

A Steamer Sunk.

A collision of a serious character, but fortunately unattended with loss of life, occurred off the port on Thursday night. About eight o'clock a telegram was received at the Prince's Landing stage from Waterloo, stating that two vessels were apparently in collision off that place. The officials at once informed the matter of the tug Fiery Cross, who immediately left the stage and proceeded to the assistance of the vessels that were said to be in danger. The tug returned to the stage about half past nine, and the master reported that two screw steamers had been in collision off the port. One of the steamers was the Jose, from Havana, inward bound, and the other (the Dundalk boat Emerald Isle) was outward bound. The Jose was taken into the Canada Dock. The passengers and crews of both vessels escaped without injury, those on board the Emerald Isle being taken off and to Liverpool by the tug Mersey King. Later reports respecting the collision between the Emerald Isle and Jose state that the former was run ashore, and that the crew remain on board. The latter is badly damaged about the stem, and the fore compartment is full of water. Arrangements have been made for discharging cargo. The Emerald Isle was hoisted off with last evening's tide, and afterwards towed into the Mersey, and docked.

Narrow Escape of a Liverpool Steamer.

The steamship Wyoming, which arrived yesterday (says the New York Times of September 20) had a very narrow escape from being totally wrecked on Monday night last. About nine o'clock she was sailing at full speed, and, when near the coast of Nova Scotia, ran on a ledge of rocks off Sable Island. The shock occasioned by her striking caused much consternation on board, and the passengers rushed to the deck. One lifeboat, with the third officer and five men on board, was lowered from the ship to take observations. They were given no provisions with the exception of a cask of water. The vessel bumped tremendously on the rock for half an hour, and then got clear. She was found to be leaking badly a large hole having been made in her bottom. All the pumps were got to work, and in the meantime everything was got in readiness to leave her in the event of the leak proving too much for the pumps. After an hours delay it was found that the leak did not increase, and that the pumps, if they worked in order, could keep it reduced so far as to keep the vessel afloat. All this time nothing was heard of the lifeboat, and the Wyoming proceeded on her course, leaving the third officer and his men to their devices. On the voyage hither the pumps worked well, and, though disabled, the vessel made good way. Last night at her dock the leak had not increased, and she was kept pretty well free by all the pumps being kept in operation. The officers congratulated themselves on their narrow escape. The engineers say the injuries cannot be repaired unless the vessel is taken to a dry dock. Again, they say that any of the pumps are liable to give up, in which event the vessel may settle down. The Wyoming belongs to the Williams and Guion line.

Indian Courtship.

Marriages among the Ojebways are usually arranged by the parents in childhood, without any consent or even knowledge of the young people, who are frequently betrothed before they have even seen each other. If the young man has not been provided for in this way, then he sends a friend with some present to the lady whom he fancies. If the present is accepted, then it is understood that his offer is favorably received, and after a courtship of two or three months (during which time the affianced is expected to conduct herself with the utmost modesty—even to prudishness) the husband takes her off on a hunting trip for a few days, during which time she steers the canoe. On their return the product of the chase is laid at the feet of the bride's parents, with whom the young couple reside for a time her parents considering that they have a claim on their industry until they have a family of their own. Notwithstanding the drudgery and often ill-usage to which the wife is subjected husband and wife seem to be very true to each other, and get along tolerably smoothly—the little episode of an occasional beating being excepted.

Herioc Act of a Seaman.

By the Australian mail it is stated that the lamentable disaster at the Heads to the Pilot schooner Rip has excited the sympathy of the community in a marked degree and liberal contributions have been made for the relief of the families of Pilot McKenzie, and Wells the steward. An inquiry which was held by the pilot board showed that the catastrophe had not happened from the carelessness or inefficiency of the pilots or crew but that all had behaved with admirable coolness. The seaman, James Marr, or Maher, who was the first washed overboard, gave up his only chance of life with a devotion and self-sacrifice that did honour to his calling. He was clinging to the mainmast which was carried away by the same sea which swept him out of the schooner, but when he saw that the wreck hampered the vessel he mentioned to his mates to cut the mast adrift. His comrades bade him goodbye, he nodded his farewell and the wreck having been cut away he was seen no more. A memorial stone is to be placed in the Melbourne Sailors' Home in commemoration of the death of this gallant fellow.

