

TERRIFIC WHIRLWIND IN CANADA.—Several accidents have happened in Scott and other townships, in consequence of the late whirlwind, and everywhere terrible loss has been suffered by the killing of cattle, and the destruction of houses, barns, crops, fences, milldams, trees, &c.

Of the destruction in Reach we have heard some melancholy details. Mr. Ironside of the 10th concession, has been especially severely visited. His house stood directly in the path of the storm, which in a moment blew it into fragments, carrying some of them even to Scugog Island, a distance of more than ten miles! In its fall it unfortunately destroyed the lives of two persons; his wife's sister-in-law who came from the old country only a few weeks ago, and his own eldest son. His saw-mill was completely destroyed: some of his cattle were blown into the water of his dam and drowned; and the body of water itself was raised from its bed, and washed out for itself another for several feet beyond. Besides his house and saw-mill, his fences, crops, and orchard are destroyed, and 400 acres of pine wood belonging to him were laid completely prostrate.

Other sufferers are spoken of in Reach. Mr. Irving suffered severely. His crops, house and barns, are completely swept away, and one of his family hurt, but not seriously. Isaac Fralick lost a barn, his house was uncovered, and fences blown away.

Mr. Brown's house was unroofed, and fences blown away. Abner Hurd's saw-mill was unroofed, and his woods destroyed, &c. We have heard the names of Messrs. Watson, McLaren, Jamieson, Dobson, Wells, and Horne, are also among the sufferers. Mr. Warren's house, sheds, barns, fences, and crops are destroyed. The portions of the roads that the storm has crossed, have been all torn up, and made impassable. A Mr. McMillan, of the township of Cartwright, was killed.—Whitby (Canada) Reporter.

READING OF THE DEATH WARRANT TO DR. WEBSTER.—This morning Sheriff Eveleth proceeded to the Jail, and in presence of Rev. Dr. Putnam and Mr. Jailer Andrews, read to Dr. Webster the warrant for his execution. He was perfectly calm throughout the ceremony, and impressively remarked at its close—"God's will be done—I am entirely reconciled to my fate." The warrant fixes the time of execution between the hours of eight and eleven o'clock.—Boston Traveller.

PROF. WEBSTER—INTERVIEW WITH LITTLEFIELD, JANITOR OF THE COLLEGE.—Yesterday afternoon at the solicitation of Prof. Webster, Mr. Littlefield, the Janitor of the Medical College, and principal witness for the government on the trial of Prof. Webster, visited the Jail, and had an interview with the condemned man in the presence of Mr. Andrews, the jailor. As he went into the cell, Prof. Webster, greeted him with great cordiality, taking him by the hand, and told him that he had long been desirous of seeing him, in order to make his acknowledgments to him. Professor Webster said he had done him, Littlefield, great injustice, and asked his forgiveness.

Mr. Littlefield replied, "I forgive you, Dr. Webster, with all my heart, and I pity and sympathize with you." He told him that it was a painful thing to go on to the stand and testify against him, but that he felt it to be his duty, and had no right to shrink from it. If he had testified to any thing that was not strictly correct, it was not done intentionally by him; if he had, asked his (Webster's) forgiveness.

Mr. Webster replied—"Mr. Littlefield, all that you said was true—you have misrepresented nothing—but, as a dying man, I have no recollection in regard to the sledge hammer." He requested an interview with Mr. Littlefield's wife, who will, we understand, visit him this afternoon.

Both Professor Webster and Littlefield were much affected during the interview, and they parted with mutual good feeling.—Boston Paper.

SINGULAR COINCIDENCE.—It is stated in the Nenagh Guardian, that on Monday night, the 24th June, as four of the officers of the Depot of the 6th Regiment of Foot, stationed at that place, were returning from a fishing excursion on the Shannon, and when within 20 yards of the Barracks, the left wheel of the car was driven accidentally on the top of a heap of clay, which was dug out of the side of the street, where a channel is being made. The horse and the car were immediately upset, and three of the Officers were dashed with violence to the opposite side of the road: but Captain Peel, who was driving at the time, attempted to jump off, when one of his feet caught in a leather strap which was attached to the seat, and he was thrown across the water table. He had no support under his legs, and while in such a position the horse and car capsized on him. Unfortunately, the wheel fell on his legs and thighs, and fractured the two bones of the right leg immediately above the ankle, broke his left thigh, and dislocated his left shoulder. The other Officers escaped unhurt. Although a stranger, and only a few weeks stationed in Nenagh, universal commiseration and sympathy were felt for Captain Peel, whose sufferings were most excruciating: he is son to Colonel Yates Peel, and nephew to Sir Robert Peel, whose lamented death was occasioned by a similar accident only a few days after.

CANADIAN PARLIAMENT.—Mr. Lafontaine has announced in Parliament that the Canada Government are to do their share in making the communication desired by New Brunswick, from the St. Lawrence near Trois Pistoles to the navigable waters of the St. John. The expense, says the "Montreal Gazette," would be trifling, while the benefit to a large district of Canada, New Brunswick, and Maine, would be immense.

