

SUMMARY OF NEWS.

Mexico.—Another difficulty with Mexico is likely to arise in consequence of the seizure of American vessels at Vera Cruz.—Cap. Simpson, of the steamer Southerner, left that city on the 25th ult. and states that there were eighteen merchant vessels in port, which had come loaded with goods, not knowing that the castle and city and custom-house, as well as the whole country, had been delivered up to the Mexican authorities. As these vessels arrived in port, Mexican officers were sent on board with orders to take charge of them. This was their situation when the Southerner left. It was said that they all had on board articles that were contraband, according to Mexican law, and were therefore liable to forfeiture. It was thought that the vessels would make an attempt to leave the port, with the Mexican officers on board.

It was said that Mr. Polk had concluded to remove Hon. B. F. Butler from the office of U. S. Attorney, which he now holds under the Government, and that it would be tendered to a distinguished lawyer of this city, only for the part he has taken in extending sympathy to Ireland. Another distinguished lawyer and friend of Ireland is now in Western Maryland, it is thought by some, advising with the President, perhaps against issuing the proclamation which was threatened some time ago, against the Irish movements in this country.—N. Y. Tribune.

A serious affair occurred at Cincinnati on Wednesday, attended with the loss of several lives. It appears that two Mexican volunteers had been committed to prison for the commission of a horrible crime upon a girl six years old, and the populace were so excited against the miscreants that they surrounded the jail to the number of several thousand, with the view of awarding summary punishment upon them. The crowd having demanded the prisoners, made a rush for the jail door, when the police fired about twenty shots, and seven men fell—three of them were spectators, killed on the spot. One of them Mr. Eichlman, a shoe-maker, was standing with his wife in his own doorway, opposite to the jail; another Mr. Westover, carpenter, was returning home with his dinner can; and a blacksmith returning home from work.

WRECK OF THE BRIG BELLE ISLE, OF ANNAPOLIS, N. S. On the 25th instant at 11 p. m. whilst the B. I. was on her passage between Annapolis and Boston, and when under close reefed maintop-sail and double reefed foretop-sail, foresail and foretopmast staysail, the lee tigger rope parted, when the vessel rounded to and immediately capsized—both masts were cut away; when the vessel righted fall of water, and with the loss of deck load. The Captain and crew were on the wreck 48 hours, during which period five vessels passed by, two of which schooners were almost within hailing distance, none of them however possessed sufficient humanity, to induce them to offer relief. The crew of the B. I. depended altogether upon rye flour wet with salt water for sustenance, whilst they were lashed to the stump of the main-mast ultimately all hands were taken off the wreck by Captains Boudrot, (father and son,) of the British schooners Shannon and Eliza, of Pictou, N. S., by whom they were treated with the greatest kindness and supplied with clothing. The persons on board of the B. I. 10 in number, were hauled on board of the schooners by means of a line, one at a time, the men running so high as to prevent the use of a boat. The B. I. was owned by Messrs. Thorne & Son, of Bridgeport, N. S.—[St. John Albion.

New Brunswick Benefit Building Society and Savings Fund.

The beginning of each month brings with it the subscriptions and loan meetings of this society, which, we are glad to find, is making good headway, in spite of the hardness of the times. Over thirty new shares were sold last month, and no doubt as many, if not more, will be sold this. If any one will give the subject a moment's reflection they must find it can be made beneficial to them in many ways, and they will be surprised when they see what great results a small effort, if properly directed, will attain, for instance, an individual, or the trustees of a place of worship or other public building, wish to pay off a debt, a small sum invested monthly and allowed to accumulate, will, in

a few years, liquidate it. Thus, £6 per month, for 5 years and 10 months, or £3 12s per month, for 5 years and 10 months, will pay off £500, and other sums in proportion, as may be seen by the Tables prepared by the Secretary.

If a man wishes to provide for a child, a small sum monthly will give him, in 11 years, a handsome sum, if a boy, to commence business upon, if a girl, a snug marriage portion.

If a man holding house property, wants to increase his business, or wants to purchase property, let him take shares and borrow, the interest he will pay is actually only four per cent, per annum.

The society has now advanced £1600 to its members and holds security upon two houses on Jeffrey's Hill, two houses in Union Street, two houses in St. Patrick Street, one house in Great George Street, one in Pitt Street, and on one farm in the vicinity of the city.

It behoves the members already enrolled to use their influence in increasing their numbers, more especially those who have received an advance and derived so great a benefit with so small an outlay of money. The society being mutual its utility increases in proportion to the increase of shareholders.

We are truly glad that the favorable anticipations we have so often expressed with regard to this useful institution are now being realized.—Jb.

[By reference to an advertisement in another column, it will be seen that Geo. D. STREET, Esq. is the Society's Agent for St. Andrews.]—Ed. S.

