

SUMMARY OF NEWS.

Final Trial of the Devastation Steam Frigate.—Commander Hastings Reginald Henry and the officers of this fine vessel attended yesterday on board to make a final trial of her capabilities previous to the engines being reported upon to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty. At 11 o'clock in the forenoon Captain the Hon. J. F. De Ros, R. N., and P. R. S.; Captain the Hon. Edward Plunkett, R. N., and several scientific gentlemen: Messrs. Maudslay and Field, engineers; and Mr. Ewart, chief engineer of the Woolwich Dockyard, went on board, and shortly afterwards the vessel was hoisted from her moorings, proceeded down the river to Long Reach, to the measured ground, where the speed of steam-vessels is ascertained with the greatest correctness.

On this occasion the Devastation, for the purpose of giving her a fair trial, and testing her powers, had a cargo of 320 tons of coal put on board, and 61 tons of water in casks. Her draught of water was 13 feet 4 inches forward, and 14 feet aft, which afforded her paddle-wheels a depth of water sufficient to propel her with greater velocity than on the former occasion, although the strokes of the engine were only the same number, about 18 to 19 per minute. She accomplished the measured mile against the tide in five minutes and 48 seconds, and with the tide against the wind 4 minutes and 42 seconds, being nearly at the rate of 12 and 1-5th statute miles on the average per hour. Mr. Ewart, the chief engineer, whose duty it will be to report to the Admiralty on the efficiency of the engine, and the speed of the vessel, expressed himself in the highest terms relative to the ease and smoothness of her motion, and added, that he never timed any that could approach her in speed before, and he was of opinion she was decidedly the fastest vessel in her Majesty's navy.

The disconnecting rods were tried during this trip, and in one minute and a quarter one of the powerful paddle-wheels, 25 feet in diameter, was detached from the engines, and the whole of their power applied to the other wheel. In three quarters of a minute the stupendous lever of the wheel was again attached, and the vessel sped through the water with the greatest velocity.

THE ARMY.

68th.—A correspondent informs us that this regiment has been placed under orders to hold itself in readiness to take the field at a moment's notice, and be placed in the Malakka campaign, close to the African outpost. We give the report as we have received it, without vouching for its accuracy.

United Service Gazette.—The undermentioned officers have retired from the army this week: Lieutenant and Captain Horton, Coldstream Guards; Lieutenant Chamberlaine, 19th; Captain Rolfe, 51st; Captain Walcott, 54th; Major Hamilton, 66th; Lieutenant Harding, 72d; Captain Portman, 73d; Captain Thorburn, 91st; first Lieutenant Watson, Rifle Brigade.

Indian Prize Money.—We are happy to learn that government intends to award some portion of the prize property taken at Nepal. At Belgaum, prize rolls have been sent in by the officer commanding her Majesty's 4th regiment of foot.—*Bombay Gazette, Aug. 10.*

A nephew of Judge Torrens has got the Lieutenant-Colonelcy of the 33d Regt. The son of the Knight of Kerry has purchased a majority in the 60th Rifles. Lord Hill has ordered the money to be restored to the different officers who graduated in ignorance of death vacancies in the 60th.

Nearly all the leading officers in the gallant affair in China are natives of the South of Ireland, and among them we are proud to record three freemen of Limerick—Major General Sir Hugh Gough, son of Col. Gough, City Limerick Militia; Capt. Boucher, R. N., son of the late Gen. Boucher, of this City; and Major Sargent, 18th, son of the late James Sargent, Esq. all of this City. Capt. Herbert, who now commands the Navy in China, was some years ago High Sheriff of the county Kerry.

A court-martial has assembled at Ceylon for the trial of Lieut. Col. Macpherson, Ceylon Rifle Regt. Col. Power, Royal Artillery, is President, and the members are of the Royal Engineers, Royal Artillery, 90th and 95th Regts.

36th.—Ensigns Carew and Bruce, who were detached at Cork, under orders to join the service companies in Nova Scotia are to rejoin the Depot at Cashel, as the Regiment will return to England next year. Major Charles Ashmore commands the Depot.

