

COLONIAL.

New Brunswick.

Circuit Court.—On Thursday last, the August Circuit Court for this City and County was opened by His Honor, Mr. Justice Wilmet, in a lengthened and lucid address to the Grand Jury. After noticing several of the criminal cases that would be brought before the Jury, His Honor particularly addressed himself to the subject of education, advocating, in his usual emphatic manner, an improved system of school instruction. To this subject the learned Judge has devoted his attention for many years; and he expressed his regret that the progress made had not been commensurate with the opportunity afforded for so doing by the Legislature. All that he wished to see was a general diffusion of knowledge and education, based on the unerring principles of Christianity.—*St. John, N. B. Courier, 9th.*

Agricultural Prospects in the County of Carleton.—A gentleman of this City returned from Woodstock on Wednesday last, and reports very favorably of the condition of the hay crop, the appearance of the different grains, and as satisfactorily of potatoes, throughout the entire district which he had visited.

The remarkably fine and productive land of Carleton displays a grateful contrast to the comparatively sterile soil of our sea coast; and it might be well if emigrants possessing the means and desire of purchasing farming lands, should be apprised of this favorable feature ere they depart for the United States in search of other localities, which, in the end, may turn out less favorably to their wishes.—*ib.*

MELANCHOLY ACCIDENT.—On Wednesday evening last, about 7 o'clock, Andrew Weldon, aged 19, and John Fillmore, about 22, were unfortunately drowned while bathing in the Dorchester River. The bodies were found about 3 hours afterwards, side by side.—*ib.*

STEAMBOAT DISASTER.—The Steamer Gipsey, from the Bend of Petitcodiac, in entering this harbour on Wednesday morning, during a thick fog, struck on Muskeget Point, and soon after sunk. The passengers and crew all got safely on shore.—*ib.*

NEW VESSELS.—On the 31st ult., a very superior copper fastened Ship of 1109 tons, called the *Persian*, was launched into our Harbour, from the Building yard of Messrs Nevins & Majors. She is a highly creditable specimen of naval architecture.

Another very fine Ship, of 906 tons, called the *Lady Russell*, built by Messrs Salter, at the Bend of Petitcodiac, was towed down the Bay last week and is at present fitting out in our harbour. The *Lady Russell* will bear a creditable comparison with the best vessels that have been built in this Province.—*ib.*

AN ENORMOUS SHARK.—All yesterday crowds were attracted to the schooner of Capt. Helms, lying at the North Market Wharf, to look at portions of a huge Shark lying on the deck of the vessel. This monster having become entangled in some fishing nets off Muskeget, Capt. Helms succeeded, after a hard struggle, in killing him with lances and harpoons. From the liver alone, no less than three hundred and twenty gallons of oil was obtained, which is now on board the vessel, as also the head, the tail, and one of the fins. The breadth of the tail is 7 feet 9 inches; of the head, 5 feet. The mouth is in the shape of a horse shoe, with three series of flat, triangular, smooth-edged teeth in each jaw—when opened with a tackle fall, as it lay on the deck, the mouth presented a frightful gape, full 3 feet across between the angle of the jaws! This fish must have been full 20 feet in length—Captain Helms thinks it was much more. This species of shark is common to both sides of the Atlantic, and is known on the American coast, by the popular names of *Thresher*, *Fox Shark*, and *Saw-fish*—its principal organ of defence is its long flexible tail, with which it assails, and literally thrashes its enemies. It frequents the Bay of Fundy at this season of the year, in pursuit of mackerel and shad, of which it devours immense quantities. We hope the head of this monster specimen of the Thresher Shark, will be secured and properly preserved for the Museum of the Mechanics' Institute.—*St. John News-Brunswick, 9th.*

ST. GEORGE, Aug. 7th, 1851.

MELANCHOLY EVENT.—A Mrs. Baker, from Muskeget, in the Parish of Lancaster, accompanied by her father and two children, were about paying a visit to their acquaintances here. On passing Mr. McCarroll's store, within three miles of St. George, they alighted from the wagon in order to make a few purchases. After leaving the store, it was found that some of the articles had been forgotten, and a proposal to return was made. The horse took fright, and ran away, but on arriving at Mr. McCarroll's he was stopped by a number of persons who happened to be present, and Mrs. B. was conveyed, without having received any apparent injury, into the house. She there remarked that she was very much affrighted and felt ill, and in a few moments afterwards expired. It is believed that her sudden death was occasioned by excess of fright. Mrs. Baker has left an affectionate husband and ten young children to mourn their sad bereavement.—*Correspondence of the New-Brunswick.*

