

lady's maid whose character had been blown upon, and who was therefore forced to give up hopes of catching the steward.

"In general, the divine who quitted his chaplainship for a benefice and a wife, found that he had only exchanged one class of vexations for another. Not one living in fifty enabled the incumbent to bring up a family comfortably. As children multiplied and grew, the household of the priest became more and more beggarly. Holes appeared more and more plainly in the thatch of his parsonage, and in his single cassock. Often it was only by toiling on his glebe, by feeding swine, and by loading dung-carts, that he could obtain daily bread; nor did his utmost exertions always prevent the bailiffs from taking his concordance with his inkstand in execution. It was a white day on which he was admitted into the kitchen of a great house, and regaled by the servants with cold meat and ale. His children were brought up like the children of the neighbouring peasantry. His boys followed the plough, and girls went out to service. Study he found impossible, for the avowson of his living would hardly have sold for a sum sufficient to purchase a good theological library, and he might be considered as unusually lucky if he had ten or twelve dog-eared volumes among the pots and pans on his shelves. Even a keen and strong intellect might be expected to rust in so unfavourable a situation."

THE SMALL POX.

In our last paper we stated that the Small Pox had been introduced into King's County by a vessel which recently arrived from the United States. This was a mistake. The disease was brought by a vessel which arrived at Grand River from St. John's, N. F., about three weeks ago. There was only one person infected with it when the vessel left the latter place, and none of the other persons who had been on board of the vessel caught it until about nine days subsequent to their arrival at Grand River. The following extract of a letter from an intelligent correspondent at Lot 44, has put us in possession of some of the facts:—

"Lot 44, 15th January, 1849.

"I beg to mention for your information, that a vessel which arrived at Grand River in this County, from St. John's, N. F., about two weeks ago, having between twenty and thirty passengers on board, being the crews of vessels from this Island to the latter Port, and belonging to Grand River, Rollo Bay, Bay Fortune, St. Peter's Bay, and North Side, nearly all of whom are laid up with the Small Pox. From the want of care, which is too often the case in country places, it is feared that many will suffer from that disease, besides those who brought it to the Island; in fact, in many families at present the greater part of them are down; and a fine young man named Hugh McInnes, of Hollow River, died of it yesterday (14th)."

Since the letter above quoted was received, we have had an opportunity of conversing with a member of the Board of Health of Bay Fortune, who informs us, that so far as he could learn, no more than thirteen persons have been attacked with the disease, all of whom were in the vessel; three of them since died—one at Lot 42, North Side, one at Rollo Bay, and the master of the unfortunate vessel, Capt. Ronalds, who lived at Sturgeon.

We understand that His Excellency the Lieut. Governor, accompanied by Mr. Secretary Haviland, has set out for the Eastward, with the view of taking effective measures for preventing the spread of the disease.

It is reported that there is one case of Small Pox now in the town, but that it has not been brought by the vessel above alluded to. It is said that the person so infected caught the disease at Pictou, and is of a more malignant type than that brought by the Newfoundland vessel.

THE HONORABLE JOHN SMALL McDONALD.

We have this week to convey to our readers the painful intelligence of the decease of the above named gentleman, which took place at his residence on Saturday morning. For several months he had been confined to his bed by severe illness, and for some weeks the fatal issue of his malady had been almost daily expected. We do not remember ever having had to announce a death in this place, which excited such deep and universal sorrow as the present one will occasion. By the decease of Mr. McDONALD, the community has sustained a loss which will be long and sensibly felt, and which will be extremely hard to repair. He was a gentleman of whom it may be fully said, he had no enemies, and could have none. His many ennobling qualities in private life challenged and retained the esteem and admiration of all ranks, parties, and

classes,—his unwavering integrity, his gentleness, his large benevolence, his pure and fervent Christian deportment, distinguishing him in every sphere, and under every circumstance; whilst his impartiality and uprightness on the Bench of Magistrates invariably commanded respect for his decisions, and his consistency and honesty in the discharge of his duties as an Executive Councillor, silenced the objections of his political adversaries. He was, in the fullest sense of the words, a really good man—a valuable member of society—and, acting from conscientious views, a faithful public servant. Fervently and sincerely do we condole with his family on their painful bereavement.

