

COLONIAL.

New Brunswick.

RETIREMENT OF CHIEF JUSTICE CHIPMAN.—His Honour, Chief Justice Chipman, who has presided over the Bench of this Province during the last sixteen years, gave in his resignation of the high and important office he has held, on Friday the 19th instant. This step has been taken by the Chief, we learn, principally on account of physical inability. His Honour did not take a formal leave of the Bar on the occasion. During the long period he has been connected with the Bench of New-Brunswick, his decisions have been highly satisfactory, and his legal attainments considered of no ordinary description, not only by the Bar of this Province, but also by able jurists in other countries. Up to the present time his decisions are said to command as much confidence as to their correctness as at any former period. On retiring into private life, we cordially wish that our respected Chief may long enjoy himself amongst us, and be gratified by witnessing and forwarding with his means the many improvements now in progress around us, having already earned a high reputation as a Citizen, a Lawyer, and a Judge.

With respect to the successor of the Chief Justice we are yet in the dark. The Executive Council met at Fredericton during the week, and broke up yesterday, but their doings on the subject have not been made public. We shall probably have the official announcement in a few weeks, through the London News, to the surprise and chagrin of some of our brethren of the press in this Province.—St. John Courier, 26th ult.

REMOVAL OF THE SEAT OF GOVERNMENT.—We insert to day a communication on the subject of the Removal of the seat of Government from Fredericton to this City, which appears to have been designed by nature to be the capital of the Province. It is needless to add that we heartily concur in the views of our correspondent on this subject, we have from time to time brought it before the notice of the public, but, as yet, we are sorry to say, without effect. We trust, however, now that things are somewhat changed, and for the reasons stated by our correspondent, that a vigorous effort will be made this winter by our members, who are well able for the task, and we hope they may be successful.—ib.

THE RAILWAY.—This (the refusal of Earl Grey to recommend to Parliament any measure for affording pecuniary assistance to this scheme) might almost have been expected, as in the event of their complying with this application, they would be overrun with similar demands from every part of Her Majesty's dominions, which might set up equally as good claims. We hope, therefore, that our Halifax friends will fall into the general scheme of making the Railway one grand concern, and trust to their own exertions in raising the funds, instead of wasting any more time in soliciting pecuniary assistance from the British Government. We see that some of our Halifax contemporaries suggest that a delegation be sent home to the Colonial Office, for the purpose of enlisting their sympathy in behalf of the undertaking; but we feel confident there is too much good sense in Halifax to think of such a thing, as it would only be a waste of time and money, and would tend to divert the attention of the people from doing something themselves, trusting to this expected assistance from the British Government. Sympathy from the Colonial Office in these times can scarcely be expected, when we look at the signs of the times around us, and the individual must be very credulous indeed who expects to receive it. Our Nova Scotia friends should take the hint they have now received, and unite their interests in this concern with those of New Brunswick and Maine, and, as one great line, go into the money market, and show that it will be a paying investment for the capitalist's money, and that will do more for them than all the sympathy of the Colonial Office.—ib.

We regret to announce the death of James Leavitt, Esq., who has for some years been President of the Bank of New Brunswick, &c. at the Underwriters of Liverpool, and New York, and of late President of the Marine Assurance Company in this City. Mr. Leavitt has long been favourably known to the citizens and mercantile community of St. John, as a highly respectable and honourable man and in private life, and his loss will be greatly felt at the Board, over which he has been accustomed to preside, and leaves four sons and three daughters to mourn the death of a kind and affectionate parent.—ib.

THE STEAMER GYSEY.—We have received very favourable accounts of the performance of this steamer, which must gain for her the confidence of the travelling public. Last Saturday she started for Digby during a heavy blow from the Southward, and arrived there in six hours and a half, giving much satisfaction to all on board. The day was unusually stormy, the wind blowing very heavy.—New Brunswick, 21st ult.

RIVER TRAFFIC.—The present traffic on the River St. John is unprecedented. No less than six boats are constantly employed in carrying freight and passengers from the City of St. John to the various stations on the River, between the seaboard and the Grand Falls, including the Grand Lake, Fredericton, Woodstock, Tobique, and the Falls, while the downward freights from the County of Carleton and the Upper districts of York are even greater than those of the last season.—Fredericton Reporter 25th.

Prince Edward Island.

