

Another decree deprives M. Laprade of his Professorship of Literature, and Fine Arts. A Ministerial report, which precedes the decree, explains the motive of this resolution. It states that M. Laprade published a piece of poetry in the *Correspondant*, containing injurious allusions to the Sovereign, elected by universal suffrage, and to the nation which he gloriously governs.

## CHINA AND JAPAN.

The latest intelligence from China states that the foreign diplomatists at Peking get on very well with the new Chinese Government, Prince Kung, chief of the party favourable to intercourse with Europe, had visited the Emperor at Sehe, and had returned well pleased with the result. His Celestial Majesty is much too young to exert any political influence, but much of the Imperial power remains in the hands of his mother, and it is understood that she is a liberal-minded woman. The English and French troops had given material assistance to the Imperial forces in assisting them to hold Chefoo against the rebels. The latter retreated, but at the date of the latest advices they menaced Shanghai, which was in a state of great alarm.

There have been some sad occurrences at a place called Pok-lo in connection with the native Christians there—a native teacher having been put to death for refusing to recant the doctrines of Christianity.

The state of affairs in Japan is not satisfactory. The British Legation had not returned to the capital, and all the Foreign Representatives awaited instructions from their respective Governments.

## ITALY.

According to advices received here from Naples, a band of brigands had entered Cervinara, in the Principato Ultra, plundered the warehouses, opened the prisons, and released seven prisoners.

M. Palmieri had issued another report on the eruption of Vesuvius, which states that on the 14th inst., the sismograph indicated fresh shocks of earthquake. The mountain cast forth quantities of ashes and smoke until 8 a. m.

ROME, Dec. 17.—The Marquis de Lavalette had a conference of two hours with Francis II to-day.

It is asserted that the French Ambassador demanded he should quit Rome.

The cardinals who were consulted in the matter have, it is stated, advised Francis II. to relinquish his apartments in the Quirinal, and reside at the Farnese Palace.

The Pontifical Government has announced that the funds for the payment of the dividends on the foreign debt falling due at the end of the month are ready.

The arrest of Borges has been certified by the only Spaniard who escaped from the Italian troops. The farmhouse in which Borges had taken refuge was set fire to, and he was obliged to surrender on the 8th December.

NAPLES, Dec. 9, 6 a. m.—The eruption of Mount Vesuvius is increasing in intensity. The population of Torre del Greco have fled; nearly all the houses are damaged. The steams of lava are twenty-eight palms in depth, and three-quarters of a mile broad.

"The sensation is immense."

## AUSTRIA.

VIENNA, Dec. 17.—The Budget was presented to-day of the Council of the Empire. The following is a summary of the financial statement made by the Minister of Finance:

The revenue for 1861 was estimated at 300,000,000, the expenditure at 344,000,000, and the deficit at 44,000,000 florins.

## NEW ZEALAND.

The *New Zealander* of Oct. 5 gives an interesting account of the arrival of the new Governor Sir G. Grey. It says:—

Thursday, the 20th September, 1861, will, in all probability, be recorded as one of the most memorable days in the future history of New Zealand; for, on that day, His Excellency Sir George Grey, after an absence of nearly eight years, having relinquished the superior government of the Colony of the Cap of Good Hope, at the express desire of the Imperial Government of Great Britain—returned to the scene of his pristine, and most successful, achievements again, we confidently trust and firmly believe, to rescue New Zealand from the condition to which it has latterly fallen.

At a little after 6 o'clock H. M. Corvette *Cosack*, 20 guns, arrived. The news spread like wildfire; and if we ever witnessed downright enthusiasm in Auckland it was on Thursday last. It was not only a holiday, but a day of universal jubilee. Business, by common accord, was entirely suspended; every shop and warehouse remained closed; even our own printers—those untiring slaves of the Press—set cases and composing sticks at defiance; the inmates of every house and tenement poured forth in their gayest array; the streets swarmed with an excited and delighted population.

