

Telegraphic News.

Portland, Me., July 25. A fire at the Portland company's work partially burned them this morning. Loss \$60,000. Two new tenders for the Inter-colonial railroad were burned.

Norfolk, Va., July 26. About one o'clock this morning an incendiary fire occurred on the west side of Market square. The total loss is estimated at \$150,000, partially covered by insurance.

London, July 25. A treaty between Russia and Khiva has been signed. Khiva pays two million roubles and abolishes capital punishment, and Russia guarantees independence of the Khanate.

Five men were killed and several injured by a fire damp explosion in a Belgian coal mine yesterday.

New York, July 25. The Baltimore conflagration extended over 33 acres. The loss is estimated at from a half to one million dollars. The insurance is probably \$350,000. A number of firemen were prostrated by the heat, and a Sister of Charity died from fright.

The quarrel among the Creek Indians in Indian Territory resulted in the death of six Indians.

Gold 115 3/4. New York, July 28. Destructive storms are reported in various places. The most serious on Saturday evening in Penobscot County, Me., where the tornado caused much damage and a terrible accident, blowing a gap in a bridge, through which a locomotive, with five men, plunged into the river. The engineer was killed, but the others escaped unhurt.

An engine ran away on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad on Sunday, running into a freight train, wrecking 20 cars, killing three persons, and seriously wounding four others.

The July Agricultural Report to the Government represents an improvement in winter wheat, but decline in prospect of shipping wheat, on account of unreasonable weather in some quarters and insect enemies in others.

Gold 115 3/4. London, July 28. Rate for money at stock exchange on Government securities is lower than the Bank of England rate by 1 per cent.

Madrid, July 27. A destructive typhoon visited Amoy, on the 21st inst. Great damage was done to foreign property and shipping in the harbor and river.

The telegraphic cable between Amoy and Shanghai is broken.

The Abolition of Purchase in the Army. A return to an address of the House of Lords, obtained by the Duke of Richmond, has been printed, showing the number of officers who have memorialized his Royal Highness the Commander-in-Chief with reference to their position and prospects consequent upon the abolition of purchase. The document contains the letters from the Generals commanding districts forwarding the memorials. The number of officers who memorialized was 2,245, and the number of letters from G-245.

The letter from General Sir Hope Grant is the first letter, in which he declared that he was fully convinced as to the strong feeling of discontent and dissatisfaction which prevails among the masses of regimental officers, and that their case has never been gone into before an impartial tribunal, without some such recognition of the feeling would go on increasing in intensity. He therefore submitted that a Royal Commission should be granted, before which the officers could unfold their views. The other letters complained of grievances arising from the new regulations for the Army. The officers considered they suffered from the abolition of the purchase system. The first letter, from Aldershot, was dated the 19th of April last, and the last, from Dublin, on the 19th inst.

[From the Manitoba, July 12.] ATTACK ON THE MEMONITES.—We purpose forbear this week from going into any lengthened criticism with regard to the attack by some Half Breeds upon the Menonite Disputation at White Horse Plains.

Those accused of participation in the affair are now in custody, and it would be unfair to condemn them for their conduct until at least they have been heard in their own defence. They have been incarcerated at the Stone Fort Gaol, and were brought up for examination on Thursday, but their case had not been concluded when we went to press. In the meantime we regret the tone taken by some of our contemporary journals with regard to the matter. It is the duty of a judge to hear the evidence before he convicts, and for a journalist to forbear comment until full particulars are before him.

PASTE THIS IN YOUR HAT.—Here are a few items of information known to some, but to a great many yet to be learned: How to lay off a square acre of ground: Measure off 208 1/2 feet on each side, and you will have an acre within an inch. Contents of distances: An acre contains 4,840 square yards. Measure of distances: A mile is 5,280 feet, or 1,760 yards in length. A fathom is six feet. A league is six miles. A day's journey is 33 1/2 miles. A cubit is two feet. A hand (horse measure) is four inches. A palm is three inches. A span is 10 1/2 inches. A space is three feet. A barrel of iron weighs 196 pounds. A barrel of pork is 200 pounds. A barrel of rice is 200 pounds. A barrel of powder is 25 pounds. A skin of butter is 56 pounds. The following are sold by weights

per bushel: Wheat, beans and clover seed 60 pounds to the bushel; Corn, rye and flaxseed 56 pounds to the bushel.

