

end of the wheat or corn, when it prepares itself to change into a crystal. It leaves the outer skin of the grain, as a covering to the orifice of its cavity, and this is readily burst by the perfect insect when it is ready to issue forth. By examining this skin, and ascertaining whether it has or has not been burst open on one side, and left like the open clapper or valve of a pump, you can always learn whether the insect is still in, or gone from a perforated grain.

Colonial News.

LATE FROM NEWFOUNDLAND.

The Royal Mail Steamship *Unicorn*, arrived this morning from Newfoundland, bringing dates to the 25th inst. Their contents are of much interest.

The Hon. Judge Lilly, Assistant Judge of the Supreme Court, died suddenly on the morning of the 10th inst. aged 75 years.

Some new appointments have been made by His Honor the Administrator of the Government, viz:—the Hon. Asst. Judge Desbarres to be Acting Chief Justice vice Norton, absent on leave; the Hon. H. A. Emerson, to be Acting Asst. Judge vice Desbarres; Wm. Bickford Row, Esq. to be acting Solicitor General vice Emerson.

St. John's was visited on Saturday the 19th with a tremendous storm of wind and rain. Two of the principal bridges in the vicinity of the town, the long bridge opposite the cottage of the Hon. Robert Job, and the King's bridge were carried away. Shortly after six o'clock the spacious but unfinished building, the Natives' Hall, situated to the Northward of the town, came down with a tremendous crash, and unhappily buried in its ruins several of the unfortunate inmates who had been permitted to take refuge there from the inclemency of the weather upon the Barrens, two of whom died immediately after being extricated, and a third remains with but little prospect of surviving. The gale was also destructive to other unfinished buildings some of which were unroofed, and others, among which was Judge Archibald's, entirely blown down. Several fish flakes on the South side of the harbour have been destroyed, and the commotion among the shipping and boats has occasioned considerable loss. A coasting vessel in attempting to make the harbour was driven ashore in Freshwater Bay, and lost one man. A fishing boat was upset in the Narrows all perished. Other rumours of losses are current.—The gale commenced at E. N. E. at thirty minutes past 8 A. M. and increased to a perfect hurricane by half past 2 P. M. when the wind veered to N. N. E. The gale continued to increase in violence till about half past 4. About ten the rain ceased and by midnight the wind which was then about N. or N. by W. had moderated considerably.

The gale had been awfully destructive in other parts of the Island. At Gate's Cove, Trinity Bay, out of about 70 fishing skiffs lying in the Cove 60 were totally wrecked and lost, some of the larger boats deeply laden with fish and oil, and the poor people's fishing stages and flakes were destroyed.

Numerous disaster, of a minor nature however, are recorded at Harbor Grace—at Perry's Cove a few miles below Carbonear, a neat little Wesleyan Chapel was entirely destroyed—at Hant's Harbour, Trinity Bay, three schooners were lost. A number of lives have also been lost at various places, of persons connected with the shipping or fishery. The brig *Comet*, hired for the Circuit service was lost at Langlois, and the French sch. *Le Flambeau*, brought the judge and officers of the Southern Circuit Court, together with the crew of the *Comet*, to St. John's on the evening of Sept 24.

Some commotion had been excited among the people on the Barrens in consequence of the Relief Committee coming to a resolution to sell by public auction the provisions which had been sent for the relief of the sufferers by the late fire. A sale was called on Wednesday the 9th inst., but it had hardly commenced when a large gathering of the sufferers, almost all females, by words and unmistakable gestures, put a stop to it, and a petition was presented to the administrator of the Government, stating that the provisions had been sent to the sufferers and them alone, and calling upon him to interfere to prevent the sale. His Honor, in reply assumes—that the memorial appears to have been signed under misapprehension—that part of the provisions were sent by the Government of Canada, and the larger portion purcha-

sed by the Government of the Colony to ensue a supply should private importations fail of doing so—that a large stock has however been imported by the merchants, and consequently they were secure from a scarcity—that the provisions were spoiling—and he concurred with the Relief Committee that it was desirable to dispose of them. Not satisfied with this, a general meeting was convened on the 14th on the Barrens, a Protest against the sale of provisions drawn up and sent to the Relief Committee, who were called upon to consider their proposition and rescind their resolution. As we do not notice any further proceedings in the paper on this matter we suppose the Relief Committee have quietly adopted this course. The object of selling the provisions seems to have been—the realization of a sum of money which might be divided amongst the sufferers, who might then purchase of the merchants, the latter having imported large stocks of provisions. We abridge from the Patriot the above account.

Nova Scotia:

Halifax Morning Post, Sept. 28.

Arrival of a Fall Vessel, and a Ship in distress.—The barque *Adelaide*, Captain Gourley, arrived on Saturday in 33 days from Liverpool, with a general cargo to Messrs Black and Brothers, of this city; reports that on Saturday the 19th September, experienced a heavy gale, which increased to a hurricane.—Lost main yard and main topsail—stove bulwarks, splitting sails, &c.

