

The New Orleans Bulletin says that General Francis Gaiennie fell in a duel on September 18, near Nachitoches, —his antagonist was general Bossier. They fought with rifles at forty paces,—the first fire proved fatal.

NEW YORK FIRES.—On Sunday morning, October 6, a fire broke out 189 Water street, opposite Holt's hotel, and continued raging until property to the amount of a million and a half of dollars was consumed. Holt's vast establishment, was saved by means of wet blankets and a small engine belonging to the house. Soon after the commencement of this fire another broke out south side of Burling Slip, which destroyed six three story houses. Previous to these fires and on the same night, two other conflagration occurred, which destroyed or greatly injured 8 or 9 houses— and another, at Brooklyn, which consumed property to the value of 15,000 dollars.

Sickness still prevailed to an alarming extent in Mobile. The number of deaths for the week up to September 24, was 80, and for the month, 329. Contributions were making in other parts of the United States, to relieve the distress at Mobile.

A meeting of the friends of Mr. Wallack, whose Theatre was recently destroyed by fire, was held at the Astor House, N. York It was resolved that a Theatre should be built at an expense of \$350,000 and be placed under the charge of Mr. Wallack.

THE DEPARTURE OF THE BRITISH QUEEN.—The delay of this fine ship for about two hours created an unusual degree of speculation—the detention was owing to a most villainous act of some unknown person, while she was in port the apartments containing her beautiful machinery, were thrown upon for the inspection of the public; some one availing himself of this privilege, took occasion, with the evident design of breaking the machinery, to place a bolt at the bottom, upon the top of the safety valve—and the consequence was, she could not condense her steam. To discover and remedy the evil, occupied two hours. Some delay was also occasioned, waiting for the Steward's supply of fresh Eggs.

The Small Pox, in its worst forms, was raging in the vicinity of Wiscasset, Edgecomb and Boothbay, Lincoln county, Me.

The use of Steelyards, by butchers, grocers, &c., is prohibited in New Orleans under a penalty of twenty dollars.

NOVA SCOTIA.

THE DELEGATION—An article in last Novascotian gives an account of what has been accomplished by the Delegates of the House of Assembly during their late mission to London. We give the substance of the article.

After much deliberation,—it was agreed, besides the opening of the ports of Arichat and Digby, that Cumberland, Parrsborough, Windsor, Shelburne and Lunenburg should be *Free Ports*, not warehousing ports,—that the Customs and Excise should be combined, by which, it is said, about £1500 a year will be saved,—that the £1500 granted yearly to the Post Office establishment, by the local legislature, should not be required,—that a bill regulating the granting of Crown lands should receive the sanction of government,—and that the Incorporating, Bounties Acts, etc. should be adjusted, as desired.

ADMIRALTY COURT.—James Barry, coming into the harbour on Saturday last, ran his schooner over a net which was placed a mile from the shore. The owner of the net complained that damage had been done, and claimed 30s. in consequence. Barry refused to comply, asserting that he did not injure the net, and that nets should not be allowed to impede the navigation. The complainant placed his case in the Admiralty, and Barry, fearing the consequences of a suit there, settled on Monday, by paying £12 13s. 6d.

He was very indignant, and could not understand how law or justice could require such expenses, and could thus, with out trial or judgment, inflict such serious punishment.

AGRICULTURE.—2½ lbs. of the Rohan potatoe, planted on 28th May by E. Allison, Esq. yielded 168 lbs. this fall. The same seed planted by J. Fairbanks, Esq. yielded 77 lbs. for 1 lb. and 110 potatoes for one potatoe.

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.—The Committee of the Halifax Agricultural Society, have published, during the week, their half-yearly report. Beside stating the views generally of such associations, and of the Halifax Society in particular, the following view of the season and of the produce of the peninsula of Halifax, is given :

The long continuance of the cold rains in the early parts of the spring gave rise to fears that both the hay and potatoe crops would be seriously affected. The season, however, became more promising, and the hay, although not so heavy as in some former seasons, yielded nearly an average, and the potatoe both in quantity and quality will turn out well. The grain harvest was particularly favourable; and the weather up to the present time has been excellent for pastures. In referring to the following table of returns for the Peninsula it will be seen that the field of cultivation is extending and that wheat is growing more into favour. Six years ago there was only twelve acres, and this present year to 110½, and other grains in a corresponding ratio. The following return includes the crop in the Peninsula and Dutch Village:—Wheat 116½ acres, Oats 101½, Barley 11, Potatoes 177½, Turnips 7½, Hay 620½—Total, 1044½.

MELANCHOLY OCCURRENCE.—At Wallace, on Tuesday, the 8th October, while Mr George Wells was engaged digging potatoe, at the same time a cart loaded with potatoe with oxen attached thereto standing in the field, a child about two years of age went forward of the wheel, and was in the act of climbing up on the inside of the wheel, when discovered by its father, who, with all possible haste ran to rescue it from its perilous situation. The oxen in the mean time taking fright, and the child clinging to the wheel, was run over on the head, which caused immediate death. Com.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

In answer to a "Querist" whose communication arrived just as we were going to press, we would reply, that such a proceeding would neither be lawful nor expedient—we should be glad to have particulars, if such a case has occurred.

MARRIAGES.

On Tuesday the 8th Oct, by the Rev Hugh McGregor, Mr John Betts, to Miss Sarah Teed,— On Wednesday, the 16th inst by the same, Mr Samuel Canfield, to Miss Augusta Heather, all of Wallace.

On Wednesday evening, 9th inst. by the Rev. Mr. Unwin, Mr. T. Humphrey, Chemist and Druggist, of Halifax, to Martha Ann, second daughter of Joseph Darby, Esq.

On Tuesday last, at Dartmouth, by the Rev. Mr. Blackwood, Mr. W Rutherford, to Miss Susanna Fulton, of Stewiacke.

DEATHS.

On Friday morning, T. Wabab, Esq. M. D. Surgeon of H. M. 37th Regiment, in the 57th year of his age.

At Wallace, on Sunday morning, the 13th inst, after a severe illness of three days, Mr James Canfield 1st, in the 31st year of his age. He was noted for urbanity of manners and mildness of disposition, from his youth up, and died rejoicing in the prospect of a glorious resurrection to eternal life. It may truly be said, his end was peace. He has left a wife and one child, with a large circle of relations and friends to lament their loss. May our last end be like his.

Suddenly, on Monday, John Sullivan, aged 69 years.

CENTENARY OF METHODISM, HALIFAX.

THE Religious Services connected with this celebration will be held as follows—on Friday next, October 25th 1839, on which day Wesleyan Methodism will have completed the hundredth year of its existence.

There will be a Prayer Meeting held in the School Room, in the morning at seven o'clock.

Divine Service will be held in the Lower Chapel, A. M. at 11 o'clock and in the Upper at night at seven.

The Children and Teachers of the Sabbath School will meet in the School Room at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

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