

ful and destructive occurrences known in the terrible and fatal catalogue of steam boat accidents.

This afternoon about six o'clock, the new and elegant steamboat Moselle, Captain Perin, left the wharf of this city (full of passengers) for Louisville and St. Louis, and with a view of taking a family on board at Fulton, about a mile and half above the quay, proceeded up the river, and made fast to a lumber raft for that purpose. Here the family were taken on board, and during the whole time of the detention the Captain was holding on to all the Steam he could create, with an intention of showing off to the best advantage the great speed of the boat as she passed down the whole length of the city. The Moselle was a new *drag* boat, and had made several exceedingly quick trips to and from each place.

Soon as the family were taken on board from the raft, the boat shoved off; and at the very moment her wheels made the first evolution, her boilers burst with a most awful and astounding noise, equal to the most violent clap of thunder. The explosion was destructive and heart-rending in the extreme, as we are assured by a gentleman who was sitting on his horse on the shore, waiting to see the boat start. Heads, limbs, bodies and blood, were seen flying through the air in every direction, attended by the most horrible shrieks and groans from the wounded and the dying. The boat, at the moment of the accident, was about thirty feet from the shore, and was rendered a perfect wreck. She seemed to be torn all to splinters as far back as the gentlemen's cabin, and her hurricane deck (the whole length) was entirely swept away. The boat immediately began to sink rapidly, and float with the strong current, down the river, at the same time getting the farther from the shore.

The Captain was thrown by the explosion entirely into the street, and was picked up dead and dreadfully mangled. Another man thrown entirely through the roof of one of the neighboring houses, and limbs and fragments of bodies scattered about the river and shore in heart-rending profusion. Soon as the boat was discovered to be rapidly sinking, the passengers who remained unhurt in the gentlemen's and ladies' cabins, became panic struck, and with a fatuity unaccountable, jumped into the river. Being above the ordinary business parts of the city, there were no boats at hand except a few large and unmanageable wood flats which were carried to the relief of the sufferers as soon as possible, by the few persons on the shore. Many were drowned, however, before they could be rescued from a watery grave, and many sunk who were not seen afterwards.

We are told that one little boy on shore was seen wringing his hands in agony, imploring those present to save his father, mother and three sisters, all of whom were struggling in the water to gain the shore, but whom the poor little fellow had the awful misfortune to see perish, one by one, almost within his reach. An infant child belonging to this family, was picked up alive, floating down the river, on one of the fragments of the hurricane deck.

It was supposed that there was about two hundred persons on board, of which number only fifty to seventy-five are believed to have escaped, making the estimated loss of lives about one hundred and twenty-five. Oh! tale of woe.

The accident unquestionably occurred through sheer imprudence. The Captain of the boat was desirous of showing off her full speed as she passed the city, and to overtake and pass another boat which had left the wharf for Louisville a short time before him. Dearly has he paid for his silly ambition. The clerk of the boat, we understand, escaped unhurt.

**FIRE IN S. C.**—A slip from the office of the Charleston Mercury, of the 30th, gives the following information concerning the late dreadful fire in that city:

"Total number of dwellings and stores destroyed, including Norton's old rice mills, Kerr's wharf set on fire by flakes falling on a pile of light wood, and burnt to the ground—560. The number of out buildings destroyed, estimated at about 598—total number buildings destroyed, 1158. Such is the mere arithmetic of this frightful calamity, who shall count the mental suffering—the loss of hope, of security, of comfort? Upon the best estimates which have been made to us, up to the latest hour, we set down the loss of property at over \$3,000,000. The whole amount covered by insurance is not far from \$1,500,000.

#### PROVINCIAL.

**ST. JOHN'S N. F. April 10.**—Several vessels belonging to the Northern Ports have arrived here from the Ice within the last day or two with pretty good trips of seals. Only

one St. John's vessel (the Kingarloch, with about 2200) has yet reached port.

The Toronto Patriot says, that the delivery up of Dawson, who was seized at Lewiston, has been formally demanded of the Governor of the State of New York. The Patriot expects no compliance.

#### CORONER'S INQUEST.

An inquest was held yesterday before J. F. Gray Esq. Coroner—To inquire concerning the death of Eleanor Jennings, lately resident at the house of Mrs. Eli in Barrack street. Witnesses were examined whose evidence went to show the state of mind in which the deceased was in prior to the act of self destruction, which she committed, and who likewise beheld the rash act, but were unable to prevent it. Her death was caused by precipitating herself into the well near the house. Verdict—Temporary insanity.

