

COLONIAL.

New Brunswick.

The Temperance Demonstration yesterday forenoon, made a grand and imposing appearance; the procession, including the Divisions of this City, Portland and Indian Towns, was of great length, with their Banners and Regalia, and several Bands of Music, attracted crowds of spectators to the streets through which the procession passed.

In the evening a Tea Soiree was held in the South wing of the Custom House Building, which was elegantly fitted up with flags, flowers, spruce, lamps, &c., for the occasion. It was attended by nearly a thousand persons, including much of the beauty and fashion of the City and vicinity; a number of interesting speeches were made, and the greatest good humour and unanimity prevailed throughout the vast assemblage. The whole affair was admirably conducted, and reflected the greatest credit on all the parties concerned.—*St. John, N. B. Observer* 20th.

A noble, finely-modelled and first-class ship, called the *Eagle*, of 1064 tons register, was launched last week from the Building of Mr. John McDonald, Courtenay Bay, in the rear of this City. This fine vessel was contracted for by Messrs. Gilbert and Co., of this City, for Messrs. Gibbs, Bright, & Co., of Liverpool, and was built under the superintendence of Captain James Jameson. Her cabins, extending from the stern to the fore-castle, are finished with mahogany and walnut in chaste style, by Messrs. J. Soule & Son. The *Eagle* was intended for a Liverpool and Australian Packet ship, in connection with the *Eagle* line.—*Id.*

THE HON. COLONEL SHORE.—We regret to announce that the Hon. Colonel Shore departed this life at Fredericton on Sunday last, at 5 P. M., having been struck with paralysis on Saturday. Colonel Shore has for many years been Adjutant General of the Provincial Militia, and also Clerk of the Pleas in the Supreme Court. This last was for some years a very lucrative office, but more recently Colonel Shore was paid by a salary of £200 per annum, and the fees by which he was formerly paid, have since been handed over to the Provincial Treasury. The next Clerk of the Pleas will have only £250 per annum, and the reduction of this salary will allay one of the complaints against large salaries which have of late been so loudly made.

It is somewhat singular that the office of Clerk of the Pleas, and Clerk of the Crown in the Supreme Court, are at this moment both vacant. The Executive Council is now sitting, and we presume both situations will be at once filled up.—*New Brunswick* 20th.

QUARANTINE.—The Ship *Pomona*, Capt. Cronk, arrived at the Quarantine station on Saturday morning last, after a favourable passage of 27 days from Liverpool. The *Pomona* had on board 304 steerage and 13 cabin passengers. One child died on the voyage, and when Dr. Harding visited the ship on Saturday morning, another child of the same family was found to be dangerously ill of small-pox. It died during the day, and was buried on the Island on Sunday. All the passengers were landed upon the Island yesterday, for observation and purification; no sickness exists among them, so far as yet observed, and we trust, from the precautions taken, the small pox may not spread. The Board of Health passed an order yesterday forbidding all communications with the Island for the present.—*Id.*

CONTINGENCIES OF THE LEGISLATURE.—The contingent expenses of both branches of the Legislature for the recent session amounted to the sum of £2003 13s. 7d., of which the contingencies of the Council formed the large item of £730 10s. 6d. Besides this sum for contingencies, we find £648 11s. 11d. granted for the postage of the Legislature!—*Id.* 24th.

THE DESERTERS FROM THE 97TH REGT.—Major Welsford and High Constable Stockford, who were in pursuit of the deserters returned in the steamer *Admiral* on Wednesday last, but without them. We learn that no aid could be obtained at Eastport towards their arrest and delivery, and as the persons who went in pursuit were not armed with the authority required under the Ashburton treaty, the object of their visit was entirely frustrated.—*Id.*

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.—The meeting of Council was closed at a late hour on Monday night. It is rumoured that the Hon. Mr. Baillie will accept the retiring allowance of £500 per annum, proposed by the House of Assembly at the close of the late session of the Legislature, and that the new Surveyor General, to be appointed in the meantime, will take office in October next.—*Courier* 24th.

FOREIGN VESSELS.—Up to this date, six foreign vessels, with a total of 3264 tons, have cleared out at this port, with cargoes for the United Kingdom. Of these, three belonged to the United States, two to Norway, and one to Meinel. There are, however, several large foreign vessels now loading for Great Britain.—*Id.*

A well finished and faithfully built hackmatack ship, called the *Jensetge Curselges*, was towed into the Harbour this week from the Bend of Peticodiac, by the new steamer *Pilot*, where she was built by Mr. Joseph Salter, for a gentleman in England. She measures 843 tons for Registry, and was built expressly for the East India trade, for which, we believe, she is well suited, her model having the appearance of a fast ship. Her materials and workmanship reflect much credit on the master-workman, Mr. Duncan Robertson of Moncton. She is named after a wealthy East India native merchant.—*Id.*

Canada.

