

The Provincial Wesleyan.

General Intelligence.

New Brunswick.

NOVEL LAUNCH.—On Wednesday last, a beautifully modelled and well built launch of 300 tons, called the *Nepenthe*, was launched at Wellington by, at the new building yard of Messrs MacLachlan & Co. in Carleton Place. She was fully rigged on the stocks, and was launched by her sails, all being ready for immediate use. After gliding into the water, her sails were set, and she passed up the harbour, her leading berth, in fine style. The *Nepenthe* is constructed of the best of American and pitch pine, is copper fastened, and will draw 7 feet. She was owned by her enterprising builders, who intend her for a regular packet between the City and the Clyde, and will be commanded by Capt. Hatfield, at present of the packet brig Zetland. We are pleased to notice increasing evidences of an extended commerce, and the establishment of more regular traders between St. John and the Mother Country. We trust that the spirited proprietors of the *Nepenthe* will meet with the encouragement to which they are so justly entitled.

THE SEASON.—The change in the weather has been most extraordinary. About ten days ago the sun shone brightly, and the wind was from the north-east, but the evening and morning are damp and extremely cold, rendering a fire necessary for comfort. There has been frost the last few nights, but sufficient to show that to insure any thing—*Wesleyan* *Observer* 27th ult.

Canada.

Some important changes have been made in the Colonial Ministry, in consequence of Mr. Cameron's appointment as a Judge of the Supreme Court. The Gazette contains the following announcement:—The Hon. Mr. Morris, Postmaster General, to be Speaker of the Legislative Council, in the place of Mr. Caron. Hon. Mr. Cameron, President of the Executive Council, to be Postmaster General in the place of Mr. Morris, and the Hon. Mr. Routh, Commissioner of Crown Lands, to be President of the Executive Council, in the place of Mr. Cameron. The Commissioner of Crown Lands is therefore for the present vacant.

PROFESSOR EXHIBITION.—The work of preparing the grounds for the Fair, to be held in Hamilton, is proceeding with activity. The Spectator says, "A more beautiful site for an exhibition of the sort is not to be found in the Province. The ground is finely undulating, interspersed with handsome shady oaks, and coffee some of the highest points of land in the city. Upon a natural mound, rising some feet above the level of the city, stands the magnificent St. Andrew's, a building one hundred and thirty feet long and two stories high, and from this point is presented one of the most enchanting views imaginable. To the south and west we have the bold scenery presented by the Mountain range, as it sweeps away in the direction of Ancaster and Finchley, meeting with its rugged and towering peaks, and forming an amphitheatre of surpassing grandeur and beauty; while to the east and north the eye is charmed with a panoramic view embracing the City, the Bay, the Shipping, the distant Beach, and the Ontario, which is seen to be a beautiful bay. The view from the clock tower between King and York streets, and Lock and Dundas streets, is now being enclosed by a close board fence, nine feet high, with three gates on York street, forming the main entrance, two on King street, and two between King and York streets. The fencing will be completed in the course of a few days, and the erection of the buildings which are to be very numerous and commodious, is required by the terms of the contract, to be finished by the 20th September. About three hundred thousand feet of lumber will be necessary for that purpose. Every thing looks as if the grand exhibition, the most attractive, and we trust in its results the most satisfactory, of any yet held."

The lumber trade of Canada through Lake Champlain, remarks the Albany Journal, is rapidly increasing. Much of what formerly passed from the Ottawa down the St. Lawrence, now takes this route, and the amount will continue to increase with the increase of facilities. The construction of the contemplated canal from the St. Lawrence to Lake Champlain, will render this trade one of the most important known to our inland commerce. And that canal will be completed later, for its importance is appreciated on both sides of the line, and is so full of promise as investment, that the required capital could be easily raised if our Canadian neighbours would but raise the ball in motion.

