharp fight captured the Carlist position at Lamo.

The Carlist force mentioned on 10th inst., as having passed through Berga, with expectation of surprising the Alfonsists, engaged in the siege of Leo Dargel, approached to within three leagues of the besieged town, but the movements of the Royal army necessitated again their retreat to the mountains.

A treaty of commerce between China and Peru was ratified on the 7th inst.

New York, Aug. 16.  
Three miners were killed at the Drummond Colliery, near Scranton, Pa., on Saturday, by a car which became detached and ran down the slope.

The Jesuits recently expelled from Guatemala have now been ordered to leave Costa Rica.

A letter from Spark Hill, N. J., says there were ten heavy land slides on the Piedmont Branch Railroad last Friday night. Several people are missing, and quite a number of wounded from rocks and earth were washed down the mountain by the flood.

Gold 113½ @ 113½.

ACCIDENT TO REV. MR. EDDY OF CALAIS.—The *Calais Times* of the 13th inst. says:—It will excite the deepest sympathy of his many friends in Calais to learn that Rev. E. B. Eddy met with a serious accident on the morning of the 9th inst., at Grand Manan, where he had recently gone with the intention of passing a few weeks of vacation. From the report which has reached us, we learn that he started out quite early in the morning with his basket and hammer, to examine the mineralogical composition and collect specimens for analysis of some rocks two or three miles distant from his boarding place. While crossing a high cliff the bank gave way, and he fell a height of some fifteen feet on the rocks below, dislocating his ankle, severely injuring his back, and sustaining, in addition, many severe bruises. He fortunately, was within calling distance of some men, who procured a wagon and conveyed him in an entirely helpless condition to his boarding place. The doctor who was called administered chloroform, and with the help of assistance put the foot back in place. It had been turned directly under. He suffered terribly previous to and during the operation. His back is so much injured that he moves with extreme difficulty. The people on the island have proffered every assistance in their power, and have excited gratitude by their kindness.

[The Rev. gentleman returned to Calais on Tuesday last in the *Stroud*, he was still suffering from the accident.]

Sir Walter Raleigh is reputed to have discovered the potato, to M. Teller, of Paris, claims the merit of inventing it, as he has in his garden all the year round new potatoes, which continue to increase and multiply in winter under ground, like truffles, as well as in summer by the ordinary methods. He has taken out no patent, and will only reveal the secret if the nation rewards him with an annuity.

Chicago has wisely decided to pay such of her creditors as failed to collect the interest due on their bonds from the house of Duncan, Sherman & Co. This act of honesty will recommend Chicago to persons seeking investment for their money, and will profit the Garden City a hundred

times more than would have been gained by taking advantage of legal technicalities to avoid payment of a just debt.

PROVINCIAL APPOINTMENT.—John Pencock, to be a Justice of the Peace for the County of Charlotte.

## The Standard.

SAINT ANDREWS, AUG. 18, 1875.

### Publisher's Notice.

Persons indebted to the STANDARD OFFICE for the paper, advertising, &c., will please pay our collector, and those at a distance can remit by mail. Many owe us for a year and upwards, and we trust that they will liquidate their accounts without delay. There is no good reason why publishers should not be paid as promptly as others. We are happy to learn that as the postage is now pre-paid by publishers, subscriptions &c. must henceforward be paid in advance.

### The Army Worm

about which so much apprehension has been felt here and elsewhere in the County, and which has done considerable damage in a few localities—is no stranger. For several years past the insect has been seen in this section of the province; at first it attacked the large foliage and fruit trees denuding them of their foliage, the following years it destroyed wheat and oat fields to some extent, and the grass crop in a few instances; but its destructive qualities and countless numbers during the present season has appalled the farmers in this neighborhood. In this, and the adjoining parish of St. Croix, within the past fortnight, millions of these voracious and destructive pests, have committed great havoc on some farms; they are however, disappearing, marching on in a northerly direction. Each locality adopted its own method of killing the insects; by sprinkling lime in their path, others by ploughing a deep furrow around the fields which had not been attacked, and others again used rollers. It is the intention of several farmers to burn over their fields during the latter part of the season and thereby destroy the eggs which are deposited near the roots of the grass. Crows and other insect-eating birds have done good service in destroying the worms. We copy the following paragraph from an interesting article on the "Utility of Birds":—

