

General Intelligence.

DOMESTIC.

DISGRACEFUL AFFAIR AT FLETCHER'S STATION.—We learn that on Wednesday night last, as a party of mill men and some persons connected with the railroad, were returning on a trolley, on the railway, at midnight, from Nichols's at the Grand Lake, two charges of small shot were fired into them, by which five men were more or less wounded, either by the shot or in a fight which ensued. It is hoped that none of the injuries will prove mortal; but we trust measures will be promptly taken to disabuse the lawless inhabitants of that district of the opinion which seems to prevail that such murderous weapons may be resorted to with impunity. We understand this shocking affair originated in a quarrel about dancing with a young woman.—Colonist.

FATAL ACCIDENTS.—A young woman, servant in the family of Hon. J. W. Johnston, Dartmouth, was fatally injured on Tuesday evening, while engaged in filling a fluid lamp, the inflammable material exploding in consequence of having been brought into too close proximity with the flame. The sufferer died soon after the accident occurred.

The Digby Acaclian states that on Sunday last a child about 4 years old, daughter of Capt. Mitchell of Sandy Cove, was so seriously burned that it survived but 24 hours after. The child was left alone in the house, while the only inmate, beside the child, went after a pail of water; and upon returning found the child enveloped in flames.

Capt. James Tobin was drowned at Digby one day last week, having missed his footing in endeavoring to get on board his vessel from the wharf. The deceased was upwards of 60 years of age.

Mr. Edward Allison, jr. of St. Johns, N. B., accidentally shot himself on the 23rd inst., and at last accounts was in a precarious condition.

SUPREME COURT.—The Autumn term of the Supreme Court commenced on Tuesday last. The sittings on the civil and criminal sides go on simultaneously, the former presided over by Judge Bliss, and the latter by Chief Justice. The criminal docket presents almost an unprecedented amount of crime, there being nineteen persons charged for presentment. Below is a list of the indictments found by the Grand Jury:—

Raycraft and Smith, burglary; Dennis Lyons, manslaughter; James Bowes and Wm. Forrest, rape; Alex. Davis and John Butler, burglary; Hugh Minebery, unnatural crime; Wm. Forrester, rape, and Jno. Beals, aiding and abetting the same; John McCarthy, manslaughter; William Morrison and Edward Hall, for forgery; Samuel Warner and Thos. Hern, rape, no bills; and John Banks, for receiving stolen goods, knowing them to have been stolen.

The following prisoners were arraigned: Raycraft and Smith for burglary. Pleading guilty. Raycraft, an old offender, was sentenced to 3 years in the Penitentiary; Smith 2 years, with hard labor.

Dennis Lyons, on a charge of manslaughter—pleaded not guilty. The prisoner was tried on Wednesday, and the jury brought in a verdict of guilty, but recommended him to the favorable consideration of the court.

James Bowes and Wm. Forrest, for rape. Pleading not guilty. The trial came off yesterday. The evidence against the prisoner Bowes so clearly established the charge, that the Counsel for the prisoner did not address the Jury, and the Judge did not consider it necessary to do it either, remarking that there could be but one opinion on the subject. The Jury, without leaving the box, returned a verdict of guilty.

Alex. Davis and John Butler, for burglary—pleaded guilty. Sentenced to two years in the Penitentiary—with hard labor.

Hugh Minebery, a soldier, charged with an unnatural crime. Pleading not guilty.

Wm. Forrester on a charge of Rape, and John Beals, for aiding and abetting. Pleading not guilty. The parties were tried on Thursday. A lad by the name of Keefe, another of the gang, was admitted as Queen's evidence, and in his testimony gave the names of seven or eight others, whom he stated aided in the crime committed by the prisoners. The Jury, after hearing the evidence, without leaving the box, gave a verdict of guilty.

The case of the Queen vs. McCarthy, for Manslaughter. (The prisoner is the young man who was a clerk in a drug establishment of this city, and who stands charged with causing the death of a child aged 15 months, by the name Kelly, by administering an over-dose of muriate of morphia.) The prisoner was found guilty, with a strong recommendation to mercy.

In the Civil court a case was tried on Wednesday between Messrs. Stairs, Son & Morrow, and the Union Marine Insurance Co. This was an action to recover £400 insurance on the "Morning Light," a schr. of 80 tons, which was destroyed by fire at Mahone Bay about a year ago. The defence was that the vessel was maliciously set on fire by one or other of the owners. The Jury, after a few minutes consideration, brought in a verdict for the plaintiff, for the amount claimed.—Recorder.

