

place between two gentlemen at whist. High words were the consequence. Both had been partaking freely of claret after dinner, and were considerably heated. A challenge to a duel was sent and accepted. Before a few hours had elapsed, one was a corpse, and the other had fled to take shipping for a far-off land. Both were persons of consequence, and had acted on the grand jury. Were not both as criminal as those who had been brought to public trial? The duellist may be viewed as both a murderer and a suicide. He is a wilful transgressor of the laws of God and of his country. Surely it is high time that the legislature should interfere to prevent the sacrifices so often made at the shrine of a false sense of honour. May I not remark, by the way, that the card-table is not unfrequently the scene where some of the worst passions are called into exercise?

Such were the events which marked the Lent assizes of this year. The circumstances threw a gloom over the neighbourhood; but it speedily passed.—The ball at the next assizes was as gay, and as well attended as ever. Such is human folly; such the inconsistency of those who live only for the pleasures of the world, and deem every opinion as hypocritical which in any respect opposes the gratification of their senses. The provincial newspaper of the following week contained in contiguous columns a full account of the trials, the execution, the conduct of the criminals on the scaffold—the duel, the escape—the dresses of the ladies, and the viands at the supper.

It may be well to state that H. was not executed. Strong petitions were drawn up, and the sentence was commuted to transportation for life. In the colony to which he was sent, H. conducted himself with great propriety; some of the severities of the sentence were consequently relaxed; and I have the strongest conviction that the residue of life will be spent worthy of a Christian profession. He had received a good plain education. Religious principles had been strongly inculcated on his mind by his mother, who died of a broken heart in a very few weeks. In a sad and dark hour the tempter gained the victory; but "let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall." His master visited him frequently before he left—freely forgave him his foul offence. We are warranted surely to believe, that through the blood of the saviour to whom he betook himself in faith, penitence, and humility, his pardon has been sealed in heaven; and the recollection of the deed which made him an alien from his fathers' land has been blotted out, not to appear against him on that day when we must all stand before the judgment-seat of Christ.—*Church of England Magazine.*

SUMMARY OF NEWS.

NEW SOUTH WALES.—The accounts from New South Wales are of a most unfavourable nature, in consequence of the unusually great droughts to which the entire continent has been for some time subjected. A letter written in April last from Sydney has the following melancholy observations:—"Cattle are perishing in the interior for want of grass and water, and their stock has fallen 100 per cent. It is a most lamentable season for the Colony—the crops have all failed for want of rain, and not a blade of grass for 1000 miles of the interior, nor water for 100 miles. This has been the third successive dry season in the Colony, and if next year is like it, all New South Wales becomes a desert. They are expecting wheat and rice from India to avert famine here."

BOSTON, Nov. 19.

The British Government has sent out a small fast sailing vessel, with orders for Capt. Elliott, the Superintendent. There is no talk of bombarding Canton. The East India Company have nearly completed three steam vessels, each of 800 tons, for the protection of their commerce in the China seas against pirates.

QUEBEC, NOVEMBER 4.

It appears that several of the refugees have lately made their appearance at Montreal. It is remarked by the *Ami du Peuple*, that the same thing occurred shortly before the outbreak last year. The increased violence in the tone of the seditious newspapers is also noticed in the same paper, as having been a premonitory system last year. It is playing with the law if there are depositions and warrants against offenders and they are not acted upon; in fact substituting "will and pleasure" for law and duty.

NOVEMBER, 6.

The good people of Brockville have been addressing the Lieutenant Governor during his late visit there. In answering the Address, Sir George condemns the theory of Durham responsibility.

NOVEMBER 11.

We learn from the Toronto Patriot, that Flood, the Sergeant in Major McGrath's troop of Lancers, who was apprehended last spring, we believe, has been convicted at the Court of Assize, of the charges pro-

ferred against him—namely, to fire the Government House, the stables containing the horses of his troop, the Receiver General's Office, and to perpetrate sundry other monstrous crimes.

NOVEMBER 16.

Yesterday morning a Company of the 11th Regiment, augmented to a hundred men, under the Command of Bt. Major Chambre, crossed the river to Point Levy and proceeded on their route to Lake Tamsiquata. In the afternoon two Companies of the same Regiment arrived from Sorel in the Steamboat British America.—*Mercury.*

MONTREAL, Nov. 9.

Yesterday's Courier announces "upon good authority," that his Excellency the Governor General will proceed to Upper Canada on the 18th inst. and will open the Upper Canada Legislature in person on the 3d December. It also denies any intention, on the part of His Excellency, to dissolve the present Assembly; adding "We have reason to believe, that his Excellency is an advocate of Local Responsibility, but not to the extent proposed by Lord Durham."

