

DOMESTIC.

ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH.—We are informed that the line from the Strait of Canso to the West River will be complete by Saturday the 1st, and that in two or three weeks at the farthest it will be extended across the straits, the tower and mast being nearly completed.

By the end of November the shore line from Halifax to Yarmouth will also be open.—*Eastern Chronicle.*

THE LATE GALE.—The accounts of the effects of the late Gale on P. E. Island are most distressing. One incident we have heard related, of a most touching character. An old man living at Cape Cod, had four sons on board one of the fishing schooners in the Gulf, and having heard of her loss he left his home and travelled to the Island in the hopes of finding the remains of his boys. Arrived at the scene of the wreck, he ascertained the spot where the bodies of the unfortunate seamen had been interred, and immediately had them exhumed. The remains of only one of his sons were discovered, but while engaged in the sad task several other bodies were washed up on the spot by the sea, and among them he found the bodies of two more of his children, and one of his near neighbours.—*ib.*

PRIZES AT THE EXHIBITION.—By the last arrival from England, we learn that the Commissioners of the Great Exhibition have awarded prizes to C. D. Archibald Esq., for specimens of steel; and John Robinson Esq., for the furs exhibited there. We have not heard of any others from Nova Scotia to whom this honour has been extended, but as the amount of goods exhibited from this Province was very small, this distinction is a matter of pride, proving as it does, the general excellence of what we did send.—*Record.*

Brig "Mayflower," Ross, Master, belonging to Mr. McKenzie, of New Glasgow, from Savannah, S. C. bound to Pictou, having on board a cargo of Pitch Pine Timber, was wrecked in Gooseberry Cove, near Louisburg, on Tuesday. Cargo and materials saved, advertised for sale. Several of the crew died on the passage of fever and ague.—*C. B. News.*

The British schr. "Brothers," of Yarmouth, was wrecked at Philip's Beach, on the 27th ult.,—crew saved.

COLONIAL.

New Brunswick.

The Executive Council met on Wednesday last at Fredericton; but we have no authentic account of the business transacted.

The Hon. Mr. Rankin was not present at the Council sittings, having left this City on Tuesday morning, in the steamer *Fairy Queen* for Anna polis, en route to Halifax, to take passage in the Mail Steamer for Liverpool.—*St. John N. B. Courier, Nov. 1st.*

THE ELECTIONS.—The official notices for holding the elections in this City and County appear in our paper to-day. It will be observed that all the nominations are to be made in one day—Saturday next—but that there will be three separate days for polling the votes, viz: Mr. Ritchie's successor to be chosen on Thursday the 13th Nov.; Mr. Simonds' on Friday the 14th; and Mr. Tilley's on Saturday the 15th.

The "Protectionists" held a meeting last evening, and appointed a committee to nominate a candidate, whom the party will support. At present, John Johnston, Esq. is the only candidate who may be said to be fairly in the field.—*ib.*

The weather during the week has been generally very rough and unpleasant. The great quantity of rain which has fallen has raised the rivers to an unusual height, and caused, we fear, considerable damage to mills, bridges, &c., in the interior.

Owing to the high winds the Steamers in the Bay and to the Westward have not made their trips with their accustomed punctuality, and our papers from Halifax and Boston are therefore not so late as usual.

We understand that the Steamer *Commodore*, which was beached in the gale of Monday, near Quaco, will be got off, it is hoped, with little injury.—*ib.*

ORDINATION AT FREDERICTON.—On Thursday last, the Presbytery of St. John, in connexion with the Church of Scotland, met at Fredericton for the purpose of ordaining the Rev. Francis Nicol, of Halifax, N. S., to the sacred office of the Ministry. The Presbytery were engaged in the early part of the day in hearing the discourses, and examining Mr. Nicol on the various subjects prescribed by the laws of the Church, in all which he acquitted himself most creditably, and to the entire satisfaction of the Presbytery. The public services commenced at 3 o'clock, when the Rev. Wm. Donald, A. M. of St. John, preached and presided. After an excellent and appropriate discourse, from John xii 46, "I am come a light unto the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness," the usual questions were put, and Mr. Nicol was set apart to the sacred office, by prayer and imposition of hands. Earnest and fitting addresses were then delivered by Mr. Donald to the young Minister: on the nature of the duties he had undertaken, and to the congregation on their responsibilities as members of the Church and hearers of the Word. The attendance on the occasion was large and respectable, and the solemn services of the day seemed to make a deep impression.

