

which I thought necessary to correct; I therefore sent you an erratum over my signature. But a certain person had thought proper to claim the authorship of the production, and not until the other day was I aware that I stood charged by certain parties with having ill-used and insulted that same person, by correcting and placing my signature to said party's composition. Now, if that person composed a line of the article referred to, the fact may be established by publishing proof thereof in the *Christian Messenger*.

Onslow, Oct. 3rd, 1864.

For the Christian Messenger.

OBITUARY NOTICES.

MISS SARAH GILLILAND.

Sarah, the beloved daughter of Mr. John Gilliland, died at Roseway, Digby Co., July 5th, 1864, aged 18 years. In the bloom of youth, she was seized with Neuralgia, which, despite the efforts of the Physicians, soon assumed the form of that fatal disease, consumption, of which she died. She professed faith in Christ, was baptized by the Rev. J. C. Morse, and united with the First Digby Neck Baptist Church, in the autumn of 1862. The religion which she professed and honored in her brief christian life, did not fail to sustain her when death came with all its terrors, and she was left alone with God. She was enabled to meet the last enemy with boldness, and to rely only on the merits of her Redeemer. She spoke with the greatest serenity of her approaching dissolution. Her faith and hope increasing as her strength failed—she felt a desire "to depart and be with Christ." She died in the triumphs of faith, and has left a world of sin and sorrow for a brighter, happier one above. We mourn not as those without hope.

"Sweet is the thought, the promise sweet,  
That friends, long-severed friends, shall meet."  
—Communicated by her brother Charles.  
Roseway, Sept. 27, 1864.

General Intelligence.

Domestic.

**THE RUM BUSINESS.**—On Saturday last nine persons resident at Herring Cove and other places along shore were tried at the County Court House before A. Shields, Esq., the Stipendiary Magistrate, for selling liquors without a licence. They were severally convicted and fined \$10 each.

One of these gentlemen it appears is a magistrate. Of course we suppose he will be deposed from holding his commission as a Justice. Have our City Magistrates clean hands in this respect? Are not two or three engaged either personally or in connection with others in the disreputable business of selling liquors by license? If so, they are surely not the right men for the administration of justice.

**OUR HISTORY.**—Thomas B. Aikins Esq., has invested a sum of money, the interest of the same being at present \$30 per annum, which is to be devoted as an annual prize for an Essay on the history of the several counties of this Province, beginning with Hants. The Governors of Kings College have accepted the Trusteeship of said funds. This is a highly patriotic and praiseworthy act.

**THE PROVINCIAL BOARD OF AGRICULTURE** met on Thursday last to examine the Returns made by the various Agricultural Societies formed in different parts of the Province. As the Returns had not been received from all the counties the time was extended to the 25th Inst. The Annual meeting of the Board at which the Provincial Grant is to be apportioned will be held on the 26th.

**OUR REVENUE.**—By a comparison of the revenue received at the port of Halifax for the past 9 months and a like period of last year there is an increase of \$114, 556.71.

**THE BELIGERENTS.**—The following Order in Council has been published respecting American ships of war entering Halifax harbor:

If any Ship of War, or Privateer of the United States of America, or of the States calling themselves the Confederate States of America, shall come into the port of Halifax or within the territorial jurisdiction of Her Majesty in the vicinity of the said Port, every such Vessel of War or Privateer aforesaid, shall immediately come to anchor off the Naval Yard, unless prevented by stress of weather; and, in the latter event, shall be required to anchor as aforesaid, as soon as the weather will permit. And further, it is ordered, that no such vessel, if desirous of communicating with the shore within the said Port, shall be permitted to do so from outside by boat—but shall come up to the anchorage aforesaid for that purpose; and in that case, if she remain under weigh, will be permitted to leave the said Port, at her own convenience, any time before sunset, subject nevertheless to the restrictions of the Queen's orders of the 31st January, 1862.

**THE HON. JUDGE JOHNSTON.**—The Grand Jury, Clergy, Sheriffs and Magistrates of Shelburne, presented an address of congratulation to the Hon. Judge Johnston, on his appointment to the Bench, while presiding at the Supreme Court in that County recently, to which an appropriate reply was given.

**GOLD.**—A splendid bar of gold weighing 157 ounces was brought to Halifax, on Monday last, from the diggings of the Albion Company, at Montague. It was valued at \$3000, and was the proceeds of a month's labor—an expenditure of \$1100.

