

AMERICAN NEWS!

The Exploit of the Federal Rains.

The following is a detailed account of the passage of the rains Lancaster and Switzerland below Vicksburg:

Admiral Farragut requested that an iron-clad and two rams might be sent down to him, anticipating danger from below. The rams Lancaster and Switzerland were ordered down by Gen. Ellet, with picked crews. The former was commanded by Lieut.-Col. John A. Ellet, and the latter by Col. Charles R. Ellet. The rams started to run the Vicksburg batteries at five o'clock in the morning of the 25th ult., having been unavoidably delayed. The Switzerland took the lead, and had reached midway between the batteries when a shot struck the boiler, exploding it and sending three persons badly and the mate, G. Conner, slightly. The vessel then floated down the river, and was taken in tow by the Albatross. Her damage is slight.

The Lancaster, less fortunate, was struck soon after passing the first battery, one shot striking her, and another hitting her boiler, and in a few seconds the vessel disappeared beneath the engulfing waves. One of her pilots lost a leg, and her engineer was slightly scalded. The crews of the vessels behaved nobly, and obeyed orders promptly. To this they are indebted for their escape from death in this terrible disaster.

The batteries at Warrenton opened on the Hartford to prevent her from going up to carry out her part of the programme, but with the exception of two or three men who were slightly wounded, she escaped damage.

The rebels planted heavy guns opposite the canal, which have been abandoned as a failure, on account of their deadly range.

There is a heavily cascaded work in course of construction at Warrenton, which Farragut shelled twice, but no reply was made by the batteries. He has received a supply of coal, delivered in barges from above. He saw the smoke of several vessels in Red River, but what they were could not be ascertained.

Rear-Admiral Porter telegraphs to the Navy Department that the rams Lancaster and Switzerland would not have been allowed to go down the Mississippi had he been on the spot to see that the orders were obeyed. He adds that the rams were totally unprepared for the voyage, and that it was madness to attempt to pass the batteries in broad daylight.

New York April 7.

The steamer "Eastern Queen" has arrived from New Orleans on the 29th, and Key West on the 1st.

Capt. Collins reports that, while at Fort St. Philip, South West Pass, was boarded by the U. S. Boarding officer, who reported having received a telegram from New Orleans, stating that the rebels had begun to evacuate Port Hudson.

Washington, April 8.

The following has been received at the headquarters of the army here:

T. Major Gen. H. W. Halleck, General-in-Chief.

Gen. Blunt telegraphs from Leavenworth as follows:—Major Ransom of the 6th Kansas infantry informs me that he has discovered Hicks' band of guerrillas in Jackson County, Mobile, killing 17 and hanging 2 engaged in the robbery of the steamer Sam Gaty. He also recovered some of the contrabands, and captured 21 of the bushwhackers' houses, and ammunition camps, with all their equipment, ammunition, and baggage.

S. R. CURTIS, Major-General Commanding.

Philadelphia, April 8.

A private letter, dated off Charleston, 1st inst., says it is reported that Charleston has been evacuated by all the rebel forces, and that the city is now in the hands of the Union army. Four iron-clads have been in Edisto River, 20 miles south of here for a week. Admiral Dupont will be here today when it is said the bombardment will come off. It is reported that the army will remain at Port Royal until after the bombardment. It is also reported that the rebels have had time and opportunity to fortify the land approaches so as to make them almost impregnable. We have been engaged for the last two days in hanging chains to the sides of our vessels, so as to protect the machinery.

Washington, April 8.

Private letters just received from officers attached to the Charleston expedition, written on the evening of the departure of the fleet to attack that city, expressed themselves confident of success, and they say such is the general feeling among both officers and men.

New York, April 8.

