The Provincial Wesleyan.

EVIL OF NOVEL READING.—A beautiful girl of nineteen years, a member of a popular boarding-school, left her room in the middle of a wintry night, and drowned herself in a neighboring stream. In a letter to her teacher, a few hours before her death, she left this honest confession; "Ihave read too many novels for my good. Some, perhaps, might have read them without injury; but it has affected me. I look around and see those that are no better and have no wealthier parents, educated. They can stand as high in society as the wealthiest. Why is it? Because their friends feel an interest in their welfare. This reminds me of things that I have read about." While prosecuting her trade as a dress-maker, she had indulged a romantic and unreciprocated affection for a young man just completing his studies. Accustomed to the marvellous turns of fortune which are common in romances, in which difficulties vanish without the use of means, and relief happens at the moment of extremity, she had entered the school in the romantic hope that she might raise herself to a level which would secure his favour, and in the romantic expectation that means would in some way be forthcoming for her support. But, unable to pay her term bills when they become due, her affections crossed, her hopes disappointed, she yielded to romantic sorrow. She wrote to her teacher:—"When you see the cold moon shining on the water, think that it shines on me!" and went out and committed the fearful crime of destroying her own life—a suicide by novel reading.—*American paper.*

THE CHIEF GOOD.—Many have been the disputes of men about the chief good.—There was no such dispute in paradise: there is no such dispute in heaven. Man's original happiness was in God:—the happiness of angels is in God: in the favour, in the likeness, in the service, and enjoyment of God. All the "inventions" of men for the attainment of happiness, and "many" they have been, long experience has proved to be folly. The gospel of Christ proposes the only means of effectually gaining it: because its end is to bring men back to the source from which it originally sprung;—to restore them to the Divine favour, and to the Divine image. Whatever accomplishes this, will make men happy; and nothing short of this possibly can. O what reason for humility, in contemplating the vain endeavours of men to effect an absolute impossibility;—to find happiness without God! And what reason for thanksgiving and praise for an open way, in which we may return with acceptance to our offended Sovereign, and enjoy the light of his countenance.—*Wardlaw.*

PUNGENT PREACHING.—An old man being asked his opinion of a certain sermon, replied—"I like it very well, except that there was no pinch to it. I always like to have a pinch to every sermon." I was reminded of this anecdote by the remark of a son of Neptune, from Nantucket, whom I met in a crowded church last Sabbath evening. He said it was a handsome sermon, but he "would have liked it better if it had struck the harpoon into the conscience of the sinner."

General Intelligence.

New Brunswick

MR JACKSON'S SPEECH AT ST. JOHN.—The following report of Mr. Jackson's speech is taken from the *Courier*, and will be read with interest:

