

difficulty. We have just seen the little sufferers, who are in great agony, but we hope not beyond recovery. The house narrowly escaped destruction.

The Weather.—Winter has at length set in, with extreme severity, and for the first time this season, foot passengers ventured this morning to cross the harbour on the ice. As yet, however, there is very little snow on the low grounds. On Tuesday night and Saturday morning it blew furiously, and we regret to bear that a vessel in frames at River John, belonging to the Hon. George Smith, was considerably damaged by the violence of the storm.

NEW-BRUNSWICK.

St. Andrews Standard, December 31.

Our markets have been well supplied for the last few weeks with Pork, Beef, Mutton, poultry, &c., at remarkably low prices—Wood continues high—Hardwood sells at 17s 6d per cord; Spruce, at 10s per cord, which is considerably higher than in Saint John; the best hardwood has been selling there for 14s per cord.

The unusual mildness and salubrity of the weather which we have experienced are the theme of congratulation. Instead of our wonted.

Winter when the rain rained cauld; Or frost an' snow on ilka hill. when indeed take your auld cloak about ye' was superfluous advice. We have lately seen such joyous and elastic days as remind us of the season when.

The smiling morn and breathing spring Invite the tuneful birds to sing. The cattle were enabled to get pickings from the fields this season later than usual—well indeed might it be said that this was a green Christmas.

THE COLONIAL PRESS.

From the St. Andrew's Standard. DUTY ON FLOUR.

We believe we are not much mistaken when we assert, that there is not any other subject upon which there exists such unanimity of feeling among the inhabitants of this Town and County as the impropriety and impolicy of continuing the duty on the article of provision which is placed at the head of this paragraph. Whomsoever we have spoken to on this subject, be his condition or occupation what you please, Ship Owner, Merchant, Farmer or Labourer, all seem to agree, the same opinion pervades the entire mass of the population, that the exaction of duty on flour, presses heavily on industry—is injurious to trade—and is one of the most practical grievances ever felt by this community. It would seem that the hardships occasioned by the resumption of these duties, late as that unpropitious event occurred, had found their way into the homes and business of every individual; and it will be well if it ends here, and does not carry its blighting influence upon our trade into the approaching year—as neither the means nor industry of the people will be able to bear up against it. Distressing as commercial business at present, involved in difficulties as are our Merchants and Traders of every class, with enough, indeed more than enough to do to carry on their business, with an appearance of solvency; what must be the unfortunate condition of the Province, the next spring, in the event of any great number of Emigrants arriving amongst us, if provisions can only be had on present terms? And is there not the strongest reason to suppose, that the tide of emigration into this Province will swell far beyond anything we have witnessed for the last few years. It is true we do not hear of any great distress, at least no starvation in Ireland, a circumstance owing in a great measure to the wonderful spread of temperance, which enabled the poor, especially in the large towns, to lay up for the seasons of want and scarcity; for it appears that in the short space of a year and some months, since the banners of the temperance cause have been unfurled, in the city of Cork alone between three and four hundred new banks have been opened in the Savings banks there. But notwithstanding these happy circumstances, such is the redundancy of the population in Ireland, that emigrants will forever arrive from that country. But what is to be done with the destitute, actually starving multitudes of Great Britain. In Paisley about 11,000 persons, one fourth of the population are living on charity; what then must be the immense number of suffering poor in the larger towns viz London, Manchester, & Birmingham. There is no conception of the extent of distress and misery which is felt among the poor in England. Nothing short of the most constant, urgent and piteous appeals of benevolent societies to the more prosperous and wealthy can prevent the starvation of thousands of human beings. And how are these evils to be redressed and such a state society put an end to? Not by the repeal of the corn laws, for the government is opposed to it—not by the prosecution of public works, the state of their funds won't admit of that—not even by the increase of new manufactories, for the present ones are daily giving way; there seems then but one way in which Great Britain can get rid of her universally destitute population, and that is by enabling them to EMIGRATE to her Colonies, and so true it is that this is the only means by which