On the Evening of Monday, the 3d inst., during a short, but violent thunder storm, the electric fluid struck the house of Mr. Geo. Aitken,

of Three Rivers, first striking the kitchen, in which a number of persons were at the time, among the rest, five boys who had been employed on the farm during the day, they were seated together on a bench, and were all struck down, perfectly paralysed, but retaining their consciousness and power of speech. Most providentially, all escaped without the slightest injury, after the first effects were over, but strange to say, two of the lads were marked, one on the back, and the other on the shoulder, as with a hot iron, but their clothes were untouched. All of them were able to leave the house at the end of three hours. The other persons present felt no inconvenience beyond the fright. Two fluid, after passing apparently in different directions through the room, and tearing some strong books from the ceiling, seemed to take its course upwards, splintering one of the rafters into a thousand fragments, and tearing a hole in the roof, after which it appeared to have descended again, and struck a barrel on the outside of the house, and then no further trace could be found.—Com. to the Islander.

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His Honour the CHANCELLOR has been pleased to appoint Charles DesBrisay Esq., Attorney at Law, to be Registrar of Her Majesty's Court of Chancery in this Island.

Canada.

The Quebec Morning Chronicle states that the Industrial Exhibition was, on the whole, poor, although some of the articles exhibited were creditable to the makers or owners. The housewife, our contemporary says, were not to the taste and ingenuity of the country people.—Some specimens of gold, from the Chambers, were exhibited, of from 1 an ounce to 1 ounce in weight. Some samples of iron ore from Leeds, obtained by Mr. John Allan, farmer, contained 75 per cent. of iron; some tanned Porpoise skins, said to be equal to the best calf. The Exhibition attracted crowds, and the arrangements were generally good.

The Toronto Patriot states that 50 or 60 fugitive slaves have arrived in that city.—That many are fine looking able men, and have been purchasing axes for the purpose of chopping wood during the winter to earn their livelihood.

We think it very probable that many more of these fugitive slaves will come to Canada, for as we stated in a former number, it is estimated that there are 30,000 of them in the Northern States.

POISONING BY SODA BISCUIT.—The Colburn Star reports a case of poisoning by soda biscuit in that town. Dr. Pringle had purchased a box of these biscuits, manufactured at Belleville by a Mr. Caldwell; and in eating them his family were affected with sore throats. One of his children was subsequently seized with convulsions, and notwithstanding every effort to save her she died. Several other parties who purchased biscuits of the same man were affected in different ways.—An investigation is going on.

LOSS AND DEATH OF A CHILD IN THE WOODS.—An afflicting visitation has befallen the family of an industrious settler of the name of Kyles, living in the rear of the Township of Charlotteville. On Tuesday afternoon, the 1st of October, a pretty delicate little girl of about four years of age, left the house to go, as it is presumed, to her father, who was harrowing in a field near to it, by some mischance she took a wrong track in the woods, and soon became bewildered and lost in the dense forest that surrounds the little clearing for many miles. Within two hours of the child's being missed, all the male inhabitants within reach were on quest of the little unfortunate; and although the woods were razed through, by torchlight during the night no track was found. The next day, as well as night, uninterrupted search was made, but with no better results.—On Thursday, Friday, and throughout the heavy rain of Saturday the examination was kept up, but without engaging in it increasing largely. On Sunday the woods were searched by nearly all the able and hearty men of the Township, and about noon the report of their long and untiring search was discovered; but, alas! it was a sad one. The spot where the little girl was to be seen, and the consequent discovery of her remains in a quiet sleep, had been really approached within a trading distance.—ib.

WATER WARNING.—On Saturday last an infant was killed by the fall of a barrel of water, which fell from the top of a house, and struck the child on the head, and was the cause of her death. The mother having got up some time during the night to go to the fire with the child, where she fell, by the untimely morning, when some of the neighbours happening to go into the house were horror struck by the revolting sight which presented itself—both lying before the fire, their heads completely covered with ashes, and the latter dead. On examining the person of the child, a severe bruise was found on the left side of the head, which proved to be the immediate cause of death—its eyes and nostrils had been completely stuffed with the ashes, as well as other parts of the body. A verdict in accordance with the above facts was returned.—Hamilton Gazette.

INTERFERENCE.—Died, by his own hand, in Gratton on Monday morning last, Mr. George Saunders, late of this town. The cause of this melancholy suicide was intemperance. Mr. Saunders was a gentleman of great ability, and but for his total love of liquor had been a most valuable member of society. We trust that his un-

timely fall will prove a warning to those who are becoming too fond of the destroying cup.—Columbia Star.

