

absent ones who are never more to be seen among us. Among those who perished in that ill-fated vessel, and whose loss is keenly felt by the writer of this, was the noble commander, Capt. S. L. DeWolf, and perhaps a short history of him may not be out of place at this particular time.

Captain DeWolf was a native of Pictou, N. S., and at the time of his death was 43 years of age. At the early age of 16, he shipped in a small coasting schooner running upon the north-eastern coast, (where many of our best navigators originate,) and remained for several years in that trade; but, longing for a broader field in which his natural enterprise could accomplish more than in the over-crowded coasting traffic, he engaged in the New York and European trade, and made sixteen consecutive voyages across the Atlantic, and afterwards to many different parts of the world. In 1849, during the great gold excitement, he sailed from Boston in the ship *Onward*, as her first officer, bound to California, and arrived there in November of that year, and has remained on that coast ever since, earning and well-deserving for himself the name of Pioneer. He will be long remembered by many of the pioneers of California as the commander of the brig *Freemont*, one of the first vessels engaged in the coasting trade out of San Francisco. Capt. DeWolf has been in the employ of the California Steamship Navigation Company for the past 12 years, in whose service he made his last voyage. He was a thorough sailor (the forecastle being as familiar to him as the quarter deck,) and as a friend he was all that we regard as noble, conscientious, and gentlemanly, and, above all, strictly moral and temperate; a true Christian and a kind and indulgent husband, with the Bible for his compass and guide.

General Intelligence.

Domestic.

DALHOUSIE COLLEGE commenced its Winter Term on Wednesday last, Prof. McDonald delivered the Inaugural Address, giving a general view of the characteristics of the course of education prescribed for the students and the relation in which the several branches stand to each other.

Principal Ross spoke briefly on the valuable address of Prof. McDonald. The Secretary of the Board of Governors, James Thompson, Esq., read the minute of the Board respecting the changes which had been made in the Professorships of the College. Professor DeMill was then welcomed by the other Professors and took his seat with them.

Principal Ross noticed the presence of the Vice-Admiral, Sir James Hope, and called upon him to address the audience and students. His Excellency, we learn from the Reporter, then "read a paper prepared for the occasion which elicited great applause, in which he gave expression to his favorite opinion of Confederation. His Excellency is of opinion that the College, if properly encouraged, would eventually become one of the most valuable educational institutions of the Province. Professor DeMill, formerly of Acadia College, Wolfville, but recently appointed to a Chair in Dalhousie, was introduced by His Honour the Provincial Secretary. It is somewhat singular that Dalhousie College, the corner stone of which was laid by its noble founder in the year 1820, nearly half a century since, should only now be commencing its career of usefulness."

The Hon J. W. Ritchie on being called upon addressed the audience and students briefly; after which the Rev. Principal Ross pronounced the benediction.

THE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY'S EXHIBITION in the Kirk building on Wednesday last was not so numerously attended as might have been expected. The charge (25 cents) as suggested by the Sun doubtless prevented many from attending. The display of Fruit was not large but the samples were fine. All the prizes for Apples were taken by growers from Kings County as follows:—Nine best sorts, 12 of each sort, prize, \$16, B. Kaye, Cornwallis; Six best sorts, 12 of each sort, \$10, W. Eaton, do.; Best twenty-four of any sort or sorts, \$6, Edwin Johnson, Wolfville; Best barrel of Apples, \$8, W. Eaton, Cornwallis.

Other fruit prizes were distributed between Kings, Halifax and Hants Counties. The prizes for vegetables were taken by Halifax and Dartmouth growers. Dr. Bars showed fine samples of Chickory for which a Card of Merit was given.

The splendid performance of the Band in the evening was listened to by an appreciative audience.

Dr. Bars will accept our thanks for a half a dozen of the finest Gravenstein Apples we ever saw. Also for some roots of Chickory.

THE STEAMER "CIRCISSIAN" ASHORE.—We were greatly concerned at hearing on Saturday last that a steamer was ashore at Lis Madame. Subsequent information showed that it was the *Circissian* from Bremen for New York with 650 passengers. It appears that on Thursday, the 19th inst., the steamer sprang a leak, and so fast did the water come in that it was found impossible to keep the ship clear with the pumps. There being no means of stopping the leak, the captain, in order to save the passengers, crew, and cargo, determined to make the nearest land, and accordingly headed the vessel towards Rocky Bay near Arichat, Cape Breton, where she arrived the following day, Friday, and was run ashore on a sandy bottom. At the time the vessel struck the water was up to the funnels, and consequently she could not have been kept afloat one hour longer.

