

his post until the last moment, when the heavy fire had driven the enemy out of the bush, for they had so pointed the guns with accurate aim that as my galley turned, the officers were nearly all shot in the back, while the boat's crew fell from their thwarts, four of them wounded, besides four men who were shot down in the whaler.

It had been previously arranged that ten policemen should be sent to Chamah Fort, with the constable resident there, and these men were being landed from the Rattlesnake while the boats I have mentioned were up the river, and treacherous conduct of the Chamah people was unknown. Immediately the cutter with ten policemen, reached the shore the beach was crowded with natives, who appeared so unfriendly that Sub Lieutenant Draffen who had landed with the policemen to proceed to the fort, wisely kept the Fantee policemen in hand until some stores were landed from the cutter, which had unfortunately, upset in the surf. The cutter's crew and Mr. Wilson, the midshipman, were swimming in the surf, endeavoring to right their boat, when the Chamah natives fired at them from the beach, and wounded several of the men. Sub-Lieutenant Draffen, seeing the emergency, at once endeavored to form the Fantee police into skirmishing order to cover the cutter's crew swimming to the boat. He was partially successful, and it is to the coolness and courage he displayed that more men are not added to the list of those killed and wounded in this massacre. Unfortunately, however, the heavy fire of the natives wounded several of the cutter's crew, and they succeeded in killing an ordinary seaman, whose body they possessed themselves of in spite of every effort to recover it. Two Fantee police were killed from the fire on the beach, and also a Krooman of the Rattlesnake. Immediately Commander Bigby observed the Chamah people firing on our cutter he sent to land the Fantee police in good faith, to occupy the fort, he at once sent Lieutenants Wilding and Nicholls from the Rattlesnake with cutters and rockets to protect the boats attacked, but the natives had gone to the bush, and I am afraid little injury was done to them.

RETRIBUTION. Finding that the Chamah people had been guilty of the grossest treachery and attempt to single out and massacre the officers and men proceeding on a peaceful expedition up one of their rivers and keeping to the Chamah bank as an additional protection! finding also that the natives, with their savage nature, had actually fired on our cutter landing police for the protection of the place, their Lordships will, I am sure, quite concur in the immediate steps I took to punish perfidious conduct. The Rattlesnake was cleared for action, and in less than two hours' time the town of Chamah was a heap of burning ruins, and every exertion had been made to avenge treachery so foul. In this unfortunate affair four were killed, viz: W Woodcock, ordinary seaman, one of the cutters crew, murdered on the beach; Dixie Land, Krooman, ditto; Sydney Herbert and Andrew Sheik, of the Fantee Police. Twenty were wounded of all ranks from the Commodore down. A naval officer writing from the scene of hostilities says:—

How it is any one escaped with his life is a wonder to me, for the first volley could not have been fired at less than 15 yards. Out of the nine people in the galley seven were wounded, several in four or five places, and out of seven in the whaler four were wounded. They were a little better off in the steam pinnace, as the oars in the lumber irons afforded them some protection. All the boats were more or less riddled. Out of one side of the galley alone they took 27 slugs. The firing continued for about five minutes, and ceased almost as suddenly as it had commenced—with the sound of a bugle. Another officer writes:—This affair will do a great deal of harm in England, I fear, and has done no good here. Every body is surprised at Captain Commereil going up the river like that and getting caught. They had had the palaver at the village at the mouth of the river, and were going to an island about ten miles further up to dislodge some Ashantees. They dislodged them all with rifles and rockets. What surprised them most was to hear the bugle sound the regular English calls, skirmishing, commence firing, &c. Somebody must have been drilling them.

ERRATUM.—In obituary—last issue—for "sanctified with all the rights of the Church," read fortified, &c.

HARBOR GRACE, OCT. 18, 1873.

THE English mails, per S. S. "Austrian," arrived at St. John's on Thursday.

We deem it our duty to call the attention of those whose province it is to preserve the rights of the public, to the fact that the new dock, east of Messrs. John Munn & Co.'s premises, is still occupied by the latter persons, to the great inconvenience of outport people whose business calls them to this port. We are at a loss to conceive by what authority private individuals are allowed to monopolize the use of public property, while the people—for whose especial use certain public works have been constructed—are entirely debarred the privilege of access thereto. The dock to which we now allude is still used as a receptacle for old craft, spars and other rubbish—by the parties from

whom it was purchased, some ten or fifteen years ago—notwithstanding the amount of money recently expended in completing it. If Messrs. John Munn & Co. hold a lease of the dock, well and good; if not, we trust the Board of Works will compel them to remove the nuisance complained of without further delay.