The ship *Queen Pomare*, Captain Till, put into this port on Saturday, from Liverpool bound to St. John, has been 41 days out, with a cargo of dry goods. On the 19th ult., experienced a very heavy gale—lost fore, main, and mizen topmasts, and top gallant masts—sprung fore, main, and mizen masts—lost jib-boom and sprung bowsprit, lost topsails, &c. There is a report of the wreck of a couple of coasters to the eastward.

Canada.

From the Montreal Transcript.

The Portland Railway—Meeting of the Stockholders.—A meeting was, on Saturday the 12th September, held of the stockholders on the Atlantic and Saint Lawrence Railway, the Hon. G. Moffat in the chair, to determine what was to be done with the deposits of the scripholders who had paid the first instalment, but not signed the deed. After a good deal of discussion, it was decided by 613 votes to 495, that to such as choose the deposits should be returned, deducting the preliminary expenses, which are estimated to amount to from 7s to 10s a share. Nothing can be fairer or more honorable than this, and we compliment the company on having adopted so bold and straightforward a course in the business.

From the Montreal Times.

The Harvest in Lower Canada.—The harvest has this season been more than usually abundant throughout the Eastern Townships in particular. It is true that a considerable portion of the potatoes are diseased, and that in many places the wheat-fly has caused some destruction; but the evil in these two instances is more than compensated by the great yield of other articles of food. A more than usual quantity of Indian corn was planted last spring, and it has turned out uncommonly well; while the quality and quantity of the hay will enable farmers to feed more than the ordinary number of cattle this winter. The latter have suffered a good deal in several townships from the want of order, which has resulted from the unusually dry weather that has prevailed; but the late rains will have in a great measure removed this evil. The drought was so excessive, that there is not, we believe, a single saw mill at work along the Saint Francis, from the Saint Lawrence to Sherbrooke. Everybody however, complains of the difficulty of coming to market with their produce.

Quebec, September 17.—An inquest was held yesterday morning on the body of Mrs Ashwood, found floating in the Saint Lawrence, on Sunday last, near Tibbitt's boom, when the following verdict was returned.—Willful Murder against some person or persons unknown.

United States News.

Niblo's Theatre Destroyed.—The New York papers of the 18th give full particulars of the total destruction by fire, of Niblo's Theatre, and the buildings and fixtures in the Garden. The fire broke out in the Theatre at 1-4 past 4, and

spread with such rapidity that in a very short time the Theatre with all the fixtures and the whole block bounded on Broadway, Prince and Crosby streets, was consumed. The amount of property destroyed was about \$45,000, about 50 per cent, of which was insured. The principal sufferer was Mr. Niblo.—Miss Taylor lost her valuable music. The Ravels and Mr. Chippendale lost their wardrobes. The musical instruments belonging to the orchestra, and all the splendid scenery painted for the new pantomime of *Mazulme*, were lost. The fire is said to have been the work of an incendiary.

Dreadful Disaster and Loss of Life.—The new schooner *John Wart*, Captain Robert Crowley, from this port bound to Batsto Furnace, with a cargo of merchandise, belonging to Jesse Rickard, Esq, of the above place, capsized at sea off Squan Beach during the gale of last week and all hands perished. This was her first trip. The captain and crew were all young men.

The sloop *Mary Adelaide* Capt. Lamson was also capsized near the same place, and all hands perished except a young lady who was saved in a miraculous manner, the sloop having drifted bottom up. When the wreckers boarded her, they heard a noise which appeared to be that of a human voice coming from the cabin. They instantly cut a hole in the bottom, and there found the lady, who proved to be Miss Lamson, a niece, of the captain who had been standing in water up to her neck from the time the vessel capsized until she drifted to the shore, the tide having fallen some she was enabled to rest herself by sitting down, although the water was then up to her waist. She was then taken ashore and provided for.

New York Sun, September 25.

BALTIMORE, SUNDAY NIGHT.

A letter from the United States squadron in the Gulf has been received in Washington, which gives the substance of the Mexican Government's response to the peace proposition. *They refuse to enter into negotiations until the American land and naval forces have been withdrawn from the territories and the harbors of Mexico!* We are assured here that this is the answer which the President received yesterday afternoon by Government express from Pensacola. Nothing new from Nauvoo.

BALTIMORE, Monday Evening.

Another Battle has been fought at Nauvoo. The Mormons were again victorious, the Anties being compelled to retreat. The Nauvooites built breastworks for their defence, which they mounted with six pieces of cannon. The Anties seemed quite satisfied with their present disgrace, and after having thrown two shots into the Nauvoo camp, solicited a parley. This the Nauvooites refused them, returning for answer that they had done talking. The action then began on both sides with desperation. The firing of Artillery soon closed, and the battle was changed to musketry. Anderson, the brave leader of the Nauvoo Spartans, and his son, fell fighting, both being shot; two others of the Nauvoo party were killed, and several were wounded. Among the anties six are reported as wounded, Captain Smith, it is thought mortally. Another battle is hourly expected. Great distress exists at Nauvoo. There is a grievous scarcity of provisions. Ammunition is also scarce.