MONTREAL AND PORTLAND.—Since the completion of the Railroad between these cities excavations on a mammoth scale have been ordered by the Hon. the Minister of the Marine, and the plans are under the auspices of the Montreal Mechanics' Institute, and came off during the early part of the present week. The party was composed of three divisions of about 300 each, the first leaving on Monday morning, the second on Tuesday morning, and the third on Tuesday afternoon. We are informed that the company received a most cordial reception from the citizens of Portland. They were met on the wharf by a large assemblage, including a portion of the Portland Mechanics' Association, whose President, says the *Portland Advertiser*, bid the visitors welcome, not only to Portland, but to the homes and hearts of the citizens of Portland, and to the friends of the citizens of Portland, and to the ladies and gentlemen of the latter city will leave for Montreal on Monday 25th. Such friendly greetings between neighbours, are cheering signs of the times, and show that after all, the iron horse is one of the most powerful agents in the promotion of reciprocity.

TEMPERANCE.—Very much remains to be done in both sections of the Province in reference to the temperance reform. In many places the divisions of the Sons of Temperance have ceased to be a novelty, and the good work has stopped in its course. It is to be hoped that the friends of temperance will be encouraged to stem the present flood of intemperance; and will need well devised and long continued persevering efforts in order to secure a healthy and sound public sentiment in relation to it. Until men become total abstainers from love of the principle, they are not likely to be very consistent or take much interest in the cause. How is it that Montreal, Kingston, Toronto, and Hamilton abound so in taverns, saloons, and recesses—presenting a strong temptation to the reclaimed drunkard, and an alluring bait to young men, and what are the temperance men doing to abate the number of such places? But little can be accomplished by lectures and meetings. There must be individual effort—tracts must be circulated, and the press more extensively used—and what this is done the principle of the Maine Law must be thoroughly agitated. We know men who have been reclaimed, have done well till they fell a prey to those who, by the State, are deemed to sell what demoralises and impoverishes—*Montreal Witness*.

CUNEIFORM.—It is strange that in this country, where money is said to be so scarce, and people have so little to give to a good cause, that a band of idle and dissolute men are so well supported. Perambulating circuses take away, annually, thousands of dollars—and were that all, it might be spared, but the laws behind them are multiplied among the young, a vast amount of immorality and crime. In almost every place they visit, they are attended by scenes of drunkenness and riotousness, fighting and worse evils abound; children neglect their school lessons; and for months they are imitating the foolish tricks of

these worthless men. Most of these men are of the most abandoned description, and we sincerely pity those who have any wish to spend an evening in such company. A few days since a member of the circus about to visit this city, brutally murdered a resident of Kingston by stabbing him to the heart with a dagger. It appears that the wretched mountebank was abusing a boy, when an indignant citizen interposed, and the man turned upon and stabbed him to death. The day previous there had been a fight about the tents; the circus man was beaten and encouraged, and allowed to carry away our towns and villages large sums.

THE GOVERNOR GENERAL LEFT QUEBEC FOR HALIFAX ON MONDAY LAST. Previous to his departure, General Rowan was sworn in as Administrator of the Government.

Chief Justice Lafontaine, it is stated in the Quebec papers, has obtained leave of absence for some months, during which he intends visiting England.

Mr. Stevenson and Mr. Jackson visited the Mechanics' Institute of this city, on the 25th ult, when the former made a suitable reply to a congratulatory address, and the latter subscribed £100 in the name of the Grand Trunk Railway Company towards the building of the New Mechanics' Institute.

MELANCOLE'S ACCIDENT.—On Saturday last, while Mr. Melancole, of the Township of Sidney, was engaged in leading a thrashing machine, his hand became entangled in a sheaf of grain, drawing it and his arm into the machine, and literally crushing them to atoms up to the joint, rendering amputation necessary about the elbow.

RAILWAY ACCIDENT ON THE GREAT WESTERN.—A passenger train, consisting of the first and second class, was derailed on the 23rd ult. at St. George, on Tuesday evening. A horse fell upon the track, and several cars of a gravel train passed over his legs, crushing them horribly. We learn that it was found impossible to save the bones, and amputation of both legs was deemed necessary.

Eight men at the River de Platte have succeeded in washing 245 worth of gold in one day, and ingots to the value of £250 have repeatedly been obtained from the gold-bearing quartz of that region.

FEROCEITY OF DOGS.—On Wednesday night last, a lot of dogs attacked a small pony belonging to a gentleman in this city, and nearly devoured it, the pony being barely alive in the morning.