I came here last year a stranger—I came quite unprepared to see what I have seen; I came as a practical man, versed in commercial affairs, and having for thirty-six years been hard at work at the plough. I come to see, and hear, and learn; but all that I have heard, or read of, or seen or witnessed, does not come up to what I have seen in these British Provinces. I come here that I might be useful—first, to myself: don't be mistaken. I did not come here on the narrow-minded principle of merely selfish interest, regardless of others, but working on the true principle, that he who works for himself can only do so effectually, not by working at the cost of others, but for the benefit of others. I have travelled through all these Provinces, and I will challenge any man in this room to say that he has gone through all the same districts, that he has seen the same scenery, or witnessed as much of these Provinces, as I have. I have gone through them on the principle, that my friends and partners will ask me, on my return, "Have you seen all these things, that you speak of?" and I am prepared to say "I have." To use an American piece of phraseology, "I am properly posted up." Your rivers and lakes are unequalled; your forests and fisheries are inexhaustible; your soil is fat, producing subsistence for man, even while he is destroying it for in these young countries man destroys while he creates. Your indomitable self will and energy are beyond all praise, and will assuredly lead you on to prosperity and wealth. One portion of your great Province is a fertile producer of food; another portion produces every mineral necessary to the interests of mankind; and these want only the combination of one with another, the uniting of them together, to render them abundantly available. You have within you the means of attaining a *great greatness*, and you must attain it. Therefore, when I came here last year, I did not hesitate in meeting your wishes, in promoting your interests, and in making a profit for ourselves. That profit may be long in coming, but our children will enjoy it, and the principal being in honest hands, we may safely trust it with you. I took the measure of New-Brunswick, of Nova-Scotia, and of Canada. I said, "It will never do for conflicting interests to exist here; the work can only be done by a combination of all the Provinces." It was said there would be difficulties in New Brunswick. I saw none. In Canada there were much greater difficulties; there were conflicting interests to be reconciled; there were the jealousies of various localities to be overcome. But what has happened there? We have brought about an amalgamation of the whole; all those interests are now united; there is not one of them that is not satisfied: all are united in one great combination to carry out the whole project. There are many in this room who can witness that I have never lost sight of the Lower Provinces, or of your interests. You have only occasion to sink your own local differences, all your conflicting prejudices and feelings. Do not look at this district or at that district, but at the whole Province. Let us feel that New-Brunswick without Maine is useless; let the iron hand move over all alike, and you will find that yourselves will be infinitely greater and more prosperous than can now be conceived. The works in Nova-Scotia will be simple and easily effected. We have thought it our duty to lay before you a comprehensive scheme; and I intend to do so before I go away from hence. I entreat you, as you love the interest of your country, to sink all your differences, and to establish a Railroad through the northern and the southern districts of the Province. No doubt many of you have read the speech of that eminent man, Mr. Stephenson, at Toronto. He spoke impressively of the folly of legislation, which has been experienced in these matters in the Mother Country, arising from conflicting interests, and legislative and legal expenses; he shewed that from sixty to seventy millions of money have been thrown away in these contests. Now, you cannot afford that. We came here courting no man's favour, and fearing no man's frown. We have had railway experience in every part of Europe, and are therefore well versed in the business: and in this undertaking, of which the first sod has been turned to-day, we feel that we have a right to speak; we have a right to give our views clearly and explicitly. They are not views of to-day, or of a few days, but the views of every day since I left you last year. We have also since then taken the views and opinions of others, of men of eminent experience and judgment; and we can only say, that if, dropping all local feelings and differences, and forgetting all sectional prejudices, you will cordially unite together with us, we will carry the whole thing through for you.

But there must be no want of confidence, for that we will not overlook. We stand on our character, and if you dispute that, you drive us out of the country. We stand on that, and we have a right to it, for we have earned it by long experience and practice. We will stand on the scheme advanced by Mr. Poor at Portland. You must give a little now, that you may reap much. We will carry the Railroad through the whole of your Provinces, which will rebound immensely to the good of all. But if you think you can do better, then at once tear off the seals from the contract, and annul it. But there is not one single word of that contract which we will ever deviate from in the slightest degree; and under that contract we will make a Railroad through your Province, which will be a pattern card for your sister Provinces to come and look at. We will deal with you as we have ever dealt with others, and we will come to you with our character in our hands, requiring your entire confidence. Everything that we have hitherto done in New-Brunswick shows that we have the fullest confidence in you: we believe that there is a fixity of purpose in you worthy of being trusted; and one great proof of that is, the tight and hard bargain that you have made with us. That we consider as a guarantee of your entire sincerity and good faith. I do hope and trust that this Railroad, which will unite the Provinces, will have the effect that has been shadowed forth by previous speakers. I have heard but one feeling in Canada, of a desire to meet this question fully, fairly and freely; and I think it but right to state, that if ever you come to meet this question of Provincial union, Canada is prepared to do her duty; and I believe that Nova Scotia is equally so prepared. I have had the honour of interviews with the Duke of Newcastle and Mr. Gladstone, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, on this subject; and I think I may say that the project is favourably viewed by the Government at home.—In Canada, so strong is the desire to open further and more rapid communication between the Provinces, that Canada is prepared to make great sacrifices to effect this measure. If you are prepared to meet her in a kindred spirit; if you will only forget the past, and will only endeavour to remember what will benefit the Province united ly, there can be but little doubt of a successful arrangement of the matter. I can tell you that your honest, indomitable perseverance and industry have given you a high character in Canada; and if you only go on in the same way, you will effect a most important change in your situation. You have a land teeming with riches; you have within yourselves resources of unparalelled extent and value; and if you only go on in a right spirit, you will leave to those who are to follow you, such an inheritance and possession, as any portion of the world might envy; and if you meet Canada in that spirit, your united efforts and resources might result in rapid prosperity and greatness.

I may not have another opportunity of paying my respects to so many inhabitants of your Province; but I feel assured, that when we meet again, I shall feel at home among you; and it will give me the greatest pleasure to meet again. When I come again, I hope that all will meet together with good feeling and unanimity; that all will act together with good intentions, to unite in promoting the permanent prosperity of the Province at large, which will assuredly promote our own individually. The surest way to attain our ends, is to study the good of the public at large, in all our projects and enterprises.

