

Christians the rights heretofore possessed only by those of certain Slavonic or Albanian Communities—namely, to possess landed property with all the legal consequences of such possession; of being tried by judges of the same race and religion; of having taxes levied by communal authorities; and, finally, of freely exercising their religion, and being protected against oppression and arbitrary power.

UNITED STATES.

A SIGN.—We learn that one of the usual prominent shipbuilders in this city was engaged about two weeks ago, in looking about for timber to use in building a man-of-war for the Russian Government. Since that time he has suspended operations, and declines purchasing timber that is offered him. The contract under which the frigate was to be built required that she should be delivered at a Russian port. We are not informed whether the design has been abandoned by direction of the Russian Government, or whether the contractor despairing of his ability to perform the service in the contract above mentioned, has adopted this course to save himself from the loss resulting from having the ship lying idle, but in either case, the fact that the work has been suspended, and perhaps altogether abandoned, is significant.—*N. Y. Courier.*

DREADFUL SHIPWRECK.—The New Bedford Mercury has the following:

"A letter received at this office from Capt. Moores, of the barque *Maria* of this port, dated Bay of Islands, March 16th, 1855, reports the loss of the ship *Grimitia*, of Callao, Capt. Penney, on the 8th July, 1854, on a reef to the westward of New Caledonia, in lat 19 45 S., lon. 161 45 E. not laid down on the charts. She went on at 2 A. M. The captain, with the mate, doctor and four seamen, left her in a boat, and saw nothing of her after, and think she went to pieces. She had on board 650 coolies from China, and a crew of 50 men, and all must have perished, with the exception of the seven in the boat.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

THE CROPS IN NOVA SCOTIA.—A gentleman of this City writes from Pugwash, N. S. under date of the 8th instant, as follows:—"The crops through that part of Nova Scotia I have travelled, could not be better. All the English hay has been cut and housed in the finest condition. There is not the least sign of disease among the potatoes. Several Mowing Machines, such as those imported by Messrs. Jardine & Co., have been used with the best results in and about Amherst; indeed, they work so well that every intelligent farmer is anxious to own or procure the use of one. Truly, the farmers of Cumberland have abundant reason to express their gratitude to Him from whom all blessings flow, for the bounties which they have just received at His hands.—*St. John Courier.*

SYDNEY C. B.

SUNDAY SCHOOL EXAMINATION.—The examination of St. George's Sunday School, in this Town, was held yesterday at 12 o'clock in the school house near the church; and an interesting and pleasing day it was to those who feel the importance of encouraging an unpretending but most useful institution. The whole school was not in attendance, there being not more than 30 children present. All however should be permitted and encouraged to attend on a day like this, which occurs but once a year, and is generally looked forward to by the children with much pleasure, as a day of sober and happy recreation. Besides the Rector and the Teachers, there were present also the Rev'd. Mr. Ingles, Capt. Ouseley, E. P. Archbold Esq., Churchwardens, and a great number of the Ladies of Sydney, as well as some from another part of the parish. After prayer the Rector examined the school, class after class, in the articles of the Church, in catechism, collect, and hymns; at the conclusion of which 13 out of the number received prizes of prayer books and other books, as a mark of general good conduct and regular attendance. At the close of an address from the Rector, the children were supplied with refreshments, which they appeared to welcome and enjoy with the usual zest on such occasions. The table was bountifully furnished with raspberries and an abundance of excellent cake, and adorned also with flowers tastefully disposed. Having been favoured by a very fine day, the neat school house, in which the party were assembled presented a sight, which could not fail to gratify those, who love the early encouragement of the young in the path of religion,—and delight to see mingled with this important work, the enjoyment, which a kind Providence permits us to share, whilst doing his work in the world, and securing our happiness in the life to come.

Sydney, C. B., August 16th. 1855.

MARINE DISASTERS.—The heavy gale of wind, on this coast, which commenced on Thursday night, the 9th instant, proved destructive to several vessels on the Southeastern shore of this Island.

