

it is scarcely to be wondered at if there were some of them who were not quite so alert as sentries should be in face of an enemy; for it must be remembered that our small army is almost worn out by its incessant labors, and that men on picket are frequently men who have had but a short respite from work in the trenches or from regimental duties. The fog and drifting rain were so thick as morning broke that one could not see two yards before him. At four o'clock the bells of the churches in Sebastopol were heard ringing drearily through the cold night air; but the occurrence has been so usual it excited no particular attention. During the night, however, a sharp eared sergeant on an outlying picket of the Light division heard the sound of wheels in the valley below, as though they were approaching the position up the hill. He reported the circumstance to Major Banbury; but it was supposed that the sound arose from ammunition-carts or arabas going into Sebastopol by the Inkermann road. No one suspected for a moment that enormous masses of Russians were creeping up the rugged sides of the heights from the valley of Inkermann on the undefended flank of the Second Division.

## Editor's Department.

### MIRAMICHI:

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### EUROPEAN NEWS.

WE have, to the exclusion of almost everything else, devoted all our available space to the stirring news from the seat of war in the east.

In that part of our sheet which is usually occupied with literary extracts, will be found the Despatches of Lord Ragland and General Canrobert, to their respective Governments, giving a report of the terrific battle of Inkermann, which was fought on the 5th November, as well as a graphic description of the same from the pen of the Reporter of the London Illustrated News.

The various reports we have read in the British Journals, all agree in representing it as a most sanguinary and obstinately contested engagement, and that the loss of life was fearful. It is satisfactory to know that the British sustained themselves for some hours, against the sudden attack and overwhelming numbers of the enemy until supported by their allies the French, when they succeeded in routing the foe and driving them back with fearful loss.

Since then little or nothing of interest has transpired in the Crimea. The allies were anxiously waiting for reinforcements, which are daily arriving, and when they find themselves in a position to act on the defensive, we may expect to hear of the repetition of the scenes enacted at Alma, Balaklava, and Inkerman.

The weather had been cold and stormy, and the ground were the allies were encamped, was covered with snow. The troops in consequence suffered severely by their exposed position.

The report of the disastrous storm in the Black Sea on the 14th November, is confirmed, and although the loss of ships, munitions of war and clothing for the army, was very heavy, it is satisfactory to hear that the loss of life was much smaller than we were led to suppose.

The papers furnish a long account of the sale of twenty-two of Mr Oliver's Ships, at Liverpool. Wilmer and Smith's European Times of the 9th instant says:

"The sale of the ships belonging to the estate of Mr Edward Oliver, of Liverpool, commenced on Thursday forenoon, at the Cotton Sales-room, by the Hon. Joseph Cunard (of the firm of Cunard, Munn, and Co.) and Mr. Curry (of the firm of Tonge, Curry and Co.) The attendance was very large, and included

several of the most extensive shipowners in the United Kingdom. The conditions of sale having been read, a gentleman present asked, in case a party holding Mr Oliver's acceptance, not yet due, were to become a purchaser, would he have to lift it, although it had two months to run, and hand it over to the trustees, which was answered in the affirmative.

"After the list of ships had been twice gone over, the proceedings closed by Mr Curry stating that the trustees intended to empower the Brokers to sell the vessels remaining unsold by private sale, and he had no doubt that they would be gladly purchased at the upset price, and 15 per cent above. The aggregate tonnage of the vessels disposed of was 15,680 tons, and the amount realised was £96,340—being £3343 above the upset price."

The principal item of news brought by the Steamer is, that France, England and Austria, have at length entered into a treaty, offensive and defensive, which it is said was concluded at Vienna on the 2nd instant. The following is a brief summary of its provisions:

"The convention concluded on Saturday was triple alliance. The last article in the Anglo-French treaty of alliance was, that the other European Powers should be at liberty to accede to it, and Austria has now done so. The sense of the treaty probably is:—

"1. That Austria has engaged to consider every violation of the Turkish territory by Russia as equivalent to a declaration of war against herself.

"2. That Austria will reinforce her army in the Principalities, so that Omar Pacha may at once begin operations, the Imperial troops remaining as a kind of reserve.

"3. At the demand of the Western Powers, Austria will place 15,000 or 25,000 men at Varna, which, in case of need, can be sent to the Crimea.

"England and France pledge themselves that the territorial possessions of the Emperor of Austria shall, under all circumstances, remain undiminished."

"There is a secret article. After the triple alliance has been ratified, Prussia will be invited to accede to it.

"It is said that the negotiations between the Austrian Government and a well-known Paris capitalist for some construction of railroads have been brought to a successive termination.—The contract was only to be completed in the event of Austria entering into a treaty of alliance with France and England, and this fact is considered as an additional proof of the satisfactory nature of the treaty."

### TIMBER TRADE.

From the Circular of A. F. & D. McKay, dated at Liverpool on the 8th inst., we take the following extracts.

