

COLONIAL.

New Brunswick.

UNFORTUNATE COLLISION.—We regret to learn that the Steamer *St. John*, coming down the river from Fredericton, and the Steamer *Union*, bound up, came in collision at one o'clock on Tuesday morning, near Oak Point, the *Union* striking the *St. John*, bow on, with great force, a little forward of the paddle-box, on the larboard side, and completely breaking in and tearing away a large portion of the *St. John's* side and deck. We have not learned what damage the *Union* sustained, if any, as she proceeded on her upward voyage. No person was injured on board the *St. John*; but we learn that two cows and two calves on board of her were knocked overboard by the violence of the confusion and lost. The *St. John* came through the Falls this morning, in order to ascertain the damage and be repaired. The repairs will probably occupy some weeks. The expense and loss of time, at this season of the year, will, we fear, bear heavy on the proprietors. —*Observer*.

The *Fredericton Times* of June 24th, says:—The Supreme Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Gaol Delivery for this County, opened to-day; His Honor Judge Street presiding. There being not a single criminal case to be brought before the Grand Jury, the Sheriff presented His Honor with a pair of white gloves instead of a Criminal Calendar. His Honor in charging the Jury, stated this was the first time such a thing had occurred at York County within his memory.

New Ships.—A substantial brig, called the *Huron*, was recently towed into this Harbour from St. Martin's, where she was built by Mr. Isaac Meloan, of that place. She measures 254 tons, and 355 tons old measurement, and is owned by Mr. George Eaton, of this city.

A handsome and well built ship, called the *Drummond*, was recently towed down from Kingston, where she was built by Messrs. Wm. P. and Enos. A. Flewelling, for John Alexander Black, Esq., of Liverpool. She measures 841 tons, N. M., and 818 tons, O. M., and is highly creditable to her builder as a superior specimen of workmanship. She carries a very beautiful female figure head.

A fine schooner, with great breadth of beam, and built for carrying heavy lumber cargoes, was launched a few days ago from the building-yard of Messrs. J. & W. Olive, at Carleton. She measures 154 tons, N. M. We learn that she was built for an American gentleman, who would be willing to give a considerable sum if he could obtain an American Register for her. No better proof than this is required to show that we can build vessels on better terms than the United States, when we see Americans having them built here. We believe the same gentleman is building another vessel at Carleton. —*Courier*, June 23.

ST. ANDREW'S RAILWAY COMPANY.—A general meeting of the Shareholders of this Company was held at the Town Hall, at St. Andrews, on Tuesday, the 17th inst., at which the Secretary read the Annual Report of the Directors, from which it appears that the total receipts have been £24,668 19s; disbursements on account of the actual construction of the works, engineering, office, law, and other incidental expenses, £25,571 6s. 2d.—leaving a balance against the Company of £1202 9s. 2d. In addition to this amount, the sum of £10,276 16s. has been expended in England on account of iron rails, engine, tender, and other ordinary expenses. Mr. Myer's contract for grading and making all the earth work for ten miles will expire on the 1st July next, and it is expected that this distance will be finished during the present summer. A provisional agreement has been made with a Mr. Shaw, an English contractor of eminence, for the completion of the entire unfinished road to Woodstock, his agent (Mr. Brookfield) having personally examined the whole line through the woods. Resolutions were passed approving of the suggestions of the London Board in reference to founding a settlement on the principles of the Canterbury one in New Zealand. —*Id.*

INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION AT THE INSTITUTE.—We are gratified to learn that the prospects of this spirited undertaking of the Directors of the Mechanics' Institute are of the most encouraging character. The most active exertions are being made in every direction by our operatives and manufacturers to produce specimens of their labors, and some very ingenious inventions in machinery are also being prepared. The proposed Industrial Exhibition is thus already exerting a direct and highly beneficial influence upon our domestic artists, which it would be difficult to over-estimate.

We are pleased to learn that the New Brunswick Society for the encouragement of Agriculture, Home Manufactures and Commerce, instituted at Fredericton, and combining much of the talent at Head Quarters and other parts of the Province, have promised to aid the undertaking.

We understand that His Excellency Sir Edmund Head has been specially invited to be present to open the Exhibition, and measures are being taken to promote cheap pleasure excursions from several parts of the Province, Nova Scotia, and the neighbouring States—to make the occasion as interesting and as attractive as possible.

Since writing the above we have been favoured with a copy of the invitation to His Excellency, and his gratifying reply which show the deep interest His Excellency takes in the Institute and the objects contemplated by the Board of Directors. —*Id.*

Canada.