"Various causes operate to check the undue increase of insects; and the chief of these is the appetite and instinct which a wise Providence has given to birds. If the number of eggs produced by insects is wonderful, the number destroyed by a single bird is no less so. Audubon says a woodcock will eat its own weight of insects in a single night. Dr. Bradley says that a pair of sparrows will destroy three thousand and six hundred and sixty caterpillars in a week. We saw the parent bird visit a young purple martin on a church spire opposite our window five times in as many minutes, each time with an insect. A brood of partridges will nearly exterminate the denizens of an ant-hill in a couple of days. Woodpeckers are constantly employed in ridding the orchards of insects and their eggs, which they skillfully discover under the pieces of dead bark. Robins, through the spring and summer, are continually hunting for worms and grubs which they find concealed under the surface of the ground. We recently noticed a common chipping-sparrow capture a moth; and, upon depriving her of it, we found it to be that of a common apple-tree caterpillar (*Chioscopa Americana*), so destructive to the orchards of New England. To check the excessive increase of insects is evidently the task which birds are intended to perform. Did they have no other office save to cheer and encourage humanity with their beautiful plumage and song, and to typify a purer and more ethereal existence to us creatures who 'grovel here below,' even then they would deserve the favor of every Christian and every poet; but when the useful is combined with the beautiful, and a practical value is added to an elevating symbol, they command the interest of every eye, and their protection becomes a matter of consequence to all."

THE POTATO ROT we regret to state has attacked some fields, the leaves and tubers having become discoloured, and some of the potatoes have rotted. The season is so far advanced, that little fears are entertained of the crop being injured to any serious extent.

MOB LAW IN MONTREAL.—From telegraphic advices, it appears that Montreal the first city in the Dominion, is to some extent under the influence of mob law. A few nights ago at a sitting of the City Council, an effort was made to pass a bye-law providing for compulsory vaccination, in order to lessen and perhaps prevent the spread of small pox, which has been so prevalent in the city and suburbs. Hearing of the Council's determination, a mob of some thousands gathered in the hall and outside, and when the measure was introduced, the building was assailed with stones, breaking the windows and wounding some of the Councilors; all attempts to introduce the measure were frustrated, the meeting broken up, and the bye law postponed for six months. The remedy for such lawless conduct is at hand, and we trust will be applied.

The Hon. A. H. Gillmor returned from his official visit to Grand Manan yesterday, and left for St. George. He expressed himself as delighted with the kindness and attention of his island friends. The visit we expect will be mutually beneficial—it has improved Mr. Gillmor's health, and will be of service to the residents of Grand Manan. We suggest to our member of Parliament to take such of his colleagues as are to visit St. Andrews this summer, on a trip to that gem of the sea—Grand Manan.

### THE PIC-NIC.

One of those very pleasant affairs, which the young men of St. Andrews know so well how to get up and arrange, was held at Mowat's Grove on Wednesday last. The day was clear and fine, and the "St. Andrews Pic Nic Club," had left nothing undone to make the Pic Nic what it really was—a most enjoyable reunion of the townspeople and visitors. The total absence of class or party, and the universal observance of those amenities which render such gatherings agreeable and pleasant, made all present feel happy. The "Club" had carriages in waiting at the head of the Town to convey persons to the grounds. The tables were nicely arranged, and filled with an abundance of good things—wild and cultivated fruits with an ample supply of sugar and cream, cake, tarts and pies, chicken, ham and tongue, and those healthy beverages tea and coffee were dispensed by fair hands and generous hearts. After all present had partaken of the viands, some strolled about the grounds, while many entered into the various games, and others enjoyed themselves by dancing on the platform erected for that purpose. The music was supplied alternately by Mr. Holden on the Violin, and by the Quintette corps of the St. Andrews Band. The polkas, galops, scottische and waltzes were above the average, there was no jostling, blundering or stopping. A few joined in a good old scotch reel, and contra dances, when the artistic old steps came out in bold relief, and reminded one of the "good old times."

The amusements on the grounds were various, such as pitching quoits, archery, jumping, wheelbarrow and sack races, for which prizes were offered. The Band meanwhile playing some select pieces. We can only enumerate the successful competitors in a few of the games:

Gentlemen's Archery—1st prize Dugald Rolins; 2d, Warwick Lamb.

Ladies Archery—Miss Mary Ross; 2d, Miss Emma Dawson.

Wheelbarrow Race—Walter Magee.

Sack Race—James Cummings.

A more agreeable and happy gathering could not take place than that of Wednesday last, and the young men who carried it out so successfully merit the thanks of the community. As the shades of evening came on, the large party returned to town, pleased and delighted with the Pic Nic.

On Friday evening the young men composing the committees of arrangements, had a Supper at Morrison's Hotel, provided in the host's usual excellent style. The chairman of the Club, Mr. Stoop, presided, ably assisted by Mr. Joe Wade, as crumpier. After the substantial had been disposed of, the usual loyal and patriotic toasts were given, such as the Queen, Canada, our Country, &c., also the Clergy, Ladies, the Press, and the Committees of Arrangements. Col. Mowat's health was proposed in complimentary terms and drank, and a unanimous vote of thanks passed to him for the use of the Pic Nic grounds. The speeches and songs were very good, and the party was a pleasant one. The health of the host and hostess, called forth a happy reply from Mr. Morrison, who spoke in commendatory terms of the Pic Nic and the efforts of the Club, and concluded by proposing the health of the "Pic Nic Club." "Auld lang syne" was then sung, and the company separated, looking forward to another happy meeting next season.

