

POLITICS AND NEWS.

NEW ZEALAND.

A letter has been received from Mr. Dudley Sinclair, son of the member for Caihness, dated Bay of Islands, New Zealand, 25th May, enclosing copies of the two following proclamations issued by Governor Hobson:—

PROCLAMATION.

In the name of her Majesty Victoria, Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, by William Hobson, Esq., a captain in the Royal Navy, Lieutenant-Governor in New Zealand.

Whereas, by a treaty, bearing date the 5th day of February, in the year of our Lord 1840, made and executed by me, William Hobson, a Captain in the Royal Navy, Consul, and Lieutenant-Governor in New Zealand, vested for this purpose with full powers by her Britannic Majesty, of the one part, and the chiefs of the confederation of the united tribes of New Zealand, and the separate and independent chiefs of New Zealand, not members of the confederation, of the other part; and further ratified and confirmed by the adherence of the principal chiefs of this Island of New Zealand, commonly called "the Northern Island," all the rights and powers over the said Northern Island, were ceded to her Majesty the Queen of Great Britain and Ireland, absolutely and without reservation.

Now, therefore, I, William Hobson, Lieutenant-Governor of New Zealand, in the name and on behalf of her Majesty, do hereby proclaim and declare to all men, that from and after the date of the above-mentioned treaty, the full sovereignty of the Northern Island of New Zealand vests in her Majesty Queen Victoria, her heirs and successors, for ever.

Given under my hand, at the Government-house, Russell, Bay of Islands, this 21st day of May, in the year of our Lord 1840.

WILLIAM HOBSON, Lieut. Governor.

By his Excellency's command,
WILLOUGHBY SHORTLAND, Colonial Sec'y.
Pathia; Printed at the press of the Church Missionary Society.

PROCLAMATION.

In the name of her Majesty Victoria, Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, by William Hobson, Esq., a Captain in the Royal Navy, Lieutenant-Governor in New Zealand.

Whereas, I have it in command from her Majesty Queen Victoria, through her principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, to assert the sovereign rights of her Majesty over the Southern Islands of New Zealand, commonly called "the Middle Island," and "Stewart's Island," and also, the island commonly called "the Northern Island," the same having been ceded in sovereignty to her Majesty.

Now, therefore, I, William Hobson, Lieutenant-Governor of New Zealand, do hereby proclaim and declare to all men, that, from and after the date of these presents, the full sovereignty of the Islands of New Zealand, extending from 34 degrees 30 minutes to 47 degrees 10 minutes south latitude, and between 166 degrees 5 minutes to 179 degrees of east longitude, vests in her Majesty Queen Victoria, her heirs and successors, for ever.

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IMPORTANT INTELLIGENCE FROM MEXICO.—*Falmouth, Sept. 23, 10 o'clock p. m.*—The wind from the westward has brought up the Seagull packet from Mexico, with dates from Vera Cruz to the 2d of August, and Havannah to the 19th, with a freight equal to about 808,650 dollars. The accounts from the republic by this arrival have to some extent been anticipated by those lately received per President, via New York, announcing of a revolution having broken out in Mexico, and of that city being in possession of the Federalists. The Seagull, however, furnishes us with intelligence of still later dates, conveying the important information of the recapture of the city, by the opportune arrival of Gen. Valencia with a reinforcement of troops, and who, after much fighting and obstinacy on both sides, obliged the Federalists to evacuate the city on the 27th of July, after capitulating on the following conditions:—1. Their lives, previous rank, employments, and property guaranteed them.—2. The Governor-general Valencia to employ his influence with the government in bringing about a reform of the constitution.—3. All acts committed during the revolution of the 15th of July to be buried in oblivion.—4. Passports to be given to such persons included in this capitulation as may desire to leave the country, even if under prosecution for previous political offences.—5. The Federal troops to take up their quarters in the place, and under the command of one of their officers, whom the government might appoint. From good authority we understand that no excesses were committed during the revolution, and that private property was respected. General Bustamante was again at the head of affairs, but whether any, and what, change would take place, was difficult to be foreseen. Santa Anna, who, on first receipt of the intelligence of the revolution, left Vera Cruz with a body of troops to support government, on reaching the capital, and finding how matters had terminated, returned at once with his forces to the Castle of Perote.

