HAYTI.

TRIAL AND DEATH OF SALNAVE.

Upon his capture, Salnave was taken directly to Port au Prince, where on the 15th inst., his trial began. M. Lavaud declined to defend the accused, although called to do so by the President of the Simple adjudication. The President of the Council (who designated M. Jait, of Jacmel, to act with M. Valcin. Salnave had an interview with his counsellors, after which the deputy Marshal read the charges to the prisoner, the most important being that he "annulled the Constitution," and named himself "Protector of the Republic;" that he associated himself with depraved characters, and held on the Government by fraud and force. "Therefore, Sylvan Salnave is accused of high treason, assassination, and is now arraignable for these crimes."

Salnave said he was not capable of the acts of which he stood accused. His counsel made a strong appeal, and every effort to destroy the accusation, quoting frequently the position of Jefferson Davis in the late rebellion in the United States. After a short address from the prosecutor, one more appeal was made by Salnave's counsel, M. Valcin, and the trial was closed. The members of the court then adjourned for deliberation, which lasted an hour, at the expiration of which the judgment of the court was pronounced.

"In the name of the Republic, the Court finds Sylvan Salnave, aged 43, soldier and ex-President of Hayti, guilty of all the charges preferred against him, and do sentence him to be shot to death, and orders that the execution shall take place at the Perrystiles of the National Palace."

Preparations were immediately made for carrying out the judgment of the court. The President then addressed Salnave: "You have just been condemned to the pain of death. I entreat you to be firm and courageous." Salnave replied: "I shall not fail. I only ask for time to put my affairs in order." This request was granted, and he was engaged for a quarter of an hour writing a letter, which he sealed and placed in the hands of the President. Immediately after this he was pinioned and taken from the court, attended by two clergymen, to the place of execution. He was then tied to a post planted for the occasion, and a solemn silence ensued. The firing party was then drawn up, and General B. Canal said to Salnave: "You are going to be arranged as traitor—Viva la Constitution." The words, which were the signal for the deadly volley, were taken up by the people, and amid the shouts of "Viva la Constitution," at 6:30, Sylvan Salnave ceased to exist. His body was then put into a cart and buried among the felons.

RED RIVER.—Bishop Taché, who obtained leave of absence from the Pope to visit his diocese, arrived at Montreal on Thursday last, having been a passenger by the Austrian, and after communicating with the Government will at once proceed to Red River. His presence will have a salutary effect in allaying the discontent in the Settlement. It is believed that the delegates from the settlers will shortly leave Fort Garry for Ottawa to put their claims before the Government.

PORTLAND.—We have received for publication the By-law of the township of Portland, granting a bonus of $10,000 to the Kingston and Madoc Road, and of providing for the levying of a special rate to pay it. It received the 1st and 2nd readings in township Council on Feb. 2nd, and will be submitted to the vote of the electors on the 14th of March. The conditions and stipulations are simply that the full amount of the $10,000 shall be expended on that portion of the road within the township; that the road shall pass within half a mile of Harrowsmith, where a station is to be provided, and that the road shall be completed to the line of the township before the money be expended. Simple they are, but nevertheless exacting.

A nervous Ohio householder was waked up the other night by an alarm of burglars, got out his gun, fired from the window and ruined a pair of his best trousers that were flapping on a clothes line.

ACCIDENTS.—A son of H. A. McFaul, Esq., of the township of Hillier, met with an accident by which he had a leg broken and was otherwise injured. He was in the act of passing in front of the horse with a pail, and it is supposed the horse became frightened and accidentally caused the injuries. An accident, which resulted in immediate death, occurred between 2 and 3 o'clock on Friday morning, to Thomas West, a carpenter, resident in Belleville. Deceased was engaged in building, and hired two teamsters to go to Shannonville, whence he proceeded along with them. While returning, the horses drawing the sleigh shyed at some large stones and jumped towards the fence, against which the sleigh collided and turned over. West was caught between two heavy sticks of timber which were on the sleigh, and squeezed to death. The deceased leaves a wife and four children.

SOCIAL ORDER IN RUSSIA.—European socialism has found an unexpected development in Russia. A number of students in Moscow, St. Petersburg, and other towns appear to have formed a so-called national tribunal, whose modest programme was to "repeal matrimony, property, Government and the State generally," and to establish instead what is called the "free and unrestricted commune of the future, with a perfect equality of rank, property and privilege." As a preliminary, all possessors of wealth were to be divested of it, all Government officials knocked on the head, and all literary men who should defend the existing order of things were to be summarily dealt with by saving their tongues firm but. This humane school of reformers was betrayed by one of its members, and a hundred or so of its philosophic adherents have been sent to study society under a new aspect in the mines of Siberia.

NOTES.

A telegram from Vienna announces that the Archduchess Elizabeth has fled to America, embarking from Hamburg. Why an Archduchess should fly is not clear, and the cable is provokingly silent on this point. However, there is a fresh sensation for New York.

