

SCHEDIASMA.

MIRAMICHI.
TUESDAY MORNING, MARCH 16, 1841.

ARRIVAL OF THE MAIL.
The Courier with the Southern Mail arrived on Sunday morning, at 5 o'clock.

LATE AND IMPORTANT NEWS
We are indebted to the St. John Herald of Wednesday last, for the following important news.

"We learn that the news brought by the arrival of the steamer President at New York on the 4th inst is in town, but we have been unsuccessful in our search after papers, and therefore are unable to publish details. We hear that a special Messenger with despatches to Mr Fox, came in the steamer, and posted off immediately to Washington. A Debate took place in Parliament, on the 8th Feb. on the McLeod question—which had produced great excitement in England. The news from China is unsatisfactory; and Tea had taken a small rise in the English market—We give this news upon the authority of reports current in town.

UNITED STATES.

It was rumored before the mail arrived, that Mr Fox, the British Minister, had demanded the release of McLeod, now incarcerated in the Jail at Lockport, and on the refusal of the American government to comply with his request, he had asked for his passports and left Washington. By the American papers, which have since come to hand, we perceive, that such a report was current in New York and Boston, but was flatly contradicted by several of the most respectable papers in those cities. It appears, if we are to place any credence in the correspondence of the New York Herald at Washington, that Mr Fox had received instructions from Lord Sydenham, to demand the release of Mr McLeod, which led to a very angry correspondence between that gentleman and Mr Forsyth. It appears also that the Steamer President brought out a special messenger to Mr Fox, and as McLeod's imprisonment was the subject of a discussion in Parliament, we should not be surprised if his unconditional surrender be not demanded by the British government, and that is the errand on which the messenger has been despatched in the President. If this reasonable request be not complied with, in all probability our Ambassador will ask for his credentials, and a body of British troops be marched from Canada to Lockport to effect Mr McLeod's liberation.

The cry for war still continues unabated, and the wretched state of the fortifications on the sea board, generally deplored. A Bill was reported in the House of Representatives, by the Committee on military affairs, recommending the sum of \$500,000, for the equipment of steam ships of war, and \$1,678,000 for fortifications.

A Buffalo paper, in speaking of the wretched state of the arsenal and the unguarded condition of that city says—

"Something must be done by the General Government. We require at least one armed steamboat, and strong fortifications between this place and Black Rock. The Arsenal at Batavia should be well replenished, and a large quantity of material brought as near the city as would be safe. Measures should be taken to arm a portion at least of the Militia—say two companies of each regiment in the several divisions bordering upon Lake Erie and Ontario. Our friends on the other side of the line are preparing silent for some event, and if we wish to preserve peace we must be prepared for war."

RETIREMENT OF SIR JOHN HARVEY.—STATE OF THE PROVINCE.

We perceive, that a committee of the Assembly waited on his Excellency on the 8th inst. with an Address from that body, praying that he would be pleased to afford them such information as he might deem proper, on the reports in circulation, that the head quarters of the Province were to be removed to Halifax, and that a Civil Governor is to be appointed to succeed Sir John in the administration of the Government of the Province. The following is His Excellency's reply:—

"Gentlemen.—In answer to your very gratifying address, I regret to have to inform you that I have received a Despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies informing me that her Majesty had been pleased to decide that I shall be relieved in the administration of the Government of New Brunswick, and I have reason to believe that the rival of my successor in the Province may be shortly expected. J. H."

On the retirement of Sir John, the St. John Herald, discourses as follows:

"We last week, expressed our conviction that the Home Government would very shortly make a change in the Executive Department of this Province. We have since learned, that Sir John has received an intimation to this effect; and that he is about to be removed from the Government;—but no new situation or appointment has yet been suggested for him; nor is his successor positively known. His Excellency's term of office does not expire for some two or three years; and it is the only instance, we believe, in this Province, of a Governor being recalled before his term of office had ceased. The reasons of his recall are pretty generally understood, and if we are not mistaken, are well known to certain officials, so that the less anonymous writers say about the matter, the better. We stated last week what was and is the general impression—with respect to his Excellency and the Legislature; and until we do have those branches to work somewhat differently than what they have for these last four years, we fear our Province will be encumbered with more than £43,000, as a set-off to harmonious and responsible Government; and that our Disputed Territory will become a resort for the same republican banditti, that have for so long infested and disturbed the Canadian frontier.—We wish not to irritate any unpleasant feelings which his Excellency may have had to our previously expressed views—but to wish him well—and let him depart in peace."

