

SUMMARY OF NEWS.

UNITED STATES.

The Quickest Route.—Among the passengers by the Acadia yesterday, we perceive the name of the Hon. Mark Kerr, a lieutenant in the English Navy. This gentleman arrived here from Singapore, in the East India, on Tuesday last, in the ship Sarah Parker, Captain Codman. He had particular reasons to wish to be in England with all possible despatch, and although some English ships were ready to sail, he preferred taking passage in the Sarah Parker, for Boston, and then the steamer packet for Liverpool, and we doubt not that the result will justify his choice. He will be in England probably in about 100 and 10 days after leaving Singapore, and we have little doubt that he will save at least a week or ten days by proceeding thither via Boston.—*Boston Journal.*

Mr. McLeod's Trial.—The Court, at which Mr. McLeod will be tried, holds its session at Utica, beginning on Monday the 27th inst. The Yellow Fever had made fearful ravages in Florida this season. Also at Cuba. At Havana it is also deadly. It is said that nine American vessels are now lying at that port without a soul on board, having all died of it.

The Ill-fated Erie.—There was one deed of heroism on board this boat which should not be left unrecorded. A letter from Buffalo informs us that the Pilot stood at his post at the wheel, keeping the head of the steamer to the shore, until he burned to death. His name, we believe was Luther Fuller.—*Albany Advocate.*

Great Fire and Awful Loss of Life.—A fire occurred in a carpenter's shop in Syracuse, N. Y., on last Friday night. A barrel of gunpowder was stored upon the premises unknown to any unless the proprietor, and it exploded with terrible effect. No less than thirty persons were instantly killed, and from fifty to fifty wounded, many of them so severely as to leave no hope for their recovery. The extent of the calamity is by no means yet known, as some persons were known to be thrown into the canal, and numbers were missing.

A rail road car was despatched to Auburn for medical aid, as it was impossible for the physicians at Syracuse or in the neighbourhood to attend to all the sufferers.

Morse, the man who was arrested on suspicion of being the murderer of Miss Rogers, the beautiful cigar girl, has been discharged from custody. Another person has been arrested.—*Yankee Farmer.*

The Great Sun Eclipsor.—The proprietors of the Daily Mail propose to publish an immense sheet, the Double Double Yankee Nation, on the 29th September. This sheet will place in size any thing that has ever been attempted in the printing art. The former Double Double Yankee Nation, which extended over a surface of less than one mile square, was a pigmy sheet to this. Several hundred square feet of reading matter is promised for the sheet of 25 cents. An edition of 10,000 copies will be published. Orders enclosing the money to J. N. Bradley & Co., Daily Mail Office, State street, will be attended to.

Christianity in China.—Accounts from Mr. Gutzlaff, the German missionary, dated Peking, 20th Nov. last, state that he was assisted in his labours by 17 Chinese who were serving their novitiate as missionaries. Two Japanese pupils of his were teaching Christianity to his countrymen and the Chinese at Macao; and in the same place two of his nieces had been instrumental in the conversion of 140 Chinese women of the higher classes. Mr. G. has sent to the Mission's Institute of Berlin, Germany, 38 volumes relating to the Christian worship, that were printed at Peking, Canton, and other cities of China, and also to the Royal Library manuscripts of nine rare Chinese works, giving the description of a great number of monuments anciently existing in the Celestial Empire, all traces of which have now nearly disappeared.—*Journal of Commerce.*

From the Bombay Gazette.
Murder on board the Freck and her return by Calcutta.—An express boat under the Rajah of Acheen's flag, entered the harbour on Thursday morning from Acheen, with the distressing and melancholy intelligence that the brig Freck had been cut off in the Surat passage, and her commander and chief mate murdered by 17 convicts, who were on board, under a sentence of transportation from Bombay to Singapore. It appears that on or about the 15th of last month the Freck was seen entering Acheen roads, at nearly midday, with a favourable breeze, when all on a sudden she furled her sails and anchored some distance off, where she continued the whole night and part of the following day, which with other circumstances, excited an apprehension on the part of the Rajah that she was a Dutch vessel of war, and he consequently sent off a boat with a proper messenger, to ascertain what she was.

