

BURNING OF SCHOOL HOUSES.

Almost every week we have to record the destruction of some School House by fire. Last week the School House in St. Mary's was among the number, although a sufficient cause is assigned, and the St. Croix Courier reports the burning of a fine new School House at Beaver Harbour, which it says is the second instance of the kind that has happened in the County within the last two or three weeks. In almost every instance the fires have been placed to the account of incendiarism, but in no case does it appear that the perpetrators of these outrages upon the public have been discovered, nor is it apparent that any well devised system has been inaugurated to carry out the investigation as might possibly lead to the apprehension of some of the parties guilty of these abominable acts. When it is considered how frequently within the last year or two the destruction of School Houses has taken place by fire, which cannot be accounted for in any other way than the act of an incendiary, one is almost ready to imagine that instead of their originating from local dissatisfaction or personal hatred or malice on account of somebody or something, that a combination of some sort has been formed through means of which every public School House that it is possible to reach is destined to disappear. Of course we do not suppose that such is the case, or that any person would lend themselves to work out such wickedness, but it is nevertheless a fact that within the time mentioned above more School Houses have been burned than in any five years preceding.—*Farmer.*

SERIOUS DAMAGE TO PROPERTY.—Intelligence received at Boston from Kingston, Jamaica, states that there has been enormous damage all over the Island by the hurricanes of Oct. 31st, and 1st and 2d November. They swept the parishes of St. Thomas, East Kingston, St. David's, St. Anne, Manchester, Clarendon, Portland and Trelawny. The sugar canes were beat down, the river rose six feet higher than ever known, the coffee and pimento crops were seriously injured, and the weather even afterwards caused general alarm.

ENORMOUS LAND SLIDES HAVE OCCURRED.—The roads and river courses are blocked by huge trees. Iron bridges are bent, and cattle and horses have been swept out to sea.

STEAMER SNAPPED IN TWO.—Strict inquiry will, it is to be hoped, be made by the Board of Trade into the loss of the paddle-wheel steamer Mary, which was built on the Clyde this year, and which suddenly snapped in two amidships when in the Bay of Biscay on Wednesday week, and instantly foundered, the sea at the time not being particularly high. Happily by the arrival of the brig Egyptian at Falmouth it is found that the catastrophe was not so terrible as it had been apprehended. Out of 19 on board the Mary, 17 escaped in the two boats and an extemporised raft; three died of exhaustion in the boat, and 14 are known to be safe—viz., seven at Falmouth and seven at Gibraltar; and it would seem by what the men at Falmouth state that the captain Mr. Medzod, is of latter number. He was previously reported drowned. The two men first arrived gave a terrible account of their sufferings. The boat although unsinkable, was full of water, and could not be emptied. The men being engineers had on very light clothing, and they were utterly without provisions and water. The survivors last landed were picked of the raft by the brigantine Zopherna, off Liverpool for Baltimore, and thence transferred to the Egyptian. All the crews participating in the rescue behaved most kindly to the survivors.—*Liverpool Mercury.*

THE END OF A VULGAR JEST.—A strange incident is reported from Lyons. On Oct. 6 two young people were married in that town. Within a few hours of the ceremony they became insensible, and have remained so ever since. The Lyonsese doctors have exhausted their science in this case, and the luckless pair, though alive yet, are evidently sinking from mere starvation. There can be no question but that some narcotic of the most violent class has been given them, probably as a joke. A young man, apprenticed to a chemist, has been arrested on suspicion. But it is believed that several of the marriage guests has bore part in the affair, which was meant as a vulgar jest only.

The Harriet Lane, a once well known United States steam revenue cutter, transformed into a trim sailing vessel, is taking cotton at Galveston for Providence R. I. She appeared in Galveston harbor in the fall of 1862, after the city had been abandoned by the Confederates. On the first January, 1863, the rebel General Magruder retook Galveston, after a fierce and bloody fight, and captured the Union garrison, the Harriet Lane and other vessels. Her first lieutenant received his death wound in a hand-to-hand encounter with a Confederate officer, and was recognized in his dying moments by his father, a Confederate staff officer, who had not seen or heard of him for many months. One of the crew armed with a cutlass, rushed at one of the boarders, a Texas ranger, who lowered his shot gun, and, as each was about to strike, they recognized each other as brothers long separated. The leaders in the fight are dead, and the vessel on whose deck they struggled so fiercely now returns to Galveston after eleven years absence, on a peaceful commercial mission.

