

vention of the strictest articles of the code of the port regulations.

BRITISH INTERFERENCE WITH THE CUBAN SLAVE TRADE.—It will be seen, by our private correspondence from the island of Cuba, that the slave traffic has suffered no diminution, but is at present in the most active and prosperous condition that it had ever before attained. It will also be seen, however, that *pari passu* with the increase of the trade has been the active re-creation of the British fleet to put it down completely, and no less than four vessels engaged in the traffic had been brought into the port of Havana by H. B. M. frigate Vestal.

We have previously stated the fact of these captures, but the particulars, furnished by our correspondents, throwing light upon the connivances of the Spanish authorities, will be read with much interest. The mixed court for the trial of these cases was in session when our despatches left; but no conviction was anticipated from it, on account of the open as well as covert support and countenance given to the offenders by the Captain General and the inferior officers of his government.

However, the determined obstinacy evinced by the British government to eradicate the slave trade in the Antilles must necessarily result in its utter extinction, as it has done in the Brazils. But it would not be a matter of surprise if this interference by England with the revenues of the high personages who are interested in the slave trade, as well in Cuba as in old Spain, should involve some unpleasant disturbances between the two governments. One thing, however, is certain: that if the English persist in this determination to extinguish the slave trade in Cuba their action will utterly ruin that island, in a political point of view and despoil it of its greatest charm—that of affording to Spanish pensionnaires an easy and quick mode of replenishing their exhausted coffers.—*N. Y. Herald.*

SANDWICH ISLANDS.

Data from Sandwich Islands are to Nov. 6th. 116 whale ships were in the port of Honolulu on the 5th.

The ship Isaac Howland had arrived at Honolulu with ten Japanese sailors, picked up at sea from on board a junk, in a famishing condition.

The Polynesian says that the past season has been a most successful one for the whaling business—More oil will be received there than any previous season. The most successful voyage was that of the Niagara, Capt. Clough, twelve months out, with 3200 bbls of whale oil and 50,000 lbs of bone. Six merchant vessels had already filled up with oil and bone for the United States, and four others had been engaged at San Francisco, and were daily expected over.

BERMUDA.

The O-pray's machinery, &c., is now said to be in capital order, and with a new Engineer, she can steam against a close-reefed topsail breeze at the rate of six knots per hour. Her passage to Bermuda was a very rough one. On the night of the 11th in latitude 39, blowing a strong gale from S. S. W. she nearly went down, having shipped a heavy sea which filled her deck and brought her considerably by the head; they were compelled to run her before the wind, and knock out some of her waist before they could get rid of the water from her deck, much of which however, had found its way below.

We are told that when she entered St. George's Harbour, she was very deep in the water, (too much so for safety) having a full inboard cargo and cattle on deck; only half the number of the oxen shipped were, however, landed, the others having been drowned or having died on board.

The O-pray makes another trip to Bermuda this month, after which she will, it is supposed, be engaged in the Mail service to Newfoundland.

We were in hopes of hearing that the Levantine was not to be employed in the Mail service again, or no; at least, until she had a new Hull, new machinery, &c., in fact nothing but the name preserved, (even that perhaps would be as well changed) for the travelling public has lost all confidence in the vessel, but we regret to learn, that after she receives a further patching, she is to be entrusted with the conveying of the Mails between Halifax and Bermuda the present winter—Can this be true!

The Merlin it is presumed will take the place of the Petrel, as the latter vessel will have to return to Scotland to undergo some alteration. The Petrel is far from being the fine vessel those who planned her imagined she would be. She is it seems too narrow, and is most uncomfortable even in moderate weather.

As we have occasion to allude to the Petrel we deem it our duty to mention a circumstance which has come to our knowledge, viz: the persons applying at the office of the Agent of this vessel at Jersey City, for a passage to Bermuda by her, can never get a satisfactory answer till near the time of her departure, when, should there be any berths not taken by persons going to St. Thomas, they may get them. Certainly this is not as it should be.—*Bermuda Roy. Gaz.*

We are happy to learn that His Excellency Captain Elliot is likely to resume the Government of Bermuda, at the desire of H. M. Government.—*Bermuda Paper.*

WEST INDIES.

It is our painful duty to record the death of Capt. Henry James Matson, aged 43, of her Majesty's screw steamer Highflyer. The gallant officer was only attacked on Saturday last, by the epidemic still prevailing on board that vessel.—*Trinidad Herald, Dec. 15.*

A severe shock of Earthquake was felt throughout Jamaica on the 26th November.

