

dred families, almost all of whom have been farmers in comfortable circumstances, and they are taking out amongst them about £16,000. A portion of these emigrants are from the barony of Forth, county of Wexford,—the descendants of the English settlers in the 12th century—a quiet, thrifty race, quite remarkable for their persevering industry and good farming; but the very high rents still charged by some of the landlords in that district, having rendered it impossible for the occupiers to meet their engagements without drawing upon the savings of former years, those farmers have determined to leave the country. Indeed, several of them have been paying a rack-rent of £3 per Irish acre out of their little realized capital. They mean to settle in Arkansas.

The Examiner.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1850.

News of the Week.

The Steamer *Rose* arrived early on Thursday evening with the Colonial and United States Mails, the English steamer not having arrived at Halifax previously to the departure of the Stage for Pictou. We give up most of our editorial space to the insertion of intelligence, as it is interesting.

News by the Africa, VIA NEW YORK.

The new Cunard steamer *Africa*, Capt. Ryrie, arrived at New York, on Friday last (being her thirteenth day). She had 119 passengers, and brings Liverpool dates to the 20th Oct.

Nothing of importance in the political world had transpired during the week.

In France much excitement still exists on the subject of prolonging the President's term of power, and it is generally believed the very existence of the Republic will depend upon the decision of this point.

The war in the Duchies still continues, but nothing decisive has yet been reported.

The affairs at Hesse Cassel remain as at last advices.

The Niagara arrived at Liverpool from New York on Sunday evening, and Atlantic on Thursday morning—the former making the shortest run.

Timber market at Liverpool firm, and advance was anticipated.

Wheat and flour maintain previous rates.

Oils quiet and declining
From Rome it is stated that the Pope intended to nominate bishops for Liverpool, Birmingham, and all the populous cities of England and Scotland. The French army of occupation was to be reduced to 5000 men.

Six murderers were shot at Rome on the 8th ult. by the Pontifical troops. The French soldiery were kept under arms in their barracks, as a measure of precaution, but public tranquility was not disturbed.

The advices from India and China are somewhat different from those announced in the telegraph report brought by the Canada, as the difficulties at Macao, between China and Portugal, are to be arranged.—The expedition of the Dutch against Borneo have met with little success.

The work of the Calcutta Railway had been commenced. The cholera was still prevalent in Mooltan, Scima, and other districts. The India and China seas were still infested with pirates.

Letters from Havre allude to the competition for freight between the American and Cunard steamers. The agents of the latter vessels, to compete with the Franklin, have lowered the rate from Havre to New York, via Liverpool, to \$20 per ton. The former rate was \$40. The agent of the Franklin complains that this is a breach of faith, as the Cunard company now charge \$35 from Liverpool to New York.

NOBLE ACT OF A NOVA SCOTIAN.

St. Domingo, Sept. 29, 1850.—A correspondent of the New York Herald, writes—We had a very severe gale here on the 18th and 19th of this month. During the gale they were obliged to cut away the masts of the English brig *Eliza Helen*, anchored off this City, being heavily laden, the seas swept fore and aft. Every inducement was offered to any person who would go out to take off the crew, who were all sick with the fever except the steward, but the danger was so great that none dared venture. That all on board must perish seemed inevitable. Capt. William Henry Coffin, of the bark *Albert of Barrington*, Nova Scotia, (who had also recently lost his vessel) with that generosity of feeling and scorn of danger, which always characterises a true sailor, with three of his men in the midst of the hurricane, boarded the brig in a small launch, and rescued all hands from a watery grave.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

GREAT FIRE AT FREDERICTON. A telegraphic despatch to the Halifax *Sun*, states, that a tremendous fire occurred at Fredericton, N. B., on the 11th instant. It commenced at about 2 in a barn near the Methodist Meeting House, burning through to the front street down opposite to the Central Bank, and through to the rear of the Town. The principal business part, is in ashes. The Methodist Chapel and Mission house was destroyed. The loss is very great, many of the Stores having in their winter supply of Goods. The whole number of buildings destroyed, is said to be about three hundred.