A German paper mentions a case which

is going on at Moscow which causes a great sensation throughout Russia. The Abbess Mitrofanina is charged with forging the veil she mixed in the first society in the capital. By means partly of imperial munificence and contributions from all quarters, and partly of forged bills, she established factories, dairies, &c., several of which are in full activity.

The Standard

SAINT ANDREWS, NOV. 18, 1874.

OUR SCHOOLS.—During the past week, the Trustees of Schools have placed in the Female Department of the Advanced School, of which Miss Mary Dixon is teacher, new regulation desks and seats. We are pleased to notice, that they have also had some thirty elm trees planted on William and Carleton Streets at the sides of the school building, and the play grounds have been graded and gravelled. The building has an air of comfort and neatness, highly commendable to the Trustees, and shows the wisdom of the ratepayers in selecting the proper men for that office.

The Trustees of School District No. 6, at Chancok, in this Parish, have purchased ground and contracted for the erection of a School House 36x26. Messrs. W. P. & J. Craig, of Woodstock, are the contractors; they brought the material with them and commenced raising the frame on Monday last. It is to be ready for plastering in about three weeks, and probably the school may be opened after the Christmas holidays, should a competent teacher be engaged.

Provincial Industries.

Another new industry has sprung up in King's County, where Messrs. E. Roach & Co. have established a

GLUE MANUFACTORY.

which is in operation. The glue is reported to be of excellent quality, and is sold at rates so low as to ensure a ready sale. We trust its proprietors will meet with that encouragement which their enterprise and public spirit entitle them to. It is a wise policy to encourage domestic industry, where the articles are as good and sold as low or perhaps lower than those imported. It keeps the circulating medium in the country, gives employment and develops the resources of the Province.

BOOT AND SHOE FACTORIES

are another industry which deserves more general encouragement; they also give employment to the people of the country and use its products, and from the large quantities manufactured, should be equal to the demand.

A PAPER MANUFACTORY

has also during the present season, been put in operation near St. John, and furnishes a very good quality of printing and other papers. There are various other factories in operation, all of which should be supported in preference to imported articles of a like description. By adopting this policy the country is enriched, while the other impoverishes it. Besides it is injurious to the interests of a country or town to send to a foreign state or out of the place for articles which can be manufactured or executed, even should they be a trifle dearer, which indeed is not the fact. Let all true lovers of their country encourage domestic manufactures, they will then make the Province richer, while by adopting the other course, they will aid in making it poorer.

TEA MEETING.—Extensive preparations have been made to render the Tea Meeting in Gore's Hall, to-morrow evening, attractive, pleasant, and may we not add profitable. The ladies of the Presbyterian Church always get up first rate entertainments, there will be an abundance of good things, and with dialogues, vocal and instrumental music, a pleasant evening may be passed.

ATTEMPT AT ROBBERY.—About three o'clock on Friday morning last, the premises of Wm. Whitlock, Esq., were entered by thieves. They failed in boring holes at the office window, to wrench the bolt off, and afterwards effected an entrance to the store by removing the window over the door; after rummaging the store they passed into the house, and regaling themselves upon sweet meats, opened the doors, and went up stairs to where the inmates were sleeping. Mr. Polleys, the book keeper, whose room door was partly open, heard the robbers moving noiselessly to each door, and heard them say, "he's fast asleep," when opposite Mr. Whitlock's bed room. He rose cautiously, opened a drawer where his revolver was, and moved towards the door, when he saw the light of a match for a second below, and ran down the stairs, but the villains had heard him, and made their exit by the back door. He ran to the street but could not hear or see anyone. A more daring and barefaced attempt at robbery was never made in St. Andrews. The premises are situated on Water Street, in one of the most public parts of the town; the robbers must have been daring fellows to run such a risk. Had they not made their exit so rapidly, it is probable that one of them at least would have "differed the dust."

The store of J. R. Bradford, Esq., was entered a few nights before by cutting the sash of the back window, and the till rifled of small change. In both cases the robbers left burnt matches from the windows to the doors. The same papers we learn have been operating in the town of St. George.

THE WEATHER still continues very mild, no snow and little frost. A light rain fell last night, and the air this morning was more like early in September than the latter end of November.