WELLAND CANAL.—360 vessels passed through the Welland Canal, during the past month, of September, a greater number than in the corresponding month of any previous year. Of the number mentioned, 133 went up, and 227 down for American, and 63 up and 63 down for Canadian ports.—St. Catharines' Journal.

Antoine Lacoste dit Languedoc, a farm servant, has been condemned by the Court of Queen's Bench in criminal term at Montreal, to be hanged on the 20th of November next, for the wilful murder of his master—Lamoureux at Boucherville.—Quebec Chronicle.

Newfoundland.

A term of the Central Circuit Court was opened yesterday, before Mr. Chief Justice Brady. The Grand Jury having been sworn, the Chief Justice briefly addressed them. The Attorney-General had prepared four bills of indictment charging individuals with various criminal offences, one of which was that of homicide arising out of an assault. But these four cases did not disclose the whole amount of crime which had been committed since the last sittings of the Court. The magistrates had been for some time engaged in examining several cases which had been brought before them, and there was one of a very serious nature for which the parties were not yet in custody. There was one case of assault which had been committed on a Sunday evening, upon Mr. Kough and Mr. Purcell, and the Chief Justice expressed his regret that this description of violence was very prevalent in the town and its vicinity, particularly on Sunday nights, and some of which had been committed on non-residing strangers, whose pursuits and draws them further in the way of commerce, and who could not walk the streets in the evening without being insulted. He was happy to say, from information and observation, that the great bulk of the fishermen were not open to the imputation of committing these offences, which are perpetrated by young persons of from sixteen to twenty years of age, who were beyond the reach of parental control, and knew not their obligations to society.

The steam-boat, St. George, arrived last evening from Quebec. She has been purchased by a company here as a steam tug for this port, and if she exactly answers the description of vessels wanted for such a purpose, she will be a most valuable acquisition to our trade and commerce. The necessity of such a vessel has long been felt, and the desideratum now supplied.—Ledger.

West Indies.

A severe thunder storm visited Kingston, Jamaica, on the morning of the 18th instant, and continued to increase in violence until midnight. The streets were generally cut up and greatly damaged by torrents, caused by the great fall of rain. The Common Council of Kingston had taken prompt sanitary measures to arrest the progress of the cholera in that city. Several cases of cholera had also occurred at Port Royal. The thunder storm above referred to visited also Trelawney, where a Baptist church was set on fire by the lightning. The October seasons have set in very early this year, and much rain is falling throughout the island.

At Barbados some weather had been very hot, business was in a good state. This island had also suffered by a severe storm. The lightning had done some damage; one person was killed, a shop in the Bay was totally wrecked, and a sugar boiling establishment much injured.

Of some twenty vessels arrived and cleared at Grand and Salt Cays (Turks Islands), but by one were British, and not one British North America.

UNITED STATES.

HEAVY DETENTION OF A CASHIER.—The Mechanics and Manufacturers' Bank of Providence has been enjoined, and its affairs placed in the hands of a receiver. The Cashier, Albert W. Snow, is said to be a defaulter to the amount of \$70,000 or \$80,000, and has been arrested.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 29.—A gang of counterfeiters were arrested last night who were caught in the act of printing ten dollar bills. From eight to ten thousand dollars in counterfeit money were seized.

The New Orleans Pyreigne has advices from Yucatan, Oct. 23.—The Indians had renewed hostilities and driven the Spaniards from several of the towns. It is said that the Indians triumphed in several of the engagements.

CINCINNATI, Oct. 21st.—An officer from Glasgow, Scotland, on Saturday arrested a man who some time since ascended from Glasgow with \$5000 belonging to the Bank of Scotland; \$1400 of the money was recovered, and the man discharged from custody.

It is stated that the valuation of Massachusetts will exceed five hundred millions of dollars.—The valuation of Boston for 1-43, was as follows:—Real estate \$102,827,500; valuation of personal estate \$71,562,800; total \$174,390,300.

The New York Journal of Commerce has called for and obtained, within the past five months, subscriptions to the amount of \$3000 dollars, by which no less than fifty one slaves have been

manumitted and colonized in Liberia. Mr. H. Lock, the editor of the Journal of Commerce, has thus given liberally towards this philanthropic project.