On the 19th of February the emancipation of the Russian serfs will be complete, as from that date they will be permitted to migrate from their communes and settle in any part of the Czar's dominions.

A system of robbery is being carried on along the line of the New York Central railroad, especially between the Niagara Falls and this city, says the Rochester Chronicle, which should be stopped. The modus operandi is for the sharper to enter a sleeping car and demand of female passengers their tickets, and under the pretense of seeing it "all right" he walks out of the car and leaves the passenger to ponder upon the question of "man's inhumanity," &c. The sharper makes, by the operation, a ticket to New York or Boston, which he can easily dispose of by those who desire sleeping car accommodations to eastern points.

A swindle, decidedly gigantic in its proportions, and for cold audacity unsurpassed and seldom if ever equalled, has just been brought to light at Kingston, N. Y., where William Travis, an adventurer, duped and swindled a number of citizens out of at least $50,000. Claiming to be the heir to large estates in New York city and Philadelphia, he succeeded in inducing his friends to advance him the above named amount until he should become of lawful age to take possession of the estates, promising to handsomely remunerate them for their kindness. He then under the pretense of taking a short trip of pleasure left his victims.

TUESDAY MORNING, FEB. 8, 1870.

THE MADOC RAILWAY.

At the time we write we cannot tell what the City Council did last night, in the matter of the Madoc Railway, but we know, they have done something, made a commencement. It is of no use to stand shilly-shally, and to allow the growlers to have the best of it. Go ahead, read the By-law, and then refer it to the Tax payers to vote. Go ahead we say.

BEDFORD.

We understand that at the recent election for Reeve in the Township of Bedford, the opponents of Mr. George Barr circulated stories to the effect that Mr. Barr had paid out monies without any order from the Council. Mr. Barr was not the man to be under an imputation of the kind, and accordingly he procured a certificate from the Auditors which, in justice to him, we hereby append:—

We, the undersigned Auditors for the United Townships of Bedford and Palmerston for the year 1869, hereby certify that we have examined the Treasurer's accounts, and compared the minutes of Council of said Township, and that we are satisfied that Geo ge Barr, Esq., ex Reeve, has not paid, or ordered to be paid, money (over which the Municipal Council has any control) without its first having been passed by said Council.

JOHN MCGUIRE, CHARLES WRIGHT, } Auditors.

Dated at Bedford, the 22nd day of Jan., 1870.

The defeat of Mr. Barr is much to be regretted, as he was an earnest, hard-working man, and we believe that if he had announced his intention of standing earlier, that there would have been no doubt of his triumphant return.

THE NEWS.

The New Jersey mystery is cleared up.

The London papers generally discredit the report of the burning of Dr. Livingstone as a wizard.

A gold frenzy rages in Illinois, in consequence of the discovery of the precious metal in paying quantities at Big Creek, twenty miles from Terre Haute. The people are wild, and are abandoning all other business out of which they get their livelihood, for the glittering illusion.

It is generally understood that Munro has made an informal confession of his guilt. He is in a wretched state of prostration, and it is doubtful if he will live till the time fixed for his execution.

The statement of a Montreal paper that the fractional currency is really to issue is not correct.

La Minerve asserts that Bishop Taché was summoned from Rome by a telegram forwarded by the Dominion Government. Grand-Vicar Thibault and Col. De Salaberry are expected back in Ottawa in a few days.

Woman suffrage was defeated in the Kansas Senate, by the casting vote of the Lieutenant-Governor.

A false report was got up in New York on Saturday of an attempt to assassinate Prince Arthur. The only foundation of the report was the arrest of some disorderly characters near the Revere House.

The Montreal Customs revenue for the past week was $45,109.

The Clergy estimates have passed the Cortes, though not without much opposition.

The Ecumenical Council met again on Friday. The Committee Postulata de Fide has got through a good deal of its work.

A society formed for the purpose of indulging in the most abominable practices, has been discovered by the police in Montreal. About four years ago the same people were fined by the Recorder for the same practices, and it was thought the society had died out.

The Governor-General will hold a levee and drawing-room in honor of Prince Arthur on the 25th inst., at the Parliament House. After the reception there will be a state ball.

Reidenstein was committed for trial on Saturday on the Hamilton, Westminster and Wilmot charges. A new charge has been instituted.

Well done Prince Edward. The model country of Ontario—no debts, no toll gates, good roads, light taxes, and no whisky. The Dunkin Bill has been carried by a handsome majority.

Another candidate for the Spanish Throne has been unearthed. Prince George, son of the King of Saxony and the name of Prince Charles of Prussia is again mentioned. The Duke de Montpensier's claim are said to be withdrawn altogether.

At a meeting of the London Board of Trade held on Saturday last to consider Sir Francis Hincks's proposals respecting American silver, a resolution was unanimously adopted approving of them. The Toronto Board of Trade are having a meeting to discuss the same subject.

Prince Arthur and Minister Thornton attended Trinity Church, Boston on Sunday. The chief purpose of the Prince in visiting Boston is to attend the funeral of the late George Peabody; and pending the obsequies, he feels called upon to decline accepting more than simple courtesies extended by private individuals.

