

FIRES.—Our city has been disturbed for several nights of the past week, by the cry of "Fire!" We regret to say that in some cases it appears that the fires have been the work of the incendiary, perpetrated on barns and small buildings in the suburbs of the city, entailing much labor on the Fire Companies to reach the scene of conflagration, and on their arrival finding their services of but little value. Vigilant efforts should be made to discover the guilty parties and severe punishment inflicted on them for such dastardly conduct.

On Monday about midnight, a fire was discovered in a store on the wharf belonging to Alderman Conway. Several stores were destroyed with a large quantity of lumber, fish &c. No satisfactory account can be given of its origin.

His Worship the Mayor has offered a reward of £100 for such information as may serve to convict the offender."

The SAILORS and MARINES belonging to the men-of-war in harbour, were reviewed on the common yesterday morning; after which they paraded through the city with their three fine bands of music. There were probably 4 or 5,000 men, and presented a fine spectacle, fully armed with muskets, axes and cutlasses, and in the centre several heavy brass cannon, each drawn by about 20 men. All eyes were eager to catch a sight of Prince Alfred among the midshipmen of the St. George.

We are sorry to learn that one of the men during the review, accidentally turned round and placed his arm in front of one of the guns just before firing, when it was blown to atoms.

We have been obliged to omit a notice, we had prepared, of a highly interesting Temperance meeting, held on board of H. M. S. Diadem, addressed by the Revs. Brewster, McGregor and Munro; and of a subsequent gathering of the pledged sailors in the Division Room, Temperance Hall, last Friday.

In the Prize Firing of the Volunteer Corps at Windsor there were thirty-one competitors. The average of the points made was 19.77.

ACCIDENT.—We regret to learn that Mr. David Cameron had his leg broken below the knee, and was otherwise severely injured by a heavy weight of earth falling on him from the bank at the Marine Railway which he was employed in cutting away.—Pictou Chronicle.

William Patrick, Esq., who was for a short time confined in Fort Lafayette on a charge of treason to the United States, and who was afterwards unconditionally released, arrived here on Saturday last on a visit to his friends. We welcome him back to the free air and free soil of Nova Scotia.—Ib.

The Directors of the Institute for the Deaf and Dumb, thankfully acknowledge the following donations, received since the last announcement:

- Lieut. Gen. Sir F. W. Williams, Bart., (with premium) £10 4 0
A female friend 1 0 0
Dr. Avery 1 0 5
Messrs. West 1 0 0
St. Matthew's Sunday Scholars 1 5 9
Miss Burton, Wolfville (annual) 0 10 0
Messrs. Wesley & Sandford have also very kindly set up, free of cost, a neat tomb stone of white marble, with a suitable inscription, at the grave of Ellen Mulgrave, in the Camp Hill Cemetery—a little girl who died at the Institution in 1859.

APPEAL FOR THE DEAF AND DUMB.—The Directors of the Institution of the Deaf and Dumb beg leave respectfully to state, that, in order to guard the health of the inmates and provide for the accommodation of increasing numbers of deaf mutes applying for admission, they are under the necessity of immediately erecting an addition to the house, to comprise a schoolroom 49x21 feet, with dormitories above and involving a very considerable outlay. To meet this expense, the Directors are entirely without funds; and they are therefore obliged to make this appeal to the benevolent public. But when they reflect, that for several years a kind Providence has so disposed the hearts of generous friends of the deaf and dumb, in town and country, that, without any personal solicitation, the Directors have never wanted the necessary means for carrying on the institution, they cannot doubt that they will, now also, be supplied with the funds required for this new but indispensable object. As the season is advanced, and the necessity urgent, it is respectfully suggested that any response to this appeal may be as early as possible. Subscriptions and donations will be thankfully received by any of the Directors, the Treasurer or Secretary.

By order of the board, J. C. COCHRAN, Secretary.

