

THE STAR

THURSDAY, JULY 16TH, 1874

We are happy to learn by advices from Bonavista, that the fishery in that neighborhood has greatly improved within the last fortnight.

A CHALLENGE has been received by the St. John's eleven from the Phoenix Club of Halifax; it is understood that the Halifax team will arrive in the Capital about the 30th inst.

As there seems to be no possibility of starting a boat race this season, and as the Bay can boast of some of the finest horses in the country, we think arrangements could be made with a view to a Horse Race. We have been informed that the sum of £12 would be sufficient to put the Course in splendid order.

A POOR man named Jeremiah Lyons, of Misquitto, lost a fine horse a few weeks since, under the following circumstances: Mr. Lyons was engaged to cart some hay from Small Point, North Shore, to town, and whilst on his way thither after night, and between Crocker's Cove and Fresh Water his horse shied, and being on the edge of an embankment, fell over, a height of nearly ten feet. Lyons made the alarm and Capt. N. Kennedy, with several of his neighbors were quickly ready to render any assistance in their power; but the horse on examination was found to be dead, a large stone from the sustaining wall having, it is supposed, fallen on his head. Lyons narrowly escaped being caught under the cart. We would suggest the necessity of having a railing put up, in order to prevent more serious accidents from taking place on this narrow and dangerous road.

A CRICKET match was played at St John's yesterday, between the Metropolitan and Mechanic Clubs, which resulted in the defeat of the former by one run.

We have received a sample of the Nickel Pen, and would strongly recommend them to the public.

We take the following communications from the 'Chronicle' of Saturday last:

St. JOHN'S, 10th July, 1874.

(TO THE EDITOR MORNING CHRONICLE)

SIR,—On my last visit to the District of Twillingate and Fogo a copy of the pamphlet styled 'Reports Nos 1 and 2 of the Royal Commission' was placed in my hands by a friend, this being the first sight I had of it. I found that this pamphlet was being extensively and indiscriminately distributed throughout the district, no doubt for political purposes and with the hope to injure my reputation with my friends there. I would not now refer to this report, were it not that my name has been brought before the people of Newfoundland as having used Government money for electioneering purposes, which I unequivocally deny. For the hire of the 'Cabot' during the time she was employed by Mr. Duder, Mr. Rolls and myself a check was sent to the government on our return to St. John's, and after the time she had been employed on our account was made up. It will of course be understood that Mr. Chas. Duder paid no part of this amount.

In the evidence of Capt. Whitten and Charles Duder, as published in this Report, it is made to appear that I exercised full control over the boat during the whole time she was engaged in Green Bay, Whitten being made to say that 'from first to last he generally got his orders from Mr. McKay, and obeyed them.' Capt. Whitten denies having made this statement before the Commissioners, nor is it possible that he could have done so, as the statements are not in accordance with the facts. I distinctly and emphatically deny having exercised any control whatever over the actions of the Captain or the movements of the boat from the Sunday previous to the Nomination day, until the declaration of the poll on the Tuesday week following—that is, from the 2nd to the 11th November. Captain Whitten received his orders from John Peyton, Esq., alone and to him and to no other person was he responsible.

Capt. Whitten is also made to say that 'they were on the run all the time from the Nomination Day to the election Day canvassing; that although Messrs. McKay, Duder and Rolls were only a couple of trips the last week with him, influential supporters, sort of Committee men of theirs, were on board.' It is not true that either Mr. Duder, Mr. Rolls or myself were on board the 'Cabot' from the Nomination to the Election Day—there were no canvassers on board nor did Capt. Whitten during that time, receive any orders from me. After the elections were over, and the returns made, I took passage with him for St. John's, calling at Tilt Cove for coal. We arrived at Tilt Cove at nine p.m., and I at once placed my own man

at work coaling. Early next morning we left for St. John's, calling at Twillingate for Mr. Duder, and at Fogo for Mr. Rolls, and arriving in St. John's at eleven o'clock a.m. next day. I may here state that the same work was performed by the 'Ellen Gisborne' during the fall of 1869, for which the old Shearwater Government paid the sum of \$800, as will be found in the Journals 1871, Appendix page 83 and a further sum of \$960 at the same time paid to the 'Mastiff' for similar services. Why were not these charges made the subject of investigation? I would further add that in 1869 one of the defeated candidates returned to St. John's in the 'Ellen Gisborne'.

So far as Mr. Charles Duder's evidence, as published, is concerned, I take this opportunity of saying that it is, as might readily be imagined, entirely untruthful.