HOUSE OF INDUSTRY.

The annual meeting of the subscribers to the House of Industry for the election of Directors for the year 1870, and other business, was held yesterday at 3 o'clock in the Mayor's Chamber, City Hall, the repairs in the Council Chamber not being completed. The Mayor occupied the chair, and Mr. S. T. Drennan, the efficient and popular Secretary and Treasurer, was in attendance.

The Secretary read the minutes of several previous meetings, which were adopted.

The following subscribers were present, (rather a small number we should say), viz:—Messrs. Wm. Allen, G. M. Kinghorn, A. Livingston, A. Livingston, T. L. Snook, J. McMillan, E. Chown, James Shannon, W. P. Phillips, J. Harkess, Isaac Simpson, and Dr. O. Yates.

Mr. Drennan read the annual report, also a statement of the financial affairs of the Institution, which seems to be in a healthy condition. This time last year the Institution was indebted to the Corporation in the sum of $700, but now the balance sheet of the Treasurer exhibits a surplus in its favor, the $700 borrowed from the city being re-paid besides.—The report was received and adopted.

A report was also received from the Superintendent, Mr. John Holmes. This report, we may say, for some reason or other, was not read.

Several subscribers wanted to know what had become of the $100 voted by the Council to repair the House. The Treasurer explained the matter satisfactorily.

The meeting then proceeded to the election of Directors for the current year.

Mr. A. Livingston wanted an open vote, as he understood that a raid was to be made upon him by certain parties to put him out for simply doing his duty and he would therefore like to know his friends.

Mr. Ald. Allen objected to an open vote, and hoped the meeting would adhere to the usual practice and vote by ballot.

The ballot men being the strongest, Ald. Livingston's wish was not complied with.

On motion of Dr. Yates, Messrs. Allen and McMillan were appointed Scrutineers.

The ballot being taken, resulted in the electing of the following directors, viz:—Dr. O. Yates, S. T. Drennan, C. Livingston, Isaac Simpson, James Shannon, W. P. Phillips, E. Chown and J. Harkess.

Dr. O. Yates and Ald. McMillan were appointed Auditors.

The Finance Committee is composed of the Mayor, Dr. O. Yates and Isaac Simpson, (Ald. A. Livingston not being re-elected Director.)

The following are the names of the Committee appointed to investigate certain charges preferred against Mr. John Holmes, the late Superintendent, viz:—the Mayor and Messrs. Allen, Drennan, Dr. Yates and E. Chown.

Messrs. Yates, Drennan, and Simpson, were appointed a Committee, with power to act, to make out the reports to the Government. The different Visiting Committees were then struck off, and the meeting adjourned sine die.

Two ceremonies of widely different character will mark the 15th of the current month. The pompous and imposing opening of the Dominion Parliament will contrast strangely with the dark shade of retributive justice in St. John, N.B., the hanging of Munroe for the murder of two victims.

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New Publications received last week:

HAND BOOK OF ZOOLOGY. By J. W. Dawson, LL.D., F.R.S. Part I. Invertebrata. Montreal. 12mo., pp. 264. With 275 Illustrations.

A great Canadian want is supplied. Zoology is what every one studies, but Hand Books on the science are scarce and dear. Here is a cheap and useful book, compiled by a scholar, and a Canadian to boot. It is true, this is but Part I. on the Invertebrata, but other Parts will follow if the first is properly patronized. So mote it be.

PRO ARIS ET FOCIS. By Fanny Aikin Kortright, London. 12mo., pp. 72.

This is a clever little book, written by a sensible English lady, to counteract the prevailing chemerical schemes of masculine women to put themselves on an equality with man. The gist of her book is in her motto—A woman is, or should be, the honor and ornament of the house.—*Martin Tupper.* She shows the duties of woman, to herself, and to society, and clearly proves that a woman who fulfils those of her sex properly, must be more honorable and happy than one who aspires to manhood, and gets John Stuart Mill to be her advocate.

WOODEN RAILWAYS. By John Foster, Montreal. 12mo., pp. 14.

This small pamphlet contains a full description of the various systems of Wooden Railways. To be had at Stacey's Book Store.

THE CHURCHMAN'S MAGAZINE for February. T. & R. White, Hamilton. $2.

APPLETON'S MISCELLANY for February 12th. D. Appleton & Co., New York. 10 cents.

This No. contains a second instalment of A. Trollope's new novel, 'Ralph the Heir.'

THE GAVEL for February. Rev. Robt. Ramsay, Toronto. $1.50.

The above is the second No. of a new Masonic Monthly. It is similar in size, appearance and price to 'The Craftsman.' It favors the recognition of the Quebec Grand Lodge, and does right in so doing; for however we may deplore the schism, yet there is no way of healing it, except by recognition. By the bye, G.M. Graham of C.I. Q., tells us by circular that six more of the Lower Canada Lodges have joined the Grand Lodge of Quebec. As Nova Scotia and New Brunswick have each a Grand Lodge, the Quebec Masons would never be satisfied unless they had equal advantages.

