

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

PONT HASTINGS, N. S., DEC. 2, 1873.

Doubtful yet trusting Friends, is our position this morning in presenting to you our little paper. We feel loathe to launch our sheet on the turbulent billows of journalism, to meet a hard exacting world. Fair would we retire and live again in the seclusion that was ours, and which the barren appearance of our country in this quarter, in respect to Newspapers, tempted us to quit. Our first essay in Editing, composing, and printing is before you, and now, we must give you an explanation, a prospectus, and some advice. It is not necessary for us to enter into particulars as to the formation of the Gem PRINTING ASSOCIATION, or the motives that induced us to publish the "News of the Week." We are comprised of four young men, who, taking advantage of their leisure hours, have agreed to edit, print, and publish this modest sheet thereby securing to the people of the Strait of Canso, and vicinity a cheap newspaper. In common with others, we have always held the opinion, that along this shore at some point or another the site for a newspaper is most promising. Here unite the four Counties of Richmond, Guysborough, Antigonish and Inverness. Three of these are, or were till now, unrepresented by a newspaper; and a fourth in the same state, Victoria, is adjacent. Antigonish has the *Casket*, well-conducted and always interesting; but we think that large County is in a position with others will contribute its share to the support of the coalition sheet. We earnestly desire to fairly represent the interests of the five Counties, and we appeal to all who can give information, to supply anything desired.

We are not a rich concern, Friends, or we would make a better show in this, our sample copy. We are Editors, compositors, press-men and publishers together, and all inexperienced, none of us ever having worked in a printing office.

We ask for a liberal support from all. We premise improvement in the same proportion as we are sustained. We will engage experienced workmen and make many and great changes in the style etc. of our paper, that we would now remedy if it were in our power, to suit the necessities of the country. But we have the general story to tell we are poor, and as this is merely a passtime of ours, we do not feel justified in (perhaps) throwing good money after bad. Therefore we leave it in the hands of the intelligent people of the five Counties to support and improve it.

We will make arrangements to report as many ships as possible that pass during the summer months, and use every endeavour to give abundant and reliable shipping intelligence, connected with the Mercantile Marine in and around the Strait. We will pay particular attention to the mackerel fishing fleet, reporting their arrivals and clearances, together with an account of the state of the fishery in the North Bay, each week. It will be one of our objects to give information from the Labrador and Bank fleets that connect in any way with this point. Vessels in the coal trade will also receive our attention, and as our means improve our reports

will be extended, until we shall have as complete a list of shipping as is to be found anywhere. Arrangements will be made on all lines of shipping traffic, in which our Dominion vessels are concerned to give as accurate freight-list, rates of exchange, and everything that will justify our title of "Shipping Gazette."

For the benefit of our Cape Breton subscribers we intend engaging first-class agents in Boston, Montreal, Halifax, St. John's, N. F., and other markets from which our country is supplied or in which our produce finds sale. They will keep us posted regularly as to the prices of flour, fish, coal, produce, cattle, etc., the state of the market and other interesting information.

No expense will be spared to supply the latest Telegraphic News from all parts of the World.

There is one subject, and that is all important, to which it is our duty to refer. To make this paper acceptable to each and every family in our neighborhood we promise to pursue an impartial and unwavering course in regard to political questions. We will represent public sentiments and state of feeling everywhere, to the best of our knowledge, without bias or comment. We will do whatever we are convinced is for the benefit of our country; supporting where support is deserved; censoring whenever that is necessary.

Friends, give us a helping hand, we have work day and night for the past few weeks fitting up our office and laboring at this sheet. We hope to do better by-and-bye. Remember, everything rests with you now. We will return our promises, if we receive support. We will surprise you by improvements, if you support us. We will discontinue publishing at the end of a year if you do not.

Critics, spare us! Be merciful to the weak! The utmost that is in our power, will be done, to receive your approval. Don't expect too much; we are doing the thing blind, and hope to win by diligence and a lively interest in our work, an honest and conscientious position.

The first regular number of our volume will be daylight on the 7th present. All subscribers will receive five of the numbers issued in December, which may be three only. Trusting to your generosity to support this, the first St. John paper, we commit it to you with many misgivings. Receive it kindly, handle it carefully, crush not the tender vine that years hence may be a credit and an honor to the country in which we live.

We tender our best thanks to Messrs. Molloy and Jordan of the Sydney Advocate, for their kind attention to our many and troublesome questions asked while starting our paper, and also for valuable assistance and favor received; we are also indebted to Mr. Murphy, of the Telegraph Office, and Mr. Bertram, of the North Sydney Herald, and all who have assisted us by word or deed will please accept our thanks.

