

COLONIAL.

New Brunswick

New Ship.—Towed into the harbour on Saturday last, from Quaco, a beautiful Ship of 780 tons, called the Lightning. She was built by Mr. Samuel Carson, for Capt. Peter Burns, of this city under the superintendence of the owner. She is constructed of the best materials the Country affords, is thoroughly copper-fastened, and is a finely modelled vessel in every respect, reflecting much credit on the enterprising builder.—New Brunswick, 8th.

ACCIDENT TO THE STEAMER CONQUEROR.—We regret to learn that the Iron tug steamer Conqueror, which left here on Tuesday night for the Head, to tow down a new vessel, sprung a leak, and was compelled to put into Quaco, where she was pumped out, and left for her destination, but the leak not being stopped, the water gained an hour's start that she was compelled to run on the shore near Cape Enrage, where she still remains, the water covering her at high tide. The Conqueror is owned by W. H. Scovil, Esq., and we trust that she will soon be afloat again, as she is a very useful boat.—15.

AGRICULTURAL CATTLE SHOW AND FAIR.—The Annual Fair for this County was held at the usual place, on Vinegar Hill, last Thursday, under the auspices of the St. John Agricultural Society. There were some fine specimens of cattle exhibited, although they were not so numerous as might have been expected on this occasion, which may probably be attributed to the superior knowledge now acquiring by the farmers of what constitutes fine points in the different breeds, and an unwillingness on their part to bring forward their cattle unless they are really good specimens.—We feel fully convinced that much improvement may be introduced in the raising of stock by such exhibitions as these, and by the importations of superior descriptions of cattle. The account of premiums which we publish below, will show the respective weights of the grains exhibited, which were very creditable to the county. A very useful and economical farming instrument, called a Railroad Horse-power, for the purpose of thrashing, grinding, cutting hay, straw, &c., sawing wood, churning, and many other things, recently imported by the Society, was exhibited on the ground, and sold by auction, in order that its usefulness might become known. The price realized was £35, which was much below its value, but we hope that similar machines may yet find their way into general use, as they are such an immense saving of labour on a farm, and the high price of labour in this country is generally considered a serious objection to profitable farming.—St. John Courier 12th.

The Hon. L. A. Wilnot, H. M. Attorney General, returned to this City last Tuesday from Toronto, and left on Wednesday evening for Fredericton. We learn that Mr. Wilnot, on his route to Canada by Lake Temiscouata, met the Hon. Hamilton Merritt, President of the Canadian Board of Trade, below Quebec. Mr. Merritt was proceeding down the St. Lawrence to Trois Puits, in the Trinity yacht, accompanied by engineers and others, with the view of settling either upon a Railway or a Canal from the St. Lawrence to the St. John, by Temiscouata.—There is very little doubt that this communication will be opened at no very distant day.

We notice by the Quebec Chronicle of the 7th inst. received this morning, that Mr. Merritt had returned to Quebec, impressed with the belief, that a canal was impossible owing to the land being so high, but that a communication might be maintained by a short cut. The Chronicle trusts that no trifling project will be allowed to interfere with the execution of a project which is so much desired, alike by Canadians and New-Brunswickers.—15.

PAPER MILL.—A Paper Mill is about being erected within three miles of this City, a suitable site having been leased from the Water Company, near their works at Scott's Mills, by Messrs. Phelps, who, from practical experience, are, we learn, thoroughly qualified for the undertaking. Should they be able to manufacture as good an article as that imported from abroad, at a similar price, or even a trifle less to begin with, we feel confident that they will meet with success, as the quantity used in the Province is very considerable. The advantage arising to the community in the event of their succeeding, is too apparent to require explanation, as it will be the means of retaining a large sum of money in the Province, that has hitherto been sent out of it; and this of itself is a very important consideration in these times, when we are gradually being thrown on our own resources. We wish the Messrs. Phelps every success in their laudable undertaking.—15.

THE NAVIGATION LAWS.—We notice by an article in the London Daily News, that the operation of the new Navigation Laws is not at all likely to be so ruinous to British interests as was predicted by the Protectionists in the great contest that took place on the discussion of the important concessions in our maritime laws. Other shipbuilding and seafaring countries are fast following the example set them by Great Britain, and among the number are mentioned, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, the United States of America, and the Netherlands. The new Dutch Navigation Law, however, imposes a duty of four per cent. on the value of foreign built vessels, register in Holland, which has always been quoted as one of the cheap shipbuilding countries. This would appear as if they were afraid of competition in their own country, instead of ruining the shipbuilding trade in Britain and her Colonies.—The ready sale which our St. John ships (and

some rather old ones too,) are meeting at home, is very encouraging to our shipbuilders, although there were not wanting parties here, who kept constantly predicting that, like Othello, their occupation was gone.—15.

