NEWFOUNDLAND.—By the R. M Steamer Merlin, Corbin, master, which arrived at Halifax in four days, from St. John's, we have received late intelligence from Newfoundland.

The Provincial Legislature was duly convened on the 15th ult. The ministerial Address in reply to the Speech passed, after a good deal of debate. Considerable excitement prevailed—at least, inside of the Legislative Chambers—in consequence of the declared intention of the Government to impose an *export duty* of 2 per cent upon fish and oil. The export of these staple products of the Colony are so considerable, that not less that £20,000 is expected to be added to the annual revenue by that additional duty. How long it will continue, seems to us another question.

According to circulars furnished us by Mr. T. C. James, commission merchant and ship agent and broker, of St. John's, and apparently prepared with much labor and care, the trade of the port of St. John's, for 1855, far exceeded that of the previous year. The quantity of dried codfish exported in 1854 amounted to 503, 352 qtls. ; in 1855, 831, 986 qtls., showing an increase of 328,634 qtls. equal to 65 per cent. The amount of dried codfish on hand on the 1st of January amounted to 282,567 qtls. In fish oil, the exports of 1855 show a slight falling off compared with those of 1854, amounting to 1353 tons; and in the export of seal skins, there is a still more considerable decrease. The table of imports for the same two years, show an increase of the latter over the former year, if not quite, proportionable to that in the exports. From the same source we learn, that there were sold, in St. John's, in 1855, 28 new vessels built in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, the aggregate price of which amounted to £34, 145 ; and that there were 19 other new Nova Scotian and Prince Edward Island vessels —all, with one exception, brigs and brigantines —sent to that port, during the same year, of which five were chartered and the remaining eight were for sale at the close of the year.

The Rev. Mr. Rand delivered a lecture before the Halifax Young Men's Christian Association, on the 5th inst. The large audience appeared deeply interested in the subject, "*God in Language*"—and the animated, familiar style of the lecturer, prevented the least danger of experiencing any difficulty in giving their whole attention. At the close, Mr. R gave an outline of Phonography, as the most complete method known of expressing language by writing.

A corporal in the Crimea, writing to his relatives at Nottingham, says :—" There are loud complaints about the long American boots, they being entirely worn out before the end of three weeks, and having cost Government upwards of 17s 6d per pair, it seems to be money entirely thrown away.

ARRIVAL OF TROPHIES AT WOOLWICH.—The trophies of victory which have arrived from Sebastopol in the Bucephalus transport are placed for public inspection on the west parade in the Royal Arsenal, which was during Saturday crowded with visitors. They comprise brass guns, mortars, and battery guns to the number of 73. The guns and gun-carriages are of Russian manufacture. Seven bells, one of immense size, attracted much attention, and six immense battery guns, formerly mounted in defence of Sebastopol.

A NEW TRADE IN PARIS.—The necessity of paying a tax on dogs from the commencement of the present year has led to the destruction of a great number of these animals in Paris, and principally by drowning them in the Seine. A number of persons have engaged in the occupation of getting out the dead bodies and boiling them down, in order to extract the fat, which is employed in the preparation of kid gloves, and especially of straw-coloured ones, and is sold at the rate of 2f. 50c. the kilog. At Bordeaux 5640 dogs have been destroyed, and it is expected that 42,000f. a year will be raised in that town by the tax ; and at St. Etienne 2857 producing nearly 20,000f. a year.—*Gilognani.*

THE PEACE CONGRESS AT PARIS.—The *Constitutionel* states its opinion, that the Peace Congress will not be able to commence its deliberations before the 20th or 25th of February. It also says that the signature of the preliminaries of peace will be reserved for the Congress. The armistice also will not, if the above version be accurate, take place till the Congress meets. The Emperor has ordered apartments to be prepared at the Elysee and elsewhere, for the official residence of the members of the Peace Conferences.

A MILE OF TRIMMING.—A writer in a New York paper speaks of a lady who wears upon one dress *a full mile of fringe trimming!* Another young lady in New York has adorned a single dress with *seven hundred and fifty yards of ribbon!*—Truly this is carrying extravagance in dress to *great lengths!*

HASZARD'S GAZETTE.

Wednesday, February 27, 1856.

