

batteries. "Gunboats," our readers probably understand, is the generic name given to all small vessels carrying two or three heavy guns, and drawing but a few feet of water.

Mortar-vessels, too, but small craft, with bottoms nearly flat, and drawing little more than a Thames barge—Rafts are now coming into general use for this purpose—while the floating batteries are quite flat-bottomed, and are calculated (whatever their performances may turn out) to draw not eight feet of water, with all their battery and stores on board. Of these three descriptions of vessels it may be said, without exaggeration, that the two Governments are building them by the dozen; meanwhile, every possible experiment is made on the tenacity and durability of metals with a view of furnishing somewhat more serviceable armaments for these vessels, when completed, than those which, at Svesborg, "split like pumpkins from muzzle to breech" towards the afternoon, or like those which at Kinburna burst both Lancaster after six discharges. These—the shallow draught vessels—are to "go in and win," but it will be obvious to our readers that, unsupported by larger vessels they would speedily and easily fall a prey, spite of their few heavy guns, to the larger vessels and boats of the enemy if not properly supported by a similar force of our own. Practically, then, it will come to this: The fortifications in the Gulf of Finland will find themselves assailed, as soon as the ice breaks up, by a few d'enter from scores on scores of gunboats and stupendous mortar-vessels lying out of range, and by some dozens of floating batteries, to whose impenetrable sheathing it matters not whether they are beyond or within range and outside of these, well covering them with their guns, will be the fleet of the deeper and more heavily armed vessels, whose thundering broadsides will make any attempt at cutting out a mere act of suicide.

Let us hope that it may be the happy lot of these "dogs of war," to convince our obstinate antagonist that it is useless to pour out more of the blood of his gallant troops in a struggle which, sooner or later, must end in his utter discomfiture.

**News of the Week.**

**UNITED STATES**

New York papers of the 26th contain no news of importance. The following in relation to the steamer Northern Light seizure is from the Herald of that morning: The Northern Light is still anchored off the Battery, and near by lay the steamer Vixen and revenue cutter Washington, with their guns bearing upon her. The filibusters, or those who had got on board without tickets, were put on shore at 2 o'clock on Tuesday morning, in a tow boat. They numbered about 200. By order of the District Attorney, an examination was made for tickets among those on board, and those who were without tickets were placed under arrest. About 20 were arrested and put in keeping of Capt. Faunce of the revenue cutter Washington, who has the Northern Light in his charge. The District Attorney received letters yesterday from the Attorney General in relation to the course the government intended to pursue towards the parties suspected in the expedition. The cargo of the Northern Light will be examined to-day.

A member of the British Association for the advancement of Science, recently stated at a meeting of the society, that there were only two articles manufactured for food in England that were not adulterated, viz: common salt and refined lupin sugar.

**Recovery of the Discovery Ship Resolute.**—New Haven, Dec. 24th.—The British Discovery ship Resolute, abandoned in the Arctic ice, was brought by Capt. Buddington into New London yesterday, with all her armament, stores and equipments. She is a new and handsome barque, worth \$100,000. When found, she had drifted over one thousand miles from where she had been abandoned.—[Capt. Buddington left his own vessel (the whaling barque George Henry) in charge of his mate, and, with part his crew, went on board the Resolute. The George Henry has also arrived.]

**New York Markets, Dec. 27.**—Flour.—State \$8 25a3 37; Southern steady, mixed to good, \$9a50. Wheat firm, western red, \$2. Corn lower, 92a93c; yellow, 80a85c. Pork—Mess \$19 25a19 37. Beef Heavy. Coffee firm.—Sugars firm; New Orleans, 8 1-2c. Molasses firm.