A POLICEMAN IN A QUANDARY.—There is a policeman in Oil City who is in a quandary. He has levied on the contents of a torpedo magazine, which are many cans of the gentle glycerine. The proprietor has locked the door and put the key in his pocket. Now, the policeman could break down the door; but whether, after doing this, he would be in a situation to carry off the goods inside or he would, being able to find any goods or any inside in fact, are questions which he is in no hurry to have practically answered.

DISCOVERY OF A GOLD MINE IN SOUTH AMERICA.—A Buenos Ayres correspondent gives an account of the discovery in a Province of the Argentine Republic of a gold mine, said to be the richest in the world. Half of the site of the mine is said to have been sold for a hundred millions of dollars.

The Standard.

SAINT ANDREWS, JULY 30, 1873.

THE PACIFIC MIDDLE.—"Audi alteram partem."—Anglice "Hear the other party," is an old Latin proverb, which appears to be ignored by many at the present time; and if the rule was ever required in any instance, it undoubtedly is in the Pacific Railway charges. It is a rule in our Courts of Law, that the evidence of a criminal who betrays his associates, and turns Queen's evidence, is looked upon with suspicion and very properly so, for it is the price of "blood money," or what is tantamount, the loss of place, emolument, and character. Black as the Cabinet has been made by the charges, we are pleased to know, that there are many who will not believe the charges of corruption, until they are substantiated on oath and proved. How much money has been paid McMullen to publish his revelations? As to his motives, any one can trace them to the pure source from whence they emanate.

It is to be regretted that some people suffer themselves to be carried away by what they read against the Dominion Cabinet; they form their opinions too hastily without waiting as they should do, until the charges are investigated. They seem to forget, that men holding the high and responsible positions of Cabinet Ministers dare not betray the country nor ruin their own characters for a petty consideration of a few thousand dollars. Were the charges preferred against one member of the Government, it might be possible that he had been led astray in an unguarded moment, but the bare idea of the whole Cabinet having been guilty of accepting bribes, and selling their country to unscrupulous speculators is too absurd to be entertained.

The Opposition are sparing no efforts to get up a feeling against the Ministry, and to create a popular excitement which would result in a parliamentary vote injurious to the Cabinet, before the Committee meets to investigate the charges preferred against them. Another dodge of their's is to force the Governor General to continue the Session of Parliament in August, for the purpose of discussing the Pacific bill, while the public mind is excited by the one-sided evidence of guilt furnished by unprincipled demagogues, whose sole aim is to obtain place, power, and salary. They thus hope to gain over those members in Parliament who are ready to vote on what they suppose to be the winning side, and to secure the aid of that portion of the press, which is ready to jump the fence and class itself among the victors, to whom "belong the spoils." It is probable that the Ministry will take care of those "fence viewers," with their big trumpets which give an uncertain sound. And it is almost certain that the whole matter will be placed in the hands of a Commission composed of the Judges of the Dominion for investigation, whose decision will be against the conspirators, whose efforts to ruin the reputation of the leading men of the Dominion know no bounds. What a sorry condition the Maritime Provinces would have been in, had the Grits held the reins of power for the last six years.

Circuit Court. The Summer Term of the Circuit Court was closed on Monday evening. Geo. S. Grimmer, Esq., Q. C., conducted the criminal business. The following is a list of the causes and verdicts: Putnam vs. Young, Nash and Gray. Thompson for Piff; Weldon for Defs. Withdrawn.

Greenlaw vs. Lord and Johnson. Grimmer for Piff; Street & Stevenson for Defs. Verdict for Piff.

Fraser vs. Almond, road surveyor for the Town of St. Stephen. McMonagle for Piff; Grimmer for Defs. Verdict for Piff.

Maxwell vs. Tourielotte. Grimmer for Piff; McMonagle for Defs. Verdict for Piff.

Abbot vs. Hamilton and others. McMonagle for Piff; Grimmer for Defs. Piff non-suited.

Bank B. N. A. vs. W. Robinson. Grimmer for Piff; McMonagle for Defs. Verdict for Piff.

Bank B. N. A. vs. G. H. Robinson. Grimmer for Piff; McMonagle for Defs. Verdict for Piff.

Criminal Docket.—Queen vs. John Bradley. Tried and acquitted.