I thought I was living in a land where British subjects are treated with British justice; not in one where men's reputations were attempted to be injured without an opportunity being afforded them to put themselves right. Had the Commission really desired to know the facts respecting the employment of the 'Cabot' in Green Bay, they could have readily had them by calling upon me to give evidence. This they did not do, although I was in town during the whole time of the sitting of that Commission. To get at the facts, however was evidently not their intention—they were commissioned for other purposes. Such a State paper as this Report can only be regarded as a disgrace to the Government and those from whom it emanates.

SMITH McKAY.

Capt. Whitten's Statement:

I am prepared to certify on oath that the statement contained in Mr. McKay's letter respecting the movements of the 'Cabot,' while employed in Green Bay last fall, are in all particulars correct.

I further say that Mr. Peyton informed me in Twillingate on the morning of the day of nomination that from that time until the Election was over I was to consider myself, and to be, subject to his orders, or those of his son Thomas; and that I was under the control of Mr. Thos. Peyton from that time, and had nothing whatever to do with Mr. McKay, Mr. Duder or Mr. Rolls. I stated this before the Commission, and am surprised they have omitted mention of it in their Report of my evidence.

WILLIAM WHITTEN.

At the Steamer Cabot, St. John's July 10, 1874.

(FNR THE H. G. STAR)

(From our Bonavista Correspondent)

Easterly winds and humid atmosphere have of late hovered unpleasantly over us; all praise to the 'Standard' weathercock, who, like the mythical Greek, may be said to possess the key of the wind. His computations are generally correct, and cause no little wonder and discussion. I expect he is some one whose occupation gives him paralysis of the intestinal canal prior to easterly weather and its concomitants. How he must have suffered this spring. 'Condition Powders' are good for the complaint—in a horse. How would them effect a weathercock?

Notwithstanding the backwardness of the season, vegetation is in an advanced state. Young plants are strong and good looking. Potatoes are shooting steadily through the soil; while grass has taken on a significant green, and is growing apace.

Of the fishery, good cheer can be given. On the 30th ult., plenty caplin bait was obtained, and has continued so since then. On that day large boats got from 10 to 15 quintals each. Every subsequent day the sea has been equally generous, and, with fine weather it is anticipated that a good voyage will be the result of the summer's work.

The S. S. 'Tiger' passed north on Tuesday morning, and will probably pass south to-night.

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July 3.

CRICKET.

(FOR THE STAR)

A friendly match was played here yesterday, between an eleven of the Alexandria Club of this town, and the same number of the Victoria Club of Carbonear which resulted in the defeat of the latter by the large majority of 92 runs.

The day opened rather unpropitiously and the playing was delayed some time on account of the rain; however, the Alexandria won the toss and took the bat, and ran up some very good scores. A. Rutherford, R. Rutherford, Paterson and Jarvis, all played steadily and well and added considerable to the score.

Sprague for Carbonear, by some good hard hitting succeeded in making 16 which was the only double figure made on their side. The bowling and fielding on both sides was remarkably good, and we are glad to see that the most hard

mony and good feeling prevailed throughout the game. Subjoined are the scores:

ALEXANDRIA, 1st INNINGS.

A. Rutherford, b Nelson.....13
R. Rutherford, run out.....24
Paterson, b Sprague.....12
M. Allan, b Sprague.....2
Jarvis, run out.....15
Rogers, b Nelson.....0
Quintin, c Gould b Sprague.....5
Morrison, c Nichol, b Nelson.....1
S. Allan, run out.....1
Ohman, c Sprague, b Sprague.....0
Longwill, not out.....0

Byes.....12
Leg Byes.....1
Wides.....7
Total.....93

ALEXANDRIA, 2nd INS.

A. Rutherford, c Sweeney b Sprague.....11
K. Rutherford, b Nelson.....6
Paterson c Taylor b Sprague.....18
M. Allan, b Nelson.....0
Jarvis, c Malone, b Sprague.....13
S. Allan, b Sprague.....4
Quintin, b Nelson.....3
Longwill, run out.....0
Morrison, b Nelson.....8
Rogers, not out.....1
Ohman, b Nelson.....0

Byes.....5
Leg Byes.....1
Wides.....4
Total.....74

VICTORIA, 1st INNINGS.

Nicholl, b A. Rutherford.....0
Malone, b Paterson.....0
Bolger, c Morrison b Paterson.....7
Taylor, c A Rutherford, b Paterson.....0
Redmonds, c Longwill, b A Rutherford.....0
Sprague, b Paterson.....0
Gould, b Paterson.....3
Nelson, b A. Rutherford.....9
Forward, b Paterson.....0
Sweeney, not out.....4
McCarthy, b A. Rutherford.....0

Leg Byes.....1
Wides.....1
Total.....25

VICTORIA, 2nd INS.