Launched, on Monday the 28th ult., from the building yard of Capt. H. E. Parson, at Westport, N. S., a splendid Ship of 800 tons, called the *Coronella*. To those interested in naval architecture, we would recommend a visit to this fine vessel, she having been pronounced by those who have inspected her, complete in her model, fastenings, and general appearance, taking a first

position among the many fine vessels which New Brunswick and Nova Scotia have lately produced. She is owned, and is to be commanded by her enterprising builder, to whom we wish every success.—*St. John Observer.*

THE SEASON.—The weather during the week has been extremely fine, and the mowers have been busily employed in the fields. The hay crop will be an abundant one.—*Miramichi Gleaner, 4th.*

ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH.—We are glad to hear that the Company here have decided on erecting their line to Richibucto. The people of Richibucto, we understand, purpose incorporating themselves with the St. John Company, and there is every prospect that the line will be in working order through to the Bend this fall, when we will be put in communication with Halifax, St. John, United States, &c.—*ib.*

Canada.

The *Gaspe Gazette* of the 10th ult., says:—The continued rainy and cold weather we have experienced lately, has caused the crops to have a very backward appearance. Codfish are still abundant on the coast, and great numbers of American schooners are busily engaged catching mackerel in our waters. Nineteen handsome looking Yankee clippers, some of them with their colors flying, as if in mockery of the Canadian government, might have been seen the other day, from our office windows, fishing within a short distance from land.

CHAMPLAIN AND ST. LAWRENCE RAILROAD.—We are happy to learn that the above Company will have their line complete from St. John's to Rouse's Point in the course of the present month, the Contractor being now actively engaged in laying down the rails. This will give the City of Montreal an uninterrupted communication by rail with Boston and New York.—*Montreal Her.*

VISITORS.—A continued throng of American visitors, exceeding in numbers the average of past years, has imparted a lively appearance to our principal streets for some weeks; and there is one point connected with this "travel," which should be highly encouraging to steamboats, railroads and hotel keepers. In looking over the registers we see that a great proportion are from that cradle of empire, the magnificent west—from Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin and Missouri.—*Montreal Gazette.*

At the discussion respecting the Clergy Reserves lately held at Simcoe, the denominations represented on the one side were Church of England and Church of Scotland; on the other, the Wesleyan Methodist, Free Presbyterian, Congregationalist, Baptist, Episcopal Methodist, and United Presbyterian Churches.—*Montreal Witness.*

MORE NUNNERIES.—On Sunday afternoon the corner stone of a new building for the Sisters of Charity was laid with great pomp and ceremony by the Archbishop of Quebec. An immense concourse of persons were present on the occasion.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.—The United Presbyterian Congregation, Bay Street, met on Tuesday evening, and after deliberation, a series of resolutions, founded on a memorial of the Synod on Sabbath Observance, were adopted. It was then moved and unanimously resolved, that a humble petition, founded on these resolutions, be drawn up, signed by the congregation, and presented to both branches of the Legislature, praying their Honourable Houses to take all legitimate steps so to arrange, that there shall be no conveyance of mails, and no post office labour on the Sabbath day; and also that all obstructions and abuses, in any of the public departments, which prevent the proper observance of the Sabbath, be removed. A committee, consisting of six of the members and office bearers of the congregation, was then appointed to carry the resolution into effect.—*Toronto Globe.*

West Indies.

NEW YORK, Aug. 6.—We have Kingston dates of the 28th. The Cholera still prevails throughout the Island, especially at Hanover, Lucia, El Gintown, and Savannah la Mar. At the latter place there have been 250 deaths in the last few weeks. The epidemic is raging fearfully throughout the agricultural districts.

The present crop of sugar is not over 7000 hhds., about half what it formerly was in the most unremitting years of slavery. Nearly every article of trade has advanced in Kingston since last advices.

Newfoundland.

