

Robbery by Telegraph.

Pittsburg, Pa., March 14.
A well planned express robbery was perpetrated here last night. Superintendent Bingham, of the Express Company, gives the following particulars:—Yesterday afternoon, when the Buffalo Express train reached Brady's Bend, a telegram was handed to Thomas Bingham, express messenger, instructing him to transfer his packages, etc., to J. H. Brooke, at Templeton, and return to Parker's Landing and wait orders. This was dated Pittsburg, and signed "Geo. Bingham, Superintendent, Templeton, Pa., 50 miles from here." On arrival of the train at Templeton, a man stepped into the express car, and told (Bingham) he was ordered to relieve him, and take his run to Pittsburg. Bingham asked him for his instructions, and he produced a telegram addressed to J. H. Brooke, instructing Brooke to relieve Bingham at Templeton, and bring the express matter to Pittsburg. This was also signed "Geo. Bingham, Superintendent." Bingham, after the transfer to Brooke, took the north train to Parker's, and Brooke came to this city in charge of the express car. At the depot in this city his goods were checked off correctly, and he got in the wagon with the driver, to deliver the goods and report at the general office. The robbery was committed on the wagon, between the depot and the office, Brooke having jumped from the wagon, unnoticed by the driver, when less than half a square from the office. The safe was found open, the money packages, amounting to \$1,000, being missing. Brooke cut the railroad telegraph wire this side of Templeton, drew the wire into the watchhouse there, and, with a pocket instrument, he sent the bogus messages which operated so successfully.

Trouble in the Mining Districts.

Scranton, Pa., March 15.
There is great complaint among mechanics and laboring men of this region. The mayor says there is great want, but the common council cannot immediately alleviate it. Leading business men say something must be done speedily, or trouble may ensue, but all agree that the men are intelligent, order-loving citizens, though hunger may drive them to illegal action. The President of the workmen's meeting, says competent mechanics and their children are actually starving. At a meeting of the common council an attempt was made to appropriate \$15,000 for relief, but this made great opposition and was referred to a committee. A working man addressed the meeting, and said if nothing was done for the poor, they would take the matter into their own hands. There were five stores along Lackawanna avenue, and they would help themselves. At this stage there was great commotion, and the mayor, rushing forward said he could not permit such threats. There was a great uproar and cries of "We will have bread or blood."

End of the Coney Libel Suit.

Four years have elapsed since the commencement of a suit by Llewellyn Powers, Esq., of Montreal, against Theodore Barry of the *Acropolis Times* for defamation of character. The amount of damages claimed was \$10,000. The case was tried before the S. J. Court in this town, March 1874 and covered thirteen days; at the end of which the jury rendered a verdict of \$5508. Barry appealed to the law court which confirmed the verdict. After repeated petitions for review, each of which was dismissed, the end has come by suit upon a bond given by defendant and signed by several responsible persons, to pay amount of original judgment with twelve per cent interest till paid. The amount of this bond, together with interest and costs up to this date, \$8,760.00. The end has been reached by an agreement, signed by defendant's counsel and placed on file, that default shall be entered on the first day of next September term of court, unless judgment is sooner satisfied. —*Acropolis Times*.

The *Times* says: "A petition signed by six hundred ladies of Calais was presented through a committee to the City Council, at its last meeting, asking for a right enforcement of the liquor law. The ladies were assisted of cooperation in the task of procuring signatures, and were instructed as to the preliminary steps to be pursued in bringing liquor sellers to trial. It is necessary not only to enter complaint, but to furnish witnesses, an obstacle which renders conviction very difficult. The ladies have announced a determination to make earnest and persistent effort to suppress the evil."

The Supreme Court of the United States have decided that the tonnage tax attempted to be collected under a State law, by the captain of the port of New York from certain steamships of the Inman Company is an unconstitutional exaction.