Through the exertions of the police, the gang concerned in the assault upon Annie Marshall, have been arrested. Their names are George Wambold, Peter Wambold, Patrick Shea, Richard Wallace, and William Gilfoy. They underwent an examination before His Worship the Mayor, and were committed to take their trial before the Supreme Court upon the charge of aiding in the perpetration of the crime.

OUR NEW ADMIRAL.—The Gibraltar, 87, screw, at Devonport, it is reported, will shortly be commissioned for the flag of Rear Admiral Erskine, to succeed Rear Admiral Sir Alexander Milne as commander in chief in the West Indies and North America.

We learn from the Express that the Provincial Government has recently rented, or is about to rent, six rooms in the elegant four story free stone building, recently erected and now approaching completion, for the Nova Scotia Marine Insurance Company, for the Customs and Excise Department.

THE WATER WORKS.—The additional pipes are now nearly completed. Fourteen vessels have been either wholly or in part freighted with the water pipes from Scotland.

MACKEREL.—We hear of one haul of mackerel of 300 barrels; and it is stated that 1,000 barrels were taken at Herring Cove last Friday night. Success to the fishermen!

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH.—We are informed that the Presbyterian congregation worshipping in St. Matthews church, have agreed to invite the Rev. Geo. Grant to be their minister.

BUILDING FOR SKATING RINK.—We are informed that the stock is all taken up for this erection, in the gardens of the Horticultural Society. It will be 150 feet in length, by 60 feet in breadth and will contain ladies' and gentlemen's apartments, a band room and rooms for the keeper. Mr. Peters is to be the builder. The following Directors have been chosen by the Shareholders: Colonel Myers; Captain Smith, 17th Regt; J. T. Twining, Archibald Scott, and Robie Uniacke, Esquires. Colonel Myers has been appointed Chairman, and Robie Uniacke, Esq., Secretary and Treasurer.

EPISCOPAL.—There was a public meeting under the auspices of the Diocesan Church Society, held in the Temperance Hall last evening. The attendance was large, and over one-half the number present were ladies. His Lordship the Bishop addressed the assembly at some length, and was followed by several clergymen and a few prominent citizens, who made some remarks appropriate to the occasion. Several resolutions were passed, the object of which was the furtherance of the interests of the Church.—Chronicle.

NOVA SCOTIAN SUGAR CANE.—Mr. James Thompson of Windsor, has grown some sugar cane this season. On a space of ten feet by twelve, he had a sufficient quantity to produce three quarts of syrup and 84 lbs of nutritious fodder for cattle. The following is given as the analysis of the syrup, by Mr. W. T. Rickard.

59 per cent grape sugar.
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Making 73 per cent of saccharing matter. Mr. T. says the cane is as easily grown as Indian corn, and the process of manufacture is very simple.

PEARS.—We were presented with two or three splendid pears last week, grown in the garden of Mr. George V. Rand, Wolfville, of the varieties termed *Duchess de Angouleme* and *Louise Bonne de Jersey*—the former weighed 10½ ounces each—the latter but a little smaller and of a most delicious flavor. Such choice specimen must place Nova Scotia in the front rank as a fruit country, and shew what may be accomplished by careful cultivation.

SHIPBUILDING AT PICTOU.—We are informed by the Standard that Shipbuilding will be carried on pretty extensively during the coming winter, in that county. Operations have commenced for the construction of two vessels in town, and we believe that the keels of other two have been, or are about being, laid at River John. Five or six vessels of different dimensions will also be built at New Glasgow.

We learn from the Antigonish Casket that snow fell in that locality on the morning of the 24th ult. On the Monday following it blew a perfect hurricane for some time, uprooting trees, and causing damage to property.

A CRICKET MATCH came off on Saturday, the 25th ult., between the "Saxon Cricket Club," composed of the members of Horton Academy, and the "Acacia Villa Cricket Club."

In the first innings the Saxons made 108 runs, and their opponents 38. Night came on before the second innings was played out, leaving the Saxons with 86 runs and 4 wickets standing. It was then decided by the first innings, the latter winning the match by 70 runs. The highest score stood as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Team and Player/Score. Saxons: Clark (41 runs), Gilroy (26). Acacia Villa: Chipman (12), Wire (5).

Several hundreds of persons of both sexes witnessed the proceedings, and expressed their pleasure at the decorum observed by both parties throughout the match.—Com.