SERVED THEM RIGHT.—A number of mill owners near Woodstock were fined for violating the law by throwing sawdust into the river. Some of the mills shut down in consequence. Such Fishery Officers to enforce the law in this County are required, the St. Croix and Maguadavie at all events would be benefited. We have seen large vessels loaded, lying in the river near St. Stephen some years ago, waiting for the tide where it would be dangerous for them now to anchor at high water.

The Indians in the Western States are on the war path, and murder the whites indiscriminately, and rob them of their cattle and provisions. In Dakota, they rode into the military quarters, and tried to provoke a collision, by trampling the tents and blankets.

The St. Croix Courier of last week took exactly five days to reach St. Andrews. In this age of rapid transit by steamer and rail, it does not argue favorably for efficient service. Does the Courier see?

Some excitement has been caused in Halifax from the fact that an 'attache of the Halifax Hospital, has stated that in many cases, the remains of patients who died in the Hospital, were never buried but taken to the dissecting room. The revelations made by Mr. Dowell, nurse at the hospital are disgusting and disgraceful. Arrests have been made.

The land fog for the past few days has retarded hay making.

BRIGADE MAJOR.—We are rejoiced to learn that Col. J. R. MacShane, has been appointed Brigade Major, vice Col. Otty, deceased. It was Col. MacShane's right and he deserved it. We join with his many friends on the "Border," in congratulating him on his appointment.

THE HAY CROP, abundant in this section, will in many cases be saved in poor condition, owing to the frequent heavy showers. Several farmers have not cut half the crop, waiting for fine weather to make it.

Hon. B. R. Stevenson left here on Monday for the North Shore, on public business. He had quite recovered from his late severe attack of quinsy.

The fishing in the Bay appears to be good if we may judge from the boat loads which arrive daily. Several small mackerel have been caught in weirs.

MANTOBA.—A friend at Winnipeg, sent us the *Standard* of the 31st July, from which we make the following extracts.—This place is growing rapidly, and has a population of 6,000 inhabitants, fine public buildings, Masonic, Temperance, and other societies, a cathedral and other churches, a provincial synod, and several religious and social institutions. The *Standard* looks forward with interest to the construction of the Pembina Branch of the Canadian Pacific Railway as relief from isolation of position, as it will place Winnipeg in connection with the Railway system of the United States, and open up a practical route, passable at all seasons of the year, between that place and the outside world.

The grasshoppers have all taken flight from this Province, scarcely one being now seen. Potatoes that have been planted early and kept eaten down by the pests, are now growing luxuriantly, and will in all probability give a reasonable return yet.

The total number of mowers and horse rakes sold by six of our principal dealers in agricultural implements up to date this year is 115 mowers and 73 horse rakes.—Pretty good for a country said to be on the brink of starvation.

The Mounted Police are about to establish a regular mail between this city and Fort Pelly. It will follow the old cart trail, which is considerably shorter than the route now generally travelled.

The following statement of the Balances at credit of depositors in Government Savings Banks on 31st May 1875, is copied from the *Canada Gazette*:—

St. Andrews.....\$61,135.93  
St. Stephen.....2,191.38

The *Head Quarters* published in Fredericton, we are sorry to notice has been discontinued owing to financial depression.—The publisher Mr. Lawson, will devote his time to job printing in all its branches.

VICK'S FLORAL GUIDE has reached us. It is an interesting number—particularly to those fond of cultivating flowers or ornamental shrubs. The engravings of flowers are very life-like, and the information upon the cultivation of them is very useful. It is published quarterly at 25 cents a year, is given free to all purchasers of seeds to the value of \$1 or upwards.

### Post Office Savings Bank in Canada.

The experience of post-office savings banks is eminently encouraging and satisfactory. In Great Britain it has from the first been found that they promote in directly habits of economy among the people, and that by their aid many are becoming wealthy and independent who without it would have remained in comparative poverty. The same pleasing fact is presented in Canada; and the statistics contained in the official report recently issued of the Postmaster-General of the Dominion speak well both for the Government and the people.

