

COLONIAL.

New Brunswick

Good News!—We understand that letters have been received to-day by the Executive Committee of the Railway from England to Ireland, which hold out prospects of the enterprise, being as favorably looked on in England as it has been on this side of the Atlantic, and stating that if proper means are used, there will be no difficulty in getting the Stock taken.—St. N. E. Courier 5th.

NEW STEAMER GIPSEY.—Mr. Whitney's handsome steamer Gipsy started on Thursday night for Windsor, being her first trip. She was tried in the harbor the night before, and gave good promise of being a fast boat, and possessing excellent sea-going qualities, having a good breadth of beam. She is an excellent model, and very well fitted up, and we trust will prove a credit as well as profitable to her enterprising owner.—14.

COMMISARIAT CHANGES.—Assistant Commissary General Drake arrived here in the Ship Faude from London on Sunday last, for the purpose of taking charge of the Department at this station. He had formerly served in Western Australia and Van Dieman's Land. Deputy Assistant Commissary General Lane, who has been in charge here for some months, proceeds to Cape Breton, where he will be stationed for the present.—14.

SHIP-BUILDING.—We understand that the new ship Hannad, built at Carleton this year, by William Olive, Esquire, and which left this Port for Liverpool, about two months ago, has been purchased by some monied gentleman for the purpose of being fitted up and used as a pleasure yacht, in which we hear it is contemplated to make a voyage round the world. She measures 480 tons register, and will make a fine, handsome, roomy pleasure vessel. The price paid was £400 sterling. It is a substantial proof that our ship building is improving, when our merchant vessels are bought for yachts in England; and if Mr. Olive builds such handsome and excellent vessels for trading, it is hard to say what he could do if he were to try his best at building a yacht. We are happy to hear, also, that the Messrs. Wright received a good offer for their fine ship Bolochie, which had not been accepted, however, as it was expected a higher figure would be obtained.—The new ship American has been sold for £5000.—14.

THE MONEY SEEKERS.—The expedition that went from here some time ago, in the schooner "Olive Branch," Capt. Delaney, for Turks Island, for the purpose, as was reported, of seeking for a large amount of hidden treasure, have returned to this port with the cargo of boards that was taken from here. It has not been made public whether they have been successful in securing the filthy lucre, of which they were in search, but the talk has been that they have obtained £65,000 among them, having had to leave £5000 for the people there to hunt after. Be that as it may, they all appear to be well satisfied with their speculation, and the only thing now likely to trouble them will be to find some safe investment for so large a sum of money. They had better try a little in the Railway.—14.

EMIGRANTS RETURNING!—We learn that a gentleman well known in Woodstock, and the upper parts of the Province, who moved with all his family, from that section of the country, to Wisconsin, about two years ago, has recently returned with a view to settle in this colony again, as being much more preferable than the western parts of the United States. We have also heard of a person formerly residing in Charlotte County, who had settled in some part of the Western States, having written to his friends in this Province, giving rather discouraging accounts of that country, and wishing himself and family back again to New-Brunswick. Such instances as these should prevent persons from becoming dissatisfied with their prospects here, and hastily coming to the conclusion of leaving the land of their birth or adoption for some supposed El Dorado, which very frequently turns out to be anything but what was expected. We have a noble Province, rich in natural resources, which require to be developed, and in order that its inhabitants may meet with success, little more is wanted than a reasonable amount of industry and perseverance, together with a good and cheap Government, suited to the times.—14.

THE CHIEF JUSTICESHIP.—It is generally believed that His Honor Chief Justice will soon resign the important office which he has filled for so many years. We think that the rumour which has been about for some time, relative to his resignation, will turn out to be correct, and the next important question that arises will be, who is to be his successor? Some parties say, the Attorney General, while others think that one of the Puisne Judges will succeed him, who again will be succeeded by the Solicitor General. While we should be sorry to see the present Attorney General taken from the popular branch of our Legislation, still it must be admitted that his claims are perhaps the strongest of any that have been brought before the notice of the public, if he were willing to accept the Office. The practice that has been generally followed in England has been, to elevate the Attorney General to the Chief Justiceship, and the Solicitor General to the Office of Attorney General, providing, of course, that he succeeds in being elected as a member of the House of Commons. A saying, however, would be effected in this case, if one of the Puisne Judges was elevated to the Chief Justiceship at the reduced salary, and it is stated that Judge Carter would be willing to accept the Office on these terms.—14.

