

to be overlooked, and as there was a difficulty in detecting its situation, preparations were made to get the picking up apparatus ready.

The wire rope and the chain wire were secured to the cable forward, which showed a maximum strain of twenty-three and a half hundred weight, and at 9.55 Greenwich time, the cable was severed and went over the stern, 1186 miles having been paid out when the end splashed into the water it was considered a favorable circumstance that we had not got a few miles further, as we should have been in the very deepest part of the Atlantic plateau.

As far as could be ascertained, the ship was now over a gentle elevation, on the top of which there was only 1950 fathoms of water.

Suddenly Mr. Canning appeared in the saloon; his manner told all; he said, "it's all over—it is gone"—then hastened onward to his cabin. Mr. Field, ere the thrill of surprise and pain occasioned by those words had passed away, came from the companionway into the saloon and said with composure, admirable under the circumstances, though his lip quivered and his cheek was blanched. "The Cable has parted and has gone overboard." All were on deck in a moment, and there indeed a glance revealed the truth.

I will now endeavor to explain to you how the fatal accident occurred. I say fatal, for, although as I write we are drifting down upon the stop in the hope of getting hold of the cable with grapnels, I scarcely venture to hope the attempt will be crowned with success.

Let the reader turn his face towards a window, imagine that he is standing on the bows of the Great Eastern, and then, of course, on his right will be the starboard, on his left the port side of the ship. When the cable was hauled round on the left hand side and passed over the four wheels, it was carried over a drum, which we must suppose to be behind the spectator, and coiled up as fast as it was delivered from the picking up apparatus. But, when the engines failed to work this apparatus, of course the cable remained motionless, and, as the ship was drifted by the wind from right to left and slightly forward, at last the cable came close up to the bow and under the fore foot of the ship.

The machinery was still in motion; the cable and the rope travelled aft together, one towards the capstan, and other towards the drum when just as the cable reached the dynamometer it parted, and with one bound leaped as it were over a few feet of intervening space and splashed into the sea. It is not possible for any words to portray the dismay with which the sight was witnessed and the noise heard.

It was enough to move one to tears when a man came aft with a piece of the inner end lashed still to the chain; and as one saw the tortured strands, the torn wires, and the lacerated core, it is no exaggeration to say that strange feelings of pity, as though for some sentient creature mutilated and dragged asunder by brutal force, passed through the hearts of the spectators. Capt. Moriarty was just coming to the foot of the companionway; to put up his daily statement of the ship's position, having had excellent observations, when the news came. "I fear," he said, "we will not feel much interested now in knowing how far we are from Heart's Content." However, it was something to know, though it was little comfort, that we had at noon run precisely 116 miles since yesterday; that we were 1062 miles from Valentia, 680 miles from Heart's Content, and in lat 51 25, long. 29 6, our course being 76 South and 25 West.

After a brief consideration, Mr. Canning, whose presence of mind and self possession never left him, determined, though it seemed egregiously folly, to seek for the cable in the bottom of the Atlantic, to get out his grapnels, drop down on it and try and pick it up. The Great Eastern steamed ten or twelve miles to windward and eastward of the position in which she was when the cable went down, in order to throw out the grapnels and wire rope and drift down across the course of the track in which the cable was supposed to be lying. Although all utterance of hope was suppressed, and no words of confidence escaped the lips, the mocking shadows of both were treasured in some quiet nook of the fancy; the doctrine of the chances could not touch such a contingency as we had to speculate upon. And now came forth the grapnels. Two five armed anchors with flukes sharply curved and tapering to an oblique tooth-like end, the hooks with which the Giant Despair was going to fish from the Great Eastern for what with all its belongings represents more than a million in value. The ship stood away some 13 or 14 miles from the spot where the accident occurred, and then lay too in smooth water, with the Terrible in company. The grapnels, weighing three hundred weight, shackled and secured to a length of wire buoy rope, of which there were five miles on board, whose breaking strain was calculated at ten tons, were brought up to the bows and at 3h 20 min. ship's time, were thrown over and whistled through the sea a prey to fortune.—At first the iron sank, but slowly, but soon the movement of descent increased so as to lay great stress on the picking up machinery, which was rendered available in lowering the novel messenger with a warrant of search for the fugitive, hidden in mysterious caverns beneath. Length flew after length, overcame wheel and drum, till the iron was running with work heated at last to such intensity as to convert the water thrown upon the machinery in clouds of steam. One thousand fathoms! Fifteen hundred fathoms! Two thousand fathoms! Hundreds again—mounting up until, at 6 55 P. M., the strain was diminished, and at 2500 fathoms or 15,000 feet the grapnel reached the bed of the Atlantic, and set to its task of finding and holding the cable. The grappling was renewed on the succeeding days, but the ropes were not of sufficient strength and parted while the cable was several hundred

