

News of the Week.

GOLD NEWS.—Montague District.—A gentleman who visited Lake Loon has called at our office and given us the following information: Mining commenced on Conrod & Conners' claims, (adjoining Belt's claim, between Preston and Waverly,) about two months ago, and the prospects are very promising; gold-bearing quartz veins running through both of them. Two new crushers are building there, one by Mr. Belt and one by Mr. Miller; and it is expected that they will commence working in about a month hence. On the 25th August a contract was given out to construct a road from Preston to the locality of Mr. Miller's crusher—a distance of three miles.

Oldham.—We learn from a letter to the Editor of the Sun that there has been great improvement in the gold mining interests in this district; 26 tons of quartz from Carpenter & Davis's claim, at a depth of 14 feet, have yielded 113 oz. of gold—100 days' work being the amount of labour expended. There have been about 30 claims taken within the last few days, on the range that this lead is supposed to pass through.

Hall's lead is producing astonishing results. I. C. McKenzie & Co.'s gave from two barrels of quartz eleven ounces and three quarters of gold. The McAllister's, from a ton and a half, 65 oz. 14 dwts. Oakes & Malcom's, from 200 lbs., seven ounces and a half—which is at the rate of 75 oz. per ton; the quartz was not selected. Other claims are yielding from 1 to 1 oz. per ton. The American company have put up one of the best mills on the diggings, and will have it in operation in the course of a few weeks.

DAMAGE TO SHIPPING.—The Cape Canso correspondent of the Chronicle, in writing of the gale of Saturday night, 22d ult. says—"All day Sunday vessels arriving from sea report a fearful, though short gale, and numerous disasters; among which we notice an American brig, name unknown—finding she could not weather Red Head, the west side of south entrance to Strait of Canso, let both anchors go, cut away the masts, safely rode out the gale, and was towed into Arichat on Sunday morning. The schr. Wave, from Pictou, bound to Halifax, struck on Cape Jack Shoal, lost rudder, sails and anchors, but fortunately got off, and by steering with ease got into Ship Harbour. A brig ashore at Ship Harbour. Schr. Debonaire, of Canso, parted chains and went ashore at Steep Creek. Three schooners, Ocean Wave, James Dickey, and Maitlicks, parted chains and drove ashore in Guysborough Harbour. Two schooners ashore in Tor Bay, and a good many fishing boats lost in that quarter."

The Hon. Provincial Secretary left on Tuesday for Canada. The object of his visit is said to be in connection with the railway.

The Miramichi Gleaner learns that the Bay is at present swarming with mackerel, of a most excellent quality, being large and fat. A correspondent of the same paper, writing from New Carlisle, County Bonaventure, reports that summer herring are coming in plentifully, and are uncommonly fine, large, and fat. Mackerel are growing scarce.—*Journal.*

The steamer Zimmerman was completely destroyed by fire on the 21st ultimo, at Niagara, Canada. The Watchman, Patrick Lawless, and the second mate, Duncan Sinclair, lost their lives in the flames.

The St. John Globe learns that a new and improved battery, complete, is on its way out in the Cunard steamer, to Captain Morris, in the garrison of that city, and orders have been received to put the troops in garrison on the most thorough war footing.

Lord Lyons and suite arrived at Hamilton, Canada, on the 23th, where they remained until the 27th, when they proceeded enroute for Montreal and Quebec.

NEWFOUNDLAND.—The Newfoundland Times says—The vexed fishery question is now occupying the serious attention of Hon. Mr. Howe, Her Majesty's Commissioner.

The shore fishery of Newfoundland had somewhat improved during the fortnight ending the 25th ult. Intelligence from Labrador reports favourably of the fishery along the coast.

AMERICAN INTELLIGENCE.

From the Boston Journal of August 23.

SEVERE STORM.—The Springfield Republican reports that a second thunder shower of unusual severity passed through a part of the Connecticut Valley, on Friday afternoon, doing considerable damage in its course.

At Chicopee Falls there was a destructive hailstorm that broke glass, and injured the standing crops to a very perceptible degree. The hail-stones were as large as walnuts.

At Springfield, although there was not a drop of rain, yet the electric fluid struck in several places.

WINTUROP.—The hailstones which fell in this town during the brief storm on Thursday evening were very large. A large proportion of them were not less than four and a half inches in circumference, and fell upon the roofs of buildings with the sound of ten-thousand hammers giving the last blow to as many nails. Six hundred panes of glass were broken in Dr. Ira Warren's glass house, and the fields of corn had almost all the leaves cut from the stalks.

Last Saturday the Mississippi river was dyed the deepest green, and the surface of the water overspread with a thin scum of the same color. It has been in this remarkable condition for several days, and

no one is capable of giving a reason for it. The matter perplexes the eldest steambotmen, who declare that they never beheld anything like it before.

ROXBURY.—A man named John Vance, lately a soldier in the Thirtieth regiment and belonging in Nova Scotia, was knocked down by a horse car on Washington street about 8 o'clock Friday evening, his collar bone broken and other injuries received from the effect of which he is reported to have died next morning.

The Stanstead (Canada) Journal has seen potato tops, which measure two feet from the ground, five and a half inches in circumference; and the Southbridge (Mass.) Journal tells about some of the same article in that town, measuring ninety inches in length.

Gen. Hooker is expected to resume active service on the 1st of September, either in a separate command or as commander of a corps in the Army of the Potomac.

Philadelphia, Aug. 23.—The Arkansas left the fleet at 7 o'clock Wednesday morning. At that time huge volumes of smoke were seen issuing from Fort Sumter, as if from the burning of cotton, and the officers of the Arkansas believed that the fort would be captured or entirely destroyed by noon. Her guns were replying feebly to our fire. Fort Gregg had been entirely silenced. Wagner still held out. The bombardment continued without cessation during Tuesday night, and was renewed Wednesday morning, and when the Arkansas left the firing was furious. The Ironsides, five monitors and the shore batteries being all engaged.

Two refugees from Savannah, named Joseph H. Califf and John C. Collins, are passengers on the Arkansas. They report that there is nearly a famine in Savannah.

New York, Aug. 22.—A private dispatch has been received in this city from Philadelphia, which says Fort Sumter has fallen and our gunboats have passed the Fort.

By Telegraph to Morning & Evening Papers.

St. John August 25th.—The advance of General Rosecranz's army appeared before Chattanooga on the 21st and opened fire on the city. The enemy opened from 19 small guns, which did little damage and were soon silenced by the Federal fire—General Wilder crossed the Tennessee river on the 22d, and burned the bridge near Shilbourn, thus cutting off communication between the left of the Confederate army.

August, 27.—Federal cavalry, under the command of Col. Woodson, made a raid to Pocehontas Creek, and routed several bands of guerrillas, capturing 100 prisoners, among them Jefferson Thompson and staff.—183 bodies have been buried at Lawrence, and more found;