

**NEW BRUNSWICK.**—The Legislature has been called to meet for despatch of business, on the 10th September.

The burnt district in St. John, is already subjected to the operations of the builder. Temporary erections only will be attempted, until regulations shall have been provided.

**MELANCHOLY CASUALTY.**—About four miles up the Shubenacadie river, on Tuesday the 21st inst. Mr. William H. Gallagher, master of the schr. *Harp*, of St. John, accompanied by two other persons, one of them named Moriarty, went into the river to bathe, the bank being steep, it is supposed that they became alarmed, and Capt. Gallagher, and Moriarty were drowned.

**CORNER'S INQUESTS.**—An Inquest was held on August 29th on view of the body of Ann Way, found dead in Main Street.

On the evening of the same day, on the body of Samuel Shellibar, whose death was caused by his being thrown from the door of a house in Drury Lane, by Mary Ramsay. Verdict "*Manslaughter.*"

On the same day, at the Marine Hospital, on the body of John McDonald, a boy, who came to his death [by falling from the bowsprit of the barque *Adelaide*.

A letter from Shediac, says, that 64 whales yielding about 305 barrels of oil, and one of them 23 feet in length, ran ashore at Reedish, recently. Is this a *fish story* only,—or has man's monster, the Steamboat, driven the monsters of the deep from their propriety.

**P. E. ISLAND.**—The officers of H. M. S. *Andromache*, lying off Charlottetown, gave a splendid ball to Sir C. Fitzroy and family, and other of the Island fashionables, on the 24th August.

**JAMAICA.**—Papers to the 2nd of August state, that a shock of an earthquake was felt on the 19th but did not do much damage. A shock was felt at Marnique on August 2, but happily was not attended with serious evil.

Messrs. Oughter, Phillips, Palma, Casletto and others, Baptist Missionaries, it is said, had been convicted in actions for slander, respecting questions of Slavery, and had been heavily fined. The fines, it appears, range from £2500 to £1000!

Some commotion and rioting had occurred, and caused the intervention of a military detachment.

## NOVA SCOTIA.

**FREE PORTS.**—The London Gazette of July 11th, contains an order in Council declaring the ports of Digby and Arichat free ports. This will be cause of congratulation to these two places situated at the extremities of the Province. Both have facilities for trade, Arichat is in the vicinity of the gulf,—contiguous to Nova Scotia, proper,—in the midst of fisheries, and about mid-way between the ports of Pictou and Sydney. Digby, on the western shore, is a delightfully situated town,—the Bay at its doors, St. John opposite, the towns of Annapolis and Bridgetown on the inland waters which wash its wharves, rich counties of Nova Scotia as a foundation for its enterprise, and Yarmouth the nearest free-port, some 70 miles distant.

Mr. W. J. Long was presented with a suit of colours, by Messrs Bennett, Smilie, Fay, Jennings, and Cochran, on the 24th, for the Brigantine *Portree*, which he has recently put on the line as a packet from Halifax to Boston.

His Excellency Sir C. Campbell, Miss Campbell and Ho S. Cunard, left the harbour in the *Medea*, on Sunday forenoon, on a visit to Sydney, C. B. and P. E. Island.

**DEATH BY LIGHTNING.**—A fine lad, nearly 15 years of age, was struck dead during a thunder storm, on the 23d of August, on the Amherst marsh. He was loading a cart with hay. Two oxen which were yoked to the cart were struck dead also. Another young man in company, was knocked down but recovered,—and another felt the effects of the lightning, and had some of his clothes scorched.

The Yarmouth Herald gives the following melancholy information,—

A son of Mr. Nathan Hilton, at Temperance, was drowned on Friday last, whilst swimming in the river in front of the house. He was 13 years old.

On the same day, a son of the late Mr. John Tottie, of Shelburne, aged 6 years, was drowned by falling from the wharf of Mr. Snow at that place.

**THE SEASON.**—The cold heavy showers of last week have been succeeded by the delightful weather which sometimes marks September as the prime of the Nova Scotia month; clear air,—servid ripening sun-beams, but not scorching,—and balmy breezes have been the characteristics of the week's weather. The sickles have already been busy in the cornfields, and that richest of sights, a field of wheat, some standing, some strewing the ground, and some formed into sheafs, have gladdened the eyes of the farmer, and of those also, who, leaving the city dust, are wont to seize moments of refreshment amid the suburban landscape.

A writer has said, that when scenes of natural beauty fail to gladden, there must be a rooted melancholy at the heart. Thoughts must be gloomy indeed which cause the scowling brow when all else smiles,—yet, unfortunately, men, through crime or overpressure of worldly care, sometimes feel, that all is barren to them, although teeming with riches.

Happily, however, such are, comparatively, few,—and the spectator's countenance generally lights up, and he rejoices, unpremeditatedly, yet willingly, with the possessor of the soil, as if he had garners also, which were to groan under the exuberant wealth.

The admirer of the rich man's jewels, thanked the owner for the pleasure which he gave by their exhibition on his person,—so may the cheerful-hearted thank the agriculturist for the beauty with which he decks his fields, and may feel that he is in some degree a participator in the general wealth, and a direct sharer in the gorgeous spectacle which the harvest months present.

## MARRIAGES.

On the 29th ult. at Halifax, by the Rev. A. Parker, Mr. C. Rigby, to Mary Ann, daughter of the late James Driscoll, Esq. Royal Navy.

On the 27th ult. by the Rev. Fitzgerald Uniacke, Mr John Hobson, to Miss Elizabeth Wills, both of this town.

On Tuesday evening, by the Rev. E. A. Crawley, Mr. C. Sheniman of Beaver Bank, to Miss Harriet, second daughter of D. Ellis, Esq. of Windsor Road.

## DEATHS.

On Saturday evening, 24th ult. Rebecca, daughter of the late Peter Smith, of H. M. Dock Yard.

On Monday, 26th ult. Eleanor, consort of Mr Gasper Roast, aged 39 years.

On Wednesday morning, after a short illness, in the 64th year of her age, Catharine Black, relict of the late Hon. John Black. Suddenly, at Dartmouth, on Wednesday, 28th ult. Mr. John Murdoch, second son of Mr. Joseph Frane, aged 29 years.

On Friday last, Mr Abraham Chalk, aged 81, one of the oldest inhabitants in the town.

At Birch Cove, on the 15th ult. Henry Prepper, aged 27 years.