

land; 5th, a radical modification of the laws regulating emigration; 6th, an essential modification of the naturalization laws; 7th, hostility to the corrupt means by which party leaders have forced upon our rulers and our political creed; 8th, resistance to the policy of the Roman Catholic Church; 9th, the reformation of the character of our National Legislature; 10th, the restriction of the Executive patronage; 11th, the education of the youth of the country in schools provided by the State. The 12th and 13th resolutions refer to the question of slavery, and embrace the points upon which the Convention split. They have been already made public. 14, This National Council declares that all the principles of the order should be henceforward everywhere, and that each member be at liberty to make known the existence of the order, and in fact, that he himself is a member. And it recommends that there be no concealment of the places of meeting or subordinate councils. Resolutions denunciatory of the Pierce administration were adopted. One report says the next session is to be held in New York on the first Tuesday of June next. While the *New York Express* states that the 22nd of February 1855, has been fixed as the day for an American Convention to assemble in Philadelphia, to nominate a President and Vice President. The delegates are to be selected by the State Councils, and each State is to have the number of its vote in the Electoral college. The Convention adjourned sine die at 7 P. M., and it is reported the delegates are all elected with favourable prospect ahead, and bound to each other in the strongest ties of fraternal concord and fellowship.

NEWS FROM EUROPE IN SIX DAYS.—The New York and Newfoundland Telegraph Company, of which Mr. Peter Cooper is President, have just closed a contract with Messrs. Husted & Kroehl, submarine engineers, New York, to remove the "Merlin Rock," lying in the centre of the entrance to the harbor of St. John's, Newfoundland, which is the only obstruction to the entrance of the Collins and other large steamers into that port. There are now eighteen feet of water upon the rock at low tide; but as the Collins steamers draw twenty-three feet of water when loaded, the Telegraph Company have contracted to reduce the "Merlin Rock" to twenty-seven feet below mean low water.

When this obstacle is removed it is probable that most of the European steamers will make St. John's a stopping-place, as it lies directly on their route, and about one-third of the distance from New York to Liverpool; so that a steamer from Europe, at St. John's, Newfoundland, may have her news telegraphed to New York within six days from the date of her departure from Liverpool.

The contractors expect to complete the work about the first of August next.—*Evening Post.*

NEW BRUNSWICK.

ST. JOHN SHIPS STILL TAKING THE LEAD!—We have been shown a letter from Melbourne, announcing the arrival at that port of the clipper ship *Mullias Casino*, in the shortest run ever made from Valparaiso to that port. We expect soon to have the satisfaction also of hearing of a sister ship, the *Biolio*, now one of the Black Ball Line of Australian packets from Liverpool, making a passage to Sydney, that will, if possible, add to the already world-wide celebrity of the builders of these splendid vessels—Messrs. James Smith & Son, of this City, who also built the famous *Marco Polo*.—*St. John Chronicle.*

Editorial Miscellany.

THE WEATHER.—Alternate rain and sunshine, with moderate warmth, have been the characteristics of the weather for the past fortnight. This state of the atmosphere, than which nothing can be more propitious for the prospects of harvest, was diversified on Thursday evening last, by a heavy thunder-storm which lasted about an hour. During its continuance the beautiful and rare phenomena of a lateral rainbow was presented, which stretched across the heavens from north-west to south-east. We have never seen one more distinctly defined, and the prismatic colors, tempered by the feebler light of the lesser luminary, were distinctly visible at the extremities of the arch.

The bell for the large clock in the New Market House is now in its place. A morning paper says "it will be heard distinctly at a long distance."—*Chris. Mess.*

Provincial Secretary's Office, Halifax, June 18, 1855.

To be Judge of the Court of Probate for Queen's County—Charles Moore, Esquire, in the place of S. P. Freeman, Esquire, resigned.  
To be Registrar of the Court of Probate for King's County—George E. Barnaby, Esquire, in the place of Wm. H. Chipman, Esquire, resigned.  
To be Prothonotary of the Supreme Court and Clerk of the Crown in the County of King's County—George E. Barnaby, Esquire, in the place of Wm. H. Chipman, Esquire, resigned.