EUROPEAN AND NORTH AMERICAN RAILWAY.—We understand that the Southern line, now in course of survey between this City and the American borders, is the one that will be adopted; and that a branch from this line to Fredericton is ordered to be surveyed forthwith by a party in charge of Mr. Percival, C. E. The Engineers on the Southern line, with their party, have reached a point on the St. Andrew's road within five miles of the village of St George.—*N. Bkr.*

Canada.

Mr. Jennings, Book Auctioneer, says the Toronto *Leader*, passed from his own premises across the street to an inn to get his "accustomed glass of beer at noon, which he took, and the bagatelle board being at hand, played a single game and beat his antagonist; whereupon he rubbed his hands in satisfaction, and was stepping back to return to his office when he fell. He was immediately taken up, and Dr. Taylor was on the spot in a minute or two, but pronounced him dead."

The Kingston Advertiser says that all the land around that city has been bought up by speculators, who now hold it at extravagant rates. The Railway mania is the cause.

Nine thousand pounds have been paid by the North Shore Railway Company in Quebec, for lot of land as a terminus.

A NEW GOVERNOR GENERAL.—A rumour has received currency, on what grounds we know not, that the Marquis of Clanricarde is to receive the appointment of Governor General of Canada.

McKenzie's Message says:—Calculators think that Upper Canada will have a surplus this year over any former season of four million bushels of wheat, value $4,000,000.

Newfoundland.

We learn that during the thunder storm which occurred on Sunday fortnight a dwelling house belonging to a planter of the name of Parsons at Bay Roberts, was struck by the electric fluid, and received considerable damage. The floors were ripped up, the windows burst out, a portion of the chimney was knocked down, and one or more of the doors were shivered to atoms. Fortunately the tenement was unoccupied at the time (the owner with his family being at Labrador) otherwise it is likely the consequences would have been fatal.

This town and neighbourhood were visited last Monday morning with one of the severest storms of thunder and lightning that have been experienced here for many years. It commenced between 2 and 3 p. m. and continued until daybreak. About 4 o'clock the thunder was appalling, and one or two claps in particular, resembling the simultaneous discharge of artillery and small arms, burst immediately overhead, and shook the town to its very centre. The lightning was vivid in the extreme, and from its intense whiteness indicated a high degree of concentration. During the storm a number of persons experienced a peculiar sensation not unlike seasickness. We have not heard of any accidents. —*Harbour Grace Herald, 7th.*

No fewer than 2,478 passengers crossed in Mr. Fitzgerald's ferry-boat from the 24th March to the 4th September inst. This shows the need of such a conveyance, and that an increase of the grant voted for this service may reasonably be applied for at the next session of the Legislature.—*Ib.*

Upwards of 400 grampuses have just been taken in New Harbour, Trinity Bay. These will in some measure relieve the distress of the inhabitants who are suffering from the conjoint effects of blighted crops, a bad voyage, and typhus fever. Dr. Shea has bhen sent by the Government to report upon the state of the settlement.

We regret to find that the potato disease is is getting worse and worse.—*Ib.*

We feel we should be remiss in our duty if we suffered the present opportunity to pass without urging upon the Government the necessity of making provision for the forthcoming winter.—The fisheries and potato crops are, in this part of the country at least, a dead failure, so that hundreds of the population will be entirely destitute of food before the middle of December. The probability is, too, that the winter will be one of extreme severity. This is generally the case here after a hot summer, especially when the weather undergoes a decided change on the approach of the equinox. We hope therefore that steps will be immediately taken to meet the emergency.—*Ib 14th.*

United States.

SINGULAR CASE OF SOMNOLENCY.—Miss Aramintа, daughter of Mr. Fielding S. Ragan, of Harrisonburg, Va, aged about fourteen years, without complaining at all of being sick, went to sleep on the 31st ult, and has continued in that situation, with scarcely any intermission, ever since. The Register says she has eaten nothing of consequence since the appalling stupor came over her senses—and has spoken but once or twice since she went to sleep. Once, on the first day she was taken, animation seemed entirely suspended. It is with extreme difficulty she can be aroused from her slumbers, but, when awakened, she seems to know her friends and acquaintances, although the power of speech seems to be destroyed.