From the same paper we have copied the remarks of a correspondent, which portrays in a candid and fearless manner, some of the acts and deeds of the present "popular administration." We recommend them to the serious consideration of all such as have been deceived by the clamour constantly raised by the individuals in power, as well as their supporters, to make it appear, that the affairs of the Province are in a most prosperous and flourishing condition; that harmony exists in all the various branches of the government; and that great and important reforms were taking place to improve the moral and political condition of the people. In answer to the truth of the first assertion—we shall quote the following paragraph from the Sentinel—a most admirable authority for such information; and the letter to which we have alluded, furnishes some important information regarding the benefits which have resulted from the much lauded harmony. It is high time that the people should be aroused from the apathy in which they have too long indulged, charmed by the dulcet notes of the siren of reform.

The following is from the Sentinel:

"It would appear from the debate which we have reported to day, that the revenue is at present not quite sufficient for the appropriations; and it is argued that either a debt must be incurred to carry out the improvements of the Province and meet the necessary expenditures, or the duties must be increased on importation. There can be no doubt, but the former is the preferable measure. Increase of taxation cramps exertion, and it is unfair to make the present generation pay for those improvements of which posterity must mainly reap the advantage.—A duty on tea, however, would not be objectionable. It is in too frequent use throughout the province; and coffee which may be raised in the British Islands to any extent, ought to be substituted for that article."

CANADA.

JALBERT, the person charged with the murder of Lieutenant Wier, has been set at liberty, he giving bail for his appearance at the next criminal term.

The papers state there are at present in Canada 20,000 regular troops. In addition to which each militia regiment is required to have two flank companies in constant readiness, and as there is 113 regiments in the Upper Province, this will furnish 16,000 men. An effective force of 36,000 men can therefore be called into active service at a very short notice.

WEST INDIES.

The New York Herald says—That intelligence had been received from the West Indies, that orders had been received from the Home Government, that 25,000 coloured men were to be disciplined as soldiers in addition to the ordinary coloured militia and regulars.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE.

We have obtained the Journals of the Assembly, to the 6th inst, and have made copious extracts therefrom. Among them will be found some important Despatches from the Colonial Secretary, regarding the retirement from office, and the pension of the Hon. Thomas Baillie. On the 2nd inst. the Committee on

Roads submitted a second Report, which recommends that the sum of £33,480 be expended on the Great Roads, throughout the Province, to be apportioned as follows:—

The Committee appointed to take into consideration what Sums it may be necessary to grant for repairing and improving the Roads throughout the Province, farther report: That they have had under their consideration the subject of Great Roads, as also the expediency of making certain Special Grants, connected with the Road Service, and now recommend that the sum of £33,480, be granted, and that the said sum be apportioned as follows:—

To improve the Road from the Grand Falls to the Little Falls of the Madawaska, and to build a Bridge at the Grand Falls; £1,500, the amount due from the Disputed Territory Fund, being included therein,	£5,000
From St. John to Nova Scotia Line,	2,500
St. John to St Andrews,	1,200
To the Corporation of the City of St. John, to assist in building Piers and Landing Places on the Eastern and Western sides of the Harbour, for the Steam Ferry Boat,	1,200
From Fredericton to St. John, via Nerepis,	1,000
Nerepis to Gagetown,	200
Dorchester to Shediac,	150
Shediac to Bend of Peticodiac,	120
Richibucto to Chatham,	500
Newcastle to Bathurst,	800
Bathurst to Campbelltown,	2,000
Fredericton to Woodstock,	4,000
Woodstock to the Arestook,	600
To open a new line of Road between the Arestook and the Grand Falls,	700
From Fredericton to Finger Board,	500
Head of Bellisle to St. John,	400
Fredericton to Newcastle,	3,000
Fredericton to St. Andrews,	2,000
Salisbury to Hopewell,	600
Shediac to Richibucto,	400
Woodstock to Houlton,	200
Waweig to St. Stephen,	60
Hammond River to Hopewell,	200
Loch Lomond to Sussex Vale,	500
Oromocto to Gagetown,	150
Towards widening the Mill Bridge and for the improvement of the Road to Indian Town,	500
From Bend of Peticodiac to the Head of Richibucto,	200
Fredericton to Bend of Peticodiac,	3,000
Red Rock to Nerepis,	100
Oak Bay to Bridge at Eel River,	750
Bridge at Brockway's, Magagnadavic, to the lower Bridge on the St. Croix,	200
Grand Lake to Richibucto river,	750
	£33,480

NIAGARA FALLS.

THE account, which has been going the rounds of the Colonial and United States papers, of the fall of a portion of the rock which formed the Niagara falls, turns out to be a hoax.

ROMAN CATHOLIC TOTAL ABSTINENCE SOCIETY.