We have witnessed our hills, our bays, our wharves, our every coin of vantage crowded and crammed on Regatta and other national fete days, but never, since Auckland was Auckland, did we witness such an universal turn out as that which greeted the return of Sir George Grey. The serenity and beauty of the day, the glittering Military array extending along the great length of the Wharf, the hills which encompass it covered with eager crowds of well-dressed spectators; the harbour studded with noble shipping, as well of Her Majesty's as of Merchant service, decorated with their many

coloured bunting, presented a most striking and lively picture.

We must not conclude, without noticing a very characteristic and gratifying incident; we allude to the exuberant delight manifested by a large assemblage of natives collected on the conspicuous grounds at Smale's Point, and who with song, and every expression of joy welcomed their old friend back again.

The installation took place on the following Thursday, after which a Levee was held which was more numerous attended than any previously held.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

ARMING MAIL STEAMERS.—The Union Steamship Company, under contract for the conveyance of Her Majesty's mails of the Cape of Good Hope, &c., have received instructions from the Government to arm their steamers forthwith.

THE LATE MILITARY MURDERERS.—The trial of Thomas Jackson for the murder of Sergeant Dickson at Aldershot took place at Winchester on Friday. It will be remembered that the prisoner shot his victim with the utmost coolness and deliberation. He was found guilty, and sentenced to be hanged.—The soldier Patrick McCaffery, of the 32nd Regiment, who shot his colonel and adjutant at Preston, was tried at Liverpool assizes on Thursday. The evidence was too direct to allow a doubt of what the verdict would be, and sentence of death was passed.

£1,000 DAMAGES AGAINST A RAILWAY COMPANY.—In the Court of Queen's Bench, on Thursday, was tried Dugdale v. the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company, an action for compensation for bodily injuries sustained through the negligence of the defendants' servants.—The plaintiff, a young man, was a shoemaker at Accrington, Lancashire, employing several journeymen. In September, 1860, when travelling in an excursion train from Accrington to Manchester, the coupling-iron broke, and the train was thrown off the line. Eleven persons were killed on the spot and above 100 passengers were injured. The plaintiff suffered a concussion of the brain, and was insensible for some time. He had lost the use of one of his legs.—In the May following the company offered to compromise the matter, but he refused their terms. The jury returned a verdict for the plaintiff—damages, £1,000.

THE BRITISH COLUMBIA GOLDFIELDS.—New discoveries of great richness had been made, and in some localities the miners were realising larger sums than have ever been obtained by individuals in California or Australia.—The instances of person gaining steadily from 10l. to 30l. a day were numerous. Two labouring men had just arrived at Victoria, Vancouver's Island, with 1,400l., the produce of only a few weeks.

## Commercial.

## HALIFAX MARKETS.

CORRECTED FOR THE C. MESSENGER, JAN. 8.

Flour, American spine, per bbl.	\$ 6 50	\$ 7 00
Canada "	"	"
Wheat "	\$ 4 00	\$ 4 50
Cornmeal "	"	"
Indian Corn, per bushel	0 75	0 80
Bread, Navy, per cwt.	4 00	4 50
Butter, Am. per lb.	0 12	0 15
N. S. "	0 15	0 17
Coffee, Laguaya, per lb.	0 18	"
Jamaica "	0 20	"
Tea, Congo, "	0 35	0 46
Sugar, Bright P. R., "	0 85	"
Cuba, "	0 75	0 08
Molasses, Muscovado, per gal.	0 32	0 34
Clayed, "	0 23	0 30
Beef, Mess, per bbl.	7 00	9 00
Pork, Prime, "	12 00	"
Mess, "	15 00	16 00
Codfish, large, per qt.	2 50	3 50
small, "	2 00	2 70
Salmon, No. 1, per bbl.	12 50	"
No. 2, "	11 50	"
No. 3, "	10 00	"
Mackerel, No. 1, "	11 00	12 00
No. 2, "	7 00	8 00
No. 3, "	4 00	5 00
Herring, No. 1, "	2 00	"
Alcives, "	2 00	"
Haddock, "	1 40	"
Leather, sole, per lb.	0 23	0 25
Bar Iron, com., per cwt.	13s. 6d.	"
Hoop "	20s.	"
Sheet "	22s. 6d.	"
Nails, cut, "	22s. 6d.	"
wrought, per lb.	3d. a 6d.	"
Lumber, 1 inch Pine, per 1000,	\$16 00	"
" (mer.) "	16 00	"
Shipping Pine, "	11 00	"
Spruce, "	8 50	9 00
Hemlock, "	6 50	7 00
Coal, Sydney, per chaldron,	6 00	"
Fire Wood, per cord,	3 00	"

