

Secular Department.

EUROPEAN NEWS.

Mr. George Grey has been re-appointed to the Governorship of the Cape, and will soon return to his charge.

Danger of a New War.

We have not regarded the affairs of Italy as likely to be settled upon a secure basis without further war.

until the next day when no dove shall break his chains in the shades of Monticelli or by the grave of Mount Vernon.—Tribune, Oct. 18.

By the latest accounts from the Mexican Republic, we learn the downfall of Viderra and Escobar, both of whom were the one as Governor of the State of New-Louis, and the other as Governor of the State of Sonora.

In all the northern States held by the Constitution, they appear to act exclusively on the defensive.

The Overland Mail, with San Francisco dates of the 26th ult., arrived last night.

The Pacific Railroad Convention had adopted resolutions favoring the central route, appointed a committee to prepare plans to be recommended to the Legislature and Congress, and adjourned to meet at Sacramento in January.

Nova Scotia. The Liverpool Transcript records a very melancholy accident at Indian River, county of Shelburne, on the 26th ult.

The October term of the Supreme Court terminated its sittings yesterday evening, the 24th inst.—Judge Wilkins presiding.

The prosecution on the part of the crown was conducted by Mr. J. Wilkins, Queen's Counsel.

New Brunswick. The Saint John News publishes an spirited account of the opening of another section of the St. John's Railway, 35 miles in all.

This was a serious fire at Charlton, N. B., on the morning of the 19th inst. It broke out in the iron foundry of Messrs. Rich & Co., which, with one house owned by Mr. Jarvis Wilson, was totally consumed.

The Head Quarter reports a fire at Fredericton, a little after midnight on Sunday, the 10th inst., which destroyed four buildings, besides outbuildings.

Newfoundland. The French Frigate in Newfoundland.—The mail just in from the debatable coasts brings news of complete discomfiture to British interests in Newfoundland.

Canada. Ottawa on the Grand Trunk.—On Friday, about two o'clock, a heavy passenger train, of five carriages and one baggage car, left the Kingston depot for the station between that place and Montreal.

When about a mile from Gananoque, the passenger engine, rushing at full speed, all of a sudden gave two sharp, shrill whistles, the alarm signal of danger ahead.

At a distance of about a mile, the engine stopped, and, as once recognized the signal, started to start, and, in a moment after, heard the dull creaking of the broken and bent axle.

The shock was dreadful. The cow-catchers came in collision with the axle in splinters. The baggage wagon behind the engine was thrown overboard.

The connection the passenger cars experienced, when both engines came in collision, was something frightful. It was heard out, however, five minutes afterwards, that, unfortunately, some of the passengers were hurt, and that only one or two had received slight scratches.

The Protestant.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1859.

School Visiter's Report for 1858.

This document is now before the public. It is published at the request of the Board of Education, and occupies nearly thirty-two quarto pages.

The Report, however, contains some useful information, and many valuable suggestions.

Although the average daily attendance required by the Act is sufficiently low, being only one-half the minimum number of pupils of school age necessary to form a District, yet the Board of Education are not in a position to give up the school.

Why is there not something more definite stated respecting this Resolution which now authorizes or allows the use of the Bible in the Normal School?

From the remarks on the general condition of our District Schools, we have only space for the following extract:—

The state of popular education in Prince Edward Island, notwithstanding the great exertions which have been made, is still very far from being satisfactory.

With respect to the Form of Agreement with Teachers, the Visiter sensibly remarks:—

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Great and monstrous indeed is the injustice to which teachers are thus subjected in the strict letter of the law, by being bound to perform what is not stipulated in their contract.

In several of the Schools which I have visited, the business of tuition commences every morning, with prayer, and the reading by pupils, in class, of a portion of the Scriptures.

With regard to the extent and nature of the religious instruction which ought to be imparted to children in normal schools or in schools in which the instruction of the parents of the children belongs to different denominations of christians, it would, I think, amount to a profane and a betrayal of trust of the most profane character.

Some may be of opinion that the religious instruction imparted to the children, by their Sabbath school teachers and by their parents at home, is or ought to be quite sufficient for the purpose intended.