The Charleston News says the planters of that State have come to the determination to employ no more northern coasters. Capt. Conroy, who has been fitted out in years at the business, has been compelled to leave the State in quest of business.

FROM CALIFORNIA.—Steamship Crescent City, from Chicago, arrived at New York on Friday morning, 15th inst., bringing dates from California to the 15th Sept., and 442 passengers, with \$1,000,000 in gold dust, and \$72,500 in freight.

The Steamship Philadelphia, also from Chicago, arrived at New York on Saturday, with 124 passengers, and \$80,000 in gold on freight, and a large amount in the hands of the passengers.

The Steamship Tennessee arrived at Panama on the 1st inst. from San Francisco, with one million dollars on freight, and 250 passengers. The health of Chagres is good, no deaths have occurred there for a number of days. The rainy season was drawing to a close.

It will be seen that a financial crisis has been experienced at San Francisco. All was quiet at Sacramento and elsewhere.

Improvements were rapidly going on in San Francisco, and business was assuming a better aspect.

SAN FRANCISCO, SEPT. 14.—Since the sailing of the last steamer, the Money Market has been much depressed, and some of our oldest losses have been compelled to succumb. To say that this state of affairs has been brought about by the ordinary, is only to repeat what is in every man's mouth.

Intelligence from Mariposa mines states, that the most encouraging prospects exist. The diggers struck a new lead, which promises to be extremely rich. One piece of quartz had been taken out, which weighed about 50 pounds, from which about six or eight pounds of pure gold were extracted. The first bushel, or one hundred pounds of quartz, taken out yielded about 27 1/2 of the genuine ore.

During the week, several friends have visited us with specimens taken from different veins in the Sierra Nevada. One of the most beautiful specimens was shown to us by Mr. Stillwell—its value is nearly \$8000; the piece is about 10 lbs. of a deep rich yellow colour. It was dug by a party in the rich gulch Mokelumne.—From the same hole 50 lbs. were taken in eight days.—San Francisco Times.

The Am. Conf. has notified the arrival at San Francisco of one of the shareholders of a company in the Yukon. They had completed their run, and the first day and a half's work, with the use of one quadruple machine, produced eighty pounds of gold. Yet close by these rich workings other companies have failed to realize their expectations. The company with the quadruple one four others, who were returning homeward with an aggregate tonnage of nearly two hundred thousand dollars, the result of their labour on the Yukon.

The report from San Francisco from the 1st of August to the 15th of September, by sea, 540 persons, of whom 57 were females. The departures by sea for the same time were 4672, all males.

MISCELLANEOUS.

LEGISLATIVE OFFER.—The State of Maine offers a large tract of land in the United States on the most liberal conditions. A law has passed the Legislature giving any man a farm of from one to two hundred acres, as he may desire, at the nominal price of fifty cents an acre, payable in two equal instalments, the first on the 1st of January, a kind of remuneration of its great advantage to the purchaser as to the State. The former must, however, clear up a certain number of acres within a given time, and erect a house for his residence, or in other words he must go to work, improve his farm, and make it his home.—The land is principally in Aroostook County, where great crops have been raised.—Hallowell Gazette.

THE LONDONERY JOURNAL mentions a singular incident. The iron steamer Fenella on its way down the Lough was attacked by a large fish, who seized the bow with its jaws dragged the steamer all the way into Portrush harbour, where she was bound, and then left her. The marks of the teeth were plainly visible in the bows of the steamer. The fish was about fourteen feet long, of a black colour, and is supposed to have been a basking shark.

RECOVERY FROM A WRECK.—The N. Orleans Bulletin relates, that the proprietors of a dingy had lately recovered from the wreck of the boat Neptune, which was sunk 20 years ago, at the mouth of Mayfield's Creek, in the Mississippi, various descriptions of property, such as chairs, and, &c., including butter, which had been under water 20 years, had not changed its taste, and was as good as fresh.

There are now lying at the wharf of L. P. W. DesBrisay, Esq., at Richibucto, four vessels of different nations, namely, a Russian, Prussian, Norwegian, and English. This is something new.—Miramichi Gleaner.

CINCINNATI, Oct. 12th.—The House of Bishops have refused to restore Bishop Onderdonk, of N. York, to his clerical functions, and have rejected the petition of that diocese in his behalf, both by a majority of about two to one.

BEET SUGAR.—For the year ending in April last, nearly one hundred and twenty millions of pounds of beet-root sugar were manufactured in France.