On reaching the vessel, the people on board informed the messenger that she was bound for Muscat, and on being asked whether she had any cargo answering the Acheen market, they replied that she was laden with a small quantity of opium, cotton, dates, and piece goods; and, on the invitation of the messenger, some of them (whether convicts or Lascars we have not been able to learn) accompanied him on shore, having first directed the vessel to get under way and come to the usual anchorage, and waited on the Shabander, who soon discovered from their unsatisfactory replies to his questions that there was something wrong on board, and he accordingly conveyed them before the Rajah, who after a lengthened examination, ordered them to be detained for the night, until he could personally go on to and inspect the vessel next

morning, when going on board, His Majesty ascertained that the commander and chief mate had been murdered a few days before, and that it was the intention of the convicts to run the vessel on shore and to kill the remaining officers and the Lascars.

These are all the facts we have at present gathered, in addition to the following names written at the back of the remnant of a shipping order dated the 7th of April, 1849.

T. S. Safford, Captain,
James Grahwood, Chief Mate,
Francis Ward, Second Mate,
Saddock Eason, Surgeon,
Briz Presk, Abraham, First Tindal.

We understand that the gunboat Emerald is under order to proceed to Acheen, in company with the express-boat, as soon as the latter is refitted, which it is expected will be on Monday; and that a party of armed police, with 60 pair of feters, and the same number of handcuffs, are to be despatched in the former to take charge of the convicts who are all now on shore secure in the Acheen road, and who will again be re-embarked in the Freck to be brought round here by Captain Solomon, engaged by Government.

WEST INDIA STEAMERS.—These vessels will shortly be put into employment: their visits to this port will commence in November next. Mr. McQueen has hired Messrs D. & L. Starr's premises, at Richmond for the Depot. Settling aside the delightful situation, a better site than Richmond could not be chosen for such an establishment. It is so secluded that the progress of business, cannot be impeded by the presence of idle spectators on the arrival and departure of every vessel, although sufficiently near to hold a ready intercourse with the densest places in the city. Messrs. Cunard have chartered to supply the West India Steamers with coal.—*Halifax Recorder.*

Cunard Line.—The exact distance run by this line is:—From Boston to Halifax, 352 miles; from Halifax to Cape Clear, 2205 miles; and from Cape Clear to Liverpool, 265 miles; total distance in a direct line, without any allowance for turnouts for ice, fog, &c. &c. 3212 miles. Deducting the stop, the average speed westward is 8.14 miles per hour, nearly. The distance has been usually estimated at 2550 miles, but the above is the exact result in a direct line. The course to Halifax, East 23 1/4 North; thence to Cape Clear, East 19 3/4 North; thence to Liverpool, East 26 1/2 North.

PROVINCIAL.

FIRE AT PORTLAND.

This destroying Angel has again passed over us. Yesterday at 1 o'clock, a fire took place in the ship-yard of Messrs. Owens & Duncan, in the Parish of Portland. Various causes are assigned as to its origin; we believe the true one is, that a pot of pitch which was boiling, having been neglected, boiled over and ignited the surrounding material, which being extremely dry, the fire with incredible rapidity spread thro' the ship-yard and to the houses on the street, and before any assistance could be afforded, the whole was one vast sheet of flame. The wind being from the Southward, blowing directly on the houses, rendered it in a very short time perfectly impossible for any one to live in the street above, thus leaving the buildings to be swept away without the possibility of a remedy being applied. The Fire Department from the city was promptly on the ground, and did all that men could do, to arrest the progress of the flames. The houses which were burnt are said to be about sixty in number, every one of which was thickly crowded with inhabitants, thus rendering some hundreds of industrious but poor people both houseless and penniless. The burnt district includes all the buildings from Bradley's house at the upper end of Long Wharf, to the street in which the dwelling of the Hon. Chas. Simonds is situated, including all the houses on the side of Port Howe hill and the Methodist chapel, as well as the rear buildings on the South side of the street.

Owens & Duncan's Ship-yard was completely destroyed; timber, buildings, and a splendid ship of 900 tons, finished in a most superior manner, and destined to be launched on Monday next. The loss of Owens & Duncan is estimated at £19,000 and the other property at £25,000 more. In addition to the loss of buildings, a very great portion of the furniture of the unfortunate were also destroyed, owing to the rapid spread of the flames and smoke which prevented access being had to the interior of the buildings. The scene of devastation as a whole, was truly awful; men, women, and children, were seen flying through the flames and smoke in the vain hope of saving their little effects, from the devouring element; the roar of the fire, the shoutings of the multitude, and the song of the bugles directing the movements of the military, all contributed to brighten a scene already at the highest pitch of excitement, nor did the confusion cease until night spread her dusky mantle over the scene of devastation. Long after the houses had been burnt to the last fragment, the Ship, which was a mass of hardwood timber to the amount of some hundreds of tons, continued to burn in all the splendor of awful grandeur.

