

Telegraphic News.

Halifax, August 2.
The previous arrangement for a Ball to the viceregal party having failed, the Local Government have taken hold of the matter and to-day decided that a Ball shall be given in honor of the distinguished visitors, in the Province Building, to take place on the evening of Friday next.

London, Aug. 1.
The Bill granting £25,000 per annum to the Duke of Edinburgh came up to-day for third reading.

The election of a member of Parliament for Greenwich takes place to-morrow. The contest is close and exciting, and there has been some rioting.

London, Aug. 2.
An accident occurred to-day on the North Western Railway, near Wigan, to the Scotch Tourist Express train from London. Twelve persons were instantly killed and thirty wounded. Sir John Anson was among the killed. Many of the injured will die.

London, Aug. 2.
The insurgent frigate entered Malaga to-day followed by a German man of war. She sailed shortly afterwards going eastward and was pursued by the German man of war.

New York, Aug. 2.
There was a collision on the Hudson River Railroad, between Irvington and Tarrytown yesterday, in which a passenger train and a freight train were wrecked, and many persons injured, several it is feared fatally.

A collision between a freight train and an oil train on the Allegheny Valley Road yesterday, resulted in the death of three persons and burning of fifteen cars of oil, being injured by the shock.

New York, Aug. 2.
The authorities at Havana have discovered evidence of clandestine labors of Carlists in that Province.

Santiago de Cuba advices state that owing to the ravages of yellow fever all the shipping in the harbor has been sent to the Isle of Pines.

The fever is also raging at Havana and Matanzas.

London, Aug. 3.
A meeting was held in Hyde Park to protest against the grant to the Duke of Edinburgh. Mr. Bradlaugh presided. It was resolved that the Queen be petitioned to refuse her assent to the bill.

A railroad catastrophe occurred near Wigan, Eng., on Saturday, by which 12 persons were killed and 30 wounded.

Liverpool, Aug. 4.
To-day being Bank holiday all the Liverpool markets are closed.

Rome, Aug. 4.
A fleet of Italian war ships has been ordered to Cartagena to protect the interests of Italians and co-operate with other foreign vessels in whatever measures are deemed necessary in view of the situation.

New York, Aug. 4.
South American news state that a destructive earthquake occurred at Valparaiso, by which much property was destroyed and several lives lost.

At Lima, Peru, damage of \$1,000,000 was caused by a fire.

The Portland (Oregon) fire destroyed 25 blocks, loss \$1,500,000. One man was killed and several injured. Incendiarists tried to spread the fire, and one was arrested.

Cholera has appeared at Union Hills, opposite New York city; two cases one fatal.

Yesterday was the hottest day of the season. Gold 115½.

A GLASGOW BARITONE IN MILAN.
About two years ago, Mr. George Walker, a young Glasgow baritone, possessing an exceptionally fine voice, went to Milan, where he has since employed himself in studying the language of musical Italy, and in acquiring the art of singing. That he has done so, says the "Glasgow Herald," to some purpose may be gathered from the following, which appeared in the "Gazzetta del T-atri" of 28th June:—"Giorgio Valchieri, primo baritone assoluto, gifted with a splendid voice, and with more than ordinary artistic merits, has signed for three years with the management of our theatre, 'La Scala.' Signor Brunello (the manager) has found in this young singer a rare acquisition." "La Scala" is the largest and most important theatre in Italy.

FRIGHTFUL EXPLOSION.—A frightful dynamite explosion occurred yesterday at Cuxwauld Ore Works, in connection with the Cornwall Mineral Railways. A tunnel was being driven through the solid rock, and several holes were charged with dynamite, and the safety fuses ignited, when the men observed that one hole had not exploded, and thinking that they had omitted to fire it, they resumed work. Suddenly there was a terrific explosion in the midst of the gang of men, who were scattered in all directions by the pieces of rock torn off. One man named Rundle, had his left eye and half of his face blown away; and his skull fractured. His life is despaired of. Five others were injured. One of them had three ribs broken by an explosion of dynamite in December last, and escaped with a number of injuries at an explosion last week.—English press.