BRAZIL.—The Emperor of Brazil, Don Pedro the Second, has been proclaimed of age, a year before the usual period, since he is only seventeen. The subject has been for some time under discussion both in the Senate and the Chamber of Deputies; on the 16th July, a very angry debate was raised on a resolution moved by the leader of the Ministerial party, which paved the way for declaring the majority of the Emperor: it is said even that blows were exchanged. Stormy debates occurred from day to day, until the 22d, when the Regent suspended the proceedings of the Legislative Assembly, until November. A deputation was immediately appointed by both Chambers, to wait on the Emperor, to ascertain his sentiments. He declared in favour of his own majority being proclaimed. The Regent acquiesced; the Assembly declared its sitting permanent until the event should be completed; and on the 23d the majority of the Emperor was proclaimed. The city of Rio was illuminated on the occasion. The first act of the Emperor was to frame a new Cabinet.

By the latest intelligence from Persia, we learn that the restless Shah has finally abandoned the project of declaring war against the Porte, and of invading Bagdad. The counsels of Russia are supposed to have brought him to this determination. At a moment like the present, this change in the intentions of Mahomed Shah is really important.

The *Courier de Lyons* gives the following account of a conspiracy in Sardinia. "The Sardinian Government having a short time since collected about three hundred malefactors and delinquents in its continental states, formed them into a body and sent them to Alghero, in Sardinia, to work upon the

roads, under the guard of a corps of five hundred men, composed of soldiers who themselves had punishment for breaches of discipline still to undergo. The prisoners and their guards soon came to an understanding, and formed a plot for plundering Alghero, massacring the 1,500 inhabitants, and then making their escape to sea on board vessels and boats, which they secretly hired for the purpose. This conspiracy was accidentally discovered by a merchant, who, wanting to ship some goods found that all the vessels were engaged to be ready to sail on the same evening. On this being made known to General d'Asserta, the commandant, the captains were summoned and examined, and the plot thereby detected. The General sent for troops from every point of the island, and in the dead of the night pounced upon the whole eight hundred, and secured them. He immediately shot twelve in the presence of their associates; but fearing to take upon himself the responsibility of executing any more, sent off an express to the King, with a report of what had taken place. His Majesty despatched one of his aides-de-camp to the General, highly approving of his conduct, and conferring upon him the title of Governor-General of the island, with a high rank in the order of the Annunciata. The malefactors have since been divided into small brigades, and scattered over different parts of the island."

PLEASANT FOR WINEBIBBERS.—A letter from the department of PAIN has the following:—"We are in the midst of our vintage at Revermont. The crop in several cantons surpasses all expectation. In fact its abundance has taken us so much by surprise, that we do not know where to place the grapes."

Alderman Pirie has been elected Lord Mayor of the City of London, the final state of the poll being, Pirie, 2214; Johnston, 2186; Harmer, 1752.

UPPER CANADA.

(From the *Christian Guardian*.)

TORONTO, Sept. 23.—We had every thing ready for the Press last evening, when to our surprise and gratification our esteemed brethren, the Revs. W. and E. Ryerson, arrived by the *British Queen* from England. The Report of their Mission will be immediately published; and the whole of the proceedings of the Wesleyan Conferences of England and Canada connected with their Mission will appear in the next and subsequent numbers of the *Guardian*.

To convey a general idea of the result of their Mission, we copy the title-page of a pamphlet published by them in England, and which can be purchased at the Wesleyan Methodist Book-Room; regretting that we have neither time nor space to do more. "Wesleyan Methodist Conference: its Union with the Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada, in August, 1833, and its Separation from the Canada Conference, in August, 1840: consisting of the Official Proceedings and Correspondence of both Bodies and their Representatives. By W. & E. Ryerson, Representatives of the Canada Conference. Published in consequence of the publication of the proceedings of the English Conference in the printed Minutes."

What we publish next week, if not before, will be a Report of the Proceedings of the Representatives, to the Wesleyan Church in Canada. To us it appears there is not, strictly speaking, a dissolution of the Union, but a secession on the part of the British Conference.

To the Members of the Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada.

Rev. and Dear Brethren,—Having been appointed by you as your Representatives to the Wesleyan Conference in England, we beg to inform you that that Conference having seceded from the Articles of Union by refusing to abide by them, your joint counsel is required to accomplish the objects which you proposed by our appointment to England.

Our position as a Church remains unchanged; our discipline is unaffected in any particular; not a line or a letter of our Rules will require any alteration on account of the secession of the English Conference from its articles of agreement with our Conference. We have only to prosecute our work in the name of our Divine Master. But the peculiar and novel circumstances which have transpired, render the mutual and full consultation of all the members of the Conference necessary to meet the present exigencies of our Church.