THE NEW DOMINION MONTHLY for November, is a very interesting number; among the articles is a sketch of Capt. Thos. G. Anderson, who was born at Sorel, in Nov. 1779. In 1783 when the Continental Army was reduced, his father Capt. S. Anderson was placed on half pay. The family afterwards removed to Cornwall, U. C., where the father received a grant of 1,200 acres. The sketch given of the present Capt. Anderson, now in his 95th year, is so full of adventure, that we intend publishing it. A portrait of the old gentleman is given as a frontispiece. Published by J. Dougall & Son, Montreal. Price \$1.50 a year.

THE ST. LAWRENCE ADVANCE. Mr. D. G. Smith's new paper, published in Chatham, Miramichi, has been received. It looks well, is of large size, and commences with a good share of advertisements. It claims to be independent in politics, and will approve or condemn according to the judgment of its editor. The articles are creditable to its editor, who has had some valuable experience. The Advance has our own best wishes, and we believe it will be a success.

The second number of the St. Lawrence Advance fully sustains the opinion that it will prove a good newspaper.

Mysterious Tragedy at Sea.

An occurrence of a singularly tragic character was reported at Greenock, on Saturday (says the Glasgow Herald), by Captain Kidd, of the ship Alabama, which arrived at the Tail of the Bank from Pensacola with a cargo of timber. While the Alabama was on her homeward voyage, on the 20th September, and while off the island of Cuba, Havana bearing south by east, distant about 35 miles, the attention of the captain was directed to a small open boat which was observed drifting about, apparently with no one on board. A small sprit sail was set upon the craft, and an awning was spread fore and aft, but the sail was seen to be loose, and flapping about. The ship was at once steered towards the boat, and, on closely approaching it, the body of a man was seen lying across the beams. Captain Kidd at once ordered the ship to be hauled on the wind, and the second officer (Mr. Proctor) and a boat's crew had one of the Alabama's boats launched, and picked up the little craft. On going alongside, the occupant was found to be quite dead, and the body was becoming rapidly decomposed. A considerable quantity of water, deeply dyed with blood, was observed in the bottom of the boat, and on the seats and sides clots of blood and quantities of human hair were found adhering. The boat was brought alongside the Alabama, and on the body of deceased being examined it was found that he had been stabbed on the left side, below the breast, the wound being about four inches long. Several severe injuries were also observed on the head, and they had evidently been inflicted by some hard blunt substance. The body was stretched at full length in the boat, and underneath the head were placed several pieces of carpet, which appeared to have been originally used in the boat for sitting upon. On the person of deceased was found six dollars in Havana paper currency, but no document or papers were found which could lead to his identification. Inside the boat were found two sheath knives stained all over with blood, two pairs of shoes, a hand lantern with one of the glass sides broken, a walking-stick made of iron tree wood, but minus the head, a sponge, &c. Deceased, who was a handsome and powerfully built man, aged about 30 years, was dressed in a dungaree jumper and canvas pants. From the appearance of the body it was conjectured that the unfortunate man had not been dead more than 48 hours. The boat was about 16 feet keel, and on the stern was painted "F. Bosita-1063." From the rig, outfit, and general appearance of the craft, it is believed to have belonged to a licensed boatman of Havana. Of course to account for its presence in mid-ocean, and how its solitary occupant met his death, is impossible, but taking into account the circumstance of two blood-stained knives being found on board, together with two pairs of shoes, &c., the supposition is that two persons at least must have originally occupied the craft when it left the shore. Both sides of the boat had been partially washed with the sponge, but a quantity of human hair clotted with blood was found sticking to other portions of it, and evidences other than the appearance of the body of the deceased favour the supposition that a struggle between two persons had taken place on board. Captain Kidd is of opinion that the man found dead may have been a native Spanish boatman, and that, having been hired by a passenger who wished to be conveyed to some point on the island of Cuba, the two had quarrelled during the passage—the boatman having perhaps attempted to rob the passenger—when a struggle ensued. The hair of the man found on the boat was intact, and the colour of that found adhering to the sides of the boat was different from his. It is therefore surmised that during the fight a portion of the hair of the second man may have been torn out, and that eventually he had been overcome and thrown overboard, but not before he had inflicted fatal injuries upon the man found in the boat. Finding himself so severely wounded, deceased ap-

pears to have tied a handkerchief round his body over the wound, in order, if possible, to staunch the blood which flowed; but finding himself becoming exhausted, he had collected the bits of carpet, and placing them under his head had lain down to die. Both knives were lying apart from their sheaths. One of the weapons was a long sharp-edged stiletto, while the other was a knife commonly used by seafaring men, and appeared to be of English manufacture. The body of deceased, after being carefully examined, was weighted with iron and consigned to the deep, but Captain Kidd brought the boat and the various articles found on board to Greenock.