We understand that Messrs. Owens & Duncan had no insurance effected, nor indeed, we regret to say, do we think there was any of consequence on any of the buildings. The Military as is always the case, behaved in the most prompt, efficient and praiseworthy manner, both men and officers using every effort to render every possible assistance. The crew and officers of Her Majesty's brig Racer, with that alacrity and benevolence so characteristic of British Tar, were early at the scene of action, and with the pipe of the Boatswain, and a hearty good will, performed wonders in the way of pro-

viding buildings, and removing ignitable matter from the reach of the flames, these noble fellows perched on the roofs of the houses worked away with as little dread as if they had been mowing the yards on a Queen's birth day. As to our City authorities they as usual were in the vanguard. One of the Aldermen, Mr. Salter, ordered the military to prevent any crowd passing the Bridge to the fire; of what earthly use this could be except to show his authority, we are at a loss to discover.—Had he given directions to stop all persons passing with effects saved from the fire, there might have been some show of common sense in it; but to stop persons, going to assist the unfortunate, is what remains to be explained.

A soldier who was on duty at the time, from over exertion, was seized with a fit of apoplexy and died on the spot.

At the time the fatal accident took place the tide was at its lowest ebb, which very much retarded the progress of the persons who were rendering all their efforts to extinguish the flames. We understand the fire is not yet thoroughly extinguished in the ship yard.

We also learn that the Americans engaged on the buildings erecting in this city volunteered in a body and did all in their power to prevent the destruction of property.—*St. John Chronicle, August 27.*

Disastrous Accident.—On Thursday last, a man named James Kelly, belonging to Digby, was at work on the new Saint Andrews road about seventeen miles from Fredericton, when a tree blew down and fell 650 ft. to the ground. A child, who saw the accident immediately gave the alarm; but before assistance could be obtained, to remove him from beneath the tree; the fire which was raging near, reached the spot, and burnt him in a shocking manner. The pain thus produced had the effect of recalling him to his senses; and he was able to speak to those persons who subsequently arrived. He requested that he might not be moved, as his life could not be saved; expressed his satisfaction that as he had not been drinking on that day, the accident could not be attributed to intoxication; and soon after expired. The Coroner's Jury by their verdict reported his death to the blow from the tree.—*Fredericton Sentinel.*

At a meeting of the ST. JOHN ANTHEM held on Monday the 23d ult. at the Long Room adjoining the Exchange, the following gentlemen were elected Office Bearers, till the first annual meeting in November:—
Hon. W. Chipman, Chief Justice, President.
Hon. Wm. Black, 1st Vice President.
Hon. Robert Parker, 2d ditto.
E. D. W. Ratchford, Esq. 3d ditto.
J. H. Gray, Esq. Recording Secretary.
Dr. Gesner, Corresponding Secretary.
W. Wright, Esq. Treasurer.
Dr. Bosford.
W. Jack, Esq.
James Cudlip, Esq. Committee.
Dr. Samuel Bayard.
M. H. Perley, Esq.
Rev. Wm. Scovil.

THE STANDARD.

SAINT ANDREWS, FRIDAY, SEPT. 3, 1841.

Charlotte County Bank.
Hon. HARRIS HAYN, President.
Director next week—*L. Wilson, Esq.*
DISCOUNT DAY—TUESDAY.
Hours of business, from 10 to 2.
BILLS and NOTES for Discount must be lodged with the Cashier, on or before Monday, otherwise they must lie over until next week.

Alms and Work House.
Commissioner next week—*Thomas Barry.*

Marine Assurance Association.
Director next week—*F. A. Babcock.*
Office hours from 10 till 3 o'clock, every day, Sunday excepted.

Saint Stephens Bank.
WILLIAM PORTER, Esq., President.
Director next week—*Abner Hill.*
DISCOUNT DAY—SATURDAY.
Hours of business, from 10 to 1.
BILLS and NOTES for Discount must be lodged with the Cashier, on or before Friday, otherwise they must remain in his hands until the following discount day.

LAST DATE.
Fredericton, Aug. 2, Montreal, Aug. 26
Quebec, Aug. 4, Quebec, Aug. 26
Halifax, Aug. 1, Halifax, Aug. 20
New York, Aug. 20, New York, Aug. 20
Boston, Aug. 23, Boston, Aug. 31

There is no later news from Europe. The steamer *Britannia* which was to leave Liverpool on the 10th August was out 12 days on Tuesday last, and is probably arrived at Halifax on that day.

THE WEATHER.—We have had one day's continued rain on Wednesday last, which has proved highly beneficial to the crops.