Telegraphic communication with the South, is entirely suspended, the thick coating of ice upon the wires, together with the prostration of trees by the violent storm of yesterday and last night has caused great damage to the telegraph, which may take some days to thoroughly repair. A heavy rain-storm prevailed in New York, Philadelphia, and farther south during yesterday.—*Boston paper, Dec. 23.*

The huge propeller designed for the United States steam frigate Wabash, was cast in Philadelphia on the 20th inst. Thirteen and a half tons of metal were melted, comprising 25,000 lbs. copper and 2500 lbs. of tin, being the heaviest cast of brass ever accomplished in that city. The weight of the propeller when cleaned will be eleven tons. It has two blades, with a pitch of 22 feet, and a diameter of 17 feet 4 inches.

**Homicide.**—New Haven, Dec. 24.—The body of Justus Matthews, a workman, was found this morning, in the western suburbs of this city, with his throat cut and wrists tied; he

was in the house of Rhoad Wakeman had been connected with a band of Millerites, or Spirituists, or something of the kind. Seven of his brethren have been arrested on suspicion of having had a hand in the murder, are now in prison.

**New Fishery Commissioner.**—Judge Chandler, of Calais, is stated in American papers received a few days ago, to have been appointed by President Pierce, United States Commissioner under the Fishery Treaty with Great Britain, in the place of General Cushman, of Bangor, removed. It is added that it is quite a snug office, the pay being \$2,000 a year.

**NEW BRUNSWICK.**

A fire occurred about 11 o'clock on Saturday night last, in the paint shop and drying room attached to the Penitentiary. We have not learned the extent of the damage.—*Courier.*

A glance at an article which we copy from the last Nova Scotian, where facts and figures are given in corroboration, will show our readers the benefits which must at the present period result from the construction of Railroads. We confess that it is far beyond our most sanguine expectations to find that the short section of Railway now in operation in the sister Province, can, not only pay its whole expenses, but also realize a handsome dividend, to assist in liquidating the general expense of construction. This will afford a pretty significant lesson to the few persons yet remaining, who from motives of personal ill will to the Government, would abuse the exertions which they are now making in order to give us Railroads in new New Brunswick. Those who in order to injure the Government, would sink the Province, are however but few and insignificant.—*Westmorland Times.*

**TASMANIA.**—Queen Victoria has acceded to the request of the Colony of Van Dieman's Land, to change the name of that Island and Colony to Tasmania.

**EUROPE.**

**Organs in Presbyterian Churches.**—The Presbytery of Lancashire held a special meeting at Manchester, on Friday, for the purpose of deciding whether organs should have any locus standi in Presbyterian churches within their bounds. After full discussion by a full court on the merits of the case, there appeared, on a division, that fifteen members were in favour of organs, four members being the minority.—This decision ends the question locally till the synod meets next April, in St. George's, Myrtle Street, where the first organ has been introduced.—*Liverpool Daily Post.*

**NOVA SCOTIA**

The collections taken at the various Catholic Churches, in this city, on Christmas day, amounted to Four Hundred and Eleven Pounds.—*Morning Journal.*

A most astonishing cure of a Bad Breast by Holloway's Ointment and Pills.—Mrs. Holt, of Quebec, was for a long time afflicted with a bad breast, every thing medical aid could do to cure her was unavailing, indeed, it became much worse, and the family surgeon finally suggested that the only hope of saving her life consisted in having the breast cut off. She determined to wait a short time to consider, and a sister of the sufferer who called in brought a quantity of Holloway's Ointment and Pills, which she insisted on using *sub rosa* at first, this was continued for a few days, which improved her so much that she was induced to continue them, and at the expiration of six weeks, her breast was completely cured, and has remained well ever since.

**From the New York National Monitor.**  
**HYGEAN VAPOR.**

Dr. Curtis has done more to ameliorate the condition of humanity afflicted with lung complaints, than any other practitioner of medicine that has struggled with the secrets of the *materia medica*, for the last century, by the invention and perfection of an instrument that will convey to the lungs a medicine in the shape of a highly Medicated Vapor which acts directly on the disease, and not, hitherto by sympathy. Those who are troubled with diseases arising from disordered lungs, will subvert their interests by giving the Hygean Vapor a trial.