A MURDEROUS WEAPON.—A man was hanged the other day at San Francisco for murder with a weapon of a peculiarly dangerous and, for a long time, mysterious nature. This is a sand club, an eel skin filled with sand. When this instrument was first brought into use, the authorities were greatly puzzled by deaths, apparently from violence, yet no

marks could be found on the outside of the body. A burglar was finally captured with a sand club in his possession, made out of an eel skin stuffed with sand. Being closely questioned, he explained its use. When the victim is struck, for instance, on the head, he drops insensible and soon dies from congestion of the brain. Often the skull suffers no injury from the stroke; and if the person struck recovers sensibility, he gradually relapses into a condition of idiocy. Sometimes a man struck in the body will be knocked down by the peculiar force of the blow, and feel no immediate results from it. In a few weeks, however, the flesh will begin to mortify under the line of the blow, and rot down to the bone. Heller, the celebrated pianist, is supposed to have met his death in Mexico from a stroke of this diabolical weapon.

A British frigate has burned Elmira on the Ashantee coast, and repulsed a formidable attack of that race. A second attack by the Ashantees was likewise repulsed, and one of the King's nephews is said to have been slain. Since then there have been no active hostilities, at least reports, but Ashantees to the number of 50,000 had collected around the settlement of Cape Coast Castle, and were supposed to be planning an attack.

The Standard.

SAINT ANDREWS, AUG. 6, 1873.

The Pacific Railway charges have for some weeks formed a fruitful theme for discussion in the Dominion journals. Sufficient ink, time and paper have been expended to build some miles of the road; in fact, many important interests have been left to take care of themselves, while all sorts of arguments and weapons have been invented to upset and annihilate the Government in its policy. So far the firing has been only signalled by loud reports, as the charges were not of sufficient force to send the hollow balls against the Cabinet citadel, to do any material injury. The citadel soldiers have erected a battery which will decide the day. To drop the figure—a Royal Commission has been appointed. For what? Not for trying the case, or for pronouncing judgment on the infamous charges of corruption against the Government, but simply to take sworn testimony of the witnesses which Parliament has not the power to do, and report to the Government, when the evidence will be laid before the House of Commons for its action. What a fuss and noise has been made by the Opposition with reference to the appointment of the Royal Commission, and how very small they must feel, when it is known that the Commissioners duty is only to receive sworn testimony, to be laid before Parliament. The people will then understand what a desperate game has been played by the Opposition, to injure the character of the Ministry and drive them from power, and also to ruin the fair fame of the Dominion.

Were one title of the charges true, the Government would not attempt to meet the country on the hustings or in Parliament; feeling and acting from conscious innocence, they are ready to meet the charges and disprove them. For what outsiders may do to gain support for favorite candidates the Cabinet are not responsible and they should, according to British justice, be considered innocent until they are proved guilty; it is unreasonable to believe that a whole Cabinet could be guilty of such gross corruption as is laid to the charge of the Dominion Government.

We have received the "Report of the Superintendent of Indian Affairs for British Columbia" for 1872-3, printed by order of Parliament. It is an interesting report and is highly creditable. Dr. Powell, Superintendent, who furnishes a large amount of information respecting the various tribes, considering the short time which elapsed from the date of his appointment, the lateness of the season, and the consequent difficulty of obtaining the required material. For the purposes of the Report, he made a geographical division of the several nationalities, which are distinguished by the name of the chief tribe; they are:—Cowanhan, Conio, Alit, Quackewit, Bella Coola, Millbank, Tsimpshian, Hydah, Tahalic, Secanec, Shuswap, and Kootenay Nations. The mechanical genius of these tribes is wonderful, and their mental capacity is very great. We may give some extracts at another time.

The Report of the Minister of Agriculture for 1872 has also been laid on our table. It is a voluminous pamphlet of 183 pages.

PROFESSOR STONE gave three of his popular Biological and Phenological Entertainments in the Masonic Hall, on Friday, Saturday and Monday evenings last, to large and fashionable audiences, accompanied by many amusing, astonishing and scientific experiments, in addition to which he gave away a large number of presents, among them a valuable Silver Watch on Saturday evening, won by Mrs. J. P. Bell, and a barrel of flour by Thos. Hinde. On Monday evening Leonard Chase received a barrel of flour and Miss Esther Clark, a Silver Watch, indeed everyone present received a gift of some kind, in addition to the amusement and instruction afforded, which gave very general satisfaction. Prof. Stone purposes giving one or two entertainments at St. George, towards the close of this week, where we bespeak for him full houses.