ARRIVAL FROM THE ARCTIC REGIONS. Much interest has been felt in our city by the arrival on Wednesday last of the Schooner United States from Greenland, under the command of Dr. Hayes and a party who have been on an exploring expedition to the Polar Seas.

The following account of her is given by one of our morning papers.

"This vessel was fitted out at the expense of private gentlemen in the States, and proceeded to the Polar Seas, under the command of Dr. Hayes for the purpose of making explorations. Dr. H. has succeeded in getting as far North as 81 35, a latitude that, it is said, had not been reached by any other explorer but Perry, in 1827-8. On the coldest day experienced during the voyage, the thermometer indicated 68 degrees below zero.

"The schooner left Boston for the Arctic Regions in July, 1860. She reached Upernivik in safety, after a short passage and proceeded in August to Smith's Straits for winter quarters. Large fields of ice were met on entering the Straits, and three attempts had to be made before succeeding in working the vessel in. The schooner remained at this place until the 10th of July, 1861; but early in the spring travelling parties started from the vessel for the purpose of surveying the route across the Straits. On the 14th of April, the principal party left the ship, consisting of thirteen men and 16 dogs, with boats on sledges. They travelled north on the ice to latitude 79, in Middle Smith's Straits. Here the ice was found piled in such heavy masses as to prevent the whole party proceeding any further. They returned to the vessel, with the exception of Dr. Hayes and three men, who went on as far as Lat. 81 35, west side of Kennedy Channel, when they were obliged to put back, owing to their provisions running out. Doctor Hayes reached his vessel on the 27th May, when preparations were made for leaving Port Folke as soon as the ice would permit, intending to proceed North, if possible. On the 13th July, 1861, proceeded to Littleton Island, ten miles north of Port Folke, where the vessel remained until met by immense packs of ice. Unable to penetrate the ice, she made for and reached Cape Isabella, west side of Smith's Straits. Boat parties were then sent to explore, for the purpose of ascertaining if there was any likelihood of getting through; but 20 miles north of Cape Isabella the ice was found so solid, as to leave no chance of proceeding.

Northumberland Island, coast of Greenland was then sailed for, and the United States came to anchor at the Esquimaux settlement of Netlik. A survey of the Whale Sound was made, after which she started for Upernivik, on the return home. During the passage, the schooner ran through 150 miles of field ice in Melville Bay, and arrived at Upernivik on the 15th Aug. when they proceeded to Discoe Island, the Danish headquarters in Greenland.

On the 17th Sept, she left for New York; but owing to very heavy gales, experienced from 24th Sept. to 7th Oct., some of the sails, &c., were injured, and yesterday they put in here for repairs.

Many incidents occurred during the voyage, which are incidental to ships sailing in the cold regions that the United States passed through, and many hair-breadth escapes have vessel and crew had since they left their homes.

Hans, an Esquimaux mentioned in Doctor Kane's book, and who deserted the Doctor when in the far North, was found by the crew of the United States at Cape York, and brought to Upernivik.

August Sontag, the Astronomer, and a gentleman of high scientific attainment, died about the 27th December, 1860, while out exploring, accompanied only by one Esquimaux.—After some weeks, his body was discovered and interred at Port Folke, near Cape Alexander.

Gibson Caruthers, carpenter, died during the voyage.

The crew consisted of sixteen persons when leaving Boston. Two deaths mentioned above occurred, and six men belonging to the whale ship St. Andrew, of Aberdeen, which was wrecked, joined the United States in Discoe, making the crew at present twenty in number, as follows: Commander—J. J. Hayes, M. D. Captain—S. J. McCormack. 1st Mate—H. W. Dodge. 2nd Mate—John McDonald. Commander's Secretary—G. F. Knorr. Asst. Astronomer—H. D. Radcliffe. Master's Mate—Colin C. Starr.

A cook, steward, cabin boy, and 10 men before the mast. "The United States is 123 tons burthen, and is rigged as a top-sail schooner.

The Medical Society and our public men and private citizens have shown considerable attention and hospitality to Dr. Hayes and his officers; which has induced them to delay their departure from our harbor.

