

IMPORTANT FROM CANADA.

A despatch from Quebec of the 29th Sept. states, that Mr. Lafontaine has tendered his resignation to the Governor General. This step was taken on the arrival of His Lordship in Montreal from Boston. The Montreal Pilot, the Government organ, intimates that the course pursued by Mr. L. will render necessary the entire reconstruction of the Cabinet.

Later accounts state, that the Inspector General, the Postmaster General, and the Commissioner of Crown Lands, had also resigned, and that the whole Cabinet would follow.

It is generally understood that Mr. Hincks is to be the new Premier, with Messrs. Dandridge and McDonald, the present Solicitor General, as Attorney General for East and West.

About the resignation of the ministry, there cannot now be the slightest doubt. The Toronto Examiner says: It is reported that Mr. Lafontaine would on the arrival of Lord Elgin in Montreal, tender his resignation, and that it was presumed Mr. Price's resignation would take place at the same time.

The ministerial organ states the same fact, viz: that the ministry is dead.

We believe that the Hon. Mr. Lafontaine has executed the determination some time since expressed by him, of resigning immediately after the termination of the session of Parliament in the fall.

The retirement of the two leaders of the Government—Messrs. Lafontaine and Baldwin—necessitating an entire reconstruction of the Cabinet; we understand all the other members of the Administration have also placed their appointments at the disposal of His Excellency the Governor General; and now merely retain until their successors are appointed. His Excellency—on the receipt of these resignations—will, doubtless, pursue the course pointed out by constitutional experience, and invite some statesman known to possess the confidence of the people, to prepare a list of a new Administration, and submit it to His Excellency for his approval. It would, of course, be premature even to offer a conjecture, who will be invited to take the task of forming an Administration; but there can be no doubt, that His Excellency will place that responsibility in proper hands. We indulge a well-founded belief, that a new Administration will, ere long, be formed, composed of individuals pledged to carry out the principles, and to administer the affairs of the country in accordance with the well understood wants and wishes of the people.

The Crops.—We are happy to observe that harvesting is now nearly completed. The grain from light dry well prepared soils is yielding well, although what new soils we have seen in market are but a very inferior sample. That from low wet land late in sowing is very poor, and a great many fields were infected with mildew, or rust which renders the grain useless, and the straw like wire. Barley is not harvested in excellent order, but the crop is not what was expected, the pick being very small and light in general. The wheat is all saved in good order, with a few exceptions, and from all parts we hear good accounts of it, where justice has been done in the cultivation of the crop. The variety that is generally sowed in this district is the black sea wheat, which is found to escape the ravages of the fly most. From what we hear we may safely say there has not been such an abundant crop of this grain for many years past, which will in a great measure compensate for the loss of the very heavy in this neighbourhood. The potato crop is not so good as last year. In many places they are quite thin in the ground and small. We have been informed by a farmer of St. Foy, who has commenced to take them up, that he will be nearly a half deficient from last year on the same quantity of ground. The turnip crop that was sown in proper time promises well. In some localities where the soil is strong and stiff we observe the crop deficient. Carrots and mangewortzel & other root crops are generally good though not cultivated to any great extent. The hard frost of the 24th and 25th inst. has completely destroyed all the tender garden flowers which were exposed. Pumpkins, French beans, and many other garden stuffs are completely blackened. Ice was formed in standing pools of water to the thickness of a dollar. The rain we had in the beginning of the week has put the land in first rate order for the fall ploughing, which is much required in this part. The forests to the north of this city are beginning to put on their autumnal appearance in many places, particularly the maple which changes colour first.—Quebec Chronicle.

A DISCOVERY IN SURGERY.—A Prussian named Aran is said to have recently made a discovery in surgery that is exciting considerable interest in the scientific circles of Berlin. It is the application of chlorine to relieve pain. Unlike chloroform it can be used without the least danger to the patient, and is very effectual in its operation. From the account, a small quantity of the fluid (from ten to twenty drops) is dropped on the part affected, or on a lint bandage slightly moistened with water, and then applied, and all bound up in oil silk, and a linen band. After from two to ten minutes the part becomes insensible, and the pain is no longer felt, whether it be from rheumatic, nervous, or other disorders. After a time it returns again, but usually weaker, and with several applications it is often entirely relieved. The discoverer has presented a memorial on the subject to the Academy at Paris.