It is believed the passengers and crew were landed in safety. Upon the news of the disaster having been received here H. M. S. *Royalist* was despatched to render assistance, and sailed from this port on Saturday morning at 7 o'clock. Upon intelligence concerning the casualty reaching this city, Messrs. Cunard & Co., forthwith telegraphed to their agent in Sydney, C. B., to direct the captain of the steamer *Delta*, to proceed to the scene of disaster immediately upon her arrival at that port from St. John's, Newfoundland.

We understand that accommodation has been provided for the passengers, in H. M. Dockyard, and that they will be taken there on arriving in Halifax, until arrangements are made for forwarding them to New York.

FIRE.—On Sunday morning last a fire broke out in an empty house in Almon Street and consumed it and two others. In the evening an alarm was again sounded from the rekindling of the embers, but was soon extinguished.

SALMON.—The head of Bedford Basin is almost alive with Salmon, evidently waiting for an opportunity of getting up Sackville river to spawn. A Salmon ladder would be a great convenience to them.—Sun (Wednesday).

GALE.—On Thursday night last a violent gale of wind arose from the south. Three schooners were blown on shore near McNab's Island but they were got off without serious damage.

LUNENBURG.—A fine new School house is being erected in a very conspicuous place in the town of Lunenburg. It is more than ninety feet in length, and commands a fine view when entering that town either by land or water. It is certainly a beautiful expression of the intelligence of that place.—Liverpool Transcript.

THE LATE CAPT. DEWOLF.—A late California paper announces that the body of Capt. DeWolf, of the "Brother Jonathan" which was wrecked some months since on her voyage between San Francisco and British Columbia, was found by the Indians and buried by Lieut. Tuttle, 4 or 5 miles off Trinidad.

THE SCHOOL LAW, it appears is not to have a speedy realization of all it was hoped it might accomplish. We have only as yet heard from a few places, the result of the meetings on Monday the 16th ult.

At Wolfville on a motion to assess \$3,000 for building a new School-house, there were thirteen in favor and thirteen against, when the chairman Dr. Hea decided against it, according to the established rule, that when a tie occurs the chairman shall vote in the negative. Jas. P. Johnson, W. J. Higgins and J. L. Armstrong were appointed Trustees for the ensuing year. It is doubtful if they will be able to do any thing satisfactorily.

At Bridgetown quite a number of persons were nominated Trustees but all declined to serve. The meeting was adjourned till Wednesday the 25th ult.

At Liverpool, the Transcript informs us, there were 25 persons present and "it was decided by a large majority not to elect Trustees, but to allow that duty to fall on the Commissioners. The meeting also refused at the outset to hear any report from the Trustees who were appointed at the last meeting."

"The meeting was entirely in the hands of the opponents of the taxation system. They would neither consent to be taxed, nor would they subscribe."

"Sufficient notice of convening the meeting could not have been given in time or there would have been a much larger assemblage. The Inspector too was absent! If he does not intend to fulfill the duties of his office he should resign."

The principal objection appears to be that, one payment being made—the County assessment—rate-payers are unwilling to subscribe, or pay a second time, and it is now believed that if the whole amount required were to be raised by County Assessment there would be but little trouble. This is the suggestion we made for the city of Halifax some time since, and we doubt not some such modification of the Act will eventually be required.

We are informed that the City Commissioners here have enquired of the proprietors of the present school houses in the city what sum they will require for the use of their buildings. The replies show that this one item would cost the Board about £700 a year, leaving but a small amount with which to pay the teachers. If all had acted in the same liberal spirit of the Royal Acadia School Trustees—namely we believe about \$12 a year—this item would have been but a trifle, and the Commissioners would have their work considerably lightened.

FISHING FLEET AT PORT HOOD.—The Antigonish *Casket* is informed by a correspondent on the 15th ult., that there were then in the harbor at Port Hood "between 400 and 500 vessels riding at anchor. Every night they show their lights, and it is really beautiful to view them from this side the harbor—their anchorage being on the Island side—every one at least shows one, and many two lights. It is equally as beautiful to see them going out at early morn, the sun shining on their sails, and returning in the evening, single as it were. They have generally met with good success; several have been in the Bay but three or four weeks and have gone and come home with from four to five hundred barrels of mackerel. The fish they catch now are of very good quality.