The system has been in operation in Canada for about seven years, during which time it has been attended with unvarying success. In the month of June, 1868, there were in the whole Dominion eighty-one post-office savings banks, and so steady had been the progress that in June, 1875, the number reported was 268. Little more than a year after the commencement, or in June, 1869, the number of deposits was 16,653, representing the sum of \$829,855; in June 1875, the number of deposits was 42,508, and the sums deposited \$1,942,346. The average amount of each deposit during the seven years is estimated at \$53.40. A large number of deposits have been in small sums; some have reached the maximum figure allowed by law. In the majority of cases the money has been deposited by those who keep no regular bank account, and who in the absence of this arrangement would probably have made no investment or saving at all. The withdrawals bear apparently a small proportion to the deposits.

The lumber mills of Messrs G. M. Porter and Sons, Calais, have been shut down the past week. It is stated that work will be suspended in the mills of still another firm next week.

### Appeal to the Board of Health.

For the Standard.

SIR:—Will you please direct the attention of the Board of Health to the unwholesome state of the yards on Water Street, and in the Block between William and Edward Streets. It is enough to create all sorts of diseases—croup, whooping cough, a slaughter house, and celiac with stagnant water during all the hot weather. What a locality for breeding small pox, typhoid fever and other diseases. Surely nuisances should be abated.

Aug. 17, 1875. FIAT.

The Highland and Agricultural Society of Scotland held its annual show at Glasgow on the 27th of July, and following days. It appears to have been an eminently successful exhibition in all essential matters. The attendance was large; the number of animals, and implements on exhibition was much above the average; while in point of quality, considerable improvement has been made. It is justly claimed that the success of the exhibition is a fair index of the progress of the country, whilst a powerful stimulus is afforded to both farmers and mechanics to attempt still greater improvements in both stock and implements.

A GIANTIC HOTEL is about to be built in London, with American capital, by an American architect, with American speed, after an American plan, and to be managed on the American system. A site not far from the House of Commons, and close to St. James's Park, has been purchased, and it is said that a year hence the first visitors may take up their abode in the new establishment. This hotel will make up 1,000 beds; the dining rooms will accommodate 700 persons at the same time; and a staff of 400 servants will be required to carry on the duties of the house.

There are encouraging indications of a revival in the lumber trade in Canada. It has been in a very depressed condition for about two years. But stocks at the mills on the Ottawa are said to have run down, and from this side a larger demand is being made. An improvement in the lumber trade at the present time will have a remarkably good effect upon both the feelings and finances of the people of the Dominion.

A grand scheme for the universal interchange of meteorological observations has been perfected, and is about ready for operation. It contemplates a system of daily bulletins from signal stations in all parts of the world, and the transmission by telegraph of the results of the observations of the weather and the probabilities.

The army worms are making great havoc in Rockland, and appeared, in force in Waldoboro. The *Rockland Gazette* describes them as black worms, from an inch to an inch and a half in length, some of them marked also with horizontal stripes. In some cases they have attempted to invade dwelling houses, and have been expelled with great difficulty.

The long talked of up-river railroad, connecting the St. Croix and Penobscot and the European and North American roads, is again under discussion in town.—The distance which it will be necessary to build, from Princeton to Eaton, is only about 25 miles; and it is claimed that the city should build this road in preference to the Shore Line. Let's have both, assisting first that road whose managers are first in position to commence the work of construction.—*Calais Times*.

The committee who had charge of the recent Picnic in aid of the Presbyterian Church fund, were not discouraged by the unfortunate circumstances which prevented its being carried out, but have decided to hold a picnic on Crocker's grounds on the 24th instant. It will be on a large scale and will embrace much greater attractions.

While reducing the grade at the corner of Mission and 14th streets in San Francisco last week, the workmen unearthed a cask containing gold in scales and nuggets, the value of which is variously estimated between \$30,000 and \$80,000.

### DIED.

At Bay Side, on the 14th instant, Sophronia, wife of Mr. James Adams, and daughter of Mr. Ralph Cookson, in the 44th year of her age.

On the 25th July, at the residence of his son-in-law, in Washington, D. C., in the 82nd year of his age, Capt. Stephen Pine, formerly of St. Andrews.

At his residence, St. Stephen, on the 7th inst., John Eagan, aged 58 years, leaving a large circle of friends and acquaintances to mourn their loss. He was a kind and obliging neighbor, and respected by all who knew him. Peace to his ashes.

### Ship News.

PORT OF ST. ANDREWS.

#### ARRIVED.

Aug. 12, Esther, Maloney, New York, bal.  
13, Franklin, Langmaid, Portland, Flour, &c., J. R. Bradford and others.  
14, Ned, Taiton, Dorchester, 112 tons coal, N. B. & C. R. R.  
15, Jane, Craig, New York, ballast.

#### CLEARED.

Aug. 14, Robert Ross, Clark, St. Stephen, ballast.  
Mosquash, Aug. 17, Julia Clinch, load. ing for New York.