

by sending in return haunches of venison and fat turkeys through the Post Office, which charges the same to John Blue Nose. They say that it is too bad to find fault with their bringing home paper, pens and pencils, enough for the supply of their little cherubs at school, and silver-back penknives for themselves by the half dozen.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Percussion Locks for the Muskets of the Indian Army.—The court of directors have, we understand, resolved on the introduction of percussion locks in the firearms of the Indian army. 10,000 muskets on this principle were shipped for Calcutta in August last, and 100,000 in all had been ordered for the Bengal army alone. The greater part of these had been originally meant as flint lock arms, but where afterwards altered, one parcel having been fitted up with lumps brazed on for the nipple, a plan the suitability of which for the climate of India having appeared doubtful, the remainder had screw plug nipples fitted on. For Bombay 17,000 muskets, 1,200 carbines, 500 fuseses, 100 blunderbusses, and 80 wall pieces, had been ordered. The carbines have been long talked of here as destined for the use of the irregular horse, for which they seem particularly adapted. They are to be introduced by degrees into the various regiments, and served out as the firearms already in the arsenal or in use are expended.

A French paper, called the Audience, contains a letter from a private correspondent, dated Gibraltar, the 23th ult., which states that an opulent British merchant named James Boxwell, long resident there, had been tried and convicted of the murder of his daughter, on circumstantial evidence, and that on the way to execution the convict saw in the crowd another Englishman named John Keats who had been extremely active in collecting evidence against him. The convict expressed a desire to die in peace with all mankind, and to pardon this person, whom he had considered his greatest enemy. When the convict reached the scaffold the executioner was preparing to execute the sentence of the law, when a voice was heard in the crowd, exclaiming—'It is I that am guilty, and not the convict.' This exclamation was made by John Keats. He confessed that it was he who had carried off James Boxwell's daughter; that he had cut off her hair during her sleep, and stolen one of her dresses, which he had steeped in blood; and that the generous pardon granted to him by his victim had caused him to reflect on the enormity of his crime. The executioner immediately withdrew the rope from the convict's neck, and the cap from his face, when it was discovered that he was dead from the effects of terror. The atrocious John Keats was conducted to prison, amidst the execrations of the populace, who wished to tear him to pieces.

The French Navy.—The number of men-of-war of all rates which compose the French Navy, and which are now armed, is 199; twenty of the line, of which four are of 120 guns, two of 100, three of 90, four of 86, and seven of 80; twenty-two frigates, of which five are of 60 guns, one of 58, five of 52, three of 50, seven of 46, and one of 40; eighteen corvettes, of which seven are of 20 guns, and eleven from 20 to 28; three corvettes are of 16 guns; twenty-one brigs, of which sixteen are of 20 guns; sixteen are of 20 guns; sixteen brig avisos of 10 guns; nine gun brigs, with four pieces of cannon, thirty-five schooners, cutters, &c. of 8 guns and under; eleven corvettes of burden, twelve lighter (gubares) two transport brigs, and twenty-nine steamboats.

SCHEDIASMA.

MIRAMICHI.

TUESDAY MORNING, APRIL 20, 1841.

ARRIVAL OF THE MAIL.

The Courier with the Southern Mail arrived on Sunday morning, at 8 o'clock.

EUROPEAN NEWS.

So barren are the British papers received by the last steamer, of news, that we have been enabled to glean from them, only a few paragraphs of a miscellaneous nature, in addition to the items furnished our readers last week.

BATHURST TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.

A Public Meeting of this Society was held in the Court House, Bathurst, on Tuesday, the 13th instant. The exceed-

ing sinfulness, and terrible consequences of the abounding vice of Intemperance, were set forth by the different Speakers in a perspicuous, forcible, and scriptural manner. The urgent necessity that exists for using some special means for the purpose of endeavouring to arrest the progress, prevent the formation of the habit, and eradicate the causes of intemperance, was convincingly shewn. The simplicity and effectiveness of those employed by Temperance Societies, when honestly acted upon, were pointed out. They consist in a voluntary and cheerful abstinence from what we know leads possibly, or probably, or necessarily, to drunkenness in some, or many persons, and in uniting with those who are like minded, in order to advance and protect the sobriety and consequent comfort of those to whom our influence can extend. The object is obviously good. It is seen to be so by every rational creature whose mind is not darkened, and whose conscience is not defiled. The lawfulness of the proposed method of attaining it will not be denied. It is agreeable to the jurisprudence both of God and man. Its commendableness is very generally conceded. And if it be the best in our power to apply for the general welfare, surely this should be regarded by the christian, and the benevolent of the community, as furnishing a strong ground of appeal for their countenance and co-operation. The practical adoption of it is the only remedy for the drunkard, and it is the sure safeguard of the temperate, and the young against the temptations that lie in their way, to beguile them into drunkenness.

Such were the views that were insisted upon at the Temperance Society meeting on Tuesday evening, in Bathurst, by those who addressed the numerous and very attentive audience who assembled in the Court House, upon that occasion. The more plausible objections which some profess to entertain against the mode by which Temperance Societies seek to accomplish their object, were adverted to, and successfully answered.

