

## Telegraphic News.

LONDON, Aug. 10.

The two German men of war have sailed for Spain.

It is stated that Serrano has notified the Pope that the Spanish Government intends to declare the blockade of the Gulf of Cantabria, and that England has protested against it.

A serious riot occurred in Portsmouth, England, on Saturday, owing to the closing of a thoroughfare by the authorities. Many policemen and rioters were severely injured.

Pere Hyacinthe has resigned his charge in Genoa on account of a dispute between the Moderate and Extreme sections of the old Catholic party. He sides with and takes the leadership of the Moderates.

NEW YORK, Aug. 10.

Over 50 bodies have been recovered from the disaster to the steamer "Pat Rogers" last week.

The grasshoppers have destroyed the crops in a large portion of Nebraska territory. The New York Evening Post's article says: "There is an increasing volume of business in mercantile places, and the prospects for the fall trade are satisfactory."

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There never was so much money in the West as now, and New York bankers were never less solicitous than this year respecting the drain upon this city for money to handle the crops, of which the all important one is wheat.

Within the next three months the farmers will receive pay in cash for at least one hundred and fifty million bushels of wheat. This vast fund will at once be immediately be invested in purchase of merchandise and payment to local merchants—the western farmer, when he has money, being a free and generous purchaser of the comforts and luxuries of life.

The inference is that eastern manufacturers and merchants, and those who deal in imported fabrics as well, will be in receipt of large sums from the coming fall trade. This imports the commencement of an active and heavy business in all the industries of the Eastern States, and the consequent renewal of the full tide of prosperity which was rudely checked in last autumn's financial crisis. (N. Y. Stockholder.)

A SURPRISE.—A lady who resides at the north end, was considerably surprised to find a gentleman's clothing distributed around her room—and still more surprised to find the gentleman himself soundly sleeping in her bed.

The lady did not go into hysterics, as most ladies would have done, but seeing at a glance that the intruder had evidently made a mistake, she awoke him, and demanded to know what he wanted there. He was confused: told who he was and where he was from (St. John); that he boarded at the "Hotel," in which he then firmly believed he was. When convinced of his mistake he felt decidedly foolish, and the lady retired to allow him time to dress his clothes. This he did as quickly as possible and retired with a thousand apologies, and a request that it should never be mentioned—and it wasn't. He had been "seeing his friends," with the result stated. (Halifax Express.)

CROP PROSPECTS.—The report of the Department of Agriculture of the United States for the month of July has just been issued. The following is a brief synopsis of the average condition of the various products:

Oats.—The average condition for the whole country is ninety.

Rye.—Full average or above in most of the States, and very nearly the average in the remainder.

Potatoes.—The average is above two per cent in advance of last year.

Tobacco.—The severe drought prevailing in the sections devoted to tobacco culture, together with the destruction of plants by insects, has reduced the average to less than one half of that of 1873.

Apples and peaches are both reported below an average.

PRICE VERSUS BISHOP AT LAW.—Father O'Keefe, an Irish priest, having been the victim of certain insinuations uttered by Rev. Dr. Moran, Roman Catholic Bishop of Ossory, brought suit for libel against his superior, on the ground that the Bishop had made false and libelous statements. The case was tried at the Kildare Assizes, Father O'Keefe conducting his own case without the aid of counsel. He was successful, the jury giving him a verdict with damages at \$250. The Church not only appears to have won without, but discussions within.

The St. John News says that two young men, named respectively John Reynolds and Robert Wilson, sons of Messrs. James Reynolds and John Wilson of Clarendon, Rhode Island, were drowned in the sea, near the parish of St. Patrick in Clarendon County, near a watery grave in Birney's Lake, in the said parish, on Sunday last, under the following circumstances: Wilson had gone into the water to bathe and in wading into the lake stepped suddenly into a hole several feet beyond his depth, and Reynolds, who was on the shore, without waiting to divest himself of his clothing rushed impulsively to the rescue of his friend. Neither could swim. Reynolds was in his eighteenth year and both were the eldest sons of large families. They bore irreproachable characters and were universally liked. Their death has cast a deep gloom over the entire settlement in which they resided.

A WOMAN ON THE RAMPAGE.—It is happily an infrequent occurrence in our town that a woman gets into a fight with one of the opposite sex, and if she does she generally gets the worst of it except indeed it is merely a war of words. But the other evening a woman not only fought with one of the opposite

sex, but beat him—cut him with a stick, and knocked down the man who came to his rescue. As is usual in the case of a row here quite a large and respectable gathering was on the spot. The woman was in our cell the other day and we are glad that we were very polite to her.—[P. E. 1 paper.]