60th, or King's Royal Rifle Corps, 2nd Battalion—Lieut. Col. Charles Markham is on leave of absence, but is about to proceed to the service companies. Major the Hon. G. A. Spencer is to assume the charge of the Depot. The battalion Serjeant-major is under orders to embark with the draft (which has been augmented in strength, both as regards officers and men) for Jamaica.

86th.—The service companies under the command of Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Michael Creagh, K. H., will embark at Cove for the Cape of Good Hope about the end of December next.

It is, we have heard, seriously in contemplation to augment considerably the corps of the Royal Marines, as well as the Royal Marine Artillery. At present the demands upon the former corps are much greater than the supply, insufficient hands having been left at more than one of the divisions. Should any rupture arise between this country and America, an increase to the Marines of several thousand men would be rendered indispensable. It is inexplicable to us that, under such circumstances, the retirements now vacant are not filled up. Such is the scarcity of Marine non-commissioned officers at the present moment, that the woolwich division was compelled, a few days ago, to borrow ser-

jeant from the Chatham division to recruit for them at Manchester.

The 4th (Royal Irish) Dragoon Guards, under the command of Colonel Chatterton, K. H., were inspected at Dundalk, on the 12th instant, by Major-General Sir Thomas Pearson, K. C. B., when, after minutely going through every department, the Major-General expressed himself in very flattering terms of praise and satisfaction to Colonel Chatterton, at the excellent state of discipline and appearance of this admirable regiment.

THE NAVY.

The *Illustrations*, 72, has had her complement of men increased to 628. She is to receive on board 140 supernumeraries, for distribution among the ships on the station to which she is destined, and is to be got ready for sea with all dispatch.

Lieut. Ellicombe, of the *Excellent*, has been sent to Gloucester, to raise landsmen for the ships fitting out.

The complement to be borne by the *Queen*, 110, is fixed to be 900. Of these there are to be 13 boys of the first class, and 18 of the second. She is to bear only one clerk, being a reduction of one.

The *Sirca*, 16, Commander W. Smith, was taken out of the Basin, at Woolwich, on Tuesday, and, it is understood, will leave in a few days for China.

The Lords of the Admiralty have rescinded the regulations which prevented pensioners from receiving their pensions when serving in the royal navy; and all pensioners will, in future, if fit for service, be allowed to receive their pensions in addition to their pay. The Lords Commissioners have directed that in the case of any soldiers who may be pensioners men being embarked on board her Majesty's ships, or troop ships, or in transports or freight ships, such non-commissioned officers or privates shall be allowed double rations of sugar, cocoa, and tea, for such rations of spirits stopped.

In consequence of the notice issued by the Lords of the Admiralty, that landsmen, and those accustomed to burges and other river craft, will be admitted into the Royal Navy, provided they are strong and healthy, and not exceeding 25 years of age, and measuring five feet seven inches in height, a great number of fine young men have been entering within the last few days, at the general rendezvous, Queen's Head, Tower Hill, Deptford, Greenwich, Woolwich, Sheerness, Chatham, and this Port, to complete the complement of the ships put into commission. Ordinary seamen and stout lads who have been in the merchant service, meet with a ready engagement.

Southampton, Oct. 23.—The *Kantschika*, Russian steam frigate, upwards of 1,700 tons burthen, arrived on our river on Thursday, for coal and water. She was brought in from the channel by a Southampton pilot. The vessel is a perfect model, and has attracted a great deal of attention; she is pierced for forty guns. More than half of the crew is English, the others of all nations.

IRELAND.

Mr. Sherman Crawford's letters on the Union, are making a great deal of noise in Ireland; it appears that in consequence of them, there are some defections from the ranks of the Repulse, which have brought down on him the ire of the corn exchange.