THE PRINTERS' BELLATRIX for January. Published by the Boston Type Foundry, Boston. 50 cents.

THE PROOF SHEET for January. Collins & McLeester, Philadelphia. $1.

Both these publications are elegantly printed, and speak volumes for the taste of the American Type Founders.

THE TYPOGRAPHIC ADVERTISER for January. McKellar, Smith & Jordan, Philadelphia. 25 cents.

THE CANADIAN BUILDER for February. Dyas & Wilkes, London, Ont. 50 cents.

THE LONDON JOURNAL for February, 332 Strand, London. Seven Peace Sterling.

THE FARMER'S ADVOCATE for February. Weld, London, Ont. $1.

EVERY SATURDAY for Feb. 5th. Fields, Osgood & Co., Boston. 10 Cents.

THE ILLUSTRATED CANADIAN NEWS for Feb. 5th. G. E. Desbarats, Montreal. 10 Cents.

THE SATURDAY EVENING POST for Feb. 5th. H. Peterson & Co., Philadelphia. $2.50.

'Under a Ban.'—This is a new novelet just commenced in 'The Saturday Evening Post,' of Philadelphia, by that admirable authoress, Miss Amanda M. Douglas. This novelet will run for about three months; and will be followed by novelets by Frank Lee Benedict, Mrs. Henry Wood, Mrs. Hosmer, Miss Prescott; &c. The 'Saturday Evening Post,' is one of the best of the literary papers, and adapted for family reading by the unobjectionable, useful and entertaining character of its contents.

GRIEUTCKLE for Feb. 3rd. Montreal. 5 Cents.

Here we are again, twice as lively, and ten times as natural. Not dead, no. Neither dead nor d——d.

THE CANADIAN DOMINION DIRECTORY for 1870 et '71.

Mr. John Lovell tells us that in October this promised Work will be published. There was an impression abroad that it would not issue, the expense of getting it out being so great, but he says:—"Though the guarantees therein stated as necessary have not been fully supplied, sufficient has been offered to warrant my proceeding. The reply was a common one, that persons would not subscribe to a work, the publication of which rested on conditions which might never be fulfilled, and I am induced to hope that the publication being now decided upon, a support, corresponding to the enterprise, will be awarded. In this hope, and looking for a continuance of your kind co-operation, I have decided to proceed with the work, and I trust to have the pleasure of forwarding you a copy by October of the current year."

A Note for Sir Francis.—Read a Toronto Banker's reply to a firm in Kingston—

"Toronto, Feb 5.

"DEAR SIRS,—

"Until I discovered you paid your telegram I scarcely gave you credit for seriousness. The brokers here would be glad to buy at your rates. I do not traffic in silver, but could not supply your order at any rate. There is not so much silver in all Toronto. No silver nuisance here.

THE NEW JERSEY MYSTERY.

DISCOVERY OF THE BODIES OF THE THREE WYBLE CHILDREN.

The terrible uncertainty pervading the entire population of Northern New Jersey as the fate of the three children of Mr. Joseph Wyble, of Wyanockie, who disappeared unaccountably on New Year's night, has been dispelled by discovery of the bodies of the unfortunates. It was known to give assurance that about 9 o'clock on Wednesday morning a man named William Ramsey, with one companion, both of whom had been looking for the children for some time, observed a flock of crows circling over a spot closely, as if attracted by some particular object. Pushing forward in their direction, the searchers came upon the bodies of the three poor children, all safely pitched and shrunk with starvation, but showing no signs of having met with a violent end. Two of them were lying stretched under the shelter of a huge rock, while about ten feet away lay the body of the older. The spot is about two miles away from their home, whither the remains were tenderly removed by the neighbors, who quickly learning the sad intelligence, flocked in hundreds to satisfy themselves of the truth. Did time this mystery, which for a month past has employed hundreds of men, and all kinds of speculation and conjecture is its solution, is at last made plain. How the little ones died, cold, hungry, and in tears, let the reader imagine, as at the same time he acknowledges a heartfelt sympathy for those bereaved parents, who by this discovery are so completely, yet so gloomily, vindicated from the accusations so cruelly made against them.

THE WHEREABOUTS OF DR. LIVINGSTONE.

A telegraphic despatch received from England yesterday afternoon adds one more to the multitudinous mode in which, according to British reports, are perpetually perpetrated on the person of Dr. Livingston. This time it is alleged that the intrepid explorer has been buried as a wizard by an unreconstructed interior chieftain of African descent; the tale emanating from Captain Cochrane, of the Royal Navy, and being told, not to the madmen under that officer's command, but in an episodic way to the British public at large. Were rumors of this sort in relation to the distinguished traveller in question somewhat fewer and further between, our apprehension might be more seriously excited in the present instance; but we trust that we may not be suspected of an Alabama bias if we withhold absolute credence from this story of incineration. The old fable of the boy who cried "wolf" too often has materially modified public confidence in reiterated recitals of perilous adventures, and in Dr. Livingstone's case, the temporary cessation of his correspondence has so almost invariably been followed by a detailed and circumstantial account of his death, that we are tempted to surmise either that he is unfortunate in attracting his chief admirers from a higher imaginative class, or that it is injudiciously deemed expedient to maintain popular enthusiasm in his behalf by creating periodical paroxysms of anxiety for his safety. Moreover by Dr. Livingstone's own account, the royalty and nobility of the interior of Africa would be more likely to worship than to sacrifice a supposed sorcerer; and, on the other hand, we are distinctly informed that they take their meals raw, not roasted. Considering these inherent improbabilities in the tale as now told, we expect soon to hear of Dr. Livingstone's continued safety and health.—*New York World.*