Bolger, c Quintin, b A Rutherford.....2
McCarthy, c M. Allan, b do.....9
Forward, c A Rutherford b do.....7
Sprague, b Paterson.....16
Taylor, b A. Rutherford.....1
Nelson, run out.....1
Gould, c Jarvis, b A Rutherford.....1
Malone, c Rogers, b do.....8
Sweeney, c Jarvis, b do.....5
Redmonds, c Morrison, b do.....0
Nicholl not out.....0

Total.....50
Yours, &c.
ALEXANDRAN.

CHARGE OF MURDER AGAINST A GRANDMOTHER.

On Wednesday, June 10, at the Central Criminal Court, Francis Stewart, 43, was indicted for the wilful murder of Ernest Sorivener, the prisoner was the grandmother of the deceased child, who, at the time of his death, was about twelve months old. The mother of the deceased—the daughter of the prisoner—lived with her husband a carpenter, at Cantlip's-place, Chelsea, and the prisoner had lived with them for some time; but they did not appear to be very happy, on account as was alleged, of the drinking habits of the prisoner, and a short time previous to the fatal occurrence, the father and mother of the deceased had expressed their determination that the prisoner should leave the house, and there did not seem to be any doubt that she was very angry in consequence of this threat on their part. It appeared that on the 8th of April, the prisoner went away from the house at Chelsea, taking the child with her, and on the same day she went to the house of a woman named Sparve with the child. At the prisoner's request she was allowed to remain there for the night, and on the following morning she left with the child, which was never seen again alive. A day or two after this the following letter was received by the father in the handwriting of the prisoner:—

Joe.—If you or your wife had done what I told you, you would have found your child. It is the only thing that I can do to make your heart ash, as you have made mine, for by the time you get this the dear boy will be no more. We are in the water at this moment. We took the address with us. I hope you will never forget Fanny.

The prisoner also wrote another letter to the following effect to the woman Sparvell.

Dear Carry,—Come at once, as I have done murder, and I want you to give me into the hands of the police. I have killed the dear boy.—From Francis Stewart. At first the prisoner was only charged with stealing the child, and while she was under remand upon that charge the boy was discovered in the river near Poplar. There was no evidence to show by what means the child came into the water except the inference that was retraced from the letters written by the prisoner, but it appeared that during an interview the prisoner had with her daughter after committing the stated that she had no intention to cause the death of the child but that she had walked to the East-end

of the town and was very tired, and as she was walking over the Albert Bridge she stopped to rest, and the child accidentally fell into the water. The jury found the prisoner guilty, but strongly recommended her to mercy on account of her age, and the peculiar circumstances under which the crime was committed. Mr. Justice Blackburn passed the usual sentence of death.—[English paper.]

DISASTERS BY GALE AT CAPE BRETON.

During the gale in Gabarus Bay of last Tuesday, Mr. Ayles lost two fishing boats and Mr. McLeod one. The storm on Thursday and Friday was very severe. The fishermen had lost very heavily in nets and fishing gear. The Lobster packing Company also sustained some loss. Their traps are found strewn along the shore in every direction. The French packet 'Annie' 72 tons, carrying the mails between St. Pierre, Miq., and North Sydney is a total wreck at Gabarus. The 'Annie Capt. Emile Cos.' left St. Pierre on Sunday morning, 14th inst.—During the gale of Thursday night the brig 'Osceola' broke from her anchorage in the harbor of Cow Bay, coming down upon the brig 'Annie' carrying away jibboom, cutwater, hawse cheeks, rail, foretopmast, fore-topgallantmast, besides otherwise inflicting serious damage. The schr. 'J. L. Cotter' lying at anchor in mid stream parted both anchors; the captain set a piece of foresail, and ran the schr. ashore to leeward of the wharf of Messrs Archibald & Co., where she lay for an hour or so, but was successfully taken off through the skillful management of the captain, and moored in safety. The Brig 'Crescent' lying at Be lon's wharf was towed into the stream at the commencement of the gale by the tug D. P. Ingaham, and received some trifling damage.—On Monday Capt. Andrew Johnson and crew of sch 'Augusta H. Johnson, assisted Captain Faulkner of the 'Crescent' in raising his anchors, as his windlass was destroyed during the storm and brought the vessel safe to the breakwater.—North Sydney Herald.

EXTRAORDINARY STORY.

