

**DREADFUL OCCURRENCE.**

We have never before had so painful a duty to perform as we are now entering upon in the detail of an occurrence, which commenced at Scarborough on Friday last, and which closed at a neighbouring village, attended by all the tragic horrors of agonized parental feelings, and by all the dreadful sufferings of four violent and premature dissolutions.

A poor, but well-disposed and industrious woman, of the name of Ouhwaite, the wife of a shoemaker, residing at the village of Cloughton, near Scarborough, and the mother of four children, the younger of whom is but a few months old, having business at the latter place on Friday week, resolved to take home, for the use of herself and children, a small portion of an opening medicine.---With this view she called at a druggist's shop in Scarborough, ordered the same, and said she would call for it before she left the town. It was accordingly weighed and placed ready for the poor woman. In the interim, however, a farmer called at the same shop, and desired ONE OUNCE OF ARSENIC, to be weighed, and he would call for it in a short time. The dangerous mineral was also got ready according to order, and, as a proper precaution, the word "poison" was written on the paper containing it; but unfortunately, the two were placed together. The poor woman called the first for her medicine; she could not read; she travelled home to her little family, the innocent unsuspecting messenger of death. Soon after her return she gave some of the arsenic to three of her hapless children, one of eight years of age, the second six, and the other only four. The poor woman also took a large portion herself. Death now commenced his havoc, and the dreadful effects which always attend the taking of a deadly poison were soon triumphant over the tender frames of the little innocents. The most excruciating agonies portended immediate dissolution; and the miserable mother, forgetting her own bodily sufferings, whilst witnessing the pangs of her children, became an object of the most unqualified pity and boundless sympathy. No medical assistant was near, and, still more strange, no one was sent for. Stupor, or distraction must have fixed the wretched parent; and, in that state, she may be supposed to have seen her three beloved children expire before her, the helpless victims of a mistake, which we are almost inclined to call criminal. Death, however, had not completed his work. The mother was still left with her infant; her only surviving child, laid upon her lap, unconscious of its parents' woe. She felt the pangs of approaching dissolution; but death had lost its terrors; he had become a welcome messenger; the delight of her eyes had departed, and, oh! dreadful thought! she had been the innocent agent. No medical adviser still was sent for. She struggled with the foul destroyer till morning began to dawn, when about the hour of five her wounded spirit took its flight to the eternal mansions, whither her children had departed, and where no casual blunder or careless deportment can disturb their peace or destroy their happiness. The infant, her only surviving child, we hear is also in a dangerous state, it having been unfortunately suckled

by the mother after she had taken the deadly poison. A coroner's jury, sat upon the bodies of the deceased; and, after a very minute investigation into all the circumstances of the case, they delivered a verdict (as regarded each) of ACCIDENTAL DEATH."

**NEW LONDON, DEC. 21.**

Capt. Hobron, of the whale ship Neptune, of this port, has written home, that on the 12th of Aug. he fell in with a school of Sperm Whale--he lowered his Boat soon, and fastened to one; the line got round the loggerhead, and took the boat down, and with it Nathan Fish, the Steersman. The boat re appeared in about 20 minutes, and he with it, but before the boat could be turned, the whale took both down again. When the whale rose a second time, the unfortunate man was cut loose, but of course drowned. The line was found wound round his middle finger, and that holding only by a part of the skin.---He was one of the best men on board. The first descent must have drowned him.

**FREDERICTON, (N. B.)**

TUESDAY, 17th January, 1826.

**Alms-House and Work-House.**

COMMISSIONER FOR THE WEEK,  
CHARLES LEE, Esq.

**SAVINGS BANK.**

TRUSTEES NEXT WEEK,  
HENRY G. CLOPPER, ESQ.  
JAMES TAYLOR, ESQ.  
MARK NEEDHAM, ESQ.  
Amount deposited Yesterday. £26 5 4

In the introduction to the letters from Quebec, published in our last, and signed by the Central Committee, sixth line from the top, it should read "and never have these dispositions and that virtue been more signally displayed than in the present instance;" and last line but one instead of attracted it should read "acted," and in the last line, for Doner read "Doror."