the people of Great Britain suppose they can remedy their present evils, that already various societies are formed which are raising subscriptions, and maturing means to facilitate the work of emigration; and the government is duly applied to on the subject, who no doubt will give to its encouragement and support—we may rest assured then, that emigration will be on a very extensive scale this spring, that it will be to these parts of the British Colonies where the most encouragement will be held out, where it can be most cheaply effected.—Under these circumstances have we not reason to expect our own share of emigrants to this Province; is it not easier or cheaper for the English people and the government to send Emigrants to New Brunswick, than to Australia or the Canadas? In what other colony of Great Britain is there such encouragement held out for emigrants as in this? Our present excellent and humane Governor has been unremitting in his exertions since his arrival among us, to facilitate the settlement of the country, and to establish means which would invite emigrants to flock to our shores; and to second his views, to leave no room for hesitation with those wishing to leave their homes, to shew them that every thing was in readiness for their immediate reception, Emigrant Societies were formed in every county in the Province. Directors chosen and agents appointed—farms allotted out; in a word, everything ostensibly done to give the greatest encouragement to Emigrants to wend their way o'er the 'briny billows' and settle among us. Under these circumstances, inviting in the most pleasing degree, there is every reason to suppose that the tide of emigration will next spring swell much beyond what was hitherto usual to our shores, and that if last spring there landed in this Province six or eight thousand emigrants, the next will bring us quadruple that number. What then in the name of humanity, under the present state of things, provisions dear in the extreme, will become of them? Our Poor houses will be filled—the parish cess increased an hundred fold—the inhabitants discontented by pressure of taxation for their support, or what is equally vexatious and as injurious to the interests of the Province, they shall have to speed their way to the neighbouring Republic, and from British Subjects, will become in the plains of the Ohio and Illinois, American Republicans. In concluding this article, already extended beyond what we intended, we beg to call the attention of the Legislature to the subject of these Provision duties, and by their influence with the Imperial Government, seek for their repeal, and thereby remove the greatest obstacle to the future settlement and general prosperity of this Province.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, ss. To the Sheriff of the County of Northumberland, or any Constable within said County Greeting:

WHEREAS the Honorable Joseph Conrad, Administrator of the Estate of WILLIAM N. BARRON, late of Chatham, in the said County, Esquire, deceased, hath represented to me that the personal Estate of the said deceased is insufficient to pay the Debts due by the deceased, and hath prayed that Licence may be issued to authorize him to sell all the Real Estate of the said deceased towards paying the said Debts: You are therefore required to cite the Widow and heirs of the said deceased, personally to be and appear before me at the Court of Probate to be held at my office in the Parish of Catham, on WEDNESDAY, the twenty sixth of January next, at the hour of eleven of the clock in the forenoon; to shew cause why Licence should not be granted to the said Administrator to sell all the Real Estate of the said deceased, towards paying the said debts. And you are further required to cite and require the said Administrator, and all and every the creditors and other persons interested in the said Estate, personally to be and appear before me at the time and place aforesaid, with their vouchers and papers, in order that I may then and there proceed to hear and examine the proofs of the said parties and the validity or legality of the Debts and demands alleged to be existing against the said Estate.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the said County, this Eighteenth day of December, one thousand, eight hundred and forty one.

(Signed) THOS. H. PETERS, Sarrigate. (Signed) GEORGE KERR, Register of Probates for said County.

CARD.

Mr LAWRENCE MACLAREN, Surgeon, L.R.C.S.Ed. informs the inhabitants of Richibucto and the County of Kent, that he intends practising the various departments of his profession. RESIDENCE—Mr. Wm. Stewart's, Richibucto. October 1, 1841.

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 December 1, 1840. JOHN M. JOHNSON

List of Letters Remaining in the Newcastle Post Office, December, 1841.