The 'Hartford Times' prints the following extraordinary story, for the truth of which it vouches:—Mr John Eiswirth, a resident of this city, is a German by birth. He came to this country in 1849, bringing his wife with him. They had been here about a year when they received a letter stating that a brother of Mrs Eiswirth was en route to America; but from that time to this they have never seen their relative. Up to the time of the war they expected he would turn up some time, but when the unhappy civil strife swept over the land, and peace came again and yet no tidings of the missing man; he was mourned as lost, and as the years rolled by, if not actually forgotten, his fate was a mystery which it was thought would never be explained. And now comes a singular occurrence in connection with the case. About three weeks ago Mr Eiswirth had a dream. He thought he was seated in a car at the depot on Asylum Street. He didn't want to go anywhere, but in spite of this feeling he was rolled out of the depot, and whirled away at lightning speed. Past villages, towns, and cities, through valleys, over rivers and plains—on! with a rush and a roar, stopping for nothing and heading nothing. It seemed to the dreamer that he was being carried much against his will, thousands of miles from home. Why it was so he had not the faintest conception. He was under a mysterious influence that chained him to his seat and made him a slave of its power. At last the train slackened its speed and came to a halt, and John found himself moving along with the passengers who were making their exit from the cars. When once outside he discovered that he was in a strange city, and among strangers. He asked a man where he was. He was told St. Louis. But says John I lived in Hartford. I want nothing in St. Louis. The stranger smiled and passed on leaving our Hartford friend as perplexed as ever. While standing in his tracks wondering what to do he saw at a distance a figure which sent a thrill of joy through his frame. It was his long-lost brother-in-law. It had been more than a quarter of a century since John had set eyes on him, and ran toward him, hallooing at the top of his voice, as if afraid he might disappear. The meeting was a cordial one, and the pair celebrated the event at a stylish saloon, where foaming mugs of lager played a prominent part. The next John knew he found himself awake at his home in Park Street. But his dream had made a strong impression, and do what he would, he could not forget it. It haunted him all that day, and when he got up the next morning the remembrance of that long ride and the happy meeting clung to him still. That very day some clerk in the Hartford Post Office might have seen a letter addressed to Mr —of St. Louis, with the instruction on the end of the envelope: If not called for within 10 days, return to John Eiswirth, Hartford, Conn. Mr Eiswirth says that he sent the letter addressed to his brother-in-law without the remotest expectation of hearing from him. He sent it to relieve his mind, and might never have thought of it again if some-

From late Halifax Papers.

LONDON, June 25.

An authoritative denial is given to the report that Queen Victoria is to visit St. Petersburg next September.

The Carlists have established their entrenchments before Estella, Spain, their outermost line is five leagues from the city.

The relations between Turkey and Persia are critical, owing to a disagreement on the part of the latter to compel the return to Turkish territory of the tribe formerly owing allegiance to that country.

The rupture is in danger of being critical.

In the House of Commons yesterday, Mr. Plim-oll's Bill requiring an official survey of merchant's ships before sailing were rejected by a vote of 173 to 171.

The new-papers 'Figaro La France' and 'La Tour' of Paris have been sued by the Government for a violation of the laws in reprinting Rochfort's New York letter; a verdict was given of guilty with extenuating circumstances; and the proprietors were fined only 100 francs each.

NEW YORK, 25.

An ice-house and 60 horses were burned in New York city last evening. Loss—\$100,000.

Theodore Hilton stirs up the scandal concerning Henry Ward Beecher; making some damaging statements concerning the pastor of Plymouth church.

Postmaster-General Cresswell has tendered his resignation to the President, or private reasons, and it has been accepted.

The position has been offered to Hon Eugene Hall, of Maine, and he has expressed his grateful acceptance of it.

Mr. Dawes, for eighteen years a representative in Congress from Massachusetts declines re-election.

A severe storm of wind and rain at Tiffin, Ohio, yesterday damaged the crops blew down fences and unroofed houses. It was the severest storm ever known in that region. Three persons were killed by lightning.

At a village known as 'The Branch,' on Long Island, on Wednesday an immense stone grist mill was blown over, burying five millers in the ruins, killing them outright.

President Grant and the Emperor of Brazil have exchanged compliments by the new cable telegraph connecting the countries.

A cable despatch says the bill for the regulation of public war-ship has passed the British House of Lords.

LONDON, 27.

In the Bavarian Chamber of Representatives, a motion to censure the minister of Public Worship as being the author of the present conflict between Church and State was defeated.

The French Assembly has passed a bill giving 260,000,000 francs to the sufferers in the late war.

A proposition to extend MacMahon's term of office for ten years was made in the Committee of Thirty.

Howard Stanton a well-known chess-player and Shakespearean editor died in London yesterday, aged 64.

The Public Worship Regulation Bill, which has passed the House of Lords is declared useless and dangerous, affecting the Ritualists unfairly, and jeopardizing the union of Church and state.

The Pope says that he has received a letter urging him to quit Rome, as his life is in danger.

LATEST.

The cable has been ordered to be extended to the Faraday.

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