"Since our Annual Circular, dated 1st February, 375 vessels, 280,815 tons register, wood laden, have arrived from British North America, viz., 143 from Quebec, 100 from St. John, N. B., and 132 from other ports; in the like time last year, 415 vessels, 294,875 tons arrived.

"Pine Timber.—The greater part of the import from Quebec has been stored for account of the importers. Some few sales have been made, of small average, at 16d., and large size at 15d. from the yard; and from the quay 77 feet realized 15d., and 674 feet 14d.; since which one large cargo of 82 feet average was sold at 14d. per foot. This article is heavy in stock, and should sales be pressed for some time to come, lower prices will have to be submitted to. Of St. John Pine, the latest sales effected from the quay have been at 1d. per inch, or 18d. for 18 inches average. One cargo of small and inferior quality, sold at 10d. per foot, the average being about 13 inches. O. Miramichi and Richibucto the last parcels in the market were put off at 12d. per foot.

N. B. and N. S. Pine and Spruce Deals.—Since the 10th ultimo, there has but little change taken place in the price of this article.—Cargoes from St. John are worth £3 per std.; St. Stevens, £7 11s to £7 17s 6d per std.; Pugwash, £7 3s to £7 5s; Sackville, £7 5s; Richibucto, £7 10s to £7 15s, and good fair Miramichi Spruce, £7 15s to £8 per std. A fine large cargo of Spruce, ex "White Star," from St. John, realised in one lot, say about 800 standards, £8 per standard—ex ship."

### INQUESTS.

On Saturday, December 9, an Inquest was held at Indian Town, before S. Benson, Esq., on the body of CORNELIUS DINOVAN, Junr., who was killed by a tree falling on him whilst lumbering. Verdict—accidental death.

On Saturday, December 16, an inquest was held at Nelson, by the same Coroner, on the body of JAMES MURPHY, who was killed by a post falling on him, whilst assisting to put up the frame of Messrs. Estey & Fowler's Saw Mill. Verdict—accidental death. The Jury handed their fees over to the widow.

On Wednesday, the 20th October, an inquest was held Mr. E. Rogers, Coroner, at Newcastle,

on the body of a man named PAULBY WALKER, who died in a lumbering camp some days previous. Verdict—died by visitation of God.

### NOVASCOTIA.

THE Legislature previous to adjournment during the Christmas recess, voted £2,000 for the relief of the widows and orphans of the heroes that have fallen in the war.

### COUNTY KNNT.

ON Friday week, a Dwelling House belonging to Dr Pallen in the town of Richibucto, occupied by three families, was totally consumed by fire.

### BOWSER'S HOTEL.

#### ARRIVALS DURING THE PAST WEEK.

December 27.—James Young, Esq., Tracadie; Moses A. Shaw, Gaspé, C. E.; Moses Hovey, Fredericton; Joseph Read, Esq., Bathurst; Joseph Read, Jr., do.; John LeBoutillier, Gaspé, C. E.; C. L. Hart, Fredericton.

We are requested to state that Revd. Mr Stewart will preach in the Wesleyan Methodist Chapel, to-morrow evening, at half-past 6 o'clock.

It is feared that the steamer Ellen Gishorne belonging to the Newfoundland Electric Telegraph Company, foundered, on her passage from New York to St. John's Newfoundland.

The Morning News says:—That the inhabitants of York County, by more than three fourths of a majority, have decided in favor of adopting the Municipal Law.

DENTISTRY.—Dr Straw requests us to say that he will visit Newcastle to-day, and remain one week.

S. ANDREW'S CHURCH NEWCASTLE.—On New Year's Eve, (Sunday) the 31st December next, there will be a vigil service in S. Andrew's Church, at Newcastle, D. V.

Prayers will be said at 8 o'clock, and after the sermon, before the celebration of Holy Communion, a Collection will be made for the purpose of defraying the incidental expenses incurred in warming and lighting the church.

The Schr. John Wallace, from Picton for Halifax, with Coal, went ashore at Mary Joseph, on the 17th inst. Vessel total loss—cargo saved.

### DEATHS.

At Dalhousie, Restigouche, on the 23rd inst., LOUISA MICHAUD, youngest daughter of Hilary Michaud, aged 9 years.

At Newcastle, on Wednesday, the 20th inst., Miss JOANNA STEWART, late of Glasgow, aged 85 years.

### BY TELEGRAPH.

#### TO MIRAMICHI GLEANER OFFICE.

Saint John, December 27.

America arrived at Halifax on Saturday morning at 12½ o'clock.

Little of interest from the seat of war.

A treaty has been signed between Austria, France and England, to go into operation on the 2nd of January, if Czar does not come to terms. Of the Treaty, Austria regards violation of Turkish Territory as war against herself. Will augment her forces in Principalities, to enable Turkey to resume offensive operations. Will send 20,000 Austrians to the Crimea, on demand of France and England, who guarantees territorial possessions of Austria undiminished.

