

or otherwise, without the slightest danger, a fact which must enhance its advantages—Saunders's News Letter, Dublin, October 6.

The English Government have made experiments in percussion shells, which have been successful. It is stated that these shells will destroy any fleet opposed to them.

It is very remarkable that eight peers who were married to divorced women, died suddenly within the last three years.

The Duke of Northumberland was on Wednesday se'nnight unanimously elected Chancellor of the University of Cambridge, vacant by the death of the Marquis Camden.

Mr Barry states that the new Houses of Parliament will be completed by the beginning of the session of 1851.

The estates of Glengarry and Inverloch Castle were up for sale at Edinburgh last week. The former was sold to Mr. Ward for £91,000, the latter to an English gentleman for £75,150.

Vesuvius Preparing.—We learn from Naples 4th ult. that subterranean commotions had for several days been perceptible along the whole of the ground which crosses the ground leading from the frontiers of Ceterior Calabria to the Roman States, and that Vesuvius had for two days been emitting dense volumes of smoke, spreading a sulphurous odor, so that an eruption of the mountain was expected.

Colonial.

NEW-BRUNSWICK.

St. John Herald, December 9.

Opening of the Hall of the Saint John Mechanics' Institute.—The new building erected for the Mechanics' Institute, was opened on Monday evening last, when Dr. Gesner, Provincial Geologist, gave the first public lecture, he being previously selected and appointed to do so by the committee of the Institute. The interesting nature of the occasion drew together a great number of people of both sexes, and at an early hour, the great room of the hall, exhibited from 800 to 1000, (as we should suppose,) of the most influential and respectable ladies and gentlemen. His Worship the Mayor, and the Corporation, together with the Clergy and Military, and other persons of note in the community, being invited by the Directors of the Institute, took their seats in a body, surrounding the respected President, John Duncan, Esq. and added to the very imposing appearance, which the room made; its walls being decorated with the silken banners of the various trades of the city, as well as other views and subjects, the property of the Institute. The learned lecturer, feeling highly proud of the honor conferred upon him, executed his task in a style far superior to our previous expectation; and introduced the various parts of his lecture so handsomely, as to draw forth heartfelt and earnest plaudits from all who were present, and followed him in the popular theme. After Dr. Gesner had concluded the lecture, M. H. Perley, Esq. informed the audience that on Friday evening next, Mr George Blatch would lecture before the Institute on 'Self Instruction,' and also stated that the building should be called 'The Hall of the Institute.'

Saint John has cause to be proud of her Mechanics' Institute; the building is certainly a handsome, as well as a commodious one, and may be classed among the first of our public buildings. The Institute possesses a fine Library, which the contributions from friends is daily increasing, and a Museum is in contemplation, which will be another great source of pleasure and instruction. The school will, no doubt, soon be re-opened, in which Mechanics apprentices and Mechanics children will be taught to appreciate the doctrines of science, and be made useful in their various situations and occupations. There is room in this building for all these and other departments. The Lecture season has now commenced, and we trust that the public will not lose sight of the necessity of their attendance—making it a resort for themselves and their families. More particularly, let the Ladies remember how desirable it is that their presence should at all times be witnessed there; and let them not forget the hints which Dr Gesner so openly threw out, on this matter, on the evening of the Lecture. There is now ample accommodation in a spacious and comfortably heated room—to cultivate and improve our mind, and make us useful in our places in society. Having witnessed with pleasure the origin, growth, and establishment of the Mechanics' Institute of Saint John, we

must add, in conclusion, a hope that the Mechanics of every village and town in our Province, will go and do likewise.

The St. John Observer.

The new building of the Mechanics' Institute is fifty-five feet in width, and ninety feet in length three stories in height, with rooms also in the basement presenting an outward appearance quite ornamental to the City. The Lecture Room is fifty-five feet square, the ceiling twenty-three feet in height, it has four handsome Gothic windows on each side, and is fitted up with seats rising greatly above each other, like an amphitheatre.

Disturbance.—A soldier belonging to the U. S. troops quartered at Eastport, Maine, was recently put into the workhouse for an offence against the law. Subsequently the officers assembled their troops to the number of seventy and by force took away the soldier. This produced much excitement. So enraged was the company of artillery that they loaded their cannon and stationed them at the head of the street through which the U. S. Troops were passing, and would have fired at them, had it not been for the pacific counsel of the selectmen.

NOVA SCOTIA.

Halifax Morning Post, Dec. 8.

We must apologise for the omission of this head on Saturday, although there was but little information to insert under it. To day we fully supply the omission, by publishing a full table of the returns so far as they have been completed. By this it will be perceived that the elections have terminated in all the counties except Annapolis, Shelburne, and Richmond; and in all the Townships except Horton, Clare, Argyle, Barrington, and Arichat. So far as they are determined, viz. 13 Counties and 19 Townships, they show a return of fourteen new members.