NEW LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLORS.—It is announced in the London Daily News of 9th September, under the usual official head, that James Brown, Esq., and W. H. Odell, Esq., have been appointed members of the Legislative Council in this Province. The official announcement of these appointments has not yet been made here, but we believe there is no doubt that they have been made, and have been confirmed by her Majesty.—15.

PORT NATAL.—The brigantine "Natal," 95 tons, Thomas Roberts, Master, cleared at the Custom House on Tuesday last for Port Natal, one of the British settlements in Caffraria, situated on the South Eastern coast of Africa, about thirty degrees from the Cape of Good Hope. The cargo, consisting of Lumber, Placed Boards, Pickets, Bricks, and Window Sashes, was shipped by Messrs. Allison & Spurr. The owner of the vessel, Mr. Charles J. Waterbury, proceeds in her, with his family, as also the Captain's family, with a view to settle in that country, the climate of which is said to be very mild and delightful.—15.

The current opinion is, that the County of Carleton will this year produce three times the quantity of bread which will be required by its inhabitants. The crops in this county are also generally above an average, and are now nearly secured in excellent condition.—Fredericton Reporter.

It is stated that letters were received by the last English Mail, by the Executive Committee of the Railway, holding out encouraging prospects of the enterprise meeting with friends and supporters in the mother country, and that if proper means are used, there will be no difficulty in getting the stock taken there.—St. John Observer.

The crops in all parts of the Province, we are happy to learn, are yielding large returns, with the single exception of the potato crop, which, in many districts, is more or less affected with the rot. The weather, since 1st September, has been remarkably favourable for harvest operations.—To day the air is rather sharp—the coldest this autumn.—15.

Canada.

ACCIDENT.—We regret to learn that a son of Daniel Grant, Esq., of the Ordnance Department, on Monday last sustained most serious injury from the accidental discharge of his fowling piece. It appears he was proceeding from his father's residence at Charlesbourg, when a large hog came in his way, and in driving away the animal with the butt end of his gun, it went off lodging the charge in the lower part of his body. He is not yet considered as out of danger.—Metcury.

PROTESTANT HOSPITAL.—With much ceremony, the foundation stone of a Protestant Hospital has been laid at Bytown.

PAINFUL ACCIDENT.—Mr. William G. Travis, printer, lately occupied in this office, was drowned on Sunday last while bathing in the river a few miles below this village. He had waded out into the river and was standing in water about four feet deep, when he was suddenly seized with cramps and immediately sunk to the bottom. A little son who had accompanied him to the shore seeing his father sink, ran and procured a pole, which he extended to him as he rose for the last time. He made an effort to seize it, but his limbs were so disabled that he could not succeed. He appeared conscious of his fate; and as he yielded to his inevitable doom, bade his little son adieu to his mother and be a good boy. Mr. P. was an excellent Printer, and much esteemed by his associates. He has left a wife and three small children to lament the loss of a kind husband and parent.—St. Clair Obs.

CORN IN N. C.—A friend at Long Point, who has long experience of the soil and climate of N. C., informs us that, contrary to general opinion, there can be no better place than this island of Montreal for raising corn, if the right kind of land, viz., a gravelly loam, be selected; and in proof states that he had a yield of 75 bushels from one acre last year, and that he has about eight acres in corn this year, which is decidedly better, and which he believes will not fall short of 80 bushels to the acre. This is a great yield for any country, and at the prices obtained here for corn, must be a most profitable crop. Yet he adds that it is one of the easiest cultivated of all crops, and can be continued year after year on the same ground. His plan was to plough deep and thoroughly, manure well, and hoe with the cultivator and plough both ways between the hills. He planted from 8th to 12th June, being retarded on account of the backward season, and in two months had green corn. In three months he gathered ripe ears for seed. The variety is the yellow eight and the ten rowed.—Montreal Witness.

POTATO ROT.—We learn with much regret, that the rot has become very prevalent throughout many of the potato fields in this country. The crops, in all respects, present a full average quantity, and are generally of good quality; the potato alone being the exception. Much more winter wheat has been sown this Fall than usual; and the weed having disappeared, it is expected that our farmers may again return to the cultivation of this, the most valuable of all our grain.—Brookfield's Statesman.