The Schooner *Margaret*, owned and sailed by Captain James Muggah, was that night wrecked on Long Beach, Cow Bay, and totally lost. Her cargo, a large

and valuable one, was saved, but in a damaged state. We regret to learn that Mr. Muggah had no lance effected on his vessel. His loss by this accident is the subject of general regret here, falling as it does, upon one of our most respectable and deserving ship-masters, and who, during a period of over 30 years, has been engaged in the Trade between Halifax and this Port, with, until the present disaster, uninterrupted success; he not having, during the whole of that period, before met with a like accident. The sympathy felt for him in this place, will not be confined to Sydney, but will be participated in by his numerous friends in Halifax, and elsewhere, where he is known.

The Schooner *Mary and Charles*, Captain Lorway, had a very narrow escape from destruction on the same night: but the critical and dangerous situation of his vessel on the coast, in the gale, was discovered in time to prevent, with the aid of Providence, the loss of his vessel, and of every soul on board.

In addition, the Schooner *C. M.*, Captain Hardy, of Gabarus, was totally lost at Flamboise, near that place,—and this under circumstances attended with great peril to all on board; but of the particulars thereof we are not in possession. We are truly sorry that, as in this case, another of our ship-masters should be deprived of his craft, uninsured.

But if we are pained, which we certainly are, to have to announce these instances of shipwreck, the feeling is much alleviated by the knowledge of the fact, that in none of the cases referred to has any person whatever been lost; and therefore there has been no sacrifice of life; notwithstanding the danger of the coast and the fury of the gale.—*C. B. News.*

Editorial Miscellany.

The Clergy and the Representatives of the Laity of the Diocese are requested to take notice, that Tuesday, October 11th, at 10 A. M., is appointed for the Meeting of the Diocesan Assembly, to consider the Report of the Committee appointed at its last Meeting to "prepare rules and regulations for the Church Assembly." The Session may be continued from day to day at the pleasure of the Assembly.

On Thursday and Friday we were enlivened with copious showers of rain, an article much needed, and which besides refreshing the parched crops, allayed that intolerable nuisance, the dust.

A number of the Royal Artillery and Foreign Legion, embarked on board the Transport Ship *Emma Eugenio*, for England, on Wednesday last, and sailed yesterday afternoon for Portsmouth.

The Brigantine *Halifax*, chartered to convey the Fishery Commissioners to the Eastern Coast, sailed on Tuesday last.

The following bear story came a short time since by mail—it is well, and modestly told—and what is better may be all swallowed *sine grano salis*. Mr. Stoddart had a fortunate escape, and deserves the thanks of the community around him for ridding the neighbourhood of so very dangerous and destructive animals:—

Dalhousie East, July 28, 1855.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CHURCH TIMES.

Dear Sir,—If you think the following worth insertion in your valuable paper, it is at your service:—
Robert Stoddart, of Dalhousie Settlement, an old veteran of 73 years, having had a sheep killed by a bear, on or about the last of April, traced it to the woods about half a mile, where the bear had taken it to devour. He there set a trap, and about the 21st of May, he caught, he thinks, that bear. He set the trap again, and two days after killed a wild cat. Set the trap again, and was getting quite careless frequently going to the trap with his gun unloaded, and ill provided with ammunition. When going on the 4th, he heard a great noise and bustle about where the trap should be, before he came within sight of it, and observed a bear climb a tree close by. He slipped back, loaded his gun, and then advanced to the trap, when he found a cub in it, and a large she bear at liberty, who sprang at him, and he had barely time to lower his gun and fire at random, when she was not more than three yards from him, which brought her to a stand for a moment; but she immediately turned back to the tree, took down her cub, and went off with it. Meantime he proceeded to reload; but to his great disappointment found the ball too large for the barrel. Thinking it useless to remain longer in this helpless state in so dangerous a neighbourhood, he turned to go home, to get better prepared; but had not proceeded more than 30 rods, when he met the same bear and cub in his path—the bear tread the cub as before, and came to a second attack, but not liking the rough usage she had previously received, thought it best to keep at a respectful distance, and marched alongside of him until she escorted him out of the wood into the clear fields, and then returned, took down her cub and went away. Stoddart returned with his sons, took the young one out of the trap, and made him yell a great

while, thinking it would bring the old one back, but in vain—they then killed the cub and set the trap again and the next night caught the other cub, and kept him chained in the woods three days and nights, hoping to get the old one, but this manoeuvre also failed in success. In the meantime the trap was kept set, and two large bears were captured, and two toes taken off another. On the 24th June, twenty days after the first encounter with the she bear and cubs, she returned and they captured her also. When taken she had two wounds, inflicted by the first shot, to which under Providence, the elder Stoddart mainly attributes the preservation of his life. He has succeeded in capturing five bears and one wild cat from 21st May to 22nd July—the skins of which are now in his possession.

