

The paper mill of Messrs. Phillips Brothers, a few miles from this city, was destroyed by fire on Saturday morning. Loss \$16,000, partially covered by insurance.

The Nova Scotia Railway are said to have earned during the past year about \$35,000 over and above their working expenses.

A gang of thieves has just been captured in Toronto. They are all young men, and most of them were sent out to Canada several months ago, from one of the London Reformatories.

It is stated that Canada has subscribed \$34,634 to the British Operative Relief Fund, and the other American provinces \$23,231.

The Government of British Columbia have arranged to borrow in England, through the Bank of British Columbia, a sum of \$5,000 on six per cent. debentures, which are to form the first charge on the increasing revenues of the colony. The terms have been approved by the Secretary for the Colonies.

The tenders for the British Columbian debentures ranged from 103 to 105.

EXTRAORDINARY OCCURRENCE.—On Wednesday last, while four persons (a gentleman and three females), were proceeding down to the "Rock Heads," so called, situated a short distance from the shore, on the shore, which was very large and "slowy," as it is termed, when nearly abreast of the residence of Mr. Forrest, the horse lost its footing and fell. He continued to slide towards the bank of the river, accelerated by the weight of the vehicle, and the persons therein. Two of the females succeeded in throwing themselves out before they reached the edge of the bank, but the gentleman and one of the females, with the horse and sled, were thrown over on to the ice in the river, among which was a large accumulation of logs, slabs, and refuse timber. The sled was smashed, and the iron on the runners broken in two. Singular to say, the persons were but slightly injured, notwithstanding the fall could not be less than thirty feet, and the horse received no serious bruises. The other two females, after they threw themselves out of the vehicle, slid down to the edge of the precipice, where their fall was arrested, and they remained until rescued by some persons who witnessed the circumstance. As they could not approach near enough to render them assistance, they placed within the reach of the females a pole, which, when they clutched, they dragged them to the shore. One of the young men who went to their assistance, also had a narrow escape. He took off his boots, but so large was the ice, that he could not get a foothold, and he slid downwards, but was arrested by a twig, which he grasped, but in so doing the flesh was ripped from one of his fingers. The accident occurred about the highest part of the cliff. The descent from the road to the edge was about 50 feet, and the height from the edge to the river about 30 feet perpendicular. It was certainly a most miraculous escape, one in which the hand of a kind Providence can be plainly traced.—Miramichi Gleaner.

THE YIELD.—The California Farmer states that the farmers of Amador Valley have made splendid crops this year, and as an instance says that the yield of wheat has been six bushels per acre, and that of corn, six bushels per acre. The berry is very large and full. On a number of farms adjoining, the yield was about the same.

ENGLISH AND CONTINENTAL.—We have no very recent intelligence from England. The following extracts from English journals are interesting.

Lord Palmerston, in taking part in the Annual Show and Dinner of the Agricultural Society at Romsey, made several good humoured speeches, but confined himself chiefly to local subjects, and did not allude to any of the public questions of the day, if we except the approaching marriage of the Prince of Wales. On this subject he said, "His Royal Highness has seen, perhaps, as much of the world and more of the world than almost any man of his age; and wherever he has been he has won the golden opinions and concentrated the affection and respect of all to whom he has come in contact. He is now able to do that which seldom falls to the lot of any royal Prince, viz., to make a love marriage. (Cheers.) He has every prospect of all the happiness which can attend the marriage state, for he is about to marry a Princess distinguished by all those qualities which adorn either a Princess or a person of any other rank. There is every prospect of happiness, and every prospect of that welfare which naturally belongs to a country, where there is succession to the Crown fitted to conciliate the affection and command the esteem of a people. (Great cheering, and one more for the Princess.)"

In a volume of the principal speeches and letters of His Royal Highness, the late Prince Consort, just published by authority of the Queen, is found some interesting information relative to the illustrious Prince. No one can read the following remarks, which preface a memorandum of the Prince, and which evidently have come from the heart of our beloved monarch, without feelings of deep sympathy:

In allowing this memorandum of the Prince to be published, the Queen is also actuated by another motive in addition to those which have already been mentioned. It affords Her Majesty a fitting opportunity for expressing in the most clear and ample manner, that which for many years she has desired to express. During the Prince's life the Queen often longed to make known to the world the ever-present, watchful, faithful, invaluable aid which she received from the Prince Consort in the conduct of the public business. Her Majesty could hardly endure even then to be silent on the subject, and not to declare how much her reign owed to him. And now the Queen can no longer refrain from uttering what she has so long felt, and from proclaiming the irreparable loss to the public service as well as to herself and to her family, which the Prince's death has occasioned. The position of her Majesty, for many years accustomed to this loving aid, and now suddenly deprived of it, can with difficulty be imagined to the full extent of its heaviness and its sadness. Desolate and sombre, as the Queen most deeply feels, lies the way before her—a path, however, of duty and of labour, which, relying on the loyal attachment and sympathy of her people, she will, with God's blessing, strive to pursue; but where she fears her faltering steps will often show they lack the tender and affectionate support which on all occasions Her Majesty was wont to receive from her beloved husband, the Prince.

