

The country, and the work, only require to be seen to be appreciated, as appears by the fact, that a gentleman, who, some years ago, visited the upper St. John, was so convinced of the great capabilities of that fine country, particularly of Woodstock, that, on learning there was a prospect of its being opened up by the St. Andrews and Quebec Railroad, subscribed and paid in to the Stock of the Company £1000 sterling, and it gives us much pleasure to add, that the same gentleman on visiting St. Andrews a few days ago, was so pleased with the place and the undertaking, that he increased his stock £500. This should encourage the friends of our road to push on the work with vigor: a few such gentlemen as we have just mentioned, would enable us to build our railroad. We wish all other, similar undertakings, in the province, success.—Our favourite, the St. Andrews and Quebec line will command it."

It is now settled beyond a doubt that the Canadian Company will build the line to the Grand Falls, and perhaps to Woodstock; knowing this, as they do, in St. John, and being satisfied, as they must, that the Road will be completed from St. Andrews to Quebec in less than three years, it does appear strange to us that the people of that city do not take more interest in the undertaking. They have, time after time, been told, that by their negligence and selfishness they would make St. Andrews the first City in the Province. They cannot prevent or retard the completion of the road, but they have it in their power to prevent St. Andrews from taking the lead; they can build to the Digdegnash, as advised by a Farmer in our last number, and by forming a junction with the St. Andrews line there, they will have a Rail Road from St. John to Quebec; this is the only thing they can do at present if they wish to save their City from ruin.

It will be seen by an advertisement in another column, that Orders will be received at the office of Charles Connell, Esq. until the 25th inst., from persons desirous of contracting to furnish Poles for the Electric Telegraph, from Woodstock to the Grand Falls. This shows a determination on the part of the people of Canada to complete their agreement, and build the line to Woodstock without delay, we hope the Fredericton company will be equally as prompt; and contract during the winter for the Poles to build their line to Woodstock. These two portions completed, a line will be established through this Province from Halifax to New Orleans.

The St. John Freeman has ceased to exist! Mr. Anglin, the Editor in very mild and courteous terms gives in the last number his reasons for discontinuing; he like many others of his calling in this Province, complains of the backwardness of his subscribers, they did not pay up, and he very properly let the paper go down. Too many in this Country expect editors and publishers to live on the wind, and furnish them with papers from year to year, without any remuneration. We could not agree with Mr. Anglin in many things, but we doubt much if one can be found to conduct a paper of the same description, in the Province, and give more satisfaction to his friends and the public at large.

The Editor of the Morning News, George Fennerty, cannot conceal his jealous feelings at the flattering prospects of the St. Andrews' and Quebec Rail Road; he says "A plan of what the St. Andrews' Rail Road will be after it is finished, is to be sent by one of the steam Ferry boats to the great exhibition in London." The boys of St. Andrews subscribed a cent apiece with the intention of sending George himself there, but on learning that a large number of the same kind of animals are to be sent from the East and West Indies, they gave it up, and bought a pint of Shediac Oysters.

The Presbytery of Saint John met in St. John's Church, Richmond, on the 5th inst., for the purpose of inducting the Rev. John Hunter into the charge of the Presbyterian congregations of Richmond and Woodstock.—The Rev. Mr. Donald, A. M., from St. John, preached and presided, and his discourse characterized by breadth, strength, and manly eloquence, gave universal satisfaction. The Rev. J. M. Brook of Fredericton, was also present, and it is but justice to say that the deep interest he has taken in behalf of these congregations, has called forth their liveliest gratitude.

The service commenced by praise and prayer, and after sermon by the Rev. Mr. Donald, and the different steps taken by the Presbytery mentioned to the audience—the usual questions put and answered, when the Candidate was set apart by prayer to the exercise of his spiritual duties.

This was an induction only, the Rev. Gentleman having been previously ordained. We only add that the prospects of the Congregations are encouraging.—Communicated.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—"Justice" on Law Reform shall receive attention next week if insisted upon, but we would suggest the propriety of withholding the article until the meeting of the Legislature, as it is to them alone

we must look for redress in this matter. We are not, as "Justice" supposes, afraid to enter upon this subject. We know of nothing in the whole swarm of wrongs of which the people of this Province have to complain, that needs the pruning knife more than the practice and the enormous costs attending actions in our higher Courts. We have more than once been told that we dare not meddle with this subject, but we hope that at the proper time to convince all those who are of opinion that neither this nor any other grievance that we know of presents obstacles sufficiently strong to prevent us from doing our duty.

"A Working Man" shall appear in our next.