## The Standard.

SAINT ANDREWS, AUG. 12, 1874.

HEAVY RAIN STORM.—The weather which had been very fine for some weeks, changed suddenly on Saturday morning. Rain commenced falling (Wind S) at 4 a. m., Barometer 30.00; at midnight of the 8th the wind increased to a violent gale, with very heavy rain which continued with slight intermission until 8 o'clock of the 10th inst. The barometer raised high for the first forty hours, then fell gradually. The total rain fall was four and a half inches, (4.50). The foregoing has been handed us by Dr. Gave, Observer at this Station.

The rain has been, we learn, injurious to some crops in low lands, and many persons had grass down in swarth, which however, was not much injured. Fears were entertained at one time that the freshet would carry off some of the smaller bridges, but up to the present we have not received any report of damage to these structures.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS were opened on Monday last after the summer vacation. We are happy to record that they are well attended, with prospect of increased attendance. The teachers came to their work somewhat refreshed after their brief holidays, and commenced their labors with renewed vigor. During the recess, the Trustees had the school grounds graded, making them a pleasant spot for recreation, during play hours of the pupils, as well as adding to the appearance and attractiveness of the place.

For some changes and dismissals on the Intercolonial Railway, Mr. Byrdes is blamed, and rather roughly treated by a portion of the Press, which formerly spoke in terms of commendation of his management and ability. If, as asserted, Mr. Byrdes has been appointed by the Government to investigate, and report upon the management of Railways, and that some dismissals have taken place, it is not just cause why he, Byrdes, should be condemned, or berated by some of the Press, he can have no preferences, and is only performing the duty of a faithful servant. One fact is undoubted, viz.: that he is intimately acquainted with railroad affairs, and has had a large experience in their management, and knows how many officials it requires to any line. There appears to be too much party feeling mixed up in the discussion.

During the past week some articles were lost by persons in town, and due publicity given by handbills and advertisements. A Ring was lost in the street, and a belt with a clasp, near the Circus grounds, for which rewards have been offered, but up to the present the finders have not claimed the rewards. Anyone who would retain a lost article after it was advertised, would not hesitate to steal. Only a few days ago a young lady lost her purse on the front street, missed it immediately, and offered a reward for its being returned to her, minus the money, a few dollars, but the finder quietly pocketed all. Such conduct is to say the least disgraceful.

THE NEW DOMINION MONTHLY for August, contains the usual amount of interesting reading, original and selected. The frontispiece is of Father Hyacinthe and his base, which the engraver has evidently done justice to. The old gentleman appears to look with a degree of pride on his offspring, which is a laughing and fat chubby boy. "A Life History" is the title of an interesting serial story which is begun in the August number; the story is also above the average. Price \$1.50 per ann. Published by J. Dougal & Son, Montreal.

Complaints are daily reaching us of the sad want of repair upon the Provincial post roads. "A traveler" says that he is "still obliged to go several miles out of the direct road to St. George, simply because of the unnecessary delay in repair of the Digby-Danvers Road, which might and should have been repaired last May, at the latest; and that he knows members of the Government who also complain of the state of the roads which are immediately under Government control."

Where there is so much fault found, here and elsewhere, there is surely some ground for complaint. Persons who drive over the roads say so, and it is to be hoped that the Board of Works will attend to these matters before the fall sets in, if the money can be obtained.

MAGNINLEY & CO'S CIRCUS gave two performances on Friday last. The entertainments gave much satisfaction, and the Manager with his huge Elephant was the centre of attraction. The outside shows were a separate charge; we mention this because one ticket did not admit to all.

We learn from the North Sydney C.B. "Herald" that on the 28th ult., Capt. Le Blanc, of the "Mary Kate" preferred a charge against Mr. Edward Bown, Preventive Officer of that Port (in the Customs Department) for unnecessarily and maliciously destroying property aboard said ship, while performing his duties as Preventive Officer.

Captain Le Blanc testified that a tarpaulin had been unnecessarily destroyed by Mr. Bown, together with one or more barrels filled with salt, in the alleged performance of his duty in searching for smuggled goods. His mate and an ordinary seaman gave similar testimony. S. L. Purves,

Esq., on behalf Mr. Bown ignored the legality of summoning any officer in the Customs employ unless served with a month's notice, and rested his case upon the law, "verba cum litera," which gave to the Customs Officers indisputably the right to most carefully search any vessel or vessels suspected of smuggling. Justice Forbes gave judgment in favor of the Defendant Bown with costs. The plaintiff's attorney gave notice of appeal.