The Post learns that, on the 4th inst., Gen. Foster was at Little Washington, with a brigade, a regiment of North Carolina troops, virtually surrounded by rebels, who have erected batteries on Tar River, between Newbern and Little Washington. The naval force of the Confederates is unable to pass. It is understood that a battle has taken place between Foster and the rebels, but nothing definite is known. Heavy firing has been heard, lasting from Wednesday night to Friday night, evidently from the rebel batteries. Foster's means of defence are deemed ample, having a fort, and some trenches, with sufficient ammunition and provisions. Large reinforcements are in transports below the batteries, but are unable to reach Foster for want of naval force competent to take them. It is reported that Foster had sent to Fort Monroe some time since for naval reinforcements, and it was expected troops would be sent from Suffolk.

New York, April 9.

From various correspondents the following additional facts are gleaned relative to General Foster's position at Washington, on 30th ult. About ten thousand rebels under Hill and Pettigrew are to the north side of the town, and seven regiments are on the South Bank of the Pamlico river. The gunboat Com. Holt opened on the rebels. The night the rebels took up all boats in the river and planted batteries along its bank in such positions as rendered it almost impossible for vessels to pass, and established themselves two miles from the town, completely commanding our works. Next day the Com. Holt got aground and was struck 30 times by rebel batteries, but finally got off. Two transports with troops unsuccessful attempted to reach Foster. A small lighter had succeeded in reaching Gen. Foster with supplies and ammunition—the daring feat having been accomplished by morning.

Gen. Hill has notified Foster to remove all women and children, as it is intended to shell the town, but up to the second it had not been done, as our gunboats had kept the battery fully engaged. On the 4th morning eleven ships arrived, and others, with nine and eleven inch guns, were expected on the 5th. A Newbern letter, dated 3rd p.m., states

that the gunboats had arrived at the mouth of the river, and it is thought that they will demolish the rebel batteries. Gen. Palmer and Prince have taken such steps as lead to the removal of all fears for the safety of Gen. Foster. The rebels are reported as having 5,000 men on the road between Newbern and Washington.

Washington, April 8.—10 p.m.

The excitement here in regard to the reported attack on Charleston, is intense. The navy and War Department are still without official advice in regard to it, but no doubts are entertained that the attack had been made, and the result was unfavorable to the rebels. The continued reference of the rebel newspapers is regarded as almost a certain evidence that they are in possession of news which confirms that Charleston has fallen before the combined attack of General Hunter and Admiral Dupont.

It has heretofore been the practice of the rebels whenever they have met with a success to send to the Laphamstock, a rebel newspaper, which they are in possession of, with copies of their papers announcing the news; besides this, their pickets are very gloomy and decline to converse at all upon the subject of the attack upon Charleston or any other copies of any of their papers to come across the river.

The Navy Department is in hourly expectation of receiving information in regard to the attack which they know was to have commenced last Thursday. A prominent official in the Navy Department today made her on the fact that by this time the officers on board of our iron-clads were either in Charleston or in Heaven.

San Francisco, April 8.

The Northern coast steamer has arrived with 60,000 dollars.

Oregon dates are to the 1st and British Columbia to the 2nd inst.

A brisk emigration had commenced to the Cariboo mines and Puget sound.

The snake Indians had been very severely punished by a volunteer company of miners, who attacked them near Salmon Falls, and the snake river, killing about 50 of them. Only two minutes were required.

Clarksville, Tenn., April 8.

Twelve hundred rebels under Woodward, with two pieces of artillery, captured and burned the steamers Lovell and Saxonia today, killing the captain of the Saxonia. The passengers and crews of the above boats were spared.

General Joe Johnson and Breng recently boasted they would possess themselves of Kentucky before harvest time.

Cincinnati, April 7.

Despatches from Murfreesboro give the following account of the fight near Snow Hill, Tenn., on the 2nd inst.

Gen. Stanley with 2,000 cavalry and Col. Matthews' infantry brigade, started to capture Morgan's and Wharton's 8th regiment of infantry and cavalry, at Snow Hill, beyond Auburn. They drove in the enemy's pickets. The 7th Pennsylvania cavalry turned the rebels' right flank, while Ninty's and cavalry brigade with Newell's battery moved up in front. The enemy fled. The enemy's pickets were then encountered west of Liberty, and a considerable force of rebels were posted on the bluff on the opposite side of Smith's ford. They resisted around and capture them, and they escaped with their guns. Our loss was one private of the 7th Pennsylvania cavalry killed and two slightly wounded. Gen. Stanley returned to Murfreesboro by way of Lebanon, capturing six prisoners at the latter point.