MORE PATRIOT TROUBLES.—It is said that the Patriots on both sides of the lines are again preparing for winter operations. We sincerely hope it is not so; but from the fact that the Secretary of War has ordered Gen. Scott to make the tour of the frontier, we fear there is too much truth in the rumour.—*Rochester Democrat.*

On the 28th ultimo, the unfortunate convict Ledlie, found guilty at the late Assizes of having murdered his wife, was executed at Hamilton, in Upper Canada, in pursuance of his sentence. The unhappy culprit is said to have evinced the most patient and earnest interest in the consolations of Religion, and had become fully prepared to undergo the awful change that awaited him. He was attended during his last moments by the Rev. A. Gale; and, having ascended the scaffold, he addressed the multitude in a short speech, in which he cautioned his hearers to avoid bad company; and concluded by exhorting them to attend to their religious duties, the neglect of which had brought him to his untimely end.

NOV. 12.

The Special Council met yesterday, at one o'clock, at the Government House. Since its adjournment in April last, the following members have been added to the body:—

The Chief Justice of the Province; Hon. R. U. Harwood, Vaudrenil; Edward Hale, Portneuf; Edward Hale, Sherbrooke; John Wainwright, Argenteuil; J. B. Tache, Kamouraska.

The *Upper Canada Gazette Extraordinary* of the 5th instant, contains a Proclamation by His Excellency Sir George Arthur convoking a Session of the Provincial Legislature, to be held on the third of December next, at Toronto, for the actual dispatch of business.

FREDERICTON, Nov. 20.

NORTH EASTERN BOUNDARY.—A strong solicitude appears to be felt about the further proceedings which are to grow out of the investigation of the Boundary Commissioners. We learn that the party from the Metis River arrived in town on Saturday evening, and therefore suppose every thing connected with the exploration closed, at least for the season. In the short space of three months since the arrival of Lieut. Col. Mudge and Mr. Featherstonhaugh in this Province, they, with well organised and efficient parties, have examined the surface of the country, from the western termination of the Bay of Chaleur to the western sources of the Penobscot and Chaudiere; the whole of the Allegash country, from its source to its junction with the St. John's; the line of the Roostuc from its extreme sources to its mouth; and that of the St. John's river from its sources in the Highlands which divide it from the waters of the Penobscot, along its whole course to the sea. To this laborious investigation they have added a critical examination of the line claimed by Maine as the true boundary intended in the Treaty of 1783, from Etchemin River to the Metis Lakes; this last portion of the work being effected under circumstances of great difficulty, and attended with personal sufferings. The line of country comprehended in this description, extends to about seven hundred miles, along the whole of which Barometrical admeasurements have, we understand, been carefully taken. The great number of interesting facts thus, for the first time collected, must, we think, have an important influence on the final decision of a question that many able men have in vain attempted to settle for near sixty years.

ST. JOHN, N. B. Nov. 16.

We omitted to mention in our last, the very handsome donation received by the Mechanics' Institute in this City, from JAMES DOBIE, Esquire, of Glasgow consisting of two large and beautiful Drawings, representing the latest improvements in the Steam Engine, and a copy of Ure's Philosophy of Manufactures. The thanks of the Institute, were on motion of Mr. Jarvis, ordered to be conveyed by the Secretary to Mr. Dobie for his valuable present.

We understand that the North American Colonial Association of Ireland have appointed and empowered M. H. PERLEY, Esq. of this City, to act as their Agent and Commissioner for New Brunswick. This Association is incorporated by Act of Parliament with extensive powers and privileges for the purpose of promoting the settlement of the British North American Provinces, by means of extensive emigration from the United Kingdom of persons of all classes and conditions. The Right Honorable Earl Fitzwilliam is the Governor of the Association, and takes a very active and prominent part in all its proceedings. The Direction is composed of men of high standing, both as large landed proprietors in the United Kingdom and as connected with eminent Banking and Mercantile establishments in London and Dublin.

THE ST. JOHN SACRED MUSIC SOCIETY gave a public Concert, on Wednesday evening last, in the Wesleyan Sabbath School Room, Horsfield-street. A numerous and very respectable audience were present, who appeared to be highly gratified with the assemblage of melodious sounds that fell so harmoniously upon the ear. As it might be considered invidious to allude to individual excellencies, it may suffice to say that the evening's performances reflected much credit upon the Society, and called forth reiterated applause from the admiring spectators. In addition to the regular arrangements for the evening, *God save the Queen* was requested and responded to in an admirable manner, the audience joining in the chorus. A collection amounting to £18 was taken up to defray expences.—*Gazette.*

MARINE NEWS.

PORT OF HALIFAX.

ARRIVED.