It is reported that Mr. Disraeli is engaged on a new novel, dealing with the questions of socialism and communism.

HARBOR GRACE, OCT. 25, 1873.

THE approaching General Elections continue to absorb public attention, and by advices from the different districts we are inclined to think the contest will be carried on with spirit and determination.

We learn that our respected fellow-townsmen John Squires, Esq., has received another invitation from the independent electors of the district of Bay-de-Verds, requesting him to consent to become a Candidate for that district. It is said that Mr. Squires will comply with the request and allow himself to be put in nomination.

Carbonar is yet without a Candidate, but two or three gentlemen are spoken of as likely to contest for the honor of representing that district.

We have nothing to fear as to the result of the election in the District of Harbor Grace, as we feel confident the people will give their support to none but good men and true; and here we would just remark, that to insure the faithful representation of the people, we think it not only advisable but imperatively necessary men should be selected who are natives of the district.

A SAD ACCIDENT.—It is our melancholy duty to record a very sad accident which took place on Thursday morning last at the new Wesleyan Church, resulting in the death of the master builder, Mr. Richard Atwell. A scaffold on the outside of the building on which the deceased was standing, suddenly gave way and he was precipitated to the ground, and fatally bruised by the falling timber. He was borne to his home and, all that medical skill and the ministrations of friends could do, availed only to smooth his last hours. He lingered until Sunday morning, and then quietly and peacefully passed away. Mr. Atwell was a skilful mechanic, a good citizen, and an upright, worthy man. His death is a loss to the community, and a severe blow to his afflicted family, to whom in this sad bereavement we tender sincere and respectful sympathy.—Courier.

TERRIBLE SUFFERINGS OF A SAIP'S CREW.—A despatch from Boston, U.S., dated September 12, says: "Some of the crew of the whaler Ansel Gibbs, of New Bedford, before reported as wrecked last year in the Arctic Ocean, and who were brought to New Bedford from the whaling schooner Albie Bradford, have reached Boston, and tell a horrible story of their sufferings, and their tortures at the hands of the officers of the Ansel Gibbs. They say that in consequence of the neglect of the owners of the vessel to provide suitable provisions, all the crew were attacked with scurvy. They were terribly beaten by the captain and first mate, and after the vessel was wrecked 10 men died of scurvy, and those who had been foremost in protesting against their ill-treatment were left on the Island, the captain of the Albie Bradford refusing them passage. The names of the sailors making these charges are—Albert A. Sweet, of Boston, a nephew of Mr. Sweet, of the firm of Brewster, Sweet, and Co. and Charles Kugler, of Germany. They, with some others of the crew who have reached home, contemplate instituting legal proceedings against the captain and owners of the Ansel Gibbs. The charges against the captain will be cruelty and improper treatment of his men, and against the owners criminal neglect in not supplying the vessel with proper provisions.

THE ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT SARMIENTO.—Particulars have now been received of the attempted assassination of the President of the Argentine Confederation on the evening of the 23rd August. It appears that on the above evening the President was on his way in the Government carriage to the residence of Dr. Sarsfield. On reaching the corner of Corrientes he heard the report of a firearm. Thinking it was only some accident, the carriage was allowed to go on, but shortly afterwards one of the President's servants told him that the man was in custody who had fired at him. Fired at me! exclaimed the President, and was only then aware of the attempt which had been made upon his life, and the narrow escape he had had. The man who fired the shot was wounded, the weapon having burst in his hand. Two other men were afterwards apprehended, and a small blunderbus was found concealed upon one of them. They were taken before the police, and confessed to having been employed by the Federal party to assassinate some person whose name and position they were kept in ignorance of and were to have received 10,000 patacones as a reward for their villainy.

Among distinguished English artists who have practised scene painting (says a correspondent of the "Athenaeum") should be added the name of Sir Edwin Landseer.