At the close of the meeting, Twenty-eight new members were added to the Society, of both sexes. Some of these put down their names for Total Abstinence, and others went no farther than the pledge of the Society. (which is that of the British and Foreign Temperance Society) requires. It runs thus—'We agree to abstain from distilled spirits, except for medicinal purposes, and to discountenance the cause and practice of Intemperance.—Communicated.

* We would commend to the scoffers at all efforts, however suitable, to put down drunkenness, the serious consideration of Isaiah 5, 20—25, and Titus 1, 15.

FIRE CLUB.

We recommend to the special attention of the public the following Notice. The formation of such a Society as is contemplated, would be of the utmost importance; and we feel persuaded there is a sufficient number of persons willing to join, as would make the Club a very efficient one. We wish the projectors every success in their praiseworthy undertaking, and hope the meeting will be numerously attended.

Such persons as feel disposed to forward the formation of a FIRE CLUB, in the Town of Chatham, are requested to meet at the Band Room, in the Commercial Building, on THURSDAY evening, the 22d inst. at 8 o'clock. Chatham, April 20, 1841.

THE SEASON.

THE weather during the greater part of the past week, was cold and boisterous; and rain, snow, and hail, each in their turn descended in copious showers. On Tuesday night, the wind from the eastward blew a perfect hurricane, which, towards the morning, veered round to the northward. The result was, that the ice as far up as Burnt Church, across to Point aux Car, was entirely swept away; and we understand the water rose so high, that not even a particle of board ice was left on the shore.

The ice still remains firm, but should we have two or three fine days in succession during the ensuing week there is every likelihood our icy embargo will be removed, as the large quantity of rain which has recently fallen, must have weakened it considerably. This is a consummation devoutly to be wished.

ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY.

At the Annual Meeting of the St. George's Society, held at Chatham, on Tuesday, 13th April, 1841. The following gentlemen were chosen office-bearers for the ensuing year, viz:

President,—John Wright, Esq.

Vice Presidents,—Mr Joseph Samuel, and Dr. S. Benson.
Treasurer,—John T. Williston, Esq.
Secretary,—John M. Johnson, jr. Esq.
Committee of Charity.—Phineas Williston, Esq., Mr. Joseph Dutton, Mr. Henry Browne, Mr. George Letson, and Mr. James Williams.
Extracts from the minutes.
J. M. JOHNSON, Jr., Secretary.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

COMMUNICATIONS are pouring in upon us by wholesale. A late New Orleans paper states, that a clever mechanic in that place had erected a Steam Mill for the manufacture of POETRY, which on trial was found to answer the purpose remarkably well. We are inclined to think that some ingenious fellow has erected, either in Newcastle or Chatham—we are puzzled to state which—a similar mill for the manufacture of PROSE.
"Philos" is received; also a canny Scotchman's "full, true, and particular account" of the sad disasters that he went through, during one day's excursion in Miramichi. Both shall meet with attention in our next.

THE NEW YORK ALBION.

The above named admirably conducted journal contains the following notice to its numerous readers.

We have unqualified satisfaction in presenting to our subscribers a portrait of his Grace the Duke of Wellington, as Warden of the Cinque ports and Governor of Dover Castle, in the confidence that it is a faithful and accurate likeness, and executed in the highest style of art. It is from the burin of Mr. Jackman, a young English artist of great and deserved reputation, the first work of whom, in this country, is the plate we now present. The thoughtful, yet mild and benevolent expression of countenance, is given by the artist with great delicacy, and we fancy we can trace, in the general lineaments, a faint summary of the qualities which so eminently distinguished his Grace.

From the great size of the Plate, and our desire to have the copies delivered, as much as possible, uninjured in any way, the entire distribution will necessarily occupy a few weeks; but we feel assured that Subscribers would rather submit to a slight delay, than incur the risk of receiving such a plate deteriorated through the ordinary channels of delivery. We shall forward them in every direction with the utmost careful despatch.

CANADA ELECTIONS.

The Canada papers state that Colonel Prince, had been elected for Sandwich; R. Christie, Esq. for Gaspé, and Mr S. Hamilton, for Boneventure.

A BIG CALF.

A LITTLE Cow, the property of Mr Roderick McKenzie, Newcastle, delivered to her owner a big calf, which at its birth weighed 95 lbs., its length 3 feet 7 inches, height 2 feet 7 inches, and girth 2 feet 9 inches.

The latest accounts say, that the Cow is quite convalescent and that her 'little one' is growing in stature and in beauty too.

—Communicated.

RELEASE OF M'LEOD.

The Montreal Herald states that on the evening of the 26th ultimo, a report was current in Toronto, that Mr McLeod had been released from Lockport gaol, and escorted to British territory, by General Scott and a detachment of the United States army. The writer of the letter who gives the above report, is of so high character as to induce us to believe that there is a strong foundation for the rumour, which, we need scarcely add, we hope will be found to be correct.