Counties:—Halifax, Hon J. Howe* and W Anand, Esq.* Colchester—Hon S G W Archibald.* Pictou—H Blackadar and J Holmes, Esqs. Cumberland—G Lewis and—Fulton, Esqs. King's—S Chipman, Esq* and Hon T A S Dewolf.* Hants—B Smlth* and J M-Kay, Esq. Digby—J Holdsworth.* Yarmouth—H Huntington, Esq.* Queen's—S B Fairbanks* and J R Dewolf, Esqs. Lunenburg—J Creighton* and E Zwicker, Esqs. Sydney—R Forrestall,* Esq. Guysboro'—W F Debarres* and—Marshall, Esq. Cape Breton—Hon J B Uniacke.* Inverness—W Young* and J Turnbull, Esqs. Townships—Halifax, T Forrester,* Esq and Hon J M'Nab. Truro—A Archibald,* Esq. Onslow—A M Upham,* Esq. Londonerry—G N M'Lellan,* Esq. Pictou—H Hatton,* Esq. Amherst—R M G Dickey,* Esq. Windsor—H Goudge,* Esq. Newport—D Dimock, Esq. Falmouth—Payzant, Esq (contested.) Cornwallis—M Beckwith, Esq. Horton—No returns. Annapolis—H Gates, Esq. Granville—S Thorne,* Esq. Digby—C Budd, Esq. Clare—No returns. Yarmouth—R Clements,* Esq. Argyle—No return. Shelburne—P Spearwater,* Esq. Barrington—No return. Liverpool—W B Taylor, Esq. Arichat—No return. Sydney—Hon E M Dodd.*

*Members of former House.

Meeting of the Provincial Legislature.—It is generally supposed that the Provincial Parliament will be summoned to meet for the 'Despatch of business,' about the 26th of January. By that time the Morning Post shall have finished the publication of the first Prize Tale, which is now under the consideration of the Umpires, and will have all other arrangements completed to lay before the Public's full, impartial, and speedy report of what transpires in the Legislature Halls.

The Speakership.—Rumour has furnished four candidates for the Speakership of the new Assembly: viz. the Hon. T A S Dewolf, Hon. James B Uniacke, Hon. Joseph Howe, and William Young, Esq. We cannot, however, vouch for the correctness of the report.

Halifax Guardian, Dec. 6.

We expect to be able to lay before our readers very soon, an outline of the plan which may be proposed for uniting the two Presbyterian Synods in Nova Scotia. At the annual meeting of both Synods during the last summer, Committees were appointed with instructions to carry on a co-respondence on the subject. Several letters have already passed between the Conveners of these Committees, earnestly recommending the union, and

suggesting the best and most desirable means for its accomplishment. With a view to forward the negotiation which has already commenced, we understand that it has been recommended and agreed to, that a united meeting should be held as soon as convenient, to examine the question at length, discuss the different matters still in dispute, and draw up if found advisable, an amicable and satisfactory basis of union, to be laid before both Synods at their next annual meetings.

Gas Light Company.—A site for the erection of the necessary buildings has been purchased by this Company; and an instalment of one pound per share has been called for to defray the purchase money.

Halifax Novascotian, Dec. 9.

Centenary Funds.—Our readers will recollect that the Wesleyan Methodists commemorated the centenary of their connection, some months ago, by religious and social meetings, and subscriptions for public purposes connected with their Church. By a notice in a late paper, we see that the fund thus raised, amounted on the 10th October last, to £157,458; a sum which abundantly prove the public spirit of the people, and is a fine evidence of the co-operation of modern times.

Halifax Times, Dec. 8.

The Royal Mail steam ship Britannia arrived on Thursday morning last, in 40 hours from Boston, with 86 passengers 45 of whom, together with 23 from Halifax sailed in her the same evening at 5 o'clock, for Liverpool, G. B.

CANADA.

QUEBEC, Nov. 28.

McKenzie's Gazette, in a late number, speaks of an attempt at getting up a Canada expedition by some of the so-called sympathizers from the neighbourhood of Detroit, and warns the Canadian exiles not to lend themselves to it. He has discovered that they are only made tools of by designing men whose only care is to secure for themselves, all that the military chest may receive. The same paper has also letters from some of the Botany Bay convicts, how received he does not explain. They complain of the severity with which they are treated, which we suppose is no more than other prisoners sent to that colony are subjected to.

From the New York Sunday Atlas.

ODDS AND ENDS.

"Get out!" as the powder said to the bullet.

Earth is what man can never get enough of until death comes and stops up his mouth with a shovel full.

This is a very trying situation," as the rogue said to the jury.

Two table spoonfuls of Mrs. Squibbs' "Yeast Powders" given to a lazy jackass will make him work "like a horse," for twenty-four hours.

The funniest word that we know of in our language is horse-man-ship.

Why is a man after drinking two glasses of punch like a cow? Because he has got two horns.

They have invented strengthening pills down south, to put into weak tea and coffee.

"Offensive and defensive," as the little boy said when he saw two shunks fighting.

Considering the money that has been made in this country by Celeste, Augusta, Ellsler, &c, it is proposed to impose a tax on foreign dancers, to be called a duty on hops.