The news from the shore fishery continues to be very good; in some places, as usual, there has been a scarcity of bait and fish, but we believe a good average catch will be secured. From the Labrador we learn that cod seines were doing very well, but the hook-and-line fishery was less successful. The crops of every kind are in a very promising condition. The weather this year has been more favorable for vegetation than that of any previous year remembered. The crop of hay will be very good. Barley has been in ear for several days. Wheat and oats are very fine and vigorous, and the potatoes are progressing most luxuriantly. No blight, and we shall have happiness and plenty throughout the land during the coming winter.—*St. John's Newfoundland Morning Courier, 2nd.*

We expect soon to see the foundation stone laid in this city of a Mechanics' Hall. The Institute has been in existence but two seasons, and has become deservedly popular, and its members

now amount to several hundreds. The erection of a Hall creditable to the city and to the Institute, will involve an outlay of perhaps £3000, but half of this sum has been already subscribed by the purchasers of shares.—*ib.*

Mr. GIBBONS is progressing fast with the line of Telegraph from this city to Conception Bay. The posts are all placed and prepared for erection, and he expects, we hear, to have it completely prepared for work in a very few weeks.—*ib.*

UNITED STATES.

NO MARRYING ALLOWED IN IOWA FOR THIRTY DAYS.—Under the new code, which went into effect on the 1st instant, marriage licenses could only be issued by the county judge; and during the time which was to elapse from the taking effect of the law and the election of the judge—a month off—no provision whatever had been made authorizing the clerk of the district court, as heretofore, to make out the necessary "documents." "This is a joke," says the Cincinnati Times, "which will probably be felt as a pretty serious one in some quarters."

THE MAINE LIQUOR LAW.—A gentleman of this city informs us that on a visit to Bangor, a few weeks since, he observed upon the back of the bill of fare, at the Bangor House, where he stopped, a list of liquors, with prices carefully set down.—On a more recent visit to the same house, upon taking up the bill of fare at dinner, instead of the list of liquors, he found printed on the back of the bill the new liquor law of the State, in full.—*Boston Commonwealth.*

CONVERSION OF A BREWER.—Father Matthew has converted an eminent brewer of Cincinnati to temperance principles. He has closed his establishment, discharged his hands, and will neither drink himself nor brew any more beer for others to guzzle.

INDIAN VISIT TO JENNY LIND.—A party of six Ojibway Indians called upon Jenny Lind at Rochester.—She requested them to sing some of their war songs.—They complied, when she paid them back with the Echo and Bird songs.

The tolls on the New York canals thus far exceed those of the corresponding period last year, in the round sum of \$264,219.35, or more than 23 per cent!

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE IN PROVIDENCE.—Loss \$60,000.—At 10 o'clock on Tuesday night a fire broke out in the North part of Providence, which proved to be the most disastrous which has occurred in that city of several years. The Providence Journal estimates the loss at \$60,000. The fire was doubtless the work of an incendiary.

FATAL EFFECTS OF CHLOROFORM.—A woman named Amelia Serattus, aged 22 years, born in Germany, died at New York, from inhaling an over dose of chloroform. The deceased had been afflicted with the toothache, and to allay the pain administered to herself the dangerous medicine. She obtained 25 cents' worth of chloroform; soon after which she was found dead, having inhaled too much of it.

We regret to learn that the rot will destroy nearly the entire potato crop in Central Iowa.—We learn from our exchanges that the disease has also appeared in the vicinity of Dubuque, and in various parts of Illinois and Wisconsin.—*Boston Post.*

California.

The fire which visited San Francisco on the 22d of June, laid in ashes the very heart of the City, burning through Montgomery, Dupont, Washington, Merchant, and other streets, which comprise the business portion of the place.

The Alta California says:—There is no doubt that this terrific fire was the work of an incendiary. The time selected was a good one,—just as the people were going to church on Sunday, A. M., and the place was upon a hill, from which the fire must have inevitably spread to the whole city.

It is understood that the Committee of Vigilance have made a large number of arrests.—Three persons were tried on charges of incendiarism and honorably acquitted; others are still ironed and held in custody for future examination.

It is impossible at the present to give anything like an accurate account of the amount of property destroyed, or of the losers; probably about 500 houses and \$3,000,000 worth of property have been destroyed.

Chas. S. Lyons was found burned to death on Jackson street, between Dupont and Kearney. Mr. Bache, of the firm of Bache, Burnett & Co., was burned to death in endeavouring to save his store room.

This fire has fallen upon a class of citizens, most of whom are poor men—men whose all was invested in the houses and goods which have been destroyed.

A great deal of lumber has been burnt up, and it will be a long time, we fear, ere our burnt district is built over again. There was evidently an arranged plan to set fire to and consume the city.