We have, therefore, after the best consideration we have been able to give to the whole subject, and after consulting with several of our Brethren since our return to Canada, deemed it absolutely necessary to solicit you to meet in Toronto, on Thursday, the 22nd October, at nine o'clock, A. M., in order that we may lay before you more in detail the several subjects embraced in our Mission than it is possible for us to state in a general report, and that by our joint counsels and deliberations we may adopt such measures as may be deemed expedient to meet the wants of our Missions, and provide for the interests of the general work. The temporary inconvenience to the several circuits, arising from your absence, and the labour required in travelling, appear to be more than overbalanced by the importance of your general meeting at the present juncture. We hope, therefore, that as many Preachers as can will meet in this City at the time above specified.

WILLIAM RYERSON.
EGERTON RYERSON.

(From the *Quebec Gazette*.)

The announcement of the separation of the connexion between the Conferences of the British Wesleyan Methodists in England and in Canada, which will be found in this day's *Gazette*, is a matter of some public importance.

The Methodists in Canada now consist of nearly a hundred thousand souls. They have sprung up in a few years from very small beginnings, and under many disadvantages. It is not many years since the only Methodist preacher in Lower Canada, who, in perhaps an over-heated zeal had published a pamphlet complaining of alleged oppression in the colony, was incarcerated several months in the Quebec Jail, for a libel; and in Upper Canada, there were only a few wandering Missionaries. They have now numerous substantial Churches; a College of their own; many able and respectable preachers, and the concerns of their religious body are conducted under a complete organization; we believe to the greatest satisfaction of the members.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

The transference of the head quarters of the troops from Halifax to Fredericton, is announced in the following General Orders:—

Head Quarters, Fredericton,

6th October, 1840.

GENERAL ORDERS.

No. 1. In obedience to the gracious commands of the Queen, conveyed through the General Commanding in Chief, and His Excellency the Commander of the Forces, Major General Sir John Harvey assumes the Command of the Troops stationed in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and their dependencies, upon the departure of His Excellency Lieutenant General Sir Colin Campbell, and

directs that all Orders issued by the Lieutenant General may be considered in full force until further orders. No. 2. The Head Quarters of the Division are transferred to Fredericton.

No. 3. Captain Tryon, 43d Light Infantry, is appointed Military Secretary, and Ensign F. C. Harvey, 34th Regiment, Aid-de-Camp to the Major General Commanding.

No. 5. Colonel Smelt, C. B., 37th Regt. will take charge of the Troops at Halifax, with the rank and pay of a Colonel of the Staff, with one Aid-de-Camp, until further orders.

By Command,
S. TRYON, Military Secretary.

BISHOP OF NEW BRUNSWICK.—The St. John Herald of the 14th inst. states "upon good authority, that the Rev. Dr. Jacob, President of King's College, Fredericton, is to be the Bishop of New Brunswick." He took passage for England in the steamer Britannia.

The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia arrived in town on Thursday night, in the steamer *Novascotia*, from Digby.—*St. John, N. B. Courier*, Oct. 17.

THE COLONIAL HERALD.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1840.

The steamer Cape Breton did not get in from Miramichi until yesterday morning, about nine. All day yesterday it blew a gale from the southward, which prevented her proceeding for Pictou, until this morning.

The *Miramichi Gleaner* of Tuesday states, that next week the Cape Breton will make her last trip for the season. Our readers are generally aware that the contract between her owners and the Government of this Island, for the conveyance of the mails, will then expire. As it is not anticipated that the contract will be renewed, conjecture is afloat as to how the mails are to be conveyed next year. Unless something is speedily decided upon, we shall have to fall back upon the old system of employing sailing packets. This would be not a little mortifying, after having so long enjoyed the advantages derived from steam intercourse with the neighbouring ports; but we do not despair that something may be done, even yet, for securing its continuance. Nothing, that we are aware of, has yet resulted from the public meeting that was held here to consider the matter.

The Legislature of Nova Scotia has been dissolved, and writs issued for a new Election.

The Royal Mail Steam Ship *Caledonia* arrived at Halifax, on Sunday week, in 48 hours from Boston, bringing 39 passengers for England, and 29 for Halifax. The *Caledonia* sailed at 3 o'clock on Monday afternoon, with 52 passengers for Liverpool.

The Great Western, steam ship, sailed from New York for Bristol on the 10th inst., with 97 passengers, and about \$81,500 in specie.

QUEBEC, Oct. 7.—The steamer *St. George* arrived yesterday, about noon, from Montreal; had on board the first division of the 66th Regiment, with a number of invalids and convicts from different Regiments. They were put on board H. M. troop ship *Sapphire*. She sailed for Portsmouth this afternoon with a light westerly wind.

Upper Canada papers state that 250 men of the 66th, have decided upon remaining here to enlist in the new Royal Canadian Regiment.