The Cunard Company have added to their splendid fleet the new ship *Jana*, an iron-screw steamer, of great size and power. She measures 350 feet over all, and is of 2700 tons burthen.

It is proposed to add two or three sharp detectives to our present Police force.

The Halifax City Council are about erecting a tablet in the Episcopal Church, Dartmouth, to the memory of the late respected City Treasurer, Lawrence Hartshorne, Esq.

SUPREME COURT.—The sitting of the Supreme Court commenced yesterday. There is a large number of criminals to be tried. Some of the German residents in the city and Waverly, we hear, have secured counsel for the German sailors, concerned in the murder of Capt. Benson of the *Zero*. The colored people have also secured counsel for the colored steward charged with the murder. Their trial will take place in a few days.

"AMHERST LITERARY CLUB," 1865-66.—*Syllabus of the Course:*—

November 1st, "A Lay of the last Century," by Wm. D. Main, Amherst.

15th, Selected Readings, by Rev. G. Townsend, M. A., Amherst.

29th, "The Living Chiefs of English Statesmanship," by Prof. David Allison, M. A., Sackville, N. B.

December 13th, "Abraham Lincoln's Presidency," by Wm. F. Cutten, Amherst.

20th, "Different Varieties of the Human Race," by Joseph Moore, M. D., Amherst.

27th, "Mexico," by Prof. Jas. R. Inch, B. A., Sackville, N. B.

January 10th, "Cumberland," by C. J. Townsend, B. A., Amherst.

17th, "The Crusades," by Rev. W. G. T. Jarvis, M. A., Pugwash.

24th, "Britain's Greatness," by J. Hiram Black, Amherst.

February 7th, "Scott—the Poet, the Novelist, the Man," by Wm. D. Main, Amherst.

21st, "Manners and Customs of Ancient and Modern Times," by Rev. G. G. Roberts, M. A., Sackville.

March 7th, "The Georgics of Acadia," by J. Albert Black, Amherst.

21st, "Lord Bacon—the Lessons of his Life," by Rev. C. Stewart, Amherst.

28th, "Resumé of the Course," by Rev. A. Clarke, D. D., Amherst.

New Brunswick.

A young man named Bagley on Wednesday afternoon, in St. John, N. B., had taken his dinner in apparently good health, and soon after fell off his chair, and died almost immediately.

The *Borderer* states that the mail coach running between Dorchester, N. B., and Amherst, N. S., was capsized on Tuesday last, in the village of Sackville, N. B., owing to the breaking of an axle. The driver was severely, though not fatally, injured.

LATEST FROM THE STATES.

PETITION FOR JEFFERSON DAVIS' RELEASE.—A despatch from Washington states that on the 17th ult., "The President received a petition signed by five thousand women of the State of Georgia, praying for the pardon of Jeff. Davis." Similar memorials, but not so numerous signed, are received almost daily.

FIRE IN DETROIT.—A fire broke out in the Michigan Central Freight Shed, entirely destroying the freight buildings and contents from Third-street to the old Elevator. The loss will be heavy, as a great quantity of freight was burnt. The fire originated from a barrel of kerosene bursting and becoming ignited.

CONFEDERATE DEBT EXTINGUISHED.—A Raleigh, N. C., paper publishes a telegram from the President to Gov. Holden, declaring that every dollar of debt created in aid of the Rebellion should be repudiated, finally and for ever, and expressing a hope that the people of North Carolina will wash their hands of everything that partakes in the slightest degree of the rebellion so recently crushed by the strong arm of the Government.

THE FENIANS.—The U. States telegrams are striving to fan the Fenian flame. Every day or two we have reports of great demonstrations &c., &c. The following may be taken as samples.

New York, Oct. 19.—At the Fenian Convention to-day Pat. J. Wheelan, a prominent Irish American Journalist, having just returned from a tour in Ireland, during which he was intimately connected with the Irish Fenians, and informed himself of their plans. He represents the organization to be powerful, and under skillful leaders. The number present has been increased by delegations from the West, and a California delegation is expected. The financial matters being perfected, subscriptions to the loan will soon begin.

The following are from Monday's telegrams.—The announcement of the issuing of an order by the President for the unconditional release of John Mitchell, was received in the Fenian Congress on Saturday, with cheers for the President, for the United States, for the agent effecting the liberation, and for John Mitchell.