## PRICES AT THE FARMERS' MARKET, JAN. 8.

Fresh Beef, per cwt.	20s. a 35s.
Oatmeal, "	15s. 0d.
Oats, per bushel	2s. 3d. a 2s. 6d.
Apples, per barrel	10s. a 15s.
Potatoes, per bushel	1s. 6d. a 2s. 3d.
Veal, per lb.	3d. a 4d.
Lamb, "	3d. a 4d.
Mutton, "	3d. a 4d.
Pork, Fresh, per lb.	4d. a 5d.
Bacon, "	6d.
Butter, "	8d. a 1s.
Cheese, "	6d.
Calf-skins, "	4d.
Yarn, "	2s. 6d.
Eggs, per dozen	7d. a 10d.
Poultry—Chickens, per pair	1s. 6d. a 2s.
Ducks, "	1s. 3d. a 1s. 9d.
Turkeys, per lb.	6d. a 7d.
Geese, each	1s. 6d. a 2s.
Homespun Cloth, wool, per yard	2s. 6d.
Do., (cotton and wool)	1s. 7d. a 1s. 9d.

## Marriages.

By the Rev. C. Churchill, Mr. Robert Fraser, Keeper of Beaver Island Light, to Miss Amelia Archer, of Boston Mass.

On the 31st ult., by the Rev. Mr. McKnight, Mr. Thos. Miller, of Scotland, to Miss Anne Bell, eldest daughter of Mr. George Bell, Cole Harbor Road.

On the 1st January, 1862, by Elder B. Scott, Mr. Hiram Wallace, of Newport, to Miss Harriet N., fifth daughter of Mr. Alexander Blair, North River, Onslow.

At Westport, on the 19th inst., by the Rev. J. hn Miller, Mr. Handley B. Payson, to Miss Sarah D., third daughter of Mr. Arthur Collins.

By the same, at the same time and place, Mr. James W. Cousins, of Digby, to Miss Lucy Anne, fourth daughter of Mr. Arthur Collins.

By the same, at Westport, on the 24th inst., Mr. Wellington Morrell, to Miss Francis Anne, eldest daughter of Mr. Comock McDermoud.

By the Rev. Charles Randall, Nov. 3rd, 1861, Mr. Gilbert McDonald, to Miss Hannah Dunbar, both of St. Mary's Bay, Digby Co.

By the same, at the house of the bride's father, on the 5th of Nov., Mr. Benjamin Mullen, to Miss Eliza, fourth daughter of Mr. Henry Mullen, all of New Tasket.

By the same, at the house of the bride's father, Nov. 9th, Mr. Anthony Gilliland, of Digby Neck, to Miss Catherine, eldest daughter of Mr. Ephraim Brooks, of Weymouth.

By the same, at the house of the bride's father, Nov. 21st, Mr. Robert McNeill, to Miss Alissa, eldest daughter of Mr. William Grant, all of Weymouth.

By the same, at the house of the bride's father, Dec. 2nd, Mr. Nathaniel B. Westcott, of Digby Neck, to Miss Lucinda, eldest daughter of Mr. William Young, of St. Mary's Bay.

