

General Intelligence.

DOMESTIC.

A FRUIT, CEREAL AND VEGETABLE SHOW was held yesterday in the Rink building at the Horticultural Society's Gardens in this city.

NOVA SCOTIA PRODUCTIONS.—Two gigantic Babes are on exhibition at Mason Hall, Mary Ann Smith, aged 6 years, weighs 200 pounds, and George Smith, aged 4 years, weighs one hundred and twenty pounds.

A GIANTESS.—The Picton Chronicle states that Miss Ann Swan, of New Annan, who is at present on a visit to Picton, is entitled to the above appellation, as every one will admit who has seen her.

A GANG OF THIEVES.—The police have for some time past been on the look-out for some robbers and have at length discovered a party of ten or twelve, and captured six of them, at a notorious rum-shop called the "Blue Bell."

The telegraph wires were cut and a quantity stolen at Margaret's Bay on Saturday last.

Mr. James A. Gibbon of Wilmot was driving in St. John, N. B., when the vehicle was by some means upset, and Mr. Gibbon thrown out and had his shoulder dislocated and his hip seriously injured.

FIRE AT DIGBY.—On the night of Tuesday the 6th inst., the house occupied by Mr. John Austen was destroyed, and sad to relate, his son George, a boy of 7 years of age perished in the flames.

FATAL AFFRAY AT CANSO.—The Picton Chronicle informs us that on Wednesday night the 30th ult., a fatal affray occurred at Little Canso.—The facts, so far as we have heard, are as follows:—Several of the crew of the barque "Col. James Scott," of that port, were drinking at a house in Canso, and got into a difficulty with some persons who were present; a fight ensued, and one man was knocked down and killed, and another seriously injured.

The Picton Standard says a Squash grown in the garden of Colonel Scott, Albion Mines, weighs 97 pounds! When first taken from the vine its weight was 101 pounds.

Mr. Donald McLeod, farmer, was run over by a train of cars at Gowrie Mine, Cow Bay, on the 24th ult., and was so seriously injured that he died in less than an hour after the accident.

ANNAPOLIS COUNTY.—The farmers of this fine country have this year had some drawbacks to their usual abundant supplies. The hay crop was injured by the continuous rains; some of it destroyed. Potatoes are almost an entire failure.

PIC-NIC.—The 21st Anniversary of the Sons was celebrated in this county by a Pic-Nic at Paradise. At the close of the festivities Mr. John McKeown was called to the Chair, and a number of animated Speeches were given.

EDUCATIONAL.—The editor of the Free Press notices a lecture on Common Schools, delivered at Bridgetown by Mr. T. H. Rand, one of the School Inspectors. He says: "As highly as we have prized similar efforts by Mr. Dawson and the Rev. Dr. Forrester, both men of extraordinary zeal in the cause of Education, and distinguished for platform efficiency, we must say that we never listened to a better practical discourse upon the subject discussed."

The colored man Norton who poisoned his wife was tried at Annapolis last week, found guilty of wilful murder, and the death penalty was pronounced upon him by the Chief Justice, to take effect at such time and place as the Executive may direct. He has confessed his guilt.

PRESENTATION.—A handsome service of Plate has been presented to the Rev. W. Hensley, of Kings' College, by the members of his congregation at the Forks Church.

PROVINCIAL EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION.—The meeting of this body at Windsor on Wednesday last proved a failure in consequence of a number of its members being at the Exhibition at Kentville. Several teachers and others who went from Halifax were much disappointed and were obliged to return in the afternoon train.

LAUNCHED at Weymouth, on the 26th inst., from the shipyard of W. B. Vail, Esq., a new Brig called the Ella Vail, 286 tons carpenters' measurement, 193 tons register.

The farmers of Kings County—Cornwallis and Wolfville—are suffering much from the loss of their potato crop. Some fields will not be worth digging up. They have hitherto been almost free from such casualty.

Prince Edward Island.

Cheering accounts have been received of the Mackerel Fishery in P. E. Island.

