

burg, Rugg and Freeman, Dr Putnam, Mr Gustavus Andrews, Deputy Jailor, and Mr Galen Holmes, Turnkey. As soon as the prisoner had taken his stand on the drop, Dr Putnam commenced conversing with him, and continued to do so during the reading of the death warrant by the High Sheriff. Dr Putnam then shook hands with Webster and bade him farewell. The prisoner sat down in a chair, while Mr Andrews and Mr Holmes bound his limbs with a leather strap. He then shook hands with the two persons last named, and bade them a last adieu.

The Sheriff then took him by the hand, and a few words passed between them in a low tone of voice. Mr Holmes then removed the prisoner's hat, and, together with Deputy Sheriff Rugg placed the noose over his head. While they were properly adjusting it, with the knot under his right ear, his countenance, which, until then had been deathly pale, suddenly became flushed, and tears were seen to fall from his eyes. A black cambric cap was then drawn over his head and face, and at precisely twenty five minutes before ten o'clock High Sheriff Eveleth stepped upon a spring, the drop fell, and the spirit of John W. Webster was ushered into the presence of its Judge.

The criminal dropped between seven and eight feet, probably breaking his neck bone entirely off. During one or two minutes after he fell there was a perceptible shuddering of the shoulders, occasioned by the sudden contraction of the muscles. His feet were also drawn up once between two and three inches. With these exceptions there was no other observable struggling.

After remaining suspended just half an hour, Drs Henry G. Clark, and Charles H. Stedman examined the body, and informing the Sheriff that life was extinct, that officer so declared it to the legal witnesses and spectators, and at the same time thanked the witnesses, in the name of the Commonwealth, for attending and aiding the officers of the law in the painful duty which had just been performed.

A cheap black coffin was then brought out and placed under the scaffold, and the body lowered into it. The rope was then unloosed and taken from his neck, and the cover put on the coffin. It was then removed to an apartment connected with the jail, where it will remain until this evening, when, under the charge of a sexton of Cambridge, it will be taken to the residence of his family, and from thence to Mount Auburn, where it will be deposited in the family tomb.

From an early hour up to the time the execution was ended, people continued gathering in the streets adjacent to the jail, and upon the roofs of houses in the vicinity, from many of which places it was impossible to obtain even a glimpse of the gallows.

At many of the windows and on the tops of houses, several females were seen, some of whom stood with a burning sun pouring down upon them for more than two hours. The crowd was very great, and from those who had no possibility of seeing the gallows, loud noises and expressions, disgraceful in the extreme to those who uttered them, continually fell upon the ears of those who were compelled, from duty, to witness the painful scene which ended the life of John W. Webster.

The event will be communicated to the family this afternoon, by Mrs W. H. Prescott, sister of Mrs Webster.

We are informed by good authority, that no document purporting to be a further confession was left by Webster, but that he did leave several letters to different persons, the contents of which are not known.

SECOND EDITION.

TUESDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 10.

SUPREME COURT.—A Court of Oyer and Terminer, and General Gaol Delivery, for this County, at which Judge Parker will preside, will commence its sittings to day. We, for the first time, during a residence of nearly twenty-five years, will figure on its records, being sued for Libel, by John T. Williston, Esq., because we published an Advertisement for Mr John Hea, which contained some strictures questioning Mr Williston's fitness for Legislative honors. We believe the Calendar will not present a criminal suit.

PROV.—Angus McDonald, Esq., a gentleman highly respected, met an untimely death, while proceeding from the Albion Mines to the loading wharf, on the Railway. He was thrown off, and three or four loaded wagons passed over him, completely severing him in two. The Potato rot was doing a good deal of damage near this place.

NOVA SCOTIA.—The Church Times says that the Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia proceeds to Britain in the Asia, which will sail in about three weeks.

HALIFAX.—Cleared, Sept. 3.—Prussian brig Adolph, Miramichi.