No doubt that it is not for the good of the Union, that a repeal of the act of Union, and the strong sentiment expressed by him on that measure, at the time, and which are recorded against him in an elaborate pamphlet written by him, he would, at least, cause the repeaters some annoyance. We subjoin a few extracts from that pamphlet. In page 26, he writes, "Sal experience now proves to Ireland, as on former occasions, that England's freedom is Ireland's slavery—that England's prosperity only denotes Ireland to a more depressed state of misery, and political degradation. She finds the same abuses retained, the same disregard of her complaints, and what renders the case still more hopeless is the general apathy and indifference of the British nation, and the worst and indifference of the Scotch, towards matters connected with the Irish policy." Page 28: again, "Is not the reluctance of the Imperial Parliament to hear Irish Members, or Irish business, too plainly manifested at present to offer any prospect that England would desire or consent to increase their influence. Thus, in any event, certain, and accumulating discontent must arise from the present state of the Legislative connection between the two countries; and these evils, which are prospectively increased as possible, from the formation of a local Legislature, are now commenced, and must unavoidably progress under our present system of united legislation."

Again: "We experience," says Mr. Crawford, "at this moment the consequences of being governed by another country, which neither understands nor identifies itself with the interests or feelings of the country which is dependent on its mercy. Is it not certain that such a state of things must lead to ruin, to degradation, to poverty, to internal distraction? Does not the experience of 100 years teach us this lesson? Has not the reformed Parliament of England confirmed it, and have not the proceedings of that parliament forced a conviction on many of the most attached friends of British connection, that the union of the Nations cannot be upheld, but by the separation of the Parliaments."—(page 53.)

Life Preservers.—A capital article in the way of Life Preservers, and which is always at hand in the time of accidents, and when the patent contrivances are certain to be missing, is to be found in the hat which every man wears. Any hat placed flat on the water, with the brim down, will retain a thin slice of sufficient air to buoy up the most emaciated person for a long time. The only article, which can at all approach to a competition with the hat in this important service, is the

common bucket, of which there are generally several about every steam-boat's deck. Skilful persons have made many experiments with these articles, and in every case with a happy result. This application of them is unknown before ingenious tackle has been contrived for their adaptation, and a patent is taken for the same, as occasion may occur in which they will be of service.

Great Fire at Vicksburg.—We learn, say the New Orleans B. & O. from the clerk of the Somerville from Memphis, that when that town passed the town of Vicksburg on Tuesday night, the 9th inst. a large fire was raging, which had already consumed a square, and as the wind was very high at the time, fear-fully entertained that a large portion of the city would be consumed.

We have since heard from the clerk of the steamer Express Mail, that two entire blocks of buildings in the very heart of the business part of the city were consumed, but were unable to obtain any positive particulars as to the amount of loss sustained by this calamity.

FROM JAMAICA.—By an arrival at New Orleans, from Kingston, intelligence has been received from Jamaica to the 30th ult.

The Kingston papers mention that a party consisting of four Englishmen and an inhabitant of Bluefield, on the Mosquito shore, had been arrested at a frontier town of Central America, and carried off into the interior. It appears that the party were making amicable arrangements with the authorities for exploring the Blue River, and examining its fitness for a route of commercial intercourse with Spanish America, when the news was brought that Col. McDonald, the British Governor at Balize, had proclaimed freedom to the slaves at San Juan de Nicaragua. This occurrence, coupled with the imprisonment of the Communist at Balize, Manuel Qui-gan, has produced great excitement, and was followed by the seizure of the English party at Bluefield.

Dr. Laidlaw is delivering scientific lectures before New York audiences.

At a late meeting of the Corporation of the City of Quebec held last week, a conversation took place on resolutions moved by Mr. Councillor Clapham to the effect—

1st.—That it would be creditable to the City of Quebec, and honorable alike to the Provincial and Metropolitan Governments, that the Castle of St. Lewis should be rebuilt and rendered in all respects a suitable residence for his Excellency the Governor general during his sojourn he might make in the ancient Capital of British North America.

2d.—That a Committee of three members be now named to devise measures for the furtherance of this object and to report thereon to the Council.