James Campbell, an old resident of Charlottetown, was found lying with his face in a gutter, in that town, on the night of the 30th ult, quite dead. The deceased had been drinking very freely, and fell into the gutter and was smothered.

John McNeill, Esq., one of the Coroners for Charlottetown, accidentally shot himself a short time since.

John C. Wright, Esq., of West River was preparing his gun for shooting some geese, and by some means the hammer was touched and the gun went off; the contents passing through his body, killed him instantaneously.

New Brunswick.

The Intelligencer condemns the York County Agricultural Exhibition, and we think very justly, on account of there being a race course in connexion with it. Many persons our contemporary observes come together on such occasions merely for the purpose of witnessing this feature of the exhibition and for gambling and drunkenness. The editor pronounces a severe judgment on many similar movements and includes in them "Sabbath School pic-nics with which is mixed games, races, archery, and similar absurdities of immoral tendency."

COAL.—Messrs. Stewart and Murdock, the fortunate purchasers of a block of Mr. Inche's lands, are satisfied that they have found a bed of coal, rich in quality and abundant in quantity.

THE REVENUE IN NEW BRUNSWICK.—The Royal Gazette contains a comparative statement of the Revenue collected at St. John in the month of September 1862 and 1863:—

Table with 3 columns: Item, 1862, 1863. Items include Railway Impost, Imports, Exports, Bay of Fundy Lights, Sick and Dis. Seamen, Cape Race Light, Copy Right Duties.

From the above table it will be observed that there was a decrease of \$3,187.04 Railway Impost, and \$10,575.91 on Imports while on all other sources of revenue there was an increase. The total increase is \$3,270.28, and the total decrease is \$13,762.55.

THE LECTURE SEASON.—His Excellency the Lieut. Governor has declined delivering the opening lecture of the course at the Institute this season, but has signified his willingness to be present at the opening.—News.

ST. JOHN AND PORTLAND.—A fine steamer of 700 tons, is being fitted up at Montreal to be put on this route during the coming winter.

Canada.

Eight persons were burned to death at St. Henedine, Dorchester County on Sunday night the 27th ult. They were the father, wife, and six children of a respectable farmer named Canture. The owner of the house which was burned was found almost insensible lying on the ground near. It appeared that on being aroused by the fire he had barely escaped with his life.

A woman named Ward at Bayham in Elgin County in a fit of jealousy, for which she had good grounds, recently attempted to shoot her husband and afterwards poisoned herself.

Gen. Tom Thumb and party have arrived at Quebec, and gave their first Levée at the Russell House, on the 1st inst.

At the Provincial Exhibition just held in Kingston, C. W., Mr. Beadle, of St. Catharines, showed 90 varieties of apples and 30 varieties of pears.

Latest from the States!

[From Telegrams to morning and evening papers]

OCTOBER 6.—On the 28th, the Confederates attacked Rosecranz' right and were repulsed after a two hours' fight, leaving quite a number of prisoners.

The Confederates also attacked McMinnesville on Saturday, indicating a flank movement for the purpose of cutting Rosecranz' lines, and isolating Burnside.

Col. McCook defeated Wheeler's force of 4000, killing and wounding 120, and recapturing all the government property, including 800 mules.

Vicksburg dates to the 25th says that the Texas Expedition has exploded.

General Banks is preparing for an active campaign. The Confederates of Western Louisiana, Eastern Texas, and Southern Arkansas, are reported concentrating at Alexandria.

Incendiaries have burned the steamer "Robert Campbell," on the Mississippi; 72 lives were lost.

OCT. 7.—A letter from Fort Monroe to the New York Herald says that an expedition on a large scale, consisting of cavalry, artillery, and infantry, left there under sealed orders in conjunction with gunboats. Gen. Foster planned the campaign.

Confederate force attempted to cross the Rapidan at Germania mills a few days since. Buford's dismounted cavalry repulsed them with severe loss.