For Colonial and Foreign News, see sixth and seventh pages.

Ayer's Compound Extract Sarsaparilla.

No one remedy is more needed in this country than a reliable Alterative, but the sick have been so outrageously cheated by the worthless preparations of Sarsaparilla abroad, that they are disgusted even with the name. Yet the drug cannot be blamed for the impositions from which they have suffered. Most of the so-called Sarsaparilla in market contain little of the virtues of Sarsaparilla or anything else. They are mere siops,—inert and worthless, while a concentrated extract of the active variety of Sarsaparilla compounded with Dock, Stillingia, Iodine, etc., is, as it ever will be, a powerful alterative and an effectual remedy.—When you have used AYER'S—then, and not till then, will you know the virtues of Sarsaparilla. For minute particulars of the diseases it cures, we refer you to Ayer's American Almanac, which the agent below named will furnish gratis to all who call for it.

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Prepared by DR. J. C. AYER & CO., Lowell, Mass. MORTON & COGSWELL, Agents, May 16. 6 m.

Commercial.

RATES OF EXCHANGE.—On London, 124 per cent. New York, 5 Boston, 5

HALIFAX MARKETS.

Table listing various commodities and their prices, including Flour, Cornmeal, Indian Corn, Bread, Butter, Coffee, Tea, Sugar, Molasses, Beef, Pork, Codfish, Salmon, Mackerel, Herring, Alewives, Haddock, Leather, Bar Iron, Hoop, Nails, Lumber, Shipping Pine, Spruce, Hemlock, Coal, Sydney, Fire Wood.

PRICES AT THE FARMERS' MARKET, OCT. 16.

Table listing prices for various agricultural products like Fresh Beef, Oatmeal, Oats, Apples, Potatoes, Veal, Mutton, Lamb, Pork, Bacon, Butter, Cheese, Calf-skins, Yarn, Eggs, Poultry, Ducks, Turkeys, Geese, Honespun Cloth, Do. (cotton and wool).

Letters Received.

L. S. Payzant, 2nd.—Sent regularly. Rev. A. Cogswell, 6th. Jas. Welner, 7th.—Will send for it. Asaph Marshall, 4th. E. C. Saffery, 6th. L. J. Walker, 4th, 20s. Rev. R. D. Porter, 4th. Rev. D. W. C. Dimock, 9th, 1 sub. J. McLearn, 7th. Rev. D. Lawson, pay to W. F. Cullen. Rev. Isaiah Wallace, 7th. D. Mosher, 11th, 10s.—all right. W. T. Waterman, 2nd, 1 sub.—Will send book. The poetry would be destroyed by changing the number. G. V. Rand, 12th. J. W. Barss, 11th.

NOTICES.

Acadia College. The Quarterly Examination of the Classes will take place on Monday the 28th inst., and two following days, commencing each day at nine o'clock, A. M. Committee appointed to attend the Examinations:—Rev. G. Armstrong, A. M.; Rev. S. W. DeBlois, A. M.; Rev. David Freeman, A. M.; Rev. A. S. Hunt, A. M.; Rev. Charles Tupper, D. D.; and Rev. D. M. Welton, A. M. J. M. CRAMP, President. Acadia College, Oct. 12th 1861. A meeting of the Governors of Acadia College will be held in the Library on Tuesday Evening the 20th inst., at seven o'clock. S. W. DEBLOIS, Secretary. Wolfville, Oct. 12th 1861.

Marriages.