Schr. Daniel W. Clark is now at Domitien wharf. The weather is so cold and blustery that she cannot get on the railway—Material for sheathing not to be had at present probably; she may winter there. The mate while assisting at the practice of a sloop post was struck by a falling block and had his leg injured and toes smashed—while the captain was away after assistance two of the crew named Connors and Fader broke into the captain's and mate's staterooms and destroyed the clothing and effects, and smashed things to the estimated value of fifty dollars—No cause known for the vandalism unless it was for the purpose of damaging the vessel, so that they could get paid off and discharged. Warrants are out for their arrest.

* Advice to Ship-owners.—Use Watson's Schedule for Womr.

Victoria is being actively canvassed by the Hon. the Minister of Marine, who is opposed by the Hon. C. J. Campbell.

Mr. Ross has been a successful and proficient delegate from Victoria to the Federal Parliament ever since Confederation, and in his new position of member of the Cabinet he will greatly benefit that County and the Province at large.

By our telegram we learn all the Ontario and Quebec elections have proved favorable to the government and it is earnestly to be hoped Victoria will consider her interests and act accordingly.

BY TELEGRAPH.

OTTAWA, Nov. 28.

The Grit Convention met last night at Toronto, and nominated Thos. Moss, a leading young Barrister, candidate for West Toronto yesterday.

Mr. McKenzie returned this morning. Col. Czowski will probably be Conservative Candidate for West Toronto.

London, Nov. 28.

A Madrid despatch last evening reports another bombardment of Cartagena, after which the rebel leaders through the Admirals of the foreign squadrons requested a truce of two hours. It is believed propositions for surrender of the city will soon be made.

The Rothschilds announce a Russian five per cent loan of \$5,600,000 dollars. Foreign Markets closed firm.

New York, Nov. 28.

The expectation of receiving a conclusive answer from Spain to the demand of the United States respecting the "Virginius," has not been realized. The negotiations are still in progress and the State Department received yesterday long despatches from Spanish Government, the nature of which the Secretary declines to make public. It is stated, however, that the tenor of all despatches received, indicated that Spain will accede to our demands. It is not known that Gen. Sickles has not given satisfaction by his course in present complications, and has not received full powers for some days past.

(Special to "News of the Week.")

LONDON Dec. 1.

FRENCH PASSENGER-SHIP SUNK IN GALLICAN. 220 PASSENGERS DROWNED. The French steamship Villa du Havre, from New York for Brest, collided on the 23rd ulto, with British ship Locherne, from Liverpool for New York. The Villa du Havre sank immediately, two hundred and twenty passengers were drowned. Eighty were saved by another vessel. Those lost are six delegates returning to Europe from the League of the Atlantic.

OTTAWA DEC. 1.

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE RETURNED BY 800 MAJORITY.

GOVERNMENT SUCCESSES IN NEW BRUNSWICK. THE MINISTER OF CUSTOMS AND A GOVERNMENT REPORTER ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION IN ST. JOHN.

Cartwright, Finance Minister, elected in Lunenburg by majority of eight hundred. Burpee, Minister of Customs, and Deveber, Government supporter, were elected by acclamation in St. John to-day.

HALIFAX DEC. 1.

A fire on Sunday morning, destroyed Harris Brothers Clothing Store on Tattinger Street and damaged several other stores. Loss large but covered by insurance.

Sydney Dec. 1st.

A man named Kenneth Morrison was killed on the railroad between Sydney and Lingen this P.M.

Steamer Lady Dufferin from Halifax arrived this P.M.

The great amount of labor and our inexperience have delayed publication till this morning. Last afternoon the naked body of a large-sized unknown man washed ashore three miles North of this. We learn that the P. E. I. steamer "Princess of Wales," when on her trip, collided with a deeply laden small Schr. This is probably one of her crew, no trace of the injured vessel having been found.

DEATHS.

Suddenly, at Victoria Hotel, Fort Hooton, Nov. 26, Adam Hugh, Son of Francis M. McKenzie of Barneys River, in the 22d year of his age.

NOTICE!

To be sold at Public Auction for the benefit of all concerned, on the Dominion Wharf, Port Hawkesbury at 2 O'clock p.m. on Wednesday next the 3d day of December, the cargo of the Schr. "Daniel W. Clark" of St. John N. B. (which was stranded near Steep Creek) consisting of about two hundred tons Round Coal from the Diamond Colliery, Port Hawkesbury, LEVI HART, Nov. 29th, 1873. Agent.