- Boggy Patrick, Bell Henry, Betts David, Butler Wm, Bell John, Booy Wm, Campbell Robert, Crowell Charlotte, Cromwell Charlotte, Carlisle Patrick, Casing James, Conors Mrs, Carcliff Edward, Conolly Wm, Carry James, Donalds John, Dillon John, Drake Alex, Dalton Edward, Delany James, English James, Eastey James, Fitzpatrick Ann, Forbes George, Firth John, Harley Jeremiah, Hunter Francis, Kimble Charles, Kiney James, Kelly John, Lalor John, McPartland Margaret, McGuire James, McNeil Archibald, McNamara Thos, Mathison Thos, Minuk Bridget, McMahon Thos, Mouson Donald, McGrath Miss, McKenzie Alex, Murphy John, McAdam James, McDoraid John, Murray James, Mullian John, Mathews James, McAlor Patrick, McMaster S. Rev., McLeod Owen, Power John, Parker Hugh, Rideout Sarah Ann, Sweet John, Sherwood Wm, Scott Michael, Small James, Sullivan John, Tobin Thomas, Tracey Jeremiah, Wallace David, Wallace Edmund

All Letters not called for within Three Months from this date, will be sent to the General Post Office as Dead Letters. HUGH MORELL, P. M.

Groceries, Hardware &c.

The Subscriber informs his friends and the public that he has commenced business in a General Line in the Commercial Building, Chatham, where he offers for Sale at present an assortment of HARDWARE, GROCERIES, PROVISIONS, &c &c, viz:

- Floor, Oatmeal, kiln dried Indian Meal, Barley, Rice, Sago: salt Beef & Pork, Butter, Hogs Lard, Cheese, loaf and brown Segar, Tea, split Peas, whole and ground Coffee, do Pepper, do Allspice, ginger, cinnamon, nutmeg, mace—isinglass, Raisins, currants, shel'd Almonds, Molasses, Onions, Virgin Honey, arrow root, senna, magnesia, epsom salt, sulphur, roll brimstone, camphor, salaratus, citron, orange and lemon peel. A good assortment of confectionary; spermaceti, Turlington's Balsam, British Oil, Opaldock, Essence of Peppermint, horehound candy, castor Oil, Indian balsam of Liverwort (a superior article) Clover Seed and Garden Beans, hard and soft Soap, mould candles, Tobacco, Snuff, Segars, snuff boxes, pipes, ground logwood, red wood, coppers, black lead, fig blue, starch, indigo, cotton warp, basket salt. Scythe handles, do rills and stumps, hay rakes, water buckets, men's and youth's palm leaf hats, beaver and felt hats, canvass Trowsers, horse traces, iron pots, bake pan covers, smoothing irons, grid irons, fire shovel pans, griddles, carpenter's hammers, whip hand saws, shoe hammers, shoe maker's and farrier's rasps, pinchers, shoe knives, lasting tacks, brass and iron shoe bills, polished awl blades, hemp stitching and closing thread, punches—heel ball—coppers, shoe blacking—rose pink, red and yellow Ochres—whitening—glae. 15 and 18 thread codlines, cod and trout hooks, splitting and cut throat Knives, Knives & Forks, double and single blade pocket and pen Knives, Razors & Scissors, sheep and trimming Shears, gun locks, nailing hammers, heath, black lead & scrubbing brushes, carpet brooms, sheep's wool and wool cards—men's strong Boots and Shoes, writing paper, copy and memorandum books, Murray's Penning's and Dilworth's Spelling Books—assortment of picture and other Books for children. Marbles—black lead and slate pencils, Slates, lucifer and congrve matches—Church Prayer Books, colored Threads, cotton balls and reels, sail and Sewing Needles, Pins &c &c. And a variety of other Articles—the smallest quantity made to accommodate. All of which he offers for sale low for cash. The smallest favor will be thankfully received.

Also—A good assortment of CONFECTIONARY, by wholesale, at very low prices to retailers.

WILLIAM ALBRO LETSON. Chatham, June 8, 1841.

CENTRAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY NEW-BRUNSWICK.

FREDERICTON. Capital Stock £50,000. Committee of reference at Newcastle, and Chatham.

- Thomas H. Peters, John Wright, William Abrams, Michael Samuel, Charles J. Peters, Jun.

AGENTS

At Newcastle, C. A. HARDING, Esq. Chatham, GEORGE KERR, Esq. Bathurst, WILLIAM STEVENS, Esq. Dalhousie, DUGALD STEWART, Esq.