NEWFOUNDLAND.—The *Ledger* says: A story, for the truth of which we do not vouch, is told us, that last fall, twelve months ago, a fishing boat with five hands was driven ashore somewhere about Gander Bay, and that the crew being absent longer than the usual time, another boat was sent to inquire after them; that they found the bodies, dead and scalped, whereupon they returned, and procuring four or five other boats, with men well armed, returned to the former scene of action—that they then fell in with a party of some hundreds of Red Indians, many of whom they shot down, the rest dispersing. We know the names of some of the parties, and have been concerned in this transaction, and we may be enabled to say more about it in another week or two. The popular opinion that the Red Indians of this country are exterminated, is in our mind a fabulous one—some of the tribe have, upon credible authority, been seen within the last few years; and the result of Mr. Gibson's researches, in this respect may be of importance too, in very many years.

The people of Harbour Grace, up to the beginning of the present month, had taken 5000 grammes, averaging in value about £4 a piece.

Quebec.—The deaths from Asiatic Cholera at Quebec this season, up to the 20th inst. were 157. Two new cases and one death occurred during the preceding twenty four hours.

We understand that the Bishops of Toronto, Newfoundland, Fredericton, and Montreal, who are now on a visit to the Bishop of Quebec, will all take part in the services of the Cathedral Church to-morrow morning, and that the sermons in behalf of the Diocesan Church Society (for the benefit of the Widows and Orphans of poor clergymen), as announced to be preached in the Cathedral in the morning, and in St. Matthew's and All Saints' Churches in the evening, will be distributed in the hands of their Lordships.

There will also be service in the Cathedral, on Monday next, at eleven o'clock, being the Festival of St. Michael, when it is expected that one of the Bishops will preach.

Mercury.

NEW-ORLEANS, 27th. Terrible Steamboat Explosion.—The boiler of the steamer *Brilliant* exploded near Bayou Sara, yesterday, destroying her cabins and upper works. Many lives were lost, but the names are not yet known. Of 80 deck hands and firemen, only 25 were found after the explosion.

The *Brilliant* was bound to New-Orleans from Bayou Sara.

Revolution in Northern Mexico.—The steamer *Yachra* has arrived at New-Orleans with important news from Northern Mexico. The revolution there has proved successful. It commenced at Camargo, where the patriots attacked the Mexicans, and were the victors, having taken the town by storm, with a loss of the Mexicans of 60. The Government troops were encircled in a church, with artillery. The Revolutionists are commanded by Carrillo, who has also with him two Companies of Texas. At last accounts they were marching up to Matamoros, and Reynosa Gen. Arago, who is at Matamoros, has only 300 troops. He had made a requisition on the city for 2000, but the city refused to raise a single man. The plan of the revolutionists was given in a proclamation, which was widely circulated. Tampico and Tuxtepec is in the hands of the insurgents. The people of Matamoros are quietly waiting the arrival of the liberating army.

The Halifax Star, after announcing the arrival of the *Excelsior* Sir John Harvey by the *Mail Steamer* Canada, from Liverpool, remarks: "Coming as no doubt, His Excellency does, perfectly informed as to the exact views and intentions of Her Majesty's Government in relation to the Railway policy of the Colonial Cabinet, he will be enabled to meet the local Legislature with more confidence, and a firmer and more fixed resolve to sustain his Council in carrying out that great national scheme upon which the Imperial authorities have stamped their approval. It is not probable that His Excellency will delay in calling together the new Parliament and ascertaining constitutionally whether the views of the country endorse the views of the Home Government and the local Executive."

The Railway at Halifax.—According to request, Mr. H. Harvey, Esq., delivered a lecture on the subject of the Railway, before a large and highly interested meeting, among whom were a number of the leading men of Halifax, three requisitions having been presented Mr. P. by the inhabitants. The lecture was on Railways, and went off with great effect.

At the close, the Hon. Mr. Howe announced, very unexpectedly, that the Legislature of Nova Scotia would be summoned to meet before the 1st of November, in consideration of the Great Railway question! This announcement was received with immense applause.

Death of Capt. Darby.—A sensation of intense melancholy and sorrow was spread through the city yesterday, by tidings of the arrival of the Revenue Schooner *Daring* from Sable Island, with the corpse of Capt. Darby on board! He expired in his berth on Tuesday, suddenly, in a fit.—[Halifax Recorder.]