It is reported that the gunboats Lexington and some other boats shelled the town of Florence, Alabama, on the 2nd inst., and drove away a company of rebel cavalry stationed there.

A special despatch from Helena, dated 3rd inst., says that advice from General Quinby's expedition to the 30th ult., state that no progress had been made in the reduction of Fort Greenwood.

Our forces were still in front of the enemy, and there had been considerable skirmishing between the pickets on shore.

The rebels were improving the time by greatly increasing the strength of their works. They have received and mounted more heavy guns, and well supplied with ammunition.

It is the opinion of well informed officers that our gunboats will not succeed in taking the place. The country along the Tallahatchie is occupied by two regiments of cavalry, and swarms with guerrillas.

One of our Mississippi boats captured five rebel riflemen at the mouth of the Coldwater, and indications of an attempt to place torpedoes in the channel have been discovered.

The first reconnaissance of Haine's Bluff was made by Admiral Porter. The object of the reconnaissance was to see if the rebels proceeded within range of the rebel batteries and fired several shots at them, but the shots were not returned.

New York, April 7.

The correspondent of the World, writing aboard the ship Hartford, March 25th, three miles below Vicksburg, states that a few miles above Grand Gulf the wheelhouse of a steamboat, painted lead color, was discovered abreast of Hurricane Island, 20 miles below Warrenton. From a description it accords perfectly with the Indianola, and leaves no doubt as to her fate that she is sunk in deep water, and bears so far as can be seen, as having the appearance of having been blown up just where she sunk.

THE JESUITS IN AUSTRIA.—The Vienna correspondent of the London Times says:—During the last few months large bands of Jesuits have emigrated from the kingdom of Italy to Austria. The middle and lower classes will have nothing to do with the austere followers of Loyola, Liguori, &c., but the high and mighty of the land receive them with open arms and entrust their children to their care. The Archduke Maximilian of Este, who has a spacious palace in this city, now gives board and lodging to twelve Jesuits, all of whom, as is said, come from Modena.

Selling a wife actually took place in Mertry Tuesday last, says a local paper. The wife was 23; £2 10s. in cash, and 10s. worth of beer; the latter to be drunk by the principal parties in the transaction. The husband seemed well satisfied that he had not only got rid of his wife, but also gained something in the bargain. As for the woman, she exhibited few symptoms of either shame or sorrow, but drank her share of the beer with satisfaction.

The bakery of Mr. Reuter, St. Louis, Suburbs, Quebec, was destroyed by fire on Friday.

An English footman has just fallen heir to \$325,000.

Report of the Minister of Finance of Canada.

Quebec, April 9.

To His Excellency, Charles Stanley Vincent, Governor General of British North America.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:—

The undersigned has the honor to submit to Your Excellency the Public Account of the Province for the past year. The total expenditure of the year, including payments on account of the redemption of the public debt, amounted to 11,395,923.20 dol., and the total receipts to 10,629,204.20 dol., showing an excess of payments over gross receipts of 766,719.00 dol. This difference was met by the balance of the cash balances and the bank's accounts. From the gross expenditure of 11,395,923.20, it is necessary to deduct the amount of Debentures redeemed, \$279,830, and the Debenture charged as redeemed in 1861 but paid in 1862, 144,412.42 dol., total, 424,242.62 dol.; making the net expenditure 10,971,680.58 dol. On the other side, deducting Debentures issued, 2,220,760.00 dol., and investments redeemed, 820,298.00 dol.—total 2,220,760.00 dol.; the net receipts are reduced to 8,207,145.00 dol., exhibiting an actual deficit of 2,764,535.58 dol. To produce this result, the undersigned has proceeded upon a principle different from that which has or financially governed the province at the close of each year, adopting the accounts of 1861 as an example, it may be remarked that, had the balance sheet of the year been constructed on the basis accepted by the undersigned, it would have stood as follows:—Total expenditure, 14,742,834.40 dol.; less Debentures redeemed, 2,738,872.00 dol., making a sum paid on account of the redemption of the previous year, 179,945.00 dol.; total, 2,918,817.00 dol., leaving 11,824,017.40 dol. Total receipts, 12,655,581.00 dol.; less amount unpaid on account of Debentures redeemed, 145,531.00 dol.; investments realized, 901,040.00 dol., total, 3,899,572.00 dol., making 8,855,709.00 dol., showing an actual deficiency in 1861 of 2,971,311.40 dol.

