

which is one-half the preceding number; Saturn, the next, in 10,000 days—which is one-third of the period of Uranus; Jupiter revolves in 4,000 days—which is two-fifths of the period of Saturn. And so we go on through the system, and find a law regulating the revolutions of the planets, which is identical with that which determines the arrangement of leaves upon the humble stem of a plant. This wonderful law is so exact and uniform in its application, that, before the discovery of the planet Neptune, the botanist in his garden could have predicted its existence and its place in the heavens, with greater precision than the French astronomer in his observatory. Moreover, an examination of this series of fractions renders it impossible that any planets should exist exterior to Neptune, though more may exist within the orbit of Mercury. Astronomers will therefore please take notice, and not be found planet-hunting in the deserts of space beyond the orbit of Neptune.—*Prof. A. Winchell.*

News of the Week.

The Regatta took place on Wednesday according to announcement; and although the weather was unpleasant, the races were witnessed by a large number of spectators. There were 16 races, in which were engaged—yachts, wherries, flats, whalers, fishing sail boats, gigs, man-of-war launches, merchant ships' jolly boats, and Indian canoes. The Regatta was under the patronage of Vice Admiral Milne, General Doyle, His Worship the Mayor, and Dr. Cogswell.

An address was delivered before the Athenæum Division, on Friday evening, by Thos. M. Brown, Esq. Mr. Brown is favorably spoken of as a lecturer on Temperance; he has visited New Brunswick and the State of Maine, and it is expected the Nova Scotia public will shortly have an opportunity of listening to him.

We learn from the Chronicle that on Wednesday afternoon His Excellency inspected the Volunteer Artillery, under the command of Capt. Tremain. At the close his Excellency was presented with a highly flattering address by Capt. Tremain, on behalf of the officers and men of the company, to which he replied verbally in suitable terms. The address conveyed the thanks of the whole body of Volunteer Artillery to his Excellency for the interest he has always manifested in the Volunteer movement in this Province, and stated that to his efforts and influence is attributable the measure of success that has attended it. His Excellency told the men of the battery that in view of the

efficient and valuable services Capt. Tremain had rendered, he had instructed the Adjutant General to promote him to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

The Digby Acadian reports the potato blight to be making sad havoc in that neighbourhood. Some farmers will not save as much as the seed planted, where they ought to have had three or four hundred bushels.

At a meeting of the Commissioners of the Poor's Asylum held on the 7th inst., the following resolutions were passed:

Resolved—That the thanks of the Board be tendered to Dr. Cogswell, for his generous gift of the Iron Railing around the garden, and also for the interest manifested by him in his desire to promote the improvement and comfort of the inmates of the Poor's Asylum.

The Pictou Standard says the shipment of coal proceeds with unabated briskness. The freights have fallen in consequence of the number of vessels seeking charters.

THERE is a large amount of tonnage at present at Glace Bay, Block House, and Gowrie Mines; and at the Lingan Mines, C. B.

The construction of a Marine Railway has been commenced at Ship Harbor, in the Strait of Canseau. It is to be built by Mr. Crandall.

The Rothsay Blues Volunteer Company fired at Truro, on Thursday last, for a beautiful gold medal presented to the company by Hon. A. G. Archibald. After a spirited contest, the medal was won by Mr. Thos. McKay. He made 19 points, at the 100, 300 and 400 yards ranges.

A Horticultural and Agricultural Exhibition will be held in the Horticultural Society's Gardens on Tuesday, the 13th day of October next, under the patronage of the Government. It will be open to competition from all parts of the Province. The prizes will be from the funds voted by the Legislature for this object. The show will be open for all descriptions of fruit, vegetables and cereals.

A telegram to the Merchants' Reading Room reports that a serious fire occurred at Weymouth on Thursday night. The bridge, Lovitt's new building, containing two stores, and the Acadian printing office, were totally consumed. The goods were saved.

An Inquest was held this morning before Coroner Jennings, on the bodies of two soldiers of the 16th, found on the Western shore of Lawlor's Island on Sunday last. The unfortunate men were stationed at Chobham Camp and have been missing since last May. It appears that they left the city for the camp in company with a Sergeant of the Regiment, and were never heard of until sometime after, when the body of the Sergeant was discovered. It was not known whether they had deserted or not, but the finding

of the bodies has shown that the poor fellows met a watery grave. The verdict was "found drowned on Lawlor's Island."—*Express.*

Thos. Bayard, a colored man, formerly cook of the steamer Ariel, has been committed to take his trial at the Supreme Court on a charge of stealing money letters. The letters were handed to him at Sherbrooke, to give to Capt. McDaniel of the sch. Ariel, who was to have brought them to the city. The evidence is pretty strong against the accused.—*Reporter.*

It has been reported that the Canadian Legislature have made the necessary appropriations for an immediate survey of the Intercolonial Railway.

On the afternoon of Friday last the dwelling house of Mr. Alexr. Fraser, Elmsdale, was destroyed by fire, together with a part of the contents. Mr. Fraser was not at home when the fire broke out.

The French war steamer Guerrier, 60, Admiral Renaud, arrived to-day, from New York.

A man named Tobin, at Charlottetown, P. E. I. has been swindled out of a large sum of money, by a Gipsy and his wife. Ross's Weekly says—"The Gipsies induced Tobin to place in their hands the number of 520 sovereigns, which they to all appearance placed in a box, securely locked thereafter, and the key given to Tobin, promising him that by some locus pocus the money would be doubled in a short time. The box was left in Tobin's charge until the return of the female Gipsy, who was to be absent a fortnight from the Island." The box was subsequently opened, and instead of the bag of gold being inside, a bag of a similar size, filled with lead slugs, was in its place.

AMERICAN INTELLIGENCE.

The Richmond Enquirer says the Southern Government will not recognise captured negroes in the Union service as prisoners of war, and will not consent to exchange them.

By Telegraph to Morning & Evening Papers.

St. John, Sept. 8.—Burnside occupied Knoxville, with a slight resistance. At Kingston a cavalry force from Rosecrans's army at Chattanooga joined Burnside. A sharp fight had occurred at Loudon, the enemy being routed with considerable loss. The Japanese forts firing on English and American vessels had been destroyed.

Sept. 9. Augusta (Georgia) Chronicle states that Capt. of the Alabama, took command of the Mississippi, a new and formidable craft of 24 guns; and not the Georgia as before stated. The desertions from Bragg since his retreat commenced, is estimated at 10,000. A Charleston despatch of 6th says that batteries Wag-