

The committee cannot refrain from bringing under the notice of the House, the amount of Surplus in the Lands of the Executive Government, from the appropriation of 14,000*l.* for the Civil List, amounting at the end of the year 1840 to 2,000*l.* 6*s.* 4*d.* This sum, in the view of the committee, was intended by the home government, agreeably to Lord Glenelg's despatch of the 31st August, 1836, to be annually expended in services of general utility; and when it is considered that appropriations must be at present made to a greater amount than the Ordinary Revenues, it would be highly gratifying to see that sum devoted to the payment of some services, now defrayed out of those Revenues, as the Salaries of the Master of the Rolls, the travelling expenses of the Judges on the Circuits, Provincial Contingencies, &c., thereby leaving an increased amount available for Education, Roads, &c.

The committee beg leave respectfully to observe, that the appropriations of the last two Sessions have been unusually large, but when it is considered that the Province was involved in a perplexing and expensive difficulty with the State of Maine, and also subjected at the same time to the loss by Fire of a large portion of the City of St. John, with all the expenses of an extra Legislative Session, and other unavoidable charges connected with that unfortunate event, it is certainly a matter of high satisfaction that the Province is still unembarrassed, and that the resources have hitherto been such as to meet all those heavy expenses.

In conclusion, your committee recommend the continuance of the liberal appropriations for the Internal Improvement of the Country, and for the Education of Youth; the House exercising at the same time, the strictest economy in all the other branches of the public service.

All of which is respectfully submitted.  
I. WOODWARD,  
CHARLES FISHER,  
JAMES BROWN, Jun.

**Colonial.**

CANADA.

Quebec Gazette, Feb. 24.

Improvement at Quebec.—We are informed that Mr Payne, who formerly kept the Albion, and latterly a hotel in the Esplanade, has rented the Union Building on the Place d'Armes, occupied for several years past for Government Offices.

Mr Payne is well qualified to keep a hotel of the first respectability; and the Union Building returns to its first destination, for which by its extent, central and agreeable situation, it is well calculated. It will be an improvement to the city, and we trust, now, that travelling to and from the upper parts of the Province, will be so much increased by the steamers on the St Lawrence, and between Halifax and England, it will be well supported.

We are glad to find that other improvements are taking place in Quebec, which shew that trade and industry are never failing sources of prosperity. The houses and stores on the Queen's Wharf, destroyed by the fire of the 1st October last, have been rebuilt, and Sons le-fort Street opened to the river. We believe there is no doubt that rents have increased in town, and that there is no distress among the poorer classes, or at least, less than usual towards the close of the winter. Ship building is carried on with vigour; harmony is restored between the employer and the employed, in this valuable branch of industry; and they will find that they will thrive best under friendly feeling and good behaviour. Temperance is every where making great progress, and drying the sources of vice and crime. Acts of violence and crime, which in Lower Canada were almost confined to the towns, have indeed, nearly disappeared, and when the inhabitants shall have the power of regulating their own local concerns, and be no longer alarmed by authorities claiming to tax them without their consent, we have no doubt but that public spirit will exercise its proper influence, and the common wants of the town, be sufficiently provided for. The distinction of 'origin,' and other similar means, by which it has been attempted to set different portions of the citizens, against each other, are now seldom appealed to, and we trust will soon be laughed at, by all classes, as 'the weak device of the enemy.'

The Niagara Chronicle has the following: 'Five or six of the citizens of Lockport who figured at the mob demonstration, have been indicted for conspiracy.'

'Should the Grand Jury find a bill against Mr McLeod, it is supposed that a special commission will be issued to try him in some other county than Niagara, where it is manifest he stands no chance of receiving any thing like fair treatment.'

'We are happy to hear that Mr McLeod is in better health and spirits than under the circumstances could be expected. May he live to see the wrongs he has endured, amply avenged.'

Quebec Gazette, Feb. 22.

Toronto papers of the 15th inst. were received to day.

The proclamation appointing Sir George Arthur Deputy of the Governor in Chief 'within that part of the province of Canada, heretofore constituting the Province of Upper Canada,' was published at Toronto on the 13th, and the Governor's Proclamation of the 10th, on the 15th.