Prince Edward Island.

TEMPERANCE.—A Lecture was delivered before the Benevolent Total Abstinence Society, on Wednesday evening last, by Mr. FREDERICK MOORE, to a large and very respectable audience. The style of the lecture, and the eloquent manner of delivery, reflects much credit on Mr. Moore. The Society will hold another meeting this evening, in the Town Hall.—Advertiser, 9th.

The last Islander says that Mr. Owen, the Postmaster, has received a "thundering despatch" by the last English mail, forbidding him to make up a mail even for Pictou, unless the Colony guarantee the expense.—Colonist.

Newfoundland.

We regret to state that within the past two or three days the potato blight has begun to develop itself very extensively in this district. Down to Thursday last, although the haulm had in most places been more or less affected, we had heard little or no complaint respecting the potatoes, but since then, and especially since Saturday, complaints in reference to the tubers themselves have become very general.—Harbour Grace Herald.

A Terrible storm of thunder and lightning was experienced at Green's Pond on Friday week. One individual had his hand shattered by the explosion of a large stone, which he was placing on a pile of fish when the fluid struck him.—15.

A boat belonging to a man named Henry Pippy of St. John's, was wrecked in the late gale, at Dead Man's Bay. The crew, consisting of the owner's two sons and three or four others, were all lost.—15.

A large craft belonging to Messrs Moors of Blackhead, brothers to Mr. Jonathan Moors (the loss of whose three sons we recorded in a former number) became a total wreck at Cat Harbour on the 9th inst. She was loaded with fish and oil. A boat belonging to Wm. Sheppard of this town shared the same fate.—15.

A splendid suite of philosophical instruments has just been received per Wm. Puxton, for the Grammar School here.—15.

Although no alarmists, we are constrained to admit that there will be a very considerable deficiency in the potato crop this fall. There can be no remaining doubt that the disease is very extensive, and it is in some respects fortunate that it has developed itself at a much earlier period of the season than it has heretofore done. The fields in which the disease has not yet been discovered are "unhappily" exceptions to the general rule;—in regretting the palpable fact we have now, therefore, only to cast about for a remedy. Provisionally the breadstuffs upon the American continent and in Canada are profusely abundant, and there is ample time to stock this market, and overstock it too, with every vegetable supply before the winter sets in.—Ledger.

We much regret to observe that the vice of intemperance, and its concomitant disorders have lately been manifesting themselves in this town to an extent demanding the exercise of some active measures of repression. Until within a month or two, we had been for sometime comparatively free from these disgraceful exhibitions; but they have set in of late in a spring-tide of abundance, to which every succeeding night seems to give new impetus.—Newfoundland, 19th ult.

ASSEMBLY SEEN, Esq., M. H. A. for the district of Placentia and St. Mary's has been elected a Member of the Managing Committee of the Newfoundland Savings' Bank, in the room of the Hon. LAURENCE O'BRIEN. The By-laws provide that the Committee shall be formed of two members of Council and one member of the Assembly.—Mr. O'BRIEN's place, which he held as a member of Assembly, therefore became vacant upon his elevation to the Council.—Courier.

UNITED STATES.

DRY GOODS FAILURE IN BOSTON.—It is reported that Gannet, Balch & Co., Milk street Boston, have failed for about \$400,000.

FAILURE OF THE PAWTUCKET BANK.—The visit of the bank commissioners to this "institution" disclosed a system of fraud on the part of the cashier, A. A. Tillinghast, which has been going on for about seven years. An injunction has accordingly been laid on the concern. The amount of his defalcation has not been ascertained, but it is supposed that his property, which has been made over to the Bank to the amount of \$20,000, will by no means cover it. He had the whole management of the bank, and had loaned pretty largely to his friends, without good security. Several failures in the village have happened in consequence of the explosion, which is a serious misfortune to the business of the place. Mr. Tillinghast was the oldest cashier in the commonwealth, and had been highly respected up to the time of the discovery.

FISHING BUSINESS AT GLoucester.—Several large fires of mackerel have arrived at Gloucester this week from the Bay Chaleur. The vessels on this coast, especially the Cape Cod and South Shore vessels, have done liberally nothing. Sdr. John, Capt. Parker, arrived Sunday with 400 bbls. mackerel, about only five weeks. Mackerel are sold as soon as landed at \$1.50 No. 1s. & for No. 2s. The market will improve if the catch does not increase.

