

The Master in-Chancery to the Legislative Council brought down a message acquainting the House that the Council had passed the Revenue Bill, without amendment.

Ordered that the Message lie on the table.

On motion of the hon. Chairman Board of Works, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the further consideration of the Road Bill.

Mr. Parsons in the Chair.

After some discussion and the passing of several votes in the allocation of the local grant to some of the electoral districts, the Committee rose, and the chairman reported progress.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)



HARBOR GRACE, JUNE 3, 1873.

THE mails, per "Austrian," arrived here on Friday last. We have received a number of late papers, from which we make various interesting quotations.

JUNE, "glorious June!" is upon us, and has entered with sunshine, breeze and shower, so necessary for the germination of the various seeds already studding the earth with tiny green leaves. Gardening operations, judging from the interest taken by the people of this district in agricultural pursuits, are likely to amply repay the labour required in such a recreative and healthful exercise as the vigorous use of the implements needful for the setting in order of the soil.

This month is one of peculiar interest to our people—it is a month of hopes and fears; for at this season a great portion of our population vacate their homes for several months to engage in the fisheries. What painful leave-takings are there not at this particular season, when the absence from home and the dear ones left behind is to be of such duration. What hopes fill the breasts of those left to count the long, weary months of the absence of those they love and cherish. Hope that the absentee will, by a kind Providence, be spared in health and happiness; hope that the return will be certain, and that success may shine upon all. What fears occupy the heart of the anxious mother, sister or other fond kindred, lest their hopes should be blasted, or that those about to leave might never more return.

Truly, the hardy fisherman's life is a life of peril and hardships; yet Terra Nova's gallant sons do not shrink from these. They have a duty to perform; they know it, they face it and fulfil it! Would that their sufferings and hardships were more remuneratively rewarded!

Our fishing fleet, which this year—although changes detrimental to a large outfit have taken place—is not so small as might have been anticipated, will in a few days have departed to the different parts of the Labrador and other coasts. We sincerely hope that Providence may grant a fair share of prosperity to every vessel, and good health and a safe return to their homes of every one engaged in this important branch of our commerce.

THE ceremony of laying the cornerstone of the new Hall about to be erected by the Total Abstinence & Benefit Society will be performed on Friday next. We understand that arrangements have been effected with a view to make the occasion one of a highly interesting character and well worthy the commemoration of an event that will doubtless have a salutary effect in promoting the happiness and prosperity of the people. We admire the perfect manner in which processions and other public demonstrations in connection with the society are carried out, and feel convinced that on the occasion to which we allude will be the most imposing temperance display ever witnessed in this district. The ceremony will commence at 11 o'clock, in the course of which appropriate addresses will be delivered by several of our leading citizens, who have been invited to take part. It is to be hoped that the day may be favorable.

YESTERDAY evening the tug-boat "Cabot" steamed into our harbor with the beautiful new brig "Confederate." This vessel was recently purchased by Messrs. John Munn & Co., for Captain Thos. Green, one of our most daring and successful seal killers, and will be employed in the general trade of the country. We wish the energetic and enterprising captain of the "Confederate" every success, and trust that the new purchase will prove to be a remunerative speculation—fitted in every respect to contend with the "stiff Northeast" and the boisterous seas so peculiar to our rugged coasts.

In our next issue will be commenced another beautiful story, entitled, "Two Lives."

LOCAL MATTERS.

METEOR AND LIGHTNING STROKE IN BONAVISTA.—On Thursday, May 15, about 8.10 p.m., a large meteoric body fell and exploded in the southwest, leaving a luminous trail in the heavens which lasted about half an hour.