It will be seen that the undersigned proceeded on the assumption that, from one source or another, the province should year by year meet the expenditure, whatever that might be, by the means of the redemption of the debt incurred in the construction of important public works which are permanent and may be of a remunerative character, and payments on account of engagements already contracted and standing in the shape of actual debt. He has, consequently, abstained from making several deductions, which it has been his duty to make in the statement of the yearly deficiency. He has preferred to state the matter as it really is, so that the province may understand the full extent of the demand on its resources, which it may probably be called upon to meet. Thus, the gross expenditure and receipts he has taken the redemption of the debt and the issue of debentures and also such receipts and repayments as were on account of the redemption, which had they come into the same year, would have appeared at all. He has further deducted the amount of the interest on the debt, which he has generally characterized as a fact equivalent only to a transfer from one bank account to another. The result he calls net expenditure and net receipts, the difference between which forms the actual deficit of the year, which must be provided for either by borrowing or by increasing the revenue. The borrowing process has unfortunately been employed too generally and too long, encouraging unnecessary expenditure and relieving the community of burdens which it should be made to bear as the consequence of its own acts. The time has come when a more judicious method of necessity be pursued, instead of taking the credit of the Province, and so transferring burdens from ourselves to posterity. It is desirable that we should now tax our available resources to the extent indicated by the deficiency, and the first step towards the change is to reduce the expenditure of the Hon. Hollis Smith. Mr. Sanborn has intimated that he will ask for the suffrages of the electors. Mr. Pope, M. P. P., and Mr. L. Felton, are also mentioned as possible candidates, by a local paper. It is stated that Mr. Webb has declined to stand.

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FOUND DEAD IN HIS CELL.—About 12 o'clock last night a young man named Joseph Duggan, and residing in St. Joseph Street, Montreal, was found lying drunk on the footpath, St. Lawrence Main Street, by policeman Delahanty, who took him to the Central Police Station. He then walked to a cell and lay down on the guard bed. He immediately arose, but fell back, and remained in a slumped posture against the partition of the cell. He remained there, and was supposed by those who visited the cell, to be asleep. When, however, it was quite to remove him this morning he was found dead. The Coroner was notified and a verdict returned of "Death from congestion of the brain."

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FIRE AND LOSS OF LIFE.—On Thursday last, while the wife of Mr. Mackay, in the village of Indiana, G. R., was out of the house a short time, the dwelling took fire and was totally destroyed, together with a small child, some three years old, which she left alone, whilst she called at a neighbor's. No cause can be given for the origin of the fire, Grand River Sachem.

Some troops passing through Columbus Ohio, on Monday, being intoxicated, attempted to pass the Provost guard. Being resisted, they commenced throwing stones and using clubs at the guard, and the latter fired on them, first with ball, and then with canister, and then with ball, Private Quinn of the 51st Pennsylvania regiment was mortally wounded, and Wright and Alexander of the 21st Massachusetts were slightly wounded.

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News Items.

David Abel, Esq., of Simcoe, has been appointed Postmaster of Port Dover.

A company has been formed in Chatham to bore for oil or salt within the limits of that town.

John B. Lawley has been convicted at the Hamilton assizes of stealing the watch of Rev. Dr. Thomson, of Galt.