THE Meeting called for the purpose of petitioning the House of Assembly against the Act for the Incorporation of Charlottetown, took place on Monday as advertized, and it is only sufficient to say, that it was, as it needs must have been, an entire failure. There are some people who are never easy in any one posture ; when sitting, they think they would be better standing,—when standing, reclining,—when running, it occurs to them that a lying posture is most conducive to ease, though they find no repose after a little, let their couch be made of down. So, precisely, it is with a certain set in society, nothing pleases them but change ; ask them why, they are unable to furnish you with a single reason We are the last in the world, to desire for a moment, to curtail the rights of those who think themselves aggrieved, of petitioning to the proper authorities for redress. It is a sacred right, and as such, should be respected. It is, moreover, one of the best of safety valves. It is much better, that people should constitutionally assemble to discuss grievances than summarily to redress them. And yet, there should be some check to the calling of public meetings unnecessarily. We know from the old fable, the danger of crying " wolf !" too often ; so it is with public meetings, if called too frequently, or upon trivial or causeless occasions, men of sense become accustomed to disregard the invitation, so that it may easily happen, that on occasions of real importance, the power of exerting that important privilege with effect, may be passed by, or what is worse, used by a clique for the worst of purposes. A Sheriff, Mayor, or other dignitary should, we think, on all occasions, require that something like a case should be first made out, upon which to grant the necessity of appealing to the public. In this particular instance, not one single Act of the Corporation detrimental or injurious to the public interests is adduced. Never were men more cautious than those composing the Common Council of this city. They feel, that before taking any step of importance, a deal of consideration is necessary, and they are anxious, that they shall so begin and proceed, that it will not be necessary to retrace their steps. The usual complaint made against men suddenly invested with power is, that they are anxious to stretch it to the utmost, and to ride, as the saying is, upon the top of their commissions. This cannot be said of them, and we trust, that when they have had a little more experience, and have got more accustomed to their duties, that those civic improvements which are so needed, will, one after another, be carried into effect, and Charlottetown be, as it may easily be made, one of the neatest, cleanest, and healthiest cities on this side the Atlantic.

Pursuant to notice by the Sheriff, a public meeting was held in the Court House at Charlottetown, on Monday the 25th inst., to take into consideration the necessity of petitioning the Legislature for a Repeal of the Charlottetown Incorporation Act.

The Sheriff read the Requisition to call the Meeting, after which it was proposed and carried, that John Trenaman Esq., should take the Chair ; the Chairman then moved against the object of the meeting, said it was premature, that the Corporation had not yet a fair trial, and that we should not condemn the Act, till we see how it will work. Mr. John MacKinnon was of a contrary opinion and submitted a resolution which was as follows— " Resolved, that it is the opinion of this meeting that the Act of Incorporation was *too* premature and not required, and was never intended by the majority of the inhabitants of this Town to go into operation, and if allowed to continue, will (to the poor) be arbitrary, tyrannical and oppressive." George Beer Esq. was opposed to this resolution and proposed an amendment, seconded by James Duncan, Esq. viz " Resolved that it is altogether inexpedient to petition for the Repeal of the Act of Incorporation until it has had a fair trial, this meeting having perfect confidence in the Gentlemen it has recently elected to carry out the intentions of said Act of Incorporation." Mr. Broderick was for the original motion, and for repealing the Act. Mr. Rice was in favor of the amendment, and spoke in high terms of the good already derived from the Act. Benjamin Davies Esq. one of the City Councillors, warmly opposed the Resolution and entered into a lengthy statement of the proceedings of the Corporation, which seemed to give general satisfaction The Hon. George Coles stated, that the Law has so far worked well, and he would be for its continuance—Question was then urged and the Chairman put the amendment—which was carried by a large majority. Charles Dempsey Esq., was called to the Chair, and it was moved by the Hon. Mr. Brenan, seconded by Mr. Broyderick, that the thanks of the meeting be given to John Trenaman Esq., for his impartial conduct in the Chair—meeting closed.