On Sunday last, in the same town, a great deal of heavy thunder and very vivid lightning was heard and seen, the terrific peals of the thunder shaking the houses to an alarming degree. About 0.20 o'clock the lightning struck and entered the house of James Abbott, wounding and tearing Abbott in a way that will probably prove fatal to him. He was sitting by the hearth, with a child in his arms, when the lightning struck him in the lower part of the abdomen, tearing its way to the groin, thence down the thigh and calf, stripping off the flesh as it passed. It then smashed up a barrel of cut potatoes, maiming the latter very fine, and thence passed through Mrs. Abbott's ankle to the door, where it killed a dog. Mr. Abbott is a very respectable man, and the sudden and painful casualty which has befallen him is very much regretted. We understand there is little hope of his recovery.—Chronicle.

The Allan Mail Steamer "Austrian," Capt. Ritchie, arrived here about noon yesterday, having left Liverpool on the 20th inst. She was detained over twenty-four hours by ice and fog. Having landed and taken on board passengers, mails and goods, she proceeded westward at three o'clock. She has some seven hundred European emigrants on board.—Newfoundland, May 30.

The trial of the Singletons for the manslaughter of Coffee, at Spaniards Bay, which occupied the Supreme Court on Tuesday and Wednesday last, resulted in a verdict of guilty against the father and acquittal of the younger son. The case of the elder son did not go to the jury, as he was discharged in the early part of the proceedings, the evidence showing that he was not present at the time of the attack on Coffee.—Ibid.

We understand that H. M. S. "Sirius" and "Woodlark" are to be the ships on the fishery protection service on our coasts this season.—Ibid.

MAIL INTELLIGENCE.

The Dreadful Bridge Accident at Illinois.

We take from the New York Times of the 6th the following account of the accident at Dixon, Illinois, through the breaking of a bridge:—

Sabbath morning dawned warm and bright. The ceremony of the Baptist Church, which had been several times postponed, was announced for twelve o'clock, and ten converts presented themselves for the right of baptism. The mildness of the weather drew a large crowd to the river, which gathered upon the steep banks and on the bridge, at the north end of which the ceremony was to be performed. The morning services in other churches were just closing, and as the bridge was a thoroughfare, the throng received constant accessions, till nearly 2,000 souls were gathered at the place. The bridge, which stretches not more than fifty or sixty feet above the natural ford, which was used for the baptismal ceremonies, was the favourite point of view for the women and children.

Just as the third candidate was presenting himself for baptism there was a sharp, quick crash, a heavy rumbling, and a prolonged, soul-rending shriek from 500 beings. The main western stringer of the north span of the bridge broke like a reed, tipping 300 persons into the stream, and falling fifty feet with crushing weight upon them. The fall dislodged the stays from the abutments. The shock ran along the whole length of the bridge like a flash of electricity, and span after span was drawn from the piers and sank to the water's surface, till the whole five hung like immense bags holding a bruised, bleeding, frightened, and frantic mass of men, women, children, and horses. The imagination can scarcely conceive of a more terrible calamity. The situation was so terribly, the chances of escape so few, the chance of aid so scanty, that it is merely marvellous that the loss of life is not greater.

The water runs in swift currents over a dam not more than 100 yards above, and it was so swollen by recent rains that its depth was about 20ft. Not only those who were precipitated with the falling span went under the water, but many on the other spans were either thrown by the shock into the stream, or plunged in themselves to escape being crushed by the crazy crowd. The scene cannot be described. The fancy cannot picture it. The eyes of those who witnessed it were blinded with horror, and the whole crowd on the banks stood paralysed for a moment, unable to speak or move until the mind could catch a faint comprehension of the situation. An old man who sat on a log near the bank, when the bridge went down, says: "I heard the crack and saw the surging, rolling line. I heard voices, and then my head was dizzy and whirled till the sky looked black."

As soon as the fact was felt by the crowd on the banks there was a rush to the water. Strong men plunged in to rescue those who came to the surface. Boards and planks were thrown to their relief, and a number of boats which were fortunately at hand were sent immediately to the aid of the wounded. Few of those who were saved can tell who rescued them, and most of those who were most instrumental in saving life are unable yet to recall what they did or whom they helped in the moment of frenzy. There were stretchers still clinging to the abutments

which were not loosened by the fall, and to these were clinging persons desperate for life. The air is thick with miraculous escape and the deeds of brave rescuers.

