

Nova Scotia, St. John, and Fredericton papers were indebted to us for the latest news. Notwithstanding several vessels have arrived from Britain during the week, we are still without any additional intelligence from the Mother Country.

The Governor of Prince Edward's Island, left that place for Halifax on the 18th inst., for the purpose of taking passage on board the Jean Hastie, which vessel was advertised to sail on the 21st inst. The *Charlotte-Town Gazette* states: "We believe it is his Excellency's intention to return to the Island early in the fall." The administration of the Government, during His Excellency's absence, devolves on the Hon. George Wright, Senior Member of the Council.

SHIPWRECKS.—Under our head of Ship News, today will be found the particulars of the loss of a number of vessels from the mother country, on the neighbouring coast, which has been accompanied with a most fearful loss of human life. The *James* foundered at sea, ten of the crew, the only survivors out of 265 were picked up. The *Astrea* went ashore, and out of 211 passengers, besides the Captain and crew, only three were saved. Seven passengers, the Capt. of the *Isabella* informs us, were missing, when he mustered them on shore.

Much has been said regarding the propriety of having the neighbouring coast well lighted, and the Legislature of this Province, convinced of the necessity of a light on St. Paul's Island, have made every exertion to induce the Legislature of Lower Canada to assist them in contributing funds towards the erection and support of a Light House on that Island; and if proof were wanting of the utility of such a measure; and the interest Canada has in it, the fact that three vessels—one with passengers—all bound to Quebec, were cast away during one night, within half a mile of each other, and became total wrecks.—we think would be sufficient.

Had it not been for the institution which has been recently established on the Island, the greater part of these poor creatures must have perished from cold and want.

CONCERT.—Several gentlemen intend giving a public Concert in Chatham, to-morrow evening; the funds to be appropriated to the relief of shipwrecked passengers and mariners. We wish their laudible undertaking may be rewarded with a bumper house.

CIVIL APPOINTMENTS

Lachlan Donaldson, Esq. to be an additional Member of the Board of Commissioners for Light Houses in the Bay of Fundy.

Dudley Perley to be Supervisor in the room of John Robb, from Shediac to the Bend, and from Chediac to Dorchester.

William M'Donald to expend the sum of one hundred pounds granted at the last Session of the Legislature, to explore a new and direct line of road from Bathurst, to meet the line of road from Canada, called the Kempt Road.

BY AUTHORITY.

The Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury having directed an examination to be made at His Majesty's Mint, of the weight and fineness of the several Coins of the South American States, with the view of enabling their Lordships to form an accurate judgment as to the propriety of employing them in common with the old Spanish monies of similar denominations, for the supply of the Military Chests abroad, and of taking such further steps as may appear to be necessary for facilitating their free circulation in such of the British Colonies or Foreign Military stations in which they may be used with advantage to the community, and convenience to the Public service; and it appearing by the result of the examination, that the new South American Dollars are in every respect as valuable, or rather better, in weight and fineness, than the Dollars coined in Mexico before the separation of that country from Spain, and commonly known under the name of *Pillared Dollars*: their Lordships have in consequence, been pleased to direct that, in future the negotiation of bills and otherwise in the Commissariat Department, and in all payments to the Army and Navy issue, those Coins being genuine and in good condition, shall be received indiscriminately with other Foreign Coins, at the same rate as has been fixed upon the old Spanish Pillared Dollars.

SHIP NEWS.

PORT OF MIRAMICHI.

ENTERED, May 21—brigs Hannah, Cleaugh, Newcastle, 45 days—Gilmour, Rankin & Co: Satisfaction, Foster, Boston, 7 days—do: William Ash, Randle, Newfoundland, 19 days—Stewart & Bradbury.

22nd—brig Lady Helen Mar, Richardson, Goole, 36 days—Gilmour, Rankin & Co.: schr. Abeona, Smith, Newfoundland, 9 days—Master.

23rd—bark Ross, Thompson, Newcastle, 30 days—Gilmour Rankin & Co: brig Warsaw, Coats, Bordeaux, 39 days—do: schrs. Brothers, Campbell, P E Island: Trial, Siverat, Caraquet.

26th—brigs Thorney Close, Cowper, Sunderland, 42 days—J. Cunard & Co: Jane, Tweedie, Maryport, 34 days—Master: Crown, Whitefield, Sunderland, 40 days—Duncan & Loch: bark Caledonian, Beumitt, Hull, 41 days—Gilmour Rankin &

Co: brigantine Isabella, Fitzgerald, Newfoundland, 14 days—do: schr. Nancy, Harper, P E Island.

27th—brig Aberdeenshire, Martin, Halifax, 4 days—Master. Total square-rigged vessels—63.

CLEARED—May 20—bark Oxford; Davidson; Port Glasgow: schr. Marie Betsey; Derois; Quebec. 21st—bark John; Andrews; St. John's N F: brig Domus; Wrighton; Exeter: schrs. Phoenix; Caldwell; Bathurst: La Reine Blanch; Dalhousie; Mary; do. 23rd—brigs Mariner; M'Donald; Port Glasgow: Romanoff; Thompson; London: schrs. Trial; Sivret; P E Island: Louisa; Hammond; Bathurst. 24th—schrs. Collector; Phelan; Halifax: Messenger; Siteman; do: Maria; Wrighton; Richibucto. 26th—brig Milo, Ord, Falmouth.