Evening.—Reconnaissance disclosed Confederates erecting batteries within the ruins of Fort Sumter. Batteries designed to throw Greek fire, are nearly complete and are capable of ensuring destruction of city. The co-operation of the Navy is awaited.

Complaint against Dahlgren now reported universal.

Burnside reported in strong and effective position, possessing all the Passes into North Carolina. His right wing in communication with Rosecranz.

Confederates destroyed the railroad bridge near Murfreesboro. Reported that Russian fleet would probably stay in American waters till Spring.

OCT. 8.—A Paris letter to the World says that the Privateer Florida is being repaired by French Government employees at the Government Dock at Brest, and will salute the French flag on leaving, and receive a return salute. Three Federal vessels are on the watch outside for the Florida.

The Privateers Alabama, Georgia, and Conrad have been adding to their captures near the Cape of Good Hope. The Vanderbilt is in quest of them!!

OCT. 9.—Much excitement at Leavenworth in consequence of Confederate advance on Fort Scott and Kansas City. Troops at Leavenworth have been ordered below, and it is reported the Militia has been called out. Fort Scott believed able to resist.

Richmond papers have despatches of 5th, mentioning firing from Lookout Mountain into Chattanooga. Also attack made on "Ironides" at Charleston on the 6th, damaging her, and alarming the fleet. Also six thousand Federal wounded arrived at Nashville from Chattanooga. Two thousand more remain in hospitals near Chattanooga. Correspondents report reinforcements constantly going forward to Rosecranz'. Confederate cavalry cannot seriously interrupt his supplies. Great battle must soon be fought.

OCT. 10.—The rumour prevails at Nashville that a Confederate cavalry force had captured and entirely destroyed Shelbyville, Texas, and taken all the Federals there prisoners. General Mitchell, with a large cavalry force, was pursuing the Confederate cavalry.

The Tribune's Washington correspondent says that the Confederates are reinforcing Bragg with men and heavy siege material, supposed to be for a battery on Look-out Mountain.

The same authority says that a larger number of vessels are being constructed in Europe for the Confederates than is generally supposed.

Government advices from Rosecranz report a bombardment by the enemy on the 5th at long range, but no damage was done.

Gilmore is reported very busy at Charleston, but the navy idle.

OCT. 12.—Sherman and McPherson are en route for Rosecranz. He now has the largest and finest army in the country.

The Coffee and Shelby raid into Central Missouri, probably aim at Pacific railroad. The force moving against them so closely, they can do but little damage.

General Franklyn's corps is 50 miles beyond Brashear city, meeting no enemy.—Plantations generally deserted.

A despatch from Vicksburg reports that the Confederate Gen. Joe Johnston is at Canton, Missouri, with a supposed design of preventing reinforcements going to Rosecranz.

Evening.—New York World's New Orleans correspondent says that General Herron was engaged in skirmishing twenty-five miles above Port Hudson. A number of regiments sent out to feel enemy were repulsed, with several hundred killed and wounded, and 1500 taken prisoners. Enemy thereupon assumed offensive, when gunboats came to Federal assistance.

Gen. Logan threatens Baton Rouge. Gen. Cook, with brigade of Federal cavalry, engaged Whorton's cavalry near Franklin, Tenn., on Thursday, defeating them, killing and wounding 1200, and capturing 300 men, 34 pieces of artillery.

A Federal company was ambuscaded by guerrillas near Harper's Ferry, when the cap-

tain and ten men were killed, and nearly all the rest captured.

Lee's army is abandoning line of Rapidan rapidly. The prevailing impression is that it has gone to Gordonsville or Richmond to relieve garrisons and send remainder to Bragg and Beauregard.

Guerrilla raid by Shelby burned the towns of Colecamp and Florence, and considerably damaged Pacific Railroad near Oberville, destroying largest bridge west of Jefferson city.

Reported there was to be a combined naval and military attack on Charleston on 11th. 400 Confederates, captured at McMinnesville, arrived at Nashville.

The advance of Texas Expedition has crossed Bayou Teche. The main body is beyond Atchafalaya.