FROM NEWFOUNDLAND.—The Steamer Merlin at Halifax, brings later news from Newfoundland. Some of the papers are agitating the necessity of a line of Ocean Steamers between Galway and Quebec, touching at Newfoundland. The Courier says—it is time for the people of Newfoundland to make

an exertion for its advancement, and commence to impel it from the obscurity which has hidden it from the observation of the world abroad, and associated its name with eternal snow and impenetrable fog.

The weather in Newfoundland has been wet and unfavorable. The fishery, has been retarded, and the fish, in course of curing, has been injuriously affected. Much of the hay crop has been injured, which will leave room for a large importation of hay. The other crops look promising.—St. John New Brunswick, Sept. 7

UNITED STATES.—Dreadful Death of a Father and Son in a Marsh.—On Friday, a man named Potter, a mason by trade, and his son, eight years old, belonging to Topsfield, while on a gunning excursion, came to their deaths in the following horrible manner. It is supposed that they, during their excursion, tried to cross the Ipswich Marshes, the father with his son upon his back, but that the weight of the two sunk the father into the mud, so that it was impossible for him to extricate himself. From appearances, the son, after the father was thus fixed fast, went some distance further, probably to get assistance to extricate him, when he also sunk in the same manner in the treacherous bog. While they were in this helpless condition, the tide began to rise, and they were both drowned.

Their deaths were not known until they were missed from home, when a search was made, and their horse and wagon found where they had left them. A farther search brought to light the dead bodies of father and son, in the places where they sank into the mud which held them fast, while the waters overwhelmed them. Their feelings, at the gradual advance of the water, from which it was impossible for them to flee, must have been terrible.—Boston Traveller.

Delegation from Montreal.—A delegation of the citizens of Montreal, among whom will be the Mayor and other Members of the city government, together with five fire engine companies, will visit this city this week, for the purpose of seeing Burr's Seven Mile Mirror and other objects of interest. The party will leave Montreal on Tuesday next, and arrive in Boston on the evening of Wednesday the 3d day of September, and will leave on their return on Friday afternoon or Saturday morning, in one of the trains over the Fitchburg Road.—Boston Paper.

The Calais (Maine) Advertiser states, that six of the persons who went to California in the Agate, that sailed from Machias last fall, are no more. One of the six died on passage, and the other five in the land of gold. The survivors, one and all, are heartily sick of the undertaking, and wish themselves back.

The Storm South and the Mails.—The storm of last week, which delayed the mails from the South, was very severe in particular sections. A railroad bridge near Halifax, North Carolina, was carried away. In Georgia it caused destruction to the cotton and corn crops. Between Perry and Macon, a distance of about 22 miles, the mail stage was compelled to cut its way through the trees which had been blown across the road. It is believed to have been the severest gale experienced in that State for a number of years, and the destruction to the growing crops it is feared, has been immense. At Augusta a large number of trees were prostrated, and the river rose very rapidly.

The peach cultivators in West Jersey have discontinued sending their products to New York, as they do not bring enough money to pay the expenses of marketing. The fruit will be distilled.

NOVA SCOTIA.—Marble.—During a recent visit of a friend of ours to Parrsboro, some very beautiful specimens of marble were shewn him by Mr D. D. Roop, who has discovered quarries of them at Five Islands. Fragments had been forwarded to the United States for the inspection of some of the leading Geologists, and they have pronounced the white marble equal to that obtained from Italy. We have a sample of this marble at our office, as also samples of Black and Carolina marbles, which we shall be happy to exhibit to those who desire to see of what kind of stuff our Province is made. It is probable that these marbles would form a very pleasing item in that part of the great exhibition of 1851, apportioned to Nova Scotia, and our provincial commissioners appointed for the collection and transmission of specimens of our country's resources, will doubtless look out for some choice pieces of these marbles, and give them a prominent place among their collections.

Eight persons belonging to one family met their death lately near Petite. They were crossing the Basin of Minas in a boat, and when at no great distance from the shore, the boat, which was leaky, filled and sunk with her ill-fated passengers.—Nova Scotian.