OPENING OF THE CANADIAN PARLIAMENT.—The Parliament of Canada was opened on the 20th inst., at Toronto. The Governor General stated in the opening Speech, that the Revenue from Customs and Canals is increasing, that the change in the Imperial Navigation Laws has increased foreign shipping in the Canadian ports, and that the Emigration act has been complained of as unfavourable to our import trade. The new Postage Laws have considerably increased correspondence. The arbitrators appointed to settle the boundary dispute with N. Brunswick have reported. A measure will be introduced for reducing the Civil List, and for an increase in Parliamentary representation as recommended, and also amendments in the school and municipal laws of Lower Canada.

Wm. Lyon Mackenzie took the oath and his seat. Notice was given of bills for fixing the time for meeting of Parliament and for establishing Courts of Conciliation. Mr. Ross, of Quebec, moved the address in answer to the Governor's speech, and the debate would come off on the following day.

THE WELLAND CANAL.—We learn by the *St. Catherine's Journal* that the business on this great work is increasing steadily and extensively. The following paragraph has been perused with pleasure:—Last week has been the busiest one our Canal has witnessed—140 vessels having passed through. The tolls up to this time are considerably in advance of last year, and the prospect for the rest of the season is that the business of the year will far exceed last year, though that was in advance of all former years. From our window we now look out on steamer and propeller, on schooner and three-master, on brig and scow, laden with the products of different localities, and all contributing to the revenue of the country.

Prince Edward Island.

ARRIVAL OF LADY BANNEMAN.—Her Ladyship arrived here on Monday about two o'clock, by the steamer *Rose* from Pictou. His Excellency took the steamer *Rose* by express to Pictou on Thursday evening, and proceeded to Truro to meet his lady. The Pictonians received his Excellency with a salute, and the same honour was accorded to His Excellency and Lady on their arrival here on Monday. In respect to His Excellency, and on the arrival of Lady Bannerman, the greater part of the respectable houses of Charlottetown were brilliantly illuminated on Monday night, notwithstanding the impudent attempt to put a stop to it.—*Advertiser*, 21st.

UNITED STATES.

A letter from our Montreal correspondent, gives the imports and exports of Canada for the year 1850, showing that during the year quite a large proportion of the trade of the two Provinces was with the United States. The imports from the United States were \$6,594,860, and the exports to the States \$4,951,159. This is a very large increase, both in the import and export trade between the British North American Colonies and the United States, during the past year. During the year ending June 30, 1849, the total value of our exports to the British North American Colonies was \$1,869,543, and of our imports, \$1,349,798.—*N. York Sun*.

The *St. Louis Intelligencer* says that a few days ago, a lady living in Biddle street, between Tenth and Eleventh streets, was engaged before her mirror, in going through her toilet exercises, when the glass suddenly recoiled from her, as the entire front wall of the building parted company with its neighbours, and with a tremendous crash fell into the street. The lady, in utter astonishment at the suddenness of the motion, was left standing in dishevelled, though singularly enough, entirely uninjured. In consequence of the recent grading of the street, the earth beneath the wall had been partially removed, and its sudden giving way was the cause of the accident.

SUB-MARINE OPERATIONS.—The schooner *Jane*, Capt. Studley, cleared from this port yesterday for St. John, N. B., to assist in bringing up a cargo of copper sunk some years ago from a wrecked vessel near Grand Manan. She is chartered by Capt. Barton Ricketson, of this city, a well known and enterprising merchant, and has been preceded by schooner *Flavilla*, carrying sub-marine armour, and all other necessary apparatus.—*New Bedford Mercury*.

RHODE ISLAND.—"Governor" Dorr, who it will be recollected was convicted of treason against the State some eight or ten years ago, and sentenced to imprisonment for life, has lately been restored to his civil and political rights by an act of the Legislature.

PHILADELPHIA, May 20.—The steamer *Ohio* from New Castle, with about 100 passengers on board, was run into near Greenwich Point Landing, below Philadelphia, at 8 o'clock to-night, by the steamer *Commodore Stockton*. The *Ohio* was sunk, and the upper deck covered in 20 minutes. The consternation was so great, that it was impossible to tell the extent of the accident. Two or three are known to be drowned, and it is apprehended that many others found a watery grave. Nearly all the baggage floated off and was lost. The *Ohio* was completely stove in. The *Commodore Stockton* was also seriously damaged, but did not sink.