(Signed) ROBT. STODDART.

ONE WEEK LATER FROM EUROPE.

The following telegraphic despatch was received at the Merchants' News Room from New York, on Wednesday afternoon, dated August 22nd:—

The U. S. Steamship *Pacific* arrived at New York this morning. Liverpool dates to 11th August.

Money market more stringent. Consols quoted at 91. Bombardment of Sebastopol recommenced on the 10th August. No details had reached England.

Omar Pacha appointed commander in Asia. A report prevailed that Revel had been successfully bombarded, but was not generally believed.

Bulie fleet preparing to attack Helsingfors. A formidable conspiracy reported in Spain.

Flour and grain market dull. Sale of Flour at a decline of sixpence per barrel, and wheat at a decline of twopence per bushel.

Provisions unchanged—sales limited, sugar firm. Holders ask advanced rates. Coffee in good demand.

The Liverpool Journal of August 4, has the following paragraph, which will, we doubt not, afford much satisfaction to our readers:

NEWSPAPER POSTAGE TO THE COLONIES.—Our Colonial readers will rejoice to learn, by this day's mail for America, that for the reasons set forth by Mr. Wilson, Secretary of the Treasury, in this day's debate, the newspaper Colonial postal rights and privileges contended for by Sir Cussack Roncy, in his recent correspondence with the Secretary to the General Post Office, and so unwisely resisted by that functionary, have been conceded, or rather restored: Today and henceforth the Colonists will receive the journals of the mother country at the postage rates they have been accustomed to. Had it not been for the remonstrance with the Post-office, and the publicity which that remonstrance obtained, the Colonists would have been most arbitrarily subjected to an impost amounting to a virtual prohibition of English newspapers amongst them. They will know how to appreciate the timely and judicious defence made in their behalf, and the redress so promptly secured to them. The right man has certainly been in that right place on this occasion, but a certainly that man has not been Mr. Rowland Hill, nor has the place been St. Martius-le-Grand.

DEATH OF COMMODORE PARRY.—Sir W. E. Parry, R. N., born in 1790, died at Ems, in Germany, on Sunday, July 8. As the commander of four Arctic expeditions he gained high professional renown; and his discoveries in the Polar regions have placed him in the very highest rank of those enterprising navigators, who have not only rendered their own names illustrious, but have ennobled their respective countries. He was knighted for his Arctic services, and received £1000 from government as a portion of the reward offered for reaching the meridian of 110 degrees west within the Arctic circle.

A GRACEFUL TRIBUTE.—At the regular monthly meeting of the Union Engine Company, in August, the following letter was submitted by the Captain, which on motion was unanimously ordered to be published. The document expressed a hearty donation in aid of the funds of the Institution.

Halifax, July 19th, 1855.

THOMAS HOLLOWAY, Esq.—

Dear Sir,—You will please accept the enclosed, for and on behalf of the Fire Department, as a token of gratitude and respect, for their strenuous exertions in extinguishing the fire on the evening of the 18th, on the premises belonging to the Rev. Dr. Crawley, adjoining my property.

Your's very respectfully,
JOHN W. YOUNG.

We are glad to find that contributions to the Royal Patriotic Fund are coming in. £75 has been received on account of the Liverpool and Bristol District of Queen's County, collected by W. H. H. Henderson, Esq.

A young man named J. Dagwell, Mr. Downs' fireman, was seriously burned about the face and hands by an explosion of gas, on Tuesday, from incautiously introducing a light while repairing the gasometer on the Steamboat company's premises at Dartmouth.—*Colonist.*