

## COLONIAL.

## New Brunswick.

Mr. Howe is to attend a public meeting in Dorchester on Monday, and will arrive in town on Tuesday evening, in company with the Hon. E. B. Chandler. It is expected that a public meeting will be held in the City previous to the departure of the gentlemen for Canada on Thursday morning.—*Courier*, May 31.

On Tuesday last John Johnston, Esq. was elected Alderman for Duke's Ward, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the election of Alderman Harding to the Mayoralty. At the close of the poll, the votes were—for Mr. Johnston, 115; Mr. McCoskery, 83.—*Id.*

Joseph Fairweather, Esq. has been appointed and sworn a Justice of the Peace for this City and County.—*Id.*

**EXTENSION OF THE TELEGRAPH.**—We observe by late Halifax papers that our friends in Newfoundland have determined to erect a line of Electric Telegraph in that Island. As the matter must be new to them, we presume they will be glad to avail themselves of the practical experience of others; and as New Brunswick has been lately, and still is, engaged in the erection of new lines, we will state for the information of the people in Newfoundland and other Colonies, that the line from this City to Fredericton (a distance of 65 miles) has now been about 7 months in successful operation, and has never once been out of order, although it has had, during the past winter, to withstand some of the most violent storms ever experienced. The line from Fredericton to Woodstock is now being completed—25 miles of posts are already placed, and we understand that by the 1st July the whole will be in operation. The distance from St. John to Woodstock is about 130 miles—the whole cost of the line, including apparatus for three stations, will be under £22 per mile.—*Id.*

**FREDERICTON.**—The City Elections in Fredericton on Monday resulted as follows:—

In Wellington Ward—Messrs. End and Friel were returned. Mr. Temple was nominated by his friends against his wish, and lost his return by the casting vote of the Poll Clerk. This return has been protested against, on the ground of Mr. Friel not being a resident in the City.

In St. Ann's Ward—The Poll stood at its close, for James S. Beek, 116; W. D. Harit, 86; John D. Marsh, 64; Geo. S. Winter, 49. The two former were declared elected.

In Carleton Ward—the Poll stood, M'Manus 32, Myrshall, 31; Troughton, 29; Reid, 10. The return for this Ward was protested against.

For Queen's Ward—Messrs. Gowan and Jas. Odell were elected without opposition.

For King's Ward—Messrs. Block and A. Ritchie were elected.—*Times*.

Professor Johnston has written another work—entitled "Notes on North America, Agriculture, social and economical." "New Brunswick," says the St. John Courier, "its resources, its people, their manners and habits, occupy more than half the work, and as the notice taken of us is highly favorable, it must produce a good effect."

## Canada.

**CANADIAN PARLIAMENT.**—The Canadian Parliament was opened in due form on Tuesday, May 20th, by His Excellency, the Governor General. We give the following extract from the Speech:

Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council;

Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly.

In again meeting you for the discharge of our Legislative duties, it affords me much satisfaction to congratulate you on the general prosperity of the Province.

The Crop of last year was abundant; the Revenue from Customs, and traffic on the Provincial Canals, are steadily increasing; and the securities of the Province command a high price.

The effect of recent changes in the Imperial Navigation Law is also beginning to be felt in the more frequent resort of Foreign Shipping to our Sea Ports. It is alleged however by persons connected with the Shipping Interest that certain provisions of the Immigration Act are unfavourable to the extension of a valuable branch of our Import Trade. The subject is an important one, and I recommend it to your consideration.

Under these favourable circumstances, the further improvement of the means of internal communication has recently engaged a large share of public attention. In many parts of Western Canada capital has been applied extensively and with much advantage by persons interested in the several localities and by others to the construction of good country roads; and measures have been taken in both sections of the Province with the view of pressing forward important lines of Railway.

A considerable increase in correspondence has, I am happy to inform you, taken place since the new Postage Law came into operation. This fact, which furnishes conclusive proof of the advantage accruing to the community from the measure, warrants moreover the expectation that the receipts of the Department will before long recover from the depression consequent on the adoption of greatly reduced rates of postage.

Under the operation of the measures which have been recently adopted by the Legislatures of the several North American Provinces, the intercolonial Trade is assuming proportions of in-

creasing magnitude, and promises to become a considerable branch of Industry. I shall lay before you a Despatch in which Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies submits for consideration a proposal for the construction of a Railway between Halifax and Quebec, or Montreal, which has an important bearing on this subject.