We hear that writs for the elections were received here to-day, and those for Gaspe have been sent off by express. The former returning Officers are very generally appointed.

NOVA-SCOTIA.

Halifax Novascotian, March 3.

We are informed that instructions have been received from England, directing that Fort George shall be completed, and a new Barrack built at Fort Needham.

Halifax Royal Gazette.

A very melancholy occurrence took place yesterday at Margaret's Bay—Mrs Holland, wife of Thomas Holland Esq., of that place, and their three children, were unfortunately drowned, the children were amusing themselves on the ice in front of the house, when it gave way—Mrs Holland heard their screams, went to their assistance, and fell in—Mr Holland hastened to the relief of them all—he also fell in, but with much difficulty escaped a similar fate.

Halifax Times, March 2.

The Colonial Church Society, an advertisement detailing the objects of which will be found in another part of this day's paper, will we hope meet with that attention in this Province which its importance demands. The interest taken in such an Institution by the nobility of the Mother Country is a gratifying spectacle, and must go far to disabuse the minds of many of the absurd notions of aristocratic immorality, and the viciousness of high birth, which are too widely entertained and zealously propagated to administer to the republican and sectarian prejudices of the day. Under such auspices and influence the Colonial Church Society, must possess an immense power of doing good, which we are assured by the advertisement will be freely exercised—and it is not too much to expect that their labours will be responded to and aided by the contributions of these in the Colonies who are able to assist them in the sublime object in which they are engaged.

The simultaneous meeting of the Halifax Temperance Society was held at the Garrison Chapel on Friday evening the 26th inst. The president of the Society, Beamish Murdoch, Esq. in the chair. The building was crowded in every part with a highly respectable audience, and great numbers had to go away, having been unable to obtain admission. It was the largest meeting this Society has had up to this time. At the request of the President, the Rev. Mr. Knowlan opened the proceedings by a prayer. A hymn was then performed by the choir, comprising vocal and instrumental performers, both of the army and town. We believe most of the band of H. M. 37th Regt. were there. After this the president made some brief remarks on the present state and cheering prospects of the cause, and read an extract from a letter written by Mr. Brown, the Secretary, who is at present in Great Britain. The meeting was then successively addressed by Judge Marshall, Dr. Toulon, Revd. Mr. Breare, Mr. McDonald, the Hon. T. A. S. Delwolve, and G. Lewis, Esq. M. P., in support of the different resolutions proposed.—Several other hymns were also performed, among which was one, the original poetry written for the occasion by a young lady of this place.

2380 members have taken the Temperance pledge in St. Mary's Chapel, in this town, up to Sunday last.

The Special Council of Lower Canada have voted £5000 to complete the road from the St. Lawrence to Little Madawaska, through the disputed territory.

NEW-BRUNSWICK.

Saint John, Herald, March 3.

Capt. W. F. Williams, of the royal Artillery, son of the late Thomas Williams, Esq. of Annapolis, Nova Scotia, has been selected, and ordered to proceed to Constantinople to organize the Sultan's Artillery.—This flattering and public acknowledgment of his military merit is honorable to Capt. Williams, and must be particularly gratifying to his relatives in this City and Sussex Vale. We congratulate not only Captain Williams and friends upon the confidence and honour which has been thus conferred upon him, but also his native Province, Nova Scotia;—as this is one among many other instances in which Nova Scotians and New Brunswickers have been foremost in their Country's service.

TEMPERANCE NEWS.