Two bars of gold weighing 45 ounces, were brought to town a few days ago, from the Barton claim, Tangier, valued at \$1125.

**THE MARINE RAILWAY** at Dartmouth has been examined, and it is discovered that the ways had been injured, it is supposed by an anchor, before the late attempt to get the *Vesuvius* on. The injury was quite sufficient to account for that failure.

The *Boston*, lately stranded at Margarets Bay, is now on the railway undergoing repairs. It is believed the purchasers will make of her a profitable speculation.

**THE HORTICULTURAL EXHIBITION** at the Society's Gardens, on Thursday last, was, as respects quality of the articles exhibited, quite a success, and superior to what has appeared before in Halifax, but the quantity, and number of competitors, was somewhat more limited than it would have been in the midst of our agricultural counties. A large number of visitors were present during the day and evening. The fruit comprised apples, pears, grapes, plums, peaches, nectarines and quinces. The prizes for fruit were taken, with three or four exceptions, by horticulturists at Cornwallis and Windsor. The cereals were fine; several prizes for grain, &c., were taken by Dartmouth farmers. The first and second prizes of wheat weighed 63½ lbs. per bushel. The first prize in barley weighed 53½ lbs. per bushel, and bald barley 58 lbs. Black oats 1st prize, weighed 41 lbs., and white oats 45 lbs.

The Exhibition at Bridgetown commences this day. Quite a number of persons have gone from Halifax to be present on the occasion. There will, doubtless, be a large display of the productions of the fertile western counties.

**FIRE AT PARRSBORO.**—An unoccupied dwelling house of the Hon. R. B. Dickey, situated at Parrsboro, in Cumberland County, was destroyed by fire on the 29th ult. It was insured for \$800. The origin of the fire is unknown; supposed to have been the work of an incendiary.—*Recorder*.

**BURGLARY.**—The Grocery store of Mr. Jas. Saxton, on Jacob street, was entered by burglars, through a cellar hatchway, on Saturday night or Sunday morning. The money in the till (fortunately a small amount) was abstracted, but the goods were left untouched. We are credibly informed that several attempts of a similar nature have recently been made.—*Id.*

Halibut have been caught in Halifax harbor during the past week. The *Recorder* says one of 50 lbs. weight was secured on Saturday.

**DISBANDED.**—Twenty-six Companies of Volunteers in different parts of the Province have been disbanded in consequence of their failing to muster a sufficient number of effectives.

**COL. J. H. FRANCKLYN, C. B.,** on Thursday last was sworn in Administrator of the government of this province, during the absence of Sir Richard G. McDonnell in Canada.

**GENERAL DOYLE** has been making a tour in Canada and the U. States during the past two or three weeks. He was received with every mark of respect at Washington. It is said he would pay a visit to Grant's Head Quarters, and if he could obtain permission "on to Richmond" to visit Lee's Army.

West Indies.

**DISTRESSING INTELLIGENCE.**—The *Barracouta*, which left Bermuda on Tuesday last, arrived late Saturday night. She reports the Yellow fever having broken out afresh, and that such a panic prevails in some of the parishes that they are leaving their dead unburied! She will leave shortly for England, her term of commission having expired, and will take with her the crew of the *Cygnets*, who do not re-enter the service. A few men from the *Terror* came on passengers in the *Barracouta*. The *Steady* may be expected here daily.—*Recorder*.

**BLOCKADE RUNNING.**—Nassau dates are to Sept. 24. The blockade runner *Gen. Whiting* arrived at that port Sept. 1, from Charleston, with 630 bales of cotton. The steamship *Coquette* arrived Sept. 7, from Wilmington, with 1132 bales of cotton and 30 tons of tobacco. The steamer *Chicoira* arrived from Wilmington Sept. 8, and the steamer *Will-o-the-Wisp* arrived from the same port September 9.

Prince Edward Island.

**MELANCHOLY ACCIDENT.**—We regret to learn that a son of the Hon. John Aldous, Crown Land Commissioner of this Island, while driving a cart along the highway a few days since, fell from the same, and was so seriously injured that he survived the accident but a few days. He was about twelve years of age. We sincerely sympathize with the bereaved parents in their sudden affliction.—*Islander*.

The *Vindicator* has been discontinued. The following is given as a reason for its suspension:—

"Whatever the cause, a decided change for the better has taken place in the *Protestant Press* of this Colony, within the last two years. Its fierce, bellicose and intolerant spirit has greatly softened down; and those kindly and liberal feelings which should characterize every

Christian community, are again exercised and assert their influence. With the return of this desirable state of things, we feel that our task is done, and that this paper must give way to one more suited to the times and to the altered state of affairs which obtain."