From the Boston "Journal" of Monday kindly handed us by Mr. Brown, of the Aroostook Express Co., we learn that Mon. Kiestaffly, private Secretary and one of the prelates of the household of the Pope, has arrived in New York, to enquire into the feasibility of sending a large number of Missionaries to preach Roman Catholicism to the negroes in the Southern States.

One hundred Mormons arrived from Europe, and departed for Salt Lake.

The movements of the Governor General are known only to himself, and it is useless for correspondents to state that he will visit this or that city at a specified time; in fact his Secretary has so stated in an official note to the publishers of the Daily papers. In reply to several who have enquired, we are in a position to state that Lord Dufferin's visit to St. Andrews will probably take place during the latter part of August.

Biological Entertainment.

Professor STONE, whose ability as a Biologist is extensively known on this Continent and Europe, purposes giving two of his popular and interesting entertainments in Masonic Hall, on Friday and Saturday evenings next. Prof. Stone has given unbounded satisfaction wherever he has performed, and his gifts are as multifarious as his performances are unrivalled. We learn from several gentlemen who attended his entertainments, that his exhibitions of skill in his favorite science are really wonderful. The Professor has very handsome testimonials from the Press, and leading men of the Dominion. We trust his performances will be well patronized.

ARRIVALS.—"And still they come" will apply to the visitors which arrive daily here. Among them this week, were some of our Provincial notables—the Hon. Edward Willis, of the "Daily News," J. V. Ellis, Esq., of the "St. John's Globe," Jas. G. Forbes and H. Leonard, Esqrs., of St. John, J. McCaughey, Esq., of Messrs. W. P. Howland & Co., Toronto, Prof. Stone and Mrs. Stone, and Rev. Hope Edwards, of England, were all at Clark's Hotel.

FOR ENGLAND.—Mr. Stinson, representative of Messrs. Odell & Turner, left here on Saturday last to take passage in the steamship "Hibernian" to visit the British Markets, and purchase a supply of merchandise for the Fall and Winter trade.

ENTERTAINMENT.—This evening and Thursday evening, the Laverde Children will give entertainments, assisted by a powerful combination of leading Stars and a splendid Orchestra, in the Masonic Hall. Press notices speak favorably of their entertainments.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—We are informed that while two men were skylarking near the Bridge St. Stephen on Monday evening, one of them struck the other good humoredly; he fell and broke his neck, and immediate death ensued.

We are indebted to our friend Capt. George Street, for a file of Manitoba papers.

RICH.—Fort Sullivan, at Eastport, is to be dismantled. Congressman Hale pleads eloquently against it, setting forth "that on the flag staff of the venerable fortress large numbers of emigrants destined to our shores catch their first view of the American flag." Mr. Hale must imagine that the people of the Dominion are annexationists, and that "Nova Scotians" as he calls the Canadians see through his spectacles.

The Hon. S. L. Tilley and Mrs. Tilley returned on Saturday last from their trip to Prince Edward Island.

The Hon. Dr. Tupper and Mrs. Tupper also returned last evening.

THE GERISH CABINET ORGAN, with Imperial Case, and flexible rolling cover, is very highly commended by the Press of the United States, and also by persons of undoubted integrity, who speak from actual knowledge. It is manufactured in eight different styles in the best and most finished manner, by W. H. Gerish, 1758 Washington Street, Boston.

NEW PUBLISHING FIRM.—The Hon. E. Willis has taken into partnership with him Mr. J. A. S. Mott, who, for many years was cashier in the "Daily News." The firm is now Willis & Mott. We have known Mr. Mott for several years, and have invariably found him attentive, polite and obliging. We wish the new firm abundant prosperity.

The weather for the past week was unusually warm, and all that could be desired for haymaking. The crop we learn is abundant. The refreshing rain of Sunday last was of immense service to the growing crops.

Every reader of the ALDINE for August is sure to be charmed with its beautiful and seasonable illustrations, as well as pleased with its fresh and piquant literary contents. A magnificent full page marine view opens the number from the pencil of M. F. H. de Haas, N. A., one of our great painters of water scenes. It is a truthful sketch of what may be seen almost any day on Long Island Sound.