On Thursday 10th, by the Rev. R. F. Unlucke, Mr. Richard Vincove, to Miss Catherine She lock. On Monday 7th, by the Rev. Canon Power, Mr. Alexander Robertson, of Annapolis, to Elizabeth Frances, eldest daughter of the late Patrick Kent, of this city. On the 2nd inst., by the Rev. P. G. McGregor, James N. L., youngest son of the late Dr. Malcolm McLean, of Glasgow, Scotland, to Malinda Azilina, second daughter of the late George E. Bissett, Merchant, Halifax. At Chatham, Miramichi, on the 28th Sept., by the Rev. G. M. Barratt, Alexander McLeod, youngest son of J. A. Pierce, Esq., to Margaret, second daughter of Valentine Harding, Esq., of Quaco. At Nictaux, on the 27th of August, by the Rev. A. S. Hunt, Judson Eaton, of Cornwallis, to Susan, eldest daughter of Elijah Spinnicy, of Nictaux. At Cornwallis, by the same, on the 19th ult., Theophilus H. Bishop, of Horton, to Catherine, eldest daughter of Ebenezer Kinsman, of Cornwallis. On the 9th inst., by the same, Charles Samuel Loomer, to Elvira, fifth daughter of the Metaphor Parish, both of Cornwallis. At Ohio, Yarmouth Aug. 31st, by the Rev. Jos. H. Saunders, to Miss Cynthia, eldest daughter of Mr. Josiah Cann. Also by the same, Oct. 2nd, Mr. James E. Allen, to Miss Mercy, daughter of Nathan Crosby, Esq., of Ohio.

Deaths.

On the 5th October, Eliza, wife of James Grace, aged 23 years. On Wednesday 9th, Mr. John Hurley, in the 34th year of his age.

On Friday 11th, Delia, beloved wife of Mr. John G. Bournot, in the 26th year of her age. On Tuesday evening, 8th inst., Lizzie, youngest daughter of George E., and Eliza Forsyth, of Wolfville, aged nine months. At Digby, 6th October, William H. Roach, Esq., in the 78th year of his age.

At Baddeck, on the 27th ult., Malcom Campbell, Esq., aged 34 years and 9 months. Of Diphtheria, at Kentville, on the 6th of October, Mahala Alfarata Moore, second daughter of Daniel Moore, Esq., M. P. P., in the eleventh year of her age.

Last at sea, August 29th, Henry Bridgeo, aged 36 years, Chief Officer of the ship Robert Treat, a native of Yarmouth, N. S.

At Senasleu, Switzerland, Richard Blair, Esquire, of Franklin Manor, County of Cumberland, Nova Scotia, formerly of Castle Broomwick, Warwickshire, England, in his 70th year. This gentleman formerly represented that County (Cumberland) in our Provincial Legislature. His strict integrity, and gentle and unassuming manners justly endeared him to all who knew him.

At Edinburgh, on the 8th September, Rupert J. Unlucke, second son of the late Hon. James B. Unlucke.

At the Poor's Asylum, Oct. 6th, Morris McGrath, aged 60 years, a native of Newfoundland.

Oct. 7th, Elizabeth Goldworthy, aged 27 years, a native of Porter's Lake, Nova Scotia.

At Margareville, Wilmot, on the 19th of July, of consumption, Edwin Stronach, 3rd son of Mr. Asaph B. Stronach, aged 17 years. Lost overboard from the Adella, Capt. E. Brinton, on the afternoon of Saturday, Sept. 23rd, after about one hour's sail from Boston, Mr. Wesley Baker, of Margareville, aged 37 years. As the wind was blowing briskly, all efforts to rescue him were unavailing. Mr. B. has left a widow and four children, a widowed mother, and nine brothers and sisters, with numerous other relatives, to mourn his sudden departure. This painful and impressive event was improved on Lord's day, the 6th inst., by a discourse delivered by Rev. C. Tupper, in Evergreen Meeting House, Stronach Mountain, from Mark xiii. 33, "Take ye heed, watch and pray; for ye know not when the time is."

A GEM OF ELEGANCE.—Bodgett's Persian Balm, for cleaning the teeth, shaving, beautifying the complexion and all toilet purposes. This is the most delightful cosmetic a lady or gentleman can use. It insures sweet breath, white teeth, removes all disagreeable appearances from the skin, as tan, pimples, freckles, &c., and imparts freshness and purity to the complexion. Agents in Halifax, G. E. MORTON & CO.

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Shipping List.