The mover in introducing his resolution said—

"It was discreditable to the Country and the Government that the Castle of St. Lewis, destroyed a few years ago by fire, had not yet been rebuilt. It was true that the late Lord Darnley had remanded the blackened ruins, but that was no reason why the edifice should not be rebuilt. The citizens of the former Capital of the United Kingdom should not longer be ashamed on this subject. He (Councillor C) thought it would be well to try what could be done with the Provincial Government, or the Metropolitan Government, and if no success was met with there, they should put their own shoulders to the wheel."

The *Toronto Examiner* says—"We understand that the funds cannot be raised to meet Messrs. M. N. and S. towards England regarding the Seat of Government. One of our City Members, Isaac B. A. N. Esq., is at present in England, and it is understood that the Hon. John H. Dunn is about to proceed thither. Under such circumstances, it would be absurd to send other agents to advocate the interests of the City."

Montreal, Nov. 17.—On Monday night and yesterday, snow fell in considerable quantities, accompanied by frost. The indications are not such, however, as to induce an expectation that it will remain. We are pleased to learn that in the greater part of the country parishes, the fall work has been completed, and that the farmers generally are now ready for the winter.

We have still a few sea-going vessels in port. If they were safely at sea, we should say that the country was ready for winter, let it come when it will.—*Messenger.*

Fire and Melancholy Loss of Life.—We regret to hear of a melancholy occurrence which took place on Saturday last at St. Pierre, Charlebourg. A farmer of that parish, of the name of Pache, went out on Sunday, leaving his wife at home in charge of his two children, one of them an infant in the cradle, and the other about five years old. The mother was occupied with some work in an out-house, and during her absence there the dwelling by some means or other was set on fire, and both children, distressing to relate, perished in the flames. In a short time the house was burnt to the ground, with all its contents. It is supposed the eldest child caused the calamity by setting fire to some straw that was in the house.—*Quebec Pop.*

PROVINCIAL.

Indian Mission.—We received the following communication from a friend in Dalhousie, under date of November 15.

Captain O'Halloran, 69th Regiment, who arrived in this neighbourhood about a month since, on a mission to the Micmac Indians, has been elected, *Groux Waite Chief* of the Indian Tribes occupying the Canada side of the Restigouche and Bay de Chaleur, under the Indian title of *Chigadewot sagamaw*, by interpretation 'the Chief with the Long Beard.'

The Rev. Mr. Malo, P. P. of Restigouche was present at the Indian Council held for Captain O'Halloran's installation, on the 2nd inst. at Mission Point; and it gives much pleasure to learn that the Rev. Gentleman has afforded every facility to the gallant officer in carrying out the objects of his mission, both in a moral and spiritual point of view, to a successful issue.—*Gleaner.*

Large Hogs.—Mr. Scott, of Douglastown, killed one day last week, three hogs, 15, 12, and 11 months old, which weighed as follows: 440, 415, 395,—total—1,250 lbs.

We copy the following from the *Scotian* of Nov. 27.

The Montreal Commercial Advertiser states, that Mr. Murdoch late Civil Secretary to Lord Sydenham, and who was on his way to England via the United States; had received despatches requesting him to return to Canada, and offering him the same situation under Sir Charles Bagot, which he had previously held under His Excellency's predecessor. It is further stated that Mr. Murdoch had returned, and was at Quebec awaiting His Excellency's arrival.

This gentleman will be recalled, was left a sum of money by Lord Sydenham, to enable him to publish the history of his administration; and the appointment alluded to, affords a satisfactory assurance, that the present ministry are determined to carry into effect, the views and designs of the late Governor-General; with which, of course Mr. Murdoch must be well acquainted.

