

ly two pages of the Times. It would appear from the following short extract that his Lordship, however friendly he may be to the great measure of reform, was not among the most ardent admirers of the bill:—He declared that "careless whether he gave offence in any quarter or not, he must in common fairness say, that he was so far moved by some of the things which he had heard uttered, as to be inclined to reconsider some matters, upon which he conceived his mind to be fully made up."

It is impossible from the papers we have received, or from the extracts we have seen, to form any conclusions as to the consequences of their Lordships' decision, but there seems little probability that any public tumult will be carried to excess; every precaution, however, has been taken by the Government to prevent such a misfortune. There is no foreign news of the slightest consequence.

ROADS.—An amusing subject for consideration presents itself to our notice in the roads of all countries; and an observing stranger travelling through a region, cannot fail remarking the various policy pursued by the governments of each, in reference to these objects of improvement. Under a pure despotism, all classes are compelled to contribute largely to the formation of magnificent ways for the facilitating of communications essential to the vigorous discharge of all the functions of government; while the cross roads, or bye ways, are abandoned to a state of total neglect, consequent on the apathy of the people in regard to all local improvement. In a free state, on the contrary, in which the advancement of the commonwealth is concurrent with that of the people individually, the enlightened observer will invariably discover that a constant struggle is maintained between the government and the popular branch of the Legislature on this subject; the efforts of the former being wholly directed to the improvement of the great channels of communication to the neglect of the minor; while the people, who daily experience the want of them, direct their energies towards the other. In this country the same contest is observable whenever the Legislature and the Executive are at issue on this point of their deliberations; and it may invariably be found that the latter bestows on the great roads all possible priority of favor, while the bye roads are viewed as but of secondary importance. Roads are not of importance absolutely but relatively;—as means of contributing to improvement—not being improvements themselves. Hence it becomes obvious that a road through a country like this is principally for the purpose of opening out the latent resources and the prospect of profit to the view of the enterprising settler or capitalist, and to enable him by the every day intercourse of life, advantageously to complete his projected improvements. In this view of the case the utility of great roads is not more apparent than that of bye roads; and the soundest judgment must assuredly determine, that they are two sisters, who should proceed in the onward progress hand-in-hand.

We have been led to these reflections by the receipt of a communication from a highly respected correspondent at Gaspe, whose observations on this subject, mingled with much other matter, are too valuable to be lost. He congratulates us on the approaching prospect of an uninterrupted carriage way from Halifax to Quebec through this and the neighbouring Counties, and earnestly entreats us to call on our representatives to exhaust their whole energies in procuring its completion next season.

In a former number we acquainted the public, from the information of the same respectable source, of the progress made during last summer in the opening of the road from the Little Metis to the Matapediac lake; and the great probability of its full completion next year. From Miramichi to Bathurst, great exertions have been made by the Supervisors, and a good summer and winter communication is now ready to aid the enterprise of the people. No road—at least any thing worthy of such a name—connects Bathurst and Dalhousie; and we beg leave to recommend a subject of such vast importance to the attention of the members of our legislature. It is well known that a Stage has regularly run on the post-days between this place and Richibucto, and we congratulate the public on the acquisition of so cheap and so regular a conveyance,

and heartily wish success to the enterprising undertakers.

This road, it is true, is yet exceedingly bad, but its condition is mainly attributable to the constant state of moisture in which it has remained ever since its completion, the consequence of the unprecedented wet weather we have experienced during the last six weeks. A fine bridge has been erected over the Kouchibouguac, and another over D'Aigles creek, a tributary of the Richibucto, although from the Ardoine to the town of Liverpool, the road has received this year no other attention. We beg leave to express our own ideas on the subject of forming a causeway through a swamp, and particularly through that kind in which moss and peat present themselves on the surface. Moss and sponge have similar properties, and we may as readily attempt the formation of a dry and hard road with the one as with the other. Yet there are many parts of the road, the condition of which we are now discussing, which pass through swamps of the above description, and where the road makers have not troubled themselves to find a more substantial material. In some places, where a causeway of logs has been considered advisable, the contractor has evidently been guilty of roguery and evasion, by laying down short pieces of wood instead of logs of the full length between the ditches. In spots like these passing horses still flounder in the mire, and several persons have been consequently thrown from their backs; however, notwithstanding, very great improvements have been made on this line of road during the last season.

From Richibucto a new line has been opened to the Buctouche, and the execution of the work, we are informed, and we take the sincerest pleasure in communicating it, reflects, excepting a peat swamp near New Galloway, and a bridge at the Chockpish, the highest credit on the Supervisor. From Buctouche to Dorchester, a very tolerable carriage way is now ready for the accommodation of travellers, and we entertain no doubt, that next year a vast increase will be perceptible in our internal communication and intercourse, and in the facilitating of our means for carrying on efficiently our different branches of trade and commerce.

His Excellency Sir Archibald, by Proclamation in the Royal Gazette of Wednesday next, has further prorogued the Legislature of this Province until Thursday the Nineteenth day of January next, then, to meet for the despatch of business.

The weather still continues wet, it has rained every day since our last paper. The vessels are still detained.

Such of our subscribers as are in arrears for the last year's paper, will confer a favor on us by an early settlement.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

PORT OF MIRAMICHI.