A LONG SLEEP.—We published a story some time ago of a man who with intervals of but brief duration had slept for five years, feeling at the time, whether we expressed it or not, strong doubts of the truth of the story. The man, however, is now in this city and we are assured by an intelligent gentleman of honor and veracity, that there is no deception in the matter. The remarkable features of the case are as represented in that account. Mr. Harding, the well known lessee, formerly, of the Metropolitan and now of Academy Hall, is the custodian of this remarkable phenomenon, and after to-day the stranger will be exhibited at the latter place.—*N. Y. Spec.*

THE ERICSSON.—In reply to numerous inquires in relation to the Caloric ship, we will state generally, that our faith in Ericsson's entire success is still undiminished. Between this and the first of the coming month, we think a practical answer will be given to all sceptics by the ship herself, that will put the Caloric motor question forever at rest.—*N. Y Evening Mirror.*

HEAVY FAILURE.—The Syracuse Standard says "it is rumored about the city that Arnold Woodward, Son & Co., one of our largest dry goods firms have suspended payment. The amount of their failure is said to be between $600,000 and $700,000. They had several large stores in various parts of the State, and a very extensive jobbing establishment in New York, where the failure was first made public."

YELLOW FEVER AT MOBILE.—The ravages by this terrible malady continue at Mobile. If anything they surpass the melancholy scenes at New Orleans. The dying and the dead are to be seen in nearly every house. Most of the stores are closed, and no business is done, except of the most pressing nature. Those who recover are shattered in constitution, and remain weak and spiritless.

MORMON MORALS.—The late Secretary of State, Bedjamin J. Ferris, of Ithaca, N Y., has returned to Washington city, and reports that not half the degradation of the Mormons has been told, that Brigham Young has forty wives; and that seditious feelings are rife throughout the community. In short that women and men are in a state of deep degradation.

The New York assembly has passed an act to abolish imprisonment for debt and limit imprisonment for fines, allowing each day's imprisonment to liquidate eight dollars of fine.

Eleven millions of bushels of corn are annually used for purposes of distillation in the United States.

Santa Anna is prosecuting measures streneously. "A tax of 12½ cents is imposed," says the Ledger, "on each member of a family, causing much distress and complaint among the poor—An order has likewise been issued for raising an army for frontier defence to amount to ninety one thousand men. All being able to bear arms are pressed in the service.

Santa Anna enjoins all who have suffered from Indian depredations, to present their claims at the city of Mexico. He intends to demand restitution under the treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo.—This order has given rise to immense fraud—Many claims where injuries to the amount of $50 have been sustained, are swollen to $1,000.

Four of the largest states, Guanaxuato, Guadalajara, Mareles and Chihuahua, have pronounced against Santa Anna.

The cholera has appeared in several towns in Mexico. Great preparations were being made at Vera Cruz for celebrating the anniversary of Mexican independence.

Latei advices from Montevideo, states that General Urpuiza had sought refuge on board of an American Steamer, and that his flight had caused much rejoicing among the people. Much confusion existed.

Now that affairs are comparatively quiet in Beunos Ayres, the cloud of revolution and civil war hangs in turn over the republic of Uruguay. Within a week a revolution has taken place in this city, and rumour says that more trouble is at hand.

Montevideo has prospered greatly during the seige of Buenos Ayres. Its trade has increased five fold, and the harbour is constantly full of vessels of all nations. Some of this business she will now have to share with her sister port, and perhaps her trade will be again paralyzed by the revolutionists.

The Government of the Province of Buenos Ayres has lately been in the hands of the Ministers Torres, Carreras, and Paz, who are clothed with Executive power. On the 10th inst. an election was held in the Chamber of Representatives, for Provisional Governor and Captain General of the Province, resulting in the choice of Sr. Don Nicholas Anchorena. The result seemed highly acceptable to the people, but Sr. Anchorena peremptorily and irrevocably declined the honor on account of his advanced age and infirm health. His declension was accepted, and July 22d was appointed for another trial, on which occasion Sr. Obligado was elected by a handsome majority. So the Government, then, is once more settled, the National Guard disbanded, and trade is again flowing to the port of Buenos Ayres.

ON SUCH SUBJECTS THE TESTIMONY OF WOMAN SHOULD BE CONCLUSIVE.

NEW YORK, August 2, 1852.

☞ Mrs. Clute, of No. 272 Second street, believing her child, about three years old, to be troubled with worms, purchased one bottle of DR. M'LANE'S CELEBRATED VERMIFUGE, and gave it a tea spoonfull, which had the effect of causing the child to discharge a large number of worms. The child is now enjoying good health. We would advise all parents who may suspect their children to be troubled with worms to lose no time, but immediately purchase and administer Dr. M'Lane's Celebrated Vermifuge. It will cure. *The money will be refunded in all cases where it does not give satisfaction.*

P. S. The above valuable remedy, also, Dr. M'Lane's Ceiebrated Liver Pills, can now be had at all the respectable Drug Stores in the United States and British Provinces.