fathoms below the surface. Having exhausted her supply of grappling apparatus, the Great Eastern started for England the eleventh of August, and the Terrible made for St. John's. Buoys were placed in Lat 51 28, Lon. 38 42 and in Lat. 51 25, Long, 38 56, where the grapnels were lost.

Mr. Canning, Chief Engineer, Capt. Anderson, Mr. Gooch, Director of the Telegraph Construction Company, and Messrs. Varley, DeSauty, Thompson and Clifford, Electricians, unite in expressing the opinion that the Great Eastern can carry and lay an Atlantic telegraph cable in any weather; that the present cable is the best manufactured; and that with better machinery and stronger tackle there is a possibility of recovering the lost end of the Cable.

The New York Herald professes to have "received private information from England relative to the late disaster to the Atlantic cable. It appears, according to the information, that the failure was owing entirely to defective connections purposely inserted by the malevolent action of a rival house in the manufacture of telegraph cables, that we are indebted for the misfortune which is to be regretted by all the world, and not to any weakness in the enterprise."

Notices, &c.

Annapolis Co. Ministerial Conference

Will meet at Pine Grove, Wilmot, on Tuesday the 12th of Sept., at 9 o'clock, A. M. Preaching at Middletown Hall, on Monday evening, at 7 o'clock.

W. H. PORTER, Secretary of the Conference.

Western Home Missionary Board.

A meeting of the Western Home Missionary Board, will be held at Pine Grove, Wilmot, on Tuesday the 12th of Sept., at 2 o'clock, P. M.

W. H. PORTER, Secretary of the Board.

Central Sabbath School Convention.

The S. S. Convention in connection with the Central Baptist Association, will be held with the Church at Upper Aylesford, on Thursday the 21st day of September next, commencing at 10 o'clock, A. M.

A Circular will be sent to the Sabbath Schools. A punctual attendance of Delegates is requested. GEO. V. KAND, Secretary.

Quarterly Meeting at Nth. Sydney, C. B.

A Quarterly Meeting of the Baptist Churches and Ministers on Cape Breton Island, will (D. V.) be held with the Church at North Sydney, commencing on Saturday Sept. 9th, at 2 o'clock, P. M. Ministering brethren are requested to meet at the Pastor's house, at 10 o'clock, A. M. All interested are urgently invited to attend.

T. H. PORTER, JUNR., Pastor. North Sydney, Feb. 22nd, 1865.

Rev. A. F. Porter wishes to acknowledge the receipt of \$4 for African Mission and \$2 for Seminary at Horton, from a female friend per J. B. Simpson, Arichat.

Acadia College.

The next Term will commence on Friday, Sept. 1. The Roll will be called at three o'clock, P. M. Candidates for Matriculation are desired to attend in the College Library, for examination, on Thursday, Aug. 31st, at ten o'clock, A. M.

Persons wishing to take Partial Courses, in either Department, are requested to correspond with the undersigned. J. M. CRAMP, President.

August 5, 1865.

Letters Received.

C. W. Roscoe. Rev. P. F. Murray. C. H. Harrington, Esq., \$10. J. A. Kelly Rev. Dr. Tupper, \$8. A. Marshall, Esq., 50c. Rev. J. Sprott. Rev. S. W. DeBlois. G. V. Rand. Rev. T. H. Porter. E. A. Fitch. W. Charlton. W. L. Crowell, \$4.25. Rev. J. H. Saunders. W. J. Gates—(Amts. forwarded). T. B. Harris. Rev. H. Eagles, \$5 from 1st St. Mary's, and \$5 from Isaac's Harbor Churches for Home Missions.

General Intelligence.

Domestic.

CIVIC.—The Aldermen who will retire on the 1st of October are:—

- Ward 1. S. Tobin. " 2. Meagher. " 3. Boggs. " 4. Pallister. " 5. Conway. " 6. Jennings.

It is probable that a portion of them will be re-elected. Nothing is yet said about the mayoralty. It is likely that Mr. Richey will be re-elected, without opposition.