CANADA.—*Toronto*, June 19.—Last night, in the Legislative Assembly, Mr. Ross, a strong Ministerialist, introduced a bill to vacate the seats of members of that House who had ever been guilty of treason, or taken the oath of allegiance to foreign States. Should it pass it will cause the ejection of Messrs. Wolfred Nelson, Papineau and McKenzie, at the latter of whom it is understood to be especially aimed.

On Tuesday, the estimates for 1851 were laid before the Assembly. The expenditure is estimated at £2,630,000, of which £547,000 is for public works, and £340,000 for interest on debt. The scheme of a shifting capital is to be adhered to, and £40,000 is asked for building a residence for the Governor at Toronto, and a like sum for one at Quebec. The expense of removing to Quebec is set down at £30,000.

The Right Hon. Fox Maule has declared in his place in Parliament, that it is not the intention of the Government now to reduce the number of the troops serving in Canada.

It is stated in well informed circles in Toronto, that Government is to appoint a Board of Railway Commissioners, and that Sir Allan N. McNab is to be named Chairman with a salary of £500 a year. —*Quebec Morning Chronicle*.

MANSLAUGHTER.—A man named Nolan, was committed to gaol in Toronto on the 29th ult., for beating a woman, with whom he was living, so as to cause her death.

Newfoundland.

We regret to learn, from a most unexceptionable source, that the inhabitants on the southern shores of Trinity Bay are with few exceptions entirely destitute of seed potatoes. We have been assured that "not one family in forty" can muster a potato to put into the ground. This is running an immense risk. Should the fishery prove unproductive the government will again have to launch out largely of Indian meal. Far better to send round now a cargo of potatoes. —*Harbour Grace Herald*, June 4.

For the past 8 or 10 days the weather has been remarkably untoward. The wind has prevailed from the eastward, and has been so very wet that our fishing operations have been very much retarded. Had the weather been fine our Labrador men would have been at their respective stations ere this. Vegetation advances but slowly. —*Id.*

UNITED STATES.

The report from New Orleans is that \$1,500,000 protested bills have been returned from Liverpool.

FIRE AT BELFAST.—The foundry buildings together with a large two-story dwelling house at Belfast, were destroyed by fire this week. It is said the loss will not fall far short of \$35,000. No insurance.

CHOLERA AT THE WEST.—In Princeton, Ky., seven new cases and two deaths had occurred. The town was nearly deserted. A few cases have also occurred in Memphis. At Lexington, Missouri, there were eleven deaths in five days. Several deaths are reported on the canal near Petersburg, Indiana.

A NOBLE IRISHMAN.—The will of Judge Mulcahy, late of St. Louis, gives \$200,000 in trust to the city for the relief of emigrants. He leaves \$400,000 to his heirs.

Some twenty-five arrests have been made in New York, within the past two weeks, of captains of vessels, for bringing an excess of passengers over the number prescribed by law.

The Secretary of the American Treasury has issued instructions allowing British vessels from the Provinces of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, laden with the products of said Provinces, to enter any port of entry in the United States, and afterwards, on proper permit granted by the Collector, to proceed to any port of delivery within the collection district, and unlade thereat. British vessels will also be permitted to take cargoes to any of said ports of delivery to be carried out of the United States.

The steamboat fair on the Hudson River from New York to Albany, is now twenty-five cents! So much for competition.

THE NEW ROUTE TO CALIFORNIA.—We are happy to have in our power to announce the opening of the new route to the Pacific, across the territory of Nicaragua, by which over a thousand miles of navigation is avoided, and the land carriage is reduced more than two thirds. The new steamer *Prometheus* is the first of the line, and will sail from this port on the 14th of July, direct for San Juan, from whence passengers will be transported by the river and lake in a new iron steamer, to within twelve miles of the Pacific, and from thence on a good road to San Juan del Sur, where the splendid ocean steamer *Pacific* will be in readiness to transport them to California. Cornelius Vanderbilt is the principal proprietor of this line. The saving of time and comparative comfort of this route, will entitle it to a preference over every other now open to California. It is confidently expected that the trip from New York to California, by these steamers, will be from six to eight days shorter than by the *Isthmus*, even if the railroad should be completed. —*N. Y. Post*.

IMPORTANT TO TELEGRAPH OPERATORS.—The Telegraph case, in which an operator was called upon to disclose a communication that

passed over the line, and refused, was before the Court of Common Pleas on Saturday morning. Judges King and Parsons concurred in deciding that the operator was bound to disclose the contents of a telegraphic communication when required to do so in a legal proceeding, as it was not among the class of cases which have the privilege of secrecy. The written opinions of the court will be hereafter delivered. Judge Campbell dissented, and said that he would also give a written dissenting opinion. —*Philadelphia N. American*.

