

General Intelligence.

Domestic.

ARRIVAL OF THE ADMIRAL.—The *Duncan*, 31 guns, screw line of battle ship, bearing the flag of Vice Admiral Sir James Hope, was signalled from the Citadel on Wednesday. Arriving nearly opposite Point Pleasant she lay to for the night. On Thursday morning, she passed up to her moorings opposite the Dockyard. She had 90 cases of small pox amongst her crew about six weeks ago, but is now clear of the disease.

INTERCOLONIAL.—A Telegram has been received by the Hon. Dr. Tupper, Provincial Secretary, from the Hon. T. D'Arcy McGee, to the effect that a large number of the members of the Canadian Legislature, will visit St. John, N. B., and Halifax, about the first week in August.

Eisen completed his gymnastic performances at Mason Hall on Tuesday evening, with four or five minutes of his hour to spare. He now offers to walk or run any man or horse in Nova Scotia, his own distances, for any amount that parties accepting his challenge may name.—*Citizen*.

ACCIDENTAL DROWNING.—A Cornish miner named Bailey was drowned last Saturday whilst bathing in Lake Thomas, at Waverley. It is supposed that the man was seized with cramp, and thus rendered unable to swim. The body was subsequently recovered.

NATIONAL DIVISION SONS OF TEMPERANCE.—At the recent Annual Session of the National Division the following brethren were elected as office-bearers for the ensuing year:

M. W. Patriarch—F. F. Bradford, of Kentucky.
M. W. Associate—A. B. Pardee, of Canada West.
M. W. Scribe—S. W. Hodges, of Massachusetts.
M. W. Treasurer—Wm. H. A. Keans, of New Brunswick.
M. W. Chaplain—Rev. D. W. Lathrop, of Connecticut.
M. W. Conductor—R. C. Greene, of District of Columbia.
M. W. Sentinel—A. N. McConnoughey, Michigan.
The time for holding the next session was fixed for the 14th of June.

Provincial Secretary's Office.
Halifax, June, 25th 1864.

APPOINTMENTS.

To be Commissioners of Schools to constitute the Board of School Commissioners:

For the County of Cape Breton:—Revs. Neil McLeod, Richard J. Uniacke, D. McLeod, John Quinan, Alex. McSweeney, William E. Gilling, James Quinn, Matthew Wilson, Roland Morton; James McKeagney, Clement, H. Harrington.

For the District of Lunenburg:—Revs. H. L. Owen, Wm. Puff, J. Q. McAtee, James Buckley; H. S. Jost, Robert Lindsay, Benjamin Legge, Joseph Steverman, Obadiah Parker, John Young.

For the District of East Hants:—Revs. John Cameron, Charles Bowman, Charles Randall, Joshua Jordan, J. Stephens, Jacob McLellan; S. S. Barbrick, Daniel Blois, Isaac O'Brien, James McKenzie, Wm. H. Hamilton, Samuel Blois, John McLearn, William C. Casey.

For the Shore District, Co. of Halifax:—Revs. Robert Jamieson, Edward Ansell, James Waddell, Mr. Daley; Henry Leslie, James Leary, William Hall.

District of North Queens:—Rev. D. O. Parker; Wm. T. Freeman, Edwin Christopher, Edw'd P. Freeman, Benj. L. Telfer, Rob't Bryden, Thos. Flynn.

District of South Queens:—Revs. E. E. B. Nichols, James Melvin, Peter Danaher, Joseph Hart, J. E. Goucher, Amos Weaver; George W. Barrs, Joshua N. Freeman, James F. Forbes, James Collie, Donald Campbell, John C. Hall.

Cumberland District:—Revs. G. Townsend, A. Thompson, John Munro, J. L. Jarvis, R. E. Crane, Thomas Allen, A. M. DesBrisay, J. S. Sponagle, G. F. Miles, David McKuen; Stephen Fulton, Gilbert Seaman.

Parrsboro' District:—Revs. W. B. King, John Read, Duncan McKinnon, James Palmer; James Kirkpatrick, T. D. Dickson, F. Carroll, Edward Vickery.

Victoria County:—Revs. Niel Brodie, John Shaw, Abraham Mackintosh; Joseph Hart, W. Kidston, senr. Alexander Munro, John McLennan.

For the County of Antigonish:—Revs. Roland McGillivray, David Honeyman, Thomas Downie, Andrew McGillivray, Hugh Gillis, Charles Martell, Joseph Chisholm, Kenneth J. McDonald, T. W. Morris; Geo. Brennan, Hugh McDonald, Angus Smith, Archibald McGillivray, Ronald McGillivray, William Chisholm, Norman McDonald, W. C. Hierlehy.