Bleeding at Lungs, a special disease, and special treatment. The cases and result of *Hunnevell's Tolu Anodyne* do not quite admit of actual accounts of cures, but this much is sure, and should meet with use and approbation by all, who have this uncertain tenure of life. The entire compound is perfectly consistent with cure, in all cases of Bleeding, which has been fully tested on cuts and bruises outwardly. Being perfectly adapted to the Lungs with the Tolu, and healing property of the Cannabis, we can hardly use expressions strong enough to meet our confidence in it, or to urge trial. Let it be taken in confidence by all. See advertisement and call for pamphlets.

The Annual Meeting of the Nova Scotia Bible Society, will be held (D. V.) in Temperance Hall, on the evening of Monday at half-past seven o'clock.

An Agricultural Exhibition was held on Thursday 23rd ult., at Annapolis Royal. It is described as a brilliant affair but without a gleam of sunshine to mitigate the inauspicious state of the weather.

The Earl and the Countess of Mulgrave, and suite, arrived here from Boston in the Asia last Friday morning.

GOLD.

WINE HARBOR, Oct. 22, 1862.—Mr. Editor, —As I have now a little leisure I will give you some account of the present state of things here. Last spring a few shanties included most of the buildings here. Now it has quite the appearance of a small town. We have a hotel, 5 Stores, 3 Crushers, a meeting house (partly finished) and numerous other nice buildings. I think there are about 200 people here. There is a constant going and coming. It is here as it is in all other gold diggings, where one makes anything ten loose. Some companies have spent \$800 and \$1200 and made nothing. So it is not only capital that people want to begin with but a place rich in gold. Some cases are enough to make one sad. A company of ten from Cape Breton brought \$800 and spent it, returning home without any remuneration.

As near as I can tell there are about fifteen claims that have done well, and about twenty that have the prospect of doing well. The crushers are giving general satisfaction. The Quartz varies very much in the yield of gold but here 4 oz. to the ton is thought to be a good yield. Some from the Hattie claim have obtained 12 oz. to the ton. From which claim they have taken \$1600. For which they have sunk a shaft 50 feet and tunnel 40 feet long 30 deep and 4 wide this is probably the greatest yield from one claim. Another claim has yielded \$4000, another \$2800, another \$3600, and another \$12000; these are among the best claims. I mention them because I have not seen any statistics of gold from this place.

This is called as good a place as there is, yet I believe greater discoveries are yet to be made.

We have preaching frequently, also a prayer meeting. We are not exempt from drunkenness and quarreling; the latter being the result of strong drink. Fruit is scarce here, but provisions plenty and cheap.

There are no good prospects for new comers this fall only in prospected claims which sell at high prices.

A fortune is not easily made in Novascotia gold diggings, but many will do remarkably well. The fall rains have commenced, much to our disadvantage, until the ground freezes; and then the winter is thought to be the best time for mining operations.

O. EATON.

THE LARGE NUGGET recently discovered at the "Ovens," says a correspondent in a letter dated Bridgewater, Oct. 21st., was on exhibition yesterday in Bridgewater. It certainly exceeded my expectations. The eye could scarcely rest on any portion of the rock but contained gold. Judging from what is visible to the naked eye, it must be very valuable,—a lucky turn in the wheel of Mr. Sanburn's fortune; and it happened well, for the poor fellow had been working hard for several months, spending his money and getting no returns,—waiting and still waiting for the Crushers.

I am still of the opinion that the "Ovens" contain rich gold deposits, and believe that those engaged therein will be remunerated for their hard labor. A large number of claims have been applied for on the range where the nugget was taken, and Mr. Sanburn informs me that a lead ten inches wide has been struck, supposed to be the back throw lead. Great excitement it is said prevails.

NEW DISCOVERY AT BRIDGEWATER.—I am credibly informed that a vein of superior Oil Coal 24 inches wide, has been recently discovered on the Farm of Christian Earnst, near Bridgewater. He with Enoch Steadman, Esq., of Mill Village, have already secured a right of search. The water in the vicinity is oily. It will doubtless be made known to the public as soon as the lead is thoroughly tested.

W. J. G.

GOLD NEWS.—The Bridgetown Register informs us that the Big Nugget from the Ovens is being exhibited in that town. The editor of that journal states that "it far transcends any idea we had formed of its appearance and value. It is a huge quartz boulder, intersected with slate and shining veins of pure gold. Men who are competent to judge, estimate its worth from \$1,000 to \$1,250. Sandburn, we understand, contemplates proceeding hence to Halifax, exhibiting it at the intervening towns."

The facetious editor of the above paper states that the day the Sessions opened there the streets were "full of mud and magistrates."