OVER three hundred porpoises were captured at Dildo, Trinity Bay, during the past week.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[TO THE EDITORS OF THE STAR.]

Sirs.—I have just returned from the Labrador, and I know you will be glad to learn that I have succeeded in obtaining a prosperous voyage. Several of my old political friends were called on me since my return, and, after the usual complimentary salutations, informed me of the state of the political atmosphere; first, that some few in Bay Roberts, in their eagerness to thrust Confederation upon the people, took upon themselves, without authority, to induce Mr. Carter to come over to represent this district, and some few of Harbor Grace, also, without the shadow of authority, name Mr. Wood, an out-and-out Confederate. It appears, an attempt was made to get up a requisition, but it is useless to say the reception it met with. I pity that man who was forced out of his office by Mr. R. Munn to hawk it about. Poor fellow! the many rebuffs and insults he received he had to bear, because he should go or be dismissed.

I am glad to hear that Charles Dawe, Esq., James Crane, Esq., and James L. Prendergast, Esq.—as Candidates on the Anti-Confederate principle—will be called upon. They are all good men and true, and have, I learn, their opposition to the tyranny and degradation which the Confederate few attempted, and are now seeking again, to impose on them. There is, however, one among the gentlemen named, who, I understand, is a Roman Catholic, and who has served upwards of fifteen years as a representative. Some objection has been spoken of, as he is a Catholic; yet it is said that whilst in the House, and since, he has ever and always been the friend and advocate of the poor, no matter what his religious or political creed may be. We who stood by the country in 1869, and secured a verdict for Anti-Confederation, let us now nail our Anti-flag to the mast, and return good and true men, no matter what country they may be natives of, or what religion they may profess, as long as we are sure they are Christians.

Yours, AN ANTI-CONFEDERATE. Harbor Grace, Oct. 17, 1873.

[TO THE EDITORS OF THE STAR.]

Sirs.—On the arrival of the Hon. Mr. Carter, I, with many other voters in this part of the district, anticipated the pleasure of attending a public meeting or two, and hearing Messrs. Carter and Wood express their views in regard to the course to be pursued by them in the event of their being elected to represent this constituency in the next Parliament. So far, nothing has been done in the way of convening public meetings; but it is to be hoped that our people will be favored with the political views of the above named gentlemen before Mr. C. leaves town.

Yours, &c., A VOTER. Oct. 17.

By Authority.—His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint (under a commission dated the 11th August) the hon. J. L. Little, (Attorney General) to be a Queen's Counsel of the Supreme Court of this Colony.

His Excellency has also been pleased to appoint the following Gentlemen to be Returning Officers at the ensuing General Election, viz:—

- St. John's East, Richard Howley. West, Charles Brocklehurst. Southern Division, Ed. Kennedy. Brigus, John Wilcox. Harbor Grace, Lewis W. Emerson. Carbonear, Israel L. McNeil. Bay de Verds, James L. Mews. Trinity Bay, G. H. Cole; Bonavista Bay, J. S. Lockyer; Twillingate and Fogo, John Peyton; Ferryland, Edmund Hamrahan; Placentia and St. Mary's, Wm. G. Bradshaw; Burin, Thomas Winter; Fortune Bay, Thomas Birkett; Burgeo and La-Poile, Thomas Read, Esquires.

His Excellency in Council has also been pleased to appoint Mr Benjamin Bonnell, to be a member of the Protestant Board of Education at Lamaline.

His Excellency the Governor directs the publication for the information of the Trade and Shipping, that he has in compliance with a Resolution of the Board of Health of this Town, been pleased to abolish Quarantine Regulations, except "where any vessel should arrive with disease on board, or any disease during voyage."

Secretary's Office, St. John's, 13th Oct., 1873.—Gazette.

The French engineers who have for some time past been sketching the passes of the Alps, near Mount Cenis, have received orders to suspend operations and return home.

The weather throughout England continues unusually wet.