In the County of Lunenburg:—To be Commissioners for giving relief to Insolvent Debtors, and for taking Recognizances of Bail in the Supreme Court—Adolphus Gaetz, Robert Scott, George Anderson, Joshua Kaulback, James D. Selig.

To be Coroners of the said County—Joseph Steverman, M. D., Chas Aitkins, M. D., Hy S. Jost, M. P. P.

In the County of Guysborough:—To be Postmaster at Port Mulgrave—George Hadley, in place of James Stafford, resigned.

In the County of Victoria:—To constitute a Board of Health for the Port of Baddeck—William Kidston, junr., Donald McLean, Joseph Hart, Alexander Taylor, David Dunlop.

Admiral Hope intends proceeding to St. John shortly, and after returning to Halifax will probably pay a visit to Canada.

We are pleased to observe that Judge Johnston has returned from his visit to the States, much improved in health.

THE NEW PROVINCIAL BUILDING.—The corner stone of this edifice will shortly be laid with Masonic honours, and promises to be an imposing affair. As a necessary preliminary, a silver trowel is to be manufactured for the occasion, by Mr. J. McCulloch. The Corner stone of the present Provincial Building was laid by Sir George Provost, Aug 12, 1860. We presume that Sir Richard Graves MacDonnell will officiate on the forthcoming celebration.

Large quantities of Herrings have been taken lately in Annapolis Basin, but salt proving scarce, numbers were lost.

The *Chronicle* states that on Sunday last the mate of the schr Rover fell from the mast head of that vessel, and had one of his legs broken and was otherwise seriously injured.

A vote was taken whether the next Annual meeting should be at Montreal or New Haven which resulted in favour of the latter.

The Committee on Prize Essays were ordered to offer prizes amounting to \$200 for Essays on Temperance. Sixty-five Representatives were present at the close of the Session.

WELBYAN CONFERENCE.—The tenth Conference of Eastern British America was held last week at Sackville N. B. and seems to have been an occasion of unusual interest, owing in part to the presence of the Rev. W. L. Thornton from England—who has succeeded the Rev. Dr. DeWolf as President—and the Rev. Robinson Scott from Dublin. The various meetings were also enlivened by the talent and eloquence of the Rev. Messrs Richey, Brewster, Lathern and others.

Our Citizens will be glad to know that their old friend, the Mic-Mac Steamer will commence to-morrow to run her usual trips to Sackville, giving them a chance of gaining some fresh air and relaxation for a trifling cost.

The Military Bands will play in the Horticultural Gardens, on Tuesday and Friday afternoon during the season.

KING'S COLLEGE ANNIVERSARY.—The usual annual University exercises of King's College brought together at Windsor, on Wednesday and Thursday last, a large gathering of its friends and supporters. His Excellency the Lieut. Governor and Lady Macdonnell, His Lordship the Bishop, the Bishop of Fredericton, the Rev. Dr. Gray, of Trinity Church, N. B., and numerous other gentlemen of note were present.

Bishop Binney opened the convocation with an address, and the Rev. Dr. Gray pronounced the annual oration. The usual degrees were conferred, and several highly interesting essays read. His Excellency presented a prize medal to Sergeant McKiel, of the Windsor Rifles, for superiority in rifle shooting. His address on the occasion is described as easy, pleasing, and pithy.

The match factory of Enoch Steadman, Mill's Village, Queen's county was destroyed by fire on Saturday night week.

Prince Edward Island.

A new Charlottetown Horticultural Society has been inaugurated. The officers are: Hon. T. H. Haviland, (Mayor) President; Hon. Charles Young and Mrs. E. Palmer, Vice Presidents; Benj. DesBrisay, Esq., Treasurer; and John Lawson, Esq., Secretary, *pro tem*. The object of the society is to promote the extension, cultivation, and improvement of gardens and orchards. A committee consisting of five Ladies and an equal number of gentlemen has been appointed.

IMPORTATION OF STOCK.—We understand that the Government have ordered, for the use of each of the Counties in this Island, the following Stock:—1 Clydesdale Horse, 1 Ayrshire or Durham Bull, 1 Leicester Ram, 1 do Ewe, 1 Southdown Ram, 1 do Ewe. In all, 3 Horses, 3 Bulls and 12 Sheep. The purchase of these animals will exhaust the grant of last Session. We believe that it is contemplated, next Session, to appropriate a sum sufficient to procure one or two superior Blood Horses. Is it not practicable to resuscitate the Agricultural Society, and to attempt the formation of a Stock Farm? Our chief dependence is on our agriculture, and we regret to say that so far as Stock is concerned, we are going astern.—*Islander*.

Canada.