With the concurrence of the Executive of this Province permission has been granted by Her Majesty's Imperial Government to the Government of the United States to erect a Light House on the Horse Shoe Reef in the Niagara River at the outlet of Lake Erie, which is likely to prove highly advantageous to the Shipping that frequents those waters.

As the Province advances in wealth and population, and the authority of the local Parliament is extended and confirmed, the responsibilities which attach to Members of this Legislature become necessarily more onerous. The People of Canada, while they justly appreciate the requirements of an age of progress, are attached to their institutions, and faithful to their early traditions, and I am confident that you will earnestly endeavour, in humble reliance on the Divine Blessing, to promote in this spirit their best interests.

On Monday a case of considerable interest was decided at the Assizes for this County. It was the Corporation of Toronto against Mr. Furniss, for the non-fulfilment of his contract to supply the City of Toronto with a sufficient quantity of water. The lack has been seriously felt, especially during fires. A special jury was chosen, and a verdict of £2000 in favour of the Corporation was rendered.—*Toronto Ch. Guardian*.

We are informed that at the meeting of the Senate of the University of Toronto, a few days ago, an appropriation of £20,000 was made, for the erection of College buildings, to be provided for by the sale of lands. The expenditure is too large. A portion of the amount had better be expended in affording additional facilities to poor and deserving pupils than to be employed in useless decorations of the buildings.—*Id.*

An enormous mass of copper was recently discovered at the Lake Superior cliff mine; its dimensions were forty feet long, eighteen feet high, and from six inches to three feet thick. It probably weighs three hundred tons, and the miners have not yet reached either the end or the top of the mass.—*Id.*

The Kingston *Whig* says that shipwrights, carpenters, joiners, stonemasons, bricklayers, and artisans of all descriptions, are very scarce in that vicinity, while work of every kind is plentiful. Farm labourers are also very hard to be obtained, even at a great advance in wages. It is scarcely possible to rebuild any of the houses recently destroyed by fire, for want of workmen.—*Ibid.*

**PROGRESS.**—The Fishing Trade of Cobourg has within the last three or four years risen to great importance. The value of fish caught last year, under the old bait system, was about three thousand pounds. This year, since the introduction of gill nets, it will more than double, and the profits will be much larger, as the fishermen are no longer dependent on hooks, lines, seines and herring.—*Cobourg Star*.

**TORONTO, May 20.**—OPENING OF THE CANADIAN PARLIAMENT.—Parliament met this afternoon. The Governor General, in his speech, states that the revenue from the customs and canals is increasing; that the change in the imperial navigation laws has increased foreign shipping in the Canadian ports; and that the emigration act has been complained of as unfavourable to our import trade. The new postage law has considerably increased correspondence.—The arbitration appointed to settle the boundary dispute with New Brunswick, have reported.—A measure will be introduced for reducing the civil list; and an increase in Parliamentary representation is recommended. He also recommends amendments in the school and municipal laws of Lower Canada.

W. L. Mackenzie took the oath and his seat. Notice was given of bills, for fixing the time for the meeting of Parliament, and for establishing courts of conciliation.

Mr. Ross, of Quebec, moved the address in answer to the Governor's speech.

We understand, that the night before last a tornado, at Leeds, County of Megantic, made considerable havoc, the extent of which we have not, as yet, ascertained. A barn and some out-buildings, belonging to Mr. Hall, Surveyor, were levelled and a cow killed.—*Mercury*.

## UNITED STATES.

**RIOT AT HOBOKEN.**—The New York papers contain the particulars of a terrible riot which occurred at Hoboken on Monday last, between the German inhabitants of New York and a gang of rowdies. We copy the account from the Tribune:—

"Monday was celebrated by the German residents of this city as the holiday of Pentecost—a day in which Germany is commemorated by festivals in the woods. A large number of Germans, ten or twelve thousand in all, perhaps, crossed to Hoboken in the morning, after assembling in the Park, where they formed into a line, displaying the national colors. They had leased for the day the 'Cricket Ground,' some distance from the village of Hoboken, where refreshments were provided, with a platform for

the orators and a band of music. Beer was plenty, and the party appeared to enjoy themselves finely.

