

pieces of iron could be got at the moment, was discharged at the animal, then only distant about 40 yards from the ship; it immediately reared its head in the air and plunged violently with his body, showing evidently that the charge had taken effect. The Daphne was to leeward at the time, but was put about on the star-board tack and stood towards the brute, which was seen foaming and lashing the water at a fearful rate; upon the brig nearing, however, it disappeared, and, though evidently wounded, made rapidly off at the rate of 15 or 16 knots an hour, as we judged from its appearing several times upon the surface. The Daphne pursued for some time, but the night coming on, the master was obliged to put about and continue his voyage.

From the description given by the mate, the brute must have been nearly 100 feet long, and his account of it agrees in every respect with that lately forwarded to the Admiralty by the master of the Dædalus. The packet of letters to Boston, I have no doubt, contains the full particulars, which I suppose will be made public.

There are letters from Captain Trelawney to a friend in Liverpool, which will probably contain some further particulars, and I have written to get a copy for the purpose of getting a full account.

I have the honor to be, sir, your most obedient servant.

JAMES HENDERSON, Master.

Broomielaw, Berth No. 4.

**FIRE.**—The dwelling house in Sewell street, occupied by Thomas E. Millidge, Esq., was discovered to be on fire on Tuesday evening last, and considerable damage was done to the upper part of the building before it was got under. The fire was at first supposed to have originated from a defect in the chimney, but an examination has taken place, which proves that supposition to be incorrect.

Fire was discovered the next afternoon on the top of the hay in a barn attached to the same building. It was extinguished before doing much injury.

There was a good deal of confusion at the fire on Tuesday evening, and several articles belonging to Mr. Millidge, are still missing; among them a valuable Gold Watch, with Gold Chain, &c.

A small untenanted house near the Barracks was destroyed by fire at an early hour on Thursday morning—whether from accident or by design, is not known.

**ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH.**—The Telegraph posts are now all up, the wire distributed along the entire line, and put up about twenty miles from Calais this way. We understand that the line will be ready for working in a fortnight or three weeks.

**THE JUBILEE DINNER OF THE SAINT ANDREW'S SOCIETY** was held in the Saint John Hotel on Thursday last—Saint Andrew's day. This Society was formed in 1798, just fifty years ago. Only one member who sat at the first dinner is now alive, and he was present on this occasion as a guest.—*Courier*.

**COALS FROM DORCHESTER.**—During the present week a cargo of coals has arrived from Dorchester, Westmorland County, which is of an excellent quality, and ignites very quickly. It produces a very brilliant light, and is said to be much superior to the imported article for generating Gas. We learn that a quantity of this coal has been purchased for the use of the Gas Company. It gives us much pleasure to notice the efforts that are being made to develop the resources of this country, and that in this instance we are indebted to Mr. John Steadman, a native of this Province, for the valuable discovery.—*New Brunswick*.

**DESTRUCTIVE FIRE AT POKEMOUCHE.**—We are sorry to have it to record, that the new Chapel in course of erection at Pokemouche, in the County of Gloucester, was discovered to be on fire on the morning of Wednesday, the 15th instant, which was soon communicated to the vestry adjoining, and the old chapel, situate a short distance from it. The three buildings, in a very short space of time, were reduced to a heap of ashes. The new building was 120 feet long, 44 feet wide, and 26 feet posts, with a fine tower. The outside was completed, and all the window sashes were in the building, ready to be placed, together with much of the inside finishing. The loss, a correspondent informs us, cannot be less than £1,000.

Mr. Dwyer, the master builder and architect, has suffered severely. He lost all his tools, wearing apparel, £10 in Cash, and a quantity of produce, which had been collected in payment of his work. Two men in his employ (James Mann and Martin Deverick) have also lost their tools, and other things of value, as nothing was saved from the building.

It is impossible to say how the accident originated, as Mr. Dwyer had carefully put out the fire which was in the stove, the evening previous, and thrown a quantity of water on the shavings, in presence of Mr. Landry, one of the Elders, and several other individuals, who remained in the vestry after he had left the premises. The building was got up by public subscription, principally among the inhabitants of the settlement, and the loss will be severely felt by them, more particularly in these depressed times.—*Miramichi Gleaner*.

## BRITISH AND NORTH AMERICAN ROYAL MAIL STEAM SHIPS.

### DEPARTURES FROM LIVERPOOL.

Britannia,	.. .. .	Nov. 18,	.. .. .	For Boston.
Canada,	.. .. .	Nov. 25,	.. .. .	For New York.
Niagara,	.. .. .	Dec. 2,	.. .. .	For Boston.
Europa,	.. .. .	Dec. 16,	.. .. .	For New York.
America,	.. .. .	Dec. 30,	.. .. .	For Boston.

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Canada,	.. .. .	Jan. 13,	.. .. .	For New York.
Niagara,	.. .. .	Jan. 27,	.. .. .	For Boston.
Europa,	.. .. .	Feb. 10,	.. .. .	For New York.
America,	.. .. .	Feb. 24,	.. .. .	For Boston.
Canada,	.. .. .	Mar. 10,	.. .. .	For New York.
Niagara,	.. .. .	Mar. 24,	.. .. .	For Boston.
Europa,	.. .. .	April 7,	.. .. .	For New York.
Cambria,	.. .. .	April 14,	.. .. .	For Boston.

### DEPARTURES FROM AMERICA.

Hibernia,	.. .. .	Nov. 15,	.. .. .	From Boston.
America,	.. .. .	Nov. 22,	.. .. .	From New York.
Acadia,	.. .. .	Nov. 29,	.. .. .	From Boston.
Cambria,	.. .. .	Dec. 6,	.. .. .	From New York.
Britannia,	.. .. .	Dec. 13,	.. .. .	From Boston.
Canada,	.. .. .	Dec. 20,	.. .. .	From New York.
Niagara,	.. .. .	Dec. 27,	.. .. .	From Boston.

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Europa,	.. .. .	Jan. 10,	.. .. .	From New York.
America,	.. .. .	Jan. 24,	.. .. .	From Boston.
Canada,	.. .. .	Feb. 7,	.. .. .	From New York.
Niagara,	.. .. .	Feb. 21,	.. .. .	From Boston.
Europa,	.. .. .	Mar. 7,	.. .. .	From New York.
America,	.. .. .	Mar. 21,	.. .. .	From Boston.
Canada,	.. .. .	April 4,	.. .. .	From New York.
Niagara,	.. .. .	April 18,	.. .. .	From Boston.
Europa,	.. .. .	May 2,	.. .. .	From New York.
Cambria,	.. .. .	May 16,	.. .. .	From Boston.

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