United States.

A MAGNIFICENT SCHEME.—We learn that a distinguished gentleman of this state, who recently visited Europe, has conceived the idea of forming a company, with a capital of ten millions sterling, for the purpose of establishing a more direct route of transportation between New York, San Francisco and China. The object of the company is to construct a railroad direct from Savannah to Pensacola, Mobile and New Orleans, and another road from the Gulf to the Pacific Ocean, the connections on the Atlantic, the Gulf and Pacific to be made with first-class steamers—the line between San Francisco and New York to be reduced from fifteen to eighteen days.

We give the rumour as we received it, without pretending to be minute in the details. We have no reason to doubt either the opportunity or the practicability of the scheme. It is indeed a magnificent project, and will accomplish at one half the cost that is contemplated by the great overland route. If carried into execution, it will make Savannah the queen city of the South, and place her at once upon the great thoroughfare between China and Liverpool. Extensive as this scheme appears to be, it is destined to be carried into execution, because it is demanded by the commerce of the world.

CHARLESTON, AUG. 25.—The British ship, *Dreadnought*, from Nassau Aug. 17, has arrived here, bringing as passengers the widow and family of the late Mr. George B. Colver, en route for England.

The pine-apple cultivation has proved a losing game this season.

Advice from Vera Cruz has been received to the 10th ult., which report that Santa Anna had issued an order superseding the title of "sovereign" which had hitherto been affixed to the title of the Mexican Republic.

BALTIMORE, AUG. 25.—The barque *Canada*, which left port on the 19th ult., for Quebec, returned this morning, owing to a mutiny having broken out among her crew.

FILE.—At New York, on the 25th ult., the steamer *Cherokee*, of the Havana and New Orleans line, took fire about 7 o'clock P. M., and was burned to the water's edge, with a cargo valued at \$300,000, which was almost entirely insured, as was the boat, the company standing its own insurers. She was valued at \$175,000.—Her engines, boilers, &c., will probably be raised, unburnt. A ship builder offers to put her in sailing order again for \$100,000. The timbers are supposed to be sound below the lower deck. A large quantity of freight stowed on the lower decks will be recovered, damaged by water.—Some shippers have lost \$120,000 or more.

The New Orleans Bulletin, in an editorial article upon the ravages of the fever, expresses the opinion that there is nothing in the condition of the atmosphere of the city to begeth the fever, his wife five children and mother. They were residing at New Orleans. The fifth child died on board the *Fanny Smith*, when Captain Price had taken passage with it.

BREMEN LINE OF STEAMERS.—The steamer *Germania*, the first of the Bremen line of steamships between this port and Bremen, arrived this morning at 8 o'clock, with 216 passengers. The Germania left Bremen on the 3d inst., consequently she has been a little more than twenty-two days on her passage.—*N. Y. Com. Ed.*

INVENTION.—John Mee, now a resident of North Amherst, Mass., has invented an extraordinary machine for knitting ribbed work, which will prove very serviceable to manufacturers of knit drawers and shirts. One of these machines will knit six dozen of these garments in a day. Mr. Mee has taken out letters patent for his invention.

The steamer *Wisconsin* was run into by the propeller *Brunswick*, on Lake Erie, on Wednesday night, not far from Toledo. Almost immediately sunk; no lives were lost.

A telegraphic despatch from Washington says that a battery of six troops is preparing at the arsenal there, for the troops on the Rio Grande frontier.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.—Lt. Geo. G. Meade, of the Topographical Engineers, gives notice that Sandy Key Light House, founded on iron piles, is erected in the centre of Sandy Key on the Florida Reef; that it is 121 feet in height above low water, painted a dark color, except the lantern, which is white. The illuminating apparatus is fixed, varied by shades. It shows all around for the space of one minute, a clear steady light, in every alternate minute, there is a brilliant flash of ten seconds duration, preceded and

Letters & Monies Received.

(See that your remittances are duly acknowledged.)