LAST week we stated, that the Rev. Mr Egan intended, on the following Sabbath, to originate a Total Abstinence Society, among his numerous congregation. We are happy to be enabled to state, that the Rev. Gentleman has commenced this good work, and so far succeeded as to obtain the signatures of 274 individuals. So sanguine is he in this undertaking, that he expects before a short time, to number on his list a thousand names.

FIRE IN CHATHAM.

ABOUT five o'clock on the morning of Wednesday last, the Dwelling House in Chatham, owned and occupied by Mr George Parker, was discovered to be on fire. The flames soon communicated with the adjoining building, owned by Francis Peabody, Esq. and occupied by Mr. Henry Wiswell, and both houses, in a very short time, were reduced to a heap of ruins. Mr Wiswell succeeded in saving the greater part of his property; but Mr. Parker, we are sorry to say, will be a heavy loser, as a very large portion of his moveable effects were consumed. Mr Pattison, who was boarding in the house, with difficulty effected his escape, and is also a sufferer, he not being able to save even his wearing apparel.

It cannot be ascertained, correctly, how the fire originated, but there is every reason to suppose that it was owing to the carelessness of Mr P's servant girl, who, during the night, had kindled a large fire in the cooking stove in the kitchen, and by this means, fire was communicated, in some way, to the premises.

THE SEASON.

THE weather is unusually cold, for the advanced period of the season. For the last month, we have had a series of snow

storms, high winds, and intense frost. A greater quantity of snow is on the ground than has been witnessed for a number of years.

NOVASCOTIA LEGISLATURE.

THE Legislature of our sister Province has appropriated the sum of £22,000, for the roads and bridges for the current year.

NEW-BRUNSWICK SPELLING BOOK.

WE are indebted to the author for a copy of this most admirable work. The St. John Observer has the following notice of the same, to the correctness of which we cheerfully respond:

"A new and excellent Spelling Book, (stereotype edition,) by Mr William Corry, has just issued from the press in this city, and is recommended by the Provincial Legislature as superior to any similar work in use in the Province. We think the work possesses many advantages over its class of School Books to promote the rapid improvement of the juvenile scholar, and to impart a comprehension of what is learnt, which is a great desideratum.—A practical schoolmaster (the new editor of the Woodstock Telegraph,) thus speaks of the book:—We are satisfied that it is decidedly the best now in use in the Province.—This work is carried on in such a regular graduation as makes it admirably adapted to facilitate the progress of the learner. Teachers would do well to give it a trial."

CARD.

The Subscriber returns his warmest thanks to those friends who so kindly assisted him in saving his Furniture and Out-Buildings from destruction, during the fire of Wednesday morning last.

GEORGE J. PARKER.
Chatham, 11th March, 1841.

CARD.

The Subscriber begs leave through the medium of the Gleaner, to tender his most grateful thanks to the many friends who kindly used their most strenuous exertions in saving his Furniture, &c. from destruction by Fire, on the morning of Wednesday last.

HENRY WISWELL.
Chatham, 16th March, 1841.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

To be sold at Public Auction, on Monday, 20th September next, in front of Hamill's Hotel, Newcastle, between the hours of 12 and 5 o'clock, p. m.

ALL the ESTATE, Right, Title, Interest, Property, Claim and Demand of RICHARD COX, of, in, and to a certain Lot of Land, situate, lying and being in the Parish of Nelson, in this County, known as Lot No. 1, in the third tier of Lots in the grant thereof to the said Richard Cox; the same having been seized by me under an Execution issued out of the Supreme Court, at the suit of Alex. Fraser, Junr. against the said Richard Cox. Also—

All the Real and Leasehold Estate of RICHARD BLACKSTOCK, situate in this County, or so much thereof as may be necessary to satisfy an Execution now in my hands, issued out of the Supreme Court, at the suit of Richard Peniston, against the said Richard Blackstock.

And—
All the Right, Title, Interest, Property and Claim of JOHN ARCHIBALD, in and to a certain Lot of Land, containing about 100 Acres, situate on the Richibucto Road, in the Parish of Glenelg, and on which he now resides, together with any or all other Property he may have in this County; the same having been seized by me, under an Execution issued out of the Supreme Court, at the suit of Phineas Williston, against the said John Archibald.

JOHN M. JOHNSON,
Sheriff of Northumberland.
Sheriff's Office, 15th March, 1841.

TO LET.

The HOUSE, or HOUSE and FARM formerly occupied by the Subscriber, at Clark's Cove, Chatham. Apply to

JOHN M. JOHNSON.
11th March, 1841.

NOTICE

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St. John, Feb. 24, 1841.