TURNED TO DEATH.—On Saturday forenoon of last week Mrs. Bridget Welsh of Doughlafield was burned to death by falling into the fire-place. Mrs. Welsh was a widow, there was no person about the place at the time except the mother of the deceased, a very infirm old woman. It appears that Mrs. Welsh had been out to the barn attending to the cattle, she then came into the house and went to the cellar it is supposed to get potatoes for dinner and while in the act of hanging the pot over the fire took a fit (to which she was subjected) and fell into the fire. The old woman who was in bed smelled the wollow

coat burning which Mrs. Welsh had on and got up to see what it was, when she found her daughter in the fire, she succeeded in dragging her to the door, and then gave the alarm, but help arrived too late to save the woman's life.

Subscribers in arrears, will confer a favor on us by forwarding the amounts due this office. We have been lenient, and now in justice they should respond promptly, as we need the money. It is to be hoped that other measures will not require to be adopted to obtain what is due us.

The St. Andrews Standard

Saint Andrews, March 21, 1877.

THE LOCAL LEGISLATURE was prorogued on Friday last.—The Session was short, still some important acts were passed, and occasionally the speeches were powerful and telling. One more Session and then comes the "lug of war"—a new election, when it is probable there will be a change—what it will be we cannot prophesy.

THE MUNICIPAL ACT.

The above act has passed the Legislature and become law, by which every County in the Province will henceforward be governed. We have not seen the Bill, but believe the act is compulsory, and that the County affairs after the next sitting of the Sessions will be transferred to the councilors elected by the people. It is scarcely necessary for us to state, that upwards of twenty three years ago we advocated the County being incorporated, and printed requisitions to be signed by the people in the different Parishes, which was accordingly done, and presented to Sheriff Jones, who called a Public Meeting to be held in the Court House. The meeting was largely attended, by delegates from various parts of the County. A vote was taken, but owing to the old fog notions and influence of a gentleman who was very popular at the time, the measure was defeated; the advocates of self-government were not disheartened, they resolved to "try again" at a more opportune time; some of them who reside at St. Stephen and Milltown, did not wait, but had their respective localities incorporated.

Having always felt that responsible government is the best system to govern Counties as well as Provinces, within a few years we urged again the propriety of the County being incorporated, and aided in getting up a meeting for that purpose; Sheriff Paul, without delay, issued his proclamation calling a meeting, but owing to the friends of the measure not attending in such force as they should, the vote was again adverse—for which, we feel convinced the Sheriff is in no way responsible, as he complied with the prayer of the requisition. We still entertain the opinion, that a majority of the people of this County are in favor of Municipal Corporations, and that the County would have long since enjoyed its benefits, had they been true to themselves, and attended the meetings called by Sheriff Jones or Paul. From the first time we sat in the Sessions, several years ago, one of our brother Justices, since elected by his constituents to the dignity of Mayor, agreed with us as to the advisability of the County being incorporated, for many reasons, which it is not necessary to mention. We share in common with contemporaries the opinion, that a Bill of such an important nature should have been brought forward earlier in the Session, when press and people could have read it and given their ideas upon it, and no doubt suggested improvements in some of its provisions. That the Bill is open to amendment no one will deny, if the synopsis we have seen is correct. However, it is too late this season to suggest any improvement, and the people we trust will make a wise and judicious selection of Councilors, and not elect blatant demagogues, or petty village politicians, who have "an axe to grind," or whose vanity would lead them to spare no pains to obtain the title of "Councilor."

HEAVY STORM.—On Sunday morning last, we were visited by one of the severest snow storms of the season, accompanied by a strong north easterly gale which continued during the day and night, blocking up the streets and roads. The churches were consequently not so fully attended as usual, and the storm was so severe in the evening, that no service was held in some of the churches. It was next to impossible for either railway trains or stage to start on Monday morning, the snow was piled up in such huge drifts. They attempted to start but were compelled to return. In the afternoon, however, the stages started, and would not doubt get to their destinations, after much effort and delay; several hours after the regular time. The elements however are more powerful than either human laws, regulations, steam-power, or horse flesh, and the mails must consequently be late.