Latest Despatches.

LONDON, Oct. 11.—Jules Simon resigned 100 delegates last night.

The Electoral Scheme was adopted. A Committee of the Left was appointed to draw up an official declaration in the name of the Republican party.

Thiers and Gambetta favored the action of the meeting, which, also was approved by many conservatives.

The Republican party, generally, is becoming hopeful.

The Germans refused Darnal permission to visit the battle ground of the late war.

King William visits Vienna quietly on the 16th.

A person claiming to be Arthur Orton has arrived here.

OTTAWA, 11.—The "Gazette" announces Meremichie and Pictou under quarantine, to prevent the Asiatic cholera.

PORT HASTINGS, 13.—The steamers "Prince Edward" and "Robert Lowe" passed south.

New York, 11.—Gold 108½.

LONDON, 13.—Immense open air demonstration in Cork yesterday, in favor of Fenian amnesty, Home Rule, rights of labor.

Lauderer was buried at St. Paul's on Saturday.

Republicans were successful in the elections in four French departments.

Chambord was visited by the Duke of Tuscany, and received a deputation from France.

Lord Tenterden succeeds the Hon. Edmund Hammond as Under Secretary of State.

MADRID, 13.—Great rejoicing. The Insurgent fleet was defeated by the National Squadron at Cartagena.

NEW YORK, 13.—Mexican Congress decreed separation of Church from State, abolished religious oaths and taken strong measures against monastic orders, and ordered the Jesuits to leave the country.

Stoke's Court engaged in obtaining a ninth jurymen, Gold 108½.

OTTAWA, 13.—Pacific Railway Company defunct. Charter resigned back to Government.

Riel will be elected for Provencier, and will take his seat.

Through cars from San Francisco to Boston passed through Montreal for first time to-day.

NEWS ITEMS.

It is reported that John Bright is opposed to the war against the Ashantees, and will resign his position in the Cabinet, if it is further prosecuted.

The members of the Right in the French Assembly assert that that body will declare in favour of a Monarchy before November.

A RUMOR was current on the London Stock Exchange that the Bank of England holds \$500,000 and the Rothschilds \$100,000 of Jay Cooke & Co's acceptances.

It is claimed for the Provincial Exhibition, held recently in Montreal, that it drew together the largest collection of live stock ever assembled in Canada for a similar purpose.

It looks as though everything that has been discovered in the civilized world with in a comparatively brief space of time was known to the Chinese thousands of years ago. It is now stated that they have been using shad liver oil for centuries as a curative, and that it is more efficacious than cod-liver oil.

THE annual matches of the Ontario Rifle Association, opened at Toronto on Monday rather unfortunately. Two of the markers were wounded by splinters of bullets, and a third was shot in the hand, while painting a target, by some reckless marksman.

THE news from Ashantee is satisfactory. The natives are in half starving condition, and are evidently waiting for the close of the rainy season to commence operations. An American vessel was seized for selling gunpowder to the rebels. To prevent similar occurrences, a blockade of the coast has been ordered.

HON. MR. POPE, Minister of Agriculture, has offered two prizes of \$50 each to the city of Ottawa Agricultural Society for the best stallion of any class or age, and for the best bull of any age, to be shown at the annual exhibition of the Society which opens on Wednesday.

A GOOD MAN GONE.—The Montreal "Gazette" of the 3rd inst., says:—The intelligence which comes from Hamilton of the death of Bishop Farrell will carry sorrow into many a Canadian home, where the late prelate was known and esteemed. Few men have succeeded in acquiring so large and so general a share of public respect. True to his Church—an earnest and simple-minded Roman Catholic gentleman—his constant aim was to spread the spirit of peace and good-will among all sections of the Christian community. There is, perhaps, no city in the world where the spirit of tolerance between Catholic and Protestant is more marked than in Hamilton; and the fact is very largely due to the exertions and quiet, unostentatious example of the deceased Bishop. He was an Irishman, heart and soul, a lover of the dear old Emerald Isle, and an earnest sympathiser with every movement for its advantage. But he held in nothing and contempt the agitators who trade upon Irish patriotism and Irish generosity, and hence American Fenianism had in him an uncompromising foe. The death of such a man is a public calamity, and as the solemn requiem mass is chanted over his bier, every one who knew him will feel that in his death Canada has lost one of the most faithful and useful of her adopted sons.