#### MARRIED.

On Saturday last, by the Rev. Mr. Churchill, Mr. George Room, to Miss Rebecca, eldest daughter of Mr. John Cleverdon. At Rawdon, on Tuesday, 1st inst. by the Rev. Mr. Morris, Mr. William F. Bugge, to Jessie, youngest daughter of David Clough Esqr. Royal Navy.

On the 19th April, at St. James', Piccadilly, (by the Rev. Arthur Brooking, M. A. George R Young, Esq. to Jane Francis, eldest daughter of Thomas H Brooking, Esq.

Wednesday evening, by the Rev Mr Cogswell, Mr James Roberts, of Beach Hill, to Catharine, daughter of the late Isaac Leeds, of this town.

On April 26th by the Rev. Wm. Smith, Mr. John Pysant to Miss Hammet both of Liverpool.

At Guysborough, on the 30th of March, by the Rev. Robert Cooney, Wes. Miss Mr. Auley McAuley, Antigonishe, to Anne Miller, daughter of Mr. Michael Harty, of the former place.

#### DIED.

On Sunday morning last, Montague Irving, youngest son of Mr John F. Muncey.

At Harriett's Fields, yesterday morning, in the 46th year of his age, Mr. Hugh W. Dugwell, son of the late Mr John Dugwell, of this town. At Mills Village, in the 29th year of her age, Mrs Abigail N Mack Consort of Mr James Mack.

At Liverpool, N. S. on the 9th March, Mrs. Lucy Morton, wife of Mr. James Morton. Born aged 76 years, for many years a consistent member of Mr. Pysant's church—she died in the full hope of a blessed immortality.

At Maitland on the 2nd of May, in full triumph of Faith, Robert Alexander aged 51 years.

#### SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

##### Arrivals.

Tuesday 16; schr Jane Brier Island, 120 qnts. dry fish, & lumber; Robert Noble, ballast to J. L. Starr; Barque Norman, Bermuda, Kenny, 10 days, cotton to master.

Wednesday, Brig William, Boudroit, New York, bound to Quebec, brig William IV, Cockan, Grenada, 27 days, rum and sugar to D and E Starr and Co; schr Stranger, M'Ewing, Antigua, 20 days, to W H Roach; schr Evelyn Gould, Baltimore, 16 days—sugar to S Binney; schr Ion, Hammond, Yarmouth, 2 days; her majesty's brig Charybdis, Hon Lieut Gore, Portsmouth 23 days; her majesty's steamer Dee, sailed in company for Halifax; the steamer endeavoured to get into Sydney for coal, having but one days supply on board—could not get in, in consequence of the ice; schr Ann, Reynolds, Barrington, bound on a fishing voyage; brig Elizabeth, Minnet, Hamburg, 37 days, wheat, flour, etc. to P Furlong.

Thursday—brig Jane, Walker, Barbice, 31 days—rum and molasses to D and E Starr and Co; schr Yarmouth Packet, Tooker, St John, N B, and Yarmouth, salt to R Noble; Thistle, Port Med way, lumber, Irene, Crowell, St. Andrews, 4 days, lumber to master.—Hazard and Favourite sailed in company; left schr Thomas Myer, hence, Amethyst, Hokin, St Andrews via Yarmouth 60 hours, lumber to master.

Friday—Brig Jane Smith, Swainson, Leith, 27 days, wheat, barley, wine, etc. to Deblois and Merkel, M'Nab, Cochran & co. and others; Am. Packet brig Acadian, Lane, Boston 60 hours, naval stores, flour, apples, etc. to J. Clarke, D & E Starr & co. and others. Passengers—Mr. Lippincott and lady, Mrs. Shofenburg and child—Miss Throckmorton, Dr. Dewolf, consul for Sydney—Messrs W. Metzler, Findlay and 11 in the steerage. Schr Hazard, Crowell, St. Andrews; Am. schr Laurel, Jenkins, Portsmouth, bound fishing.

Saturday, 19th, H. M. Steamer Dee, Portsmouth, 25 days—short of coal. On board the Dee, there are 50 Sappers, under the command of Capt. McKenzie, formerly of this garrison, and a few artillery men.

Sunday 20th, Packet Schr. Industry, Simpson Boston, 4 days.—14 Passengers; brig. Abcona, Townsend, Ponce, 22 days. schr. Speculator, Young, Lunenburg, 5½ days, schr. Mary, Liverpool N. S. 7 hours.