What sort of room is most unpleasant. Salt-Rheum.

Cabbage.—It is computed that during the past year there have been cabbaged by the tailors of this metropolis, nine thousand four hundred and seven yards of cloth, eighteen pecks of bottoms, two miles of tape, and four acres of buckram, exclusive of allowable cabbage, and small fingerings.

Absence of Mind.—The most frequent cases are of men who fancy they have taken up their notes, and don't discover their mistake till they find that they are protested.

Agreeables.—Going out on militia duties and serving on juries. We wish our friends as many of them as they desire.

Target King.—The last sabriquet by which Louis Philippe has been distinguished, is that of "the Target King."

To Let.

The HOUSES in Queen Street, lately occupied by Mrs. Thomson, and Mr. Burdick: These will accommodate either two or three families, and will be let to suit applicants, and at a reduced rent—if immediate application be made to

WM. CARMAN, JUNR.

Nov. 28, 1840.

Fall Importations!

By recent arrivals from London, Liverpool and Glasgow, the Subscribers have received a well selected Supply of seasonable

BRITISH DRY GOODS.

From Quebec, Halifax, and other parts of these Provinces, they have stored all kinds of WEST INDIA PRODUCE, Canada FLOUR, Oat Meal, Indian Meal, Prime Labrador Herrings, Cod Fish, Digby Herrings, Annapolis Cheese, Butter, and Hard-bread, &c. &c., all of which they offer for Sale at their usual low rates, at their stores in Chatham.

Also—Flour, Oatmeal, Codfish, Pork, Butter, Cheese, &c., retailed in small quantities.

JOHNSTON & CAIE.

Chatham, Nov. 2, 1840.

COAL, COAL.

150 Tons Superior Sunderland Coal for Sale by the Subscriber.

HENRY C. D. CARMAN.

November 17, 1840.

A Consignment.

DRUGS, MEDICINES, PERFUMERY, &c.

The Subscriber has just received from Britain, an extensive assortment of MEDICINES, which he will warrant to be fresh and of the first quality, and which he will sell wholesale or retail, at moderate prices. He has also received a few of the most approved PATENT MEDICINES, together with SPICES, consisting of Mace, Cayenne, Pepper, &c.; PERFUMERY, consisting of Perfumers Salts, Smelling Salts, &c. &c., Lavender Water, Essences, Oil of Almonds, Rose Hair Oil, Macassar Oil, AROMATIC VINEGAR, Tooth Powder, Lip Salve, Court Plaster, Pink Sancers, Collin's Cephalic Snuff, &c. &c. Also, a supply of the best Pearl Sage, and Arrow Root.

Printed Lists of the above may be obtained and terms made known on application to

NEIL M'LEAN.

Newcastle, 26th Sept. 1840.

For Sale,

By the Subscriber, at his Establishment opposite Mr. John Hea's, and next door to Mrs. Martin's Hotel.

A Variety of GOODS,

Suitable for the Season, consisting of—MUFFS, BOAS, and Ruffs, of various kinds; ladies' & gentleman's Fur Gloves, Brouse & black Kid Shoes, Prunella Boots & Shoes, Silks, Satins, Flannels, Merinoes, &c. &c. Which, with his former Stock, will be sold at low price for Cash.

—Also, on Hand—

15 Quarter Casks good quality Sherry and Madeira WINE; PAINTS, and PAINT OILS, Seal Oil; FINE FLOUR, TEA, SUGAR, &c. &c. A few good quality North West BUFFALO ROBES.

The highest price, in Cash, given for all descriptions of FUR.

J. SAMUEL.

Chatham, 1st December, 1840.

OIL.

LAMP OIL, by the Cask or Gallon DRY and PICKLED FISH, &c., for Sale by OWEN M'EWAN.

Chatham, 23rd Nov., 1840.

WANTED,

At the Carpenter and Joiner Business, Two APPRENTICES, between 14 and 15 years of age—Boys of good character. Apply to Mr. David Rankin, at Bathurst, or Mr. Samuel Burdick, Chatham.

Bathurst, Nov. 26, 1840.

TO LET,

And may be entered upon immediately. The BLACKSMITH'S SHOP, formerly occupied by Cameron & Bain, and latterly by C. B. Brymer, in the Town of Chatham, situate on the Public Lot Also, the HOUSE, BARN, and FARM, at the Point, French Fort Cove, Parish of Newcastle.

For particulars, enquire of Messrs. STREET & KERR, or

JOHN M. JOHNSON.

December 1, 1840.

STRAY SHEEP.

The Subscriber has had in his possession the past week

6 Stray Sheep,

The owner of the same can have them by proving marks, &c., and paying the expenses incurred. Apply to

ANDREW PETERSON.

Chatham, 7th Dec., 1840.

STRAY COW.

The Subscriber has had in his possession, for the last fortnight—

A Stray Cow.

The owner can have the same by proving property, and paying such expenses as have been incurred.

THOMAS PERRY.

Douglstown, Dec. 7, 1840.