The Russian letters at Birkenhead have been all with one exception, found guilty, after which Mr. Baron Bramwell passed sentence upon them. Lemon was sentenced to 15 years' penal servitude; nine male prisoners were condemned to two years' imprisonment, with hard labour, and Catherine Larkin to one year, and three other females to six months' imprisonment with hard labour. All the efforts of Mr. Pope Hennessy, his nansaka's Conservative M. P., to denounce the right of public or private meeting by Protestants, when displacing to the Pope's "lambs," and even Nicholas Wiseman's contribution of £10, were all in vain. So far, law has triumphed, but every one feels that there are offenders behind the scenes whom justice has not reached.

THE BEAT OF WAR.—The telegrams for the last week have been unusually contradictory and unsatisfactory. Report after report.

That another expedition for the capture of Vicksburg is being fitted out; but the report lacks confirmation. General Banks is concentrating his army at Baton Rouge. It is said that Commodore Parrot has just received a list of his best vessels to recapture Galveston, and if possible, take the rebel rauc which destroyed the vessels there.

On the 13th, Wheeler's rebel cavalry, with a battery, attacked three boats at Harpers Shoals, Tenn. The boat No. 7, with two hundred sick and wounded, was fired into, and the men captured and paroled. The other boats, with commissary stores on board, escaped. The rebel General Smith engaged the rebel boats, but they were driven off. The rebel General, and the boat between them. The rebel General, and the boat between them.

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Missouri.—Colonel Crabb repulsed the rebels at Springfield at every advance, and then held the town.

From Arkansas, Admiral Porter officially reports to Secretary Welles: "Sir: The gunboats *Louisville, De Calhoun, Chickasaw, and Lexington*, attacked the heavy forts at the post on the Arkansas last night, and silenced the batteries, killing twenty of the enemy. The gunboats attacked again this morning, and dismounted every gun—eleven in all. Col. Dunnington, late of the United States Navy, commanding the fort, requested a surrender to the gunboats, which was refused. The army cooperated on the land side. The forts were completely silenced, and the guns—eleven in number—were all dismantled in three hours. The action was at close quarters on the part of the iron-clads and the firing splendid. The *Louisville* lost 12, the *De Kalb* 17, the *Unionist* none, the *Lexington* none, the *Battler* 2. The vessels, although much cut up, were ready for action in half an hour after the battle."

Twenty of the fleet boats have arrived at Nashville. A large mail was received. The boats are laden with supplies for the army. Wednesday week the rebels robbed the steamer *Hastings*, containing wounded and provisions. They stripped the wounded of all their clothing.

(From the Church Witness, of Wednesday.) The advance of the grand army of the Potomac upon Richmond has again been postponed. On Tuesday, the 20th inst., the auspicious moment to strike the rebellion a great and mortal blow, and to gain a decisive victory," had arrived in the opinion of Gen. Burnside, and he issued a general order announcing to his officers and men "that they were about to meet the enemy once more," and calling upon them "for a firm and united action in the struggle."

Everything was prepared; the main body was to cross the Rappahannock in force, ten miles above Palmyra, while a corps was to proceed down the river and feign crossing at several points, in order to distract the attention of the Confederates. But the plan failed most signally. A storm commenced on the same day—Tuesday—preventing the movement of either artillery, pontoons, or even men, and raged with great violence for three whole days. It moderated on Friday, but the roads were then and have been since in such a state as to render an advance utterly impossible. Burnside's prediction has thus proved false. Disgusted or disappointed he at once tendered his resignation to the President, which was accepted, and General Hooker was appointed in his place. But this is not all; the army itself is to be virtually disbanded—the greater part going West to co-operate in the campaign there, and a small portion only to protect Washington. Thus the attempt to capture Richmond is actually abandoned, at all events for the present.

One reason given for the proposed movement on Richmond was, that a large division of General Lee's army had been despatched to the West, and that he was therefore not in a position to resist an attack in force. It is quite true that the Confederates in Tennessee were reinforced by General Longstreet's division, but Lee was not materially weakened.

All eyes are now turned to the West, where a decisive battle will be fought ere long. Rosecrans, who was said to be in pursuit of General Bragg, has suddenly abandoned it, for we are now told that he has taken up his old position near Murfreesboro. The Confederates have again got into his rear, and are cutting off his supplies and disturbing his communications.

The loss of the Federals at the battle of Murfreesboro is now stated on official authority to be 13,000 men—just double what they admitted a fortnight ago. Their loss at Vicksburg is also stated to be 2,800. An attack upon Port Hudson is going on. The only news however that has transpired yet is that the gunboat *Winona* has been sunk by a Confederate battery.