The Quebec Government have one of the most barefaced scandals on their backs that ever took place; and these are the men who in unmeasured terms condemned the N. B. School Act, and used every effort to induce the Governor General to disallow the Act. No wonder that such men do not want free schools.

JAMES PATERSON, Esq., L. L. D., for many years Principal of the St. John Grammar School, died on the 10th inst., aged 79 years. The Dr. owing to failing health, retired a few years ago, from teaching. His literary and scientific contributions to the Mechanics' Institute, of which he was for several years the President, were of a high order. He was a native of Glasgow, and came to this Province in 1818.

Disastrous Floods.

The two heavy floods which have recently occurred at Eureka, Nova, and Pittsburg, Pa., have been so terribly destructive to life and property that they may be fairly classed among the extraordinary calamities of the year. They are beside phenomenal in their nature, one being due to a greatly overcharged cloud breaking against lofty ranges of mountains, and the other to the meeting of two vast masses of vapor which united in a deluge which is described as resembling the descent of a torrent. Both storms appear to have been local in destructive effect, although heavy rains and freshets have taken place over Ohio, Indiana, and Kentucky, and have everywhere caused damage.

The report of the Nevada deluge states that, within ten minutes after the beginning of the rain, Eureka was flooded. The water poured through the streets for half an hour, tearing up houses and uprooting trees, damaging property in the end to the extent of \$100,000, and killing twenty people.

In Pittsburg, the destruction was much more extensive. From the descriptions given of the rising of the storm, two great black clouds appeared at opposite points of the compass and slowly approached each other. Blinding flashes of lightning shot between them as they neared, until the gradually narrowing space appeared a mass of fire. The meeting was heralded by a terrible thunderclap, followed by a few heavy rain drops, and then down poured the deluge with fearful fury. Pittsburg lies at the junction of two rivers, and its suburbs, built on the hillsides and valleys adjoining the streams, are traversed by gulches and natural water courses, which form channels for the rain to run off. Several ravines empty into Butcher's Run Valley, about two miles north of the centre of Allegheny City, along which numbers of houses had been erected. Here the damage began, and the flood rushed down the bed provided for it by nature, sweeping away everything in its path. In other valleys deluges appeared, working like disaster, and small streams suddenly became roaring torrents. Over one run, two new iron bridges and five wooden ones were carried off. Large salt works, refineries, and factories were destroyed, and barges and vessels in the rivers were torn from their fastenings and swept away. The total loss of life is placed at 219 persons, and a rough estimate places the pecuniary loss at \$3,000,000.

Both floods, besides being owing to the phenomenal circumstances mentioned, were also greatly due to the situation of the towns, Eureka, at the foot of the mountains, receiving the deluge pouring down their sides; and Pittsburg, also in a valley surrounded by high land, lay in the path of the torrents which naturally sought to empty into the rivers.

The Perils of Flying.

M. De Groof, the flying man, lost his life recently at London, England. He had ascended in a balloon, and his part of the performance was to fly down to the earth after the balloon attained a great altitude. The unfortunate inventor had constructed a pair of wings made of cane and silk, each 37 feet long by 4 feet wide, and also a tail 18 by 3 feet in dimensions. The wings were inserted into two hinged frames, which were attached to a wooden stand, upon which the aeronaut stood and manipulated them by means of levers. The theory was that, when started from any high altitude, the machine would reach the earth by a very gentle incline, passing over a great distance and eventually landing without concussion. At a first trial of the device, on being dropped from a balloon, the earth was reached in safety, but on the present repetition of the experiment, De Groof seemed to lose control of his wings, and the apparatus collapsed and fell, dashing the man to pieces on the street pavement below.

THE POLYMERIC SHIP.—This is the name of a novel vessel, recently invented in England by Mr. Charles M. Barnes. The bottom is flat and fitted with three inclined planes with square ends, the effect being as though three teeth of a gigantic saw were moved through the water with the sloping portion of the teeth first. The inventor has tested the device by means of small models impelled by rockets. A 7 pound model was driven, by a 3 pound 3 ounce rocket, a distance of 405 yards in 3 seconds, or at the rate of 63 knots per hour. The motion is said to resemble sliding over ice. There is scarcely any water disturbance, and the decks were apparently motionless. When drawn

slowly over the water, the vessel offered more resistance than models of the ordinary shape; but when the equilibrium, between the horizontal pressure of the inclines forward and the pressure of the water in the contrary direction, is destroyed, the model at once rises in the water and passes over the mass of biltharta obstructing fluid.