ST. ANDREWS AND QUEBEC RAILROAD.—We are happy to announce, that on Monday last the laying of the superstructure to receive the iron rails of the Railroad, was commenced at the eastern end of this Town, and already considerable progress has been made with this part of the work. We observe, also, that Katy's Cove Bridge will be completed within the time specified, and that the line as far as Chamcook Lake will be ready for the rails in the course of next month, when we hope to see the "Steam horse" at work on the line. Let it not be supposed that we are too sanguine, for a very short time will prove whether we are correct or not in our statements. Every exertion should, and no doubt will be made to complete the line to Woodstock as soon as practicable. The absolute want of a railroad is now more than ever felt by the people on the Upper St. John. From an article in our columns, copied from the Fredericton Reporter, it will be noticed, that the traffic has increased to such an unprecedented extent, that no less than six steamers are constantly employed in conveying goods and passengers between St. John and the Grand Falls, including Woodstock and other intermediate places; and the return freights from the County of Carleton and the upper districts of York, are stated to be greater than last year. It is also pleasing to learn that the Quebec people are directing their energies to the making a Railroad to meet and connect with our Railroad at the Grand Falls.—St. Andrews Standard, Oct. 30.

Last night, for the first time in Fredericton, the Houses and Stores were illuminated with Gas, reported by the best judges to be of the most brilliant description. Indeed the whole routine of business from the first, has been extremely well managed, and reflects much credit on the gentlemen to whom it has been entrusted, and likewise upon the different individuals employed by them as practical men in its execution. Mr. Maginnis who in the latter capacity has had the sole management, has we believe acquitted himself to the full satisfaction of all concerned, not only by his unceasing industry and attention, but also by the judgement which he has displayed in his profession. We trust that the whole undertaking will be patronized as it deserves, and, that in another year we may be able to congratulate the inhabitants upon the cheapness as well as excellence of the Gas.—Fredericton Reporter, Nov. 8.

Railways, and the Removal of the Seat of Government from Fredericton to St. John, are subjects which have been agitated in St. John for some years, but with little success. There certainly must be some reason for their not succeeding, when so much talent and information have been brought to bear upon those important subjects. A writer in the Courier of Saturday last, says:—

"All who wish a great improvement in the Legislature of New Brunswick, will feel the vast importance of transferring the seat of legislation to the larger community, untrammelled by official and executive influence."

We question whether the members from Carleton, Victoria, York, Sunbury, Queen's, Charlotte, Kent, Northumberland, and Gloucester, will coincide with the writer in his views. St. John has rather more executive influence than ever Fredericton had.—lb.

DOINGS AT FREDERICTON.—We learn that the Executive Council closed its sittings on Friday afternoon, having been three days occupied with what is believed to be one of the most important discussions which has ever occupied their deliberations. The result has not been publicly announced, a seal being set on the mouths of the Hon. Members. But enough has transpired to show that the Government is tottering to its fall. A correspondent writes, that the expectation amongst the immediate friends of the Attorney General was, that he would be Chief Justice; but it is now believed that this expectation has been cut off by the crafty statesmanship of Messrs. Partlow and Chandler. It is also an admitted fact that the statement put forth some time since, respecting an agreement between Messrs. Wilmot and Chandler, is true.—It is stated and believed, that Mr. Wilmot as a condition of his getting the Attorney Generalship assented to go into the Government, and that Mr. Fisher likewise assented on the same condition, and these gentlemen wrote Mr. Chandler a letter, pledging themselves not to interfere with his elevation to the bench on the first vacancy, in consequence of his having given up the Attorney Generalship to Mr. Wilmot. We have this from most unquestionable authority. It was rumoured at Fredericton that this document was urged against Mr. Wilmot's claims. The public, however, will soon know officially as many of these state secrets as concern them.

A correspondent under date of Saturday evening, writes as follows:—"No one here, knows yet what has been done. There are several rumours outside, which seem purposely circulated to disguise the reality. It is rumoured that the Court of Chancery is abolished, and the Master of the Rolls transferred to the Bench. It is also rumoured that the Government intend to bring forward Mr. Hanington as Speaker. This I do not believe, as he is not well qualified for it, and it would be inconsistent with his remaining in the Executive. Another rumour is, that one of the Sunbury members is put into the Legislative Council, to create a vacancy for Mr. Fisher. I do not

believe this either, as Mr. F. has expressed his determination to make no effort to get into the Assembly, until called in by some constituency, and his friends are very anxious that he should not leave York County, but wait for some opening there. My own opinion is, that he has no present wish to be in the Assembly, therefore I believe this to be untrue."—New Brun.