Yesterday morning (Monday) a Solemn High Mass was celebrated at the new Catholic Chapel by the Rev. James McDonald, of Indian River, for the repose of the soul of the departed.

BY LAST NIGHT'S MAIL.

The Courier arrived from Cape Traverse last evening (Monday) with the Colonial and United States Mails. We have room for only the following items.

The Legislature of Nova Scotia was opened on Thursday last.

The Cholera has disappeared in New York—both at the quarantine station and in the city. At New Orleans on the 6th inst. the disease had been less extensive and fatal than previously. The total number of deaths during the preceding forty eight hours was 131, of which seven were from Cholera.

The Bill establishing reciprocal trade with Canada, was taken up in the United States Senate on the 8th instant, discussed, and passed over.

ROBBERY AND OUTRAGE AT ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL, HALIFAX.—It is our painful duty to record the perpetration of another outrage and robbery at St. Mary's Cathedral. On the night of Wednesday last the Vestry door, which opens upon the Burial ground, was forced by some party or parties, who, having entered the premises, opened and ransacked the drawers containing vestments, &c. and carried off a valuable stole, and three sutans. The door of the room in which was the safe containing the sacred vessels of the Church, was forced, and an attempt made to open the safe by picking the lock, but without success. The Cathedral was also entered, and three of the most precious stones about the relic under the altar were carried off. All the poor-boxes were broken open, (as also the Sexton's rooms,) but these contained little or no money. It is a matter of astonishment that the Cathedral was not destroyed, as there were traces of fire in several places.—*Sun.*

The perpetrators of the sacrilege were detected yesterday morning, by Michael Mulligan, Constable No. 5 Ward, in a house near Mr. Woodill's Slaughter house. Kept by a woman named Ann Allbright. Both the robbers are soldiers, one is called Joseph Jones, of the 20th Regiment; and the other William Lasbury, of the 7th. They were taken to the Police Office, and upon examination the proof against them was so clear that the Mayor committed them to jail for trial.

THE SMALL POX.—It is not our duty to spread unnecessary alarm in the community; but the fact can no longer be concealed with safety that this loathsome disease is making sad havoc in our midst at this present moment. We are credibly informed that there are upwards of 1300 cases now in the City—six deaths to our knowledge have taken place within the last two days—and this is merely a tittle of the mortality occasioned by the disorder. Our object in writing this paragraph is to caution our citizens to be on their guard—those who have not been vaccinated had better attend to themselves without a moment's delay. Cold weather appears to favor the disorder, if we may judge by the progress it is now making.—*St. John, N. B. Morning News.*

BELFAST AND ORWELL TOTAL ABSTINENCE SOCIETY.

At the First Annual Meeting of the above Society, held at Belfast on Monday evening, 1st of January, the following Report was received and adopted:

Your Committee hail with gratitude the first Anniversary of this Society, and feel thankful that the cause of Temperance is rapidly progressing in this community.

At the first meeting of this Society, held 16th October last, Mr. A. McNeill, Teacher, Vernon River, and several others, addressed the Meeting, calling the strict attention of the audience to the evils of Intemperance; and representing the good that might be derived from a Total Abstinence Society, if such could be established in the District. A form of a pledge was then read, also Rules, which were unanimously received and adopted for the government of the Society, after which about 30 enrolled their names. We are happy to inform you that since that time, weekly meetings are regularly held at Belfast and Orwell, and that our number has been weekly increasing, so that now the Society numbers upwards of 400 teetotallers.

A Temperance Festival was held on the 1st of January, but on account of the cold weather and bad travelling, not more than about eighty of the members attended; those that did attend were highly gratified with the praiseworthy manner in which everything was conducted; it is needless to mention the pleasant ride and orderly walk of the company on the said day. It was truly delightful, with the Temperance Banner waving in the breeze. After Tea, the party repaired to their meeting house, where they were addressed by several Lecturers on the cause of Temperance; and Office Bearers were appointed for the ensuing year.