CINCINNATI, May 10.—On Saturday night this city was deluged by a storm of unusual severity, accompanied by very heavy thunder and sharp lightning. Several houses were struck by lightning, and much other damage was done.

The Boston Traveller states that the crops throughout the United States, as far as they have advanced—and the season is on the whole forward—are spoken of as being very promising. The Baltimore papers say that in the wheat districts of Maryland the crops were never more forward and promising—the wheat already being three and a half to four feet high. The rye, oats and grass fields are said likewise to be coming on finely.

THE TRANSIT TRADE WITH CANADA.—The interpretation heretofore given to the law as respects goods imported into the United States, but destined or purchased for Canada, has been that the duties on them must be paid in cash, to be refunded on proof of their exportation from the United States, and being actually landed in Canada. The Secretary of the Treasury has, however, issued a circular extending to them all the benefits of the warehouse act. In future these goods can be transported inland, under bonds for the amount of the duties, which bonds will be cancelled on the production of the required proof that they have been landed in Canada.—*Boston Journal*.

MISCELLANEOUS.

IMPORTANT FROM THE SANDWICH ISLANDS.—*New York, May 19.*—We have files of the *Poly-nesian* to March 14th.—It would appear that the French had sent in their ultimatum, and given until the 20th ult., for the government to decide whether to accede or refuse. What was to be the next step in case of refusal by the authorities does not appear, but the supposition is, that a blockade of the port would be declared, or perhaps something more immediately effective resorted to.

The Alta California says, if either one or the other be attempted, that moment will be the signal for running up the flag of the UNITED STATES with the Hawaiian. This is no guess work, it comes to us in the most positive form.

IMPORTANT FROM CUBA.—A letter from Port Principe, dated May 11th, to a respectable gentleman in New York, says—"The signal for our rising has been given. Yesterday afternoon a great outrage was perpetrated by Spanish despotism in this city. Nine of our most eminent and wealthy citizens were simultaneously arrested and taken to prison, and this morning, long before day, closely guarded, they were sent off to Havana and the dungeons of the Moro. These arrests were made by order of the Captain General to our Governor. The next steamer will bring you stirring news."

A WHOLE FAMILY BURNED TO DEATH.—A terrible calamity occurred in Harrison County, Ind., week before last. An Irishman named John Hanagan, invited his neighbours to what is called a "house-warming." The *Indiana Argus* says: "He was seen about 8 o'clock in liquor, and it is supposed that a portion of the family—consisting of John Hanagan, his wife and six children, Mrs. O'Donnell, Patrick Slaves, one adult person, name unknown, and one child of John O'Donnell, deceased—went asleep under the influence of liquor. While asleep the house by some means caught fire, and the roof falling in, every one of the inmates, twelve in number, met with a horrible death. The spectacle presented to the persons who first reached the scene of the disaster was horrible and distressing in the extreme. The charred remains of eleven persons have been found amid the ruins, while it is known that one child is lost whose remains have not been discovered."

J. B. GOUGH.—The following is an extract from a letter written by Mr. Gough at Cincinnati on the 25th ult.:—"Since we came here I have spoken thirty times in thirty-one days, and have obtained 10,400 signatures to the pledge, and have written the pledge in more than one hundred albums, &c., for circulation. This with receiving calls from committees, ladies, strangers, &c., has worn me down, but I hope to recruit by labouring less. In Pittsburgh, I obtained 3000 names. The feeling was deeper and more tender and solemn there than I have ever known it. In addition to the restoration of drunkards, and the union of many who had not fallen to the temperance host, a Christian friend writes to me that he can perceive 'an influence broader than that of temperance in relation to drink that has grown out of these labours—an influence that has prepared and disposed the public mind to attend to the general teachings of God's holy truth.' 'Next week we go to Portsmouth, Chillicothe, Zanesville and Columbus. We shall be in Zanesville on the 11th and 12th of April. We cannot reach home before the middle of June.'—This is glorious success. While Mr. Gough can be so well and so advantageously employed in America, there is no necessity to send him to England. We hope that the arrangements have been finally made for his three months' tour in Canada.—*Pilot*.

FARTHER DISCOVERIES BY MISSIONARIES.—At a late meeting of the Royal Geological Society, London, it was announced that Rev. D. Livingston, of the London Missionary Society, had discovered another large lake in South Africa, about 200 miles north of Ngami, which he recently made known to the world. The new lake contains several large islands, and is connected with the Tsege. At the date of the last advices, Mr. Livingston was proceeding northward. If he carries out his plan of exploration, some impor-

lant questions in African Geography will be solved.

