

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

GOLD AT CARIBOO.—The *Colonist* of Nov. 26th says:—The steamer *Caledonia*, Capt. Frain has arrived from New Westminster, with seventy-six passengers and \$60,000 in gold dust. One man, a miner from one of the numerous auriferous creeks at Cariboo, came ashore with a leathern bag containing \$12,000. The same old story of rich diggings is repeated by the passengers.

The same paper has the following:—**FROM CARIBOO.**—Considerable excitement was occasioned in town yesterday by the arrival of parties from the Cariboo mines to British Columbia, with immense quantities of gold. One party of three had \$80,000. Fred Kohler has in his possession several rich specimens amounting to \$100, from the mines. Several parties have experienced a severe attack of the "gold fever" and will soon start for Cariboo, which is in a frozen region.—*San Francisco Call*, Nov. 3.

If the arrival of the Pacific on the 21st inst., with about \$120,000 created so much stir at the Bay, what will happen when the steamer which left here on Tuesday with \$400,000 gets down? Why, we shall have half San Francisco here by the Spring.

A GOOD CLAIM.—An Oregonian named Brown yesterday sold his claim on Williams' Creek for the sum of \$15,000. Its size is one hundred feet square.

CALIFORNIA.

MILLIONS OF PROPERTY DESTROYED BY THE FLOOD.—*San Francisco*, Jan. 17.—The State Legislature has adjourned to the 21st inst., to allow the water to subside from Sacramento. That city has been under water, from two to eleven feet deep, driving the people to the second stories of their houses, and preventing them from building fires or cooking food.

Cooked provisions in large quantities were sent from this city to the people there, by two steamers, on Sunday last.

The water has materially subsided since then, but the weather is still unfavorable.

The whole valley portions of the state have suffered most severely from this unprecedented inundation.

Many millions of dollars worth of property have been destroyed.

Arrived to-day, steamer *Golden Gate*, from Panama.

We have had, if possible, the hardest rain storm of the season, melting the snow upon the mountains and almost all the summits, causing an immense flow of water from the foot of the hills into the valley which the main rivers cannot carry off until after most of the agricultural parts of the state are more or less flooded. The prospects are that Sacramento will be inundated deeper than ever, though the people are prepared and the loss cannot be heavy. The farmers and miners have already been immense losers by freshets this winter. The gold products will be reduced millions from this cause. The placer and river mines sustain this loss, the various dams, canals, aqueducts, &c., being swept away or damaged.

PRODUCTIVENESS OF CALIFORNIA.—California is a wonderfully productive State. Cattle have got to be so numerous as to be almost worthless, and every kind of fruit and farm produce is abundant and cheap. During the autumn full grown fat cattle have been sold for \$3 to \$5 per cwt; horses from \$10 to \$50; hogs at all prices; sheep from 70 cents to \$1.50. Contracts for good fat beef with the necks and legs cut off, have been made for the army at \$1.68 per 100 pounds; and still, such are the facilities for raising stock in that climate, money can be made at the above prices. Good, clean barley, in 100 pound sacks, is selling at \$15 per ton. Wheat, at \$30 to \$35 per ton. Excellent grapes, at \$20 to \$30 per ton. Potatoes this year are unusually high, there having been but a short supply planted. They sell at 2½ cents per pound, twice as high as grapes.

THE GREAT FLOOD AT SACRAMENTO.—The *California Advocate* contains a letter from Dr. Peck with a graphic description of the awful calamity which has befallen the city of Sacramento:—

"It is morning, and the rain falls in torrents. Down come the mountain floods. The levee has broken, and the American River is rushing madly upon the doomed city. There it comes. It is within four squares of us. We spring to bring in a little wood for the emergency. On it comes. Strong men and beasts are struggling about us. The tops of the houses are covered with anxious gazers. Quick! Every article to the upper story of our strong brick, 'thired house.' Flour, meat, potatoes, books, carpets, all. The water is at the door-sill! In it comes! There are our neighbors from the cottages near. No safety at home. Strong men wade to our door up to their hips; with wives, and daughters, and tender babes in their arms and on their shoulders. Come in. God be praised for one place of safety. Another company arrives in a boat. Our upper rooms are full. Still the waters rise. Two strong men bear a stove into the hall. And by great exertions we gather pipe of different kinds and set it up. Thanks to Providence, we have plenty of provisions, and now a place to cook. The flood increases. Boats are moving rapidly through our streets, rescuing the helpless. Property is of no account. Strong horses and mules struggle for life. We shout to each other, giving orders and encouraging exertion. Down sink a fine team and wagon and driver. Poor man! He falls to rise no more. God pity the bereaved ones at home. The water has reached the marble table in our parlor, and still it rises. We are, by the ordering of Providence, on one of the highest points of the