There has been quite a freshet in the St. John River. The Fredericton Head Quarter, says:

The damage done to-day on the Islands in the neighbourhood of this City is considerable, but by far the heaviest loss will fall on the owners of timber and sawed lumber, which was on its way to market; shingles, clapboards, logs and square timber have gone adrift, and are scattered along the shores in almost every direction. We understand that the cause of this unusual rise of water was a continuance of rain and snow-storms on the upper waters of the St. John. The first snow fell at Madawaska, on the 21st instant, to the depth of several inches. Last year the first snow fell in Fredericton on the same day.

The St. John Freeman, an independent well conducted journal, identified with the Irish interest in New Brunswick, has been discontinued, owing to the non-payment of subscribers.

The store of Mr. W. N. Venning, St. John, was broken into last week, and robbed of property consisting of Jewelry, Watches, &c. to the value of £200. A reward of £25 is offered for the detection of the thieves.

CANADA.

CRIMINAL.—William Shutts, private in XXth Regiment, was tried at Montreal on Wednesday and Thursday last, for the murder of his comrade Jas. Cubiss, on the 17th of June last. The prisoner was brought in guilty, and sentenced to be hanged on the 13th December.

The trial of Matteau, for the murder of Charles Sansouci, at Kingston, occupied the Court of that city on Tuesday last.—

After a clear and impartial review of the evidence by Judge Sullivan, the Jury retired about 6 o'clock, and late in the evening returned a verdict of guilty. Sentence not yet pronounced.

360 vessels passed through the Welland Canal during the past month of September, a greater number than in the corresponding month of any previous year. Of the number mentioned, 133 went up and 63 down for America, and 68 up and 66 down for Canadian ports.

969 persons signed the Temperance Pledge while Mr. Gough was in Montreal.

United States.

The Fugitive Slave Law continues to cause the greatest excitement throughout the United States.

The gross receipts from the twenty concerts given by Jenny Lind in the United States, will amount, it is thought, to about \$250,000. A Boston publisher, hoping to profit by the enthusiasm which this gifted lady every where excites, has issued a paper, called the "Jenny Lind," which is printed in golden letters, and in the pages of which are alone chronicled the life and movements of the Nightingale.

The Harbour Master of the Port of Boston reports that he has boarded 8,000 vessels during the year ending Oct. 1, 1850. The expense of the office, including boatmen, amounts to no more than \$1,000.

The merchandise depot of the Boston and Main Rail Road, in Boston, has been totally consumed by fire, in which at the time a great deal of valuable property was stored, and likewise consumed. It is estimated that the loss by the conflagration will amount to \$250,000.

STORM IN WESTERN NEW YORK.—Accounts from Western New York report the late storm along the line of the Erie Canal to have been very severe. It commenced on Saturday to rain, and wound up on Sunday with snow, which fell in Niagara county to the depth of several inches. The storm was also very severe in Ontario, Livingston, and adjoining counties. On the lakes the storm was severe, with very thick weather; and much damage, it is feared, has been done to the shipping. All along the line of the canal and vicinity, so far as heard from, much damage has been done to the canal, roads, bridges, crops, fruit, and shade trees, &c., &c. The streams were all very much swollen, and though water was much needed by the millers and manufacturers, yet the suddenness and extent of the rise of the waters had been quite destructive.

The Hon. Wm. Appleton, a citizen of Boston, has made a donation of twenty thousand dollars to the McLean (lunatic) Asylum of that city.