**CANTON.**—Dr. Curtis's Hygean is the original only genuine article.

**List of Letters for October.**

Received at the Post Office Cnstharn and Newcastle No., and remaining for delivery 15th November, 1855.

Aylorard John care of R. Kent	His with John care of Mr Cusling
Blair Barbara	Johnston Margaret
Bullick John	Molribbon Wilina
Barron J. S. Shippigan	McEry Patrick
Bran John, Timmita	McEry William
Carroll Michael	McGilly Donald B.
Douglas Will St. Paul's Village	thrust Road
Darzen James, Portage	McKay Joseph
Duff John	Morris James care of C. McCarthy
Foggen John	McDonald Sarah Mrs
Hart James Douglastown	Robertson James Engineer

**NEWCASTLE.**

Baldwin Edward	Maloughney Johanna
Chomney Patrick	Mitchell Thomas Boies
Ferr John	Town
King William	S. J. Louis
Kucas Robert	Smyth Joseph
Leanders Mary	White Hannah Mrs
Miller John	

P. S. Persons asking for any of the the above will please say "Advertised."

JAMES CAIE, P.M.

**New Advertisements.**

**For Sale or to Lease.**

That Commodious Little SAW MILL, (only two years old) situated at Salmon Beach, Parish of Bathurst, County of Gloucester, working one Saw, capable of being enlarged. Together with about Sixty acres of LAND if required. Terms moderate and accommodating. Enquire of THOMAS MILLER, Bathurst. Bathurst, 26th December, 1855.

**NOTICE.**

Newcastle, 2nd January, 1856. The General Sessions of the Peace, for the County of Northumberland, having appointed the undersigned, a Committee to ascertain what Ballast Wharves are in such condition as to receive Ballast without injuring the Navigation, and suggest any amendment to the present Regulations relating to Ballast Berths, or for preventing the Harbour from being injured by throwing Rubbish into the same. Notice is hereby given, that the Committee will meet at the Court House, Newcastle, on THURSDAY, the 10th day of January, instant, at 12 o'clock, noon, when they will be glad to receive any information parties interested may feel inclined to afford.

J. T. WILLISTON, } Committee  
W. MUIRHEAD, } of  
P. MITCHELL. } Sessions.

**CROWN LAND NOTICE.**

Crown Land Office, December 26, 1855. The right of Licence to cut and carry away Timber and Lumber until the first day of May 1856, from Berths applied for by the following persons, in the undermentioned situations, will be offered or sale by Public Auction at this Office, on Wednesday the ninth day of JANUARY, instant.—Sale to commence at noon.

(Not to interfere with any Lots of Land located, or which may have been applied for within one year previous to the date of entry of the application for Licence.)

"In all cases of competition, the purchaser must immediately pay the amount of purchase money, or else the Berth will be again offered for sale, excluding bids from the defaulter."

"All Berths within ten miles of the proposed Lines of Rail Road will be subject to the prior right of the E.uropean and North American Railway Company to take Timber or other material for the construction of the Railway."

Charles Harris,	2 Muzroll Brook
Robinson Crocker	7 1/2 Barnable's River
Wm J. Fraser	3 Peismit Brook
Alex McEleggan	3 S W Miramichi
Isaac C. Burp o	4 Gaspere River
Wm S. Millar	2 N W Miramichi
Wm Muirhead	2 Dangarvoa River
John Ferguson	3 Neipsisquit River
do	2 Grand Anco
George W. Heden	4 Grand Lake
do	2 Salmon River
James Johnson	2 Pollet river
Wm Muirhead	2 Cain's river
Wm S. Gale	2 Portage river
Hugh Bain	2 Kenoua river
Robinson Crocker	2 Little S W Miramichi
Robert Noble	2 Lower Bay de Veat river

JAMES BROWN, Sur. Gen.