ARRIVAL OF THE 72ND REGIMENT.—The Head Quarters of this Regiment arrived here in the steamer *Forest Queen* on Friday evening last. They are certainly a fine body of men, and would likely be great customers to deal with should necessity require their

professional services. They replace a Regiment which every body was pleased with, and a single man, of which never was before the 72nd was on a charge of offending the laws of the country during the time they occupied this garrison.

We have little enough in our countrymen to believe that when the time of their departure comes, the 72nd will be as much regretted as their predecessors.—[Herald.]

Subscribers indebted for the Standard will be called upon during the present month, when it is expected they will pay our collector.

THE STANDARD.

ST. ANDREWS, WEDNESDAY, OCT. 21, 1851

A very considerable engineering excitement has been raised in St. John, in consequence of R. D. Wilnot's having accepted the Office of Surveyor General. We cannot state the propriety of some of the St. John papers using such abusive epithets toward Mr. Wilnot, even though he had deserted his party—a position we do not admit, and which cannot be proved. The facts are simply these: Mr. Wilnot was one of a party who were elected to break up the then existing Government. They failed in two attempts, and saw that they could not accomplish it.

The Government has since been reconstructed; true, Mr. Ritchie is not, nor is it likely ever will be, a member of our present Executive; but two gentlemen from the representation of St. John are now, viz: Messrs. Gray and Wilnot; they are acknowledged conservatives; Mr. Wilnot has been appointed to Office, and in accepting the situation, was well aware that he must appeal to his constituents for re-election. He has done so in an able address, and we hope may be elected.

Charlotte County Agricultural Exhibition.—The St. Croix Agricultural Society's Exhibition, will be held at St. Stephen, near the Kirkton, the 19th inst.

The St. Patrick's Agricultural Society will hold its Cattle Show and Fair at the farm of Mr. Robert Cockburn, Digby, on the 21st inst.

The Charlotte County Agricultural Society will hold its annual Cattle Show and Fair at the Deer-House Farm, St. Andrews, on Tuesday the 28th inst.

All entries for Poultry at each of the above-named Exhibitions, must be made before 10 o'clock on the respective days.

The Postmaster General, as will be seen by advertisement in our columns, has advertised for tenders for carrying a Mail once a week between Fredericton and Saint Andrews, or Saint Stephen. This is a move in the right direction; the people along the line of road have been kept in an isolated position since their first settlement, but will now have an opportunity of corresponding with their friends in other parts of the Province, which they could not do before, without the serious inconvenience of coming some miles distant to town. No doubt a Way Office will be established at the most central point on the road.

A STRANGE VISITOR.—A bear, tired of living in the woods, entered Fredericton on Wednesday last, at the upper end of the City, and walked very leisurely along one of its principal streets for some time; he was, however, soon surrounded, and in attempting to make his escape, was stuck with a pitchfork, which unceremoniously terminated his life and visit.

Our attention has been called to the gross misconduct of a number of lads who are in the habit of breaking windows, not only in private dwellings, but in places of Public Worship in town, destroying fruit trees in several gardens, and otherwise injuring private property. We have been furnished with the names of some of these youths—and forbear for the present publishing them; but should a repetition of the offence occur, we trust they will be lodged for safe-keeping in the goal, and their names published.

THE RAILROAD.—The Fredericton Reporter says: "We have special information that the people of Bangor will not be a party to any railroad which will not take the northern route, via Lincoln, to their place. This we believe is reasonable enough, as in addition to the approach of the line contended for, within 18 miles of Fredericton, and its intersection of the St. Andrews Line at the most favourable point, it is said to be entirely free from those Engineering difficulties which must be met with on either of the southern routes nearer the sea shore."

A despatch from Quebec to the *News Room*, states that the Rev. P. McHahon, died at that place on the 3d inst. He was

pastor of St. Patrick's (R. C.) Church, and was formerly of St. John; much and sincerely regretted.

PROVINCIAL APPOINTMENT.—His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor has been pleased to appoint provisionally, until Her Majesty's pleasure be known, the Honorable Robert Duncan Wilnot, to be Surveyor General of this Province, in the room of the Honorable Thomas Bailey, resigned.