The *Herald's* Toronto correspondence says the Fenian movement is causing great agitation throughout Canada, and great activity is said to prevail in military quarters. Garrison is strengthened in regions where the Irish predominate; the loyalty of soldiers investigated; and arms distributed among citizens known to be opposed to the Fenians. It is thought that the movement in Ireland is only a ruse, and that Canada is the prize the Fenians are after. Gold 146.

ROBBERS' CAVES.—The New York telegram of Saturday afternoon states that the *Herald's* Washington despatch says five different caves have been discovered under that city occupied by a large number of murderers and others whose depredations have been carried on for a long time. One of the caves was used by Murrell and his gang when engaged in running off negroes. The military have taken measures to clear out the caves and beat them against occupancy.

LOUISVILLE, KY., Oct. 20.—The guerilla Henry C. Magruder was hung this afternoon.

NASHVILLE, TENN., Oct. 20.—The notorious guerilla chief Ferguson was hung to-day.

NEW YORK.—A large fire on Monday the 16th ult., destroyed property consisting of cotton and liquors to the value of one million dollars.

A stage coach on the way to Lebanon, Tenn., on Wednesday last, was attacked by highway men. Several shots were fired, but no damage was done.

MEXICO.—The movements of Maximilian are being narrowly watched. It is not likely that the most favorable construction will be put on what is taking place in that country by the United States neighbours.

The N. York *Herald's* Mexican letter of the 1st inst., that the U. S. Consul presented himself three days in one of the palace offices in order to make a claim in favor of a Frenchman. He sent his card, and was informed that he was unknown there, and the best thing he could do was to quit the Palace unless he wanted to be put out by the Palace guards.

Maximilian's Secretary of War offered to muster into the Emperor's service all the Confederate officers in Mexico, but they refused the proposition, adding that they could serve only under the United States flag, that they might have troubles among themselves, but that was no reason for them to forget that they were North Americans and Republicans, and consequently unwilling to defend an Empire.

The population of Palma, the United States Consul at Port Mahon reports, had been reduced from sixty thousand to fifteen. The death from cholera averaged 150 a day.

It is estimated that the tobacco crop in the valley of the Connecticut this year will be equal to the value of \$6,000,000.

A FIREMAN'S Parade took place in Philadelphia on the 18th instant. It was estimated that nearly 20,000 firemen were in the procession, which took three hours and a half to pass a given point.

The work of reducing the army and bringing it down to a peace basis is progressing. General Grant has ordered the mustering out of service of one hundred general officers and all their staffs.

Last week a young man named Crowder, residing in Petersburg, Va., died suddenly, and was regularly laid out and preparation made for his interment. Next morning he got up and dressed himself, and was quite unaware of his decease.

An Indian was recently caught in a bear trap and instantly killed, at Big Meadows, Alpine county, Cal. He had seen the trap baited with mutton, and concluded to steal it. The fall of this trap was made of heavy timber, armed with large spikes, which entered the Indian's body.

LATEST FROM EUROPE.

The steamship *Hibernia* passed Father Point on Monday with European news to the 18th ult. We learn from this source that a meeting of the Atlantic Telegraph Co. has authorized an increase of capital by 160,000 shares of 5 pounds each.

The papers generally comment on the Adams-Russell correspondence. The *Times* can hardly doubt that the proposal for a commission will ultimately be accepted, and says it is the best, if not the only solution, and the candid friend by tone of the argument between Russell and Adams justified that expectation. Other journals hope for an amicable solution.

The correspondence between Mr. Adams, the American Minister, and Earl Russell, was in relation to the responsibility of England for the ravages committed upon American commerce by rebel pirates fitted out in England. Earl Russell repudiates all liability, and refuses all arbitration.

MISCELLANEOUS.

THE END OF THE WORLD.—Capt. W. A. Baker, of the Royal Bombay Engineers, has recently published a work in which he fixes the day of Judgement for Sept. 20th, 1878, the hour sunset; the translation of the Saints having previously taken place at one o'clock in the morning of January 25th, 1875.

Never Failing, Safety and Success.—WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP is a safe and certain remedy for all diseases with which children are afflicted during the process of teething. It has stood the test of thirty years! Never known to fail. Gives rest to the mother, and relief to the child. Cures wind colic and regulates the bowels. 25 cents a bottle.

VALUABLE FOR THE SOLDIER.—Brown's Bronchial Troches will be found invaluable to the Soldier in camp, exposed to sudden changes, affording prompt relief in cases of coughs, colds, etc. For Officers and those who over-tax the voice, they are useful in relieving irritated throats, and will render articulation easy. As there are imitations, be sure to obtain the genuine.