Saint John, January 10.

**FIRE.**—On Sunday morning about half past four o'clock, an alarming Fire was discovered to have made considerable progress in destroying the Barn belonging to, and adjoining the Dwelling House of L. DONALDSON, Esq. which notwithstanding the united efforts of our Fire Companies, entirely destroyed the interior and roof of the building. The wall was fortunately constructed of stone, otherwise serious consequences, might have ensued to the adjoining property.

Here the safety of Stone or Brick Buildings particularly attract our notice. We should like to hear that a Law was enacted which for the future would retard the erection of Wooden Buildings, while it would encourage those of Stone or Brick.—*Star.*

Arrived on Monday, brig Tennis, leaky, having Four Feet Water in her hold, she bore up to put back, on the 25th ult. being then 200 miles this side of the Banks of Newfoundland.

**MARRIED**] In this town yesterday, by the Rev. Geo. Best, by Special License, Mr. Donald M. Intosh, jun. of Buctouch, to Miss Elizabeth Sutherland, of this place.

On the 22d December by the Rev. Samuel Bacon, Rector, Miramichi, Mr. Jas. Legget, to Miss Catherine Grieg, only daughter of the late Alexander Grieg, all of that Place.

Saint John, December 29.

**DIED**] On Tuesday evening last, aged 64, Mr. JAMES CABLE; an old and respectable inhabitant of this City

On Wednesday night, Mrs. MARY HAYTER, aged 63 years, relict of the late Mr. John Hayter of the County of Kings, and formerly of Woolwich, England

At Eastport, on the 17th inst. Mrs. HANNAH BARTLETT, aged 37, wife of Jonathan Bartlett, Esq

In Montreal on the 24th ult. after a short but painful illness, Mr. JOHN WARRICK, Printer, aged 21, a native of Dublin; (Ireland)

**LOTS**

*In Fredericton for Sale,*

(By order of the Governor and Council.)

ON Thursday 23d February, will be Sold by Public Auction, at the County Court-House, a number of VALUABLE BUILDING LOTS, situated in Front of the Town-Plot of Fredericton, contiguous to the Market-square, including the Water Lot in front, on which permission will be granted to the Purchasers to build Wharves.

A Plan of the Lots and Conditions of Sale, will be exhibited at the time by

WM. TAYLOR, Auctioneer.

Fredericton, 16th January, 1826.

**A MEETING** of the Members of the "York Agricultural and Emigrant Society" is requested on Friday the twentieth day of January inst. at the County Court-House in Fredericton, at 12 o'clock.

By order of the Vice President,

LUDLOW ROBINSON,

Sec'y. York Ag. & Em. Soc'y.

17th Jan 1826.

**Two Guineas Reward**

**W**ILL be paid for the recovery of a KEEL BOAT, which was taken from the shore about a mile above Fredericton, on the 8th Nov. last, of the following description:-- Half a board on the side at the water's edge not painted, the rest of the boat outside, and in (with the exception of a streak of black completely round her on the second board from the gunwail,) painted of a very light stone colour, had a large ring in the bow, and a board in the bottom which had been split and mended near the square mast-hole, and painted the same colour of the Boat, holes cut under each knee to let the water through; done with a half inch chissel.

Any information directed to the Printer of the Royal Gazette, will be thankfully received and the above reward promptly paid on recovery of the property, by the Subscriber at Phillis's Creek.

WILLIAM PHILLIPS.

Fredericton, 3d January, 1826.

The Sale of W. H. EARE's property is postponed until the 26th inst.

E. W. MILLER, Sheriff.

17th Jan 1826

A few Copies "Remarks on the improvement of Live Stock" for Sale at this Office, price 2s. 8d.

16th Jan. 1826.