LITERARY.

We have had before us for the last fortnight, a little book, the subject of which is a Poem, entitled "Betula Nigra,"—the author, Mr. Charles Fenner-ty, of Sackville, near Halifax. The poem which the poet sings, is a noble individual of the species, whose layers or rings, betoken that a thousand years have passed—

'Yes, since the germ which gave thee birth,  
Was nurtured in its parent earth.'

The poem is of more than average merit. The following extract depicts the wrongs of the red man, who is fast passing away, less the victim of civilization, than of his own incorrigible obstinacy in refusing to avail himself of its advantages:—

"Met links that ere the white man pass'd  
The barriers of the ocean vast  
Which leaves far Europe's strand,  
Even then the red man sought thy shade,  
And with astonish'd eyes surveyed,  
Thy huge proportions stand.

Oh! could he then anticipate,  
The dire approach of that stern fate  
Which his wild race betel,  
And know that long ere thy decay,  
His warriors should have pass'd afar,  
From mountain, moor, and dell,—

And from those beautiful waters, where  
His light canoe, as free as air,  
Move o'er the lakelot's brim;  
And from the honors of the chase,  
Where he, exulting in the race,  
Bounded on agile limb;

Save a small wandering remnant left,  
Of home and heritage bereft,  
Degraded and betrayed;  
Prone to imitate the white man's vice,  
Sold by his passions at the price,  
By christian avarice paid;

How would his heart have bled to see  
Such preface of their misery,  
While yet a clow of pride  
Had fired his breast, did he foreknow  
How Black Hawk met his ruthless foe,  
How Osceola died?

How brave Tecumseh scorned to yield,  
Upon the white man's hair'd scull,  
When long tried veterans flail;  
O'erpower'd, not conquer'd, firm he stood,  
Till fainting from his ebbing blood,  
He sank among his dead.

O noble hearts! regret, regret  
Shall now thy cruel spoilers yet,  
When coming years have flown,  
When future history shall relate  
Your woes, your wrongs, your cruel fate,  
And weep that ye are gone.

Yes weep! This wide spread heritage,  
The wilderness whereon we wage  
A long successful war;  
This verdant field, that blooming mead,  
Yon fertile vale beneath thee spread,  
Their just possessions are.

And shall we thus usurp their right,  
Behold them perish in our sight,  
In dens and caves around?  
Oh! surely as they droop and die,  
Our Indian brothers' blood shall cry  
For vengeance from the ground.

Think ye your sparse economy,  
Your garments cool'd as charity,  
Shall pay the debt ye owe?  
Think ye the drugs ye give, to ease  
Neglect contracted dire disease,  
Enough!—I tell you no.

Nay, think ye rulers of the land,  
The true redress their wrongs demand,  
Your potent powers can give?  
Go, civilize and teach them then;  
Teach them their dignity as men,  
Go teach them how to live!

So shall our arts, our industry,  
Receive a blessing from on high;  
The stranger at our gate  
The homeless wanderer cease to be,  
Redeemed from want and vagrancy,  
A value to the State."

\* American Maxim—Make war on the wilderness.  
Those who would become better acquainted with this effusion, which is a credit to its author, will find it on sale at the bookstores.

We are glad to learn that the Steamer to Sackville will commence her summer trips next week. Pleasure parties can now go up by Railroad and come back by Steamer or vice versa, affording the variety of land and water travel; and we dare say it will be found that an increased number by each mode of conveyance will take advantage of the seasonable opportunity.

A continued List of Subscriptions in aid of Church at Bridgewater.

Mr. Renneis	£1 0 0
Mrs. Lordly & Simpson	1 0 0
A Friend	0 3 0
A Friend	0 2 6
Wm. H. Tapp, Esq.	1 0 0
F. C. Charman, Esq.	1 0 0
Dr. Wm. Almon	1 0 0
Mr. James C. Wilkie	2 10 0

(To be continued.)