THE NEW CHIEF JUSTICE.—In our last we gave our views, and also those of a correspondent at Head Quarters, on the recent doings of the Executive Council, which we think will be found to be substantially correct, as every day's experience tends to confirm us in our opinion. Another correspondent writes us as follows:—lb.

"I believe Judge Carter is Chief Justice—that the Master of the Rolls is to do the duty of Puisne Judge; and that no new judge has been appointed. If this arrangement should have no other merit than that of saving the Province £600 a-year, there are those who, in these days of economy, will feel disposed to view it favourably."

ANOTHER IMPORTANT MOVEMENT.—We learn from the Halifax Recorder, that the Nova Scotia Government have determined to send Mr. Howe, the Provincial Secretary, to England by the next steamer, for the purpose of obtaining a guarantee from the British Government, in favour of a loan for the Nova Scotia portion of the Great Eastern Railway, if possible; and if not, to negotiate preliminary proceedings for a loan independent of the Government.—lb.

The great match BOAT RACE between the Indian Town four-oared gig Xiphias, and the Sand Cove four-oared gig Eclipse, for £100 a side, took place in our harbour yesterday forenoon. The affair was highly exciting, and attracted vast crowds of people to witness it. The weather was quite calm, and the water with scarcely a ripple on its surface. The boats left the starting place, off Peed's Point, in fine style, the Eclipse leading till they were rounding Partridge Island, when both boats were even, and "at the turn of the boat moored off the Western point of the Island, (says the New Brunswicker,) they fouled, but cleared immediately, and took a fair start. The Eclipse again took the lead, but the Xiphias was soon even with her opponent, and increasing her distance at every stroke; while it was evident that the crew of the Eclipse were doing their utmost, and had been during the greater part of the race; but the Xiphias drew gradually more and more ahead, and came to the winning post fully six lengths in advance of the Eclipse. The distance rowed was about six miles, and was performed by the winning boat in exactly thirty-four minutes, according to the time kept by the Stewards.

The Xiphias was rowed by Messrs. Richard Pigeon, Isaac Stevens, Shubal C. Stevens, and John Stevens, of Indian Town; and the Eclipse by Messrs. Edward Welsh, John Coyle, Wm. Maloy, and Walter Welsh, of Sand Cove. The former boat was built by Mr. S. Sterling, and the latter by Mr. C. Coyle. Our readers will recollect that the Eclipse took the four-oared race at the Halifax Regatta last year. She was the favourite boat yesterday, and the betting was in her favour; but the result proved that there is nothing certain in this world, and those who risked their money on her were doomed to lose it. Both boats were pulled with great skill and judgment, and a fairer or more honourable race we have never witnessed. This contest places the Indian Town rowers first on the list."

EARTHQUAKE.—On Saturday last, at 11 o'clock, p. m., a slight shock of an earthquake was felt in this city and its neighbourhood. The fact of this unusual occurrence in this part of the country rests on the concurrent testimony of so many individuals not likely to be deceived, that we have no difficulty in giving it to the public.—Head Quarters.

THE REV. HARRIS HARDING, Baptist Clergyman, at Yarmouth, completed, according to the Herald, his Eighty-ninth year on the 10th inst. The same authority states that this venerable pioneer of the Gospel is, probably, the oldest clergyman in British North America. Hear the Herald:—"He still loves to quench the fires of strife—to banish the spirit of animosity, and to impart, so far as he can, the blessings of peace. In all these respects, he is successful in his endeavours; and we never knew any one who was more emphatically a peace-maker than he. Since he came to Yarmouth, generations have come upon the stage of human action, and have passed away. Many of those who were babies when he was in the meridian of manhood, have "gone the way of all the earth," and others are bowed down under the infirmities and decrepitude of increasing years. When his hour of dissolution shall come, (and it soon must come,) the whole community will mourn his departure from earth; and for years to come, his patriarchal form will be remembered with feelings of veneration."

A NOVEL RACE.—A rather novel race, which we were unable to notice in our last issue, took place on the Kingston Course on last Saturday. The race was between a man and a horse, and the bet, which was taken up by Mr. Henry Armstrong, of this city, was that the horse should run 200 yards while Mr. Armstrong ran 100. A horse remarkable for his quick start, (a great point in a race of this description,) was procured from the Prince Edward District. The race was cleverly won by Mr. Armstrong, who made excellent time, beating the horse about 20 yards.—Kingston Argus.

NEW SPECULATIONS.—The New Orleans Picayune says that Barnum having succeeded so well in his Jenny Lind speculation, is now endeavouring to induce Queen Victoria and the Children to visit the United States. Another paper reports that this enterprising purveyor for public amusement, is getting up a "Mas.ion 200 feet long," which is to be made in Connecticut, and to be covered in Western Missouri.