ARE WE TO GIVE UP CLASSICS.—An excellent little work on "The Art of Teaching," by F. C. Emerson, has been published by a Montreal publisher, in which the use and benefit of the classics are discussed under the heading—"Are we to give up Classics?" This is just now the all important question in Canada. It cannot be possible that there is any intention of abolishing the classics from our educational institutions. It is not either desirable or necessary, that every boy attending school

should learn Latin or Greek; but a study, with out which the structure of foreign languages cannot be understood, and which gives exercise of memory, and without which a thorough knowledge of law, divinity, or physics, is not obtained, cannot well be cast aside, nor indeed will it. The greatest men in Britain and America are those who have kept up their classics. True, there are rare exceptions, of men of genius who are pointed out plainly educated men, this amounts to nothing; such men would take a front rank, but would they not have been even more eloquent and eminent, had they obtained a classical education and training.

PUBLIC TEMPERANCE MEETING.

[The following has been sent us for insertion.]

On Wednesday evening last, the St. Andrews Reform Club had their torchlight procession. They formed at their Club Room and marched through the principal streets of the town, thence to Stevenson's Hall, where there was a large audience in attendance. About 90 torches were carried by members of the Club and taking everything into consideration, they made a grand display. The Club is young yet—not quite four weeks old, but they are doing a great deal of good in this community. The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Fletcher—then followed a prayer by the Rev. Mr. Tweedie. The president then made a very able speech, followed by speeches from Mr. Andrew Elliott, W. L. Johnson, and several others. Mr. John Denley sang a song—"No More Brown Jugs for Me." The occasion was a very interesting one; the pledge was signed by 14 gentlemen and the ladies that signed the general pledge number 26. If the ladies take hold and assist the Club—as they probably will, it will be the means of inducing others to join and sustain it. The singing during the evening was excellent. Two songs sung were composed by members of the Club.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY passed off without a solitary case of drunkenness to be seen on the streets. It was so orderly and quiet that the *amateur patriote* of the natives of the Emerald Isle, resolved to celebrate their Patron Saint's Day, in praise worthy and commendable manner.

ILLUSTRATED HISTORY OF THE DOMINION.—Part 4 of this excellent history by C. R. Tuttle, printed by the Lovell Printing Co., Montreal, has been received, and fully sustains the high reputation of the author as a historian; and this magnificent work, should be a standard volume in every library in Canada. It is written in a popular style, and contains facts with which all Canadians should be familiar. H. B. Bigg & Co., are the Publishers to whom all letters are to be addressed—28 and 30 St. Francois Xavier St., Montreal. Price 50 cents per number.

THE PRINTERS MISCELLANY for March has reached us, and contains a large amount of information with reference to the typographic art, of interest to all connected with printing establishments. Mr. Finlay, the publisher, spares no pains to collect such articles as are of service to the craft, and also gives some capital hints of his own. The magazine is published monthly at St. John—price one dollar a year, or ten cents each number. No "type" in the Province should be without it, as the practical information given by its editor (Mr. Finlay) who is an old "type"—and good at that—is worth ten times the subscription.

We have received the First Report of the Desford Dumb Institution of New Brunswick at St. John, of which the Hon. Mr. Webster, is President; from which we learn that there were 39 of these "children of silence," pupils in the institution; three of these were supported by parents and friends, eleven in part from the same sources, and the remainder 45 were charges on the Institution. The cost of maintaining the establishment is nearly \$2780, of which sum \$1,000 only is granted by the Legislature leaving the balance to be made up by voluntary contributions. The success attained is highly creditable, and warrants a larger grant from the State.

We are glad to see that the Press Association of Ontario has adopted the following rule, which we hope will be unanimously and rightly carried out:—

That after the 1st of November, 1876, the subscriptions of weekly papers be payable strictly in advance, and that as soon as the term for which the paper is paid expires, the paper be stopped. That the yearly subscription to all papers shall date from the 1st of January of the month, and that the publishers shall have the option of sending back numbers so as to carry out the rule.