Latest from Europe!

NEW YORK, Oct. 7.—The steamship Persia has arrived from Liverpool.

Great freshets had occurred in France. Channel fleet had left Liverpool, one frigate remaining to watch rebel rams.

Rebel privateer Alabama was at Table Bay, on August 5, and reported having captured fifty-six prizes.

The Georgia coaled at Simon's Bay on Aug 16, and reported having taken fifteen prizes. The last was the ship Prince of Wales, bound from Valparaiso for Antwerp, which was burned.

Political news unimportant. Consols 93 1/2 for money. Breadstuffs dull. Provisions steady.

NEW ZEALAND.

DISASTROUS ACCIDENT AT OTAGO.—The papers bring news of a steamboat collision near Otago, New Zealand. The smaller boat sank immediately; and among the lost were Rev. T. Campbell, wife and five children, just arrived from Scotland. Mr. Campbell was appointed Rector of the High School, Dunedin. His fate and that of his family excited the deepest sympathy.

The native war in New Zealand has assumed much larger dimensions. Five thousand natives of the Waitara district have taken the field, and General Cameron has found it necessary to withdraw his troops for the defence of Auckland.

MISCELLANEOUS.

THE EDINBURGH PRESENT TO THE PRINCESS AND PRINCESS OF WALES.—The casket about to be presented to the Princess of Wales sent to Abergeildie Castle, for the inspection of her Highness. The presentation of the casket will take place at Holyrood on the return of the Princess from the North.

SMOKING BY WOMEN.—We must refer to a custom which has lately been introduced into this country, and which we venture to predict will ere long become very prevalent—we allude to the smoking of cigarettes by ladies! We could mention the names of many of England's aristocratic daughters who openly indulge in mild Latakia.—Court Journal. [What next?]

GIFT TO EDINBURGH UNIVERSITY.—Sir David Baxter—who last week so generously presented the people of Dundee with a park of the value of 50,000.—has tunded 3,000 for the purpose of establishing two scholarships in the University of Edinburgh, of the value of 60 each per annum.

AGITATION IN MADAGASCAR.—The Monteur of Sunday publishes a correspondence from Tananarivo which states, under date of June 10, that considerable agitation still prevailed in Madagascar, on account of the assassination of King Radama, and that symptoms of insurrection are manifesting themselves. "The sudden transition from a state of almost illimitable liberty," adds the correspondent of the Monteur, "to a situation which betrays all the rigour of a thorough despotism, could not fail to excite popular resentment, and it will not be surprising if we are called upon shortly to depict its results."

POPULAR BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

- First National School Book. Errand to the South—W. Malet. Shilling Readable Novels, 25c. Horse-taming and Horsemanship, 50c. Pilgrim's Progress, Illustrated. The Cottage Journal, in parts, 12c. Handy Book of Medical Information, 75c. Training for the Million in Gymnastics. Lord Dundreary and his Brother, in sig. Sinnott's Catechism, for Volunteers. Field Exercises for Volunteers. Routledge's Handbook of Cricket, 6d. sig. Bacon's Guide to American Politics—25c. The Boys' Miscellany, part 1—12c. Cassell's Bible Dictionary, part 1. American States War Map—25c. The Leisure Hour, yearly volume. Reynolds's Miscellany, monthly. The Musical Herald, part VII. Boy's Own Magazine, every month. London Society Monthly. Cassell's Hand Books of Business, etc. Good Words, monthly. Fashion Plates of latest issue. Hymns, ancient and modern. Army and Navy Lists. McKay and Kirkwood's much approved Copy Books, Nos. 1 to 14, the cheapest for schools, are supplied at the Book and News Agency of G. E. Morton & Co. N. B.—Books of every kind imported to order.

SOAK MOUTH AND THROAT.—The Persian Balm will heal ulcers in the mouth and throat speedily. During illness persons should gargle with the Persian Balm, to destroy the effects of acid medicines upon the teeth.

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