A Fiji Massacre.

The Fiji Times of Feb. 19 publishes the following account of a massacre of a family of white settlers named Burns, and some native labourers:—About half-past seven on Tuesday morning, Feb. 4, some of the imported labourers from Mr. Burns's plantation arrived at Rarawai, stating that the mountaineers had killed Mr. Burns and his wife. Mr. Macintosh immediately despatched Messrs. Sterling and M. Grath, with about 40 imported labourers, to render assistance. In about half-an-hour they came in sight of the wretches, and saw them coming out of the house us thick as bees. When they saw the two white men coming they quietly walked away. Stirling and M. Grath then followed them up the plantation until they crossed a river, where they managed to fetch one down at a long distance. In looking about the plantation they found the bodies of Mr. and Mrs. Burns some distance from the house, both quite naked and mutilated. In a short time after nearly all the settlers on the river were on the place. Mr. Burns had been clubbed and tomahawked. His brains were beaten out, bottom jaw broken, two deep cuts on left breast, and one on the breast bone. He only managed to shoot two of them before they gave him his death blow. Mrs. Burns, poor lady, must have suffered agony, by the look of her. She must have received two cuts with an axe or tomahawk on the top of the left shoulder on the first attack; her left hand was raised to the wounds, and still remains in the same position now in her grave. She had a cut under her jaw, part of her teeth down her throat, and two holes, one on each side, just above the hips, evidently made with a spear, which had passed through her body before she fell. She was then stripped naked, and dragged by the hair of her head, the trail of her body on the ground being plainly seen up to the place where she was found, some distance up the plantation, face downward, with nothing on but her wedding ring. The mountaineers were, no doubt, taking her away with the intention of eating her, but were too closely pursued and compelled to leave her. The little boy was found outside the house with a deep cut on the right side of his head, and three deep cuts in his right groin, and his little head clubbed to a pulp. The little girl, an infant, was a shocking sight; it would appear that they had taken her by the legs and dashed her brains out against the post of the bedroom door. The four bodies were brought and laid out under the verandah, side by side. As far as ascertained there were ten Erromanga men, five Tanna men and one Solomon woman killed. Two Tanna men were found with their legs cut off, and carried away by the mountaineers; also several other bodies, no doubt for a cannibal feast. A number of clubs, spears, &c., were picked up in and about the house, which, by their appearance, have done a great deal of work in murder and destruction of property. After ransacking everything, they commenced to destroy all they possibly could.

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SOUTHERN SENTIMENT.—The Athens "Northeast Georgian" heads the news of the Modoc massacre with the following pleasant lines:—An Indian Massacre. Captain Jack and warriors revenge the South by murdering General Canby, one of her greatest oppressors, and the Peace Commissioners. Keep the ball in motion. Three cheers for the gallant Modocs.

An Old Lothario Tarred Feathered, and Ducked.