Mr. F. T. Vance, who has made the region a study, contributes a series of original pictures of the grand Adirondack mountains and lakes, which are very timely, as that region is now full of pleasure seekers. There is a page picture of "Lake Colden," remarkable for its lights and shadows, depth and feeling; one of "Avalanche Lake;" another of "Clamity Pond Brook;" and a charming one of "Flume Falls of the Opalescence"—four as fine views from the proposed great National Park, as ever appeared in an Art Journal. A tender and eloquent full page picture illustrates a poem "A Good Dog." The remaining illustrations, all fine works of art, are "Gloria Deer," by Specht; "The Expedition," after Herper; "Vot Do-sh You Peddles?" a humorous sketch by W. M. Cary; "Shoo Fly;"

and "Picking Flowers." The literary contents of the ALDINE keep pace with its general art, and are this month unusually interesting. There are two delightful stories: The Crowa Re-quiem, by Eckmann Chatrian, and a Graven Image, by Clara F. Guernsey. The miscellaneous articles are instructive, amusing and interesting. Subscription price \$5, in advance. The ALDINE is published by Messrs. H. G. Brown, James G. Brown & Co., publishers, 58 Maiden Lane.

HARPER'S MAGAZINE for August contains contributions from several of the leading writers in the States, and is illustrated with eighty-eight fine similes of the overworking of little children in New York city. The illustrations are beautiful and characteristic.

A comprehensive paper is contributed on "The Telegraph," covering every phase of the subject, and illustrated with forty engravings. Among the illustrations are representations of pictures and autographs transmitted by means of the telegraph.

Among the contributions are Clara Reader's serial, "A Simploton," several chapters of which have appeared in previous issues. The Easy Chair and other editorial departments, are as usual, teeming with information, useful, instructive, suggestive and entertaining.

The late L. Donaldson, Esq., bequeathed \$6,000 for charitable purposes connected with the St. Andrews Society, of St. John.

England, Russia and Denmark. The royal families of England, Denmark and Russia are married and given in marriage at a remarkable rate, and the leading members of these reigning families have been placed on the most kindly footing. The heirs apparent to the British and Russian Thrones are brothers-in-law; for the Prince of Wales and the Czar's wife married two sisters, the Princess Alexandra and the Princess Dagmar, of Denmark. The Princess Royal of England, is the wife of the Crown Prince of Germany, first cousin of the Czar. And now the Queen's second son, Prince Alfred, Duke of Edinburgh, is about to marry the Czar's only daughter. All this would seem to indicate that a very kindly feeling subsists between the Royal Houses of England and Russia, and that England and Russia are likely to remain long on good terms with each other.

The Queen and the Czar, there is reason to believe, hold each other in the highest respect, and they have undoubtedly wisely ruled their respective nations. The Queen is undoubtedly the best constitutional Sovereign that ever occupied the English throne. The Czar is one of the most beneficent despots that ever swayed a sceptre, and he has conferred benefits of incalculable value on the Russian people. The entrance of the Danish sisters into the family of the Queen and Czar will tend to strengthen the ties founded on mutual respect, previously existing between these high personages. These Danish Princesses were two of the prettiest girls in Europe, and are, it is said, as good as they are beautiful. One of them, the Princess of Wales, is a great favourite of the British people. Quickly after her arrival in England, she won the respect and affection of the nation, and has retained both ever since. The two sisters resemble each other. Their influence on the families with which, by marriage, they have been connected, cannot but be in the direction of the maintenance between them of amicable relations.

SUMMARY. WHAT IS THOUGHT OF SIR HUGH ALLAN IN CANADA.—When his late affidavit was published Mr. Holton said he always knew Sir Hugh to be the greatest liar in Canada, but he didn't know before he would swear to his lies. Is Mr. Holton's estimate of the man to be proved correct?—[St. John Tribune.]

PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION at Fredericton takes place on the 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th of October. The building is being repainted, etc.

ALBERT ELECTION.—The following are a few of the prospective candidates:—John A. Lawrence, Esq., of Moncton, Martin B. Palmer, Capt. John Calhoun, Chipman Bishop, Dr. Lewis, Dr. O. R. Moore; C. A. Peck, Esq., and John Duffy.

There is no Cholera in Boston.

On (Sunday), a number of men in an establishment near the Toll Bridge were carelessly handling a gun, without knowing that it was heavily charged with duck shot. The gun was snuffed, and the contents lodged in one of the knee caps of a man from Calais named Whalen. The knee was seriously shattered. [Daily News.]