Thursday.—Schr. Eleanor Archibald, Sutherland, Boston, 5 days—raisins, grapes, &c. to Deblois & Merkel; Schr. Jesse, McInnis, P. E. Island—produce; Schr. Industry, Appleby Boston, 3 days—naval stores, apples, crackers, &c. to H. Fay and others.

Friday.—Brig Eliza, Wilson, Waterford, 47 days, bound to St. John, N. B. sprung a leak 17th inst.; schr. Emily, LeBlanc, Miramichi, 12 days—lumber; Uniacke, Chance, and Sophia Miranda, P. E. Island—produce; Packet, Graham, Antigonish, 6 days—salmon, pork, &c.; Roxana, Fader, St. George's Bay, 8 days—herring, oil, &c. to D. McLean; Harmony, Isles, St. John's, N. F. 13 days—dry fish, to J. A. Moren; New Commerce, Brothers, and Angeliqne, Sydney.

Saturday.—Schr. Mary, Boudroit, Montreal, 17 days—330 bbls flour to A. Murison; Irene and Lord Lovat, Sydney—coal; Reform, Howard, P. E. Island—produce; Dartford, Wooden, Pictou—coal; Mary, Two Brothers, and Swallow, Arieat—dry & pickled fish, &c.; Ruth, Maubou—beef, pork, &c.; Margaret Ann, and Reward, Pictou—coal; Susan, Sydney—coal.

Sunday.—Schr. Dove, Marmad; Nancy, Fougere; Richmond, Gerroir; Mary Ann, Nancy, Ann, Agnes, Great Britain, Sarah Wier, Milly, Angeliqne, Mary, Eliza, William, Trial, Cruiser, Esperance, Ellen, Nancy, Margaret, Sydney and Bridgeport—coal, fish and butter; Melony and Susan Ann, Pictou, coal; Sable, Kennedy, LaPoile, and Dove, Butler, do—fish, oil, &c. to W. & J. McNeil; Queen Charlotte, LeBlanc, and Elizabeth, Harding, P. E. Island, 7 days—produce; Sarah, Lark, Cocaigne, 3 days—lumber; Ruth, Caboon, Whitehead—bound to Liverpool; Eliza Bunting, Lucas, St. John's, N. F. 12 days—fish, to W. Lawson, junr. and J. Allison & Co.—Velocity sld. 3 days previous for Jamaica; Eliza, Morrison, New York, via Guysborough, 9 days—flour, to Fairbanks and Allison; Active, Kendrick, Montreal, 25 days, and Quebec 15 days—flour, beef & seeds, to do; Nine Sons, Drew, St. John's, N. F. 10 days—fish, oil & tea to S. Binney; Am. brig Grecian, LaBere, Baltimore, 20 days—wheat to W. A. Black & Son, Rambler, P. E. Island, 3 days; Nightingale, do. 9 days.

Monday.—Schr. Arctic, More, Liverpool, N. S. 1 day lumber—bound to St. John's, N. F. Mailboat Velocity, Barss, put back to Liverpool 21st inst. and sailed same evening for Boston.

This morning.—Schr. Murdoch, Guysborough—dry & pickled fish, beef, pork, &c.

CLEARED.

Thursday.—Schr. Helen, Drew, Petersburg, U. S.—coals, by S. Binney; brig Hypolite, Morrison, St. John's, N. F.—general cargo, by C. West and others; schr. Betsey, Graham, Pictou—rum, sugar and molasses, by J. U. Ross and others; schr. Ion Hammond, St. John, N. B.—general cargo, by S. Binney and others; brig Mary Helen, Hamilton, Alexandria—fish by A. B. Richardson.

Friday.—Brig Lady S. Maitland, Grant, B. W. Indies—general cargo, by J. Fairbanks, and others; schr. Annandale, Wightman P. E. Island—general cargo, by S. Cunard & Co. & others.

Saturday.—Schr. Providence, Deagle, P. E. Island—general cargo, by Bolton & Leishman and others; brig Tamer, Stowe, B. W. Indies—dry fish, pork and beef, by Saltus and Wainwright and others.

Monday.—Schr. Three Brothers, Reynolds, Charlotte Town.

PASSENGERS.

In the Echo from Philadelphia—Mr. Milward.—In the Rifleman from New York—Mr. A. Stewart.—In the Eliza from Waterford—Capt. Alderly, Lady, and child.—In the Prince George for London—Dr. Fogo.—In the George McLeod for Mauritius—Mr. James Leishman, junr.

NOTICE.

THE SUBSCRIBER being about to make an alteration in his Business, requests that all persons indebted to him up to the 31st December last, will settle their accounts immediately, otherwise they will be placed in the hands of his Attorney for immediate collection. **GASPER ROAST.**

Halifax, Oct. 7, 1859.