The steamship *Crescent City*, Capt. Tanner, arrived at New York on Wednesday night, with California dates to the 15th ult., and Oregon to the 2d ult.

The Steamers from San Francisco are understood to have brought down about two millions and a half of gold.

The *Crescent City* brought £770,145 in gold dust, and 527 passengers. San Francisco, May 15.—Our whole city is alive with workmen, engaged in re-building the burnt district. The Alta California gives the following astonishing instance of the recuperative energy of San Francisco:—From Monday, 5th inst., when the fire ceased, up to the present time, May 14th, an interval of ten days, three hundred and fifty-seven buildings have been commenced, of which the major part are finished and occupied! This is exclusive of the many that are going up in other parts of the city, not touched by the fire; including them, the total number of houses just completed, or in course of erection throughout the city, will not fall short of four hundred and fifty! Of course, from the rapidity with which they have been put up, most of them are frame, but still, in every instance in which a brick building was burnt, either the walls still standing will be used in re-building, or where they are unfit, a new brick fire-proof building will be erected in the place of the one destroyed.

Lumber has advanced materially, and large sales have been made; sellers are quite disposed to meet buyers; stock large.

Dewitt & Harrison, in lieu of water, used 80,000 gallons of vinegar in preserving their warehouse. It was entirely saved.

Among the names of those who have suffered losses by the fire, are: Dickson, DeWolfe & Co., formerly of Nova Scotia, \$15,000; Parker, formerly of the Halifax Hotel, \$25,000, and C. W. Wallace, formerly of Halifax, \$500.

FIRE AT STOCKTON.—Hardly had the smoke cleared up from the ruins of San Francisco, ere intelligence was received of the destruction of a large portion of the city of Stockton. This event occurred on the night of the 13th of May. The fire originated in a new and beautiful house, just opened under the name of the Merchant's hotel, formerly known as the Branch, and beyond a doubt was the work of an incendiary. It is supposed that some miscreant intended by these diabolical means, to succeed in releasing the prisoners confined in the county jail; but the purpose failed in its accomplishment, as the winds proved unpropitious, and turned the course of the devastating element upon more precious and costly fuel to satisfy its long slumbering rage.

SANDWICH ISLANDS.—Dates from the Sandwich Islands are to the 9th of April. A San Francisco paper says:—"We have little news to report except the subsiding of the French excitement. We have it however on very good authority, that the Hawaiian Government has decided to apply to the Government of the United States for annexation, and that an officer of our national government is in our city, on his way to Washington, entrusted with the mission. We not only hope this is true, but that the cloak of Uncle Sam may be folded around this beautiful sea-nymph of the Pacific, and she be domesticated in the great family."

FISH IN THE RIVER.—All along up the coast, quantities of dead fish are seen floating on the surface of the water. They are of the cat and buffalo species. Their death is very mysterious. They are seen to emerge from the river, to make a feeble wiggle, then disappear, shortly to rise swollen and dead, after which they float on the surface, filthy and stinking objects, at the towns on the river, the authorities had been compelled to employ persons to remove the dead fish, so offensive have they become. What is the cause of this mortality among the buffaloes and cats? Some think that the cholera has extended to the piscine race, others that they die in the bayous, and float out; but the most probable reason is the sudden rise in the river, and the great quantity of mud which has been brought down from the upper tributaries. —*N. O. Delta*, 12th.

MISCELLANEOUS.

LAKE SUPERIOR OIL STONE.—There is a quarry of very fine Oil Stone on Lake Superior, pronounced by the geologist Houghton better than anything before discovered for sharpening fine-edged tools. The London recently brought down four tons of this stone for shipping East. The company are now working the quarry, and calculate to ship twenty tons more this summer. The stone will prove an excellent substitute for the imported article, and can be had at twenty-five per cent less cost.

BOUGHT HIS OWN HOUSE.—A gentleman of Boston built a fine house, at a great expense, a short distance from the city. It was a splendid residence, but he got tired of it, moved back to the city, and went to an auctioneer to have it disposed of. The auctioneer advertised it in such glowing terms that the owner didn't recognize

the description of his own property, and when the day of sale arrived he sent a friend to bid off, at any price, a place that had so many advantages as the auctioneer's advertisement enumerated. The gentleman is now back in his old quarters, and whenever he thinks of moving, his wife reads him the auctioneer's advertisement. —*Springfield Post*.