We are glad to find that persons travelling the new St. Andrews road, will in future have a comfortable place about fourteen miles from Fredericton, where they can obtain refreshments: Mr. McKintosh having opened a house for that purpose.—*Id.*

We have been shown a letter from an officer of the 43d Regiment received from England, from which it appears that no less than nine of the officers of that corps are on the Staff; and for the gratification of their friends and acquaintances in this part of the world, we publish the appointments:—Major Murdoch, Brigade Major at Manchester; Capt. T. J. Boyd, Brigade Major at Halifax; Capt. Jones, now of the Canadian Rifles, Military Secretary to the Governor-General of Canada; Capt. Talbot and Mr. Cadmon, of Acadia, de Camp to his Excellency; Lieut. Page, de Camp to Sir George Murray, Master-General of the Ordnance; Capt. Cole and Lord W. Hill, de Camp to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland; and Capt. Pearson, who has recently been married, de Camp to Major General Pearson in Ireland.—*Id.*

C. C. EMIGRANT SOCIETY.

A meeting of the *Charlotte County Emigrant Society*, was held at the Court House on the 1st November.

James Boyd Esq., V. P. in the Chair. Dr. Alley, from the Committee, appointed to frame Rules and Regulations, submitted the following, which were adopted:

RULES & REGULATIONS.

CHARLOTTE COUNTY EMIGRANT SOCIETY.

1st. That the Society shall be called "The Charlotte County Emigrant Society," and shall consist of such members, as actually pay an annual sum of not less than five shillings.

2d. That all the affairs of the Society shall be committed to the management of a Board of Directors, which shall be annually chosen by the Society, on the first Monday in December, in each and every year, and shall consist of thirteen members.

3d. That there shall be a President, one Vice-President, and Secretary, to be chosen by the Directors, and also a Treasurer, to be chosen by the Society at the general annual meeting, on the first Monday in December in each and every year. That in the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall preside, and in case of the absence of both President and Vice-President, the Chairman, pro tempore, shall be chosen by the meeting.

4th. That the Directors and Treasurer, shall be chosen by ballot, and in no case shall any person be qualified to hold an office, or vote at any election of office bearers, or in any matter appertaining to the affairs, or government of the Society, who shall not have previously paid his annual subscription.

5th. That the local Committees, each not exceeding six members in number, (from which number a Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer may be chosen) shall be elected in each parish of this County, by the members of the Society resident in such parish, who shall remain in office for, and during the same period with the officers of and be subject to the same rules with the Society. And that it shall be the duty of the local Treasurers to pay over to the Treasurer of the Society from time to time, such sum, or sums of money as they may, at any period, or on any occasion receive.

6th. That the office of the society shall be held at the Shire Town, and the Secretary of the society shall be deemed to be its general Agent, to whom all communications from local Committees and others shall be addressed.

7th. That the Directors shall meet for the despatch of business at least once in every month, and that, not less than five Directors shall form a quorum.

8th. That it shall be the duty of the Directors, at any time after the annual meeting, to fill up such vacancies as may occur, by death or otherwise, amongst themselves or the office bearers.

9th. That no officer of the society shall receive any remuneration for his trouble, except the Secretary, who may receive any sum not exceeding £15 annually, at the discretion of the Directors.

10th. That the President may call a general meeting of the society at any time, by giving

at least one fortnight's notice in the *Charlotte County newspapers*, on the requisition of ten or more members of the society.

11th. That the President and Directors submit at each annual meeting, a detailed report of all their proceedings, during the preceding year, and that the Treasurer also submit his accounts as audited by the Directors.

12th. That any rule of this society may be altered or repealed at any of the annual meetings of the same, provided there be not less than twenty members present.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JEROME ALLEY,
THOMAS JONES,
JAMES QUINN,
JAMES BOYD.

Resolved, That a copy of the rules and regulations of this Society, be forwarded to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor.

Moved by the Rev. J. Quinn, seconded by the Rev. Dr. Alley.

That James Boyd, Esq. leave the Chair, and R. M. Andrews, Esq. take the same.

Resolved, That the thanks of the meeting be given to James Boyd, Esq. for his conduct in the Chair.

St. Andrews, Nov. 1, 1841.

THE STANDARD.

SAINT ANDREWS, FRIDAY, DEC. 3, 1841.