A Federal transport has been sunk off Galveston by a Confederate cruiser. A brig named the *Roslin* has also been destroyed off Portugal by another cruiser.

No further steps have been taken in favor of peace, but public opinion is gradually but surely inclining in that direction. The programme of the New York *Tribune* is "to fight until the 1st May next, and then, if our efforts are fruitless, let us bow to our destiny, and make the best attainable peace."

The pressure upon the money market in New York is excessive. Gold is at a premium of 55 per cent, and Bills of Exchange on England 169.

RECONSTRUCTION OF THE "USTON"—They "leave New-England-out-in-the-cold" feeling has taken such possession of the minds of the people of the West, that Governor Yates, of Illinois, deemed it proper in his address to the Legislature to take strong ground against it. The Boston *Tribune*, in hinting at a separation between the West and East, speculates on the future of the New England States as annexed to the British North American Colonies!

An account of money received at the office of the "Christian Visitor" for the week ending Jan. 20th, 1863.—It may be a mistake to inform the donors of contributions, but we please to inform the office.

Rev. W. H. Porter, 2; By Wm. Churchill, 75c; M. A. C. 50; Thos. Turner, 2; Alexander Currier, 75c; M. D. Dabbin, 75c; By C. Eastabrook—Thos Brooks, 2; By Rev. T. W. Saunders, 1; Henry Adams, 1; G. Robinson, 2; By G. T. Ford, 1; Samuel Wilson, 2; By Rev. J. W. Vanhook—Dea John Mann, 2; Abraham Young, 2; By Rev. J. Grand—Thos Herrick, 1; Dea A. Fowler, 1; Frederick Lynch, 2; W. H. White, 1; By Barnes & Co.—Gideon Stevens, 1; Harry Wood, 1; Allen McNeil, 1; James McCall, 1; J. Wilber, 2; Rev. Sam'l Robinson, 2; Henry M. Straight, 2; William Smart, 2; By Rev. W. A. Coleman—Nathan Hicks, 2; James Sears, 1; David Watson, 2; John P. Richardson, 1; James Anderson, 1; John Anderson, 1; William Wallace, 2; R. W. Cory, 2; Chris Wey, 1; Rufus Costa, 2; Johnson Cleveland, 2; Ebenezer Hosmer, 1; Rev. W. A. Coleman, 2; Silvanus Minor, 2; By Rev. J. F. Fildore, 1; Lewis H. Stevens, 50c; Peter Jones, 1; By Rev. P. O. Ross—Mrs Cooperativa, 2; Caleb R. Fitch, 1; By Rev. J. W. Nevers, 1; G. L. Lovet, 2; Dea J. H. Fitch, 1; By W. T. Reed—Mrs Woodworth, 1; James Cahoon, 50c; Nelson Edgott, 50c; Samuel Jones, 50c; Gilbert Fock, 50c; Mrs Moore, 1; By Rev. J. L. Jackson—Robert W. Hays, 2; John V. York, 2; James Hildreth, 1; By Joseph Jackson—Joshua Winchester, 2; Charles C. Currier, 2; Capt. Simeon Vanhook, 2; Dea Wm Chipman, 3; F. G. Good, 2; Rev. T. Lockley, 1; Richard Loverson, 1; A. Brown, 1.

REVENUE BOATS.—If Winchell's Waits are wanted by any other people, they can be had in excellent style, at C. B. Bookstore, Prince William Street, Saint John, N. B.

MARRIAGES.—At the residence of the bride's father, on the 21st inst., by the Rev. L. E. Bill, Mr. Charles Flaherty to Miss Esprit Sims, all of this city.

At the residence of the bride's father, Cambridge, on the 14th ultimo, by the Rev. Thomas Lockey, Mr. Zephaniah Olmstead to Melissa Jane, second daughter of Mr. Joseph Hendry.

In the presence of the bride's father, Gagetown, on the 14th inst., by the Rev. W. A. B. Hickey, Mr. James Roberts to Rachel Foster.

By the same, at the residence of the bride's father, Gagetown, on the 15th inst., Mr. Harding Clayton to Miss Maria Coy.

By the same, at the residence of the bride's father, Burton, on the 2d ult., Miss Randall to Malvina Akertley.

By the same, at the residence of the bride's father, Gagetown, on the 11th ultimo, David C. Dykeman to Mary Dykeman, both of Cambridge.

At the Wesleyan Church, Gagetown, on the 19th inst., by the Rev. W. H. Fildore, Mr. James A. Pierre, junior editor of the "Gleaner," to Harriet, daughter of Mr. Valentine Harding, of St. John.

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This had not made a profession of religion before his death, yet we have reason to believe that the Lord looked in mercy upon him; he proved, and that with all the fervency of his soul, for mercy. On Christmas morning a large concourse of people met in the new meeting house, where the deceased was interred, and the service was read, assisted by brethren Guster and Corey. May the Lord bless the text to all around. Kewick, January 22, 1863. W. S. HARRIS.

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