Everything passed off peaceably till towards the close of the afternoon, when some difficulties occurred, through the presence of a gang of rowdies belonging to this city, and known by the title of 'Short Boys.' According to different representations, there were about forty in all, some of them Germans, some Irish, and some Americans. They were armed, and evidently came for the purpose of assault, as they commenced, without provocation, to insult the females, overthrow the refreshment tables, and destroy the property of the vendors. This was about half past three in the afternoon.

The Germans who saw the object of the rowdies, had determined, at first, to avoid a collision, on account of the number of ladies and children who were present; but these outrages were not to be tolerated, and the offenders were driven off. The rowdies retreated towards the Elysian Fields, and were followed by the Germans. The Short Boys obtained access to the house at the Fields, kept by McCarty, and a regular fight commenced. The Germans had now become infuriated, and after driving off the Short Boys from the house, they commenced breaking the furniture. The keeper of the house and his wife were assaulted and driven off. McCarty, we are told, made his retreat to a part of the house where he had a double-barrelled gun, already loaded. With this he shot two of the Germans, killing them instantly, and he seriously injured another by knocking him over with his gun. The house was completely riddled, and everything that it contained throughout demolished.

The rowdies retreated towards the village, followed by the Germans, and a sort of running fight was kept up for the whole distance. On reaching the village, the rowdies were reinforced by others from this side of the river, and by a gang of boys from 14 to 16 years of age. Towards evening they assembled before the gates of the ferry, and prevented the Germans coming in from the festival from reaching the boat. For more than an hour they shut off all communication. About half past six o'clock, the Germans, in a body, accompanied by their families, came from the woods for the purpose of returning to the city. At the village of Hoboken a violent fight took place, which lasted with little intermission for two hours. The females were assaulted, and the men were struck down without discrimination. The rowdies were armed with guns, pistols, swords, sling shot, &c., and after the first attack the Germans also armed. Two men were killed at this place. Many were stabbed in different parts of the body, and others beaten with staves.

One man had his head shockingly cut by a large pole, the end of which was covered with spikes. The fight was one of the most brutal and sanguinary which ever occurred in this vicinity.

The sheriff of the county was early on the ground, endeavouring to quell the riot. He was badly cut on the head.

The Citizens of Hoboken, at the commencement of the difficulty, gave shelter in their houses to the females; the Germans, having armed themselves, formed in a hollow square, with the females in the centre, and thus escorted them to the ferry boat. They were not molested on the way and reached the city in safety.

The number of arrests made was near forty, a large portion of whom were Germans. They were bound hand and foot and sent to the county jail at Bergen.

**McDONOUGH, THE MILLIONAIRE.**—A heavy verdict has recently been recovered against the estate of the late Mr. McDonough, of New Orleans, in a suit instituted during his life time.—The plaintiff, Mr. Grant, is owner of a Sugar plantation in the parish of Plaquemine, bounded above and below by lands of defendant. The evidence showed that the defendant neglected to make and keep in repair the roads and levees upon his lands, as required by law; and that in consequence, the plantation of the plaintiff was overflowed two years in succession, involving a loss of crops and causing much other damage.—The Jury rendered a verdict for plaintiff; (\$20,960 40).

The Cincinnati *Commercial* says gambling is carried on in that city to a greater extent than ever known before. Many young men in good situations are known to have lost their entire salaries at the Ronde tables. Some of the keepers have become bold and employ runners for their establishments, and the merits of the players are freely discussed in the presence of police officers.

**MINERAL WEALTH.**—New mineral resources are constantly opening, showing the incalculable richness of the United States. Three flat boats loaded with lead ores recently arrived at Fort Smith, Ark. from new mines in Newton county, Mo. In Arkansas the lead ores contain a large per centage of silver. Gold, silver, copper, iron, lead and quicksilver are now produced by us in great abundance.

**THE CLIPPER SHIP "FLYING CLOUD."**—The following are the dimensions of the above named ship, soon to sail from the Port of Boston for San Francisco. She was built in that City for Grinnell, Minturn & Co., and is designed for the California and China trade. Her registered tonnage 1,782 48,95 which exceeds that of any American sail vessel afloat. She is expected to carry from 2,000 to 2,500 tons freight. Her length on the keel is 208 feet; on deck, 225; and over all, from the knight heads to taffrail, 235. Her extreme breadth of beam is 31 feet; depth of hold 21½. Her keel is 27 inches clear of the garboards; her dead rise, at half floor 37 inches.—

Her bow below the plank-sheer, is slightly concave. At 13 feet from the apron, inside, on the level with the between decks, she is only 11 feet wide. She has the sharpest bow we ever saw on any ship, although 10 inches fuller on the floor than most of the modern built clippers.