Distressing Casualty.—We regret to state that Capt. George Briggs, of the ship 'Ann Dashwood,' of this port, met with a serious accident last night, by falling from the deck into ships hold. It appears that the after hatchway was incautiously left uncovered, and about half-past ten o'clock Capt. B. in walking across the deck from the cabin door, where he had been talking with one of his officers, with the intention of going on the wharf, was tripped by a rope from the hatchway and fell to the bottom of the hold upon his head. He was taken up insensible, in which state he has since remained, and we are sorry to say, that the injury done to his head is so serious that but little hope is entertained of his recovery.

Captain Briggs is the eldest surviving son of Mr. James Briggs, of Portland—whose late melancholy bereavements are fresh in public recollection. He was a young man of much promise, having returned last week from his first voyage as Master of one of his father's vessels. We, in common with their numerous acquaintances, sincerely sympathise with the afflicted family in their repeated trying visitations.—[Courier, 2d Sep.

Miramichi, Aug. 20.

Melancholy Circumstance.—A young lad aged about 13 years, named John Morison, son of John Morison carpenter, residing on Cain's river, left his father's residence, on the morning of Saturday, the 5th of this month, accompanied by two birds residing in the neighbourhood for the purpose of shooting pigeons. He parted with them some time after, about a mile from the river. Not returning, search was made for him by the family and neighbours on Monday until his body was discovered by his sister, floating down the river, nearly opposite his house, in the afternoon, in a state of nudity. It is presumed that he had undressed himself, put his clothes on the gun, and in his endeavours to cross the river—which he had frequently done before—to a blue-berry plain, he missed his footing, and was carried down by the current and drowned. His clothes and gun have not been found. His remains were interred in the burial ground of the English church at Blackville, on the evening of Tuesday. His eldest brother lost his life in the spring of 1847, by a landing of logs giving way, and passing over his body. The inhabitants in the neighbourhood deeply sympathise with his bereaved parents.—[Gleaner.

Crops in the United States.—The Edition of the Toronto Examiner, gives the following gratifying news respecting the Crops in the United States, obtained from a gentleman who had travelled through the States of New York, Pennsylvania, Iowa, Missouri, Ken-

tucky, and Indiana. The Editor says:

He informs us that the Crops in these States the whole of which he has visited within the last four weeks, are, universally good. The corn crop is the largest ever known; its average height is from ten to twelve feet high, and in some instances stalks are to be seen of sixteen feet in height. In the corn growing states parties will contract to raise corn at 6 cents a bushel. This is for the labour. The corn is nearly all converted into pork and beef, or used for distillation in the states where it is grown. The wheat crop in central Illinois, has partially suffered from rust but in the other states it is generally remarkably free from rust, and of excellent quality. New wheat was selling at Mount Carroll, north Illinois, at 45 cents a bushel. This season there will be a larger surplus of cereal grains in the United States than in any previous year. The proposed of the pork trade is that prices will be exceedingly low. Farmers are now offering in Illinois to furnish pork to the packers at \$1 per 100 lbs. It is believed they will have to accept \$1 75 cts. Beef promises to be proportionally low. The crops throughout Ohio are unprecedented. It is estimated that this state will yield this year 25,000,000 bushels wheat, over one third more than ever before in one year.

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COMMON PLEAS.—By a notice in this day's paper, it will be seen, that the Court of Common Pleas will be opened at the Court House, on the 19th instant.

THE 'TARNAL CRITTER'—is the title of a large weekly paper, published at New York, by Mr. Theodore Foster. The Critter is a racy sheet, containing 32 large columns of reading matter, and is devoted to news, tales, biography, travels, &c.—price \$2 per annum. The editor and proprietor, Mr. Foster, is a native of the Parish of St. David, in this County, and formerly the republisher of Blackwood and the British Reviews, in New York, now reprinted by Mr. L. Scott, who is also a native of this County. Specimens of the 'Tarnal Nation' can be seen at this office.

The Frederickton Reporter of the 1st inst. says:—We are sorry to say, that one short week has made woful havoc among the potatoe fields in this vicinity. Vines which were a few days ago in a healthy state, are now withered down; and most of the potatoes brought to market are diseased.

The rumours respecting the immediate retirement of the Earl of Elgin, from the Government of Canada, are contradicted by the Montreal Herald of the 22d ult. on 'undoubted authority.'

THUNDER STORM AT YARMOUTH.—The Yarmouth Herald of the 24th ult. says that a thunder storm, which occurred there on the Sunday previous did considerable damage to the Light House on the Cape, the lightning having struck the building with terrific force. One of the huge corner posts was split—one

of the knees was shattered, four of the studs were broken and destroyed—eventually broken in three of the shingles were removed, considerable expense thereby incurred.

A FIRE broke out last night, which destroyed a waggon shed of Mr. S. with their contents.

The inhabitant of an Address on the Collector of Customs pressing their request 31 years as Collectors deemed advisable of Government, request, to abolish the held. To which Mr. reply.

Launched at a splendid new ship 'POTTER,' after a big that name in the India for which we understand. Mr. Owen Hunt has long been favoured architect, and sustained his reputation. Vessel, we are told sail out of the Province the naval timbers are composed of the finest copper fastened, and she is owned by Messrs. James Par Charlotte Gazette.

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