NEWSPAPERS.—*St. John's, Oct. 7.*—The apprehensions which were entertained of a great scarcity of hay for the sustenance of the stock of cattle during the approaching winter have happily been removed by the arrival of several cargoes of that article from the United States and other parts of the American continent—of excellent quality and at a moderate price.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.—The exterior of the Light Houses at Cape Spear and Harbour Grace Island, has recently been painted in alternate perpendicular lines of red and white, of four feet wide each.—*N. F. Royal Gazette*.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, CHARLOTTETOWN.—It affords us much pleasure to be able to inform our readers, that a Minister has now been appointed to fill this long vacant charge. Letters have been received in Halifax, by the steamer *Acadia*, from the Secretary of the General Assembly's Colonial Committee, announcing the nomination of the Rev. ANGUS M'INTYRE as Minister of St. James's Church, Charlottetown, P. E. Island. Mr. M'Intyre, after he had preached before the Committee, to their entire satisfaction, and had been examined by them, and after he had been highly recommended by the Rev. Mr. Bruce, of Edinburgh, the Rev. Dr. McLeod, of Glasgow, and the Rev. Mr. McLean, of Glenorchy, as an acceptable preacher, and a first rate Gaelic Scholar, was unanimously chosen by the Committee as a fit and proper person to take charge of this congregation. In making this appointment, the Committee have not only acted with decision and promptitude, but with much liberality, both to Mr. M'Intyre and his flock. They have agreed that for three years such a sum should be allowed to him, as with the bond transmitted to the Committee, shall make up the sum of £200, Sterling, per annum. And they have granted a further sum of £70 for outfit and passage money, and £10 for books. They have also recommended that Mr. M'Intyre should be ordained by the Presbytery of Glasgow previous to his departure from Scotland; and considering it of great importance, in consequence of the long vacancy in St. James's Church, that he should proceed with as little delay as possible, they have agreed to send him out immediately, in one of the Steam Packets, to his congregation in Prince Edward Island. Mr. M'Intyre may therefore be expected by the very first arrivals from Britain, and we have no doubt that he will receive a kind and cordial welcome from the Presbyterians in Charlottetown, and meet with great encouragement and assistance from them, whilst he has the oversight of the flock of Christ in that place.—*Halifax Guardian*.

BIBLE SOCIETY.

Tuesday last being the Third Anniversary of the P. E. Island Auxiliary Bible Society, a meeting was held, by appointment, in the Court House, at 2 o'clock, p. m., His Excellency Sir C. A. Fitz Roy, Patron, in the Chair.

Among those who were present on the occasion were, the Right Hon. Lady Mary Fitz Roy, the indefatigable Patroness of the Ladies' Branch Association, and several of the members co-operating with her ladyship in that cause, so highly interesting and so justly dear to the fairer portion of our race—and their patient attention to the business of the day evinced that they were not less interested in the object to be promoted than the more prominent actors in the scene.

The meeting having been opened with prayer, by the Rev. L. C. Jenkins, the Rev. Charles Lloyd, one of the Corresponding Secretaries, read the Report for the year—an admirable paper, containing much interesting statistical detail of the operations of the British and Foreign Bible Society, as well as of the doings of this Auxiliary, and bearing testimony to the laudable zeal and perseverance of the Ladies' Association. It mentioned likewise, with merited praise, the continued exertions of the Societies in the several parts of the Island which so creditably are exerting themselves in this noblest of undertakings. It adverted, with the highest satisfaction, to the recent visit of the Rev. James Thomson, Agent of the Parent Society, and to the interesting details which, from his long connection with that Institution, he was enabled to submit. It set forth, in forcible terms, the pressing demands of the Heavens for the Word of life, and adverted to the openings of divine providence for the introduction of the Bible among some of the nations as yet perishing for lack of knowledge—and called for larger displays of liberality from those who enjoy and appreciate the Bible, for the purpose of placing it within the reach of those who have it not.

An abstract of the Treasurer's account, containing the receipts and expenditures for the year, &c. &c. was submitted by W. Cundall, Esq., Recording Secretary, which, with the Report and an Appendix containing the statistics of the Ladies' Association, will be published and circulated in the pamphlet form.

The following Resolutions were submitted, and unanimously passed, after having, in several instances, been supported by animated and impressive addresses—when the meeting was closed with the Apostolical Benediction by the Rev. C. Lloyd.

Moved by the Hon. T. H. Haviland, and seconded by the Hon. John Brecken:

1. *Resolved*, That the Report now read, be adopted, and published under the direction of the Committee.