town. The danger is greater below. We look out, and far as the eye can reach it is one vast sea. At our place, (N above 9th,) the current is frightful. Vigorous animals fail to stem it and float downward rapidly from our sight. Rafts and drift-wood bear now a man with bare heart, strong muscles, and setting pole—now a dog and poultry. Here comes a fence, a pile of lumber, a wagon, and now more horses and mules, and cows, with noses just above the water, struggling for life. The high pickets are covered and still the water rises!

"Three o'clock p.m. The sun shines out and the dancing waters send back their quivering light. Our home is an island. Our doors float from their hinges. China ware, servers, books, sacks of grain, and other effects left below, move out into the sea and take their chance. Doubtful if we ever see them again. I am afraid to hear from the church. My library is in the basement. In my own mind I give it up for lost, and an irreparable loss it will be. There is a boat from below. I hail it. The water is about eight feet deep in the basement of the church. Alas! my library and papers are certainly submerged.

"Four o'clock p.m. The water is rising. The sun sets amid the richest effulgence of golden light. A dark cloud skirts the eastern horizon and the floods move fearfully by.

"Half past eight o'clock. The water is now one foot higher in my hall than at four o'clock. It is four feet and three inches, and seems to be climbing up after us! I have never experienced such a night. Oh! that God would interfere to save the lives of this suffering city.

"We commended ourselves to God, and felt the consolations of religion. In the night our strong brick house cracked and settled, loud explosions following each other in rapid succession, but we trusted in God and suffered no harm.

"Tuesday morning. Thank God the waters have abated. Not more than a foot on our lower floor. The ruin is everywhere. Our poor neighbors are moving in boats, and wading to get to their houses and trying to draw their beds and clothes out of the water.

"Most thankfully have I just learned that my library is saved. Bro. J. Griswold, by prompt exertion, carried every book and paper up into the church. He and Bro. Chambers saved our new and valuable Sunday-school library. Thank God for so much mercy.

"You can judge of the state of my home when I inform you that I have with my own hands removed tons of mud from the floors below, and by the help of a strong man two days, with all the exertions of my wife and little daughter, we are now, Friday morning, only in a tolerable, but by no means, comfortable condition.

"In a few days we shall see how many of our little flock can be gathered again. Our basement is nearly ruined, but we can move our Sunday-school (if we can get any) up-stairs. Pray for us."

Commercial.

RATES OF EXCHANGE.—On London, ... 13 per cent.
New York, ... 4 "
Boston, ... 4 "

HALIFAX MARKETS.

CORRECTED FOR THE C. MESSENGER, FEB. 5.

Flour, American spine, per bbl.	\$ 6 50	\$ 7 00
Canada " "	do.	do.
Rye " "	\$ 4 00	\$ 4 50
Cornmeal " "	3 60	3 80
Indian Corn, per bushel	0 75	0 80
Bread, Navy, per cwt.	4 00	4 50
Pilot, per bbl.	3 25	
Butter, Am. per lb.	0 12	0 15
N. S. " "	0 15	0 17
Coffee, Laguyra, per lb.	0 16	
Jamaica, " "	0 18	0 19
Tea, Congo, " "	0 35	0 46
Sugar, Bright P. R., " "	0 85	
Cuba, " "	0 75	0 08
Molasses, Muscovado, per gal.	0 30	0 32
Clayed, " "	0 26	0 28
Beef, Mess, per bbl.	7 00	9 00
Pork, Prime, " "	12 00	
Mess, " "	15 00	16 00
Codfish, large, per qt.	2 75	4 00
small, " "	2 70	3 50
Salmon, No. 1, per bbl.	12 50	
No. 2, " "	11 50	
No. 3, " "	10 00	
Mackerel, No. 1, " "	14 50	15 00
No. 2, large " "	6 50	8 00
No. 2, med. " "	5 50	6 50
No. 3, large, " "	5 25	5 50
Herring, No. 1, shore, " "	2 90	3 25
No. 1, Georges' Bay, " "	2 00	
No. 1, Magdalene, " "	1 50	
Alwives, per bbl.	2 50	
Haddock, " "	2 00	2 25
Leather, sole, per lb.	0 23	0 25
Bar Iron, com., per cwt.	13s. 6d.	
Hoop " "	22s. 6d.	
Sheet " "	22s. 6d.	
Nails, cut, " "	22s. 6d.	
wrought, per lb.	3d. 4d.	
Lumber, 1 inch Pine, per 1000	\$16 00	
" (mer.) " "	16 00	
Shipping Pine, " "	11 00	
Spruce, " "	8 80	9 00
Hemlock, " "	6 50	7 00
Coal, Sydney, per chaldron	9 00	
Fire Wood, per cord	3 62	4 00

PRICES AT THE FARMERS' MARKET, FEB. 5.