An elderly, grey-headed and bearded married "gentleman" of Huddersfield who is described by the Weekly News of that town, as "a certain limb of the law, able to carve and to guild, and to paint in choicest pigments any animal beauty that might cross his fancy," has been "lynched" for "making love" to a young servant girl. The girl told her mistress of the old fellow's overtures, and a plot was entered into for his punishment. The girl consented to meet him in a lonely place on Friday evening, and on a given signal a number of men sprang from their hiding places. The girl immediately seized the gay deceiver by his long flowing beard and whiskers, and with scissors she had with her, ready prepared, she cut off his beard, not by a hair at once but by handfuls, but on one side only. One of the bystanders, with more impudence than skill in such matters, instantly cut off the other side. Lothario having been thus "cropped," his hat, face, and shoulders were coloured in a most artistic manner, with something different from lamp black, and the scent of which suggested a tar distillery. The animal painting was deemed to be not yet complete, so a quantity of feathers were distributed on the "mancap," imparting a snowy appearance, which showed up strikingly in the bright moonlight, especially when variegated, as the whole was, by a copious application of powder-blue! This kind of painting and guilding did not exactly suit, nor was the burning process relished, as was evidenced by the many, but ineffectual, efforts to escape from the tormentors, who led their hero down to Fartown Bar, calling out his name all along the road. Arrived there, a halt was made, to give the continually increasing crowd of people time to gaze upon the sad example. The procession continued, increasing along the course of the road, and arrived at the Wagon and Horses Inn, where not less than a thousand persons had gathered. The pretty figure was then taken into the bar of this hostelry, and exhibited in "full fig." When brought out again, the procession resumed its march, swelling in body, until it arrived at the Railway Arches; and here the lynched one made an attempt to "Hark away." But it was no go; his captors were too numerous for that. He was then assisted as far as the Fox and Grapes Inn, where a policeman put in an appearance, but was soon overpowered. This officer then went outside the crowd. The processionists still continued their march; and when they got to the watering trough, at Wells Mill, Northgate, another halt was made, and the rough-rite of bap-

tism administered—first by sprinkling, and then by immersion! After this the recipient went up Brook street, "like a lamb." Having arrived at the fair ground, "the gentlemen in blue" came to his aid, and shuffled him into a narrow street—so that he finally found an asylum in a cottage, to his own intense satisfaction, and the disappointment of those who would willingly have escorted him to his wife and family.—Liverpool Mercury, May 17.

NEWS ITEMS.

THE Cape Coast Castle expedition sailed from Portsmouth on the 13th ult.

WE (Echo) learn that the Small Arm Factory at Birmingham has just completed a contract for 50,000 rifles for the Russian Government.

WITH a view to lessen the danger of collision in the Atlantic, the Cunard Company have determined to adopt the "lane" route for the passages of their steamers between Liverpool and New York.

THEIR Royal Highnesses the Prince of Wales and Prince Arthur have visited the Hungarian capital where they remained for three days. They met with an enthusiastic reception from all classes of the community.

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The latest joke at Brigham Young's expense is perpetrated by a Pennsylvania paper, which says, "Some chap thought he would play a joke on Brigham Young, so he gained access to the list of his wives, and added twenty-seven names thereto—Mary Jane Young, Josephine Ann Young, Sarah Melinda Young, and so forth. The next time Brigham called the roll, twenty-seven didn't answer to their names, so he concluded that they had died since last roll call, and putting a few inches of crepe on his hat, he looked as sad as possible, but has not yet detected the joke."

A MATCHLESS MAN.—We read a short time ago, says the Westfield (Mass) "News Letter" of a barkeeper in New York who never tasted liquor, but we think Westfield can rather over-match that. There is a gentleman in this town 47 years of age, who, for thirty years has been more or less engaged in selling liquor, many years of that time tending a public bar, yet never tasted a drop of liquor in his life, and can only tell the difference in them by the smell. This man is also a cigar-maker and dealer, yet he never smoked a cigar or pipe, or took a chew of tobacco. Can anybody match this?

ARCTIC EXPLORATION.—Mr. Lamont's beautiful steam-yacht Diana, which has been chartered by Mr. Benjamin Leigh Smith, of London, for a voyage of exploration in the Northern Seas, left Dundee, in presence of many spectators. The yacht is manned by a crew of twenty, and although there is a sailing master, Mr. Smith will have the complete control. The first point of rendezvous will be Cobbes Bay, on the North Spitzbergen, where Mr. Smith expects to meet his own sailing yacht (the Samson), which was despatched from Hull with stores on the 1st of May, under the command of Captain Walker, for many years connected with the Dundee whaling fleet. Every effort will subsequently be made to push as far northward as possible during the voyage. Marine and land plants will be gathered, and observations on the tides and currents made. The Diana is provisioned for a year, but the object contemplated is expected to be realised in about six months.