Moved by the Rev. W. Smith, and seconded by the Rev. James Waddell:

2. *Resolved*, That the continued countenance and support of divine providence vouchsafed to the British and Foreign Bible Society and kindred institutions, affords subject of hearty congratulation to the friends of the Bible, and is a cause of the warmest gratitude to Almighty God, who has caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, and appointed them to be the means of the conversion of the world.

Moved by the Rev. C. Lloyd, and seconded by the Hon. J. M. Holl:

3. *Resolved*, That the effort on the part of the Parent Society's Committee, to supply schools with books at a reduced price, furnishes a noble specimen of the enlarged views and benevolent enterprise of that body; and while this Society regret that they have deemed it necessary to suspend, for the present, the operation of that measure, in consequence of the loss thereby of the large sum of £12,494 10s. 2d. in the short space of 6 months, they believe it to be more important and more in accordance with the views of the contributors to the Society's resources, to supply the destitute rather than to increase the facilities of those who already have the Scriptures in a great measure within their reach.

Moved by the Rev. James Waddell, seconded by John Longworth, Esq.:

4. *Resolved*, That the employment of accredited Agents by the Parent Society is well calculated to advance the interests of that noble institution, as it tends greatly to extend its operations and to encourage its distant friends in their efforts to co-operate in the momentous enterprise in which it is engaged; and this auxiliary reflect with much pleasure upon the visit which they recently enjoyed from the Rev. James Thomson, who has been for many years that Society's representative in the West Indies and on the continent of America, and whose devotedness and zeal, combined with his impressive and interesting communications, ought to stimulate the friends of the Bible here to increased exertion, as well as to encourage them in their labours of love.

Moved by the Hon. the Chief Justice and seconded by C. Young, Esq.:

5. *Resolved*, That the continued exertions of Lady Mary Fitz Roy and the Charlottetown Ladies' Association, in the cause of the Bible, reflect upon them the highest degree of credit, and it will always afford the auxiliary pleasure to be able to facilitate their efforts for the dissemination of the word of life.

Moved by the Hon. Attorney General, seconded by Wm. Cundall, Esq.:

6. *Resolved*, That the Office-bearers for the past year be requested to continue their services—that the Hon. John M. Holl be added to the list of Vice Presidents, and that the following gentlemen form a Visiting Committee, for the ensuing year—Messrs. R. Brecken, Thomas Desbrisay, Charles Welsh, Charles Young, W. Swabey, Henry Haszard, Henry Palmer, W. R. A. Lamont.

The thanks of the Society were then given to His Excellency Sir Charles A. Fitz Roy, for his kind attention to the business of the meeting.

The late Marshal Macdonald, Duke of Tarento, was an honorary member of the Highland Society of this Island. A brief memoir of this illustrious hero will be found in our last page.

A person belonging to this Island, of the name of James MacLachlan, a farmer near the head of the Hillsborough, was lost from on board the steamer *Cape Breton*, on the night of Wednesday or morning of Thursday last, while the steamer was at anchor inside of Miramichi bar. No person saw the accident happen—in the morning he was missing, and is supposed to have gone on deck in the course of the night and fallen overboard, being in a state of intoxication when last seen. He has left a wife and eight children.

On Wednesday, about three o'clock, a fine boy of three years, son of John McMillan, Vernon River, accidentally got a small herring bone into the entrance of the windpipe, which caused violent spasmodic actions, and difficulty of breathing. He was immediately brought to town, and every exertion was made by the medical attendant to remove it, but without success. On Thursday morning the difficulty of breathing increased to such an alarming degree, that the operation of Bronchotomy, or opening the windpipe, was resorted to, and inserting a metallic pipe, through which breathing might be carried on—this was successfully performed by Messrs. Conroy & Mackieson, Surgeons, and the little fellow almost instantly revived, and continued to breathe freely and swallow, until about midnight, when other symptoms came on, which caused death about three o'clock yesterday morning.

PASSENGERS.

In the Cape Breton, steamer, from Miramichi, yesterday—Messrs. Hayden, Westcott, Macdonald, Armstrong; Misses Peck and Hayden, and 26 in the steerage.

PORT OF CHARLOTTETOWN.

ENTERED:
Schooner New Triumph, Hopkins, Halifax; Fish, Oil, &c. Maria, Boudrot, Arichat; ballast. Hazard, Dixon, Wallace; Fish Oil. Susan Ann, Fleming, Pictou; 218 bls. Apples, 17 do. Cider. 22 cwt. Cheese, &c. Asia, Nickerson, Fishing Voyage; 220 bls. Herrings. Joseph Smith, Babin, Pictou; Coals. Active, Gillis, Halifax; Goods.