The Telegraph Line between this City and Fredericton will soon be completed and in operation. At a meeting held at Fredericton last week it was resolved that the line should be continued to Woodstock, to connect with the line to be brought by the Quebec Company to Woodstock. It is therefore probable that next season we shall have a telegraph communication between this City and Quebec.—New Brunswick, 5th.

FREDERICTON CATHEDRAL.—During the past summer the erection of the Fredericton Cathedral has been slowly but surely proceeded with, and the mason work is now all but complete.—The handsome tower is finished, with the exception of the pinnacles, one of which will likely be completed this afternoon, and the remaining three in a very short time. The spire will be the work of another year. The upper windows in the nave are being furnished with beautiful stained glass, and except three, are already finished.—The beams for the floor of the building are laid, and the walls of the side aisles, and a portion of the chancel are lathed.—Head Quarters.

Canada.

EXTRAORDINARY DEATH.—Died, at Berlin, on the 24th ult., Mrs. Scott. The following singular notice concerning her death was sent by Dr. Scott for publication in the German Canadian: The decease of Mrs. Scott was of a very singular nature. On the 11th of August she gave birth to a daughter. On the 14th Dr. Scott visited her for the first time, and had her under treatment till her death. Ten days before her death she told the Doctor that an Angel had appeared unto her, who had informed her, she would die; that medicine would, consequently, be useless. She said that an agreeable perfume surrounded her, which could have proceeded from nothing else. On another occasion she said, that she had seen and conversed with two of her children, who had died several years ago; that they had since become larger, and had informed her they were happy. The features of Mrs. Scott, during her confinement, had a thoughtful, mild, and happy expression, and the tone of her voice was agreeable. It cannot be said that she was ill; for, during all this time she had neither pain nor delirium; and yet she continued to persist in her declaration that she would die. She had, alas! spoken but too truly. On the 24th ult., about 9 o'clock A. M., she died; or rather fell asleep, never more to awake in this world.—German Canadian of Aug. 1850.

EFFECTS OF INTERFERENCE.—A correspondent of Gananoque sends us the following particulars: On Wednesday last a man and his wife, residents of Grindstone Island, came to Gananoque with melons for sale. Having disposed of their little cargo, they proceeded to make the purchases with the proceeds of their sale. The first article was, of course, a little of the good creature, of which they were both very fond. As usual in such cases, a little did not suffice; they both indulged their tipping propensities until neither of them could see the mark. About five o'clock, P. M., they left for their domicile on the Island. Sometime in the evening the man reached home very wet, his craft half filled with water, but could give no account of his better half, and she has not been heard of since. Five or six children are left to be cared for by an unfortunate father, and to lament the loss of a more unfortunate mother.—Bruckville Recorder 12th September.

MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE.—On Wednesday week last, Mr. Richard Berry, Blacksmith, an old and respectable resident of the village of Waterloo, near Kingston, left his family early in the morning of the day above mentioned, without giving notice of his intention of being absent for any length of time, and without making any preparations necessary for a journey. He was seen the same morning passing down Princess street, since when no trace of him has been found, although every exertion on the part of his family has been made for that purpose. Mr. Berry is an elderly man, stoops a good deal, and was dressed in his usual working clothes.—Chronicle & News.

IMPROVEMENTS.—Mr. Merritt and Mr. De Witt are now in town to confer with the Board of Trade and other parties on the advantages to be derived from the employment of steam tug boats between the gulf and this city. The great benefits to be derived from such a measure are apparent. The lessening of the dangers of the river; reducing the rate of insurance and shortening the passage, are sufficient recommendations without even the probability almost certainly of many emigrant vessels being saved from ship-wreck. Mr. Merritt has also determined to visit Lake Temiscouata and Bay Verte. A railroad from Trois Pistoles if a canal is impracticable would open the whole of New Brunswick, and at once connect us with the Bay of Fundy. Such measures of practical utility cannot fail to give general satisfaction; and we are well pleased that so active a member of the Administration is about personally to visit these long neglected portions of the Province.—Quebec Paper.

EDUCATION IN LOWER CANADA.—The sum of £12,200 is about to be distributed among the Schools from which returns have been received, besides nearly £6,000 for assistance in the construction of new School Houses.—Quebec Gaz.