A SIMPLE PLAN OF VENTILATION.—The following simple method for ventilating ordinary sleeping and dwelling rooms is recommended by Mr. Hinton in his "Physiology for Practical Use": A piece of wood, three inches high and exactly as long as the breadth of the window, is to be prepared. Let the sash be now raised, the slip of wood placed on the sill, and the sash drawn closely upon it. If the slip has been well fitted, there will be no draft in consequence of this displacement of the sash at its lower part; but the top of the lower sash will overlap the bottom of the upper one, and between the two bars pendular currents of air, not felt as draft, will enter and leave the room.

A new potato, known as the white queen (reine blanche) is being cultivated in France. In good soil, from ten to fifteen tubercles are formed, many of which attain or exceed the weight of 22 pounds. The flavor is said to be good. Planted in February or March, it becomes ripe in July.

EFFECT OF AMMONIA FUMES ON FLOWERS.—Professor Gabba has been examining the effects of ammonia on the color of flowers. It is well known that the smoke of tobacco will, when applied in sufficient quantity, change the tint of flowers; but Professor Gabba experiments by pouring a little ammonia liquor into a saucer and inverting a funnel over it. Placing the flowers in the tube of the latter, he finds that blue, violet, and purple colored blossoms become of a fine green; carmine and crimson become black; white, yellow; while pale colored flowers such as red and white are changed to green and yellow. If the flowers are immersed in water, the natural color will return in a few hours. Professor Gabba also found that asters acquire a pleasing odor when submitted to the fumes of ammonia.

THE MOST EMINENT AMERICAN.—The most eminent living American is William Cullen Bryant, of New York city, poet, author, editor, and publisher. Born in 1794, in Massachusetts, he is now in the 81st year of his age, still active and vigorous both in body and mind. His first volume of poems was published in 1808, in his fourteenth year, and from that time to the present, a period of 66 years, he has been a constant contributor to the literature of the world. For the past 48 years he has been editor and proprietor of the New York Evening Post newspaper. On the recent occasion of his 80th birthday, November 4, 1874, he was waited upon by a number of our most prominent citizens, and heartily congratulated for his continued health and long and useful life. He spoke, in reply, of the remarkable changes that had taken place in the political affairs of the world during his lifetime. What marvelous discoveries have been made, too, in the world of Science during the same period!

MURDER NEAR FORT KENT.—In August last, says the North Star, a young man by the name of Bolier, belonging in Canada, came from Winn, where he had been at work. He had with him three hundred dollars, and was going home to his parents. He went to Fort Kent on his way home, and crossed the St. John river, intending to go by the way of Little Falls. One Silber Oullette, also a Canadian, crossed the river with him, and the two arrived in Canada. Young Bolier's father not hearing from his son, came through in search of him, which resulted in finding his body two miles above Little Falls, on the Province side, with his head badly broken in with a club, and his money gone. A good many, in passing a bridge where he was found, had seen the blood on the bridge, but nothing was thought of it, as no one was known to be missing, but as soon as it was known that the young man was missing, search was made and the body found. It is supposed that Oullette knew that Bolier had money, killed him, and dragged him into the woods.

BAD WATER.—A distinguished medical authority warns the drinkers of water of wells near dwellings to beware of the typhoid poison sure to be found sooner or later in these reservoirs, if any of the house drainage can percolate to them. Whole some, untainted water is always free from all color and odor. To test it thoroughly, place in a few grains of lump sugar, and expose it, stoppered, to sunlight, in a window. If, even after an exposure of eight or ten days, the water becomes turbid, be sure that it has been contaminated by sewage of some kind. If it remains perfectly clear, it is pure and safe.

LEPINE.—A rumor from Fort Garry, is that the rescue of Lepine will be attempted, and that a strong guard from the garrison will be placed over the jail. What a pity it is that his commander Riel, is not under lock and key with him. Of the two he is the greater criminal.