PORT OF HALIFAX.

Arrived.

Tuesday, 8th.—Brigs India, Allen, Liverpool 35 days; Reicif, Chambers, Glasgow 35 days; schrs Oswego, Card, New York 7 days—Young & Hart; Iris, Bort, Montreal 15 days—Murphy & Twining; Wedge, Stanwood, Yarmouth. Wednesday 9th.—It. M. Steamer Delta, Hunter, Saint Thomas 84 days, Bermuda 4 days—5 passengers; schrs. Resident, Lang, Bedeque, P. E. Island—W. H. Rudolf; Eliza Hooper, Hooper, Fouché, C. B.; United States (Am.) Dr. Hayes, Greenland 22 days—bound to United States; put in to repair sails.

Thursday, 10th.—Brigt Neander, Priest, Ship Harbour, G. H. Starr & Co.; schrs Paradise, Pitts, Labrador—Wm. Pitts; Belle, Steel, do.; Kate, Messervey, Newfoundland; Charles Henry, Pride, do.; Virgin, Fouchere, Arichat; Abigail, Gerrior, do.; Shooting Star, Murray, Canso; D. P. King, Devline, Pictou.

Friday, 11th.—Brigt Charles Smith, New York 7 days—W. L. Evans and others; schooners Emily, Flake, Bay St. George 10 days—Oxley & Co.; John Moody, Ryder, Yarmouth 4 days; Pioneer, McDonald, P. E. Island; Temperance, Fushan, Boston 9 days—S. A. White & Co.

Saturday 12th.—Surveying steamer Margaretta Stevenson, from a cruise; schrs Mary Jane, Hopkins, Inagua, 18 days; Parsue, McDonald, Newfoundland 6 days; Fair Play, McKay, Annapolis.

Sunday, 13th.—H. M. S. Rinaldo, Com. Hewitt, New York; H. M. S. Mersey, Capt. Caldwell, Havana; Barque Halifax, O'Brien, Boston, 24 days, to J. M. Watson and Co.; Brig Arab, Mason, Falmouth, 20 days, to Esson, Buak and Co.; Brig Arab, Mason Falmouth, 20 days, to Esson, Buak and Co.; Stanley, Davidson, Portland, to T. C. Kinnear and Co.; Brigs Sarah, Crowell, Turks Island, 17 days; General Williams, Harding, Portland, 15 days, to G. H. Starr and Co.

Cleared.

Monday, 7th.—brig Hound, Anderson, Havana; brig Express, Howard, Porto Rico; schrs Gazelle, Swain, Montreal; Dolphin, Bondrot, St. George's Bay; Flora, Langlois, Magdalen Isles; Vulture, Stapleton, Plaster Cove, Port Mulgrave and Gut of Canso; Manly, Forest, Arichat; Bluenose, Bruce, Shelburne; Jubilee, Broussard, P. E. Island. Tuesday, 8th.—barkentine Duc de Normandie, (French), Eloy, New York; schrs Shannon, King, Pictou; Delta, Gillis, Cordroy, Nfld; Wave, Smith, Philadelphia.

Wednesday, 9th.—brigs General Canrobert, Fougere, Arichat; J. B. King, Coffin, Hantsport; schrs. Telegraph, Sullis, Digby, Clementsport and Annapolis; Eliza, Young, Arichat; Con or, Romkey, Montreal; R. McAtee, Wood, St. John, N. B.; Bonita, Romkey, P. E. Island; Eliza Catherine, Martell, Bay St. George.

Friday, 11th.—brig Golden Rule, Patterson, Porto Rico; brig Elba, Windsor; schrs Mary Jane, Grant, Canso; J. H. Dexter, Dexter, New York; Harriet Newall, McLeod, Cape Breton. Saturday, 12th.—Scotia, Cary, New York; Ida, McBridge, St. John, N. B.; Bloomer, Shaw, Bay St. George; Jolly Tar, Garrison, Bay of Islands; Wave Evans, LaHave.