

song of the grass-hopper has begun to fail, she, in her turn, gives place to Autumn, matured and mellow Autumn, with her realization of the promises of Spring, her full harvest, her golden grain, her luxurious fruits, and her super-abounding plenitude of all good gifts for man.

When we have a surfeit of the more sober and subdued pleasures of Autumn, Winter, grim Winter, the lineaments of his awfully and weather-beaten face softened into an expression of homely joviality and honest humor by his long absence, returns to us amidst the jungling of the merry sleigh bells, the crackling of bright fires around the hearth of home, and the festivities and jinketings of Christmas and New Year's; and is welcomed joyfully like a long lost friend,—to be again dismissed, with a sigh of relief, and hurried with no reluctant hands to the tomb of the dead past.

### News of the Week.

The Jubilee celebration of the Nova Scotia Auxiliary Bible Society took place at Temperance Hall on Tuesday evening last. The meeting was numerously attended. The Report—which was read by the secretary Hon. S. L. Shannon—represented the efforts of the Society to have been successful during the past year, their affairs prosperous, and their expectations encouraging. The Rev. R. F. Uniacke occupied the Chair, and the meeting was addressed by the Rev. G. W. Hill, His Honor the Chief Justice, and Professor Ross.

An Exhibition of Paintings and Engravings was opened on Thursday last, by His Excellency Major General Doyle, in the Armory of the new Drill Room, and closed on Tuesday evening. During the Exhibition the Military and Volunteer Bands were in attendance. Captains Chearnley, Lytton and Hardy were the primary movers in the matter, and superintended the arrangement of the pictures collected for that purpose. This Exhibition is said to have exceeded in elegance those of former periods.

Tuesday the 8th December has been appointed by the Provincial Government as a day of Thanksgiving and Prayer, for the abundant harvest and the continuance of peace.

A correspondent of the Journal gives the following as a complete list of vessels built in 1863, between Maitland and Noel, within a distance of twenty miles, with their registered tonnage: Ships Brenda, 958 tons; Mozart, 781; Barques Mary, 642; Craigrourie, 434; Jessie, 414; Cyrene, 473; Ann, 339; Tweed,

340; Emily, 334; Brigs Eureka, 257; Lily, 250; Asia, 226; Ada B, 237; Ariomede, 204; Stranger, 197; Amanda Jane, 182.

William Hector McDonald, the notorious burglar, who recently made his escape from the Jail in this city, was recaptured last Saturday on the Chester Road, by the Halifax jailor and party. The prisoner was locked up for the night in the Chester Hotel, but managed while the wearied jailor slept to clear off. He was subsequently captured and lodged in jail, from whence he escaped, and is again at large for the third time.

The alarm of fire at 2 o'clock on Friday morning was occasioned by the burning of a cow stable on Dresden Row, Spring Gardens, and resulting in the loss of two cows and a young heifer, suffocated by the smoke. The proprietor, Mr. John Duniesle, in attempting to save the cattle narrowly escaped their fate, the firemen having found him lying on the floor quite insensible. The firemen deserve credit for their prompt attendance and efficient action. The fire was doubtless the work of an incendiary.—Reporter.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—On Saturday last a lad named Robert Fudge, aged fourteen, fell from a cart near King's Corner, Kempt road, and received internal injuries of which he shortly died. Dr. J. D. Hume, Coroner, held an inquest next day when a verdict of accidental death was returned.—Citizen.

COUNTERFEIT COIN.—There are still complaints that attempts are frequently made to force money into circulation in this city. We ourselves have seen this season specimens of very skilful counterfeits of the British shilling, which would pass as good without due inspection. We hope the trading-community and especially countrymen, will be on their guard against the utterers of bad coin.—*Id.*

A quantity of old linen, etc., contributed by a number of ladies in Halifax, for the use of the Confederate soldiery, had safely reached Richmond. These, with other favours from our city, have been gratefully acknowledged.

A girl named Ann Butler, a servant in the house of Mr. Sutcliffe, died suddenly on Tuesday last. An inquest was held in the afternoon by Coroner Hume, when the verdict was returned—"Death from rupture in the heart."

TERRIFIC EXPLOSION.—A package of gunpowder was accidentally exploded in Dennis & Doans's store, at Yarmouth, on the evening of 16th inst, by one of the clerks thoughtlessly throwing an ignited match on the counter. The concussion was sufficiently violent to blow out nearly all the glass in the store windows, and considerably damage goods lying around, but fortunately no lives were lost, although three of the employees were more or less burned.

NOVA SCOTIA FRUIT.—The following paragraph from Bell's Weekly Messenger of Oct. 31, shews that the London market may be relied on by our fruit growers:

On Thursday the Prince and Princess of Prussia paid a visit to the Gardens of the Royal Horticultural Society at South Kensington, and happened to witness the unpacking of a large and exceedingly fine collection of fruit sent by two Nova Scotia Associations. The superiority of the chief specimens to those which excited so much admiration last year, is established by a curious test. On the former occasion, models of the principal groups were made, and by comparing the real objects of the present display with the exact copies of last year's exhibition, a very precise judgment has been formed greatly in favor of the new arrivals.

The St. John Globe reports that the Digby packet, on her last trip from that city, was discovered, when near her destination, to be on fire, occasioned by the staking of lime, of which article she had a quantity on board. Although blowing hard every stitch of sail was spread, and with this immense press of canvass, and a most exciting run for life, the little vessel made the Nova Scotia shore, where she was beached. Some of the freight of course was injured, and the vessel, too, was damaged to some extent.

The exploded steamer Sunbury, has been raised at Oak Point, and towed down to Carleton, where she will undergo repairs. Three bodies were found below in the cabin, all of them standing in an upright posture, and all had undoubtedly met their death by drowning.

### AMERICAN INTELLIGENCE.

By Telegraph to Morning & Evening Papers.

St. John, Nov. 20.—A special despatch from Knoxville to the New York Herald says, that Longstreet crossed the Tennessee River, on the 14th inst. Burnside attacked him, driving him back to the River. Next day Longstreet advanced in larger force, when Burnside fell back, repulsing his charges, and giving severe checks, to enable his trains to get beyond danger, when he retreated to Knoxville, where a great battle is expected. Burnside's loss about 450; Longstreet suffered over a thousand.

Advices from New Orleans report a disaster at Caron Crow, where five thousand of the Confederates caught about two thousand Federals of the rear guard napping. The latter fought bravely, but lost in killed and wounded and prisoners, about seven hundred.

Gen. Price (Confederate) was reported at Alexandria, with 15,000 men, which occasioned the Federals to retreat.

Nov. 21.—New Orleans dates to the 14th, report that Banks' Expedition to Texas has proved a great success. Brazos Island, Points Isabel and Brownsville