JOHN TRENAMAN, *Chairman.*

On Tuesday the 12th inst., the Presbytery of P. E. Island, in connection with the Presbyterian Church of Novascotia, met at Princetown for Presbyterial visitation. The questions proposed to the Minister were answered in the most satisfactory manner. It was highly gratifying to the Presbytery to find that the Rev. Dr. Kier, notwithstanding his advanced age, the debilitating effects of which he is beginning to feel but too sensibly, and his additional labours of the Theological Professorship which he is called to perform, has been enabled to discharge all the duties of his pastorate. The interrogatories put to the Elders, Session and Managers were in general, satisfactorily answered. The Presbytery, however, learned with regret, that in a congregation noted for its liberality to the Foreign Mission and other benevolent schemes and to which other congregations are accustomed to look for example, there should be found to be due to the Pastor, even a small amount of arrears of salary and strongly urged greater punctuality in future.

Reports of missionary labor performed by the Rev. Alexander M'Kenzie, Mr. Samuel M'Cully, and the Rev. Daniel M'Curdy were read and approved.

Mr. Robert Laird, Student of Theology, delivered a Homily from John 1st. 12th. 'And of his fulness, &c., was examined on the 1st. Cent. in Church History, and the 1st Chap. of Acts in Greek, of all which exercises, the Presbytery approved, and encouraged him to proceed. Mr. Donald Gordon read an Essay on memory, and was examined on a portion of the Greek Testament, of which exercises also the Presbytery approved.

Next meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be in Charlottetown, on Wednesday the 12th of March.

THE BELFAST TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the above Association, was held at the Belfast Manse, on the 19th February, by request of the Rev. Alex. M'Kay.

Present.—Alex. Beaton, William M'Phail, John Morrison, Archibald M'Donald, John Power, Donald M'Leod, John Ross, Hector Campbell, and Alex. Eachern.

The Rev. A. M'Kay, opened the meeting with prayer. It was then moved and unanimously carried, that the Rev. A. M'Kay be Patron of this Association. The following persons were then appointed Office-bearers, viz. Alex. Beaton to be Chairman of this Association, as well as of this meeting, Alex. M'Eachern to be Secretary and Treasurer.

The object of this Association is to appoint Committees, consisting of three persons in each, to visit such schools as the Association may deem most convenient, and the several Committees to report their visits to the Association at the next meeting.

After addressing the meeting, W. M'Phail read an extract from "A Treatise on Common School Education," which was very entertaining, particularly to teachers.

The following Committees were then appointed by the Association, viz : Alex. Beaton, Hector Campbell, and John Morrison, to visit the Lower and Upper Newton schools, on Saturday, 1st. March ; Donald M'Leod, John Ross, and Donald M'Leod, Flat River and Belle Creek schools, on Saturday, 8th. March ; William M'Phail, Archibald M'Donald, and Alexander M'Eachern, Buchanan and Point Prim schools, on Saturday, 15th. March; Alex. Beaton, Archibald M'Donald, and Alex. M'Eachern, Raza school, on Saturday, 22nd. March; Hector Campbell, John Power and John Morrison, Portage and Pinette schools, on Saturday, 29th March.

Resolved, that the next meeting be held in Belfast School House, on Saturday 29th. March at 3 o'clock, P. M.

Resolved, that the thanks of this Meeting are due to the Worthy Patron, Rev. A. M'Kay, for the trouble he has taken. After the blessing being pronounced by the Patron, the meeting dismissed to meet at the time and place above named.

By Order,
Alexander M'Eachern.

Belfast 19th Feb. 1856.

P. S. The Editors of the Examiner, Islander, and Advertiser, will oblige the Association by inserting this.

A. M'E.

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.—The Rev. John M'Murray will lecture to-morrow evening (Thursday) before the above Association. Chair to be taken at 8 o'clock. The public are invited to attend.

The colonial Mail arrived on Monday nigt. We have gleaned from the papers some interesting items. There was a strenuous effort being made to defeat the Government of New Brunswick. Party spirit seems higher in that province, than in any of the others. A Telegram to the *Pictou Chronicle* states, that a private letter had been received in Halifax, which says, that the missing Steamer Pacific, put back to Ireland. We see no mention of this any where else.

In the House of Assembly there has been nothing of particular interest since our last issue. The ensuing week will be principally taken up with the presentation of Petitions.

POLICE COURT.