The subscriptions in Quebec, in aid of the French Operatives' Fund, amount now to \$4,500.

There are some two dozen schooners at Ogdensburg, all chartered by the Federal Government and to be loaded with ice for the hospitals.

The Roman Catholic Bishops of the Province will sit in Council in the Cathedral of Quebec on Ascension Day, the 14th May next. Prayers have been ordered for the purpose of obtaining the Divine blessing on their deliberations.

A correspondent of the Montgomery Advertiser, writing from Richmond on the 23rd ult., says that President Davis has been confined to his house for two weeks, and is a great sufferer. An abscess has formed on his temple, next to his sound eye, and it is feared by his friends that he will lose the sight of that eye also.

Letters from Nova Scotia state that the steamer plying between Halifax and Boston carries large numbers of young men, unwilling to face the music and shoulder a musket for their country's cause, to the Province. One steamer recently arrived with two hundred passengers, and another with six hundred. The towns along the frontier are also filled with them, and the cry is, still they come.

The Collingwood Enterprise says Ward, the American agent, proprietor, has received the contract for carrying the mails to Port William.

WHISTLE IN A BOY'S NOSE.—The Danville Herald says there is a smart little German boy in that village, named Lauterborn, who has been proved by nature with a whistle in his nose. It was first noticed a few months since, and was supposed to proceed from a cold, but he recovered without losing his whistle, and a little practice will make him a greater curiosity than anything Barum has got on hand now.

The Kingston Daily News says, that on Wednesday night, the 1st inst., the dwelling house of Mr. Hugh Scullen, of the 7th concession of Storrington [near Brewer's Mills], was entirely destroyed by fire. So far advanced was the conflagration when the fire broke out, that the flames were visible from the house, and the family, that Mr. Scullen, with his family of six, had barely time to escape from the house in their night clothes. Nothing was saved.

On Friday afternoon, in Inspector street, Montreal, Celina Riener, wife of Thomas McDonnell, late a Sergeant in the first battalion of the Rifle Brigade, was found dead in bed. It is stated that during the forenoon the deceased got drunk and quarreled with her husband, who seems also to have been in liquor. He says that he went to bed, and on awakening found his wife a corpse. An inquest has been held, and a verdict rendered, of death by suffocation, caused by her husband's neglect and carelessness. She was about 27 years of age, and had been married but a few months.

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The Huron Signal states that three fishermen were lost near Bayfield, Lake Huron, on the 31st ult., all of them leaving large families unprotected for.

The Viscountess Gough died at St. Helen's, the residence of Field Marshall Lord Gough, near Dublin, on Sunday March 15.

New Zealand has granted £10,000 to assist the emigration of English cotton operatives to that colony. Many applications have been made from parties desirous of taking advantage of the grant.

Henry Jordan acknowledges, in the London Times of the 17th ult., in addition to sums previously received, subscriptions to the amount of £268 18s 6d, towards the expense of outfit, conveyance to port, &c., of 1,000 operatives to whom free passages are given by the Queensland Government.

Birth.

At Arrapong, on the 5th inst., Mrs. John McEwan of a son.

Married.

On Easter Tuesday, April 7th, at the house of the bride's father, Almonte, by the Rev. E. H. M. Baker, Rector, Mr. Joseph Bond, to Miss Margaret Donegan, both of Almonte.

At the Rectory, Frankton, on the 11th ult., by the Rev. E. Morris, Mr. James Griffith, of the township of Wallace, to Miss Jane Jones, fourth daughter of Mr. P. Jones, Montague.

At the same place and by the same, on the 27th ult., Mr. Uriah Saunders, Montague, to Miss Maria Hunt, Osgoode.

At the same place, and by the same, Mr. Thomas Armstrong, Beckwith, to Miss H. Flagg, Frankton.

On the 26th ult., at the residence of Mr. James New, by the Rev. S. Huntington, Mr. William Cole, to Miss Eliza Lynch, both of the Township of Horton.