We believe this to be the first ordination which has taken place in Fredericton, in connexion with the Church of Scotland, and on that account excited a considerable degree of interest.—*Observer.*

MELANCHOLY ACCIDENT.—On Sunday morning, a sailor employed in the bowsprit of the ship *Mississippi*, lying on the stream, fell overboard; a boat from Sand Point was instantly launched and manned by Mr. John Seeley and two others, and went to his relief, but before they could reach him, he had sunk to rise no more.—*St. John's New Brunswick, Oct. 25th.*

We understand that a quantity of smuggled spirits, recently seized by the Custom House Officers, will be destroyed this day at 12 o'clock, in front of the Custom House.—*ib.*

Nearly 400 of the Sons and their friends celebrated the completion of the Temperance Hall at Oromocto. There was plenty of good Tea, good speaking, and cordial good feeling on the occasion.—*Fredericton Reporter.*

EUROPEAN AND N. A. RAILROAD.—The following gentlemen have been chosen Directors at St. John, N. B.: C. D. Archibald, R. Jardine, G. Botsford, D. J. McLaughlin, E. Allison, W. J. Ritchie, Hon. John Robertson. Auditors: G. P. Sanction, J. W. Cudlipp. Secretaries: T. B. Milledge, W. R. M. Burtis.

Canada.

QUEBEC, Oct. 23.—The new Ministry were sworn in this day at 3 o'clock. The following are the members of the new Cabinet:—Hon. Malcolm Cameron, Chairman of Committees; Hon. Mr. Hume, Inspector General; Hon. A. N. Morin, Provincial Secretary; Hon. John Young, Chief Commissioner of Public Works; Dr. Rolph, Commissioner of Crown Lands; Hon. Jas. Morris, Postmaster General; Hon. E. P. Tache, Receiver General; Hon. L. P. Drummond, Attorney General, East; Hon. W. B. Richards, Attorney General, West; Hon. R. E. Caron, who has a seat in the Council, holding the office of Speaker of the Legislative Council. The Solicitors Generalship, East, is not yet filled up.—*By Telegraph.*

The Governor General and the heads of the several governmental departments, have reached Quebec. His Excellency's reception was altogether flattering.

MAN BURNED.—One of the most brutal crimes ever heard of was committed in this city on Saturday night last, on the person of a man named William Hall, who has been employed as an informer on the low unlicensed groggeries that abound in Montreal.

As this man was going home late at night, he was followed by a person unknown, who threw over him some highly inflammable substance, supposed to be high wines, and then set fire to him. Hall was conveyed to the Hospital, where he lies not expected to recover.—*Montreal Gaz.*

Newfoundland.

Packet Brig *Halifax* arrived yesterday from Newfoundland.

The catch of fish for the season is alleged to be deficient; on the north it is spoken of as a decided failure. In the southern and western localities generally, the average will not be so low, but insufficient for the requirements of either the supplier or consumer. Accounts from the Labrador are also unfavourable. The catch will not amount to more than two-thirds or three-fourths that of last year, which was scarcely an average one.—*Islander.*

AMERICA.

United States.

A telegraphic despatch from Mobile, dated Oct. 25th, states that the yellow fever had made its appearance in that city, and caused much alarm. The Board of Health have reported the disease as not on the increase, but advise all strangers to stay away.

NEW YORK, Oct. 26.—A despatch from Buffalo, last evening, states that the propeller *Henry Clay*, loaded with a valuable freight, and bound for Ogdensburg, was totally wrecked in a gale off Long Point, Canada, on Thursday night. All on board were lost, except one man.

The British brig "Wanderer," of and from Windsor for New-York, with potatoes and plaster, in going into Portland harbour on the evening of the 21st ult., got ashore between the buoy and the ledge, and knocked a hole in her bottom, but was got off next morning and towed up to the city, full of water.

St. Mary's Church, New-York, was crowded to overflowing, on Sunday morning, 19th inst., with an audience eager to hear Father Matthew's last sermon in America. At the conclusion of the usual services he administered the pledge to a large number of persons. Since July 4th, 1849 when he began his American mission, he has enrolled over 300,000 names, and since 1837, when he began his labours in the temperance cause, over six million two hundred thousand. Father Matthew was to leave New-York for Liverpool on Saturday last, 25th in one of the Collins' steamers.

The New Orleans Bulletin of the 15th ult. says the sales of cotton during the past three days amounted to 20,000 bales, and in the last fortnight to 58,750 bales, valued at two million dollars.