HALIFAX has got over the unseemly difficulty of fettering the Governor General. All parties are uniting in doing honor to him by Public Balls, Picnics, &c.

The Hon. Mr. Tilley left here for Ottawa on Monday morning. Hon. Dr. Tupper will leave on Thursday.

The National Education League in England, have adopted a new policy which will seriously affect the Government. It contends that the Government has violated the pledges upon which it was returned to power, viz.—that it would uphold and extend the principles of religious equality. The League is a powerful and influential body, and has resolved to attain its purpose, by similar means to those employed by the Corn Law League, which so successfully accomplished its purpose—agitation, and appeal directly to the constituencies, and to give to the electors an opportunity of testifying by their votes their approval of the policy of the League. It contends that it is the only means left to them of convincing the Government of their sincerity. Such a drastic remedy will have the effect of giving a shock to the patient. It also proposes to fill up probable parliamentary vacancies, by finding local gentlemen who would be willing to offer representation, and thus secure a majority to support its views.

Our Fredericton contemporary the "Reporter," has a capital hit at the cavalier manner in which the "Press visitors" alluded to their visit and reception in the celestial city. From what we have read in some of our State of Maine exchanges, it appears that the visitors have not a very exalted opinion of our Province, its institutions, its wealth, progressive spirit, or indeed anything else, except it had something of a United States savor about it, or was transplanted from "the greatest nation in all creation." It is fortunate for Canadians that they can exist without being dependent upon their neighbors "over the line."

There was some little excitement in St. John last week, owing to the arrest and incarceration of a catholic priest, Rev. Mr. Michael, for refusing to pay his school tax. Some one paid it, and he was liberated. Should a minister or priest of any church from "conscientious" scruples defy the law, what is to prevent a layman from pursuing a similar course. If the law is unfair it can be altered, but if just it should be enforced. We fail to see its injustice. Let separate schools never again be introduced.

It appears from authentic news received, that "no engagement" took place between the Manitoba troops and half-breeds, and consequently that the Fredericton volunteer Westall, was only killed in the imagination of the sensational correspondent of a Fredericton contemporary.

BOGUS MEDICINES.—HOLLOWAYS PILLS AND OINTMENT.—We have noticed an advertisement with the above heading in some of the Canadian papers. Very many people look at the headings, without reading the body of the advertisement.

We learn from several farmers that the Hay crop in this county is above an average, and that it has been saved in better condition than for several years past.

The payment of the Alabama Penalty.

The "London Economist" says, the payment of the Alabama penalty has been managed with unexpected facility. It is not, we believe, altogether concluded, but still by much the greater part of it is paid. It has, we believe, been managed somewhat in this way:—A contract was made with three principal firms in the City, who contracted to pay the money for us in Washington, and who had the option of doing it in three ways. First, if the contractors chose to deposit gold on our account in America, they were allowed to draw drafts on England, which the Bank of England would honor, and which would be debited in due course to the Exchequer account. Secondly, if the contractors so deposited the money, they were also to have the right of telegraphing to their agents here a weekly statement of the amount; and on its receipt the Government would at once pay it here at a fixed rate of exchange. Thirdly, the contractors here had the option, which we believe they have largely exercised of paying in dollars. The contractors are said to guarantee the payment of these bonds on presentation; but this, though formally necessary, is in practice of no account. Nothing can be better than paying the American Government in its own due acceptances, and nothing more certain than that it will pay them at maturity. The operation has certainly as yet been exceedingly successful. Indeed, so far from its having carried gold from hence to America, gold is now coming from America to England.

A telegram from Ottawa says McMullen has left Canada to escape being called upon to swear to the assertions contained in his letters. This is just what might have been expected. Mr. Huntington, too, is said to be ready to justify the charges that have been made against him of being a mere scandal-monger, a mere partisan tool, a conscious fraud, by absenting himself from the tribunal provided for receiving his testimony—the only tribunal before which it can be given on oath.

Mr. Henry O'Neill, an old and respected inhabitant who was seriously ill, is we are happy to learn, able to be out again.

Rev. T. G. DARLING, of New York, will preach in the Scotch Church on Sabbath forenoon at the usual hour.