Rev. R. Morton (three new sub.), Rev. T. Angus, Nfld. (10s.). Rev. Geo. O. Houston (10s.). Rev. W. McCarty (on Vol. IV. 35s. on Vol. V. 35s.—in all 70s.). Rev. A. B. Black (new sub.). Rev. R. Knight (alteration made). Rev. L. McAnn, East Corinth. (10s.)

Commercial.

Halifax Markets.

Corrected for the "Provincial Wesleyan" up to Wednesday, August 31st.

Bread, Navy, per cwt. 21s. 3d.
Flour, per hbl. 21s. 3d. & 32s. 6d.
Beef, Prime, do. none.
N. S. do. 45s.
Butter, Canada, none.
Yard, N. S. per lb. 8d. & 9d.
Coffee, Laguayra, 71d. & 8d.
" Jamaica, 71d. & 8d.
Flour, Am. sup. per hbl. 31s. 3d. & 32s. 6d.
" Canada do. 31s. 3d. & 32s. 6d.
Rye, 23s. & 23s. 3d.
Cornmeal, 17s. & 17s. 6d.
Indian Corn, per bush. 3s. 9d. & 4s. 1d.
Manna, Man. per gal. 11s. & 12s. 6d.
" Clayed, 11s. & 12s. 6d.
Pork, Prime, per hbl. 75s. & 80s.
Sugar, Bright P. R. 32s. & 33s. 6d.
Bar Iron, com. per cwt. 28s. 6d.
Hoop, 28s. 6d.
Shoet, 24s.
Goofish, large 14s. 6d.
" small 13s. 6d.
Salmon, No. 1, 67s. 6d.
" 2, 62s. 6d.
" 3, 57s. 6d.
Mackerel, No. 1, none.
" 2, none.
Herrings, No. 3, 11s. & 11s. 6d.
Albacore, 11s.
Haddock, 9s.
Cod, Sockeye, per cwt. 14s. & 15s.
Fire Wood, per cord, 14s. & 15s.

Prices at the Farmers' Market, corrected up to 3 o'clock, Wednesday, August 31st.

Fresh Beef, per cwt. 30s. & 35s.
Pork, per lb. 3d. & 4d.
Lamb, per lb. 3d. & 4d.
Hog, per lb. 3d. & 4d.
Butter, per lb. 10d. & 11d.
Cheese, per lb. 5d. & 6d.
Eggs, per dozen, 2s. & 2s. 6d.
Poultry—Chickens, 2s. & 2s. 6d.
Turkeys, per lb. 7d.
Calves, per lb. 6d. & 7d.
Karns, per lb. 6d. & 7d.
Potatoes, per bushel, new, 3s. & 3s. 6d.
Oatmeal, per cwt. 15s.
Peas, per bushel, 15s.
Beans, per bushel, 12s. & 12s. 6d.
Hempseed Cloth, (wool), per yard, 2s. 6d.
Do. (cotton and wool), per yard, 1s. 7d. & 1s. 8d.

Marriages.

By the Rev. Archdeacon Willis, at the residence of R. Wier, Esq., Mr. John T. Wier, of the firm of Messrs. R. Wier & Co., to Maria, youngest daughter of Dr. Archibald, of New York.

At Placentia Bay, N. S., on the 24th August, by Rev. P. MacCarty, M. A., of the Rev. P. MacCarty, of the firm of Messrs. R. Wier & Co., to Maria, youngest daughter of Dr. Archibald, of New York.

On Saturday evening, by the Rev. Dr. Willis, Mr. John T. Wier, of the firm of Messrs. R. Wier & Co., to Maria, youngest daughter of Dr. Archibald, of New York.

Deaths.

On Tuesday, 30th August, ISRAEL, infant daughter of Mr. Charles Robson, aged 18 months.

On Wednesday, 31st August, MARGARET ANN, daughter of Mr. Charles Robson, aged 18 months.

On Thursday, 1st September, MARY ANN, daughter of Mr. Charles Robson, aged 18 months.

On Friday, 2nd September, MARY ANN, daughter of Mr. Charles Robson, aged 18 months.

Shipping News.

PORT OF HALIFAX.

ARRIVED.—WEDNESDAY, August 31st.
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Victor, King, Harbour, 20 days.
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