POLITICAL.—The recent defeat of the government has plunged the country in difficulty and rendered a reconstruction of the ministry necessary again. The following is the "explanation" given by the *Quebec Gazette*:

"To-day, on the meeting of the House explanations were made by the Honble. Attorney General West, to the effect that after the vote on Tuesday night, the Executive Council had, upon a full consideration of the entire question, determined upon advising His Excellency to dissolve Parliament. That advice was tendered on Wednesday, but only to-day had His Excellency returned an answer, conceding the right to dissolution, and leaving in the hands of his advisers the fullest power to take any course they might deem advisable. The Government, however, was anxious if possible to avoid the necessity of an appeal to the people at this time, and to the end of preventing it, had opened negotiations with a prominent member of the

legislature, with a view to such a reconstruction as would give the necessary strength to the administration to enable it to go on, and as these negotiations were not completed, he had to ask the adjournment of the House until Monday.

The gentleman with whom negotiations have been opened is the Honble. George Brown, and we are glad to believe that there is every prospect of their being brought to a successful termination. It is said that Mr. Brown, in view of the difficulties which beset the affairs of the Province, intimated to a member of the House, friendly to the Administration, his willingness to support it, on condition of some steps being taken towards the solution of the constitutional difficulties, either by means of a federal union of all the Provinces, or, failing that, a federal union of the Canadas; and it is believed that this is the basis of the arrangement which we have good reason to believe is likely to be made to harmonise the sectional majorities. All persons will rejoice if such an honorable compromise can be made as will avoid the evil of a general election."

DEFENCE OF QUEBEC.—A Surveying Party of the Royal Engineers is now engaged in making a topographical survey of the country lying within a circle of ten miles of Quebec. From Point Levis, the city of Quebec is at present exposed to the fire of an enemy who might take possession of the right bank of the St. Lawrence.

A Montreal paper has discovered the startling fact that two hundred tons of gunpowder are stored in one building in close proximity to the city; and has been informed that drivers of powder-wagons in the neighborhood frequently solace themselves with a cheering pipe, besides carrying matches into the magazine.

LATEST FROM THE STATES.

[From Telegrams to morning and evening papers.]

TUESDAY, June 28.—Dates from Sherman to yesterday the 27th. It appears from papers received that he made an unsuccessful attack on the Confederate position losing from 2 to 3,000 men, including Gen. Joe Parker and Gen. McCook, both reported mortally wounded.

The Confederate papers report that General Hunter destroyed a vast amount of property in his raid.

WEDNESDAY, June 29.—Congress has repealed Commutation clause in enrollment Bill, but allows 60 days for volunteering for one, two, or three years, with bounty of 200, 300, and 400 dollars, according to the term.

Federals now hold 51,000 Confederate prisoners.

Despatches from Gen. Hunter state that after a successful expedition inflicting great injury on Confederates, that he was victorious in every engagement, but falling short of ammunition he had withdrawn his command in safety, and in good condition.

Gens. Wilson and Kautz, with a strong body of Federal cavalry and light artillery, are reported in the vicinity of Lynchburg.

Evening.—The following is later from Grant's army:—"June 28, 5 A. M. All quiet in front. Our left wing has swung round, and taken possession of the Weldon railroad, about 4 miles from Petersburg, without opposition."

Terrible accident occurred this morning on the Grand Trunk Railroad at St. Hilaire, about nineteen miles from Montreal. A train of cars, with 354 German immigrants went through the Beloyd Bridge, into 10 feet of water. At last accounts 34 dead bodies, and 30 or 40 badly injured, had been taken from the wreck.
Gold 246 and 250.

THURSDAY, June 30.—Later advices from Virginia confirm report that Federal Cavalry had destroyed or badly damaged all the railroads leading from Richmond.

Petersburg roads commanded by Butler's guns. Shells were thrown into Petersburg every five minutes.

President Lincoln to-day sent to the Senate the nomination of David Todd, for Secretaryship of the Treasury, in place of Mr. Chase resigned. Senate immediately went into executive session. The resignation of Chase was unexpected. Mr. Todd was formerly Governor of Ohio.

Montreal, June 30th.—88 dead bodies have been taken from the ruins of railroad on Grand Trunk road near St. Hilaire, and over 80 survivors are badly injured. The cars are one pile of fragments. The locomotive is submerged out of sight. The engineer Birney has been arrested and sent to jail. Impossible to identify the dead. They came by the ship "Vicar" from Bremen and appear to be Poles, Danes, Swedes, Prussians, Austrians, Bohemians, and some Italians. They were going to Wisconsin.

FRIDAY, July 1.—The Sanitary Fair just closed at Philadelphia—netted one million dollars.

President has approved and signed Tariff Bill.

William Pitt Fessenden, of Maine, has been nominated by the President, and confirmed by Senate, Secretary of the Treasury.