About thirty shafts are being sunk at the Oldham Gold Diggings. Three quartz crushers and an erastra are already erected, or in process of erection. There are about 150 buildings at these diggings, including a Post Office, shops, &c.—Sun.

Prince Edward Island.

The Charlottetown Islander understands that the Legislature of Prince Edward Island will be called to meet about the first December, for the special purpose of petitioning the Home Government on the subject of the Land Award, of which so much has been said recently. The same paper says that it is contemplated to have a general election early in January.

New Brunswick.

In the contributions towards the Fund for distressed operatives in England at St John there is one for \$500. The committee were expecting to send \$5000 home by next mail.

THERE will be no dividend declared by the Commercial Bank of New Brunswick for the ensuing half year.

GOLD.—The Colonial Times says that Gold-bearing quartz has been found in the vicinity of Chatham, Misamichi.

The St. John News informs us that money was never so plenty in St. John as now. A little of it would be very acceptable in Halifax!

The Court of Divorce has decided in the case of Hunter vs Hunter not to grant a bill as there was nothing in the evidence to justify the court in decreeing a separation.

Canada.

PROVINCIAL SYNOD OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND.—The Provincial Synod of the Church of England lately met in Montreal. All the Bishops were present, and a large number of the ministers and lay delegates. It was stated by a leading lay member of the Synod, that there was an intention to apply to the Legislature for the power to compel the attendance of witnesses before their ecclesiastical courts. This matter must be watched. If an attempt of the kind is made, it must be promptly met and opposed. Such a measure would virtually put the sword into the hands of the church.

The City Council of Quebec passed an Address to the Prince of Wales on the 25th ult., congratulating him on his attaining his majority.

In a few months there will be six large Tobacco factories in operation in Montreal, giving employment to about 1200 persons, and turning out \$2,000,000 of product a year. The raw material comes principally from Kentucky.

It is said that a number of workmen are employed in making a good waggon road between River du Loup and Halifax.

NATIVE CANADIAN COTTON.—This is really the case, says the Sarnia Canadian. Cotton will grow in Canada. We were last week shown a very fair sample of cotton in the pod, by the Rev. Dean Kirwan. He stated that it had been raised in Sarnia without the aid of the hot-house, and had been pronounced of good quality by Mr. Thompson, of Ancaster. This may be the means of opening the eyes of farmers and others as to the real value of Canadian soil.

CANADIAN SUBSCRIPTIONS TOWARDS THE RELIEF FUND.—The cities of Montreal, Quebec, Hamilton, London and Brockville have contributed \$42,605 for the relief of the British Operatives. The figures are as follows:—Montreal, \$20,639; Quebec, \$11,194; London, \$2,000; Hamilton, \$3,372, and Brockville, \$400. Subscriptions are also progressing in Toronto and Kingston, and in fact in every town and village of note in the Province.—Quebec Chronicle.

The Quebec Mercury says the Government have remitted \$1,000,000 to England, in reduction of arrears due to the Financial Agents of the Province; also that they intend to issue Treasury Notes, under the act of last session, for one million and a half of dollars. \$2,000,000 was the amount of Mr. Howland's estimated deficiency for the current year, but this he hopes to diminish by \$500,000.

Bermuda.

The Royal Gazette of the 14th and 21st, ult., gives some items of interest. It appears that Admiral Wilkes, of Trent notoriety, had left Bermuda.

We are informed that some rockets have been landed from one of the Yankee gun-boats to be fired off at night when any of the steamers in port should attempt to go to sea.

The Steamer "Gladiator, with cotton, &c., left on Tuesday last from England. The "Ouchita" steamer on Wednesday and the "Minho" on Saturday. Signals thrown out to decoy the blockaders on the departure of the "Minho" had the desired effect.

The steamer "Herald" Captain Coxetter, four days from Charleston, S. C., laden with Cotton, arrived here on Thursday last. The "Herald" has made several successful trips to Charleston, but on one occasion, it will be remembered by our readers, had a narrow escape of being captured by the late U. S. ship "Adriandack" when nearly into the harbour of Nassau, N. P., that vessel having fired aboardside at her when close under her guns, but without doing any material damage. The Herald did not meet with either Admiral Wilkes or his fleet on his passage here from Charleston. Admiral Wilkes' ship has not been seen in this neighbourhood, that we can learn, for some days, and the gunboats "Tioga and Sonoma" have not been seen since the afternoon of Sunday the 12th inst., and it is generally believed that they went in pursuit of the steamer "Minho" which vessel left here, through the North Rock passage, on the previous evening, supposed for Charleston.