BALLOON'S MONTHLY MAGAZINE FOR APRIL.—The April number of this popular and cheap illustrated magazine is issued, and is to be found on all the counters of the newsdealer. It is as interesting as ever, and filled with the choicest stories and poetry, nice illustrations and a new feature in the shape of a department of fun and amusement, written expressly for Balloon's Magazine, by that celebrated writer of funny stories and anecdotes, M. Quad, who will make the pages allotted to him overflowing with good things, and well worthy the attention of every one. Published by Thomas & Talbot, 25 Hawley Street, Boston.

ton, at only \$1.50 per annum, postpaid, the cheapest magazine in the country, or 15 cents single copies at the depots.

POST OFFICE WANTED.—The people of Dumbarton Parish, have been for three years without postal accommodation. They have had to travel several miles to obtain letters or papers, and put to serious inconvenience and loss. The post-mistress at the Station, gave up the office owing to the smallness of the salary; we are informed that there is a reliable man within a few rods of the Station who would accept the office at the salary formerly paid, and attend to the duties. We trust the Inspector will recommend the office being reopened, and that the member of Parliament from Charlottetown will use his influence in the matter.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—The letter of "Veritas" is received, but as it refers by name, to a person in town, and connects him with "unpleasant reports with reference to having money belonging to a society, which should have been invested," we cannot publish the letter without his sending us his proper name, as a guarantee of the correctness of the statement. Let him give his name and we will do our duty as a journalist in the interest of the public.

Correspondence.

FREDERICTON, March 19.
DEAR EDITOR:—The closing of the Legislature on Friday last reminds me that we are no longer "the people" and can now afford to look out-side our Celesticity. The late Session was not a remarkable one, unless for its brevity. "The diligence with which they had transacted the business" enabling His Honor to dismiss the Members earlier than was expected. But although the amount of work done was small in comparison with former years, it contained a number of bills which will materially benefit the country. The appropriation for Laboratory, where the worth of our minerals can be ascertained, is a step in the right direction and will tend to promote the mining interests of the Province. [It is probable] the Laboratory will be in connection with the University.

St. Patrick's day passed off quietly as usual. I was only reminded of the date by observing a son of the Emerald Isle, wearing a sprig of green. From this you will infer that I do not claim Irish blood. The crop which never fails—by which is meant the ice crop—is being "harvested" in this vicinity, giving employment to a number of persons who would otherwise probably be out of work. Speaking of the river reminds me of a steamer which is being built by Mr. Crawford at the mouth of the Naswash. She is intended to ply between Fredericton and St. John, and will be launched or rather floated off, (for she is now on level ground at high water mark) in the spring.

The semi-annual examinations at the Prov. Training Sch. of are to be held this week. The students will be missed from the city as they make quite an addition to the population.

We have just been visited by a very severe snow storm and from appearances would be more inclined to think it was the middle of January than March.

Yours, &c.,
M. A. K.

WENDELL PHILLIPS, the great United States orator, delivered a Lecture in the Academy of Music, St. John, on Saturday evening last, "The career of Daniel O'Connell, the great Irish Agitator"—a fruitful theme, in able hands, the Academy was not so full as was expected. Mr. Phillips also lectured on Sunday evening, in the same building on The Social and Political Dangers of Intemperance. Owing to the illness of Mrs. Tilley, the Lieutenant Governor was unable to be present.

FAMILY NEWSPAPER.—Any one requiring a good family paper from Massachusetts, can have the *Georgetown Advocate* at the moderate price of \$2 per annum. We will be happy to send a list to the Publishers.

Calais has voted against granting \$30,000 of the City's money to aid in building a Railway to Tomah stream.

The Bridge party in Calais, are resolved to have the \$15,000 obtained from the city by St. Stephen restored, or a charter for the bridge is granted by the House of Commons. So the *Times* says.

THE ICE went out of the St. Croix last week, vessels and river steamers now ply to Calais and St. Stephen.

The same paper observes—Railway matters in connection with the Grand Southern continue to look well. Contractor

Greene, who is absent in New York, will return this week.