Fresh Beef, per cwt.	25s. a 30s.
Oatmeal, " "	17s. 6d.
Oats, per bushel	2s. a 2s. 3d.
Apples, per barrel	10s. a 15s.
Potatoes, per bushel	2s. 3d. a 2s. 6d.
Veal, per lb.	3d. a 3d. 4d.
Lamb, " "	2d. a 4d.
Mutton, " "	3d. a 4d.
Pork, Fresh, per lb.	4d. a 5d.
Bacon, " "	7d.
Butter, " "	8d. a 1s.
Cheese, " "	6d.
Calfskins, " "	4d.
Yarn, " "	2s. 6d.
Eggs, per dozen	1s.
Poultry, Chickens, per pair	2s. a 2s. 6d.
Ducks, " "	2s. 6d.
Turkeys, per lb.	8d.
Geese, each	2s. a 2s. 6d.
Home-spun Cloth, wool, per yard	2s. 6d.
Do., (cotton and wool)	1s. 3d.

Marriages.

On Monday, 27th ult., by the Rev. Archdeacon Wilks, Mr. Thomas Little, of Aylesford, to Catherine Jane, eldest daughter of Mr. George Bos-om, of this city.

On the 7th ult., at Christ Church, Marylebone, by the Rev. Reginald Heber Bullock, Chaplain H. M. Forces, assisted by the Rev. I. Llewellyn Davis, Rector, William Hickman, Esq., of Halifax, N. S., to Mary Jean, eldest daughter of Thomas Richie Grassie, Esq., 18 Dorset Square, London.

At Port Williams, by the Rev. P. F. Murray, Mr. Aaron Charlton, to Miss Elizabeth Banks, January 23rd, 1862.

At Bethel Cottage, Liverpool, on the 28th inst., by Rev. D. O. Parker, Mr. Ebenezer Pierce, to Miss Melvina Carter, both of Port Mouton.

At Westport, Long Island, Jan. 1st, 1862, by the Rev. W. Hall, Mr. Patrick Delaney, to Mary Sophia Powell, daughter of Mr. Nathan Powell.

Also by the same, Mr. John Clifford, to Miss Matilda Bethune, all of the same place.

At West Cornwallis, Dec. 19th, 1861, by the Rev. E. M. Saunders, Mr. Stephen B. Sanford, to Miss Malissa Ray.

By the same, at Union Square, Cornwallis, Jan. 28th, Mr. Andrew F. Chipman, son of the Rev. Wm. Chipman, to Miss Mary Newcomb, daughter of Isaac H. Newcomb, Esq.

At Sheerbrook, on the 18th Jan., Mr. Nathan Levey, of Windsor Road, to Miss Maria Brown, of Sheerbrook, by Rev. I. J. Skinner.

Deaths.

On Monday, 27th ult., after a short illness, Mr. John Mahar, in the 67th year of his age.

On Sunday, 26th, Mary Ann Peterson, aged 22 years.

On the 27th ult., Elizabeth, the beloved wife of George Edwin Moses, aged 31 years.

On Tuesday 26th, after a painful illness, Albertine, wife of John Davidson, 76d 34 years.

On the 27th ult., Samuel Glazebrook.

On the 29th, Timothy Mahon, aged 49 years.

On Friday morning, Letitia Hyde, relict of the late Charles Eaton, in the 75th year of her age.

At Dartmouth, on 28th ult., Margaret, second daughter of Mr. William Wilson.

At the Poor's Asylum, 26th ult., Michael Morris, aged 24 years, a native of Italy.

At Arichat, on the 10th ult., Mary Ann, wife of E. P. Flynn, Esq., aged 33 years.

At Arichat, on the 16th ult., Edmund Phalen, Esq., Merchant.