THE KINGSTON AND MADOC R. R.

MR. WOOD'S SUCCESS.

The Madoc Mercury says:

Mr. Wood returned on Thursday from his tour through the different Townships on the line of the proposed railway. He reports that the people are fully alive to the importance of the scheme. Camden will vote on a By-law for the amount of $10,000; Newburgh, $5,000; Long Lake, $10,000; Portland, $10,000; Northeast Camden (a section,) $5,000. Kingston last night was to introduce a By-law to the City Council for $50,000 bonus.

Ernestown Council has declined to submit a By-law for the whole township, but, if there is any reasonable chance, will pass a By-law for the Northeast part for $10,000. Mr. Booth, the late Warden, who resides at Odessa, has offered a private bonus of $1,000.

Mr. Wood states that the different lines are now reduced to two—the Central and the Southern. The central runs from Kingston by way of Sydenham, Harrowsmith, Perworth, and Enterprise to Tamworth; the Southern, from Kingston to Yarker, Newburgh, Centreville and Tamworth. His opinion is that both routes are good, and that either can be carried by the people of this section; and that with the strong feeling among the people in favour of a Railroad, it only requires united action to secure success. All along the line he was met with proffers of private stock, and the municipalities are fully aware that they should take stock as well as give bonuses. Newburgh will take $5,000 stock, and double the sum in private stock. Camden, which proposes a bonus of $10,000, will, he believes, take $20,000 or $30,000 in stock, if the road goes by way of Centreville. Private parties in Harrowsmith and Enterprise assure him that large amounts of private stock will be taken if the road goes through this section.

Altogether the prospects are most promising.

Mr. Wood, as per request, has agreed to hold a public Railway meeting at Centreville, on Tuesday, the 15th instant. It is expected there will be a large number present, and he would be pleased to see as many of the Kingston people as possible there.

THE SCAFFOLD.

The hanging of Joshua Jones and Levi Carpenter came off at Newcastle, Delaware, on Friday. They were both brutal-looking negroes, and suffered for the commission of an outrage on an elderly white lady. Jones, on being interviewed by a reporter, freely confessed his crime, and admitted the justice of his punishment. He remarked that he had no fear of the future for he was about to "run right to Christ." The prisoners died in an ecstacy of religious fervor, shouting "Jesus sees us now." Fifteen hundred and seventy-five persons witnessed the execution, exclusive of small boys who climbed the trees overlooking the prison yard.

THE CURRENCY QUESTION.

A Toronto Correspondent writes:

The issue of one million twenty-five cent Dominion notes is the only item of any importance in the letter of Sir Francis Hincks, dated 27th January, 1870. There is no point in allusion to "American silver," and the ideas put forward respecting the abatement of the circulation at present existing here, are simply absurd.

Sir Francis Hincks may succeed in getting the quantity he proposed pushed into circulation—and the result will be, that it will aggravate the evil to that extent, and raise the discount on American silver—because of the greater abundance of the article—and place $1,000,000 at the disposal of Finance Minister.

The American silver nuisance has been now of 7 or 8 years' standing, and unless some reasonable plan be proposed by the Government, we might wait for a new coinage said to have been ordered—or resumption of special payments in the United States.

It would have looked better Sir Francis Hincks waited a few days, until the public could fairly see whether this is or is not merely a part of his Banking policy.

TORONTO.

Toronto, Feb. 7.

Extensive frauds in the sale of cord wood have been discovered. A number of dealers have systematically sold five feet of wood for one cord, with the connivance of the lessee of the wood market, who has the measuring in his hands.

The Grand Jury made their presentment yesterday, speaking highly in favor of the management of the Jail and Lunatic Asylum, and commending the officers of those institutions.

On Thursday evening a girl named Fanny Butterfield, living in a house of ill-fame on Queen street, east, attempted to commit suicide by taking morphia, in a fit of remorse. Her life was saved with difficulty.

A little girl named Whitehouse was burned to death on Palace street yesterday.

Miss Conway, who was apprehended on a charge of concealment of birth and sending the corpse of an infant to Montreal in a trunk, was discharged at the Police Court this morning—no evidence being produced against her.

BREAKFAST CRUMBS.

No crossing by team yet to Cape Vincent. So the Adlington Beaver falsifies.

For the first time in many years, boys have played marbles all winter.