☞ Purchasers will please be careful to ask for, and take none but Dr. M'LANE'S VERMIFUGE. All others, in comparison, are worthless.

Agents in Halifax, WM. LANGLEY and JOHN NAYLOR.

☞ The Anniversary Meeting of the Wesleyan Branch Missionary Society for Sydney, C. B., was held in the Wesleyan Church of that town on the evening of the 19th inst. D. N. McQueen, Esq, in the Chair. Resolutions were moved and seconded by Mr. McKay, Rev. W. C. McKinnon; C. H. Harrington, Esq, Rev. Dr. Evans; Rev. A. McL. DesBrisay, Rev. J. H. Starr. "The addresses," says, the C. B. *News*, "were powerful and eloquently delivered—seldom have listened to equally masterly and convincing arguments to those used by Dr Evans. He spoke like a man not only at home on the subject, but also deeply in love with it." The contributions, we are happy to learn, much exceeded those of last year.

☞ A post mortem examination was held by the Coroner, yesterday, on the body of Julia, wife of David Thomas, who was found dead in her own room, as alluded to in yesterday's *Sun*. From the evidence elicited, nothing appeared to implicate the husband as to her death, and the verdict of the Jury was—"Death by the visitation of God.—*Sun, 28th.*

TEMPERANCE MEETING.—The regular monthly meeting of the Halifax Temperance Society, will take place in the basement of Salem Chapel, Argyle street, on Monday evening next. Chair to be taken at half-past 7 o'clock. Admission free. A collection will be taken toward meeting the expenses.

The Rev. A. McL. Desbrisay we see by the C. B. *News*, was to deliver a Lecture on Temperance on the evening of the 30th inst., in the Temperance Hall, Sydney, C. B.

☞ We have with-held "Ladies' Department," and "Editorial Notes," this week, to make room for the Conference Address.

☞ "J. E. S.," on Temperance, will appear under Temperance head in our next.

☞ "Reflections on Autumn," received.

Letters & Monies Received.

(See that your remittances are duly acknowledged.)

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Rev. J. F. Bent, (alterations made—we shall be glad for him to act as proposed.) Rev. E. Brettle, Nfld., (new sub.), Rev. R. Morton, (new sub.), Rev. R. Wilson, (new sub.): Rev. A. McL. DesBrisay, (new sub.); Archibald McDonald, Margaret's Bay, 5s., per Isaac Smith, Esq; Mr. J. L. Fuller, (5s.), Mr. G. Roland, Musquodoboit, (5s.)

Commercial.

Halifax Markets.

Corrected for the "Provincial Wesleyan" up to Wednesday, September 28th.

Bread, Navy, per cwt.	21s. 3d.
" Pilot, per bbl.	16s. a 17s.
Beef, Prime, Ca. none.	
" " N. S.	40s.
Butter, Canada, none.	
" N. S. per lb.	10d.
Coffee, Laguyara, "	7d.
" Jamaica, "	8½d.
Flour, Am. spfi. per bbl.	38s. 9d. a 40s.
" Canada sfi. "	36s.
" Rye, "	23s. 9d.
Cornmeal,	18s.
Indian Corn, per bush.	3s. 9d. a 4s.
Molasses, Mus. per gal.	1s. 5½d. a 1s. 6d.
" Clayed, "	1s. 4d. a 1s. 4½d.
Pork, Prime, per bbl.	75s. a 80s.
" Mess, "	95s.
Sugar, Bright P. R.,	33s. 6d. a 36s. 3d.
Bar Iron, com. per cwt,	16s.
Hoop " "	22s. 6d.
Sheet " "	24s.
Codfish, large	14s. 3d.
" small	13s. 3d.
Salmon, No. 1,	67s. 6d.
" " 2,	62s. 6d.
" " 3,	57s. 6d.
Mackerel, No. 1, none.	
" " 2, none.	
" " 3,	31s. 3d.
Herrings, No. 1,	11s. a 11s. 6d.
Alewives,	1os.
Haddock,	9s.
Coal, Sydney, per chal.	26s.
Fire Wood, per cord,	15s. a 16s.

Prices at the Farmers' Market, corrected up to 3 o'clock, Wednesday, September 28th.