**SHERIFF'S SALE.**

On the First TUESDAY in JANUARY next, will be Sold by Public Auction, in front of Wetherall's Hotel, Newcastle, between the hours of Twelve o'clock, noon, and Five, P.M. All the Right, Title, Property, Claim and Demand, of William Urquhart, in and to all that Lot or Tract of Land, with the Buildings and Improvements thereon, situate in the Parish of Alnwick, joining lands owned by Mrs. Beattie, on the west and east, by lands owned by Alexander Murray; the same having been seized and taken by virtue of an execution issued out of the Supreme Court, at the suit of John & George Parker against William Urquhart.

JAMES MITCHELL, Sheriff.

Newcastle, 14th July, 1855.

The above Sale is Postponed until TUESDAY, the 8th instant.

JAMES MITCHELL, Sheriff.

Newcastle, 3rd January, 1856.

**SHERIFF'S SALE.**

To be Sold by Public Auction, on the First TUESDAY, in JULY next, in front of Mr. Dani Wetherall's, Newcastle, between the hours of 12 and 5 o'clock, in the afternoon.

All the Right, Title, Interest, Property, Claim and Demand, of Alexander McDonald and Angus McDonald, in and to the Lot of Land fronting on the east side Bay du Vin River, to the Parish of Hardswick, known as the lot granted to the late Angus McDonald, deceased, bounded below by the lot granted to Daniel Hill and occupied by James Green, and above by the lot granted to James Buckley, deceased, containing 200 acres more or less—Also in and to the Tract of Land, lying on the west side of said river, known as the two lots granted to Isaac Maine, containing 200 Acres, conveyed by the Hon. Joseph Conrad to the said Angus and Alexander McDonald; also all the Right and Title of the said Angus and Alexander McDonald in and to all other Lands, Real Estate, and within my bailiff. The same having been seized upon, and taken by virtue of an execution issued out of the Supreme Court at the suit L. P. W. Des Brisay, against Angus McDonald and Alex. McDonald.

JAMES MITCHELL, Sheriff.

Newcastle, 14th December, 1855.

**NOTICE.**

The General Annual Meeting of the "Highland Society of New Brunswick, at Miramichi," will be held in WITHERALL'S HOTEL, Newcastle, on MONDAY, 14th JANUARY, 1856, at 11 o'clock, A. M. ALB. MORRISON, Secretary. Miramichi, 27th December, 1855 3w

**NOTICE.**

The Annual Meeting of the Miramichi Fishery Society, will take place at BOWSER'S HOTEL, Chatham, on the morning of TUESDAY, the 15th day of JANUARY next, at 11 o'clock. JAMES CAIE, Secretary. Miramichi, 27th December, 1855. N. B. The Board of Directors will please meet an hour previously.

**The Northumberland Agricultural SOCIETY'S ANNUAL EXHIBITION OF Grains, Domestic Manufactures, Dairy Produce, &c. FOR 1855-6.**

The Annual Exhibition of the Northumberland Agricultural Society, will take place in the Hall of the Sons of Temperance, Chatham, on THURSDAY the 10th day of JANUARY next.

The Society's has resolved to purchase the prize samples of FIELD AND GARDEN SEEDS, and to sell these at Public Auction, immediately after the prizes have been awarded.

**GRAINS AND GARDEN SEEDS, (Price and Prize both included.)**

Best sample White Bald Wheat, 2 bushels	£1 15 6
Second do., do.	1 10 0
Best sample Red do., do.	1 10 0
Second do., do.	1 5 5
Best sample Black Oats, 2 bushels	0 15 0
Second do., do.	0 12 0
Best sample White Oats, do.	0 15 0
Second do., do.	0 12 0
Best sample Barley, do.	0 15 0
Second do., do.	0 12 6
Best sample Peas, do.	1 10 0
Second do., do.	1 3 0
Best Sample Timothy Seed, 1 bushel	1 15 0
Second do., do.	1 10 0
Best Sample Carrot Seed, 2 lbs.	0 12 0
Second do., do.	0 10 0
Best sample Red Beet, do.	0 10 0
Second do., do.	0 8 0
Best sample Yellow Turnip Seed, do.	0 10 0
Second do., do.	0 8 0
Best sample Swedish Turnip Seed, do.	0 10 0
Second do., do.	0 8 0
Best sample White Beans, 1 bushel	1 5 0
Second do., do.	1 0 0
Best sample Windsor Beans, do.	1 0 0
Best do Buck Wheat,	0 15 0
Second do., do.	0 12 6
Best sample Cabbage Seed, 1 lb.	0 6 0
Second do., do.	0 5 0
Best Sage, 4 ozs.	0 4 0
Best Summer Savory, do.	0 4 0
Best Parsley, 1 lb.	0 4 0