In our columns to-day will be found a full account of a destructive fire which occurred in Portland, adjoining Saint John. Property to the amount of £30,000 was destroyed—no insurance.

THE YANKEE FARMER.
Some scandalous has circulated a report in these Provinces, that our enterprising and talented cotemporary, C. P. Basson, Esq. editor and proprietor of the *Yankee Farmer*, has failed in business, "causing injury to his name, business, and property." We are happy to contradict this slanderous and meli-

nant report, which we observe has called forth a statement from the editor of that paper, in which he denies the correctness of the report and says "the paper was never more prosperous than it is at present." We have taken frequent occasion of calling public attention to this journal as being one of the best Agricultural Papers published in the United States, and one that is better adapted for the Provinces than any other we have seen, and is the cheapest as well as the largest agricultural paper published in the U. S. It is issued in a quarto form of 8 pages to each number, making a handsome volume of 416 pages, to which is added a title page with copious index, at the low price of 82¢. As we are personally acquainted with Mr. Basson, we will act as Agent for him until one is appointed.

We have much pleasure in copying the following extract from the *Halifax Morning Post*. Capt. Reed is well known here, and the well merited compliment which is paid to him will be heartily responded to by his friends. Here is the extract:—
Sir Jeremiah Dickson was heard to express his very high opinion of the judgment and conduct of Captain Reed, both as a Pilot and a gentleman; and a number of the passengers with whom we have conversed, are unanimous in praise of his discretion and obliging deportment. The steamer he commands, too, is said to be swift, well appointed, and worthy of every confidence.

VISIT OF THE LORD BISHOP.

On Saturday evening last, the Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia arrived at Saint Andrews, accompanied by the venerable Archdeacon Coeter, and on Sunday morning held a Confirmation at All Saint's Church, when that holy ordinance was administered to upwards of sixty persons. The Bishop preached a most impressive Sermon, taking his text from the 6th Heb. part of 2d Verse, and after the Confirmation delivered a most feeling and affecting exhortation to those whom he had confirmed. In the afternoon, Archdeacon Coeter preached an excellent Sermon, from John 16th Chap. 21st Verse, and in the evening the Bishop again preached from 6th Gal. 10th Verse. His Lordship in a most impressive manner called the attention of the congregation to the past and present state of the church, exhorting them to afford all that assistance which their means would permit to meet those exertions which are making in the Patent State in favour of the Colonial Church. His Lordship then adverted to views of the Church Society of this archdiocese, most ably claiming on its behalf, the cordial support of his hearers, but most particularly exhorting the young, especially those who had on former occasions received at his hands the rite of confirmation, and that interesting lay christian band who on that day had solemnly and publicly renewed their baptismal vow, and called and enrolled themselves as members of the Church, to be zealous in well doing, and to exert all their endeavors in the cause of religion, and of that society which has been formed for the support of the church, and disseminating their doctrines.

On Monday the Rector, Church Warden, and Vestry of this Parish, presented his Lordship with the following ADDRESS:—
TO THE HONORABLE AND RIGHT REVEREND FATHER IN GOD JOHN LORD BISHOP OF NOVA SCOTIA.

The Address of the Rector, Church Warden, and Vestry, of the Parish of Saint Andrews, in the County of Charlotte and Province of New Brunswick.

May it Please Your Lordship: We the Rector, Church Warden, and Vestry of Saint Andrews, feel much pleasure in congratulating your Lordship on your safe arrival amongst us, and beg to assure you of our continued respect and affection.

It is unnecessary we hope, after the intimate knowledge which your Lordship has had of this Parish for the last fifteen years, during which we have had the advantage of your fatherly superintendence to profess that sincere attachment which we feel for our ecclesiastical establishment, and our gratitude to the venerable Society for the propagation of the Gospel in foreign parts, for so long and unflinching under the Divine Blessing, to worship God in the Church of our fathers.

Your Lordship's visitations are at all times looked forward to by us with sincere pleasure; but on this occasion, your presence is peculiarly grateful, so long a period having elapsed since we last had the gratification of hearing and attending to your paternal exhortation and counsel.

Your Lordship's unwearied labours, however, during your absence in England, in promoting the interests and general utility of the Colonial Church, have afforded us much consolation, and we feel humbly and heartily thankful to God for having in his providence blessed those labours and enabled your Lordship so successfully to plead the cause of our truly venerable society.

The rapid progress which has been made in the establishment of a fund for the endowment and support of Colonial Bishops, is hailed by us as an event pregnant with much advantage; constant episcopal superintendence, tending so materially to increase the utility of our establishment, by supplying all both clergy and laity in the discharge of their several duties, and by kindling all, glowing in the ties of affection and esteem.

here and bestow on you a Crown of Righteousness hereafter.