Detfort has had a female prize fight. One of the parties lost her hair, and the other a large portion of her nose.

A Wisconsin clergyman who has been preaching against marriage is ascertained to have upwards of nine wives living in different parts of the country.

A young girl in New Orleans became impressed with the hallucination that she had killed her father and several children, and therefore hanged herself to the bed-post.

McFarland, the killer of Richardson, was visited in the Tombs by Mr. Rogers, of Philadelphia, who proffered $500 to the fund for his defence.

As an evidence of the rise of real estate in Halifax, it is mentioned that a gentleman purchased a lot of land six years ago for $700 and now refuses $8,000 for it.

The Morrisburgh Courier says that the Montreal Telegraph Company, are about to erect a line from that place to Ottawa via Winchester and Medonte.

The Rome, Watertown, and Ogdensburg Railroad has been in operation eighteen years, and has just succeeded in killing its first passenger.

An Indiana paper says it is a singular fact that religious revivals are always the most successful during the short and dark days of the winter months.

A man in New Hamshire the other day ate fifteen dozen raw oysters on a wager. The silver trimmings alone on his coffin cost twelve dollars and thirty-five cents.

A St. Paul paper publishes an article entitled "Canada's Amphibious Backstairs Passage to Winnipeg." The article is not so amusing as its title.

Camilla Urso has secured all the singers and musicians necessary for her "monster festival" at San Francisco.

The first subscription towards the monument intended to commemorate the battle of Crysler's Farm came from a lady. Three cheers for the brave old girl!

A man, with a wholesome horror of trichinæ, has a benevolent way, whenever he slaughters any pork, of sending a piece to a neighbor. He then watches the result, and if the neighbor survives, revels thereafter in pork.

A fugitive paragraph conveys the information that Stutsman, the editor of the Red River New Nation, is footless. His mission is just in keeping with that unfortune—it is bootless.

The Tribune says that after Prince Arthur left his seat in Trinity Church a number of young ladies rushed there in order to sit where a live Prince had been sitting.

The new Catholic Bishop of Southern Illinois, Father Bates, who has just received intimation of his appointment from the Pope, is an American born Irishman, having been born in Pennsylvania, and is of German descent. He was educated at Montreal College.

A colony of one hundred families from Nova Scotia has settled at Rush City, Minnesota, on the line of the Lake Superior and Missouri Railroad. The men are engaged in chopping wood on the town site, and have cut five thousand cords this winter.

An extraordinary story comes to us from the Ottawa country. A man who was employed as cook is one of Mr. Skead's shanties, said his wife. She died shortly after, and the husband threatens proceedings against the purchasers.

In July next George Francis Train will take his two sons, aged ten and twelve years, now at the Poughkeepsie military college, in a voyage round the world, via San Francisco, returning to Ireland October 1st.

A man, blind in one eye, says the Baltimore Gazette, aiming his gun at a duck, killed a young girl, who came suddenly upon the right side. The murderer is exculpated on account of his blindness.

Dry-goods merchants in other places complain greatly at the paucity of ball dresses sold this season; the ladies will soon be known by their dresses, like the "gal with the blue dress on."

A fearful murder has just come to light in Russia. A Mr. de Zohn, of St. Petersburg, was enticed into a house of ill-fame in that city, poisoned with cyanuret of calcium, and the body packed in a trunk and sent to Moscow. The actual criminal is a girl under sixteen.

Forty years ago a man was robbed in Boston of twenty-five cents. The thief, perceiving his incognita, has made ample restitution. He has restored the twenty-five cents with compound interest. This makes a pretty neat little sum, as our readers will, no doubt, learn by ciphering the thing up.

THE NORTH WEST.

MASS MEETINGS AT FORT GARRY.

DESPATCHES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL AND EARL GRANVILLE.

DELEGATES APPOINTED TO A CONVENTION.

St. Paul, Feb. 4.