The following is part of the information conveyed to the Chatham Temper-

ance Society, at its last Annual Meeting, by one of the Committee:

**COST OF INTEMPERANCE.**—The Bishop of Norwich, at a meeting of the British and Foreign Temperance Society, remarked, that the cost of ardent spirits, annually consumed by the population of England and Ireland, is £44,000,000, while the cost of bread is but £25,000,000. If the calculation is correct, and we have no reason to doubt it, the monstrous truth stands revealed to the world, that the people of England and Ireland pay annually £19,000,000 more for intoxicating drinks than they do for bread! Should not the knowledge of this fact, so startling to humanity, serve to rouse the slumbering energies of a people proverbially critical in financial calculations, to the work of reform? What excuse can the Parliament of Great Britain offer, for the existence of such an expenditure of money, for articles not only useless, but injurious to the people, when the cry is ringing through the halls of legislation every winter, that thousands of the Irish population are starving for want of bread! Quadruple the £44,000,000 of money paid for intoxicating drinks, and we shall then fall short of the actual loss of property resulting from the traffic,—a sum larger than all the profits of British merchandize—a sum taken principally from the pockets of the laboring classes, which would be more than sufficient to establish and sustain free schools in every half mile square of the British empire. Let the people of England look at this subject in a financial point of view alone, and they will be culpably indifferent to their welfare as a nation, if they do not reform the evil.

A London Magazine, says—There are still six hundred thousand confirmed drunkards in the United Kingdom; there are still nearly thirty thousand persons annually, in the metropolis alone, cut off, by the use of intoxicating liquors, at an untimely age; there are still £2,500,000 annually squandered upon Gin in London; there are still eighty thousand unfortunate females in London and its vicinity, the majority of whom are the victims of inebriety, which seems to be the chief obstacle to their reclamation; and still are the terrible effects of intemperance to be seen in our prisons, hulks, lunatic asylums, poor-houses and hospitals; and in the dwellings of the wives and children of our mechanics and working population. One hundred million sterling money are annually expended upon wine, malt liquors and spirituous drinks, in the United Kingdom. The annual loss of labour, occasioned by intemperance, is alone estimated at thirty-five millions sterling.

Dissolution of Partnership.

The Partnership hitherto existing under the firm of BOWES & THOMPSON, is this day dissolved by mutual consent. All debts owing by said firm will be liquidated by Joseph Thompson, who is authorized to collect all outstanding debts due to the said firm.

JAMES BOWES,  
JOSEPH THOMPSON.

Dated at Miramichi, this 1st day of March, 1841.

The subscriber takes this opportunity of returning his sincere thanks to the inhabitants of Chatham and neighbourhood, and begs to inform them that he will carry on the same business as formerly, and hopes by strict attention to business to merit the continuance of patronage afforded to the late concern. He also begs to announce that he has made such arrangements as will enable him to have a very superior selection of GOODS suitable for the ensuing season, which he will sell at the very lowest possible possible profits for CASH.

JOSEPH THOMPSON.

RAN AWAY.

Notice is hereby given that CHARLES BISHOP, an indentured Apprentice, aged 19 and a few months, left my employment on the 6th inst., and it is supposed went by way of St John, but he has friends at Restigouche, whither he may be gone. Any person giving him employment or harboring him in any manner, will be prosecuted according to law.

JOHN LEISHMAN, Tailor.  
Richibucto, Feb. 12. 1841.

Mahogany.

A Quantity of Superior BOARD and PLANK of large sized MAHOGANY, of different thicknesses, to suit purchasers; for Sale by GILMOUR, RANKIN, & Co. Dauglastown, 11th Jan., 1841.

IN THE PRESS,

And shortly will be Published:  
**A Meteorological Journal,**  
Kept at Richibucto:  
For the years 1835, 1836, 1837, 1838, 1839, and 1840:  
WITH AN APPENDIX.  
Giving the results of other Observations made at Fredericton, St. John, and Buctouche.

Under the Patronage of His Excellency Major General SIR JOHN HARVEY, K. C. B., K. C. H.  
And the Honourable  
The LEGISLATURE.

FOR SALE.

The HOUSE and SHOP occupied by the Subscriber, in Newcastle. Possession given in June next; and payment made convenient. If the Property is not Sold, the same will be Rented.

ALEX. KIRK.

NOTICE TO Bridge Builders.