The Mayor of Buffalo acknowledges the receipt of seven hundred and three dollars, the net proceeds of the concert given by Miss Jenny Lind, for the benefit of the sufferers by the late fire.

Thanksgiving-Day in New-York, Massachusetts and New Hampshire, is fixed for Thursday, Nov. 27th.

Sir Henry L. Bulwer has retired from the British mission at Washington, and it is said to receive a European appointment.

They have caught a fish, off the docks at New Haven, that has the "head and shoulders of a horse, and the tail of a mermaid." Such a queer looking craft was never before seen in those shallow waters.

NEW YORK, Wednesday Evening, Oct. 29.—*The Revolution in Northern Mexico.*—By the steamer *Winifred Scott*, arrived to day from New Orleans, we have full details of the late exciting news from Northern Mexico. It appears that Col. Caravajal's revolutionary army does not exceed 600 men, 200 of whom are Texans, under the command of Col. Ford. Gen. Ayales was well prepared to defend Matamoros, and it was thought there would be a severe contest, should Caravajal's forces attack the city.

Extensive frauds upon the revenue have recently been detected at New Orleans. The practice of handing in a false rating of goods, at less than one half their actual value, appears to have become very common in that city.

WASHINGTON ITEMS.—*Washington, Oct. 29.*—The Intelligence of this morning says, that the letter of Attorney General Crittenden, in reply to the recent communications from the Ministers of France and England, in relation to Cuban affairs, was plain, direct, and frank, but contained nothing discourteous, as has been represented. It is said that the affairs of the British Embassy here will remain under the care of the Secretary of the Legation, until some emergency shall arise, requiring the presence of a Minister with full powers.

FROM ST. DOMINGO.—We have advices from Gonaves to the 10th inst. An arrangement had been entered into between the American, French and English authorities, to force the Emperor Souleouque to respect the truces towards the Dominicans. They had drawn up proposals for him to sign, and in the event of his refusing the three powers would blockade his ports. The Emperor was at Gonaves, with about 8000 men, and was to have given an answer to the proposals at that place, but did not. He, however, promised to do so at Port au Prince, where he was going.

ITEMS.

The affairs of the British Colonies are exciting considerable attention in the London papers. The *London Merchant* of the 11th ult. heads its article on the subject with the question, "What does England intend to do with her Colonies?" and remarks—"As to Canada and the adjoining Provinces of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, it is probable that we shall not be long parted from them, if they are a burthen; the first war we have with the United States, we expect, will relieve Great Britain of the charge; even at present, we consider that we hold them merely upon the toleration of our ambitious rival."

AUSTRALIA.—The recent accounts from the Australian diggings report favourably of progress. Large quantities of gold had been found. There were already 4000 diggers, notwithstanding the inclemency of the season, which was mid winter. The Government exacts from each digger 30s. a month as a license fee, each party getting 15 yards frontage to the water course. Carriage from Sydney to Bathurst had risen from £3 to £35 per ton; all former occupations were at a stand still. Good stores and provisions were doubled in value. Gold has been found at Bondi, also within six miles of Sydney. A great increase of diggers were anticipated when the season opened, and a large influx of emigrants.

CHINA.—The rebels are making progress at Hong Kong. The health of the civilians not very good. The troops, however, were tolerably healthy. Mr. Guizlaft, the Chinese translator, had died.

THE ARMY.—Sir Howard Douglas has been appointed colonel of the 15th Foot, and Sir John Hanbury colonel of the 99th Foot.

BARCLAY & PERKINS pay the Income Tax Commissioners £6,000 a year, which estimates the great brewers' profits at £200,000 a year.

The value of the articles exhibited at the Crystal Palace is estimated at five hundred millions of dollars.

MISCELLANEOUS.

WORTH KNOWING.—A young lady of this city, while in the country some years ago, stepped upon a rusty nail, which ran through her shoe and foot. The inflammation and pain were of course very great, and lockjaw was apprehended. A friend of the family, however, recommended the application of a beet taken fresh from the garden, and pounded fine, to the wound. It was done, and the effect was very beneficial. Soon the inflammation began to subside, and by keeping on the crushed beet, changing it for a fresh one as its virtue seemed to become impaired, a speedy cure was effected. Simple but effectual remedies like this should be known by everybody.—*Phil. Post.*