By the same, at the house of the bride's mother, Dec. 5th, Mr. Thomas E. Hankinson, to Miss Sarah, third daughter of the late Mr. William Lent, all of Weymouth.

By the same, at the house of the bride's father, Dec. 21st, Mr. Matthew Kinney, to Miss Eliza Jane, eldest daughter of Mr. Abraham Lewis, all of Weymouth.

On the 5th inst., by the Rev. R. D. Porter, at Milton, Mr. Eliza Gardner, to Cynthia, daughter of Mr. Jno. Freeman, all of the above mentioned place.

Also, by the same, Mr. James McL. Freeman, of Kempt Queens Co., to Emma H. Murray, of Milton.

At Merriets Cove, by Rev. I. J. Skinner, Dec. 10th, Mr. Aaron Hart, to Miss Martha Boutler.

At Beach Hill, by the same, on the 17th, Mr. Ephraim Hart, to Miss Jane Kiddy.

At Chester Basin, by the same, on the 21st, Mr. Benjamin Eli Countaway, to Miss Elizabeth Sellers.

At Eisenbaur's Point, by the same, on the 25th, Mr. Edward Corbin, to Miss Hannah Eisenbaur.

At the residence of Mr. Ebenezer Frail, East Chester, by the same, on the 27th, Mr. John Boutler, of Indian Harbour, to Miss Sarah Brimmer, of French Settlement.

At Cornwallis, on the 5th inst., by the Rev. A. S. Hunt, Nehemiah Cogswell, to Phebe Ann, daughter of Frank Huston, both of Cornwallis.

At Amherst, on Christmas morning, by the Rev. George F. Miles, Mr. William Bentley, of Stewiacke Colchester, to Clementina, youngest daughter of Thomas Logan, Esq., of the former place.

## Deaths.

On Wednesday 1st, James R. Cragg, in the 37th year of his age.

On Tuesday, 30th inst., at the 14-mile House, St. Margaret's Bay Road, Jane, relict of the late Alex. Hubley, in the 51st year of her age.

At Bedford, on the 2nd inst., Bartholomew Lawson, in the 79th year of his age.

At Bear River, on 30th ult., after a short illness, Mr. William Johnson, in the 49th year of his age.

At Sackville, Dec. 31st, Richard Ford, (co ored) aged 85 years.

At Bathurst, N. B., on the 17th ult., in his 77th year, Mr. John Smith.

In London, on the 16th of Dec., Eliza Frances, wife of Captain Coles, 1st Royals, and daughter of John Spry Morris, Esq., formerly of Halifax, N. S.

At Milton, Oct. 21st, Lotin, aged 3 years and six months; and Dec. 18th, E. don, aged 9 months, sons of Joseph and Matilda Miles.

At Milton, Isaac Tibert, aged 40 years, leaving a wife and two children. Bro. Tibert made a profession of religion by baptism in 1853 and from that time maintained the walk of a consistent and spiritual minded christian, until he joyfully closed his eyes in death by consumption.

At Brook yn, Dec. 30th, of consumption, in the 41st year of her age, Mary Jane, the beloved wife of John Porter, and daughter of Nathan and Eliza Lockhart, of Lockhartville. Her end was peace.—[Provincial Witness and St. John papers please copy.]

At Cornwallis in the evening of the 7th inst., after a short but distressing illness, to be in resignation to the Divine will, John Henry, eldest son of Mr. John Rand, aged 20 years.

At Pereaux, on the 14th inst., Nathan Sanford, aged 47 years, leaving a wife and five children, to mourn the loss. The deceased was the fourth son of the late John Sanford, of Cornwallis.

In Upper Wt. not, on the 20th ult., of pulmonary consumption, Mr. Ezekiel Messenger, son of Mr. David Messenger, Seur., in the 23rd year of his age.

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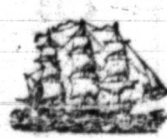
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## Shipping List.