ARRIVED. FRIDAY—Schooner Minerva, Quebec, 10 days—Gilmour Rankin and others.

CLEARED NOV. 14—Schr. Two Brothers, Campbell, P. E. Island: barque Regent, Quickfall, Liverpool. 15th—brigs Hero, Smith, Poole; Eleanor, Reid, Limerick: barque Victoria, Foster, Cork: ship Clio, Ross, London: schr. Margaret Ann, Coulson, Bathurst. 16th—brig Daniel O'Connell, Ready, Wexford. 17th barque Harbinger, Harland, Liverpool. 18th—barque Royal Adelaide, Tait, Greenock: brig Eleanor, King, Limerick: schr. Mary, Marward, Halifax. 19th—schr. Margaret, Gallant, P. E. Island: Mary, Arsinoe, do: Mary, Anderson, do: Susanah Maria, Glasgow, Richibucto: barque Indus, Curry, Liverpool: ship Christopher, Knight, London.

PORT OF LIVERPOOL, N. B.

ARRIVED, NOV. 14—Schr. Messenger, Siteman, Halifax: Peggy, M'Gingall, Picton.

CLEARED, NOV. 12—brig Perseverance, Orton, Hull. 15th—schr. Messenger, Siteman, Miramichi: Peggy, M'Gingall, Picton.

P. E. ISLAND.—The Schooner Julie Henrietta, John Scannell master, from Quebec bound for Miramichi, 12 days out, put into Rustico in distress, on the 28th, and has since been condemned as unseaworthy.

The Schooner Harmony, belonging to Hugh Orr, New Glasgow, with a cargo of Potatoes, Oats, &c. bound for Newfoundland, was driven on the bar at the entrance of Rustico Harbour on the night of Saturday last, and is not expected to be got off.

PORT OF ST. JOHN, N. B.

ARRIVED, NOV. 12—Ship Johanna, Liverpool: brig Mary, Dublin: ship Wilberforce, Hull.

CLEARED—ships Augusta, Liverpool: Tobago, Gloucester: John Bentley, Liverpool: Sir Howard Douglas, do: Lady of the Lake, Greenock: Bee, Glasgow: brigs William & Robert, Jamaica: Friends, Dublin: Jane, Liverpool: Agnes, Galway.

QUEBEC.—The Thames arrived here this morning, received on board off Brion's Island, one of the Bird Isles, on the 30th ult. Mr. Crosthwaite, nine seamen, and eight settlers of the wreck of the Lady Digby, from Liverpool for this port, lost on the northernmost Magdalen Island a few days ago, say 25th—37 passengers were drowned, and master, mate, 2nd mate, carpenter, cook, and one seaman missing with the long boat.

The Thames put into Torbay 5th Sept. with loss of bowsprit, jib-boom, &c. having run foul of another vessel. Sailed again on the 9th. Oct. 27, spoke the Brigala hence on Green Bank. Yesterday, saw a brig ashore and full of water below Green Island.

A Schooner from below with fish, is totally lost at Green Island.

HALIFAX.—The Schr. William, Phillips, hence for St. John's, with a cargo of Molasses, was totally destroyed by fire at Dover on the—

MARRIAGES and DEATHS.

NEW-BRUNSWICK.—Marriages.—At Miramichi, on the 9th November, by the Rev. the Rector of St. Paul's, John M'Kenzie, Bachelor, and Mary Little, widow, both of the parish of Chatham; by the same, on the 14th Nov. John Gibbons, and Eunice Sommers, both of the parish of Northesk. On Sunday, by the Rev. Mr. Dollard, Mr. Andrew M'Innis, of Glenelg, to Miss Mary Kichham, of Chatham. At Sheffield, Mr. James M'Laughlin, to Miss Jane M'Cullam. Deaths.—In the North West branch of the Miramichi, on the 9th Inst. after a short illness, Patrick Rawley, aged 21 years, much esteemed and regretted by his neighbours. At St. John, Mrs. Clara Freeman. At Baie de Verte, Mr. John L. Carey.

NOVA-SCOTIA.—Marriages.—At Halifax, Mr. John Sargent, to Miss Mary Ann Pyke. At Edinburgh, James C. Hume, Esq. of Halifax, to Christian Blackhall, daughter of the late T. Denham, Esq.—Deaths.—At Shelburne, Mrs. Rachael White.

NOTICE.

ALL persons having any just demands against the Estate of Samuel Holmes late of the parish of Northesk, in the County of Northumberland, deceased, are requested to render their accounts duly attested, within three months from the date hereof, and all persons indebted to the said Estate are requested to make immediate payment to

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WILLIAM FOWLER. }

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GEORGE TAYLOR.

Miramichi, 31st October 2831.

NOTICE.

The Partnership heretofore carried on under the firm of SUTHERLAND & M'KAY at Picton, Nova Scotia, and Richibucto, New-Brunswick, is dissolved by mutual consent. All persons who have any just demands against them in Nova Scotia, are requested to present them to Mr. Sutherland at Picton. Those having such in New-Brunswick, are requested to forward them to Mr. M'Kay at Richibucto for payments on or before the first of January next. And those who are indebted are requested to make immediate payments,

DANIEL SUTHERLAND.
HUGH M'KAY.

September 1, 1831.

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