Feb. 23, Duncan Stewart on presentment of the grand Jury of Queen's County for selling spirituous liquor without license ; not proved.

John Gardiner, drunk and disorderly, convicted, fined 5s with costs or be imprisoned fortyeight hours ; paid in Court.

John Gardiner, for violent assault on three Police Constables and battery in breaking the finger of one of said Constables ; case deferred to a future day.

On the charge being read to the prisoner His Worship descanted on the impropriety and danger for citizens or other persons to interfere with and especially to assault and beat the police while in the discharge of their duty, as life might be extinguished in one or both parties undesignedly ; in the present instance a policeman was disabled by a person who when in his sober senses would not wilfully hurt any person, while the offender with the murderous weapon he was wielding against persons who would not do him the least harm yet who in self defence had to use their staves on him with severity was much punished ; and he strongly recommended all persons when the laws had to be put in force by the police to submit to the authority they possessed in which they would always, and had to this present used with mercy. His worship also shewed that while persons injured officers in the execution of the laws were subject to punishment and to damage, and if death ensued to the officer the person causing it might be hung ; on the other hand, officers in the discharge of their duty as the law required causing injury or death itself would not be subject to such penalties.

25th, Martin Hayden, for assault and battery on Ellen Hayden ; convicted, fined 2s with costs or be imprisoned 48 hours and to find security himself in the sum of fifty pounds and two sureties in £25 each, to keep the peace and be of good behaviour for 12 months, and stand committed till said fine and costs and such security be given. Committed.

Councillor for this week Thos. W. Dodd, Esq.

Married,

On the 20th instant, by Rev. Albert Desbrisay, Mr. Jabez Hudson, of Tryon, to Miss Maria Soby, of Bedeque.

Died,

At Rustico, on Saturday last the 16th, after a long and painful illness, which she bore with Christian resignation to the Divine Will, Ann, the beloved wife of Mr. John Clark, in the fifty-fourth year of her age.

At Portage, Belfast, on Wednesday the 6th inst., after a severe but short illness of five days, Mr. Thomas McWilliams, sen. Blacksmith, aged 59 years. Mr. McWilliam was an old and respectable inhabitant of Belfast, and his death is much regretted not only by his large circle of relatives, but by all who knew him, being a useful mechanic, an obliging neighbor, and of a kind, charitable and honest disposition. He has left a widow and large family to mourn their irreparable loss. His end was peace.

On Friday last, at Vernon River, much regretted by his numerous friends and acquaintances, Mr. James Hayden, sen., aged 71 years.

Passengers,

In the Ice Boat from Cape Traverse to Cape Tormentine, on Feb. 23.—Capt. J. Dean, Mr. Charles Baxter.

In do. from Cape Tormentine to Cape Traverse on Feb. 25 —Capt. Thomas Jordan, Messrs. Michael Long, George Percival, and Timothy Mahanna.

AUCTION!

TO BE SOLD AT PUBLIC ACTION, at the Store-house of WILLIAM H. POPE, Esquire, Grafton Street, on FRIDAY next, the 29th inst., at the hour of 12 o'clock, noon, the following valuable articles of Merchandise, viz—

2 hhds. Brown SUGAR, (20 cwt. each,)
6 puncheons MOLASSES,
2 barrels Composition BOLTS,
Bars of YELLOW METAL,
Several cwt. PAINT,
2 large HAWSERS,
Lot of Rope, and other articles Ship Chandlery.

ALSO,—20,000 Genuine CIGARS, in boxes of 250 each.

Terms at Sale.

BENJAMIN DAVIES, Auctioneer.

Charlottetown, Feb. 26, 1856.

BY AUCTION,

AT the Subscriber's Establishment, on THURSDAY NEXT, the 28th, at 11 o'clock,—

10 barrels PITCH,
10 do TAR, 10 do. ROSIN,
10 do PILOT BREAD,
5 casks SEAL OIL,
20 BUFFALO ROBES,
5 STOVES, 5 boxes RAISINS,
1 box ARROW ROOT,
1 puncheon high-flavored old RUM,

Together with an elegant variety of GLASSWARE, JUGS, LAMPS, PLATES, &c.

JAMES N. HARRIS.

Feb. 25, 1856.