THE FRUIT GROWERS' ASSOCIATION will hold their Annual Exhibition at Wolfville, on Wednesday the 11th day of October next. The list of prizes shews that from \$8 00 downwards will be given to the successful competitors, in the several departments. It embraces Apples, Pears, Quinces, Peaches, Plums, Grapes, Beets, Mangold Wurtzel, Carrots, Onions, Tomatoes, Parsnips, Cauliflowers, Cabbage, Cucumbers, Pumpkins, Squash, Melons, Honey, and Apple barrels.

All articles intended for exhibition must be entered on before the 4th day of October, with one of the following persons, D. H. Starr, Halifax; P. S. Barnham, Windsor; Dr. Hamilton, Canard; J. M. Parker, Berwick; Dr. Robertson, Wilmot; Jared Troop, Bridgetown; Thos. W. Chesley, Granville; J. R. Hea, Wolfville.

POOR BEN CHRISTMAS, who has had so many ups and downs, in the past few years, was again picked up in the gutter last week. One of our contemporaries makes it the subject of a joke, whilst another says, "The fellow has egregiously deceived a confiding public, and should be severely dealt with if again found offending."

We think he has already been "severely dealt with." Those who sold him the liquor should rather be severely dealt with.

One gentleman high in office tauntingly remarked in reference to him. "That's what Protestantism has done for him!" "No" said his poor suffering wife, "That's what Rum has done for him."

Ben, has like many others fallen under the habit acquired before he became a Protestant. There are, we believe, plenty of men, who have a far higher reputation less innocent than Ben, and in the matter of drunkenness also who get taken care of by their friends, when they become incapable of taking care of themselves, whereas he, poor fellow, is a mark for their jibes and a victim of the arts of his old friends!

SABLE ISLAND PONIES.—Another batch of 46 of these undersized horses were sold on Saturday last. They brought an average of \$22. There are about 200 more we are informed on the island. Some efforts have been made to improve the breed there.

THE CROPS.—The Potatoe blight appears to be making great destruction in several parts of the province. All along the shore it has appeared. Even in King's Co. it has in some places done great damage. Yarmouth is also suffering from the disease.

Canada has already gathered large crops of grain for exportation. The returns are unusually large.

In the United States the prospects are that a much smaller amount of cereals will be gathered than last year. Fruit will be very abundant, particularly in the West.

Hay is coming into Halifax in large quantities, and realizing from \$12 to \$14 per ton.

A man named Peers was found on the Common this (Monday) morning, near the willows alongside the brook, with his throat cut. He must have staggered a few yards after having committed the act, as the small knife with which the deed was accomplished was found a short distance from where the corpse was discovered by the keeper of the Common. The remains were removed to the Poors' Asylum, where an inquest is to be held by Coroner Jennings.—Express.

THE INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY.—Mr. Fleming's report of the survey of the Intercolonial Railway shows a central route as follows:—

From River du Loup by way of the River Toledi, Green River and Gennamitz Valley, thence by Two Brooks, Wapskegan, the upper waters of the Miramichi and Nashwaak, by the Keswick Valley and St. John River to opposite Fredericton, thence by the head of Grand Lake and Chowan's Gulch to Aboquai station. It embraces also the section from the New Brunswick Railway to Truro in Nova Scotia. The total sum, divided by the length of line to be constructed, gives an average of very nearly \$46,000 per mile. Distance to be built, 340 miles. Estimated cost, \$20,635,000; or, with deductions on Moncton to Truro section \$5,200,000 less.

We are informed that five men of the 16th Regt. deserted on Friday evening last. They were subsequently captured at Bedford and brought to town.

The subscriptions towards Trinity Church in this city already amount to near \$20,000.

THE HORSE RAILROAD.—By reference to our shipping intelligence it will be seen that some of the material for this important adjunct to our provincial thoroughfare has arrived. The Express states that the only reason why Mr. O'Brien brought the long timbers from abroad, was owing to the fact of their having to be grooved in a peculiar manner, and which he rightly inferred could not be done here in time to push on the work. It is his intention to get all the material possible for the work, in this city, and he has given several orders already. The line of the railway will be from the Richmond depot, through Water to Granville, thence to corner of George street, turning down into Hollis, thence along Hollis to Morris, up Morris to Pleasant street, thence to Freshwater Bridge.

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