By order of the Committee.

Belfast, January 8.

Some remarks in reference to the Agricultural Meeting of Thursday last, are unavoidably omitted from want of space.

MARRIED.

On Thursday the 11th inst., by the Rev. B. Scott, Mr. John McCallum, to Miss Catherine Cameron, both of Lot 48.

On Friday the 12th, by the same, Mr. Robert Gay, of Lot 49, to Miss Mary Martin, of Murray Harbour Road.

At Charlottetown on Tuesday evening the 16th, by the Rev. Edmund Botterell, Mr. Bertram Moore, to Miss Eliza Lee.

At Brackley Point, on Thursday last, by the Rev. James Allen, Mr. William Arthur to Miss Sarah Proctor, both of New Glasgow.

DIED.

On Saturday morning last, after a long illness, the Honorable JOHN SMALL McDONALD, Member of Her Majesty's Executive Council of this Island, aged 58 years.

At Hollow River, Lot 42, on the 14th inst., Mr. Hugh McInnes, in the 28th year of his age, of small pox.

At Rollo Bay, on the 15th instant, of small pox, Mr. Simon Deagle, in the 27th year of his age.

At Chicago, State of Illinois, U. S., on the 22d Dec., of Small Pox, Mr. James Kirwan, lately of this Town, aged 25 years.

At the head of Hillsborough River, on Saturday, 6th instant, after a severe illness of one week, which he bore with much patience and resignation to the Divine will, Mr. GEORGE DOUGLAS, in the 49th year of his age, leaving a wife and eight small children to mourn the loss of an affectionate husband and tender parent; and in him the poor have lost a good friend. He was an upright and worthy man, and his memory will be long cherished by those who had the pleasure of his acquaintance.

At the Lunatic Asylum, on the 7th instant, John Walsh, Mariner, aged 53 years, a native of Kilkenny, Ireland.

PASSENGERS.

Left for Cape Traverse on Thursday last, en route for England—W. W. Lord, Esq.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

CORK, Dec. 17.—Arrived, Devon, from P. E. Island. **SHIPWRECK IN DOUGLAS HARBOUR.**—Throughout the whole of yesterday it blew a severe gale from the south, and there was a heavy sea running in our bay. Up to the time we write we have to record one shipwreck, but happily attended with no loss of life. The brig Belle, of P. E. I. John Turpin, master, 250 tons register, in ballast, from Liverpool for Cardiff, about four o'clock was driven ashore at the north side of the bay, near Derby Castle. It appears the vessel left the above port on Sunday and when about mid channel encountered the gale. On Thursday afternoon she made this bay and dropped anchor. Yesterday afternoon the fury of the gale so increased, that, about two o'clock, the vessel dragged her anchors, and trailed past St. Mary's Rock, where one of her cables slipped very providentially, for had the ship not drifted there is no doubt she would have struck upon St. Mary's Rock, and gone to pieces with little probability of saving the crew. One anchor held, but was of no use, and about four o'clock the vessel drifted on shore, a short distance west of Derby Castle. The master and crew, seven in number, were saved by means of a rope thrown from the vessel held fast on shore. A large concourse of our townsmen were congregated when the vessel struck, and every possible assistance even to the risk of their own lives was cheerfully rendered. Mr. John Moore, the agent to Lloyd's, went on board at low water, and rendered all the aid in his power in saving the property. There is little doubt that the vessel will prove a complete wreck should the present gale continue.—*Isle of Man Times.*

Final Notice.

THE Subscriber begs to notify all persons indebted to him, by Note of Hand, Book Account, or otherwise, to call and settle their respective accounts, on or before the first day of March; as, after that date, those accounts that remain unsettled, will be placed in the hands of an attorney.

THOMAS BROYDERICK,

January 22, 1849.

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