We have been very kindly handed the following statement relative to the Fever at Barbados, among the Military and Navy, up to the 11th Dec. 1852.

	Admitted to Hospital.	Died.
69th Regt.	145	36
34th Regt.	76	7
Royal Artillery	30	7
Staff	1	1

Officers died, Lt. Orme, R. A., Strickland 69th, Mrs. Chaland, do., D. A. C. Gen. Neate, Mrs. Neate, 1 children and maid servant.

Three children of Capt. Turner, R. A., Mr. Mrs. and Miss Collier, Mrs. Col. Wright, R. E., and Lt. Col. Williams, R. A., and subsequently D. A. C. Gen. Walker.

	Admitted.	Died.
H. M. S. Dauntless,		
Seamen	85	35
Officers	22	13

One of the last Officers that died was the Clerk, Mr Edwin Death.—*Bermuda Gazette, Dec. 28.*

We find the following in the Barbadian of the 15th instant:

We hear, and we hope the report is true, that the epidemic fever has nearly disappeared in Speights' Town; and as we have not heard of any new cases in the City this week, we hope soon, under God's blessing, to be able to record a return of that good health which has generally characterized our Metropolis. We regret, however, to learn, that two more of the officers of the Dauntless have departed this life. Mr. Bushby, senior Midshipman, and Mr. Haswell, Master's Assistant. These make 15 deaths of Officers. 61 of the crew had died.

The Yellow Fever has made its appearance at St. Vincent; as yet it is confined to a certain locality and among the Portuguese.

The dismantling of Estates is still going on in Jamaica. From the Parish of Trelawney about 80,000 tons of old copper which had been used for the manufacture of Rum and Sugar, have been exported to the United States.

A Marine and Stranger Hospital is about to be established at St. Thomas.

H. M. Line-of-Battle-Ship *Cumberland*, carrying the flag of Vice Admiral Sir George Seymour, has just come into harbour, accompanied by H. M. Frigate *Catlops* and Sloop-of-War *Daring*.

From certain rumours that have obtained currency here since the arrival of the screw propeller *Highflyer*, it would appear that the Admiral is about to take decisive measures to compel payment by the Venezuelan Government of the indemnity they have agreed to allow the British Merchants who were sufferers by the infamous Law of Espira. Rumour has it that the *Highflyer* proceeds on Sunday to LaGuayra to intimate the vicinity of the Admiral and his determination to proceed to extremities, if the amount in question be not forthwith paid. A blockade of the port of LaGuayra and the Orinoco will be the immediate result, it is said, of any further delay in payment. This will, no doubt, inconvenience our Costa Firma neighbors greatly; but here, in Trinidad, we shall also feel it some, as Brother Jonathan says—but we hope things will not come to such extremities.—*Port of Spain Gazette, Dec. 10.*

THE BAHAMAS.—The cholera, we perceive by the Bahamas papers, had been making serious havoc among the islands. It had almost disappeared from New Providence. We see no where any accounts of the lives sacrificed up to a late date, by the terrible scourge. In July & August about 500, or one-eighth of the population is said, by the "Herald" to have fallen victims:—of whom 130 are known to have died without medical aid or succor, and a large proportion of the others to have obtained it only when too late.

"It is reported," says a private letter from Grenada, from which we have been permitted to make this extract, "that no less than twelve hundred soldiers and twenty-eight priests, have fallen victims to yellow fever in Martinique. In the Island of St. Thomas not a soldier has escaped, all having died; and many of the ships in port were without crews."

CANADA.

MONTREAL, Dec. 31.—A fire broke out last night in the house of Mr. King, confectioner, on McGill st. The building was entirely destroyed, and Mrs. King, two children, and a servant, perished in the flames.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS.—The sum of £62 0s. 9d. was collected in the Episcopal Churches in this City and Portland, exclusive of Carleton, on Christmas day, for the benefit of the poor, viz: in Trinity Church £21 6s. 6d.; St. John, £13 6s. 9d.; St. James', £9; St. Luke's, Portland, £15; and in St. Paul's, Portland, £3 7s. 6d.

In the Catholic Churches of the City and Portland the collections for the poor, on Christmas day, amount to £40; and at the Methodist Chapels in the City to £38 13s. 8d.—viz, in German-street Chapel, £22 1s. and in the Centenary Chapel, £16 12s. 8d.