BALLOON'S MAGAZINE FOR SEPTEMBER.—The September number of this popular magazine is issued, and is fully as attractive as ever. It contains more variety, and is filled with more live stories than any other magazine in this country, and this is what makes it such a favorite with the people. The illustrations are reasonable and the descriptions well written and instructive. Just glance over the following list of contents and see what a treat is before the reader: The English Field Daisy—The Sparrow's Nest—She went to gather Flowers—Hunted, or Florence Livingston's Oath—The Gift of Christ—The Moccasins' Prize—Life's Contrasts—In Shadow—Back to Back—The Viol—E. glish Leg-Legged Bob—Morning and Evening—Will She Marry Him—My Love—A Golden Fetter—Enclosed—Mandy's Boarder—Hated to Death—Nancy of the Hill Farm—A great Conqueror, and many other interesting stories. Thomas & Lobbot, publishers, 35 Broadfield Street, Boston, and for sale at all the news depots in the country.

The "Central News" states that it is likely the Imperial Government will in a short time sanction the appointment of a qualified military officer of high standing, whose duty it will be to have control over the Militia and Volunteer forces of Canada.

SUMMARY.

The Rev. G. W. M. Carey, returned from Great Britain in the "Caspian," and preached on Sabbath last, in Halifax.

A verdict of wilful murder was rendered against Jas. McCann, Jr., of Woodstock, by the Coroner's jury for the murder of Squire Mr. Wm. Smith, Deputy Minister of Marine, is at present in Newfoundland.

MONTREAL was visited by a heavy fire on the 10th inst., destroying upwards of \$100,000 worth of property. It commenced in a saw mill on Canal Bank. One man was drowned.

The McAdam-Gillmor Scrutiny we were informed some days ago, had been abandoned. The "bitter end" has therefore melted away for want of "larger." The animus is still the same,—but it's all over.

Discussions are still taking place on the proposed Reciprocity Treaty, which should it pass in its present form, will entail a heavy loss on the Dominion, which will necessitate an Income tax, to make up the deficiency. This will be a most unpopular measure. There is no doubt that should Congress approve of the Treaty, it will be the Confederation, be carried at all hazards.

It is announced that Mr. and Mrs. Algernon F. C. Sartoris will visit the United States in October, to attend Miss Sherman's wedding, and that a fine suit of rooms is being prepared for them in the White House.

Mr. A. S. Finnie, formerly a clerk in the Halifax branch of the Bank of B. N. America, has been arrested at San Francisco on a charge of embezzling funds to the amount of \$8,644.72 from the branch of the Bank there, in which he was employed as clerk.

The Colfax Times, of the 7th inst., says, "The body of a woman was discovered in the water near Gate's Wharf about ten o'clock to day. The woman was apparently between 40 and 50 years of age; supposed to be a Mrs. Paul formerly of Robinson. In the preliminary examination that has been held, no marks of violence have been discovered, it is thought that her death was the result of an accident."

The St. Stephen Engine Company have got a new uniform.

The lumber interest is complaining everywhere that there is no demand for lumber. They can't sell, and so they are piling it up as mountains of decay.

The six mill operatives at Belfast, Ireland, have struck, and they paraded the streets and mobbed several bakers. The government has been called upon for aid.

It is stated that Italy has made a demand upon France for the recall of the war vessel Orontique, which has been permanently stationed at Cinto Vecchio as a refuge for the Pope in case of necessity.

Several members of the Chicago common council are to be indicted for corruption, having sold their votes in the recent election of architects for the new court house.

The two American base ball clubs now visiting England gave the first exhibition match at Liverpool, and the attendance was large. The Athletics of Philadelphia, beat the Red Stockings of Boston in ten innings, by a score of 14 to 11. The play was much admired and called forth considerable applause from the spectators.

The Guelph Mercury of the 23rd ult., says: "Who can read without emotion the story of two little girls in Green Bay, Wisconsin? The eldest was seven years of age, the young one only five. A drunken father left them alone in their room for six days, with a small loaf of bread for food. When the children were found, the eldest sister was nearly dead, having refused to eat of the bread, so that her little sister might not suffer. We hear a great deal of heroines; does history furnish an example equal to this?"