Fresh Beef, per cwt.	30s. a 32s. 6d.
Veal,	2½d. a 4d.
Lamb, per lb	3d. 3½d.
Bacon, per lb. none.	
Pork, Fresh,	4d. a 4½d.
Butter, per lb	10d. a 10½d.
Cheese, per lb.	5d. a 6d.
Eggs, per dozen,	7½d.
Poultry—Chickens,	2s. a 2s. 3d.
Turkeys, per lb.	7½d.
Calf-skins, per lb.	6d.
Yarn, per lb.	2s. 6d.
Potatoes, per bushel, new,	3s. a 3s. 6d.
Oatmeal, per cwt.	15s.
Peas, per bushel,	5s.
Apples, "	3s. a 4s.
Plums, "	8s. a 10s.
Pears, "	8s. a 12s. 6d.
Homespun Cloth, (wool,) per yard,	2s. 6d.
Do. (cotton and wool,) per yard,	1s 7d. a 1s. 9d.

WILLIAM NEWCOMB,
Clerk of Market.

Marriages.

At Fort Lawrence, on the 15th inst., by the Rev. Wesley C. Beals, Mr. Charles Gore TRUEMAN, of Harvey, N. B., to PARMELIA, daughter of Mr. Joseph Smith, of the first named place.

On Thursday evening, by the Rev. John Martin, Mr. William T. PAT, of Charlottetown, P. E. I., to Miss MARION SOPHIA, youngest daughter of the late Mr. Matthew Mitchel, of this city.

On Friday evening, by the Rev. John Martin, Mr. William PIERCE, to Mary Ann ACKERS, both of this city.

At Boston, Aug 31st ult., by the Rev. Mr. Smithell, Rector of Christ Church, Mr. Alexander CHRISTIAN, Merchant, to Miss Mary F. M. JOYCE, formerly of Halifax.

On Friday, 23rd inst., by the Rev. Mr. Miller, Mr Richard RYAN, of Halifax, to Miss Margarat TEAS, of Middle Stewiacke.

At St. John, N. B., on Thursday evening, by the Rev. James G. Hennigar, Wesleyan Minster, Mr. Geo. NEPTUNE, to Miss D. KENNEDY, of that city.

On the 15th inst., by the Rev. R. Knight, in the Wesleyan Chapel, at Westfield, N. B., Mr. Armstrong STEPHENSON, to Miss Isabella STEPHENSON, both of that place.

At St. John's, N. F., by the Rev. E. Botterell, Mr. Jas. MARTIN, formerly of Dartmouth, Devon, to LEONORA, second daughter of the late Mr. Bellows, merchant, Greenspond.

At Harbour Grace, Newfd., on the 3rd inst., by the Rev W. Sprague, W. M., Captain Donald GUNN, to ADA, eldest daughter of W. C. St. John, Esq., Proprietor of the Herald.

At St. John's, N. F., on the 11th inst, by the Rev. J. S. Addy, Mr. G. J. SUTTON, of that town, to MARGARET, eldest daughter of the late T. Sheenan.

On Thursday, the 22nd inst., by the Rev. J. F. Bent, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. James CLARKE, to CAROLINE, eldest surviving daughter of Mr. Andrew Newcomb, all of Hopewell, Albert Co., N. B.

Deaths.

At Lawrencetown, on the 8th September, after a short illness, JAMES HENNIGAR, son of Mr. John McKown, aged 3 years.

At Bridgetown on the 20th September after 13 days, severe affliction borne with great patience, JULIA C., daughter of Rev. M. Pickles, in the 9th year of her age.

"The bud on earth appeared;
It blossoms now above."

Lawrencetown, on Thursday, Sept. 20th, ELIZABETH wife of Jos. Hawkins, aged 58 years. Her end was peace.

On the 22nd inst., James DOYLE, aged 78 years, a native of the County Kilkenny, Ireland.

On Friday evening, the 16th inst., NANCY, relict of the late Henry Jones, aged 50 years.

On Saturday, 24th inst., JANE, wife of Mr. James Rose, of this city, aged 45 years.

At San Francisco, July 22nd, George MARTIN, of Halifax, aged 24 years.

At Liverpool, on Monday last, 19th inst., ANN, wife of the late Col. Joseph Freeman.

At St. John, N. B., on the 12th inst, after a lingering illness, which he bore with christian fortitude, Mr. William PORTMORE, in the 82nd year of his age, leaving an aged widow, six children, and twenty-one grandchildren, with a large number of relatives and friends to deplore their loss. Mr Portmore was an old and respectable inhabitant, having resided for upwards of forty years in that city. His end was peace.