New Brunswick.

A boat was found drifting out of St. John Harbor the other day, with a man in it, drunk and fast asleep. He had neither oars nor sail, and but for the accidental discovery of the boat by a person on shore, would probably have never been heard of.

The St. John papers are giving glowing descriptions of the new Gymnasium; besides the parlor, dressing rooms, bath rooms, &c., &c., it has a high room for the gymnasium proper, 80 feet in length by 40 feet in width, fitted up with all the necessary apparatus for the development of muscle and strengthening the human frame.

**THE EXHIBITION** has been the subject of all absorbing interest during the past week. It was opened with all due ceremony on Tuesday the 4th by the Lieutenant Governor. The President of the Board of Agriculture read an appropriate address to His Excellency, which was followed by a reply, in accordance with the request it contained, declaring the Exhibition opened. Vast crowds appear to have been in attendance. The collection of the works of Nature the skill and Art is said to reflect great credit on and enterprize of the people and exhibit something of the abundant resources of the province. Articles of machinery and manufacture in iron, tin, brass, copper and wood, shew the skill of the artisan. A printing press was kept in operation, much to the gratification of many beholders. The cattle show was not equal to the expectations of many. There were some fine sheep, pigs and bulls, but the cows were not much above mediocrity. The horses on exhibition were creditable to the province. The horse races however were the great absorbing part of the show and attracted more attention than the interior of the building. What a pity that they could not have the rational benefit of a comparison of men's genius and ability without the occasion being abused by such contests, surrounded, as they generally are, by chicanery drunkenness, cruelty and blasphemous language.

It was rumored that there was some riotous conduct among the visitors at Fredericton on Wednesday last. We have heard no particulars.

The steamer *Anna Augusta*, whilst on her way from Fredericton to St. John, with some 300 passengers on board, returning from the exhibition, collided with a wood-boat when near Oromocto. The steamer was badly injured, but the captain, by having the *Anna* immediately beached, avoided what otherwise might have been a very serious accident.

Canada.

**DR. SCOTT**, a well known Medical gentleman of Toronto, formerly Superintendent of the Lunatic Asylum, has been missing for more than two months, his whereabouts being a mystery to his family and friends.

**POST OFFICE OFFENCE.**—At the last Quarter Sessions of Barrie, C. W., the wife of the postmaster at Ivy was charged with opening and reading a letter. It was alleged in defence that the letter came to the office unsealed, and that the simple act of taking it out was not an offence against the statute. The presiding Judge thought otherwise, and the jury found the woman guilty. As it was the first offence, she was fined fifty dollars.

**THE WOOD TRADE AT KINGSTON.**—This trade is carried on to a great extent at Kingston. Upwards of one hundred and fifty scows loaded with this article of fuel arrive in one week from the Rideau Canal. The increase in the trade has been caused mostly by the increasing scarcity of wood at the upper end of the lake. Many establishments which formerly used coal now mostly use firewood instead. Of the one hundred and fifty scow loads but about twenty are kept for the consumption of the city, while the remaining loads are exported principally to Toronto. The vessels arriving down with grain or timber find it a good trade to return to Toronto, and even to Milwaukee and Chicago, with a cargo of wood. Indeed some vessels are entirely kept on the route between here and Toronto, in the wood trade. In consequence of this demand, wood, especially hard, has advanced in price considerably.—Besides the wood trade, some traffic is done in the article of lumber.—*Whig*.

**THE MAYOR OF CORNWALL SKEDADDLED.** Dr. Allen, Mayor of Cornwall, against whom heavy judgments were lately given in court, has, we learn, skeddaddled to the Pacific coast. He leaves some onerous debts upon his endorsers. He has not resigned the Mayoralty; but his insolvency will render the office vacant.—*Quebec Mercury*.

**A PRETTY MAYOR.**—Mr. Cornish, the Mayor of London, C. W., has been charged with bigamy before the Magistrate's Court. The complaint was made by Mrs. Victorine Cornish, now separated from her husband, who charged him with having since married Anne Fortner, of the township of London, and with living with her as his wife. The case was dismissed, on the ground that the wife cannot give evidence against her husband, and that according to law the second wife is the aggrieved party. This is the same man who got into a *fracas* with some of the officers of the Rifles, at a ball given by them in the city over which he is the presiding Magistrate.

