

one thousand more or less dependent on the establishment for their daily bread, are thrown resourceless upon the world! Speedy means we trust will be provided for them.

The fire is understood to have originated from the bursting of a gas pipe, and communicated so rapidly with combustible materials at the interior of the Theatre as to defy all efforts to arrest its progress. The flames of course communicated at once with the splendid French Protestant Church, adjoining the Theatre, and situated on the corner of Church and Franklin streets. This church is built of marble with a splendid dome, and portico in the chastest style of Grecian architecture. When we left the scene the copper covering of the entablature was melting and falling in, and nothing but the walls and the noble marbles pillars were left. The large and handsome Dutch Reformed Church, a few doors off in Franklin street, also took fire, and was in a short time a mass of smouldering ruins. This building had recently undergone expensive repairs. A small dwelling house between the two churches in Franklin street was also destroyed, though an intervening brick dwelling house was saved, or at least was standing comparatively uninjured when we left the ground.

The spacious African church at Leonard street, directly opposite the theatre, is also entirely destroyed, with the exception of the walls which are still standing. The loss falls heaviest on Mr. Wallack, whose property was not insured at all. That gentleman's private ward-robe alone was worth from seven to ten thousand dollars, and his whole loss will not fall short of \$25,000. Other individuals connected with the establishment will lose nearly as much. The churches destroyed or nearly so, were very valuable, and the whole loss will probably be two hundred thousand dollars at least—some estimate it much higher. The members of the Theatrical company are severe sufferers, one of the orchestra corps lost a tremolo violin which cost about two thousand dollars.

As is correctly said in the Courier & Enquirer, it has probably never occurred before, in this country at least, that a great Theatre like the National, and three large churches, all within a stone's throw of each other have been seen in flames at the same time.

(Besides the public buildings, about 7 or 8 dwelling houses appear to have been partially or totally destroyed.)

COLONIAL.—The Episcopal church at Chippewa was destroyed by fire on Sept. 12. The conflagration was supposed to be the work of an incendiary.

The Rev. R. Alder and Rev. M. Richey had arrived in Toronto. The Quebec Gazette remarks, in allusion to Sir P. Thompson's appointment, that they should be glad to have a governor who could have a fair trial, for that they change governors in Canada more frequently than in the United States,—in 31 years they have had 23 governors in Canada.

A fearful mortality is said to prevail among the corps in garrison at Demerara, St. Lucea, and St. Vincent. Many had died, including several officers.

YARMOUTH.—Launched, at Chebogue, on Wednesday last the Brig *Sterling*, burthen 161 tons, new admeasurement, owned by Rueben Clements, Esq. built under the superintendence of Mr. John Richards.

The *Leander*, a fine Brigantine of 112 tons, built at Bartlett's River, owned by Mr. Benjamin Porter and others, arrived in Yarmouth harbour, Sep. 26.

PICTOU.—On the evening of the 5th Sept. H. M. Ship *Andromache*, struck on an unknown rock, off Entry Island, one of the Magdalens, she remained 10 hours on shore, but got off without any material damage.

The rock lies a quarter of a mile due E. by N. from the high rock or Islet off the N. E. Point of Entry Island. It has 11 feet water on it, with 4, 5, and 6 fathoms between the islet—close outside of it there is a depth of 7 fathoms. The rock is not laid down in the recent or any previous survey, and was unknown to the pilot.

DISTRESSING CASUALTY.—Mr. Murphy, of Sheet Harbour, experienced a very distressing casualty in the gale of Sep. 13, and came to town on Wednesday last, for surgical assistance. During the gale he became entangled in some coils of a cable, it appears, and was dragged overboard; he was thrown on deck again, and endeavoured to regain his footing, but fell, and found that one of his feet had been completely torn off. He received such attendance as was at hand, and remained from that until Thursday, a period of about three weeks, without effectual assistance; on Thursday the stump was amputated, we understand, by Dr. J. Hume. This second renewal of the sufferer's fears and pains, must have been very trying. Mr. Murphy was accompanied to town by his wife and child. The former, no doubt, to act the part of the assiduous nurse,—the latter was an innocent, a year and half old, who lay in its cradle beside its suffering father, entirely unconscious of the care of mortals.

Mr. Murphy was conspicuously active in the rescue of the passengers of the *Aid de Camp*, when that vessel was wrecked near his dwelling, during last summer. He lost a vessel this spring,—and had another seriously injured in the late gale. The latter, it appears, was repaired by the assistance of his sympathising neighbours.

CAUTION.—A family in New York, recently partook of a dish of stewed mushrooms. The fungus called a toads tool was in the mess, and caused extreme sickness to those who partook of it. The mother of the family died in consequence. —A mistake, in giving laudanum for paregoric, caused the death of a child, lately, in Boston.

The Countess of Westmoreland arrived last evening, from Boston. Her Ladyship stays at Government House. *Pearl.*

Arrived, yesterday, Her Majesty's Packet Brig *Star*, Lieutenant Griffin, from Falmouth, 29 days, Passengers,—Viscount Glamis, 69th Regiment, Mr. Wm. Young, Mrs. J. McNab, Miss Jenkins, and 2 Miss Griffins.

MARRIAGES.

At Londonderry, on Thursday the 26th inst. by the Rev. John Brown, Mr. Robert Pearson, to Lavinia, eldest daughter of M. P. Martin.

On the 22nd inst, by the Rev. Archdeacon Willis, Mr. Thomas Harrison, to Miss Jessy Paton Ried, of this place.

DEATHS.

On Wednesday morning, in the 82d year of her age, Mary widow of the late honorable Michael Wallace.

Suddenly on Tuesday, Mrs. Charlotte Gorham, aged 42 years. At Pictou, on the 5th inst, in the 56th year of her age, Ann Waddel, spouse of Mr. James Kilier, -cur.