All accounts from the Mines concur in representing the yield this year as greater perhaps than ever before.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A LUCKY PURCHASE.—At Tours there lives an old man who has a wife,—I do not state

this as a feature peculiar to Tours, or to this man, but as a necessary preliminary to what follows. The husband bought a pair of pantaloons of a soldier, and when he had worn them out, the wife unsewed them, in order to utilize them as a bed quilt or window-pane: in one of the seams she found a note on the Bank of France for 1000 francs. The old man supposing it to be an assignment of the old republic, and utterly valueless, pasted it upon a brick in the wall. A visitor informed him of his error, whereupon he cut the brick out of its solid bed, and carried it boldly to one of the principal bankers. The note was too closely attached to be removed, but it was evidently good, and was cashed on the spot. The old gentleman was so overjoyed, that having come to the Bank with a brick in his pocket, he probably went home with one in his hat.

THE USE OF FRUIT.—Instead of standing in any fear of a generous consumption of ripe fruits, we regard them as positively conducive to health. The very maladies assumed to have their origin in a free use of apples, peaches, cherries, melons, and wild berries, have been quite as prevalent, if not equally destructive, in seasons of scarcity. There are so many erroneous notions entertained of the bad effects of fruit, that it is quite time a counteracting impression should be promulgated, having its foundation in common sense, and based on the common observation of the intelligent. We have no patience in reading the endless rules to be observed in this particular department of physical comfort. No one, we imagine, ever lived longer, or freer from their paroxysms of disease, by discarding the delicious fruits of the lands in which he finds a home. On the contrary, they are necessary to the preservation of the health, and are therefore caused to make their appearance at the very time when the condition of the body, operated upon by deteriorating causes not always understood, requires their grateful, renovating influence.—*Boston Medical and Surgical Journal.*

TEMPERANCE CONVENTION.—It will be seen by a notice of the American Temperance Union, that an ecumenical Temperance Convention is called to meet at Saratoga Springs, on the 20th of next month. The great subject for consideration will be Temperance Legislation; and there is everything in the times and in the posture of the cause to render a discussion on that subject interesting and useful. Several States have just demonstrated the practicability of thorough going laws; and it is evident that public opinion is fast concentrating for similar attempts in many other States. A Convention well attended, and judiciously conducted—held long enough to think the matter through, and to have the fire burn, would quicken these tendencies of the popular mind intensely. It seems to us that it is precisely the right time for a great gathering—and Saratoga, with its wholesome associations of cold water and salubrity, is just the place for it. There should be an effort made to secure a comprehensive and influential delegation. All the members of the great Temperance family are invited—a regular ancestral call to the scattered descendants. The working few in every locality should see to it in time to get up a meeting and secure a representation. Much of the moral effect of the Convention will depend upon the presence of King numbers. Talent, and worth and venerable experience will be there; but virtue lies in the mass. We hope to meet Demos there in all his majesty.—*New York Evangelist.*

BLUE ROSE.—The horticulturists of Paris, says a correspondent of the New York Express, have succeeded by artificial crossings in obtaining a natural rose of a blue colour, which is the fourth colour obtained by artificial means—that and the yellow or tea rose, the black or purple rose, and the striped rose, being all inventions, and the result of skilful and scientific gardening.

A GREEN ROSE.—We notice above the production of a blue rose at Paris, by artificial crossings. The Raleigh, (N. C.) Register, in copying the notice says, "We can add to this the green rose of North Carolina, which though not the creature of science, is sufficiently well known in parts of this State to claim a rank among the above floral novelties. The rose is identical with our common dahlia, except in colour, the variation in which is supposed to have been produced by the accidental intermingling of the roots of the rose tree with those of the common sunach. The peculiarities of the new varieties are perpetuated by cuttings or otherwise. It is quite common in the county of Bladen and some few specimens exist in the town of Fayetteville."

A SUCCESSFUL STEAMSHIP.—The steamship Georgia has been among the most successful of the large fleet of steamships sailing from New York. During the last year, commencing with July 9, 1850, she traversed at least 48,000 miles, transported between 9,000 and 10,000 passengers of whom about 3,400 were landed at that port; and brought to New York as nearly as can be judged, somewhere near \$5,000,000 in specie and gold dust.

MARRIAGE OF JENNY LIND.—The London Sun of July 11th, makes the following announcement:—

"We can state on unquestionable authority, that Signor Belletti will be the happy man. Every arrangement has, we believe, been concluded for the nuptials of the loving couple on their return from Canada, previous to the voyage from New York for England."

The London Times says:—"The last total eclipse of the sun visible in London took place in April, 1715, and there will be no other till the morning of August 19th, 1857."