A letter from Toronto, Canada, says:—"As an indication of the ruin and decay prevalent in Canada just now, while the cry of retrenchment is at its height, I would remark that the customs of the port of Toronto alone for the quarter just ended is upwards of \$120,000!—being more than double that of the parallel quarter of last year."

An Act to alter and amend the Act incorporating the Carleton County Agricultural Society.

Passed 26th April, 1850.

Whereas in and by the Act of the General Assembly, eleventh Victoria, chapter fifty four, incorporating the Carleton County Agricultural Society, it is provided by the second section of the said Act that the general meeting of the members of the said Corporation, for the election of Officers, be held on the Monday next before the last Tuesday in September in each and every year, which period is found to be inconvenient: And Whereas it is deemed advisable that such election should be held at a later period of the year, to enable the Board of Officers to close the business of such Society for the past year before others are appointed in their stead?

It is therefore enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council and Assembly, That from and after the passing of this Act, the general meeting of the members of said Corporation for the election of Officers, as provided by the second section of the said Act, shall be held on the second Tuesday in December in each and every year.

And whereas at a general meeting of the members of said Corporation held at Woodstock on the Monday next before the last Tuesday in September last one President, ten Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer and Secretary, were elected by the votes of the said members for the current year? Be it enacted, That the said Officers so elected as aforesaid shall continue in office until the second Tuesday in December next, or until others are chosen in their stead, any thing in the said Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

A number of remarkable suicides have occurred lately. In Covington, Ky., a young lady threw herself into the river because her father had closed his doors upon her at night, for walking out with a young gentleman whom he disliked. Her lover declined protecting her, and she drowned herself in despair. In Cleveland, Ohio, Miss Lavina Cook poisoned herself by taking oxalic acid. She had been disappointed in a love affair. In Newark, a child, seven years old, deliberately drowned itself because it had been severely whipped. In St. Louis a German shot himself with a pistol loaded with water! Jealousy was the cause. He had been married but four months.—Portland Transcript.

A daguerreotype of the star Lyra has been taken at the Cambridge Observatory! This star is so distant that its light, travelling at the rate of 190,000 miles in a second, would require more than 20 years to reach the earth.—Thus it will be seen that the ray of light which impressed the image of the star upon the plate, took its departure from the star over 20 years ago, long before Daguerre had conceived his admirable invention! How inconceivable to man is the vastness of the universe.—Ib

In Culpepper, Va., recently, a mob broke open the jail, dragged thence a free negro who had been charged with murder, but who had had a new trial granted to him on the ground that the testimony hardly justified suspicion, much less guilt, and giving him but one minute to confess, during which he declared his innocence, hung him to a tree. We are glad to see that the Virginia papers strongly condemn this high-handed outrage, and call upon the Governor to arrest every man concerned in it.—Ib

THE TELEGRAPH WIRES.—The derangement of the telegraph wires on the Nova Scotia line, on Monday last, is thus accounted for in the Halifax Sun of Wednesday: "During the thunder storm on Monday morning, the Electric fluid entered the window of the operator's room in the Telegraph office, struck the relay instrument, injuring several screws, and passing along the connecting wire into the interior of the coil, completely fused and consolidated the same. The copper wires leading into the battery-room were melted. The shock was felt throughout the building. Fortunately, the operator was not at the key at that moment, or the consequences might have been fatal.

"The bolt which destroyed the instrument, alluded to above, struck on the wire 12 1-2 miles from this City, damaging fifteen poles, and destroying one or two altogether."

SHOCKING ACCIDENT.—In Perry, on Friday, the 26th instant, Fanny A., daughter of Amos A. and Louisa M. Gardner, aged 4 years and 7 months, was burned to death in the following manner:—It appears that the mother of the child was confined to her room, and that there was no other person in the house, except the child and a nurse, who were both in another room. The nurse, having occasion to go to the well for some water, the child, in her absence, went to the stove, where its clothes caught fire, and, in its fright, ran to her mother, who, on perceiving her condition, sprang from her bed (almost helpless, as she was) and caught her. The child, driven by the flame, jirked from her mother, and ran to her father, who was at work in the field 'making hay,' the flame from the child's dress, caught the hay, which was immediately in a blaze. The father barely escaped being burned to death also. The child still fled, (the mother pursuing her all the while) until she sunk to the ground burned to death.—Eastport Sentinel.

SEAT OF GOVERNMENT OF MAINE.—The Maine House of Representatives has appointed a committee to report upon the expediency of removing the seat of government to Portland, if that city will erect proper buildings.

It is a somewhat singular fact, that Dr. Webster committed the murder on Friday—he was arrested on Friday—the verdict of the Coroner's (secret inquest was) made public on Friday—one of the regular days selected for his family to visit him at the jail was on Friday—the final decision of the Executive was given on Friday, and his execution is to take place on Friday. For him, at least, Friday is an unlucky day.

