

News of the Week.

An attempt was made on Sunday night to set fire to the premises of Mr. Lane, Spring Garden road; but by a timely discovery of the fire serious results were prevented.

We are sorry to learn that the potato rot is very bad at Cornwallis and other parts of the Province. About Wolfville the potatoes have never before been so badly affected.

We learn from the Chronicle that the coloured man Nerton, who poisoned his wife, at Bridgetown, was tried at the Supreme Court at Annapolis, on Wednesday, and found guilty of wilful murder. He was sentenced to death, by his Lordship the Chief Justice, on Thursday. Previous to sentence being pronounced, the criminal addressed the court in a feeling manner, acknowledging his guilt, and exhorting all present to be warned by his fate, and to lead an upright and religious life.

We learn from the Eastern Chronicle that on Wednesday night, the 30th ult., a fatal affray occurred at Little Canso. The facts, so far as we have heard, are as follows:—Several of the crew of the barque "Col. James Scott," were drinking at a house in Canso, and got into a difficulty with some persons who were present; a fight ensued, and one man knocked down and killed, and another seriously injured. An inquest was held, and the jury returned a verdict of wilful murder against four of the sailors, who were arrested, and are now confined in jail at Guysborough, awaiting their trial at the ensuing term of the supreme court.

A Fruit, Cheese and Vegetable Show was held on Tuesday in the Rink building at the Horticultural Society's Garden's in this city. It was opened at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. It was visited by a large number of ladies and gentlemen. The band of music lent an additional attraction. The fruit and vegetables which took prizes were we understand mostly the same as took the prizes at Kentville.—*Christian Messenger*.

The police have for some time past been on the look-out for some robbers, and have at length discovered a party of ten or twelve, and captured six of them, at a notorious rum-shop called the "Blue Bell." They were tried at the police court on Saturday last, and some of the property found upon them and in the house, was identified by the owners. Edward Evans the keeper of the house was sentenced to 180 days, and the other five, John Meagher, Philip Harding, James Thatcher, John Bailey and Daniel Hartt were sentenced to 90 days each in the city prison with hard labour.—*Id.*

The Witness states that Dalhousie College is to be opened the first week in November. It will commence with a staff

of six Professors and a Teacher of Modern Languages.

The reports from the Labrador fishery are favourable, but the intelligence from that quarter is very meager.

On Tuesday morning the Confederate side-wheel steamer "Robert E. Lee" arrived in this port, direct from Wilmington, S. C. She has on board 500 bales of cotton, 50 barrels of turpentine, and a quantity of tobacco. Yesterday morning she hauled up to Messrs. B. Wier & Co.'s wharf and commenced discharging cargo. On coming out of Wilmington the R. E. Lee was fired into by one of the Federal blockading squadrons. A shell took effect on her deck just forward of the paddles, demolishing a windlass and wounding 3 men. She is a large, powerful, and very fast steamer, painted lead colour, and has run the blockade successfully 14 times. She was built in Scotland, and was formerly named the Giraffe. She made the voyage from Wilmington to this port in a trifle less than five days.—*Chronicle*.

H. M. troop ship Adventure arrived at this port last evening, via Quebec, from Portsmouth, England. She landed about 500 soldiers at Quebec, including 19 officers and a number of non-commissioned officers. They were drafts for the various regiments serving in Canada. The Adventure brought about 50 men of the Royal Artillery to serve in this garrison.

The telegraph line was maliciously cut at St. Margaret's Bay on Saturday.

The Antigonish Casket says that recently an impetus has been given to the cattle trade, and the products of the farming population generally in live stock at that place. Large numbers of cattle, sheep and pigs, have lately been purchased there for the Halifax market.

AMERICAN INTELLIGENCE.

By Telegraph to Morning & Evening Papers.

St. John, Oct. 8.—The Privateers Alabama, Georgia, and Conrad have been adding to their captures near the Cape of Good Hope. The Vanderbilt is in quest of them.

Oct. 9.—Much excitement at Leavenworth in consequence of Confederate advance on Fort Scott and Kansas city. Troops at Leavenworth have been ordered below, and it is reported the Militia has been called out. Fort Scott believed able to resist. Richmond papers have despatches of 5th, mentioning firing from Lookout Mountain into Chattanooga. Also attack made on "Ironsides" at Charleston on the 6th, damaging her, and alarming the fleet. Also six thousand Federal wounded arrived at Nashville from Chattanooga. Two thousand more remain in hospital near Chattanooga.

Oct. 10.—The rumour prevails at Nashville that a Confederate cavalry force had captured and entirely destroyed Shelbyville, Texas, and taken all the Federals

there prisoners. General Mitchell, with a large cavalry force, was pursuing the Confederate cavalry. Government advices from Rosencrans report a bombardment by the enemy on the 5th at long range, but no damage was done. Gilmore is reported very busy at Charleston, but the navy idle.

Oct. 12.—General Franklyn's corps is 50 miles beyond Brashear city, meeting no enemy. Plantations generally deserted.

Evening.—New York World's New Orleans correspondent says that General Herron was engaged in skirmishing twenty-five miles above Port Hudson. A number of regiments sent out to feel the enemy were repulsed, with several hundred killed and wounded, and 1500 taken prisoners. Enemy thereupon assumed offensive, when gunboats came to Federal assistance. Gen. Cook, with brigade of Federal cavalry, engaged Whorton's cavalry near Franklin, Tenn., on Thursday, defeating them, killing and wounding 1200, and capturing 300 men, 34 pieces of artillery. Lee's army is abandoning line of Rapidan rapidly. The prevailing impression is that it has gone to Gordonsville or Richmond to relieve garrisons and send remainder to Bragg and Beauregard. Reported there was to be a combined naval and military attack on Charleston on 11th. 400 Confederates, captured at McMinnesville, arrived at Nashville.

Oct. 13.—Deserters on Thursday from Lee's army, report that only two divisions of Longstreet's corps were sent Bragg, none of A. P. Hill's. Ewell's corps was first sent to Charleston, and afterwards to Bragg. His left in front of the army of the Potomac, about 40,000. Some movement is going on in Lee's army. One of Kilpatrick's Federal brigades, on reconnaissance, was driven back. A. P. Hill's corps is believed to have passed from left to right to cut off Meade's railroad communication. The "Herald's" and "Mercury's" despatches report the entire Confederate army to have fallen back, probably to Richmond and to reinforce Bragg. It is rumored the Federals will abandon Morris Island.

Oct. 14.—It is reported that the Confederate cavalry hold the gaps in Bull Run mountains. It is reported that a mutiny occurred in Bragg's army on Monday—500 killed. It is rumored that the Georgia and Tennessee troops refused to obey orders. The Confederates have removed their artillery from Look-out Mountain. It is supposed that they will concentrate on Missionary Ridge. Gen. Burnside advanced towards Greenville last Friday, driving the Confederates. It is supposed that six thousand from strong position from Shelby and Coffee raiders, in Missouri, have reached Boonsville, and the Federal troops are gathering in about them.

Oct. 14 (P.M.)—Meade's army with-