

words, attacked him. Carroll defended himself, and struck Morrow with a shovel which he held in his hand. Verdict, Manslaughter. Sentence, six months imprisonment.

On Thursday week, the following Rev. Gentlemen arrived at St. John, from Nova Scotia: Messrs. Alder, Bennet, R. Knight, W. Croscombe, and Mr. Richey. The chief object of their visit, no doubt was, the celebration of the Methodist Centenary. The lamentable fire which occurred on the following Saturday night, caused a sudden postponement of the Centenary meeting. £1452 had been subscribed.

A Demerara paper, of 21st July, states, that great mortality prevailed among the Troops in Georgetown Garrison. 15 men and 5 officers, including the Lieutenant Colonel, of the 76th Regt. died of fever, in the four weeks preceding latest dates. It is asserted that the situation of the barracks at Georgetown is the most unfavourable for health that could be found in the Colony.

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DREADFUL CONFLAGRATION!

Above one Hundred Buildings, and a vast amount of other Property in Ruins.

But little more than two years have elapsed since the inhabitants of St. John were afflicted (on the night of Saturday, January 14, 1837,) with a tremendous conflagration, which laid in ruins one third of the most flourishing mercantile part of the city, and caused enormous loss and misery, from the vast destruction of valuable property. At this moment another extensive tract of streets and wharves, which a few hours since were loaded with immense quantities of valuable Merchandise, are nothing more than heaps of smouldering ruins. On Saturday evening last, about 9 o'clock, (the same hour and day of the week as the great fire of 1837,) our citizens were alarmed by the dismal tones of the pealing fire-bells. It was immediately ascertained, that the fire had commenced in a building in Nelson Street, occupied by Messrs. Hugh Irvine & Co., ship builders, as a store and ware-house; and originated, as is reported, from the carelessness of a boy, who was drawing *ardent spirit* from a cask, and who suffered his candle to come in contact either with the spirit, or with a pile of *oakum*, which was very improperly placed *on the top of the cask*. In a very few minutes the whole building was in a mass of flame, and instantly communicated to the large and lofty store occupied by Mr. Thos. E. Millidge, General Merchant; and from the extremely awkward situation of the premises, in a sharp angle of a very narrow and crowded street, the dense mass of surrounding buildings and lumber yards, filled with dry and combustible materials, it soon became apparent, that no human power could confine the ravages of the devouring element to the immediate scene of commencement. It was low water at the time, and consequently no sufficient supply of water could for a long time be procured in the neighbourhood of the fire. In an incredibly short time Nelson Street with its alleys and courts, and the North Market wharf were enveloped in flames, the proprietors and residents having time to remove but a small portion of their property, ere the devouring element drove them from the scene of their labours. The spectacle, as viewed from the upper parts of the city, was sublime and terrific in the extreme; and the hearts of the gazers sank within them, as they contemplated the fearfully rapid progress of destruction, the comparative futility of the strenuous exertions which were everywhere making to arrest it, and the alarming probability of its extending over the whole city. The conflagration continued extending with unabated fury till nearly daylight on

Sunday morning, sweeping away in its course every building in Nelson and Dock-streets, on the Hon. Wm. Black's, Crookshank & Walker's, Lawton's, Waterbery's, Donaldson's, and the North Market Wharves, the whole north side of the Market Square, including the houses of Thomas Mettrick, Esq. in Prince William Street, Dock street down the south side of Union street, to Adams' slip. The arrest of the calamity was as singular and unexpected as its career had been rapid and fearful: when the destruction was at its very height, and its widely-spread extent had so divided the exertions of the people, as to render their efforts almost hopeless, a merciful Providence gave success to their labours, and enabled them to limit the scene of desolation.

It is calculated that nearly 3000 persons have been rendered houseless; nearly all of them being of the labouring class. Mercantile men also generally agree in estimating, that a much greater quantity of valuable merchandize has been destroyed than in 1837.

(The services of the military and people are warmly eulogized.)

It was providential that the night of the fire was peculiarly calm; as, had there been any wind, with such extremely dry weather, but little hope could have been entertained of saving any considerable portion of the city.

It is gratifying to state, that we have heard of no loss of human life during the awful catastrophe; nor of any accident beyond severe bruises. So rapid was the career of destruction, that the removal of goods was often arrested by the sudden arrival of the flames; several gangs of rigging, blocks, &c. for large new ships, were at one time thrown into scows for safety, but before they could be removed, the falling and falling ruins of buildings covered and entirely destroyed them.

The loss is estimated at £200,000,—many insurances had been effected.

A Public Meeting was held this forenoon, for the purpose of rendering assistance to the sufferers by the St. John fire.

The Hon. S. Cunard arrived in Town, unexpectedly, on Wednesday evening, his letters having been delayed on the road. The committee appointed to celebrate Mr. Cunard's success in establishing a Steam Packet line, met on Thursday, and the general committee on the subject waited on Mr. Cunard at two o'clock this day, with the address which had been agreed on.

MARRIAGES.

At Londonderry on the 13th, by the Rev. John Brown, Mr. William Corbet, to Miss Mary Spencer.

On the 17th, inst., by the Rev. Mr. Baxter, Mr. Jacob Corbet, to Miss Elizabeth McGinney, all of that place.

At Yarmouth, on Sunday 4th Inst., by the Rev. A. Galpin, Capt. Samuel Gowen to Miss Henrietta Sherlock, formerly of Halifax.

DEATHS.

On Thursday evening, after a long sickness, which she endured with exemplary fortitude and resignation, Mary, wife of Mr. Hugh W. Blackadar, printer, in the 30th year of her age.

On Friday morning last, Peter, son of Mr. James Bruce, of Musquodoboit, after a short but severe illness, aged 22 years.

In this town, on the 20th inst. Mr. Michael Holehan, an old and respectable inhabitant of this place.

At Liverpool N. S., on the 3rd inst., in the 28th year of her age, John Roberts, Esq., a worthy member of society, highly respected by all who knew him.