DEATH OF THE HON. WM. TODD.—A telegram was received here yesterday morning announcing the sudden death of the Hon. Wm. Todd, of Milltown. By his death there is a vacancy in the Legislative Council, the Presidency of the St. Stephen Bank, and other corporations.

MILL BURNED.—We learned on Monday last, that the large Mill owned by Messrs. Marchie, Kelly & Wadsworth, was destroyed by fire that morning. The property was insured.

Mr. Thomas Stinson was appointed on Monday to take charge the Revenue Cruiser at this Port. Mr. Stinson's appointment is a popular one.

ARRIVALS.—Several visitors arrived by Steamers and Railway during the week, and enjoy the pleasant drives, sea bathing, yatching and fishing. We shall expect to hear of large blueberry parties to the adjoining rural districts.

THE MARITIME MONTHLY for August, maintains the high character of its predecessors.

—The property left by the late Hon. Chas. Connell will net \$84,000.

SUMMARY.
The "Yarmouth Herald" of the 31st ult. says:—A cable despatch has been received conveying the melancholy intelligence that Capt. Charles W. Kelly, commander of ship "Rasigol," of this port, died at Antwerp on the morning of the 30th ult. Captain K. had a large circle of friends in Yarmouth, and he was greatly esteemed by the community generally. Mrs. Kelly and a son and a daughter accompanied him on the voyage from Philadelphia to Antwerp, and were doubtless with him at the time of his death.

The Bangor "Commercial" of last week says:—"During the week there has been more and better hay harvested in Maine than during any other six days in the history of the State. The barns are already full to bursting and there are yet tens of thousands of tons to be cut. We hardly know what Maine would have done in this year of unexampled depression in the lumber business without her unparalleled hay crop."

SOMETHING LIKE A RACE.—A letter just received from one of the Manitoba volunteers gives particulars of a boat-race which took place on one of the lakes during their journeying to Fort Garry. They were embarked in heavy row-boats, together with a company of Artillery, the latter challenging the New Brunswickers for \$100 a side. The course extended for 25 miles, and was won by the New Brunswickers, who led their opponents three miles at the finish. The names of winning crew are Samuel Adams, Francis Phair, Patrick Brett, Richard Forsyth, of St. John, James Cain, Henry Ward, R. Davis, C. Macky, Fredericton. Cain, who is now advanced to the rank of Corporal, having secured a good lead, drew forth his file and to encourage his crew, at the same time heartening his opponents, "Not for Joe," with other operative and classical airs familiar to the gallant corporal. —(Reporter).

THE HARVEST PROSPECTS.—The Toronto Globe says: "The facts that were at one time entertained in reference to the character of the coming harvest have been in a good measure dispelled by the late general and abundant rains. In some quarters these rains have been even excessive, resulting in a good deal of the grain being permanently lodged, and so far injured. This, however, has been by no means general, but only in those localities where, from the character of the soil, or the partial early rainfall, the grain crops had been before exceptionally luxuriant. The hay will not be a full crop or anything like it. Yet it is generally much better than was at one time anticipated, while the late moist weather has been exceedingly favourable to the green crops and to the second growth of grass."

THE SHAH OF PERSIA AND THE JEWS.—Sir Moses Montefiore has received the following reply to a memorial addressed to his Majesty the Shah, when in London, soliciting the protection of the Jewish community in Persia:—"I am commanded by his Majesty the Shah to acknowledge the receipt of your memorial, praying that favour and protection may be generally extended to the Jews in Persia. His Majesty has always manifested solicitude for the welfare of his subjects without distinction of class or creed; and he will take care that no injustice or undue severity is shown to the Jewish community, whom you rightly characterize as loyal, peaceable, and industrious citizens. His Majesty thanks you for the good wishes you have expressed in regard to him.—Signed, MALCOM."

THE SPANISH REPUBLICAN ARMY.—A correspondent with the Carlists asserts that certain men belonging to the army of the Republic appear with the ears of Carlists dead or wounded worn as trophies. It must be remarked that the N. Y. Herald, in which this appears, is far from unfriendly to the Republic. The same writer adds that he is very sure that no Carlism volunteer would dare exhibit such trophies to his chiefs, however well disposed he might be to indulge in the luxury that in what was once the army of Spain there is now neither discipline, decency, courage, nor virtue of any kind. All that it once had of good has been drained out of it by what is falsely, slanderously, or ignorantly called "republicanism."