By His Excellency's Command,
J. R. PARTELOW,
Secretary's Office, 1st Oct. 1851.

DISASTROUS OCCURRENCE.—A high pressure boiler—outside of, and auxiliary to other boilers of the same character in a saw mill adjacent to the Vulcan Foundry, Lower Cove, exploded yesterday afternoon, when, we regret to learn, that the fireman and a young boy were so severely scalded that their lives are despaired of. This casualty originated, we learn, in consequence of the fault state of the boiler, the bottom of which being covered with a hard concrete sediment, an inch and a half in thickness. Thus, the water was prevented from coming in contact with the iron, and the same becoming intensely heated, it would no longer withstand the pressure of the steam. It is fortunate that the occurrence did not result more disastrously, as many persons were at work in its immediate vicinity.—[New Brunswick.]

TAMPERING WITH THE COURTS OF JUSTICE.—In the latter part of last week rumours were about that Thomas Pickard, Esq., one of the representatives for this County, had tampered with a Jury empanelled in the County of Victoria. We were slow to believe that any man holding the rank of a member of the Legislature could have so far forgotten himself, and we immediately telegraphed to a friend to ascertain whether there was any foundation for the rumour. By this next post we received the following, dated at Woodstock on the 20th ult.:

"A suit of *Bannock v. Herbert and others*, had been tried, and the Jury were deliberating. The Attorney General, Counsel for the plaintiff, complained to the Court that Pickard had been tampering with the Jury. Pickard was brought before the Court, and it was proved by two witnesses that as the Jury were leaving the Court to go to their room he had spoken to them and told them not to agree. It was also proved that during the day of trial, he said in presence of several of the Jury, (though it was not particularly addressed to them) that if he was on the Jury he would soon decide the case. He denied the charge after a fashion, and said that his remarks were addressed to the Sheriff, to whom he said that the Jury would not agree. The Sheriff was sworn and said he did not recollect having any conversation with Pickard. The result was, that after a severe rebuke, the Judge fined Pickard £10, and ordered him to be committed, until the fine was paid;—the money was paid at once."

Pickard made a very pathetic appeal, spoke of his being a representative of the Province, of which he was proud, and would always do his duty faithfully and honestly. He struck his fist on the table, and was proceeding with his harangue when the Judge stopped him. After the affair was over, Pickard declared that he had been robbed, and would have his money back. Sundry vague threats were made, and a good deal of bravado consumed, and it was suggested that the Judge and the Attorney General should be indicted. The last has not yet been performed.

The most absurd part of the whole proceeding is yet to come. On Saturday morning, just as the acting Clerk of the Court was leaving the Falls, Pickard had him held to bail for the £10. Fortunately he was enabled to get bail and came off. He expects the cause to be tried in the Victoria Common Pleas next January, and feels sure of a verdict. How he could make oath that Mr. Allan was indebted to him in the sum of £10 merely because he received the money as Clerk of the Court, is a little surprising.

All the thinking part of the community are satisfied with the Judge's conduct in the matter. There are some, of course, who say that it was an arbitrary and illegal act, and done from personal motives.

We have full faith in the correctness of the gentleman who furnished us with the above, and have no hesitation in expressing our opinion that in no civilized community such conduct be tolerated. Does Mr. Pickard suppose that he can intimidate Judge Wilnot, frighten Sheriff Beckwith, and turn cap-squire Her Majesty's Attorney General, just when it may suit his pleasure? Such notions are really foolish, and do not become a representative of York, and we dare say before long Mr. Pickard will have reason to repent of his rashness. Law makers should never be law breakers, for if they do not respect their own acts, it is somewhat difficult to imagine how they can expect others to be bound by what they treat so lightly. We are sorry to have been obliged to say so much—to have said less would have been cowardice.—[Head Quarters.]

GLOUCESTER ELECTION.—Accounts from Gloucester state, that Joseph Read, Esq., has been returned for this County, by a majority of 172 over Mr. End. Mr. End recently left this Province for the purpose of taking up his residence in the United States, but notwithstanding, he evidently has a longing for the "fresh pots" of New Brunswick.

FAMINE IN SWEDEN.—Great scarcity exists in the district of Oestmark, province of Wermland, in Sweden, and the inhabitants are actually obliged to crush the bark of trees and eat it, mixed with green rye

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