These Lines were addressed to a Lady in Halifax, just recovered from a painful sickness.

THE CONVALESCENT'S BIRTH DAY.

Time clouds that fill'd us with dismay;  
And threaten'd thee are pass'd away;  
And like the dayspring after rain,  
Thy life is fresh with hope again.  
As when the Sun's ascending march  
Spans with a Bow the dripping arch;  
To bid us with a speechless voice  
In tribulation to rejoice.  
It was thy Father dealt the blow,  
It was thy Father laid thee low,  
To teach thee, humbled in the dust,  
In His sure word to put thy trust.  
He made the darkness to be light;  
He gave thee songs to cheer the night;  
And now He clothes thee (meet array)  
With praise to grace thy Natal Day.  
In sickness thou hast learnt the rod,  
And Him who sent it—it was God;  
The God who with a chaunting hand,  
Marks for his own, the chosen band  
Elected from the sons of earth,  
To celebrate their Second Birth,  
In that eternal realm of peace  
Where all the dates of Time shall cease;  
Then hail the day that gave thee breath,  
Be firm and faithful unto death  
And He who aids thee in the strife,  
Shall bless thee with a crown of life.

W. B.

Halifax, 20th June.

Our readers will find an advertisement of Miss Hill's, Professor of Music, in this day's paper—for a Concert which she is to give on Wednesday next, the 4th of July. This lady has the misfortune to be blind, which of itself should be a sufficient appeal to Halifax generosity to come to her assistance in the way indicated. But she is also a talented musician, and when we say that she has upon this occasion enlisted the ability of Mr. Casseres, in her behalf, it is sufficient to make assurance of a highly intellectual musical treat. Several Gentlemen Amateurs have also kindly consented to take part in the entertainment.

A fire broke out, at about two o'clock on Wednesday morning, in a shed belonging to, and nearly adjoining the house of Mr. David G. Smith, in that pretty little valley west of Freshwater Bridge. The building with its contents, including a pony, was destroyed; but the firemen arriving with their engines, the flames were arrested before reaching the dwelling.—And after, to all appearance, having entirely extinguish'd the fire the engines left. About seven o'clock, however, the alarm was again given, and before assistance could reach the place the dwelling house, too, was consumed. How the fire originated we believe is not correctly known.—*Chronist.*

A colored boy was convicted on Tuesday for stealing newspapers from the *San* office and selling them. He was sentenced to pay a fine of £3, or 90 days imprisonment. As a matter of course, he spends his summer months in Bridewell.—*Id.*

Seven recruits for the Foreign Legion arrived here on Sunday last, by the Packet *Mary E. Smith*, from Boston, and thirteen arrived on Wednesday, by the brig *Joseph Howe*, from New York.—*Jour.*

Flour is offered in the New York market for delivery in July and August, at less than \$9 a barrel, without a purchaser.—*Id.*

The excitement that prevailed in the city, the other evening, about the valuable *Treasure (1)* found at Sackville, has subsided. The box was well guarded by a sentinel until the following morning, and was opened in presence of a select company, each eagerly expecting to behold the "coin of the realm;" but it was otherwise—it contained no such thing. We leave the reader to judge of the contents.—"There's many a slip betwixt the cup and the lip."—*Id.*

The Band of the 76th Regt. has given several performances in the Horticultural Gardens lately. The citizens are invited to attend.—*Chris. Mess.*

Mr. Downs is succeeding in his efforts to raise Pheasants in Nova Scotia. He has now eighteen young golden pheasants at his gardens, head of N. W. Aris. *Id.*

The annual Church meeting at Milton was held by adjournment on the 8th inst., when Messrs. Hudson and Wise were chosen Churchwardens for the ensuing year. It appeared from the accounts, that nearly £50 had been expended during the past year, on the Building, and a list of Subscribers was opened towards erecting a house for a resident Minister in the settlement.—*Halifax's Gazette. Char. Town P. E. I.*