THE "Piccolo," of the city of Mexico, says that the Convent of San Domenico, in Puebla, Mexico, which for two centuries was the seat of the Inquisition, has been converted into a Protestant temple. During the alterations numerous holes or wells were found, in which were the skeletons of the victims condemned to death by the Inquisition. Some of the victims have been photographed in the positions in which they were found.

—The Customs receipts in St. John during July were \$3000 less than received in the same month last year.

From the Halifax papers we find that S. Adams, Esq., formerly private Secretary to Governor Wilnot, has been appointed to a similar position under Governor Archibald at Halifax.

We have no doubt that Mr. Adams, in his position as the medium of communication between His Excellency and the people, will use the same endeavors to render Governor Archibald lastingly popular with the people of Nova Scotia, as of course he exerted in reference to Governor Wilnot and his true friends in this city and Province.—lb.

The reports generally show that the cholera is not spreading in the West, and in several Western towns in which it broke out it has entirely disappeared.

ENORMOUS RAILWAY PASSENGER TRAFFIC.—The average number of passengers conveyed on the Metropolitan District Railway of London is 1,000,000 a month. The time allowed for stoppage at each station has been reduced from one minute to some seconds, in order to effect a saving of seven minutes on the entire journey.

MARRIED.
At St. Andrews, on the 3rd inst., by the Rev. E. Doyle, Mr. Charles Cogan, to Miss Margaret Quinn, both of the parish of St. David.

DIED.
At St. John on the 3rd inst., after an illness of only one week, Halibouton Weldon, Esq., Barrister, aged 24 years, youngest son of Hon. Judge Weldon. 21

Ship News.

PORT OF ST. ANDREWS.

ARRIVED.

Aug. 2. Matilda, Stinson, St. Stephen, geo. cargo.

4. Olive Matilda, Waycott, Boston, Oil, W. Whitlock.

Aug. 2. Willie Caroon, Caroon, St. John, ballast.

4. E. Bulby, Murchie, Portsmouth 2000 sleepers, R. Ross.

For sale or to Let.

THE Two story Dwelling HOUSE and Lot corner King and Parr streets. The property is pleasantly situated, and with slight repairs would make a pleasant residence. Possession given immediately. Apply to the
Aug. 6. STANDARD OFFICE.

House and Lot for Sale.

THE Subscriber offers for sale the House and half Lot on Queen street, occupied by Mrs. Whitaker. The house is 32x26 feet, a storey and a half high, with an L for kitchen. If not disposed of prior to 1st September next, it will on that day be offered at Public Auction, at 11 o'clock, A. M.
Aug. 6, 1873. C. E. O. HATHWAY, Auctioneer.

Time for Sale.

300 BARRELS first quality of LIME, are offered for sale low by
July 31. WM. HICKS.



Notice to Contractors.

SEALED TENDERS will be received at the Marine and Fishery Office, Saint John, N.B. until the
5th August next,

inclusive, for the erection of an Engine House and Engineer's Dwelling at Cape Orange, Albert County, N. B.

To be addressed "Tenders for Fog Alarm Building."

The names of two responsible and solvent persons, residents of the Dominion of Canada, willing to become sureties for the fulfillment of the contract, to be enclosed.

Plans and specifications can be seen at this office.

The Department does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

J. H. HARDING,
Agent Marine & Fisheries,
St. John, N. B.

Saint John, N. B., July 17th, 1873. July 23

Notice to Contractors.

SEALED TENDERS will be received by the Undersigned to the
August 1st, for the erection of a
MARINE HOSPITAL

in this Town, to be completed December 1st proximo. The contractor to have the advantage of the present stone wall.

Also,
Separate Sealed Tenders will be received at the same time for the
Building of a Post House,

on St. Andrews Island, to be completed by November 1st proximo.

The contractor in each case to furnish materials &c., and good and sufficient security for the faithful performance of the works.

Plans, specifications &c., may be seen at the store of Messrs. Robinson & Glenn.

S. T. GOVE,
for Department of Public Works.
St. Andrews: July 19, 1873.