NEW DISCOVERIES IN AFRICA.—It may be remembered by some of our readers, that early in 1850, Mr. Richardson, an agent of the British Government, together with two German savans, and a select escort, started from Tripoli on an expedition to explore the interior of Africa. The latest information from those gentlemen is contained in a letter from one of them, Dr. Barth, to the British Consul General at Tripoli, dated the 24th of February last. The expedition had reached Kano, on the road to the kingdom of Bornou, where they expected to arrive in the month of April. The expedition had passed through many dangers and difficulties, with no greater misfortune than the loss of a little property, of which it was robbed by the Touariks. This is a powerful tribe who inhabit the oases in the Sahara, or Great Desert, who are noted for their inhospitality to travellers. It is a singular and interesting fact that these Touariks, whose only food is camel's milk and a few dates, are the most powerful, athletic, and warlike race of the centre of Africa.

Dr. Barth mentions a vast tract of fertile land through which he passed in the region of the Great Sahara, and which has remained entirely unknown to travellers and geographers. He describes it as being of considerable extent, beautifully wooded, with a number of small rivers passing through it, and susceptible of the highest degree of cultivation. It is inhabited only by animals, among which he mentions the elephant, buffalo, lion, giraffe, &c.—*N. A. Miscellany.*

A MOUNTAIN IN MOTION.—*SURPRISING, IF TRUE.*—The *N. Y. Tribune* translates from its German exchanges an account of a singular phenomenon:—"Above the district of Magyarokarcs, in the southwestern portion of Transylvania, there are two mountains, Venyikes and Gelezias. The district lies on a slope of the two mountains, which are from 800 to 1,000 feet high, opposite a kettle-shaped hollow. On the 13th of August the Gelezias began to move, and forced the Venyikes, which is about 400 miles from Magyarokarcs, so near to that district that it is now scarcely twenty paces distant, and threatens to destroy the whole village. The motion of the mountain continued from midnight on the 13th to noon on the 15th of August, and during this time it occasioned great damage through a space of about one third of a mile in length and nearly a quarter of a mile in breadth. The fields beneath and around the mountain, which in this place were covered with a harvest of uncommon beauty, were precipitated into the depths, and instead of them huge rocks now rise against the sky. No one would know the place. No one knows where was his own field—the two parts of a ploughed field, which were torn asunder, are often found at the distance of two miles from each other, with a bottomless abyss between them. The population of the place, numbering about three hundred and eighty souls, are encamped with their little property on a mountain lying within this district, and expect the next calamity in a state of great depression. Beneath the torn up mountains, and even on the very spot, water gushes up on every side, and the ground in the vicinity is so cracked that no living creature can approach it."

A MAGNETIC SUBJECT.—Karl Baron Von Richenbach, on his work on "Mesmerism or Animal Magnetism," tells the following wonderful story:—"M. Schub, in the house he then occupied, had the singular custom that, when he awoke early in the morning, he regularly turned himself in the bed, so that his feet came to where his head had lain during the night, and always fell asleep again. The second sleep was invariably much more refreshing than the whole previous night's rest—contrary to the usual rule, that the first sleep, especially before midnight, is most refreshing. When he failed to obtain the morning sleep he felt wearied the whole succeeding day, and this strange habit had become a necessity to him. I inquired the position of his bed, and found it was so placed that the head was towards the north. By my advice, he laid himself in going to bed in the opposite direction, namely, with his head towards the north, and his feet towards the south. From that day he never felt the necessity of turning himself in bed in the morning. His sleep was good and strengthening, and he for ever abandoned his old habit."

A HARD QUESTION.—One of the members of a church in southern Kentucky was arraigned before the church, not long since, on the charge of having united with a temperance society. The members voted that he should be excluded. He then proposed to the church, to settle the question, how much liquor one of their members must drink to entitle him to full fellowship.—*Presbyterian Herald.*

EXPENDITURE FOR AMUSEMENT.—It is estimated that the various places of amusement in this city are regularly attended by about twenty thousand persons, at an average expense of ten thousand dollars a night, or sixty thousand dollars per week.—*New York paper.*

LINEN vs. COTTON.—Chinese in California are greater users than Prof. Anderson. Linen sheets, which were sent to their laundry in San Francisco, when returned to their owners, were found to be cotton, with the same marks precisely.

PUNCH asserts that after all "Britannia rules the waves," for in the recent yacht races, the American clipper ran away from the British fleet!

A PRESIDENT KILLED BY A STUDENT.—Rev. Dr. Chamberlain, President of Oakland College, Mississippi, a Presbyterian college, was killed by a student on the 12th ult., who afterwards committed suicide.

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