Latest Despatches.

LONDON, 21.—Dr. Chandlish, the great Scotch preacher, is dead. Emperor William is pleased with the Vienna visit and will stay till Wednesday.

The Insurgents threaten to bombard Valencia. Six Convents taken possession of today in Rome by order of the Government, and the General of the Jesuits is officially notified to vacate the premises now occupied by his people in Rome. Cunard Co. are determined to withdraw their ships from the West Indies and run daily boats between New York and Liverpool.

NEW YORK, 21.—Memphis returns show 1500 deaths in 11 weeks and 275 last week. Two more priests buried yesterday. Father Kelly remains alive. Gold 108 3/4.

OTTAWA, 21.—Betting in result of first vote in Commons continues unabated though Government will be sustained by 10 to 30 majority.

Riel is the great difficulty of the hour. Sir John must either acknowledge the promise of amnesty and turn all Ontario against him or deny it and forfeit the support of all the French Canadians.

LONDON, 22.—Emperor William at a farewell banquet at Vienna said that friendly sentiments exchanged, are pledges of peace for Europe.

Prince Bismarck had an audience with the Emperor, and afterwards a conference with Andrassy and Italian minister.

It is reported that Bismarck pressed the subject of ecclesiastical legislation and urged identical action on the part of Austria and Germany with reference to papal election.

McMahon received a deputation from the Assembly, and informed them that he would never separate himself from the Conservative majority of the Assembly which appointed him to power. The Left deputies will meet daily till the crisis is over.

The steamer "Italian" from New York for Glasgow, 23rd September, not arrived; causing much anxiety.

NEW YORK, 22.—President Grant is sick. Gold 108.

OTTAWA, 22.—Several warrants are out for the arrest of Riel. Commission Report finished, and sent to the Governor General, Senate and Commons.

The "Times" advocates the formation of the province of Quebec. Political excitement intense. City crowded to excess.

It is reported that Riel's friends will keep him away till the Royal amnesty arrives from England.

LONDON, 23.—Bright re-elected; no opposition. Madrid advices state that one Insurgent frigate ran into and sunk another, drowning half the crew.

Bismarck at Vienna yesterday, and closed the conference with the Emperor.

MONTREAL, 23.—The Orangemen agreed to petition the Government to arrest and prosecute Riel should he appear at Ottawa. They protest against his entering Parliament.

NEWS ITEMS.

THE Duke of Edinburgh is expected to return from the Crimea about the 10th of November.

ALDERMAN Lusk has recently been elected as Lord Mayor of London for the ensuing year.

An order has been received at the Woolwich arsenal for the manufacture of 9,000,000 of ball cartridges for the Henry-Martini rifle, this order having no doubt, some connection with the preparations for the Ashantee war.

THE Duke of Edinburgh has been appointed commander of the 2nd battalion of marines of the Russian Black Sea fleet. The battalion will bear the name of His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh's 2nd Black Sea Marines.

THE discovery has been made at Rome, on the Esquiline Hill, of some ancient vessels in pottery ware, the largest ever found, and of such a size that a man could easily live in one. The fact is therefore clear that the famous tub of Diogenes was not made of wood, but of earthenware, as is implied by Juvenal.

REQUISITION.

ALEXANDER A. PARSONS, Esq., DEAR SIR,—

We, the undersigned Anti-Confederates of the District of Harbor Grace, knowing you to be a good Anti, and a supporter of the present Government, request that you will allow yourself to be put in nomination at the next General Election, and we pledge ourselves to use all our influence to return you as Representative for the District of Harbor Grace.

We are, Sir, Yours, respectfully,

- John Squires, William Butt, Sr., Charles Taylor, Michael Fitzgerald, Ambrose Parsons, Richard Fleming, Patrick McGrath, William Wells, James Bolger, William Butt, Jr., Daniel Fitzgerald, George F. Barnes, John Lynch, Thomas Strapp, Thomas Parsons, Abraham Northcote, Michael Hickey, Edward Vass, Garrett Wall, Patrick Rohan, John Barry, Tobias Parsons, Patk. Pendergast, Maurice Connell, John Farrell, David Goff, Maurice Murphy, Michael Jones, Joseph Butt, William Spencer, Denis Shea, Augustus Taylor, John C. Parsons, And others, too numerous to mention.