HORRIBLE TRAGEDY IN KENTUCKY.—In Fleming county, Kentucky, on Wednesday last, William Ringo had an altercation with Mr. —, who married his sister, whom he killed on the spot by a single shot from a revolver. Ringo's mother ran up to expostulate, when the inhuman monster fired two shots into her body, from which she died next day. His sister, the wife of the murdered man, then ran up, when the fiend shot her through the thigh. She is likely to recover. He then made off, but the next day was pursued by the neighbours, who found him at the house of another neighbour. On seeing the company advancing, he entered the house. He was summoned to come out and surrender, but he refused, and while attempting to draw a pistol was shot through the abdomen by one of the party. He then shot at another of the party, wounding him slightly in the shoulder, who thereupon fired back, killing the monster instantly. The parties surrendered themselves to the law

authorities, were examined, and acquitted. —*Maysville Eagle.*

A GENEROUS OFFER.—The Mayor of Boston has received a letter from the Hon. Edward Everett, tendering his collection of public documents and state papers to the city government, as the nucleus for a public library. He says:—I have for nearly thirty years devoted a good deal of time, labour and expense to its formation. It amounts at present to one thousand volumes. From the foundation of the government up to the year 1825, when I first went to Congress it contained nearly every thing that is material. While I was in Congress, I took great pains to preserve and bind up every document published by either house; and from that time to the year 1840 when I went abroad. The collection is tolerably complete. It is my intention to add to it, as far as they can be procured, the documents since published; and I omit no opportunity of supplying the deficiencies in other parts of the series. In addition to state papers and other public documents, the collection contains other works connected with the civil and political history of the country.

The Buffalo Republic has the following paragraph:—

"Yesterday a party of fifty-one coloured men, women, and children, from Pittsburgh, under the command of B. G. Sampson, a mulatto of very considerable ability, crossed the ferry at Black Rock, into Canada. They were all armed "to the teeth," and on their way to Toronto. When in the middle of the river they made the welkin ring with huzzas at their escape into a land of freedom. When they landed on the British side, they paraded on the beach, and again swung their hats and gave shouts of joy, mingled with song."

RHODE ISLAND.—The Providence Journal has returns of the census taken by the United States Marshal, for four towns, and one ward of the city of Providence, which gives a gain in the population of 9027, or 69 per cent, since 1840. The greater part of the gain is in the city, where the 6th ward makes a gain of 6300 in three years, increasing 3962 to 10,362.

SHIPWRECK.—We learn from a Telegraphic despatch to the Halifax *Sun*, dated "New York, Nov. 12," that the brig *Reindeer*, of Halifax, from Malaga, bound to Philadelphia, was lost off Philadelphia, and Captain and crew perished.

The late Fire at San Francisco.—We have full particulars of the late destructive fire at San Francisco, received via New York. The damage does not appear to be as great as at first estimated. The buildings were, many of them, of one story and small. Perhaps about one hundred and twenty-five were destroyed. The total loss has been estimated at amounts varying from two hundred and fifty thousand to a million dollars. The Pacific News says, "It is our opinion that three hundred thousand dollars would cover the whole loss. This estimate is based upon the fact, that many of the buildings were mere shanties." The News establishment was entirely consumed. It cost \$40,000.

CUBA.—By late accounts from Spain, it seems that great preparations are being made to send forces to Cuba. The following fleet was to have sailed on the 15th instant, under the command of Count de la Concha.

The *Soberano*, a man-of-war of 74 guns.

The frigates *Esperanza* and *Perla*, of 42 guns; *Corteza*, of 32 guns.

The corvette *Colon*, of 16 guns.

The brigantines *Patriota*, *Habana*, *Pelayo*, *Nervion*, and *Villavencio*, forming a force of 76 guns.

The goelettes *Habanero*, *Isabella II.*, and *Juanita*, having in all 14 guns.

The *lougres* *Teresa*, *Christina*, *Curra*, *Cometa*, and *Donacion*, each with a 48-pounder cannon.

Two steamers, the *Blasco de Garay* and *Phizarro*, of 350 horse power each, and having each 6 guns. The *Alvaro di Basan* and *Congreso*, of 160 horse power each, and carrying 6 guns; and last, f