The American Cattle which arrived in Liverpool last week by the steamer Euro-pean were offered for sale at the Stanley Cattle Market, Old Swan, and realized from £17 to £22 each. The cattle are large and bony, and weighed from 1,800 to 2,000 pounds each. Though not sufficiently good for the best butchers' meat, they would yield large profits to the grazier. The Liverpool butchers are anxious to encourage the trade, and it is contemplated to run a steamer to Galway, which would be saving on a voyage from four to five days. From 5,000 to 6,000 are daily offered for sale in the Chicago market, and they are weighed in one scale fifty at a time.—*Canadian News.*

NEW MANUFACTURING COMPANY.—Cam-pello Bello.—Joseph W. Alden, Jas. B. Alden, and James P. Keenan, of Cambridge, Mass., and Benj. Dickenson and John Donovan, of Boston, Mass., have filed in the office of the Provincial Secretary, of this Province, a Memorandum of Association for the incorporation of a Company, for the purpose of improving the land and resources of the Island of Campo Bello, and the manufacture of all kinds of lumber thereon, with such other things as are incident to the attainment of these objects, with a capital of one million of dollars, to be divided into one thousand shares of one thousand dollars each; and that the operations of the Company shall be carried on in the said Island of Campo Bello.

[The Association have purchased all the ungranted land from the heirs of the late Admiral Owen, and we understand that Mr. Dickenson will reside on the island.]—*Ed. Standard.*

—It is announced that it is the intention of the Lords of the Admiralty to reward all the blue jackets employed during the late Ashantee war with 30 days' pay, being the same mode of compensation as that adopted toward their brethren in the sister service. Payment cannot be made for some time, owing to the way the men are scattered all over the world.

BALLOON'S MONTHLY MAGAZINE FOR DECEMBER.—The December number of Balloon's charming magazine is issued, and contains a large variety of stories and poems. There are Christmas tales and verses, rich and evocative of interesting incidents, a thrilling sea yarn, a wild adventure, and some of the best domestic tales that ever appeared in print. But here is a table of contents, so judge for yourself: "A Christmas Greeting," "The Mistletoe," "Winter Birds," "Fashion," "Newfoundland Dog," "A Brilliant Announcement for 1875," "Mr. Blink's Christmas Presents" (Humorous Pictures). Published by Thomas & Talbot, 36 Bromfield St., Boston, at \$1.60 per year, including postage and premium.

SMALL POX AT THE NORTH.—The St. Lawrence Advance says that a man named Hache, whose brother recently fell victim to small pox in Montreal, died at Pokenouch, Gloucester County, on Saturday week. On learning of his brother's death, he had proceeded to Montreal, and brought home two trunks containing the clothing and other property of the deceased. On his way home he was taken sick, and soon after his arrival died. Later information confirms the report that Hache's death was caused by small pox, and his widow is now ill with the disease.

WRECK OF THE DELTA.—Advices received at New York, state that the details of the loss of the steamship Delta, from London, show that her engines were out of order when she sailed from port; that she met rough weather, and on the 5th inst. struck on a sand bank near Cape Chat, remaining till the night of the 6th, when a heavy gale drove her further into the sand staving her bows and filling her engine room with water. On the 7th inst. her passengers were with some difficulty landed safely, and after driving 100 miles reached a railway station and arrived at Montreal on the 13th. The wreck was caused by the light of a large being mistaken for Cape Chat light. Tugs have been sent to save the freight and baggage.

IMMIGRANTS.—One hundred and twenty immigrants arrived at the sheds, Toronto, on the 11th inst., of whom 30 were children sent by Miss Rye, 10 Russian Menonites, and the balance English and Irish farm laborers.

STRONG GUARD OVER LEFINE.—A rumor having been circulated that the rescue of Lepine will be attempted, a strong guard from the garrison will be placed over the jail.

T. H. Rand, Esq., Chief Superintendent of Schools, is visiting the Schools in the northern section of the Province.

Telegraphic News.

OTTAWA, Nov. 16. Dr. Tupper arrived here to-day. He intends visiting Toronto this week.

Ingersoll police station was burned yesterday morning, and an intoxicated man named Amour, was burned to death.

Hudson, a bookkeeper for Dale & Co., Montreal, has absconded with \$4000 of the firm's money.

The express robbers have not yet been captured.

LONDON, Nov. 16. The Times sides with Gladstone in his controversy with Archbishop Manning, saying that the important point as to what is lawful, can, according to the Archbishop, only be decided by the Pope.

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