SAILED, yesterday—brig Romanoff, Thompson, London: schrs. Messenger, Siteman, Halifax: Collector, Phelan, do.

The bark John Atkins, from Halifax, with a cargo of West India produce, bound to Richibucto, got ashore on Richibucto Head. She is a total wreck: the hull and materials are advertised in this day's paper for sale. The cargo was saved.

Captain Atchison, of the Nancy, from Sydney, at Bathurst, reports, in addition to the various vessels mentioned in an extract of a letter from that place, which we have copied from the Halifax Royal Gazette, that a vessel with passengers is ashore on Sable Island, but did not learn her name.

The Schooner Dolphin, Coulson, arrived here on Sunday last from St. Paul's Island, with Captain Morris, and 36 of the passengers of the brig *Isabella*, wrecked on that Island; the remainder having gone up to Quebec. The Captain handed us last evening the following particulars:

On Thursday, 8th inst., the brig *Isabella*, bound to Quebec, got ashore on the S. E. side of the Island of St. Paul, at 3 o'clock in the morning, in a thick fog: they were so nigh the rocks, that in cutting away the foremast, it fell against them, which enabled the passengers, 163 in number, to get on shore, almost all, however, in a state of nakedness, and all nearly perishing with cold. Three or four large fires were lighted, and when a little recovered from fright and cold, they proceeded to look for the station house, and about 10 o'clock they fortunately arrived there, in a most pitiful and exhausted state, when the person in charge got them a little warm tea, and distributed what cloathing he had among the most destitute, which was the means of preserving many lives. Had not such an institution been on the Island, the most part of the passengers would have perished with cold and hunger in a few days.

The Captain wishes to acknowledge the attention of the Commissioners, as well as the kindness of the Keeper of the establishment, which he says will never be forgotten by the crew and passengers, and particularly by him.

The following particulars of the loss of the *Astrea*, we copy from the *Charlotte-Town Gazette* of the 20th inst., with which we have been politely favoured this morning:—

LOSS OF THE ASTREA.—The Barque *Astrea*, 300 tons burthen, William Ridley, Commander and Owner, bound for Quebec, with 211 passengers, besides about forty or fifty children, whose names were not in the passengers' list, and a crew of fourteen persons, sailed from Limerick on the 9th April. Nothing of any moment occurred until two o'clock in the morning of Thursday, the 8th of May. It was extremely dark, and the vessel was going before the wind under a press of sail, when an alarm was given that there was either land or ice ahead. Orders were immediately given to put the ship about, but before this could be effected, she struck upon a rock, which stove in her bows. In less than two minutes, she again struck, with still greater violence, which threw her over on her side, with her deck seaward. During the interval several of the passengers had got on deck; of these hapless beings some were seen on their knees, engaged in prayer, holding on by whatever came within their grasp; others were swept off the moment they came on deck. The Captain ordered the jolly-boat to be lowered, when a rush was made towards it, but only a few got into it, when it was dashed to pieces. About ten persons got upon the side of the vessel, the rest who were upon deck having been swept off, when she fell over. Finding that the vessel was breaking up, the surgeon, carpenter, and one seaman, leapt from the wreck among the breakers, and though much bruised, succeeded in getting upon the rock, which, fortunately for them, communicated with the shore, which they soon after reached. When daylight broke upon them, not a vestige of the ship was to be seen, and of her ill-fated passengers and crew they found that they were the sole survivors. They were of opinion that she must have gone to pieces the moment they were leaving her. The three survivors hastened to a house which they discovered about a mile from the spot, when they ascertained that they were about eight miles from Louisburgh, on the coast of Cape Breton.

Mr. O'Sullivan, the surgeon of the vessel, to whom

we are indebted for the foregoing particulars, after quitting the fatal spot, proceeded along with his two companions in misfortune to Louisburgh, whence he took a passage for Charlotte-Town in the *Britannia*, which vessel happened to put in there on her way out from London, and arrived here on Thursday last."

PORT OF BATHURST.

Arrived—brigs *Celerity*, Fairham, Exmouth—to J. Cunard & Co: *Aurora*, Dawson, Exeter—do: Request, Burfield, Dartmouth—do: *Isabella*, Grossard, Bideford—do: Progress, Robson, Newcastle—do: Actaeon, Rouledge, Sunderland—do: Hylton, Brodie, Exeter—do: Hugh Wallace, Hunter, Newcastle—do: Heber, Dodd, New Haven—do: Northumbria, Mills, Blythe—do: Agenora, Smith, Dublin—do: schrs. *Triumph*, M'Cullum, Miramichi—do: Christy Ann, Fraser, P E Island—do: Sea Flower, Joncas, Quebec—do: Lord Wellington, Jameison, Miramichi—do: Willing Lass, Watt, Halifax—do: Two Brothers, Farnie, Quebec—do: Roseau, Gerard, Halifax—do: Mary Ann, P E Island—do: Phoenix, Miramichi—do: brigs Heron, Colledge, Newcastle—R. Blackstock & Co: Phoenix, Robson, Portsmouth—do: schrs. *Martha*, Bowlander, Quebec—do: May Flower, Brown, Miramichi—do: barque England, Hunter, Newcastle—Gilmour Rankin & Co: brigs Mariner, Colie, Sunderland—do: Richard & Ann, Smith, Dublin—do: Ann & Margaret, Muirhead, Newcastle—do: Horta, Wood, Cork; 128 passengers—do: brig Agnes, Malcom, Newry—W. Napier: Nancy, Atchison, Newcastle—do: brig Susan, Alexander, Jersey—Wm. Fruing & Co: barque Ocean, Carlisle—Master.