UPPER CANADIAN PROVINCIAL SHOW.—A Correspondent of the Montreal Gazette in giving an account of this interesting Exhibition, held recently at Niagara, says:—

The Agricultural productions were in the shed to the right of the Floral Hall, the principal of which (wheat) was a sight worth going a hun-

dredmiles to see. No one could walk along the long range of wheat bags, brought from so many parts of the province, without declaring Upper Canada the best of wheat countries. In all, the berry was large, bright and full, some samples differing from others in thickness of article and in colour. How judges could make up their minds as to the decided superiority, was, to an unpractised man like me, a puzzle. Mr. Christie, of Dumfries, has, however, carried off the palm, and his 25 bushels became the property of the Upper Canada Company for exhibition in London in 1851.

There were also two planks of Curled Walnut surprisingly beautiful. They were about 4 inches thick, 5 feet long, and 2 1/2 wide, with variegations equal to the most rare mahogany. They bore a certificate to the effect that they were cut from a tree 37 feet in circumference, the largest limb, being 10. 23 logs were cut from it, yielding 10,000 feet of lumber, and could it have been sawed instead of being hewed, 5000 feet more would have been got. The specimens ought to be sent to London.

West Indies.

We have later intelligence from the West Indies. Barbadoes dates are to the 24th ult. The Small Pox was raging there with great violence. Persons who had been vaccinated did not escape the disease. The island is in a prosperous condition. Thirty five thousand hogsheads sugar and upwards had been shipped during the year—a quantity exceeding the exportation in any year during the flourishing period of slavery. A fine crop of India Corn had been reaped. Potatoes, yams, &c., were thriving.

At St. Vincent la-Mar, a smart shock of an earthquake was experienced on Wednesday, about 2 P. M.; and the labourers there are creating trouble. The County Union says their revenge for an imaginary insult is the destruction of trash houses, or the mutilation of cattle.

UNITED STATES.

HAIL STORM IN THE SOUTHERN STATES.—Accounts from Virginia state that a hail storm in Prince Edward and Charles Counties has injured the tobacco crops.

Lynchburg papers say that the hail damaged the crops in seven counties in that direction, and that they had frost and ice in Baltimore County on the night of the 29th ult.

SERIOUS FIRE.—The town of Corbendale, Pa., was visited by a fire on Saturday last, which destroyed nearly two-thirds of the place. The loss is estimated at \$100,000; the insurance amounts to only \$45,000.

THE UNITED STATES' CONGRESS rose on Monday last, amid much confusion. Notwithstanding the great length of the session, both Houses met and transacted business on Sabbath afternoon. The proceedings in the House of Representatives on Saturday night, or rather Sunday morning, were quite unbecoming the representatives of any enlightened country.

AFFAIRS IN PITTSBURG.—FUGITIVE SLAVES.—TREMENDOUS HAIL STORM.—Pittsburg, Sept. 28.—The excitement increases among our coloured population in relation to the fugitive slave law. Nearly all the waiters in the hotels have fled to Canada. Sunday, thirty fled; Monday, forty; on Tuesday, fifty; on Wednesday, thirty; and up to this time the number that has left will not fall short of three hundred. They went in large bodies, armed with pistols and bowie knives, determined to die, rather than be captured.

A most violent storm visited us last evening.—It was one of the severest storms ever known in the West. It commenced about half-past two o'clock in the afternoon—the stones descending as large as hickory nuts. Towards three o'clock the storm increased, accompanied by vivid lightning and heavy crashes of thunder. The hailstones at this time varied in size from nine to fourteen inches, and weighed upwards of one pound. Several persons were more or less injured. It is supposed that one-twelfth of the glasses in Pittsburg and Allegheny city were broken. Several churches, hotels, and public buildings, were injured. A number of horses ran away. The Gazette, to-day, records about twenty accidents from the effects of the storm—none serious, however.

NEW YORK, Sept. 30.—The street is excited this morning, by the announcement of the failure of Howard & Son, of the Crescent and Empire line of steamships. Their notes are protested by the City Bank.

NEW YORK, Oct. 1.—The failure of Howard & Son is said to be only certain kinds of paper; they say that all will soon be satisfactorily arranged.