NEW YORK, March 19.
Clear and cold, followed at night by Easterly winds, threatening weather, and slight rise of temperature.

The schooner *Nettle*, of St. Andrews, hence for St. John, N. B., is ashore on Ward's Island, full of water.

The steamer *Rosland*, of the Red Star line, from Antwerp for New York, went ashore at Long Branch on Saturday night.

DO NOT ALLOW THE FROGS TO BE PARED.—The frog of the foot of every horse is the natural support of the foot, and should never be cut away except to remove the rough edges which occasionally appear from common wear. At a late meeting of the farriers and horsehoers in Wellington, Del., there was a great deal said in condemnation of the manner in which horses are shod, especially in the rural districts. A lecturer, a veterinary surgeon (according to the *New York Herald*), said that the frog of the foot was often pared away so artfully to make a neat job that the tendon or muscle that extended from the leg, over what is known as the pulley bone, and gave the foot its motion, was often injured, and then the horse would be weak in the legs, and blunder. He severely characterized the habit of burning the hoof with a red hot shoe to make it flint, and there ought to be a law passed to hang any blacksmith who would use red hot shoes in the shape of the foot rather than the foot fitted to the shoe.

We regret to learn that Mr. Frank Vennings, who was injured at the great fire in St. John, died yesterday morning.

The St. John *Globe* publishes the following gossip:—What does it all mean?

A SCANDAL, in which a prominent member of a popular church figures, has been the talk of the town during the week. The gentleman was and is a lawyer at a leading hotel. At a late hour one night early in the week, the gentleman was discovered in one of the rooms in which he had no legitimate business. Quite a scene ensued, the gentleman declaring that while appearances were against him there was nothing wrong, and this assertion being supported by his companion. Few believe, however, in the story that he had gone to "look for a nation" or had "taken his room," and it is said today that there will be one Sunday School class without a teacher to-morrow and one vacancy in an efficient choir.

The *Quebec Chronicle* says the licensing system in the Ancient Capital is of the odious description. It says: "When an individual is worthless for any other business, or unable to earn a decent livelihood in any other way, he immediately starts a tap-room. He hunts up twenty five thoughtless fellow-citizens, who give him a certificate; parties, without the slightest trouble, a motion awarding him a license through the City Council; in nine cases out of ten never pays the necessary fee for that license into the Internal Revenue office; and finding a cunning wholesale merchant or grocer to trust him for his stock-in-trade, starts out gayly to tempt and ruin, perhaps, his fellow creatures. This is no fancy picture, but the real, downright truth."

On the 19th ult., while the steam-dredge was working in the centre of the river at Donegal Quay, Belfast, the dead body of a woman was brought to the surface by one of the buckets. It was that of a woman apparently about thirty-five years of age. The police were communicated with, and the remains deposited in the Morgue. At a later period of the day, a Mrs. Shaw identified the body as that of Margaret Morgan a servant in the employment of Mr. Major, Belvoir Cottage, Ballymacarrett, who has been missing since Christmas Eve, when she left her employer's house to go and visit some friends in Belfast, and has not since been heard of.

A singular suicide recently occurred in Dromana, Australia. A Greek who had become insane through poverty, poured a quantity of melted lead down his throat. He died after many hours of torture, and after death a lump of lead nearly half a pound in weight was taken from his stomach.

Olin Scott shipped on the 12th inst from the Bennington Machine Works, the first instalment of powder mill machinery for the Russian government. This is the first powder machine ever shipped from the United States to Russia. The machine is destined for the Russian government powder works at St. Petersburg.

Seven Chinamen are partners in business in San Francisco. A creditor, finding it hard work to collect a debt, learned that the money was in the safe; the safe had seven different locks, each partner had one key, and they had to be unanimous before the money could be got at.

The ice on the Saint John river is, for the most part, in good condition, although in some parts it is pretty well broken up. A portion of Grand Bay is open.

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The Stanstead *Journal* says: "A young woman from Waterlo, named Alice Randall, is holding religious meetings at Luby Town and vicinity, with apparently good results."