Good News!—The harbor is literally alive with Mackerel, and several hauls were made yesterday in the vicinity of North West Arm, Success to the fisheries say we.—Halifax Chronicle.

The prospects of the Railway in Nova Scotia are very encouraging. The Nova Scotian says, that the proposed line to Portland is the engrossing topic of conversation, and the spirits of the people have already risen to a pitch commensurate with the importance of what they know and feel will prove the salvation of the Province.

The Government of Nova Scotia has forwarded an application to the Home Government, asking whether, in the event of that Province pledging itself for the necessary sum to construct the Railway to the borders of New Brunswick, the Imperial Govern-

ment will endorse the credit of Nova Scotia. The Nova Scotian remarks, that there never was a document transmitted across the Atlantic which more deeply concerns the people of these Provinces than the one in question. Heaven grant the noble courier a safe and prosperous voyage! We trust that on her return she will bring a favorable reply to the ardent request of the people of Nova Scotia.—New Brunswick.

The Crops.—At length we are enabled to state with some degree of certainty that crops of all description will be excellent and abundant this season. Along the whole Gulf coast, so far as we can learn, east and west, they present an appearance of prosperity.

New Brunswick.—Fatal Collisions at Sea.—Captain Betts, of ship Thomas, of this port, arrived in the Clyde, on the 18th ult., from Quebec, reports, that on the 16th, when 12 S. E. of Tuskar, running with studding-sails set, the ship got in contact with an Austrian bark, the Captain Dabetta, of and for Trieste, out three days from Liverpool, and the bark sank in ten minutes. Captain Dabetta, his wife and child, and three seamen drowned; the mate and seven seamen saved and taken on board the Thomas.

The steamer Minerva, from Liverpool to Kingston, got in contact at night between Puffin's Island and Point Lynas, with the brig William Rushton, from Lagaira to Liverpool. The brig sank in about fifteen minutes after the collision.—St John Courier

CANADA.—Awful Conflagration.—Early yesterday morning, about half past three o'clock, our town was visited by a most destructive fire, and became at once a scene of ruin and desolation by which seventeen houses, mostly brick, were entirely consumed, many of whose occupants were sufferers in the last fire, three years since. We believe that most of the sufferers were insured—we are not able to state at present to what amount.

We saw plainly from our window, if an engine had been on the spot in time, the fire might have been got under. We regret to say that this is second time the proprietor of the Great Western, Mr Robertson, has been burnt out in the space of six months. A report is current that it was the work of an incendiary.—London, (U. C.) Times, 16th Aug.

Agricultural Exhibition AND PLOUGHING MATCH.

The SHEDIAC DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY have agreed to hold an Exhibition, and Ploughing Match, in the first week of October next, when the following Premiums will be awarded confined to Members of the Society:

Table listing agricultural premiums for various categories such as Best Bull, Best Cow, Best Heifer, Best Ram, Best Lamb, Best Ewes, Best Ewe Lamb, Best Boar, Best Sow, Best Brood Mare, Best year old Colt or Filly, Best Pig, Best tub Butter, Best Cheese, Best 2 bushels Red Wheat, Best 2 do. White do., Best 2 do. Red, Best 2 do. White, Best 2 Bushels Oats, Best 2 Bushels Barley, Best Field Turnips, Best 12 Heads Cabbage, Best Bushel Turnips, Best do. Carrots, Best do. Parsnips, Best do. Blood Beets, Best 8 yards men's wear Homespun Tartan, Best 8 do. Plain do., Best 10 yds. Flannel Wool, Best 5 pair Woollen Mitts, Best 5 do. Woollen Stockings, Best 5 do. Woollen Socks, Best Bushel Apples, Best Half dozen Squashes.

Ploughing Match.

Table listing ploughing match premiums: First Prize £2 0 0, Second do. 1 10 0, Third do. 1 0 0, Fourth do. 0 17 6, Fifth do. 0 15 0, Sixth do. 0 12 6, Seventh do. 0 10 0.