AN INSANE MAYOR.—Pittsburgh, Oct. 2.—It is thought that the Mayor of this city has become insane. On Tuesday night he ordered a portion of the City Councilors to be arrested and held to jail. They were immediately discharged by the Judge on Writ of Habeas Corpus. Last night the Council met and took the resolution of the City Night Watch from the Mayor's hands. Barker threatened to imprison them all, and all the judges. Great excitement prevails in the city.

FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS STOLEN FROM THE SUFFOLK BANK.—Between 1 and 2 o'clock on Saturday afternoon a bag containing \$5000 in gold was stolen from the counter of the Suffolk Bank, just after it had been placed there by the messenger of the Exchange Bank. Previously officer Starkweather had noticed in the street a man whom he supposed to be a thief, and who covered from his movements that he knew Starkweather. Starkweather remained a little in the back ground. In a few minutes Major T. saw the stranger go up into the bank, and, upon following him up, found him then making memoranda on a piece of paper. The next moment, just as the teller had turned round from the counter, the fellow lifted the bag of gold, tucked it under his sack, and walked out. Major T. beckoned to Starkweather, and, supposing that the signal was observed by S., continued on after the thief into Kirby street, where he was joined by an accomplice. The two then proceeded southward, Major T. keeping in their wake until they entered the Fountain House, at the corner of Beach street and Harrison avenue. He still thought Starkweather was following, and went back to meet him, but such was not the fact, and in this interval the couple that entered the Fountain House left it unobserved, and have not been since seen.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 6.—There was a riot last night between the blacks and whites at the corner of Seventh and Lombard streets. A white man named Kipple was stabbed and horribly mutilated, and while being carried to the station house he died. The witnesses, who accompanied him, were fired upon by the blacks.

PAIDUPAN, Ky., Oct. 7.—Disastrous circumstances attended the steamer Kato, bound for Louisville for Cairo, burst both her boilers on Saturday noon, and was afterwards burned to the water's edge. It is thought the accident was caused by the want of water in the boiler. Ten persons are reported to have been killed or missing; seven or eight were seriously wounded, amongst whom were Capt. Duncan and seven others. The hurricane deck at the time, and was several feet in the air, some falling on the deck and others into the water. The latter saved themselves by swimming. The safe, containing a large amount of money belonging to the steamer and the deposits of passengers, was lost, though it will be recovered.

ARREST UNDER THE FUGITIVE LAW IN DETROIT.—GREAT EXCITEMENT IN DETROIT, Oct. 8.—A negro has been arrested under the new Fugitive law, and created great excitement. Hundreds of negroes are being threatened the rescue of the prisoner. Retention to-morrow.

SECOND DESPATCH.—The fugitive slave was conducted to day from jail to the court house, guarded by three companies of soldiers; but although a great number of negroes and whites assembled, no rescue was attempted. A number of bricks were thrown at the Marshal's carriage. The slave was committed for a week, for further evidence.

California.

The San Francisco Herald says—"Thousands now on the overland route not less than fifty thousand persons. The forty miles of desert which stretch from the base of the Sierra Nevada, are strewn with the bodies of dead men, while several persons have been found drowned. It is proposed to send out a second expedition, with a view of establishing a depot of provisions on the edge of the desert. It is to be apprehended that hundreds have already died with hunger, and hundreds will as surely die if they be not speedily relieved." The paper acknowledges the receipt of over four thousand dollars in money, and a large amount of provisions for their relief.

The troubles in the southern mines are not altogether at an end. An American, who claimed to be a tax collector, called on a Mexican who had about forty persons at work in the mines, and demanded that he should pay their taxes. The Mexican refused to pay, and a battle ensued, in which two Mexicans were killed and left on the ground, and three others badly injured.

There has been some trouble between the settlers in the vicinity of Trinity Bay. Fifty or sixty Indians were killed, and three villages burnt. Thomas Boroughs, late of St. Stephens, N. B., was killed in an affray with the Indians on the 10th August, about five miles above the forks of the Klant river.

The banking houses of Henley, McKnight & Co., and Welass & Co., of Sacramento, have stopped payment. The jewelry store of William Davidson, Sacramento street, in San Francisco, was entered on the night of August 24, and robbed of a large amount of gold watches, brooches, rings, &c., altogether of the value of \$15,000. Pearls and precious stones of the value of \$5000 were stolen; also about \$500 in silver coin.