On the 7th inst., at the residence of the bride's father, by the Rev. J. Graham, Mr. Wm. Edwards, to Miss Ellen McQuitty, both of the Township of Horton.

On the 7th inst., at the residence of the bride's father, by the Rev. J. Graham, Mr. Thomas Blackwell, of the Township of Ross, to Miss Eliza Johnston, of the Township of Horton.

By the same on the 9th inst., at the residence of the R. J. Graham, Mr. Ira Smith, of Renfrew village, to Miss Eliza Richardson, both of the township of Horton.

Died.

In Drummond, on the 5th inst., Catherine, Legere, aged 70 years. Buried at Brockville, on the 3rd inst., Mr. John Green, in the 48th year of his age.

William Nivn & Co's Prices Current.

Montreal, Monday, 6th April 1863.

Our advices from Europe are continued up to 21st ultimo, by the arrival of the Cunard Steamer "Canada." The prospects of British trade to-day rather brighter and an advance over the previous week. Quotations have been quietly sustained, but prices are still too low to remunerate to shippers here. Provisions have a tendency further downwards, and poor grades have been sold at prices which will entail heavy losses on owners.

Our local trade in Flour and Grain continues brisk, and prices have been steadily maintained, arrivals being light and quick, moved off.

Flour.—Lively demand for first class qualities of Super No. 1, and favorite brands bring an advance on our highest quotations. Market today rather quiet, quotations being on a more liberal scale. We hear of offers to deliver Super No. 1 in May at \$4.50, and declined. Superior No. 4, \$5.15 to \$5.50. Extra \$4.85 to \$5.00. Family \$4.60 to \$4.70. Superfine No. 1, \$4.45 to \$4.50. Superfine No. 2, \$4.15 to \$4.25. Fine \$4.00. Middlings \$3.00 to \$3.50. Bag Flour more offering, \$2.40 to \$2.45.

Wheat.—Receipts nominal. Car loads sell at 85 to 95 cents according to quality. No White Wheat offering.

Oatmeal.—In better demand, \$4.75 to \$5.00 per 100 lbs.

Butter.—There has been more business doing in the last few days and stocks of Medium are considerable reduced. Extra Dairy 14 to 15 cents. Fair to Fine 12 to 13 cents. Inferior 9 to 11 cents.

Cheese.—Selling in small lots 8 to 9 cents. Ashes.—Continue depressed in price. Potatoes.—Fairly good, \$6.00 to \$6.10. Oats.—Held at 55 cents per 40 lbs. Barley per 50 lbs. \$9.35 to \$1.05. Peas per 70 to 75 cents. per 66 lbs. Indian Corn, per 50 lbs, 55 cents.

Pork.—The active demand noticed for the last month has somewhat subsided, but as stocks have been much diminished holders are firm. Old Mess, 10 1/2 to \$10.75. New Mess, 11 1/2 to \$11.75. New Prime Mess \$8 to \$8.50, and Prime \$7.75 to \$8. No New Pork offering.

Lard.—Steady. Barrels, 7 to 7 1/2 cents; kegs 7 1/2 to 8 cents.

Tallow.—Steady at 7 1/2 to 8 cents.

Seeds.—Clover and Timothy limited demand. Flax Seed in active request at \$1.80 to \$1.90 per 50 lbs. Good samples, Upper Canada Flour, 63 cents. Timothy \$1.50 to \$2.00 per 45 lbs.

Furs.—Musk Rats, per skin 1 1/2 to 20 cents; Coon 25c to \$1. Red Fox \$1.25 to \$1.75. Crow, Fox, \$2.00 to \$2.50. Sable, dark \$4 to \$5; Otter, \$4 to \$12; Marten, \$1.75 to \$2.50; Mink, \$2 to \$3; Fisher, \$4 to \$5; Beaver, per lb. \$1.25 to \$1.50. Bear \$3.50 to \$8. Extra-sized Bear a proportionate advance.

Petroleum.—Very dull. Superior qualities quoted at 15 to 23 cents per gallon, package extra.