To the Freeholders of the County of Northumberland,

Gentlemen, In accordance with the wishes of a number of respectable and influential Freeholders, I respectfully offer myself as a Candidate for the Representation of the County at the approaching Election.

I have resided among you almost from childhood, I am therefore known to most of you, and you can best judge whether I am a fit person to be entrusted with your suffrages. Should you honor me with your confidence, by returning me as one of your Representatives, I will endeavour, diligently and faithfully, to promote to the utmost of my power the varied interests of this county in particular, and of the Province generally.

I have the honor to be,
Gentlemen,
Your very obedient servant,
GEORGE KERR.

Chatham, October 3, 1846.

CARD.

MR BENSON, Surgeon, &c., having returned to Chatham, after a residence of three years in England, respectfully tenders his services to his old friends and the public of Miramichi, and its neighbourhood, and may be consulted, for the present, at the residence of Mr Michael Samuel, Chatham, September 11, 1846.

To the Freeholders of the County of Northumberland,

Gentlemen,—I beg leave respectfully to solicit your Suffrages at the approaching Election. In again offering myself as a Candidate for the Representation of this county, I have only to say, you must judge of the future by the past; and if you honor me with your confidence on the present occasion, you may rest assured my most vigilant exertions shall be devoted to the best interests of the Province, and of this county in particular.

I have the honor to be, Gentlemen, your very obedient and faithful servant,
ALEX. RANKIN.

Douglstown, 21st September, 1846.

To the Freeholders of the County of Northumberland,

Gentlemen,—In again presenting myself to your notice as a Candidate for your Suffrages at the approaching Election, I beg leave to call to your attention, that this county, through the joint exertions of your old members, has now the privilege of sending Four Members to Provincial Parliament, instead of Two, as heretofore accustomed; an advantage to which the population and importance of the County justly entitles it.

The Election will also be conducted under the New Election Law, which requires the Freeholders of the respective parishes to Poll in the parish in which they reside, at specified places, of which it will be the duty of the Sheriff to give you timely notice. This plan will save you the trouble of travelling far from your respective homes to vote, and will, I hope, be found productive of convenience to the Electors generally.

In soliciting your suffrages on the present occasion, I have only to say, that if you should again be pleased to honor me with your confidence, the same vigilance, zeal, and exertion to promote your interest, and that of the county, which has, I trust, hitherto characterized my public conduct, will be pursued in future. The improvement and prosperity of this county, where I have spent so many happy days, are near my heart; and so long as I can be useful to you and to the county, it will be my desire and my pride to serve you; and from my present residence being a good part of the time in Fredericton, I feel convinced that it will be in my power, possessed as I am of all the local information of a permanent resident, to be more generally useful to the county at large, than I have ever been.

With these assurances, and trusting that you will again honor me with your support, I have the honor to be, Gentlemen, with great respect, your very obedient and faithful servant,
J. A. STREET.

Miramichi, 21st September, 1846.

To the Electors of the County of Northumberland.

GENTLEMEN—As the General Election cannot be far distant, when you will be called on to return four persons for the Representation of the County; I beg leave most respectfully to offer myself as one of the Candidates who seek the honor of your suffrages on the occasion. My long residence of thirty years makes me acquainted with all parts of the County, its wants and its capabilities. It is true, the person who now addresses you is a Catholic, and, I believe, the first in the Province who has had the honor of coming before you to claim the right of representing you; but as a Catholic you have nothing to fear, his religion will never be made subservient to base or unworthy motives. The duty of those who may be returned is to do all in their power to promote the interests of the Province; and if I should be so fortunate as to be one of your choice, you may rest assured that those interests shall have my best attention. Relying firmly, therefore, on a fair and liberal share of support,

I have the honour to remain, Gentlemen, Your obedient humble servant,
MARTIN CRANNEY.

Miramichi, 19th September, 1846.

To the Freeholders of the County of Northumberland,

Gentlemen,—You will perceive by the Proclamation of the High Sheriff, that a Court for the nomination of Four Candidates to Represent you in the next General Assembly, will be held at the Court House, on Monday, the 5th of October next. From the very liberal and flattering support I received from the Constituency of this County on a former occasion, I am induced to offer myself as a Candidate for your Suffrages; and should you honor me with your confidence, by electing me one of your Representatives, I will endeavour to discharge the arduous and important duties of a Legislator in such a manner as to convince you that your confidence has not been misplaced.

I am, Gentlemen, your obedient servant,
WM. CARMAN, Jun.

Chatham, 24th September, 1846.

Auctioneer and Commission Merchant.

The subscriber informs his Friends and the Public that he has commenced the business of Auctioneer and Commission Merchant, at his store in Newcastle. Goods or Property of any description intrusted to him for sale, will meet with his immediate attention.

WM. SALTER.
Newcastle, 24th September, 1846.