Rows in the timber coves and free fights in the streets of Quebec continue to be reported.

LATEST FROM THE STATES.

[From Telegrams to Associated Press.]

**TUESDAY, Oct. 4th.**—The *Heralds'* correspondent estimates Lee's Army at Richmond at 80,000 men.

The Federals have seized and destroyed portions of the Lynchburg railroad.

**WEDNESDAY, Oct. 5th.**—Advices from General Grant report continued heavy skirmishing but no serious fighting since Friday

*Evening.*—Federal cavalry recaptured 600 prisoners, who had been previously taken by the rebels.

Admiral Farragut arrived at Fortress Monroe on 3rd instant, and proceeded up James River yesterday morning.

It was officially announced in Havana, on the 16th ult., that the blockade of the Mexican coast had been raised, and that ports of the country were open to all the world.

**THURSDAY, Oct. 6th.**—MEXICO.—It is reported that during the absence of Maximilian from Mexico, Maramon, seconded by the Archbishop, seized a portion of the city and called upon the people to expel the invaders.

Yellow fever is extending its ravages along the Southern Coast.

*Evening.*—The *Times* correspondent with Sheridan's Army Headquarters at Harrisonburg, represents the capture and destruction of rebel property of Federal cavalry to be on an immense scale—over one hundred flour and other mills were destroyed.

The Central Railroad was badly cut up and 2400 cattle and sheep brought to Harrisburg. This was done in obedience to the following order:—

"Do all the damage you can to the railroads and crops—carry off stock of all descriptions and negroes so as to prevent further planting. If the war is to last another year let the Shenandoah Valley remain a barren waste."

(Signed) U. S. GRANT.

**FRIDAY, Oct. 7th.**—Advices from Missouri state that General Price, (Confederate) with 15,000 men, was marching on Jefferson city. His declared intention was to install Thomas Reynolds as Governor, and to hold the State for Jeff. Davis. He was destroying railroad and other property to a great extent.

*Evening.*—The tone of the rebel newspapers is quite despondent.

The Richmond *Examiner* of the 4th says a force of Federal cavalry was within 14 miles and rapidly advancing.

There has been no change in the military positions before Petersburg and Richmond.—Pickets of the opposing armies are only forty yards apart, but they have ceased firing on each other.

**SATURDAY, Oct. 8.**—A Washington despatch says Major General Doyle dined with the Secretary of State yesterday, and among other courtesies the military authorities have afforded him facilities for visiting the camps and hospitals in this vicinity.

The defeat of the Rebel Gen. Forrest at Altoona is fully confirmed. He lost between four and six hundred killed and wounded, and his entire wagon train fell into the hands of the Federals. The victory is important as securing Sherman's communication.

*Evening.*—Official advices from Grant's army state that yesterday morning the rebels in large force made a spirited attack on General Kantz's cavalry, who occupied slight works in extreme front of Gen. Birney's corps on the north side of James River, and drove them from their works, capturing their artillery, but inflicting slight loss on men. Rebels then attacked Gen. Birney's position and were repulsed with great loss—losing over 1000 killed, wounded, and prisoners. Gen. Birney then took the offensive and drove the rebels to their miner works around Richmond, where he still holds them. He also recaptured the works from which Kantz was driven. Federal loss about one-eighth that of the enemy.

**MONDAY Evening, Oct. 10.**—The rebel Gen. Price has failed in his proposed capture of Jefferson City, Mo. Official despatches announce his defeat with severe loss, and a close pursuit by the Federals.

Wilmington, N. C., papers say the Federals appear to be making preparations for a determined attack on that place.

A number of vessels have recently been added to the blockading fleet.

The Richmond *Enquirer* of the 6th inst., favors the making soldiers of negroes and giving such soldiers their freedom if they escape the casualties of battle. It urges upon the Confederate Congress to purchase 250,000 negroes, present them with their freedom, and arm and drill them.

Gold 198.

LATEST FROM EUROPE.

By the arrival of the *Hansa* at New York on Monday, and the blockade running steamer *Charlotte* off Cape Race on Saturday, we have news to the 30th Inst.

The coroner's jury in the case of Muller, for murdering Briggs in a railway car, returned a verdict of "Willful murder."

A. W. Marsdon an iron master, forged bills to the amount of eighty thousand pounds on the Leeds Bank, and absconded to America.

Alfred Toale, Woollen Merchant, has failed—Liabilities £100,000. Liabilities of Leeds Banking company £1,000,000.