Lard Tobacco.—Good samples U. C. in demand at an advance 9 1/2 to 10 cents. Business for the past week has been very dull, the only item worthy of notice being Messrs. Buchanan's Auction Sale on Thursday, at which there was a large attendance, and a considerable quantity of goods were disposed of at fair prices.

Teas.—Young Hyson Ping Sney, 80 to 90 cents.—Moyune, 50 to 80 cents.—Ganars, 75 to 87 cents.—Hyson 50 to 70 cents.—Imperial, 60 to 75 cents.; Uncolored Japan, 42 to 60 cents.—Gougon, 40 to 60 cents.—Souchong, 35 to 55 cents.

Coffee.—Rio, 20 to 25 cents.—Laguayra, 22 1/2 to 23 cents.—Java, 25 to 27 cents.—Sugars.—Cuba, \$7.25 to \$7.90. Porto Rico, \$8.00 to \$8.40. New Crop held for about 1 1/2 higher.

Molasses.—Muscovado, 26 to 29 cents. New York Syrup, 42 1/2 to 45 cents. Caribbana, \$4.50 to \$5.00. Rice.—Arroz, \$3.50 to \$3.60. Fruit.—Raisins—New Layers \$2.40. M. R.'s \$2.20. Old Layers, \$2 to \$2.15. Old M. R.'s, \$1.75. Figs.—New in drums 13 to 14 cents. Currants, Old, 5 to 5 1/2 cents. New 6 to 7 cents.

Tobacco.—7 1/2 cts. No. 1 Cut 15 cents. Fish.—Dry Cod, \$3.00. White Fish \$4; \$3.25.

Linseed, \$1.10 to \$1.15; Belled do, \$1.15 to \$1.20.

WILLIAM NIVN & Co., Commission Merchants.

The house of Mr. Robert Hopkins, St. Vincent line, Sydney, was destroyed by fire on Tuesday last.

The dwelling house of Mr. Leslie Hunter, 3rd concession of Caledon, was, with all its contents, consumed by fire, on the morning of the 17th.

The wife of Mr. John McClinton, 3rd concession of Reach, hung herself in her husband's barn, on Monday last. No reason for the suicide is given.

James Bryden came to his death on the 24th ult., between Hamilton and Dundas, by a fall from his wagon. It is supposed he was intoxicated at the time of the accident.

Van Allen's saw mill, North Chatham, the property of Mr. E. T. Williams was destroyed by fire on Thursday. There was a partial insurance.

Intelligence from the river Platte, in South America, has been received to the effect that a petroleum spring has lately been discovered in the province of Rioja, belonging to the Argentine Confederation. Scientific men pronounce that country as rich in this singular product, as Pennsylvania. The great drawback there is a scarcity of workmen.

MARKETS.

Corrected Regularly.

Brockville, April 8, 1863.

Fall Flour 100 lbs. \$2 25 @ 2 50

Spring Flour..... 2 25 @ 2 35

Spring Wheat..... 0 85 @ 0 90

Barley..... 0 12 @ 0 15

Indian Corn..... 0 45 @ 0 50

Barley 48 lbs..... 0 70 @ 0 75

Fall Wheat..... 0 90 @ 1 00

Potatoes..... 0 30 @ 0 35

Rye..... 0 45 @ 0 55

Oatmeal, 100 lbs..... 2 50 @ 3 00

Peas..... 0 45 @ 0 50

Oats..... 0 30 @ 0 45

Hay, 1 ton..... 14 00 @ 16 00

Beef, 100 lbs..... 4 00 @ 6 00

Pork 100 lbs..... 3 00 @ 5 00

Pork Prime Mess..... 10 00 @ 0 00

Wool 1 lb..... 0 25 @ 0 30

Butter..... 0 13 @ 0 15

Eggs..... 0 12 @ 0 15

Turkeys..... 0 40 @ 0 50

Fowls pair..... 0 20 @ 0 30

Geese..... 0 20 @ 0