PORT OF BATHURST.

The Schooner Dolphin, from New Carlisle, with a general cargo, to J. Cunard & co., arrived at Bathurst on the 16th inst.

St. George's Dinner, 1841.

ALL ENGLISHMEN and their DESCENDANTS who are desirous of joining in the ST. GEORGE'S DINNER, will obtain TICKETS at the Store of Mr Joseph Samuel, Chatham, until THURSDAY EVENING NEXT.

J. SAMUEL,

S. BENSON,

J. M. JOHNSON, jun.

20th April, 1841.

The SEEDS imported by the Northumberland Agricultural Society, are for sale at the Stores of Mr Nial M'Lean, Newcastle; John Porter, Esq., Douglastown; and Daniel M'Laughlan, Chatham.

NOTICE.

PILOTS are requested to call on the Secretary of the Board of Health for copies of the QUARANTINE REGULATIONS. By order of the Board, W. LETSON, Clerk. Chatham, County of Northam., 20th April, 1841.

NEW SAIL LOFT.

JOHN WAKEM, Sail Maker, in returning his sincere thanks to his friends and the public, for the encouragement and support he has received since his commencement in business, begs to inform them that he intends to continue the above business in all its branches. Any orders from the Out Ports will be attended to at the shortest notice. His Sail Loft is in the new Building a little below Dr. Key's, and immediately opposite the public landing in Chatham.
April 17, 1840.

TO LET.

The Subscriber will LET for a term of Years That VALUABLE FARM, situate in the vicinity of the town of Chatham, lately owned and occupied by Mr James Murphy. There are about 14 Acres of LAND cleared, a good Dwelling House on the premises, and an excellent stream of Water runs along the Land. There is a LIME KILN in front, which will be let by itself, or with the Farm. The advantages of this property are well known, and advantageous terms will be offered to a good tenant. Immediate possession will be given. For further particulars and terms apply to the Subscriber.
HENRY CUNARD.
Chatham, 16th April, 1841.

BOOM to LET.

To be Let at Public Auction, on THURSDAY, the 13th day of May next, at the Subscriber's Sale Room, Chatham, That Valuable and Desirable Property BARNABY'S ISLAND, situate up the South West Branch of the River Miramichi, together with the BOOM and FISHERY; for a Term not exceeding Five Years. The Island and Fishery to be let separate from the Boom if thought desirable at the time of letting.
W. LETSON, Auctioneer.
Chatham, April 19, 1841.

CARD.

The subscribers, parents and brothers in law of the late JOHN HEWITT, killed by the falling of a limb of a tree at Buctouche, on Friday the 22nd February last, beg leave to present their deep acknowledgments to those friends whose kindness and humanity were so conspicuous on the distressing occasion. To Mrs M'Millan, the Coroner, George Pagan, Esq., and the Jury, their thanks are especially due, not only for their humane consolations, but for what they so kindly bestowed to alleviate the feelings of the deceased's afflicted parents and relations.
Michael Hewitt, for wife and family.
Henry L. Dwyer, wife and family.
John Mackey, wife and family.
Weldford, 13th April, 1841.

NOTICE.

The Co-partnership heretofore existing under the firm of BENJAMIN MILLER & Co. is this day dissolved by mutual consent; all persons standing indebted to the said firm, are requested to make payment to; and all persons having just claims against the said firm, will exhibit the same to Shepherd J. Frost for payment.

BEN. MILLER,
S. J. FROST.

Chatham April 6, 1841.

Bathurst Basin BRIDGE.

PROPOSALS will be received by the undersigned Commissioners, until noon on the 23rd day of April, current, from persons disposed to enter into a CONTRACT for the PERMANENT and SUBSTANTIAL REPAIR of this BRIDGE, agreeably to a Resolution of the House of Assembly.

The Contractor will be required to give a Warranty, that his work shall resist the action of the Ice and Water for three years from its completion. All the Wood and Materials of the present Bridge to be at the disposal of the party undertaking the repairs.

WM. END,
WM. NAPIER,
H. W. BALDWIN,
Commissioners.
Bathurst, 9th April, 1841.

To Carpenters.

The Committee appointed to Build a CHURCH in Blackville, on the South West Branch of the Miramichi, give notice, that they are ready to receive TENDERS from Persons disposed to Contract for the ERECTION and COMPLETION of the same, until SATURDAY, the 24th April next.

The Plans, Elevations, and Specifications, may be seen on application to the Rev. James Hudson, Visiting Missionary, of whom also may be obtained all needful information.

Payments will be made in instalments, as the works advance; the last instalment on the due and satisfactory completion of the Contract.

The Tenders may be addressed to the Rev. James Hudson, who is authorized not to receive any Tender whatsoever that is not accompanied with approved security for the faithful performance of the Contract that may be entered into.

By Order of the Committee,
THOS. W. UNDERHILL, Secretary.
Miramichi, April 13, 1841.