## Arrived.

Tuesday 31st.—R. M. steamer Asia, Lott, Liverpool via Queenstown 9 days—44 officers, 432 non-commissioned officers and privates, and 5 servants for Halifax—29 passengers for New York; steamer Persia, Jenkins, England via Bic; steamer Adriatic Walker, Southampton 10 days, troops, stores, &c.; bark Halifax, O'Brien, Boston 4 days—J. M. Watson & Co. and others—30 passengers; schrs Alert, Sterling, Newfoundland 6 days; T. R. Goodman, Hurst, P. E. Island—Thomas Boston; George C. Lawrence, Canso.

Wednesday, January 1, 1862.—Schr. Weathergag, McCuish, Newfoundland 4 days—J. A. Moren; Rambler, Bisset, New York 10 days—John Tobin & Co. and others; Caroline, Powell, P. E. Island; B. Douglas, Kennedy, do.; Matilda Hopewell; Thomson, Syaney; Perseverance, do.; Labrador, Davis Porto Rico 33 days (26 days between Bermuda and this port)—John Cronan; brig Acadia, Landry, Pictou.

Thursday, 2nd.—Brigt Wild Hunter, Embre, Boston, 5 days—J. M. Watson and Co. and others.

Friday, 3rd.—Brigt Boston, O'Brien, Boston 24 days—J. M. Watson and Co. and others—12 passengers; Government steamer Magdalena, Southampton 14 days—900 troops.

Saturday, 4th.—Schr. Friend, (pkt.) Westhaver, Lunenburg—to Master.

Sunday, 5th.—Transport Steamer Melbourne, Capt. Auld. She was off the harbour on Thursday last, but was driven to sea again by the severe gale of that day.

Monday, 6th.—Steamer Bohemian, Liverpool, 11 days—bound to Portland.

## Cleared.

Monday, 30th.—Schr. Messenger, McLean, Shelburne; Friend, Westhaver, Lunenburg; Pursue, McDonald, Sydney.

Tuesday, 31st.—Ranger, Parr, do.; Brilliant, Curry, St. John's, N. F.; Triumph, Borne, Gulf of St. Lawrence; brig Queen of the West, Dickson, Kingston, Ja.; brig Vivid, Durquette, Glasgow; schrs Camelia, McFarlane, P. W. Indies; Mary, Landry, Arichat.

Thursday, Jan. 2nd, 1862.—brig Rover, Doat, Jamaica; schrs Foam, Ryan, do.; Eclipse, Smith, P. W. Indies; Active, Haskell, Yarmouth; Eliza Catherine, Martell, Sydney; Mary, O'Brien, Boston.

Friday, 3rd.—Schr. Weathergag, McCuish, New York—by J. A. Moren; Emerald, Reynolds, P. E. Island—by T. and E. Kenney and others; Sterling, Landry, Arichat—by R. Gorham and Co. and J. Cochran and Son; Shannon, Bondrot, Arichat—by J. Stairs and H. H. Fuller and Co.; Sylvia, (packet) Young, Lunenburg—by Lordly and Stimpson; Coral Bell, P. E. Island—by Master.

Saturday, 4th.—Schr. Swan, Myers, New York—by Murphy and Twining and Young and Hart; Isabella, Halley, Guysboro—by B. Wier and Co. and others; Partners, McLeod—by Eason, Boak and Co.; Carrie, Gosbee, Guysboro—by E. Albro and Co. and others; Plover, Kendrick, Barrington—by R. I. and W. Hart.

## Memoranda.

The Schr. Ocean Star, of Halifax, Captain Jenkins, has been wrecked at St. Lawrence, Nfld. The captain and crew have arrived at Lunenburg.

Captain Green, at the brig Tana, of St. John's Newfoundland arrived at Sydney on the 22nd ult., from Barbados reports, as follows:—Spoke schr Elizabeth, of Weymouth, Nova Scotia, on the 11th Dec. in lat. 30 North, lon. 71 20 W., with mainmast gone four feet from the deck, rudder head damaged. Captain said he did not require assistance.

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