The *New Nation* of the 24th ult. contains a full report of a mass meeting held at Upper Fort Garry, continuing two days, January 19th and 20th. The crowd assembled on the 19th, and being very large they adjourned to the open air, where the meeting was continued five hours, notwithstanding the thermometer stood at twenty below zero. Among those present were Donald Smith, Riel, Judge Black, DeSalaberry Thibault, O'Donohue and others. Riel moved, seconded by Pierre Leveille, that Thos. Burn take the Chair—Carried. Judge Black was appointed Secretary and Riel Interpreter. The Chairman introduced Mr. Donald G. Smith, who came forward and read a document handed him in Canada, dated Ottawa, Dec. 10, signed by Howe, appointing him Special Commissioner to enquire into the cause and extent of the armed resistance to Governor McDougall, and requesting him to arrange matters with McDougall and McTavish, and ascertain what the people demanded. He also read a letter handed to him at Ottawa, signed by Governor Young, dated Ottawa, Dec. 12, which stated that Her Majesty's Government had no intention of asking or permitting others to act otherwise than in perfect good faith to the inhabitants of the Red River District of the North-West. That fair protection would be extended to religious denominations of every persuasion (loud cheers), and the titles to every description of property would be perfectly regarded, and franchises which have existed shall be duly continued and allowed, and that their motto of "the right shall be done in all cases," would be carried out (cheers.) Mr. Smith then asked that Thibault should read the letter he brought with him from Canada, addressed to the Bishop of Rupert's Land, and Governor McTavish. Riel objected, and said he did not want the documents read. (Cries of we will have them and cheers.) The question as to who had them arose, and it was ascertained that O'Donohue had them in possession of them. Mr. Banpatyne suggested that O'Donohue be requested to produce the letters. The motion was carried amid cheers. Mr. Banpatyne demanded that the letters be delivered up. Riel seconded the demand and the letters were thereupon handed up by O'Donohue, and handed over by that worthy. Mr. Smith had been asked that a letter, now in Governor McTavish's possession, be produced. It was read to the meeting. It was a letter containing a copy of a telegram from Earl Granville to Sir John Young, dated November 26th. It says Her Majesty does not distrust the loyalty of her subjects, and hopes all questions of rights and wrongs may be carefully discussed, and hoped that an amicable spirit may prevail and a satisfactory understanding be arrived at. The meeting then adjourned till the next day. The meeting reassembled on the 20th, and was still larger than on the first day. Judge Black again refusing to act as Secretary, Mr. Bannatyne was appointed Secretary of the meeting. Mr. Donald G. Smith then read a letter from the Hon. John Young to Governor McTavish, dated December 6th, accompanying Earl Granville's message declaring that Her Majesty's Government had no intention or idea of setting aside the titles of Red River settlers. The document was read amidst loud cheers from the assembly. Mr. Smith then addressed the meeting at some length, and said he had many friends and blood relations in the Red River country, and as a Scotchman, he felt much interest in the country and wished to see it prosper. He was not acting in the interest of Canada, but only so far as they were in accordance with the interest of the Red River Country. He believed a calm discussion of affairs could do harm, but clear up everything satisfactorily. He then read the copy of instructions given by the Canadian Government to Governor McDougall, signed by Secretary Meredith. After recess business resumed. Riel moved, seconded by Bannatyne, that twenty representatives be elected by the English settlers, to meet twenty French representatives on Tuesday, the 25th, at noon, at the Court House, to consider a commission and decide what would be the best for the welfare of the country. Cheers were then given for Father Lestanc, Mahrey, Rochat, Mr Riel and Mr O'Donghue and the Commissioners. The resolution seems to cast a doubt on Smith's commission. Riel and Mr. O'Donohue were accepted on the commission as a genuine Council, freely to consider what should be done. Father Mahrey and Rochat briefly addressed the meeting and said that they hoped an amicable amendment would be arrived at and that their present uncertain state be ended as soon as possible. Riel then said that before the meeting breaks up, I cannot but express my feelings. I came here with great fear. We are not enemies (Loud cheering); but we come very near being so. So soon as we understood each other we joined in demanding what our English fellow-subjects, in common with us, believe to be our just rights. (Loud cheering). I am not afraid to say our rights. (Renewed cheers). We claim all rights. We are entitled to those rights which will be set forth by our representatives, and what is more, gentlemen, we will get them. (Loud cheers.)

The meeting then adjourned.

ALL NOT WELL—DOUBTFUL POSITION OF THE HUDSON BAY COMPANY.

Chicago, Feb. 4.

A special despatch to the Tribune from St. Paul says the mail just arrived from Red River brings the last number of the New Nation, the organ of the insurgents, and correspondence, neither of which makes any mention of the reported arrest of Riel by the Hudson Bay Company. On the contrary a letter, dated Winnipeg, January 23rd, says the opposition portion of the French party have all gone over to Riel, and now want to invest him with supreme power. It is thought that the convention which is called to meet on the 25th will end in making him full master of the situation and stronger than ever. Riel proposes then to employ all his power and resources to carry out the programme of his adherents, which is anti-Canadian to the last. These advices render it certain that the way is not yet open for the Hudson Bay Company to resume its sway in the Red River region, and for Canada to step in and take peaceful possession.

Shall we have a Woolen Factory, is a question propounded by the Madoc Mercury. By all means, yes; let us have another feeder for the K. & M. R.R.

HORSE RACE.—The match between Mr. Soby's mare, "Young Dutchman," of Belleville, and Mr. Grindlé's "French Boy" of Kingston, mile heats, best two out of three in harness, for $100 a side, will not come off this afternoon. Considerable interest is centred in the rivalry between these fast trotters, and the delay is to be regretted. It has been postponed until the middle of the month, owing to the attendance of the "Young Duchman" at the Rockville races.

DUNKIN LAW.—Ernestown is engaged in an earnest contention regarding the suppression of the sale of intoxicating liquors in the Township. The Adlington Beaver says that a Convention has been held in the Drill Shed, Odessa, composed of about fifty temperance men. The meeting was presided over by D. Aylsworth, Esq., and N. Snider was chosen Secretary. It was conceded that a By-law was enacted by the town council a few years ago, which will greatly facilitate the enforcing of the law when it is carried. The convention arranged for a series of meetings, and a canvassing committee for each school section. So that the movement goes bravely on.