**PRODUCE OF THE DAIRY.**

(Prize only.)

Best sample of Butter not less than Thirty Pounds	£0 15 0
Second do.,	0 10 0
Third do.,	0 7 6
Best Cheese, not less than 20 lbs.	0 12 6
Second best do.	0 7 6

**DOMESTIC MANUFACTURES.**

(Prize only.)

For the Best Homespun Cloth, all wool, not less than 10 yards,	£0 15 0
Second do.,	0 10 0
For the best Homespun Cloth, cotton and wool,	0 15 0
Second do.,	0 10 0
For the best piece of Flannel, all wool,	0 15 0
Second best do.	0 10 0
For the best piece of Flannel, cotton and wool, 10 yards.	0 10 0
Second best do.,	0 5 0
For the best sample Woolen Socks, not less than 6 pairs,	0 7 6
Second best do.	0 6 0
For the best sample Mitt, not less than six pairs,	0 7 6
Second best do.	0 5 0
For best Plain Tartan, all wool, 10 yds.	0 12 0
For best Straw Bonnet,	0 4 0
Second best do.	0 2 6
For best Straw Hat,	0 4 0
Second best do.	0 2 6

**RULES AND REGULATIONS.**

Rule 1st. No person who has not been a member of the Society one month prior to the day of Exhibition, shall be deemed eligible to compete for any prize offered by the Society.

2nd. No premium will be awarded for any article of Domestic Manufactures, Grains, Seeds or Produce of the Dairy, which has not been wholly manufactured, raised or prepared for Exhibition, within the County.

3rd. All articles to be exhibited, must have been manufactured, raised, or produced, within one year from the date of competition.

4th. That all persons desirous to exhibit any article of Domestic Manufacture, Grains, Garden Seeds or Dairy Produce, shall a company the same with a statement setting forth that the exhibitor is the owner of the article in question. If Domestic Manufactures that the materials were produced, and the articles manufactured, and prepared within the county during the past year. If Grains or Seed that they were raised by the exhibitor on the premises occupied by him during the previous year, and were not exhibited for a premium, at this Society's Shows on any former occasion. And if Dairy Produce a similar statement, subscribed by the owner. These certificates to be handed to the committee, when the articles are presented for competition.

5th. That no person who has been awarded the last prize for any article, shall be entitled to a second prize, for the same description of article.

6th. The Judges shall not withhold any premium on the ground that the article is unworthy.

7th. All articles intended for Exhibition to be delivered into the hands of the Receiving Committee, on the morning of the Exhibition, by 9 o'clock, and none will be admitted after 10 o'clock.

8th. No article of Grain or Seed, which has undergone any chemical, kiln, or fire-drying process, will receive a premium, or be allowed to enter for competition.

JAMES CAIE, Secretary.

Chatham, 19th November, 1855.

**North West Bridge Company.**

THE Annual Meeting of the above Company will be held at the Clerk's Office, in the town of Newcastle, on the third TUESDAY in JANUARY next, at 12 o'clock, noon, for the purpose of choosing Seven Directors and transacting other business connected with the Company, agreeably to the Act of Incorporation, when a good attendance of the Stockholders are requested. The Board of Directors of the present year will meet at the same place two hours previously, to wind up their proceedings preparatory to laying the same before the Company at the Annual Meeting.

RICHARD HUTCHISON, President.

EDWARD WILLISTON, Secretary.

Newcastle, 15th December, 1855.