

boat in Aspinwall harbor, hauled down the rebel flag, and substituted that of the United States, under which she prepared to slip away.

The captain of the American man-of-war wrote to the U. S. Consul, and the latter wrote back to say that the *Virginis* had authority to sail under the American flag.

Meanwhile, another U. S. man-of-war came into the harbor and the *Virginis* prepared to leave. The Spanish gun boat also got up steam, but the commander seems, on second thought, to have concluded that two men-of-war besides the *Virginis* were too many for him.

Great Gale and Tidal Wave.

Immense Destruction of Shipping LIVES LOST.

Crops Blasted Everywhere Throughout the Country.

INTENSE EXCITEMENT.

The greatest gale ever experienced since 1810 swept over the Island of Cape Breton on Sunday last.

The weather on Sunday morning was dull and heavy. At twelve o'clock, noon, the rain was falling fast, the barometer standing at 29 and eight tenths.

The wind commenced to blow from the South East, increasing from a strong breeze at 1 o'clock p. m. to a gale at 6 p. m.

Monday morning presented a gloomy spectacle. Large and small vessels of every description, some almost new and well founded were promiscuously piled up many dismantled, some cut in two or three pieces.

W. H. Moore, Esq., apart from the loss he may have incurred in his shipping, will require \$1000 probably to put his wharf in the same condition as before.

Messrs. Archibald & Co., have met with losses around their wharves here, and in Cow Bay. The Marine Slip has been damaged; it is feared considerably. A num-

ber of vessels dragged both anchors over the track and of necessity must have injured the track more or less.

The greatest loss that we have experienced, though, and which is of most interest to those outside of North Sydney, is the great destruction of shipping.

DOMINION PARLIAMENT.

A SCENE TO BE REMEMBERED.

It would be idle to disguise the fact that the brief sitting of Parliament Wednesday was one of the most remarkable that ever took place in the country.

Mr. Mackenzie, rising to a question of privilege took occasion to move a resolution to the effect that the House should not be prorogued until the so called Pacific Scandals had been investigated by a Parliamentary Committee.

Well! well! we shall have another session very soon. Then the whole matter will be sifted. At the present time it is more than absurd to suppose that the Governor General could do otherwise than act according to the well understood principles of constitutional Government.

The prorogation passed off quietly, though in the midst of intense excitement. The Opposition overdid their case to a degree that must have delighted Sir John Macdonald's heart.

We cannot close our remarks on the winding up of the session without saying a good word for the visitor in the galleries.

THE Shah of Persia, says a Vienna correspondent, has made himself as disagreeable as possible during his stay here. The Empress went away from Schonbrunn to avoid having to receive him.

A Box twelve years old, whose parents live in Forestdale, Vt., was severely burned, a short time since, under the following singular circumstances: In crossing a brook he discovered something which he took to be a roll of candy, and on examination placed it in his pantaloons pocket.

HARBOR GRACE, SEPT. 6, 1873.

THE chief topic of conversation just now seems to be the approaching General Election. This is an important matter.

THE Firemen made a fine turn out yesterday for exercise, and the supply of water being good, several of the houses near the hydrants were thoroughly drenched from basement to summit.

THE "Gazette" of Tuesday informs us that a General Election will be held in November next. The nomination is appointed to take place on the 3rd and the Polling on the 8th of that month.

NEWS ITEMS.

THE tunnel through the Rocky Mountains has now been begun. It is to be twelve miles long, and will take only four years in constructing.

THE "Soir" mentions a report that M Gambetta is about to marry the only daughter of Colonel Rochereau Denfert, the defender of Belfort.

AT the Wesleyan Conference at Newcastle recently, it was stated that the total number of members in the connection was 348,580, an increase of 1730 on the year.

AN officer in the Prince of Wales' household has arrived at Pesh, and is engaged in selecting a villa for His Royal Highness to reside in during his promised visit, when the Prince will join in the Hungarian foxhunt.

A PARLIAMENTARY return just issued states that the total amount paid by the Post Office to telegraph companies in the United Kingdom for the purchase of the interests in telegraph systems is £5,844,347.

GRANTS TO THE ROYAL FAMILY.—The annual grants to the Royal family—in addition to the £285,000 paid to the Queen—will now be augmented to £400,000.

THE FIRE at the ALEXANDRA PALACE—TWO BODIES FOUND IN THE RUINS.—A very shocking discovery has been made at the Alexandra Palace.

THE Escape of Prince Arthur.—Apropos of the recent narrow escape of Prince Arthur from drowning, the Blairgowrie correspondent of the Dundee Advertiser writes.—"Surely this Prince bears a charmed life, for no less than three accidents, two of them hair-breadth escapes, occurred on the journeys of his Royal Highness to the Highlands."

ALLEGED NEW POTATO DISEASE.—A new potato disease is described by the American papers as having made its appearance near Jena, differing from the one commonly known in its directly attacking the tubers and not the leaves.

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Latest Despatches.

LONDON Aug. 30.—The German Government has ordered the expulsion of all emigration agents not Teutons.

New York, 30.—The Treasury Department has decided that British Columbia is not entitled to the benefits of the treaty of Washington as far as fish and fish-oil are concerned.

Fusion of French loyalists regarded complete since the meeting of Orleans Princes at Fretsdorf.

Spanish insurgents will attack the British fleet if they remove Spanish vessels without coming to an arrangement.

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