A village of hostile Indians was broken up by a force of troops under Captain Bates in Wyoming Territory a short time since—Twenty five Indians were killed and one hundred wounded. Two soldiers were killed and three wounded.

MARRIED.

At Andover, 3rd inst., by Rev. L. A. Hoyt, R. W. L. Tibbets, Esq., of Salmon Falls, Vt., to Sarah Ann, youngest daughter of Samuel Clark, of Andover.

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At Fred rioton, on the 7th inst., after a tedious and painful illness, Dora Agnes P. return, third daughter of T. O'Connor, Esq.

Ship News.

PORT OF ST. ANDREWS.

ARRIVED.

Aug. 7, Harriet, Sheehan, Portsmouth, ballast. Matilda, Simson, St. Stephen, mdze.

10, Jane, Clark, Boston, Flour, &c., D. Clark. Harrie, McQuid, Boston, ballast.

Willie, Carson, Dorchester, 116 tons coal, C. M. Gove.

CLEARED.

Aug. 4, Sailing Dianna, Tatten, St. George, ball.

7, Julia Clinch, Maloney, Boston, 3050 sleepers, J. S. Leighton.

8, Broadfield, Brant, Boston, 3300 sleepers.

11, Estler, Maloney, St. Stephen, ballast.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, OTTAWA.

Thursday, 23rd day of July, 1874.

PRESIDENT.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR GENERAL IN COUNCIL.

ON the recommendation of the Honorable the Minister of Customs, and under the provisions of the provisions of "The Merchant Shipping Act 1844" and the Acts amending the same, and of the Act passed in the 36th year of Her Majesty's reign, intitled: "An Act relating to Ship" pings, and for the registration, inspection and classification thereof, and "An Act respecting the Shipping of Seamen."

His Excellency the Governor General by and with the advice of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada has been pleased to constitute and appoint the Port of Montreal in the Province of Nova Scotia, a Port for the registration of Shipping, and as a Port is hereby constituted and appointed accordingly.

His Excellency under the authority aforesaid, has further been pleased to constitute and appoint Alexander Roy, Esquire, Sub collector of Customs at the said Port of Montreal, to be Registrar of Shipping, and to superintend the measurement of ships thereat, under the provisions of the said Act.

W. A. HIMS WORTH, Clerk Privy Council.

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Government House, Ottawa.

Saturday, 15th day of July, 1874.

PRESIDENT.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR GENERAL IN COUNCIL.

ON the recommendation of the Honorable the Minister of Customs, and under the provisions of the 8th and 54th Sections of the Act passed in the 31st year of Her Majesty's reign, intitled: "An Act respecting the Customs."

His Excellency by and with the advice of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada, has been pleased to Order, and it is hereby Ordered, that the Village of Thorold, in the County of Welland, and Province of Ontario, be and the same is hereby constituted and erected into an Out Port of Customs, with Warehouse privileges, and placed under the survey of the collector of Customs at Port Colborne.

W. A. HIMS WORTH, Clerk Privy Council.

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Government House, Ottawa.

Saturday, 20th day of June, 1874.

PRESIDENT.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR GENERAL IN COUNCIL.

ON the recommendation of the Honorable the Minister of Customs, and under the provisions of the 8th Section of the Act passed in the 31st year of Her Majesty's reign, intitled: "An Act respecting the Customs."

His Excellency by and with the advice of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada, has been pleased to Order, and it is hereby Ordered, that the following item in Schedule C of Customs Tariff Act as amended by the Act 37 Vic, cap. 6, viz.: "Woods unmanufactured when chiefly used in drying" be and the same is hereby declared to be intended to apply to "Woods" used for the purpose mentioned in the said item, which may be imported free when simply ground or chipped as well as in solid pieces or sticks, such grinding and chipping not being considered such a manufacturing as would take the article out of the exemption.

And it is further Ordered, under the authority aforesaid, that the item "Ratan for chair makers" mentioned in the said list of free goods (Schedule C) be, and the same is hereby declared to be, intended to cover Ratan imported for Whip manufacturers.

W. A. HIMS WORTH, Clerk Privy Council.

July 15—31

House and Lot at Auction.

On SATURDAY, 15th day of August next, will be sold at Public Auction, at noon:—

THE HOUSE and LOT owned and occupied by John Breen on the south-west side of Water Street, next to Turner's Hotel.

Also, 6 Fanning Machines.

C. E. O. HATHEWAY, Auctioneer.