For some days past the Suspension Bridge has been free to the public, and an immense number of persons have embraced the opportunity of crossing over upon it. Sleighs have also passed over it.—*Observer Jan. 4.*

We understand that information has been received by last mail that our Railway matters are progressing in London quite satisfactorily.—*Cour.*

Never in the history of this Province did a New Year begin under happier auspices. The year just closed has been one of unexampled prosperity in all branches of production and business. The season was

exceedingly favorable to all kind of crops, and better prices have been obtained than have ruled for many years. Ship-building has been promoted to a large extent; and, thanks to the skill and principles of many of our ship-builders, a character has been established for our New Brunswick ships, which, we hope, will fix this branch of business permanently with us. Timber and deals have throughout the year maintained high prices: and, as we remarked at the Public Meeting the other day, the country is now rolling in wealth. This industry of the people is more and more being directed towards domestic manufactures. We now manufacture all our own soap and candles, as good and cheaper than can be imported. The manufacture of pairs and brooms, cut nails, edge tools, agricultural implements, cordage, paper, carriages and sleighs, pianos and furniture, is steadily progressing; and it only requires the introduction of steam-power and labour-saving machinery to enable our manufactures to defy competition. The exchanging class—namely, our merchants and shop-keepers have been, we believe, doing also a satisfactory business.

It is well known that the state of the balance-sheet depends more on a continued upward tendency in prices, and on cash sales, than on the ordinary profits of business; and during the past year both of these circumstances have been in our favour, for stocks of goods have invariably been increasing their value, and there was never less speculative or credit business done. The genteel professions are perhaps the only exceptions to the general prosperity; but it will necessarily be so, so long as the silly idea is allowed to prevail, that one way of earning a living is genteel, and confers honour on those engaged in it, and that another is low and degrading. It is a fact, and ought to be recognized as such, that he only is worthy of honour, who, whether in a ditch, in a stall or in an office, does the work which Providence has allotted to him with industry, honesty, and intelligence.

The result of our retrospect then is, that the inhabitants of this Province have on every hand cause of thankfulness to the GIVER OF ALL GOOD for the prosperity with which they have been blessed.

For the coming year the prospect is quite as good. Railways, which we have every reason to expect will be in progress early in the season, will give an impetus to the agriculture and the trade of the Province such as scarcely be imagined. Ship-building promises to increase and be more and more profitable.

We have reason to believe that the supply of our timber and deals will be exhausted before the demand is likely to be lessened, and we think it likely therefore, that the day of low prices for timber is past.

What we like best of all is, that in the midst of all this prosperity there exists no wild spirit of speculation. People are generally working within their means, and doing what would be a safe business at any time—and we trust that this moderation may long continue.

Diocesan Church Society.

Manchester and Melford Subscriptions, to D. C. S. 1851.

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Mrs. F.	1 3	Mrs.	0 7 1/2
Catherine	0 8	Lyle, Margt.	1 3
Rbt Bruce	0 7 1/2	Martin, Mrs. A.	1 3
Jas. Lyle	0 7 1/2	Alexr.	2 6
Atwater, Rufus	1 3	Ann	0 7 1/2
Blair, Margt.	1 3	McPherson, Cathr.	1 3
Bolcs, Rbt.	1 0	Jno.	2 6
Bolcs, Rbt. Sr.	1 3	Morris, W. T.	10 0
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Carr, Rebecca,	0 7 1/2	McPherson, Christ.	1 3
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Fox, Mrs.	1 3	Susana	0 7 1/2
Alexr.	1 3	David	1 3
Jane	0 7 1/2	Rbt.	0 7 1/2
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Hamilton, Jas.	2 6	Mrs. Jno.	1 3
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Hadley, Sarah	2 6	Harriet	1 3
Mrs. Wm.	0 11	Reeves, Susanna	1 3
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Harte, Jno. L.	1 3	Rbt.	0 7 1/2
Jno. L. Jr.	0 7 1/2	Scott, Josiah	2 6
Mrs. Jno. L.	1 3	Weaton,	0 7 1/2
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Jordan, Dempsey	0 10	Seranton, David	1 3
Edward	0 7 1/2	David Jr.	2 6
Jno.	0 7 1/2	Simpson, Jno. W.	1 3
Laurie, Andw.	1 3	Rebecca	1 3
Wm.	0 7 1/2	Scott, Jno.	2 6
Chas.	0 7 1/2	Smith, Mary	1 3
Lyle, Jas. Jr.	1 3	Summers, Margt.	1 3
Mrs.	0 7 1/2	Edward	1 3
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