Prussia to be invited to join the Alliance.—Terms on which the Czar will assent to peace—joint protectorate by five powers of the whole Christian population of Turkey and other Principalities, subject to existing Russian treaties. Revision of treaties of 1841 to which Russia will assent, if the Sultan will.—The free navigation of the Danube.

Sebastopol.—Garrison makes frequent sorties. Several men and horses of allied camp died of cold and exhaustion. Allies erecting huts. Reinforcements arriving.

Several hundred Russian waggons of provisions and ammunition lost in a snow storm. Russian Guards advancing into Poland.

The British Army to be augmented 36,000 men.

Twenty-two of Oliver's ships sold for £103,050.

Consols 93½ to 94½.

Little change in Freights.

Flour.—Philadelphia and Baltic 43s, to 43s. 6d.; Ohio 44s. to 45s.

### YESTERDAY'S MAIL.

The papers by this mail put us in possession of but little that is new or interesting. We give a few extracts below:—

#### CALIFORNIA.

The British sloop-of-war Vestal, and steam frigate Termagant, were at Greystown.

Advices from Oregon state that numerous and powerful tribes of Indians called Snakes, had commenced a war on the whites, and had slaughtered a whole train of emigrants.

Advices from San Juan, represent the revolution in Nicaragua as still in progress, but we do not learn that either party has yet achieved any decided advantage.

A salute of 21 guns was fired on board the American ship Zenobia, in honour of the affair at Petropauloski and the failure of the Allies at Sebastopol. The Russian Consul and other guests were entertained with a collation on board, and the Russian flag was run up.

The English and French fleet, with exception of the Pique, had left San Francisco. Some had gone to Honolulu, others to South America.

#### NEW BRUNSWICK.

The Custom House.—Despatches have been received by the Governor-General of Canada stating that the Custom House will cease to exist in that Province on the 5th January, being the end of the fiscal year, and thereafter the duties heretofore performed by the Imperial officers of Custom will be transferred to the provincial officers. We are also informed that the next English mail will bring a similar order to this Province and a fortnight hence the Custom-House will be no more. Peace to its ashes!

The Charlotte County Election will be held on Friday the 29th inst. Mr G. J. Thompson has issued a card to the electors announcing his intention to oppose Mr. Brown, and we learn that his chances of success are very good. Mr T. is a young man of much talents, and we believe he would reflect credit upon any constituency. His card is well and forcibly written.

The weather this week has been very cold the thermometer yesterday morning indicating 10 degrees below zero, while at Fredericton it was 16 degrees.—New Brunswicker.

#### CANADA.

Quebec Dec. 16.—Canadian Parliament.—The government recovered their sectional majority last night, and carried the amended feudal tenure abolition bill by a majority of twenty-one. To night both houses passed the valedictory address to Lord Elgin, who will assent to clergy reserves, secularization feudal tenure abolition, and other bills on Monday, when Parliament will adjourn till February.

Montreal, Dec. 12.—The Ministry have just announced that the Provincial Parliament will adjourn on Friday next. Lord Elgin will give his assent to the bills for the secularization of the clergy reserves, and for abolishing the feudal tenure; and will immediately afterwards resign the reigns of government to his successor, Sir Edmund W. Head. Lord Elgin is expected to leave America in the steamship Arabia which sails from New York on the 28th or 29th of December.

#### UNITED STATES.

Destructive fire in New York.—New York, Dec. 20.—A number of buildings on Broadway, between Grand and Broome streets, were destroyed by fire this morning, including the City Assembly Rooms, Wood's Minstrel Hall, numerous stores, &c.

The fire extended through to Crosby street. A Ball was in progress in the Assembly rooms when the fire broke out.

It is now thought that only one life has been lost in the Broadway fire, viz. the fireman Lowery, but as the walls have not yet been cleared away it is possible others are under the ruins. The loss is variously estimated up to as high as \$1,000,000, but from the most careful estimate it is believed it will not exceed \$100,000. Owing to the intense cold the water froze almost as soon as let into the hose, and many of the firemen were covered with ice.

The weather is cold. At New York on Wednesday noon, the thermometer indicated 18 deg. above zero;—Philadelphia, in the morning, 5 above zero;—Albany, 6 o'clock A. M., 14 below, and at noon 3 below zero;—Calais, Me., below zero; Eastport, 5 below zero; Bangor, 17 below zero; and Portland 1 below zero.

The danger of the Sea.—The shipwrecks of the last eighteen months count up near 8000 dead. Among the most prominent in the great loss of life are the following:—Steamers—Birkenhead, 700; City of Glasgow, 500; San Francisco, 200; Arctic, 330; Yankee Blade, 40; Forerunner, 14; Lannach, 24; Pearl, 18. Sailing vessels—Olympus and Trade Wind, 24; Walter Claxton, 15; ship E. Z., 19; cutter Hamilton, 15; Taylor, 370; Staffordshire, 180; Favorite, 201; Mary Jane, 144; Santa Anna, 70; Powhatan, 330; New Era, 278; Johannes, 84; Abadish, 701; Mercedes, 731; W. H. Davis,