

COLONIAL.

New Brunswick.

TRADE OF ST. JOHN.—The number of vessels which arrived at this port during the last year amounted to 1528, measuring 282,567 tons.

A public meeting of the inhabitants of Fredericton was held on Wednesday last, at which a series of resolutions were passed approving of an inter-colonial Railway, and of the scheme proposed by the Government for its construction.

A telegraphic despatch from Woodstock, N. B., states that a lumber camp on the Nackawick Stream has been destroyed by fire, and three young men named Brittain, Melvin, and Rockwell have been burnt to death.

THE RAILWAY IN NEW BRUNSWICK.—The Canada proposition has passed the House of Assembly of New Brunswick, 26 to 11.

Canada.

GAS FROM WATER.—We hear with pleasure that Mr. Aubin is succeeding a marcelite with his water gas apparatus, which has now been put up in many establishments, and been found to answer every purpose for which it was intended.

SABBATH LABOUR.—It having appeared by the evidence at the inquest, lately held on the bodies of the ten men killed at Burlington Heights, on the line of the Great Western Railroad, that some of the men had worked on the Sunday before, and on one or two Sundays previous, the Mayor has issued his Proclamation, enjoining the due observance of the Sabbath-day.

Cobourg or Victoria College, we learn, was never in a more prosperous condition than it is at present.—Cobourg Reformer.

It would appear that crime must be at a discount in the good town of Three Rivers, Canada East. The Court for the trial of Criminal cases opened on Monday 2nd instant, and closed the same day, there being no causes for trial inscribed on the roll.

AMERICA.

United States.

RAILROAD SWITCHES.—An Important Invention.—We understand that Mr. John Dempsey has invented a new style of switch, which promises to be of great value.

WIND AND CURRENT CHARTS.—A silent work of great importance and value, has been going on for a few years past, under the direction of Lieut Maury, of the National Observatory at Washington, aided by the personal efforts of numerous shipmasters in recording and communicating to him the results of their observations whilst traversing the ocean.

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FROM THE CAPE VERD ISLANDS.—Accounts from the Cape Verd Islands to Jan. 31, state that there has been a good deal of sickness at the Islands, especially at St. Andrews and St. Vincent.

A meeting has been held in Philadelphia to refuse the Pope's present of a block of marble for the Washington monument, but with what success is not stated.

Several horrible transactions have recently taken place in Philadelphia. On Friday a man ate of poisoned meat, from the effects of which he subsequently died.

A drunkard in Dearborn county, Ia, near Harrison, a short time ago drove his wife from home in a cold night. She took with her a young child and started to her neighbour's house.

New York State was visited by a hurricane last Saturday night. The wind shifted suddenly round from N. E. to S. W.; the shipping sustained considerable damage; and a large Unitarian church at Syracuse was blown down, fortunately without loss of life.

The latest news from the Salt Lake Valley, states that the Mormons are determined to have a Republic of their own, and have already published a declaration of independence.

MISCELLANEOUS.

HAVANA, Feb. 14.—On the 9th inst, for the edification of the scientific, two houses were burned upon the "Campo Mars," while one between them, and distant two or three feet, covered with a newly invented varnish, was proved non-combustible, and saved from destruction.

THE INVENTOR, a Creole, Señor Quesad, has obtained considerable reputation from the result, but I believe that he has combined the discoveries of two other persons, involving the material in varnish instead of paint, thereby making a decided improvement, as it can be brought to the protection of almost any article in a household without impairing beauty or utility.

GAS FOR BRAZIL.—A company in Glasgow, Scotland, has made a contract with the government of Brazil, for lighting the city of Rio de Janeiro for twenty-five years.

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A woman in Philadelphia threw a quantity of oil of vitriol in the face of Mr. Lewis Bechler, of the firm of Dyer & Bechler, by which his right eye was burnt out entirely, and his left eye, nose, lips and mouth much injured.

THE ISLANDS had suffered greatly from gales and severe rain storms, many houses having been prostrated, and the crops destroyed to such an

extent as to leave scarcely enough for the inhabitants to subsist upon. They were living in mud hovels, which was one cause of the great mortality.

Captain Sir Edward Belcher has been appointed to the chief command of the next Arctic expedition.

Capt. Henry Kellet (1842) has been appointed to the Resolute as second in command.

The Earl of Dundonald has obtained a patent for "improvements" in sewers, drains, &c., and for making columns and vases. The substance patented is bitumen of various kinds, according to circumstances.

The principal coin in circulation in California is fifty dollar gold pieces, which they call slugs. They are slug-gish—they hav'nt come this way yet.

DISTRESSING CASUALTY.—A most heart-rending casualty, attended with loss of life, took place at Clare on the 14th ult. Two promising young children, daughters of Hilarie LeBlanc of that place, and nieces of A. Comeau, Esq. M.P.P., the one aged 8 and the other 10 years, left home at 10 o'clock in the morning, and sad to relate were both found frozen to death two hours after in an adjoining pond.—Chron.

BEAR KILLED.—Mr. W. Wisdom, Carpenter of this city, succeeded one day this week in killing an immense Bear in the vicinity of Porter's Lake; Bruin is said to have made a desperate resistance, but Mr. W. snally cleft his skull open with an axe.—Id.

The Committees on the Victoria and Sydney elections have confirmed the seats of Mr. John Munro and Mr. McQueen.

P. E. ISLAND.—Petitions have been presented to the Legislature, praying for bounties on mackerel and other fish.

The sum of £3,500 has been voted for the road service of the Island.

At a meeting in Charlottetown, held to raise funds for the conversion of the Jews, the sum of £8 4s. was subscribed. A meeting has also been held at the same place to organize a Horticultural Society.

A dwelling house at Cascumpec, owned by Mr. T. Metterell, has been totally consumed by fire.

Advertisements.

FOR SALE!!!

THE SUBSCRIBER is authorized to sell by private contract the "Business Stand" in Kentville, at present occupied by himself.

THE COMMISSIONERS OF LIGHT HOUSES give Notice that in addition to the Beacon Light built and put in operation at Port Medway on the 1st November last, the undermentioned buildings have been completed and are also in operation, viz:—

- EDDY OR SANDPOINT LIGHT, A Beacon Light on Eddy or Sandpoint on the West side of the North entrance to the Strait of Canso, and is distinguished by Two White Lights horizontally placed 25 feet above sea level—rise and fall 6 feet.—The Building is square painted White with a Black diamond on the seaward side. The walls are of masonry and the roof is of iron.

- ARICHAET BEACON, A Beacon Light on Point Arichat on the East side of the Southern entrance to Arichat Harbour. The Building is square, painted White and shows a White Light 31 feet above sea level, rise and fall 6 feet. The point is bold to, and the following are the bearings of the principal Head Lands:— From the Light to Cranberry Island, S 25° E; to Winging Point, S 55° W; to Ragged Head North shore Chebucto bay N 79° W; to Nadam Island East side of Entrance to Strait of Canso in one with Jersey Island Reef, N 45° W; to Little Arichat Head, N 25° W.

- HORTON BLUFF LIGHT, A Beacon Light on Horton Bluff in the Basin of Mines 95 feet above sea level high water, (rise and fall 40 to 45 feet). The Building is square painted White stands 60 feet from the Bluff and shows a White Light which may be seen in clear weather over the greatest part of the Basin of Mines (after passing Cape Blomidon) and above the Five Islands and up Windsor River until intercepted by the Continuation of the Bluff to the Southward of it.

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PICKED UP. A MACKEREL NET, marked "H. K." The owner can have it by applying to Feb'y 7 JAMES SMITH, Sambro, Coat Cove.