

Boston, Dec. 30, 1864.

Admiral Porter has made an official report of his attack on Wilmington.

The powder ship was exploded near the walls of Fort Fisher at 2 o'clock Saturday morning, but failed in the anticipated effect.

The attack commenced shortly before noon. The fire of the fort was speedily silenced and the enemy driven to the bomb proofs.

Two magazines were blown up and several buildings set on fire during the heaviest of the bombardment.

115 shots were fired per minute.

The enemy was silenced so quickly that no one was injured on board the fleet from their guns.

Six-one-hundred pounder Parrot guns in the fleet exploded, killing and wounding 54 officers and men.

Robel deserters from Lee's army. Dec. 31.
that great preparations are being made for a
offensive movement.
Lee told his men that he was going to at-
tempt a movement which would astonish the
world.
Advices from Tennessee state that Hood
is unable to cross the Tennessee river until
falls.
General Thomas is close upon him at
Generals Steadman and Oranger are on his
flanks.
Every attempt made by Hood to lay po-
tions has been defeated by the shelling from
Federal gunboats.
No other news.
Gold 223.

Jan. 2. p. m.
The office of the Daily Evening Traveler was burned this morning; its publication will continue as usual.
Steamship New York, from Southampton 21st, arrived at New York to-day.
Political news without special interest.
Breadstuff markets remained quiet and steady.
Consols 89 1-8 a 89 1-4.
The new rebel pirate Sea King, which was named after the ship of the Shenandoah, is actively at work on the Atlantic.
Capt. Hanson of the brig Susan reports the destruction of his vessel also by the Ellena and V. G. Godfrey and the schr. C. W. Oak. The ship Kate Prince was captured and bonded. She conveyed the officers and men captured to Bahia, Brazil.

The merchants of Halifax are, it is as a rule, opposed to Confederation. The people of Halifax are in its favor. The chances seem that so soon as a Canadian road gets in operation, their trade of supplying the interior of the Country will be injured, as much of what they now supply to foreign markets will then be dropped the way. It is the old story of the Atlantic trade in a new edition.—[Reporter.]

—The Canadian Government is making a large militia force to be placed on the American frontier in conjunction with the troops of the Line. This

LIVERPOOL TIMBER TRADE.—Fenworth Jardine's Timber Circular, dated the 9th inst. says:—The arrivals from British North America during the past fortnight have been 30,000 casks, 28,818 tons. As the important season draws to a close it becomes apparent that the stock in the aggregate is fully equal to the probable consumption, and, unless a marked improvement takes place in the demand, low prices for most woods are likely to rule for some time to come.

Of Spruce and Pine Deals the import has been very large, and the stock is about one-third more than held at the like time last year. Though for choice dimensions higher prices have been paid at the late auction, we cannot on the whole advise any improvement in cargo prices, and the present heavy stock will tend still further to depress the market.

The Standard

ST. ANDREWS, JAN. 4. 1865.

New Brunswick in Federation.

We commend the following extract from the "Eastern Advocate," to the attention of those who see in Federation such an insuperable barrier to the prosperity of the Province?—

In treating the subject of a Federation of the British Provinces of North America, have considered it principally in a financial light. As a political measure, involving

In placing, then, in the hands of a Central Government all questions of general administration, we will secure the advantages which the experience of other nations is now abundantly affording us; while, in retaining the control of our local affairs, we have secured the freedom that our most liberal citizens desire.

We believe that such a system will be well, not only as a whole and for the general interests, but also in all its parts. As regards New Brunswick, our readers know that its legislation has been for many years back confined almost exclusively to questions of tariffs, public expenditure, railways, works, and principles of government—negot not only rancorous party spirit but also political corruption—to the almost entire neglect of other less general but no less important interests. Our Crown lands

Let the best men of all the Colonies with general questions--they are the qualified to do so--and it is to be that, engaging in them in an enlarged statesmanlike spirit, they may rise above considerations of mere personal gain; in all events the temptations to mercenary considerations will be less than now exist.

The highly-important despatch of Mr. Cardwell, Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Governor General of Canada, upon the Federation scheme, has been so extensively published, that we do not deem it necessary to copy it. Mr. Cardwell approves of the scheme, with the exception of the prerogative of pardon, conferred upon the respective Governors of the Provinces, and the tenure of office of the Legislative Council.

It is reported that the first objection has been removed by the delegates, at the suggestion of the Gov. Genl., and that the second will be adjusted to meet the views of the Colonial Secretary.

their throne, their altar, and their native land.—A handsome scroll over the orchestra contained the words "God save the Queen." Military pictures hung around the room, a pleasing effect.

Shortly after 8 o'clock the company began to arrive, at 9 o'clock dancing commenced and was kept up with great spirit until half past 12, when supper was announced, the company retired to the upper room, and after having refreshed themselves, returned to the ball room and resumed dancing, which was kept up until—well, it is unnecessary to state the hour.