THE NUNNERIES OF ITALY.—The number of the females incarcerated in Italian cloisters will appear from the last official return of the Roman city population, from which we learn that one in every 25 grown-up women spends her life within the bars, sadly and suggestively visible in every window up to the topmost story and garret of these establishments. The number is still greater in proportion to the inhabitants of small towns, such as Perugia with its fourteen convents to 10,000, and so on throughout the Papal States. Of the *sepolto vive* (buried alive) at Naples, it is painful to think; of the comparative scale of mortality in and outside convent walls, it is needless to talk in a case where enthusiasm and ecstasy alternate with despondency and despair; while confinement does its work in the hopeless monotony of years.

NUNNERIES.—The Presbyterian says that a petition, signed by three thousand ladies, has been presented to the Pennsylvania Legislature, requesting legislative enactments restraining and controlling the establishment of nunneries within the bounds of the State. It was referred to the Committee on Vice and Immorality.—*N. Y. Evan*.

METHODIST CONFERENCE.—The New-England Conference (Methodist) is now in session at Newburyport, Bishop James presiding. Bishop Hedding, the usual president, and for whom they seem to entertain the most tender regard, is said to be near his end, as also Bishop Hamline. The Conference is large and embodies much talent and cultivation. I noticed great attention to the ministerial qualifications of candidates for the sacred office, and they evidently begin to appreciate the necessity for a well educated ministry. I have known other bodies far less strict in these matters, than they appear to be. Father Taylor, of Boston, the well known seaman's chaplain, is present. Neither his spirits, nor his really wonderful rhetorical powers, seem at all affected, although physicians tell him that nine months is the probable terminus of his life.

TEMPERANCE FACTS.—The following startling statements relate to eight different families in a single town. The parents were moderate drinkers! Can heads of families read these facts without concern? The first had one child, a daughter. A great sum was expended on her education. She died from the effects of strong drink. The second had an only son. He was educated with great care and great expense, but was killed by wine. The third had four sons and one daughter. The daughter is a drunkard, and one son has gone to a drunkard's grave. The fourth had three sons. One died of intemperance, one was killed in a duel, and the other is a drunkard. The fifth had one son who killed himself by wine, and two step sons are drunkards on wine. The sixth had five sons. Two are dead through intemperance, and another is a drunkard. The seventh had five sons. Four are drunkards, and one through the influence of liquor is an idiot. The eighth had five sons and three nephews. Four of the sons have been killed by Alcohol, and the fifth is a drunkard, and the three nephews are in the drunkard's grave.—*N. Y. Cassel*.

ARTIFICIAL GUANO.—A recipe was lately presented to the New York Farmer's Club, by Dr. Valentine, for the formation of an artificial guano, that would not cost more than one-fifth of the imported, and equally effective. The following are the ingredients: Nitrate of Soda 20 lbs., sal ammoniac 10 lbs., carbonate of ammonia 5 lbs., sulphate of soda 8 lbs., sulphate of magnesia 5 lbs., fine bones 60 lbs., salt 10 lbs., sulphate of lime 2 bushels, meadow mud or street manure 1 cart load, carbonate of iron two drachms, magnesia 2 drachms.

PRODUCING VITALITY.—Our brother editor of the Holston Christian Advocate states, on the authority of the Cincinnati Nonpareil, that a scientific gentleman of that city "has within the last six weeks, at various times, produced animal life solely from the action of certain chemical preparations on each other, in such a manner as leads him to the conclusion that a more perfectly developed process aided by further scientific discoveries, will produce results miraculously astounding to the world! The specimens of life produced as above, did not exist more than twenty-four hours in either instance; but the simple fact of this life power being thus manifested and attested, as it is by the personal examination of five or six eminent physicians, may lead to something of which we have yet no conception, and to which the whole world of science, as at present, may look forward with awe and amazement!"

This statement will require considerable authentication before it will receive credit from scientific men. Chemistry has never yet detected the "vital principle," nor produced any modification of elements by which it can be brought into activity. It would seem that the Creator has fixed at this point the limit of science and human power. No organic existence, whether animal or vegetable, can be produced, except by natural reproduction; creation belongs to God alone. Our science can decompose organic matters into its elements, and give the exact proportion of those elements, but it cannot recombine them into a vital organism. Should science ever surmount this barrier, new consequences, both ethical and physical, would attach to it of the most momentous and even fearful character. It might be possible by chemical or galvanic processes to reanimate from mineral preservation infusoria, as the embalmed grains of Egyptian wheat have been reanimated in English soil; this may be the fact with the alleged Cincinnati experimenter.—*Zion's Herald*.

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