Latest Despatches.

Destructive Fire in Boston.

LOSS \$1,250,000.

DEATH OF GOV. HOWE.

LONDON, May 25.—Thomas Hughes protested against the motion that the House of Commons adjourn for the Derby till the 6th June. He denounced it as a public humiliation in deference to what is called national sport.

The Italian Chamber of deputies finally disposed of the bill abolishing religious corporations.

Thiers took his seat yesterday.

Pierre Bonaparte is now in Paris.

The Derby stakes were won by "Doncaster;" "Kaizer" second, and "Gang Forward" third.

The Government troops in the north of Spain have been reinforced and are pursuing the Carlists under Drislang.

NEW YORK, 28.—The Captain General of Cuba has been officially notified to carry into effect the order of March 24th, directing the emancipation of 100,000 slaves.

Gold 118 1/4.

Heat excessive.

MONTREAL, 28.—Sir Hugh Allan has succeeded in making arrangements in London for the immediate supply of a large portion of the pacific railway capital, the remainder to be furnished as the work progresses.

LONDON, 27.—The Commons last night, in committee of supply, took up item of Alabama claims. Bentinck declared that the Government policy in this question is humiliating and degrading. Northcote explained that Gladstone said the American Government made a gigantic error in advancing indirect claims; in other respects he defended the course of arbitration. Item agreed to.

Thiers resumed his seat on left benches with his late ministers. Whole left decided upon the policy of Constitutional opposition.

VERY LATEST.

McMahon wishes for peace, army reorganization, and the restoration of the country to her former position.

P. E. Island Legislature unanimously accepted terms of admission into the Confederacy.

LONDON, 28.—At 100 yards from finish "Doncaster" spurred and won the Derby by half a length. The Prince of Wales, Prince Arthur and the Duke of Edinburgh were present.

The Spanish Republicans have sent a deputation to Espartero urging him to accept the Presidency.

QUEBEC, 29.—The lumber market is much excited. A great fresher swept large quantities of timber 100 miles below Quebec. Craft recovering property on salvage.

The fifth Provincial Council of Roman Catholic Bishops since the settlement of Canada closed to-day with imposing ceremonies. Decrees were issued on perjury in political elections, clandestine marriages, holy oils, catechisms, catholic writers, catholic liberalism, freedom of the Church and her relations with the State, and will be promulgated on receiving Papal sanction.

NEW YORK, 29.—Gold 118 3/8.

LONDON, 30.—Oakes stakes at Epsom were won to-day by Maurice Stuart.

In consequence of the price of native iron large quantities are being imported.

MILIN, 29.—Count Morazon was buried to-day. The city is draped in mourning. Prince Humbert and Duke Aosta were among the pall bearers.

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Boston, 30.—Another destructive fire occurred this afternoon, commencing in the furniture factory of Haley, Morse, & Co., 411 Washington Street. The fire destroyed that building, together with the International Hotel, Jourdains Anatomical Museum, &c. The flames then crossed to the east side of the street, consuming the Globe Theatre, Chickering's Piano rooms, Arlington Hall. Loss estimated at 1 1/2 million dollars. Freeman's Bank was burned, but all valuables saved.

HALIFAX, June 2.—Governor Howe died suddenly yesterday morning.

THE "Pall Mall Gazette" gives particulars of a concession made by the Shah of Persia to Baron Reuter, of exclusive rights to construct railways, tramways, and other works, to work mines, and utilise forests. The lands required will be given by the State, and a loan of six millions sterling is guaranteed, with interest at 5 per cent.

WELCOME TO ONE OF THE CREW OF THE "ATLANTIC."—Crowthorn, a suburb of Ashton-under-Lyne, was "en fete" to welcome home Quartermaster Speakman, who acted a prominent part in carrying the lifeline from the "At-

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