The New York Tribune states that the Morrison story of the poisoning of children in the Foundling Hospital is a piece of gammon. It appears that this Hospital was established by Miss Shotwell, who is noted for a life devoted to charitable purposes, for the reception of the weakest and sickliest children that are brought to the City Almshouse. She has taken these orphans of the tenderest age, some of them not more than a week old, and in almost every instance sinking under disease, and endeavored to rear them. Of course a large proportion of them died, and were probably buried in an ignominious manner, and from this story all the rumour of poison, &c., originated, no doubt by the property holders in the vicinity, who were desirous of getting rid of the hospital, considering it a nuisance.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE AT Mt. Vernon, near Portland, Me.—We learn that there was a destructive fire at Mt. Vernon, yesterday morning, at about 2 o'clock. It commenced in the stable Mt. Vernon House, kept by Mr. Blossom. This house and all the outbuildings, together with ten other dwelling houses, and three stores, and other buildings, making about twenty-two in all, were destroyed—leaving the village but a skeleton of what it was. In the stable, there were six horses, carriages and harness burnt. It is supposed to have been the work of an incendiary.—Portland Advertiser 26th.

A SCHOOL OF SHARKS.—Capt. Wedmore, of the schooner Minerva L. Wedmore, at this port, from Virginia, reports that off Montauk he passed through a school of sharks, which was about a mile in extent. Some of them appeared to be as long as nine feet, and they came upon close to the side of the vessel, that the men repeatedly struck them with poles. This is a very unusual circumstance, and we do not remember to have seen any account of sharks in such large numbers.—Providence Journal.

NOVELTY IN NAVIGATION.—The British schooner, Capt. Abbey, arrived at this port yesterday from River Sydenham, Lake Huron, via the Welland Canal and River St. Lawrence. She has a full cargo of black walnut timber.—Boston paper.

ICE TRADE.—Boston has exported, since January last, to the West India Islands and southern ports, 55,762 tons of ice. This is an excess over the quantity exported during the same period last year, of 3781 tons.

DEMBINSKI.—The New York Tribune says that Dembinski now keeps a cigar store in Nassau-street.

MISCELLANEOUS.

GAMBLING IN NEW YORK.—The New York Tribune states that not less than two thousand men get their living in New York by the practice of gambling, as a profession, and estimates the amount of money annually obtained by them at not less than four millions of dollars. Not more than half of this money, it is calculated, comes out of the pockets of those who nominally lose it. Clerks steal it from their employers, and those holding money in trust, for corporations, betray their trust, and an astounding defalcation in this office and that, till then unsuspected, is the result. In view of these facts, a society has been formed which will make it a business to keep a strict watch upon all the gambling saloons of the city, and a list of their frequenters. In this way, merchants can be placed in possession of important knowledge in regard to those in their employ.

The Philadelphia Ledger says:—Counterfeit half angles are now in circulation, and although good imitations of the genuine, are rather light in colour as well as in weight, than genuine.—There are also indications of brass upon its face. The best test, however, is in the fact, that, on the eagle side of the coin, the genuine, there are three full points—one before the word "and," and two after it; on the counterfeit there is not a full point on either side.

IMPORTANT FROM AFRICA.—We are indebted to a commercial house in this city for the following extract from a letter received by them:—New York Commercial Advertiser.

Sierra Leone, August 2.—The British brigantine of war Bonetta arrived yesterday from the leeward coast, and will leave for England direct this afternoon, with information that the King of Dahomy has ordered the missionaries and recaptured slaves at "Understown" to leave the country before the first of October. If they do not, he says that he will behead them all, commencing with the missionaries. Commander Forbes, of the Bonetta, had an interview with the King, and the result was the immediate departure of the vessel for England.

CELESTIAL STATISTICS.—It is computed that 156,471 persons circulate in the streets of Paris, in 27,938 carriages, either public or private, making during the year a total of 57,113,010 passengers. Besides these 27,938 carriages are 32,321 teams, making a total of 60,259. The streets of Paris extended in a continuous line, would extend 125 leagues (325 miles), and the carriages and teams form a procession 75 leagues, or 225 miles in length.

FROM LIVERPOOL.—NEWS OF CAPT. ROSS.—Capt. J. W. Dudgeon, of schooner Isabella, arrived at Newburyport, heard, just before his departure, that some Esquimaux Indians had picked up a cask, inside of which was a tin canister containing papers, which were brought in to Indian Harbour to Capt. Norrann's trading post, about the 20th of July. The papers were said to contain information relative to the expedition of Sir John Ross, but the nature of the information Capt. Dudgeon could not learn.

COCOA-NUT SUGAR.—A new mode of obtaining sugar has been recently discovered in Ceylon.—It is obtained by cutting off the stem of the Cocoa-nut flower, attaching a vessel to it, and evaporating the liquid thus obtained, which is said to flow from the tree in quantities almost incredible. The sugar thus obtained is described as equal in quality to that furnished by the sugar cane—and the milk or sap of the cocoa tree can be obtained in almost any quantities.