Resolved, That all persons presenting Cat-

tle, Produce, or Domestic Manufactures for Exhibition, shall furnish the recording Secretary with a description and list of the same, on or before ten o'clock, A. M., the day of Exhibition.

Resolved, That any Cattle, Produce, or Domestic Manufacture so exhibited, must be raised or manufactured by such individual presenting the same, or have been his bona fide property for six months previous to such annual exhibition.

William Atkinson, John McDougall and Paschal Porrier, are the Judges appointed by this society for awarding Premiums.

H. LIVINGSTONE, President. Shediac, August 24, 1850.

The Annual Ploughing Match and Cattle Show

OF THE NORTHUMBERLAND AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY, For 1850.

PLOUGHING MATCH.

The PLOUGHING MATCH of the Northumberland Agricultural Society, for the current year, will take place at DOUGLASS-TOWN, a short distance below the Residence of the Hon. Alexander Rankin, on THURSDAY, the THIRD day of OCTOBER next.

The undermentioned Prizes are offered by the Society to competition, by its Members, on that day, subject to the following Rules and Regulations. To the Winner of Prize

Table listing prizes for ploughing match: No. 1, £1 17 6; No. 2, 1 15 0; No. 3, 1 12 6; No. 4, 1 10 0; No. 5, 1 7 6; No. 6, 1 5 0.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

- 1. Teams must be on the ground by 9, and be ready to commence at 10 o'clock precisely.
2. All persons who may have gained the first prize for two years shall not be eligible to compete this year.
3. Three judges to be appointed by the Board of Directors, and their names to be announced by the Secretary on the morning of competition. They shall not, however, appear on the field of competition till the work be completed.
4. The Society will provide for the expense of ferrying all horses that have been actually engaged in the competition of the day.
5. The dimensions of the Furrow to be four and a half inches by eight inches.

CATTLE SHOW.

The CATTLE SHOW will take place on the same day and near the same place as the Ploughing Match.

The undermentioned premiums will be competed for by Members of the Society, under the following Rules and Regulations:

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

- 1. All Cattle and Horses must be on the ground and ready to enter for competition by 11 o'clock, A. M., and none shall be entered after 12 o'clock, noon.
2. To render any animal eligible for competition, the only conditions shall be, that the owner or exhibitor enter into arrangements, that if successful, he will keep his animal in the county at least 12 months after the day of competition; and that he be prepared to prove by certificate the breed and age of said animal.
3. That three Judges be appointed on the morning of the show, and their names announced by the secretary.
4. That the decision of any two Judges shall be final, and that in all cases, whether there be any competition or not, it shall be in the power of the Judges to withhold a premium, if they deem the object exhibited, unworthy of it.
5. The ferrisage of all Cattle, entered for competition, having to cross the River, will be provided for by the Society.

PREMIUMS FOR LIVE STOCK.

Table listing premiums for live stock: For best Bull, 3 years old, £1 10 0; Second best do. 0 15 0; Best Bull, 2 years old, 1 0 0; Second best do. 0 10 0; Best Heifer, 2 years old, 1 0 0; Second best do. 0 10 0; Best Heifer, 1 year old, 0 15 0; Second best do. 0 7 6; Best Ram, 2 years old, 0 15 0; Second best do. 0 7 6; Best Ram, 1 year old, 0 10 0; Second best do. 0 5 0; Best Ewe, 2 years old, 0 10 0; Second best do. 0 5 0; Best Ewe, 1 year old, 0 10 0; Second best do. 0 5 0; Best Boar, 1 year old, 0 15 0; Second best do. 0 7 6; Best Sow, 1 year old, 0 10 0; Second best do. 0 5 0; Best Entire Horse, 4 years old, 3 0 0; Best do. 3 years old, 2 0 0; Best Gelding or Mare, 3 years old, 1 10 0; Second best do. 0 15 0; Best do. 2 years old, 1 0 0; Second best do. 0 10 0.

By order of the Board, JAMES CAIE, Secretary. Miramichi, 4th September, 1850.