TO LET.

The HOUSE, or HOUSE and FARM, formerly occupied by the Subscriber at Clarke's Cove, Chatham. Apply to JOHN M. JOHNSON.

STATIONARY STORE, NO. 1, COMMERCIAL BUILDING.

The Subscriber has received by the John Kerr, from Glasgow, an assortment of STATIONARY, consisting of the following articles— PAPER—Demy, Folio Post, Pots, Pot, and post Paper, Cartridge do., Blotting do., Music do.

SCHOOL BOOKS.—Pinnock's Histories of Greece, Rome, and England; do. Catechism of Geography, Murray's English do., Introduction do., do First Book, do Spelling Books, Carpenter's Spelling Book, Copy Books, large and small, Chamber's Educational Course.

MISCELLANEOUS.—Steel Pens, Wafers, Sealing Wax, Taste, blue, black and green Ink, black and red Ink Powders, Memorandum and Pocket Books, Slates and Slate Pencils, Drawing & common Lead Pencils, Visiting Cards, plain, coloured & enamelled—bone folders, Bibles, Prayer Books, &c

FANCY STATIONARY, &c.—Gold, Silver, and Morocco Paper, Tinted Letter and Note do., Crayon do. Drawing do. Tissues do. various colours.

PERFUMERY.—Lavender Water, Extract of Spring Flowers, Essence of Novebis, Bouquet de la Reine Victoria, consolidated Circassian Cream, do Oil of Verbena; do Macassar Oil, do Bear's Grease. The following Oils—Orange, Verbena, Rose, Bergamot, and Jasmir.

By the Queen from London, a choice selection of

Fancy Articles and Toys.

He has also on hand a consignment of ROOM PAPER from one of the first houses in London. JAMES A. PIERCE. Chatham, May 23, 1841.

LEATHER.

- 500 Sides SOLE LEATHER, 200 do. Upper Leather, 100 Kips, 8 Dozen English CALFSKINS, 8 do. Native do, 20 do. SHEEP SKINS, Black and Brown Harness Leather, Skirt and Bridle Hides.

The Subscribers offer to their friends and the public, at their Tanyard in Chatham, formerly occupied by Johnston & Nicholson, the above Stock, and will constantly have on hand manufactured LEATHER of the best descriptions, which they will dispose of at the lowest rates for cash or approved credit.

JOHNSTONS & CO.

Chatham, 21st June, 1841. N. B. HIDES purchased or manufactured on Shares.

Auctioneer and Commission Business.

The Subscriber having taken premises in the centre of the Town of Chatham, well suited for the above business, will be happy to receive Consignments. Those who may favor him, may rely on punctuality and despatch.

JAMES JOHNSON.

Chatham, 10th May, 1841.

NOTICE.—All persons having just demands against the Estate of DUNCAN STEWART, late of the Parish of Newcastle, in the county of Northumberland, Farmer, deceased, are requested to render the same duly attested to the Office of Street & Kerr, in Chatham, within Three Months from the date hereof; and all persons indebted to the said Estate, are requested to make immediate payment to the said Street & Kerr.

JOHN PORTER, Administrator. Miramichi, 27th Nov., 1841.

TO LET.

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

WM. CARMAN, JUNIOR.

MRS. MARTIN begs leave to return her most grateful thanks to the patrons of the Royal Hotel for their many and obliging favors; and solicits a continuance of their patronage in favor of Mr Gregory Layton, who she is quite assured will leave no exertions untried to give the utmost satisfaction. Royal Hotel, Chatham, } 30th Oct. 1841. }

ROYAL HOTEL.

G. LAYTON, begs leave most respectfully to announce to the inhabitants of Chatham, and the public generally, that he has taken the above named Premises of Mrs MARTIN, and will be prepared to enter thereon by the first of next month, when he will be happy to accommodate Travellers as usual, and a few private Boarders; and hopes by strict attention to the comfort of those who may favour him with their commands, to merit a share of the patronage so liberally bestowed on his predecessor.

Chatham, October 25, 1841.

To LET, with immediate possession, the HOUSE, or part of it, at present occupied by the Subscriber.