BERMUDA AND WEST INDIES.

MONTserrat.—This island is said to be reduced to the lowest ebb of misery and wretchedness. It was once prosperous and contented, but is now on the brink of ruin.—Famine, pestilence and death stalk through the length and breadth of the land in the most hideous shape; half the inhabitants are starving, and the other half have not the means of relieving them. Insolventy stares every man in the face. The poor feeding the poor. Credit annihilated; capital vanished; commerce languished; agriculture at a stand; the landed interest uprooted; and the shipping interest deranged.

ANTIGUA.—The weather, we are happy to report has for the week ending June 20, been most propitious, and planting throughout the island is being generally and vigorously attended to. We cannot be sufficiently grateful for the bountiful rains with which the island has been favored.

TRINIDAD.—The papers from this colony contain but little beyond the discovery of a gold mine, on the Savanna, about twelve leagues from the Yruary river, which has thrown the inhabitants of Trinidad into a state of great excitement. Already has a vessel been advertised to sail for these auriferous regions, should sufficient encouragement be afforded; and the gold is said to be of a superior description to that found in California.

St. Lucia.—The most deplorable accounts are given in the papers of the wretched state of Guadeloupe and Martinique. The first is under martial law, and the other likely to be similarly placed. So high had party spirit risen in Martinique that the editors of the two papers, after slapping each other at a distance, had solemnly engaged to end the dispute by mortal combat. The one who considered himself first insulted, chose the rifle as the weapon to be used—distance forty yards—the other accepted the weapon but demanded twenty yards, as he was a *wyope* and could not see at a greater distance. His antagonist insisted on the forty yards, as he was a *presbyope*, and could not see at a shorter distance, and in this state the quarrel was left at the last advices.

On Wednesday evening a short Telegraphic Despatch was received from Portland, relative to the proceedings of the Convention. At 11 o'clock on Wednesday the meeting was organized, the Governor of the State having been called to the Chair. There were present between 4 and 500 delegates, from all the British Provinces, including Newfoundland; and nearly all the New England States, as well as New York. The members of both branches of the Maine Legislature, were to be present, from Augusta. Up to the hour of sending on the despatch, enough insight was obtained by the writer, to warrant him in saying that it was his firm belief that the Rail Road would be commenced and completed, if he could judge by the harmony and enthusiasm that prevailed. This is cheering news.

YESTERDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

THE QUESTION AS TO THE ROUTE SETTLED.

The Convention sat up to a late hour last evening (Thursday)—the debate was interesting—but, considering the lateness of the hour it was impossible to have it prepared in time for the wires. The despatch which came, however, states that the principal resolution passed last evening, by an overwhelming majority, adopting the land route through New Brunswick to Nova Scotia!—M. News.

ACCIDENT AND NARROW ESCAPE.—On Friday last, a son of Mr. Humphreys, in Portland, a lad about 13 years of age, was driving a waggon, in which were his mother and five young sisters, along the road which skirts the lake this side of Torry Burn House, the horse took fright, and plunged into the lake, carrying the waggon and all who were in it along with him. The lad with wonderful presence of mind, succeeded in rescuing four of his sisters and Mrs. Humphreys with an infant in her arms, was also rescued by a family who reside near the lake. The escape of all was most miraculous. The horse was drowned.

The state of the road leading past this lake is most unsafe, and should at once be looked after by the Road Commissioner. Within a few months, several horses have been precipitated into the lake and drowned. The road is so narrow that it is almost impossible for two waggons to pass, and when we consider the great amount of travelling, it is fortunate that no lives have been lost. We trust that we shall not be again compelled to advert to the dangerous state of this road.—New Brunswick.

TESTIMONIAL.—It gives us great pleasure to announce a most gratifying instance of cordial attachment lately manifested by a Parochial Congregation towards their Pastor. The ladies of the adjoining Parish of Portland have lately presented the Reverend Mr. Harrison, the Rector of their Parish, with a superb set of black silk robes, (Gown and Cassock,) as a testimony of the respect and esteem universally entertained by his parishioners for that indefatigable and amiable Clergyman. We sincerely hope that the valuable life of the Rev. Gentleman may so long be spared, that after having worn out this pleasing testimonial, in official duty, an opportunity may be afforded for a repetition of a tribute so honorable to all parties.—Courier.

A western orator in a speech to his constituents said:

"Feller Citizens,—The great bird of American liberty's flew aloft, and soarin' upon the wings of the wind, is now hoverin' high over the cloud capped summits of the Rocky Mountains, and when he shall have penetrated the unknown regions of unlimited space, and then shall have dived downward, lit on daddy's wood pile, I shall be led to exclaim, in the grand, the terrific, the sublime language of Paul, the apostle in his celebrated epistle to the Aborigines,—'root, little pig or die!'"

Why are some editors like a steam engine? Because they get on by puffing, and often get a blowing up!