The Subscriber will attend at Mr. Wm. M'Kay's, Boiestown, at 8 o'clock, A. M., on Friday, the 5th March next, for the purpose of taking a Contract by Public Auction, for the

**Erection of a New Bridge,**  
on Abutments, across Barn-Land Brook.  
And on the following day, at 12 o'clock, noon, he will attend at Wm. O'Brien's, *Renou's River*, for the purpose of taking a Contract for the Erection of a

**New Bridge across the said Renou's River,** about 3-4 of a mile above the present Bridge.  
The Contractor in the former case, will be required to enter into a Bond, with two good and sufficient Sureties, for the due fulfilment of the contract. And in the latter, to be bound to build and uphold the same against ice and freshet for a period of Five Years from the completion of the same.

A Specification of the former can be seen at the house of Wm. M'Kay, Boiestown, and a Plan and Specification of the latter, at the house of the Subscriber, at any time previous to the Sale, and on the day of Sale at the different places. It is expected that persons intending to offer for either of the above Bridges, will come prepared with a letter addressed to the Subscriber, signed by two persons of known respectability, offering to become bound with such person in double the amount of the Contract, also stating what contract they are to be bound in. Payment will be made in Cash on the completion and approval of the work.

ALEX. GOODFELLOW, Supervisor.  
Newcastle, Northum'd, 18th Feb., 1841.

NEW-BRUNSWICK.—COUNTY OF NORTHUMBERLAND.

To the Sheriff of the County of Northumberland, or any Constable within the said County—Greeting:

Whereas CONNOR SHEEHAN, late of Newcastle, in the said County, Laborer, lately died Intestate (as it is said), leaving Goods and Chattels in the said County, to be administered, and John Reilly, of Newcastle, aforesaid, Farmer, one of the Creditors of the said deceased, hath prayed that Administration may be granted to him on the said Estate:

You are therefore required to cite the next of kin, and all other persons having prior right to Administration on the said Estate, to appear before me at a Court of Probate, to be held at my Office, in Chatham, in the said county, on Wednesday, the Third day of March next, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, to shew cause why Administration on the said Estate should not be granted to the said Applicant.

Given under my hand, and the seal of the said Court, this third day of January 1841.

(Signed) THOS. H. PETERS, Surrogate  
Geo. KERR, Register of Probates.

NEW-BRUNSWICK, SS.

To the Sheriff of the County of Northumberland, or any Constable within the said County:

Whereas JARED TOZER, Administrator on the Estate of EDWARD CLARKE, late of Northesk, in the County aforesaid, deceased, hath filed an account of his Administration on the said Estate, and hath prayed that the same may be passed and allowed.

You are therefore required to cite the Creditors and next of kin of the deceased, and all others interested in the said Estate, to appear before me, at a Court of Probate, to be held at my Office, in the Parish of Chatham, within the said County, on Wednesday, the twenty-fourth day of March next, at eleven of the clock in the forenoon, to attend the passing and allowance of the said Account of Administration on the said Estate.

Given under my hand, and the seal of the said Court, this eighteenth day of February, 1841.

(Signed) THOS. H. PETERS, Surrogate.  
GEORGE KERR, Register of Probates.

Steam Grist Mill, Brewery, &c.

The subscriber tenders his sincere thanks to the Public for the liberal support he has received since he commenced his Steam Mill and Brewery business in 1832; but more particularly to his many philanthropic friends for their liberality since the destruction of his late premises by fire,—and begs to acquaint them, that he has erected a superior GRIST MILL, &c., which are now in full operation, to grind FLOUR and OATMEAL. He will endeavor to keep on hand a supply of Oatmeal, which he will exchange for Oats to accommodate customers from a distance.

GAVIN RAINNIE.  
Chatham, 1st Feb., 1841.

AN ACCOUNT OF THE RIVER ST. JOHN.

With its Tributary Rivers and Lakes. By Edmund Ward. With a Map of the Province.

The object of this work is to make the British public and the inhabitants of the neighboring Province of Nova Scotia, acquainted with the superior fertility of that of New Brunswick, particularly the portion of it to which the above Work refers, it is therefore offered at a price, that will merely defray the expense of printing and binding.

To be had at Mr Beverly's Book store, Fredericton, and at the Stationary Stores of Mr D. McMillan St. John, and of Messrs McKinlay, Halifax, and at the Sentinel Office.