**SCIENTIFIC EXPEDITION.**—Mr. William Hine, an accomplished artist of New York, is to accompany Mr. E. G. Squire, late Charge d'Affaires of the United States, in his antiquarian expedition to Central America. This expedition will extend through the States of Central America, and the Southern departments of Mexico.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

**A BOY CARRIED OVER NIAGARA FALLS.**—A boy two years old, named James McGrath, was carried over the Falls on Monday morning. He was playing on a board at Street's factory, on the Canada side, in company with an elder brother; their father saw them, and chided the elder one, who suddenly jumped off, when the other was precipitated into the stream. He soon got into the rapids, and the father hurried to rescue him; but in vain—the boy went over the Falls. Great consternation and horror prevailed in every quarter, and this distressing incident has created such an excitement as seldom arises from such a cause. But few cases of this kind have occurred at Niagara Falls.

**NOISELESS CARRIAGES.**—An omnibus, we are assured, has been running in Philadelphia, for a year or more, with tires on its wheels made of gutta percha; and those best acquainted with its properties believe that in two years it will be adopted universally in this city for our public vehicles. If so, it will at least save our ears much noise.—*New-York Express*.

**DAGUERROTYPES IN OIL.**—We have recently seen some capital likenesses daguerrotyped in oil. They have a life-like appearance which it is impossible to impart to the ordinary daguerreotype. The discovery is a new one by a gentleman in this city, who is about to introduce this new style of portrait to the public, when it will probably do away with the old method altogether.—*N. Y. Com.*

**NARROW ESCAPE FROM DEATH.**—The South Boston Gazette says that on Saturday last, a family residing near Dorchester street, had their attention attracted by the shouts of a lad playing in the vicinity, of "See that boy—O see that boy." A young lady hearing the cry, and missing a young child who had been playing in the room, ran into an adjoining chamber, and there found her young brother hanging from the sill of the third story window. With great presence of mind she approached the window and drew him into the room. He was almost exhausted, and could not have held on for a moment longer. The little fellow, although four years old, is unable to talk, and was hanging there in mute agony, without being able to call for help or attract the attention of the family.

**SINGULAR AND DISTRESSING CASE.**—About the first of April, Mary, second daughter of our old associate, William D. Gallagher, and a most intelligent young lady, was exercising with a ball on the Capitol grounds, at Washington City. In running after the ball she slipped on an iron grating over a window at the east front of the Capitol, her feet passed between the bars, and her limbs passed down to above the knee. She was extricated, and went home. There was no appearance of a severe external wound, and no bone was broken or dislocated, but she complained of excruciating pain. She was placed in bed, and medical aid called in. She soon sank, and continued to be in lethargic, almost insensible state, with her eyes closed, for about thirty days! She spoke not, except with effort, single expressions to make her wants known. The first half of this time her only nourishment was gum water—then she took a little orange juice, and then weak oyster broth. In the mean time the bruises, slight as they were on the limbs, were healed, yet her mind continued lethargic; it even grew darker and darker. About the 1st of May the physician gave up all hope of restoring her mind, and recommended her removal to the Hospital at Baltimore. She was taken there by her almost distracted father. On the night of the 6th instant the doors of the Lunatic Asylum closed between the afflicted parent and his poor child.—*Cincinnati Gazette*.

**SALT LAKE IN WESTERN TEXAS.**—An article in the Washington Union states that about forty miles from Brownville, Texas, in a north east direction, lies the famous Salt Lake, called the *Sal del Ray*. It covers about four thousand acres; and such is the saline quality of the water, that there is a clear, pure bed of salt, about a foot deep, extending over the whole surface, and if any part be removed, in twenty-four hours it is completely replaced. In early time the Salt Lake yielded a large revenue to the Spanish government, and it is believed to be capable of supplying the whole Union with a most excellent article of salt. This property, as well as most of the lands in Western Texas, is involved in law suits, and it will be a year or so before the title is settled.

The number of Chinese in California is about 1600, most of them in San Francisco, and some of dress as Europeans, and talk English intelligibly.

The Chief Commissioner from Holland, attending the World's Fair, put an end to his existence the week before the opening of the Exhibition. The cause is supposed to have been the nomination of another Commissioner.

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