Total square-rigged vessels—42

Cleared—schrs. *Triumph*, Miramichi; Lord Wellington, do.; Christy Ann, P E Island; *Martha*, Quebec; *Willing Lass*, Halifax.

PORT OF RICHIBUCTO.

Arrd. May 16—bark Venus, Kirkly, Hull—Master: brig Henrietta, Lester, Halifax, 7 days—John Jardine.

Cleared, May 19—schrs. *Seaflower*, Joncas, Quebec; St. Anne, Joncas, do.

PORT OF SAINT JOHN

Arrd. May 14—ships St. John, Liverpool: *Peggy*, Philadelphia: 17th—ships *Lady Campbell*, Greenock: *Wolga*, Hull: brigs *Fenwick Keating*, Liverpool: Wm. Rippon, Sunderland: *Breakwater*, Plymouth. 19th—ship *Hannah*, Cork; passengers: brigs *Edwin*, Dublin; do: *Cupid*, Londonderry; do. Cleared—ship *Wakefield*, Liverpool: brigs *Hannah*, Cork: *Gambia*, Africa: St. Catherine, Cork.

PORT OF ST. ANDREWS.

Arrd. May 8—brig *Eliza Ann*, Cork; 229 passengers. 9th—brig *Colonist*, Liverpool.

PORT OF HALIFAX.

Arrd. May 15—schr. *Nestor*, M'Cullum, Miramichi. 16th—schr. *William*, Deagle, do: brig *King*, Waterford; passengers. 17th—brig *Rival*, Cape of Good Hope. 18th—brig *Jason*, London. 19th—H. M. ship *Comus*, Bermuda via New York.

Cleared—schrs. *Temperance*, Buctouche; *Roseau*, Bay Chaleur: *Acadian Lass*, do.

The bark *Jane*, from London for this port, arrived at Falmouth, dismasted.

On Thursday night, the brig *Margaret* from Belfast, for St. John N. B. with a cargo of dry goods, potatoes, &c. went on shore at Barrington, and was totally lost, crew saved—the Mate's wife and four children drowned.

The wreck of a Nova-Scotia schr. (name not mentioned) from St. Kitts, has been fallen in with near Bermuda, and one man taken off and carried to New York, the remainder of the crew, four, had died of hunger.

The bark *Rebecca*, from London for Quebec, struck a piece of ice off Seatarie, and foundered, crew saved.

The schr. *Nancy*, brought up from Sydney, the crew of the bark *Charlotte Langin*, of New Brunswick, bound to Philadelphia, which vessel foundered at sea, the crew were picked up after being three days in the boats, and carried into Louisburg.

The brig *Columbus*, from —, went ashore in a fog, about six miles from Louisburg, crew and part of cargo saved.

Extract of a Letter, dated Sydney, May 14.

"Annexed is a memorandum of vessels which have been reported to me within the last week, and I fear from the weather we have had lately similar occurrences have taken place—most of the passengers from the *Fidelity* will proceed to Halifax in two vessels which the Authorities have engaged for that purpose.

Bark *Astrea*, William Ridley, master, with 211 passengers and crew, went ashore at Loren, near Louisbourg, on the morning of the 7th inst. only three saved (surgeon and two of the crew.)—same day brig *Edward* struck a piece of ice near Port Nova and sunk immediately, Capt. and crew saved.—On the 10th inst. brig *Fidelity*, Robert Clarke, master, from Dublin bound to Quebec, with 150 passengers and crew, went ashore on Scattari, all saved, vessel total wreck.—Same day, brig *Columbus*, Russell, from Newcastle bound to Quebec, was lost three miles eastward of Louisbourg, crew saved.—On the 27th April, in lat. 45, 20 north, long. 48, 53 west, the *Margaret*, Capt. Walsh, from Newcastle, picked up the Capt. of the *James*, with ten others, survivors out of 265 persons from the *James*, which vessel sprung a leak and sunk.

QUEBEC, May 7.—The *Cherub* is a complete wreck in her hull; when she grounded she tore her stern post as the tide fell, and then bilged. The keel is also gone. The tide this afternoon flowed over her deck. It has blown a gale at west; no barge could get alongside on account of the large irregular rocks. Most of the cargo will be saved; about 20 hogsheds of sugar are lost. The passengers, 24 in number, are landed on Goose Island. The *Cherub* was from Greenock.