A CURIOSITY.—Last week the workmen at Power's Summit, on the Ohio and Pennsylvania Railroad, found a petrified snake, the size of which would seem to indicate that in this region at least, that species of reptile has greatly degenerated. His snakeship was found imbedded in the solid limestone rock, some sixty feet below the earth's surface. Its size is enormous—sixteen feet in length, and in the middle at least four inches in diameter. Although its substance is completely assimilated to the rock in which it was imbedded, it looks surprisingly natural—indeed almost as perfect in "form and feature" as when alive. —*Beaver (Pennsylvania) Star*.

DISCOVERY IN SURGERY.—Among the scientific critics in Berlin, according to the correspondent of the Philadelphia Bulletin, there has been some interest lately in a newly claimed discovery of the application of chlorine to cure cases of pain. The difficulty in the use of chloroform, thus far—and a difficulty felt far more in Europe than America—has been the danger of suffocation, or of otherwise injuring the body by a total stoppage of some of its functions. This new application claims the merit of escaping the danger. According to this account, the fluid, (some 10 or 20 drops,) is dropped on the part affected, or on a lint bandage slightly moistened with water, and then applied, and all bound up in oil silk, and a linen band. After from two to ten minutes the part becomes insensible, and the pain is no longer felt, whether it be from rheumatic, nervous, or other disorders. After a time it returns again, but usually weaker, and with several applications it is often entirely relieved. The discoverer's name is Aran, and he has already presented a memorial on the subject to the Academy of Paris.

POPULATION OF FRANCE.—The census recently taken in France shows a total population of 35,500,000. The number of foreigners domiciled of all nations, exceeds 1,000,000; of these upwards of 75,000 are English, in various parts of the country, which is considerably less than previous to the revolution, when it exceeded 150,000.

AMERICAN TELEGRAPH IN SWEDEN.—Mr. Wm. Robinson, of this country, is about to erect and manage, in Sweden and Norway, a number of lines of Magnetic Telegraph. He has been granted the privilege for the enterprise, which is to endure for fifty years; and a company, including several heavy capitalists of this city and Stockholm, has been formed under his auspices. A charter for a similar undertaking will, it is expected, be obtained from the Government of Denmark, and it is therefore probable that one of our countrymen will be the agent in establishing within the States named at least 3,000 miles of telegraph. —*New York Paper*.

TO CORN CORNS.—Pare the corn, and rub the part with sweet oil. This should be done on getting up in the morning, and just before stepping into bed at night. In a few days the pain will diminish, and in a few days more it will cease, when the nightly application may be discontinued.

Corns may be softened for paring by washing them in milk warm water in which some soda has been dissolved.

Mr. J. R. Hind has discovered another new planet in the constellation Scorpio, about eight deg. north of the ecliptic, and forming at the time an equilateral triangle with the stars Scorpio and Libra. It is of a pale bluish colour, and its light is about equal to that of a star of the ninth magnitude.

NATURAL SOAP IN NEW MEXICO.—John Gorman, Assistant Marshal, who was engaged in taking the census of New Mexico, discovered in the Town of Chamallo, in Rio Arriba county, a substance resembling soap. It makes a lather like soap, and has the property of removing grease spots or stains out of any kind of cloth. When put in water it immediately slacks like lime. At the place where the discovery was first made, it is even with the surface, and about fifteen yards square. It is rotten on the top to about the depth of three feet, but appears cleaner and sounder at greater depths. It can be taken out in large lumps, of ten or fifteen pounds weight. It is as white as snow, and seems to exist in large quantities. Specimens have been forwarded to the Census Office at Washington.

THE STING OF A LOCUST.—Near Westchester, Pa., a young man named Hamorton, was severely stung on the hand by a young locust, in consequence of which the arm soon became much swollen up to the shoulder, attended with considerable pain. The general impression seems to be that the locust has no sting. The female, nevertheless, has a spiral sting, and some deaths have been ascribed to wounds inflicted by it. —*U. S. Gazette*.

[Dr. Smith denies that locusts are in the least dangerous.]

Capt. Jenkins, of the steamship *Asia*, addressed a letter to the Liverpool Times, stating that a report had been circulated about his betting on the passage of his ship *Asia*, which he pronounces to be altogether without foundation.

The Viceroy of Egypt has sanctioned the project of a railroad from Alexandria by way of Cairo, to the Isthmus of Suez, and the work will be commenced without delay.

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