SATURDAY, July 2.—Advices from before Petersburg late Wednesday night, state that Gen. Wilson's cavalry had penetrated to the Danville and Richmond Railroad, and had destroyed forty miles of the track, including several bridges; also, 30 miles Lynchburg and Petersburg road. On his way back to rejoin Grant, Wilson was attacked by a large force of infantry and cavalry from Lee's army. At last advices fight was going on. Meade had despatched 6th corps to his assistance. Dates from Sherman are to 27th. Rebels had been driven from the strong position of Kanawha Mountain,

leaving 300 killed. Heavy fighting took place on Saturday and Monday. Details not received. Gold 225.

MONDAY, July 4th.—Gen. Wilson had reached Grant's Head Quarters with the main force, after severe fight, in which he lost twelve guns and portion of his waggon train. He fully succeeded in destroying rebel railroads, as telegraphed on Saturday.

At daylight Sunday morning a rebel force in three columns, was discovered marching on Martinsburg, and the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, near Harper's Ferry. Gen. Sigel gave them battle with the small force under his command, and after five hours fighting he was compelled to fall back. Sigel holds Maryland Heights and Harper's Ferry. There is great excitement at Hagerstown and Harper's Ferry. It is thought the strength of the enemy is greatly exaggerated.

A Washington despatch says the President will call out a half million more men immediately after the adjournment of Congress.

Mr. Fessenden accepts Treasury portfolio. Portion of United States Army in Springfield, Mass., was destroyed by fire on Saturday night. Loss \$50,000.

Evening.—Both Houses of Congress adjourned *sine die* to-day.

Rumors are circulating that a force of rebels are crossing the Potomac at Falling Waters.

A mutiny recently occurred in New York harbour on board the ship *Emily Augusta*, Capt. Strickland, while proceeding to sea, bound to St. John, N. B. While going down the bay, Capt. S. went forward to get the men to go to work, when they told him to go aft again, and immediately rushed upon him, one of them stabbing him in the back with a sheath knife; they also attacked the mate, knocked him down on deck, and kicked him, and made a pass with a knife at him, but did not cut him. A boat's crew from the revenue cutter *Crawford* put the crew in irons, and they were afterwards locked up in the Tombs. Capt. S. who is dangerously wounded, was taken to New York.

An "Indian" and a white man were passing along Broadway, New-York, when the former espied a window full of wigs, and, pointing to the owner, who was standing in the doorway, said: "Ugh—him great man—big brave—take many scalps!"

The N. Y. Journal of Commerce has raised its subscription price to \$12 a year, and has increased its rates of advertising.

In the U. S. Senate on Tuesday last, the bill in aid of a telegraph to Behring's Straits was debated at length, amended by striking out the section granting an annual subsidy of \$50,000 and then passed by a large majority.

The Garibaldi regiment which left New York three years ago one thousand strong for the seat of war, has just returned and numbers 150 men.

Mr. John C. Donovan, of New York, is about to venture across the ocean in what we suppose must be the smallest craft that ever attempted such a voyage. The dimensions of his vessel are—length of keel, fifteen feet; breadth of beam, four feet six inches; depth of hold, two feet six inches—a mere cockle shell for the open sea. She will, it is stated, sail in a few days for an European port.

LATEST FROM EUROPE.

Hibernia off Cape Race, at 6 a. m., on Monday, 27th. Dates 2 30 p. m., 16th.

Prisoners landed at Cherbourg by the Alabama were the crews of ship "Tycon," Capt. Ayers, from New York to San Francisco, destroyed by the Alabama, and the ship "Rockingham," previously reported.

DANO-GERMAN QUESTION.—The Conference has been postponed from the 15th to the 16th, being still further postponed to the 18th.

The Morning Herald says that postponements are designed to prevent the ill-effect which sitting without result would have upon the public mind. They are principally made in the interest of the English Government, which is anxious to keep up longer hostilities.

The Morning Post says, it is felt that the motive for these repeated delays is the understanding that nothing yet can be accomplished to reconcile the two opponents. A few days will bring about the resumption of hostilities, and the Post says, there can be no doubt that England as soon as the war begins again, will be found in defence of Denmark.

Reported that Russell had made overtures to France, proposing forcible intervention of England and France, if conference fails. The reply was not so favorable as expected.

The Paris Constitutional argues that England is committed to assist Denmark if war is resumed, but France is free to act as she thinks fit.

The Danish Bank of Copenhagen calls on the Government, if war is resumed without assistance from England or Sweden, to evoke revolution, arouse foreign legions, and accept Garibaldi's offer.

The Emperor of Russia and King of Prussia were about to meet at Kossentien.

LATEST.—The Royal Mail Steamship Arabia, with dates to the 19th ult., has arrived at New York.

The vote of censure against the Government relative to the Ashantee, was defeated in the House of Commons, the government majority being seven. The Opposition regard this as a virtual defeat.

Conference met on the 18th and adjourned till 22nd.

Smith O'Brien died on the 17th.