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The amount of time before the court was not tried before the court at this term. The most important case was that of Frank Holland, indicted for the murder of George Corbet, of the Albion Mills, about a month ago.

High School, for the recovery of several tons of hay from the store of Adam McMillan, Esq., of Barclay's Quay, was tried on Friday.

Wherever the deficiency was not owing to any of the causes just enumerated, the average required by the Act has been strictly insisted on, and as rigidly enforced as the work of an ordinary day.

On such principles, had the Free Education Act been in force from the records of the 27th of January, 1850, the result of the Board would have been different.

After the Letter from the Board, follow some Remarks, prefatory to Report in detail of the inspections of District Schools, made by R. B. Irving, Esq., Acting Visiter of Schools, from 1st October, 1858, to 29th April, 1859.

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The editor of the Examiner, in the last No. of that paper, points out our devoted head a term of charge in quite mistaken if he thinks to terrify or influence us by this mode of reasoning.

The Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance of P. E. Island commenced its Annual Convention on Wednesday evening last.

The weather during the week has been unusually cold for the season. On Wednesday night, Thursday, and Friday night there was a sharp frost.

We would remind our readers in and around Charlottetown, of the Public Tea, to be held under the auspices of the Daughters of Temperance, on Tuesday evening next, the first of November; tea to be served up at 6 o'clock.

The Rev. H. Lind, Episcopal Clergyman at St. George's Bay, Newfoundland, at the request of Mr. Richard Curran, communicates to us the following intelligence:—

The snow is a foot deep on some parts of the White Mountains, U. S. The weather in those regions has been unusually cold.

There was a great fire at Chicago on the 10th inst., which destroyed twenty buildings, occupied by business houses, involving a loss of \$50,000.

The steamship Anglo Saxon arrived at Father Point on the 23d, bringing dates four days later.

The Times Paris correspondent says the delay is attributed to Austria. The Vienna Cabinet was doing all it could to win over the French Emperor to its view, while, at the same time, it was reported to be preparing a coalition against him in Germany.

The national subscription in Italy, for the purchase of a million of muskets, was proceeding with great success.

China dates, according to the telegraph, are to Aug. 10. The Peking and Grand Canal were blockaded by 5000 British and French war vessels.

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Various small notices and advertisements on the left margin, including 'ALAND', 'EARLY', 'LAWYER', 'CALENDAR', 'CORAL', 'RECEPTION', 'OFFER', 'ARILLA', 'EDUCATION', 'MAS HOBSON', 'REED', 'REASON', 'ATTENTION', 'AMMIE', 'PILLO'.

Farm and Garden.

Value of Straw for Feeding Purposes. Mr. Alderman Mechi has a paper on this subject in the recent English Ag. Journal, calling it "a vital question for agriculture."

Wheat Straw—Its Value as Fodder. We have previously given many hints in connection with the system of feeding, as practiced by Mr. Mechi, in England. In regard to feeding wheat straw, he calculates when fed to cattle it is worth much more per acre than if plowed in for manure.

Farming—the best Furrow. In the history of the world, it will invariably appear that seasons of panic and financial difficulty have been followed by seasons of great prosperity for the farmer.

Musical Instruments in School. The utility of music in schools is no longer problematical. All those objections and doubts which found place in many household manuals have vanished in the light of experimental facts.

Interesting Discoveries in Africa. Captain Burton and Speke, the intrepid and scientific English travelers, says the London Examiner, concerning a thousand difficulties, succeeded in penetrating the African continent between latitude four and eight degrees south.

CHOICE BRANDS OF FLOUR. THE SUBSCRIBER RECEIVES REGULARLY a copy of the flour which is the best made in the world, and also a copy of the flour which is the best made in the world.

ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY'S INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION. AN EXHIBITION OF DOMESTIC MANUFACTURES AND AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTIONS will be held at WIMBORNE, on the 23rd of November, when the following Prizes will be distributed.

- For the best 100 lbs. of Cloth of Indian wool, spun and woven on the Island, but which may have been dyed and finished either in the Island or in the Colonies, 10 guineas. For the best 100 yards of grey Homage, milled and pressed, 10 guineas.

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