There were upwards of two hundred present, among whom were the beauty and the

We will represent; and from St. Stephen noticed the gallant Major Inches, with several of his men; St. John also was represented by Lieuts. Brooke and Kemis of the XV Regt.

We will not attempt a description of the elegant dresses worn by many of the ladies, where all appeared to such advantage, comparisons would not only be odious, but invidious.

Major Whitleck's Company of Volunteers, particularly the Committee, are entitled the highest praise for the manner in which the Ball was got up, and successfully carried out, affording so large a number an opportunity of spending and enjoying a pleasant evening. We heard some who were not

been defeated. Sherman has carried a
points of note, which is not surprising,
the large amount of men and means
command are considered. Fort McAll
and Savannah as already known have
taken by the Federals, and it is believ
the friends of the South, that Char

LAUNCHED at Bay Side, from the building yard of Mr. Benjamin Pettigrove, a handsome ship named the "Channel Light," of 553 tons register. This vessel was built under French Lloyd's Inspection, and classed for 7 years, and is commanded by Capt. B. Bradford. She proceeded to the Ledge, and is now loading for Liverpool.

☞ The Wesleyan Fancy Fair and Tea Meeting held last week, we understand, was a success, and realized a respectable amount.

☞ The work on the St. Stephen Branch Railway is expected to be commenced this week.

Mr. McAlpin, agent for Mr. Huebner, the compiler and publisher of the "New Scotia Directory 1864-5," is here at present soliciting subscriptions for the publication of a "New Brunswick Directory" of the same character and dimensions for 1865-6. The work will, with the business notices, contain upwards of 700 pages, and will comprise the whole official and non-official business departments in the Province. Complete lists of the Post and Way Offices, Clergy, County Marriages, the Establishments of Trade Manufacturers and Railroad connections, will all the variety of Provincial or general information, will be found in this useful volume.

Thursday, to "Sunday Schools, and all other religiously engaged in Christian Work;" Friday, to "The Abolition of Slavery and cessation of War;" and Saturday to "The Church—Church—for increased holiness, activity, and harmony among its several sections."

We have not heard of the arrangements made here, for this praise worthy purpose.

☞ The correspondent of the Boston Journal, writing from New York, says that a number of gentlemen have fitted up a small sailing clipper ship in elegant style, planned on board every conceivable luxury, man her completely with a fine crew, paid her charge of one of our ablest captains, and tendered her to General George B. McClellan as a New Year's gift. He is to sail there in the next year, to sail where he will with his faithful friends—the entire expense to be

—A severe earthquake occurred at Vancouver's Island on the 2d of November. Mirrors, furniture and services rattled the people were terrified by the noise of grinding bricks and mortar. The top of Mount Baker, in Washington Territory, 400 miles distant, probably upwards of a mile in

—A notice of a recent steamboat explosion in a Western paper runs as follows:

The captain went ashore. So did the chambermaid, she was insured for \$15,000 and loaded with iron.

DEATH BY DIETHELM.—This fearful disease has made bad breaches, recently, in several families at Hammond Vale. M. Fowler, Esq informs us that in one family of seven children, six died suddenly with Dip-

of the crime or of which Muller has been convicted. Through each carriage composing the train runs a line communicating directly with the guard, and from the guard a similar line is in connection with the engine.

THE GRAMMAR SCHOOL will be re-opened on Monday next, 9th instant.

NEW STORE.

The Subscriber has opened a
Druggist Shop
in the store formerly occupied by Mr. Houlton
where he will keep constantly on hand
a complete stock of
DRUGS, MEDICALS & CHEMICALS
Perfumery, Fuminals & Fancy Soaps

For further particulars enquire at the Standard Office, or of Wm. Whitcomb, Esq.
December 14, 1864.

FANCY FAIR.

THE Ladies of the Wesleyan Congregation, will hold a Fancy Fair in the new Church during Christmas week, commencing on **Monday morning, December 26**, at 9 o'clock. There will be a large collection of useful and fancy articles for sale each evening. Doors open at 6 o'clock. Admission Tickets 10 cents for all at the door.

Wednesday Evening 29th Decr. The Ladies will hold a public **TEA MEETING** in connection with the Fair, the doors will be opened at 6 o'clock. Tickets for the Tea Meeting and F 374 cents, for sale at the stores of W. Ingraham, Edward Tinsion, and Odell & Turner.

Proceeds to be applied to the new Church Building.

St. Andrews, Dec. 14. 1864.

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Daniel O'Brien
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Andrew Cummings
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Martin Horan
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William Mowat

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Register for 1904
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A supply of the old
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St. Andrews, Nov. 30

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