Mr. Storms, an English traveller, arrived from Central Africa, reports having met Dr. Livingstone last June, and parted from him on the first July. The doctor was in perfect health.

The Vendome Column is expected to be finished by the end of February, and will be inaugurated in the beginning of March.

SHIP NEWS.

PORT OF ST. JOHN'S.

CLEARED. Oct 12—Cardelia, Linklater, Queenstown—C F Bennett & Co

Brilliant, Staunton, P E Island—Theodore Clift.

Mary Lizzie, Ward, Havana—P & L Tesler

13—Minnie, Power, Sydney—L O'Brien & Co

Foam, Whiting, Ancona—Bowring Bros Rival, Norris, Sydney—Capt Walters

Ceres, Payson, Halifax—Harvey & Co Georgina, White, Sydney—G J Hayward & Co

14—L'Edouard, Cloutier, Montreal—P Rogerson & Sons

Guide, Downey, Sydney—L O'Brien & Co

LOADING. Excel, Waterford—A Goodridge & Sons

4—Marance, Europe—E Duder Restless, Europe—E Duder

6—Promise, Europe—Job, Brothers & Co

Pickwick, Europe—E Duder

10—Antagonist, Britain—Bowring Bros Jessie, Britain—C F Bennett & Co

To the Free and Independent Electors of Bay Roberts, Spaniards Bay, and Harbor Grace.

Gentlemen,—With your permission and support, it is my intention to offer myself as a Liberal Candidate at the coming election, for the District of Harbor Grace.

The requirements of your District shall from time to time have my best attention; your commands I shall always be ready to obey to the utmost of my ability.

Gentlemen, may I beg leave to ask:—it is my intention to offer myself as a Liberal Candidate at the coming election, for the District of Harbor Grace.

That man misuses his privilege who corrupts by exclusive dealing; so does he who votes solely from self or class interest. These are words which may a voter needs to get by heart, and to act upon.

Let no free man talk about selling his birthright to the highest bidder; a single vote may involve the destiny of your native land, and bring thousands unborn into jeopardy. Only good and true men ought to be trusted with the interests of your beloved country.

My humble opinion is the day of nomination cannot decide who are to have the honor of representing your district in the next Parliament. Let it go to the Polls—let every elector have the free privilege to act by his own conscience.

That man is not worthy of a vote who bribes a man to vote against his conscience; neither is he worthy who intimidates another.

I have been a resident in the town of Harbor Grace over thirty-five years, and I hope you may think me worthy of your confidence and support.

"Should auld acquaintance be forgot And never brought to mind."

My intimate acquaintance with the District and its inhabitants may entitle me to a liberal share of your patronage.

Believe me to remain, Gentlemen, Your Obt. and Faithful Servant, THOMAS ROSS.

Harbor Grace, Oct. 15, 1873.

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Prime Mess and Extra Prime

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Apply to JOSEPH GODDEN, tff Oct. 4.

GOOD Accommodation for a few respectable BOARDERS in a private family.

For further particulars apply at the Office of this paper. Oct. 1. tff

COMMERCIAL BANK OF NEWFOUNDLAND.

UNSIGNED printed forms of £5 Notes of this Bank, numbered 6001 to 8000 inclusive, dated Saint John's, 1st Jan'y, 1867, having been lost from on board the steamer Gaspe, wrecked at Langlais Island, near St. Peters, in the month of June, 1872; some of which have been put in circulation with the forged signatures of "R. Brown, Manager," and "HENRY COOKE, Accountant."

I hereby caution the Public from receiving any £5 Notes of this Bank so numbered, the Bank not having issued any £5 Notes exceeding number 6000.

R. BROWN, Manager. St. John's, Sept. 24, 1873.

HARBOR GRACE. ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

BAZAAR.

THE Ladies' Committee respectfully request that those of their friends who have kindly promised contributions to the above object, will be pleased to forward them, so that they may be received at the latest by the 1st November.

- MRS. S. ANDREWS, " W. O. WOOD, " EVILL, " TAPP, " C. ROSS, " A. RUTHERFORD, " BADCOCK, " FORD, " A. CLIFT, " HIGGINS, " BERTRAM JONES.

Sept. 30, 1873.