Charlotte County Bank.

Hon. HARRIS HATCH, President.

Director next week—George D. Street.

DISCOUNT DAY, TUESDAY.

Hours of business, from 10 to 2.

BILLS AND NOTES for Discount must be lodged with the Cashier, on or before Monday, otherwise they must lie over until next week.

Alms and Relief Bazaar.

Commissioner next week—J. W. Chandler.

Artic Association.

Director next week—Hon. J. Allan.

Office hours from 10 to 3 o'clock, every day, Sunday excepted.

Saint Stephen's Bazar.

WILLIAM PORTER, Esq., President.

Director next week—G. D. King.

DISCOUNT DAY, SATURDAY.

Hours of business, from 10 to 1.

BILLS AND NOTES for Discount must be lodged with the Cashier, on or before Friday, otherwise they must remain in his hands until the following discount day.

LAKEST DATES.

London, Nov. 3; Montreal, Nov. 24.

Liverpool, Nov. 4; Quebec, Nov. 25.

Edinburgh, Oct. 31; Halifax, Nov. 26.

Paris, Oct. 31; New York, Nov. 29.

Toronto, Nov. 23; Boston, Nov. 23.

DARING ATTEMPT TO DESTROY ST. JOHN BY FIRE!

Through the attention of an esteemed Correspondent, we have received a brief account of a diabolical attempt to destroy that devoted City by Fire, on Tuesday evening last, which we stop the Press to announce.

For the Standard.
Saint John, Dec. 1, 1841.

Mr. Editor,

The City to-day is in great commotion, in consequence of the diabolical attempts of, no doubt, an organized band of incendiaries, to FIRE it in four different quarters 1st night. About 8 o'clock, we were alarmed by the truly appalling cry of Fire, and the citizens rushed to various points from whence the cries proceeded. The Mechanics' Institute, Trinity Church, and the House occupied by Mr. Smith, in Saint James Street, near Reed's Point were all in flames, at the same time, fortunately each fire was subdued without very material injury, by reason of their early discovery; great exertions were necessary in saving the Hall of the Institute, the fire having originated in a heap of shavings in different parts of the cellar, all burning at the time of discovery.

Associations are being organised in every ward to keep up nightly patrols, £250 is offered as a reward by the church corporation, for the apprehension and conviction of the perpetrators of the crime in firing the church. It was effected by opening the vestry room window, and igniting the curtains of brown holland.

Mr. Chamberlain first discovered the fire in the Church, he instantly broke the window, and pulled the curtain, (all in flames,) through the broken pane. A man and woman are now in custody for attempting to set fire, on the same night, to Dr. Gray's House.

The people here are completely panic struck, and God knows, what will be the result of the organized villainy which is daily developing itself.

Yours, &c.

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About 12,000 letter press printers were out of work in London; nearly 20,000 persons were living on less than one shilling a week each, in Leeds; and details of similar character appeared from Paisley, the Potteries and several other places.

Wool.—The annual clip of Wool in the United States, is estimated at 90,000,000 pounds, worth nearly \$40,000,000, or two thirds as much as the entire crop of the country. There are 5,000,000 Sheep in the State of New York.

Information Wanted, of James Smith and Daniel Smith, natives of Inverness, Scot-

land. Any information, addressed Farmer will be brother.

To a Subscriber from a subscriber found in its proper notice alone indu to pay the postage publish such notice any expense, trust that this will our friends to pay for the future, at this date unless t-

The Editor of in noticing our of the *Highland* first feasible attempt encourage many Highlanders men, others who the case in the the wilderness it become a well-try."

His Excellency Governor of P. Town, on Saturday into office, and that Island.

The following insertion in our a resolution pass "that interper- person in the case—we do not mean to say that a Town is not a rare occurrence in our street, a ship arrives, seen, but even vessel's crews a abstinence men pose that we w temperance ex- since the ex- cuse Societies

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GEOLOGICAL.

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The BOOKS, a 11 o'clock

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