At Amherst, on the 26th Jan., aged 56 years, Bina, the beloved wife of William W. Bent, Esq., and daughter of the late Mr. Samuel Freeman. Mrs. Bent has for many years been one of the most valued members of the Baptist Church, at Amherst. Her loss will be sincerely lamented by the community at large. The poor and afflicted especially have lost a friend, who was ever ready to assist them and alleviate their sorrows. The high esteem in which the deceased was held, was evinced by the large attendance at her funeral. An appropriate and able sermon, was preached by the Rev. G. F. Miles, before a crowded audience, from the text, "For me to live, is Christ: to die is gain."

At Amherst, on the 28th Jan., aged 65 years, Mr. Allen Sharp.

At Margareville, Wilmot, N. S., on the 23rd Jan., 1862, Mr. William Pascoe, aged 29 years. Mr. P. came to the house of Mr. David Harris, about 19 days before his decease. He was kindly attended upon during his distressing illness. According to his statement he has left a wife and child, parents and other relatives in Cornwall, England.—[Papers in England, will please copy.]

At Canaan Horton, of Diptheria, James Henry, son of Henry S. and Augusta Ried, aged 3 years and 6 months.

At Windsor Road, Jan. 20th, Helen Penina, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Church, aged 2 years and 11 months.

Of diptheria at Kentville, Sept. 30th, 1861, Jennie Lind Willett, aged 9 years.

Also at New Mines, of the same disease, Nov. 3rd, 1861, Joanna, wife of Adolphus Bishop, Esq., aged 29 years.

Also at Kentville, Dec. 23th, Jessie Willett, aged 12 years, of the same disease. The above were all daughters of Mr. George Willet, of Kentville. Mrs. Bishop was a consistent and active member of the 3rd Horton Church. She leaves an afflicted husband and children to mourn her loss.

Sharp's Balsam for Coughs and Colds.

Halifax, Jan. 18th, 1862.

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your humble servant,

GEORGE W. BAILEY.

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Jan. 22. 3 mths.

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Shipping List.

PORT OF HALIFAX.

Arrived.

Tuesday, 28th.—Steam-transport *Mauritius*, Cork via Newfoundland 25 days—troops and stores; bark *Halifax*, O'Brien, Boston 7 days—J. M. Watson & Co. and others—10 passengers.

Wednesday, 29th.—Schr. *Oswego*, Card, Philadelphia 40 days—G. C. Harvey and others; Janet, Crowell, Baltimore 20 days—J. A. Moren.

Thursday, 30th.—Schr. *Conda*, Sydney; Emma, do.

Friday, 31st.—Schr. *Mary O'Bryan*, Boston 7 days—bound to St. Pierre, Miquelon.

Saturday, Feb. 1st.—Steamer *Delta*, Hunter, St. Andrew's—to S. Cunard & Co.; H. M. Steamer *Orpheus*, Captain Burnett, St. John, N. B.; Schr. *Henrietta*, (French,) Fervae, St. Pierre, 8 days—to Master; Uncle Tom, Duffett, Sydney—to Master.

Monday, 3rd.—Brigs *Boston*, O'Brien, Boston, 7 days, to J. M. Watson and Co.; Charles, Barker, New York, 21 days, to S. F. Barss and Co.; Brisk, Crowell, Matamoros 32 days, to P. McPhee; Schr. *Julia*, Cox, New York, via Yarmouth, 8 days, to Young and Hart; Sea Slipper, Green, New York, 6 days, to D. Cronan; R. O'Bryan, O'Bryan, Boston via Liverpool, 9 days, to J. M. Watson and Co.

Cleared.

Tuesday, 28th.—Schr. *Thrasher*, Hunter, New York; E. K. Brown, Atkins, Port Medway; Volunteer, Taylor, Barrington.

Wednesday, 29th.—Schr. *Condor*, Romkey, B. W. Indies.

Thursday, 30th.—Schr. *Sylvia*, Young, Lunenburg; Emery, Blanch, Sydney; Linnet, Glowson, do.

Friday, 31st.—Brig *Magnet*, Roche, F. W. Indies—by Salter and Twining; Brig *Esquimaux*, Chisholm, Jamaica—by T. C. Kinnear and Co.

Saturday, Feb. 1st.—Barque *Halifax*, (pkt.) O'Brien, Boston—by J. M. Watson and Co. and others; Schr. *Alma*, Lohnes, Boston—by James F. Phelan; Rival, (pkt.) Dunlop, Liverpool, N. S.—by J. Cochran and Son and others.

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Onslow, Jan. 23rd, 1862.

Jan. 29. 1y.

Bazaar.

THE Ladies of the Baptist Church and Congregation in Hantsport, intend holding a Bazaar in August next, to defray the expenses of repairing the Baptist Church at Hantsport.

Contributions thankfully received by the

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