At Barrsboro, Mt. Village, 21st inst., RACHEL BURGESS, infant daughter of Daniel H. and Jane Welsh, aged 11 months.

On Friday, the 23rd inst., JAMES FREDERICK, son of William Schwartz, aged 14 months and 15 days.

Shipping News.

PORT OF HALIFAX.

ARRIVED.

WEDNESDAY, September 21

Brig Nancy, Grant, St John, P R, 12 days
Brigt Victor, Crowell, Carrabou, 15 days
Schrs Ann, Riggins, New York, 12 days.
Gulnare, Wilson, Norfolk, 12 days
Canadian, Griffin, Ragged Islds.

THURSDAY, September 22

Barque Claremont, McMonagle, New York, 5 days.
Brigt Spray (pkt) Hunter, Bermuda, 8 days.
Schr Emily, O'Brien, Baltimore, 13 days

FRIDAY, Sept 22

Brigt Adelorum, Murphy, Mayaguez, 12 days
Schrs Clifford, O'Brien, Oderin, 8 days.
Maria, Siteman, Oderin, 8 days.
Antaris, Cameron, New York, 12 days.

SATURDAY, Sept 24

Barque Oromocto, Allan, Liverpool, G B, 39 days.
Brig Helena, Curry, Glasgow, 30 days.
Mary Hounsel, Bond, Cadiz, 33 days.
Schr Nautilus, Walsh, Labrador.

SUNDAY, Sept 25.

Barque Sarragossa, (Am) Havana, bound to Cork—lost spars, sails, rigging, house, galley, bulwarks, stanchions, &c., in a hurricane on the 8th inst., lost one man overboard and had another disabled—threw a part of cargo overboard to lighten the vessel.
Brig Chebucto, Wallace, Porto.

MONDAY, Sept 26th.

R M Steamer Osprey, Corbin, St John's, N F, via Sydney, C B—reports a number of fishing boats to have been lost together with their crews on the North side of Newfd., during a heavy gale about 15th inst.
Brigs C J Sutton, Dorey, Cadiz, 34 days
Ivy, Simpson, St John, N B, 60 hours.
Resolve, Dexter, Cardenas, 15 days—reports, on the 12th inst., spoke brig Norfolk Packet, from New York, bound to Savannah, dismasted—she was trying to make the nearest port; same day passed a brig dismasted.
Virginia, Blair, Quebec, 12 days
Fanny, Doane, Ragged Isles.
Schr Jolly Tar, Bathurst, N B.

TUESDAY, Sept 27

Schrs Three Brothers, Nearing, New York
Happy Return, Boston, 4 days
Remember, Gallant, Margaree
Lark, Townsend, Pope's Harbour.
Elizabeth, Boudrot, Sydney—bound to Boston
Margaret, Smith, Pictou—bound to do.

CLEARED.

September 21.—schrs Lady Seymour, Young, Boston; Empress, Hennessy, Newfoundland.
September 22.—brig Belle, (pkt) Meagher, Boston.
September 23.—California, Byrnes, New York; Alpine, Crowley, Liverpool; Brisk, Miller, Jamaica; Glory, Charlottetown; Alliance, Virginia; Saphronia, Cheriotte-town; Florence, Jamaica.
September 24.—Brig Fulton, Mitchell, Mauritius; brigt Commodore, Cuba; scrs Hector, Quilliman, Montreal; Elizabeth, Costello, Oderin.
September 27.—brigts Rosevay Belle, Archer, Cuba; Halifax, O Brien, Boston, schrs Sarah, Griffin, Virginia; Lucy Ann, McPhee, Montreal; John Esson, Currey, Canada; Margaret, Bay Chaleur; Antilles, Magdalen Isles.

MEMORANDA.

Boston, Sept 16th—arrd, brigs Sarah, Sydney; Maria, Pictou 17th—Berenice, Lunenburg; Mercy, Clare, schrs Mentor, Halifax, via Yarmouth; Harriet White, Pictou; Pivot, do; Humming Bird, Walton; Richard Cobden, Maitland; Pursuit, Londonderry

Brig Mary Hounsel reports—barque Numa, sailed 14 days previous from Cadiz for Halifax.