TO THE INDEPENDENT ELECTORS OF THE DISTRICT OF HARBOR GRACE. GENTLEMEN,—

In acknowledging the receipt of a Requisition from a large number of the influential electors of this important district, I cannot but sincerely thank you for the confidence you repose in me, in requesting me to offer myself as a Candidate for your suffrages at the approaching General Elections. Believe me, warm is the heart that prompts and willing is the hand that endites this response to the hearty invitation of my countrymen; and, be assured that, if honored by you with a seat in the House of Assembly, I shall at all times, devote my utmost efforts to the promotion of the best interests of my Native Land, and the faithful discharge of the duties devolving upon me—extending not only equal justice, but equal courtesy to all.

It is scarcely necessary for me to say that I am diametrically opposed to Confederation, and shall never consent to that measure unless demanded by the unanimous voice of the people. I am of opinion that, in view of the general prosperity of the country, it would be highly detrimental to our interests to allow ourselves to be forced into union with a country from which we have nothing to gain, but a great deal to lose. If you want a proof, look to unhappy Poland! that speaking monument of "legitimate robbery."

The fisheries shall ever command my best attention, and I shall, at all times, to the utmost of my ability, use my best exertions to protect and foster the interests of our hardy fishermen.

The iniquitous "truck system"—so injurious to the general trade of this community—shall not be lost sight of. I shall strenuously advocate cash payment for labor and produce, and endeavor to obtain for the working classes of the district the encouragement hitherto denied them.

In conclusion, Gentlemen, I beg to assure you that I have much pleasure in acceding to your request, and, from the fact of my long acquaintance with you, as well as my intimate knowledge of the requirements of the District, flatter myself that, in taking the field, I can do so with the full assurance of a triumphant return.

I have the honor to be, Gentlemen, Your obedient servant, ALEXANDER A. PARSONS.

SHIP NEWS.

PORT OF HARBOR GRACE. CLEARED. Oct. 23.—Release, Clunn, Barbadoes, fish—John Munn & Co.

PORT OF ST. JOHN'S. ENTERED. Oct 17.—New Dominion, Joncas, Montreal—J Murray. Austrian, Ritchie, Liverpool, A Shea. Blackwood, Palfry, Sydney—S March & Son.

Delta, Keay, Antigonish—J & W Pitts. Mary, Burnam, Sydney—Job Brothers & Co. 20.—Rebecca, Dormon, Cadiz—E Duder.

CLEARED. Oct 17.—Austrian, Ritchie, Halifax—A Shea. Lycurgus, Mullins, Glasgow—J & W Stewart.

Ontario, Routche, Sydney—J & W Pitts. Miriam, Bussell, Barcelona—A Goodridge & Sons. Excel, Kelly, Waterford—A Goodridge & Sons.

20.—Charlotte, Bursell, Sydney—S March & Son. C Morris, Dunn, Halifax—Baine Johnston & Co.

Delta, Keay, Bayfield—J & W Pitts. Minnie Bruce, Searle, Havanna—P & L Tessler. LeMarchand, Shoots, Halifax—Job Bros. & Co.

Era, Facey, Barbadoes—Harvey & Co. Come on, Munn, Lisbon—P Hutchins. Oct 4.—Restless, Europe—E Duder. Peckwick, Britain—E Duder.

10—Antagonist, Britain—Bowring Bros. Jessie, Britain—C F Bennett. 11—Mary Erzelia, Montreal—N Stabb & Sons. Salmas, West Indies—Harvey & Co. 13—Flora, Britain—W Grieve & Co. Vivandiere, Britain—Baine Johnston & Co. Successful, Europe—W Grieve & Co. Young Prince, Halifax—A Shea. 17—Dahlia, Europe—P & L Tessler. 18—Excelsior, Britain—Job Brothers & Co. Ariel, New York—Bowring Brothers.

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