On behalf of the Corporation,
JEROME ALLEY, D. D.
Rector.
Saint Andrews, 25th August, 1841.

To which his Lordship was pleased to make the following

REPLY.

MY REVEREND BROTHER, AND MY CHRISTIAN FRIENDS.
I return you my sincere thanks for your kind congratulations upon my arrival in this interesting portion of my present charge, as well as for your continued attachment for many years. This is the more valuable as it has had no diminution through a long and intimate connexion.

Your gratitude to that venerable society by whose christian benevolence our Church was first planted; and his since been sustained, even through many difficulties, in this portion of the world, affords evidence that you duly appreciate the blessings which that pious association has been the favoured instrument of extending to your fathers, to yourselves, and to your children.

The increased labors and remarkable success of that venerable society at the present time must be subjects for gratitude and praise, to all who have faith in our holy Zion, and I am sure your prayers will be added to those of many thousands of your brethren in all quarters of the world, that the work committed to her may be greatly blessed by the Divine Head of the Church. Nor can you be wrong in the importance you attach to the remarkable progress which has already been made under the heavenly blessing, in laying a foundation for a large increase to the number of Colonial Bishops, whose presence is essential to the fulness of the church wherever God may permit it to be carried. We may hope that this progress will accelerate the appointment of a Bishop for the special charge of this extensive and rapidly increasing archdiocese; and although an interruption of the happy intercourse which has long subsisted between us, cannot fail to give me pain, as it must separate me from many who are very dear to me in the Lord, every selfish feeling must yield to the great benefit which will be conferred on this portion of the flock of Christ. You have need of much more attention than it is possible you can receive while this Diocese continues so extensive as it is at present, and my prayer is, that such attention may soon be afforded to you, and with every blessing from the great Shepherd of the Flock.

In return for the affectionate wishes you have expressed, and for the assurance of your prayers, I repeat my warmest gratitude. I can never cease to feel a lively interest in your present and your future welfare. My prayers will be continued that you may be richly blessed with every temporal and every spiritual good, and that all may be made to minister to the ever lasting peace and joy and glory, of yourselves, and of all who are dear to you.

JOHN NOVASCOTIA.

To the Rector, Church Warden, and Vestry of Saint Andrews.

Signed, 30th August, 1841.

His Lordship proceeded on Monday, accompanied by the Rev. Dr. Alley, to Campo Bello and Grandmaman, from whence he will return on Thursday, and on Saturday will proceed to Saint David and Saint Stephen.

His Lordship will, we understand, hold a visitation of the Clergy at Trinity Church, St. John, on Thursday, the 9th instant, which will continue until Monday, the 13th.

From the Royal Gazette, Aug. 25.

In Council, 4th April, 1838.
Ordered, That after the first of June next, every Petitioner for Land be required to deposit with the Receiver General, the sum of Twenty Shillings, to be credited in part of the purchase money, upon the completion of the purchase, but to be forfeited if the purchase be not completed; or, in case the prayer of the Petition, be not granted, the deposit to be returned.—By order.

Wm. F. ODELL.

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE, Fredericton 19th August, 1841.—The public are hereby informed that no grants of Land will in future be delivered to any person, applying on behalf of another, unless such application produce a written order from the Grants to do.

Wm. F. ODELL.

HEAD QUARTERS, Fredericton, 23d August, 1841.

MILITIA GENERAL ORDER.
The Lieut-Governor and Command-in-Chief, has been pleased to make the following proclamation, &c. &c.

Lieut. Josephus Morris, is, from ill health, permitted to retire from the service with his rank.

Typed Provisional Charlotte County Militia, will be mustered as follows:—
The First Battalion, at the Lower Falls, Magalloway, on the 10th of Sept. and the 2d Division at Fredericton, Lower Mills, on the 11th of Sept. instead of the times and places previously ordered.

By Command,
GEO. SHORE, A. G. M.

George Norton.—Look at the new Prospectus of the Mammoth sheet, and subscribe once for it.

The steamer Nova Scotia will remain at St. John, on the 10th & 11th of Sept. next, to clear Boilers.

MARRIED.

At Grandville, N. B., on the 22d inst, by the Rev. Mr. Chase, Mr. Wm. Chase, Merchant, of Boston, to Elizabeth G. only daughter of the late Edward Perkins, Esq. of Grandville. On the 21st day, at Blackman's house, Per-

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