Arichat, Sept 14.—sailed brigs Roderick Dhu, Glasgow; Bristol, Naples; Messenger, Liverpool, G B; schr Intendent, Sicilly; brig Lady Falkland, to sail 20th for Gibraltar; brig Caroline, lost near Hainburg in August 17th.—The brigt Vista, Charles Landry, master, from Wallace, for Liverpool, dismasted off Louisburg, and abandoned by the crew, drifted ashore on the 12th instant at the entrance of Grand River. Vessel a total wreck; cargo (hals) saved and landed on the rocks. Sold on the 15th for the benefit of all concerned.

Havana, Sept 2nd—arrd brigt Oscar, Dunsoith, Halifax.

Brig Nancy reports—sold at St John, P R, cod and scale fish $4l, mackarel $8 3-4, herring $4 5-8.

Brig Commerce, of Ardrossan, 23rd Aug 1853. At noon civil time, this date, in latitude by observation 36 50, N and longitude by chronometer brought up till noon, 56 06 W, at 3 30 p m, saw a schooner on our starboard beam, and shortly afterwards observed her steering curiously; she went right round the compass. I observed her mainsail with the peak lowered down; I thought there was no person on board of her, and steered off for her, and shortly after saw them hoist the peak of her mainsail,—and then I hauled my wind again; and afterwards I thought I saw a flag at her peak, and steered for her again, and as I neared her I saw an English ensign half up, so I run down round her stern and spoke her. They told me their Captain died the day before and that they buried him that morning; they said that there was none of them able to mind the vessel or take charge of her; they wanted me to give them a man to take charge,—but I could not. She was from Demerara and bound for Newfoundland. I told them how to steer and gave them all the directions I could. They said there was nothing else the matter; the schr's name was W B Bain, of Prince Edward Island. At the time I spoke her, we would be in about lat 37 00 N and lon 55 20 W. There appeared to be 5 men on board of her; at 6 p m made sail, and shortly afterwards I lost sight of her, as there came on a thunder storm with much rain. DAVID CRAWFORD, Master.

NEARLY WRECKED AT SABLE ISLAND.—A letter from the Superintendent of Sable Island says:—Capt. Kinney of the schr Isabella Maria, of Barrington, reports that on the morning of Sunday, 4th inst, while lying at anchor off the S side of the E end of this Island he discovered a ship on shore on the N E Bar, and that he immediately weighed and made sail and proceeded to her assistance. He found the ship to be the *Empire City*, of and for New York with 300 passengers; she had struck on the S side of the Bar about day dawn that morning. Capt K. and crew assisted those on board to get her off the Bar, in which they happily succeeded at 10 A. M. For this service the Capt. of ship gave him £30 stg., and then proceeded on his voyage to New York—the ship apparently uninjured.

On the morning of the 4th, we had a fresh breeze at West of fog with considerable sea running, and through the day the wind increased hauling W N W with thick weather, consequently the ship was not seen by the people at the Eastern Station.

Great praise is due to Capt K and crew for the efficient service rendered on the above occasion, as from the part of the Bar where the ship was lying, and the heavy sea running, it would have been impossible for the Island crew to have got to her in our boats, even if she had remained on the Bar the probability is that all on board would have perished, for the ships boats could not have landed on any part of the Island; for as I have already stated could our boats have reached the ship.

Before closing this report I beg to express a strong wish that the conduct of Capt K and crew may be brought to the notice of the public, and trust that some substantial token of approbation may be awarded them. It is my firm conviction, that if the assistance given by Capt K and crew to the Empire City had been withheld that ship would have remained on the Bar, and all on board would have found a watery grave.

MOST LAMENTABLE OCCURRENCE.—Yesterday at noon, an accident of a most lamentable nature, occurred on board of Lee's splendid ship, the "Arthur the Great." The vessel, Capt. Ross reports, had come to anchor off the Pillars, when the three topmasts came down by the run, with all the men upon them, who were in the act of taking in sail. Some of the men are grevviously, if not fatally injured, one having his brains dashed out, and others their legs and arms broken.—*Quebec paper, Sept 12.*

The British barque Prince of Wales, of Gloucester, G B, Thomas Sampson, master, from Boston, bound to Richibucto, went ashore during a thick fog, on Wednesday evening, 7th inst, on the Western side of Whitehead, and become a total wreck. Hull and materials with a small trifle of cargo saved, were sold at public auction, at Whitehead, on Friday, the 16th inst. Hull sold for £22.

Br schr Range, Smith, master, from Windsor, for Newport, R I, with plaster, went ashore on Mr Desert, L. I., 7th inst., in a thick fog, and will be a total loss.

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