DESERTED.—A poor woman, named Williams, with three very fine children, applied to His Worship the Police Magistrate yesterday for assistance to enable her to return to Montreal. It appears the woman was deserted some time ago by her leige lord who came to Kingston, where he represented himself to be unmarried, and made love to one of our fair damsels and married her. His disconsolate wife, being made aware of his whereabouts, immediately started for this city, accompanied by her three little responsibilites, but on her arrival here she found that the husband with his paramour had fled to parts unknown, and she was therefore obliged to return to Montreal. We sincerely hope that the unfeeling rascal will be captured and receive the punishment he so richly deserves. The fellow's name is C. Williams, and we would suggest to our contemporaries the propriety of passing him around.

"Koshpoppy" is said to be the specific Indian appellation for ten cents. From the same etymon, "poppycock" is probably the aboriginal generic term for paper currency. We want none of Sir Francis "poppycock."

THE LOYOLSONS' BY LAW.—The Loughboro' By-law, for granting a bonus of $10,000 to the Kingston and Madoc Railway, which had passed its first and second readings, is to be taken up again to-day and reconsidered, with a view to expunging the clause which provided that the grant was conditional on the extension of the Railway from Sydenham to Knowlton Lake. The extension the Council find it neither approved by the Directors or the friends of the Road generally, and have wisely determined not to push it. Were advantages of situation more favorable, Knowlton Lake would just be the place we should like the Road to touch upon.

OUTRAGEOUS.—We are informed that a poor man named Hart was brought before two humane Magistrates in Storrington on Thursday last, and fined $100 or 3 months' imprisonment, for shooting at and wounding a dog. Being a man with a wife and numerous family, there was no alternative for the poor fellow but to go to prison, and he was accordingly lodged in gaol on Friday last. This would seem incredible, but we received the information from good authority. Just fancy a Justice of the Peace inflicting such a punishment for an offence of this nature. What is our country coming to? Our laws are becoming as severe as those of the Medes and Persians. But we blame not the Magistrates so much as those who enacted such an inquisitive law. In looking at the last statutes of the Dominion, we find that by section 47 of the "Act respecting malicious injuries to property," this outrageous punishment is really authorized; but the sooner it is expunged from the statute book the better. The people of this free country won't stand such severe measurements of their legislative.

REV. MR. CHINIQUY.—The Rev. ex-Father Chiniquy, of St. Anne, Kankakee, Illinois, who has been visiting Montreal in connection with the French Canadian Mission, and is now on his return to the French Canadian settlement at his home, spent Sunday last in Kingston, and gave at the Brock Street Presbyterian Church a sorrowful account of the distress prevailing among the settlers at St. Anne, in consequence of the destructive floods last September and the damage inflicted on the crops, in connection with more cheering reports of the progress, morality and spirituality of his community. The fact of the Rev. Gentleman's visit was not sufficiently well known to secure the large audience which would naturally be attracted by his fame as a minister, and zeal as a worker in what he considers the true faith.

BREAKFAST CRUMBS.

The Baptist's complaint—Dip-theory.

Ugly Language—Plain English.

The wages of the Glasgow cotton-spinners have been reduced ten per cent.

Kossuth is so poor that he lives at Turin, principally on bread and water.

Scarlet fever prevails to a serious extent in Montreal, and in the Eastern Townships.

The negro population of Kentucky has decreased 100,000 in the last ten years.

The Queen of Prussia gives, every year, fifty thousand dollars to the poor.

Crime is so rampant in Chicago that a vigilance committee is seriously talked of.

At a recent fine art exhibition a pair of trained cattle took the prize for drawing.

Howeling affairs—The Globe's editorials on the Secretary of State of the Provinces.

Mrs Elizabeth Cady Stanton is to lecture at Toronto on "Woman's Rights," on the 22nd inst.

Gov. Fairchild, of Wisconsin, recommends the abolition of grand juries in that State.

An Indiana man made his own coffin five years ago, and keeps it in his garret in order to have it thoroughly seasoned.

An "American millionaire" took the cowl in an obscure convent near Rome New Year's Day.

Rochefort has given no names to his children and they are designated simply as No. 1, No. 2, &c.

The Russians are said to have invented nothing but a peculiar tea urn and ready-made cigarettes.

The Government recently sold 3,000,000 acres of land in Texas for unpaid taxes, realizing only $6,000.

A Nashville wedding party was completely demoralized by a brother of the bride, who fired three shots into the carriage.

The Ferryboats are still running on the harbor between Pictou and the Landing, in Nova Scotia.

No licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors have been granted in Antigonish County, Nova Scotia, this year.

A two-headed child was recently born in Tagewell, Tenn. The "phenomenon" did not live, and is preserved in spirits.

It would seem that the expectations of the disaffected people of Red River are not, after all, to