On Saturday evening, Alley Lodge of Freemasons at Barrow was visited by Grand Master Ellis, accompanied by the Deputy Grand Master and other officers of the Grand Lodge. It is said the attendance was large and the visit a most satisfactory one.

Two men who committed some robberies at New London, Wisconsin, were caught at Shawano Thursday night. A vigilance committee of sixty took them from the sheriff, put a noose around their necks and hung them till they confessed where the stolen property was secreted.

The reason why cholera was not sooner arrested in Memphis was, perhaps, because the police hadn't been paid for five months.

The cost of the equipment of Massachusetts' railroads varies as to style and quality from less than \$3,000 per mile, the lowest, to \$18,425 per mile for the Eastern railroad, which stands highest on the list. Train brakes, Miller platforms, etc., are costly, but the public demand them, and

their use involves economy in the last resort.

At the Penobscot Exchange in Bangor, old fashioned baked Indian pudding is the Sunday standard, and for convenience it appears on the bill of fare as "Baked Indian." One of the waiters was considerably startled Sunday to hear a stranger call for a "baked Modoc."

It is said that the contract between the Eastern and Maine Central combination, and the consolidated European and North American Railway was signed in Bangor Thursday.

A Chicago man is living in an ice house to keep cool, but the temperature being uncomfortable he has put up a stove, and is now happy.

DIED. At Sumner Vale, on Saturday, July 26th, after a short illness, HENRIETTA, relict of the late JAMES WHITNEY and youngest sister of Sir W. F. Williams, of Kars, aged 67 years.

At St. George, on Saturday, the 26th inst. Walter S., infant son of Hector N. and Annie McKenzie, aged 5 months.

Ship News. PORT OF ST. ANDREWS. ARRIVED. July 23, Willie, Carson, Boston, ballast.

July 23, Utica, Maloney, Boston, sundries. Linda, Evans, Eastport, ballast. Matilda, Stinson, St. Stephen, gen. co. go.

July 23, Daisy, Maloney, Portsmouth, 2000 sleepers, R Ross. 25, Linda, Evans, Eastport, old iron.

Lime for Sale. 300 BARRELS first quality of LIME, are offered for sale low by WM. HICKS, July 31.

Notice to Contractors. SEALED TENDERS will be received at the Marine and Fisheries Office, Saint John, N.B. until the 5th August next,

inclusive, for the erection of an Engine House and Engineer's Dwelling at Cape Range, Albert County, N. B. To be addressed "Tenders for Fog Alarm Building."

The names of two responsible and solvent persons, residents of the Dominion of Canada, willing to become sureties for the fulfillment of the contract, to be enclosed.

Plans and specifications can be seen at this office. The Department does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

J. H. HARDING, Agent Marine & Fisheries, St. John, N. B. Saint John, N. B., July 17th, 1873. July 23

Notice to Contractors. SEALED TENDERS will be received by the Undersigned to August 1st, for the erection of a MARINE HOSPITAL

in this town, to be completed December 1st proximo. The contractor to have the advantage of the present stone wall.

Separate sealed Tenders will be received at the same time for the Building of a Post House, on St. Andrews Island, to be completed by November 1st proximo.

The contractor in each case to furnish materials &c., and good and sufficient security for the faithful performance of the work. Plans, specifications &c., may be seen at the store of Messrs. Robison & Glenn.

S. T. GOVE, for Department of Public Works, St. Andrews July 19, 1873.

Notice. AT the Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Bay of Fundy RED GRANITE COMPANY, held at St. George, N. B., on Tuesday, the 8th July, 1873, the following persons were elected Officers for the year 1873-4:

President. JACOB S. BROWN. Vice-President. DOUGLAS WETMORE. Treasurer. THOMAS BARRY. Secretary. CHARLES C. WARD. Superintendent of Quarries. GEORGE G. MCGLASHAN. Agent for the Company in the United States. JOHN M. MOFFITT. Directors. JACOB S. BROWN, New York. JOHN M. MOFFITT, " JOHN E. GREEN, " THOMAS BARRY, St. George. GEORGE G. MCGLASHAN, " DOUGLAS WETMORE, " CHARLES C. WARD, " Bankers. BANK OF BRITISH NORTH AMERICA. St. George, N. B., 9th July 1873.—11