

THE DOOM OF ENGLAND, RUSSIA, AND FRANCE IN 1842.

We derive the subjoined ominous tidings from a letter from St. Petersburg, published in a continental print:

Our lovers of the marvellous, and good folks who believe in dreams, predictions celestial signs, and the lucky or fatal concordance of the stars (and the numbers of such credulous people are as great here as elsewhere), are much occupied with the predictions of a monk whom the Emperor lately ordered to be imprisoned in expiation of the rashness of one of his oracles.

The monk comes from Jerusalem. He is an old man, who is said to be a Russian, and who represents himself to have reached an age which renders his existence a prodigy. On his return from the Holy Land, he obtained it is affirmed, an audience of the Czar, when he predicted to his Imperial Majesty an inundation and a sedition over the bargain. This was twice as much as was needed to render the hoary Czar suspicious, and the consequence is that he has been deemed mad, and shut up in the fortress. But solitude, and the frugal diet of his new abode, have not tended to restore him to his senses, for since he has been in durance, he has uttered two other awful predictions. One is, that in 1842 England will disappear from the globe by submersion,—the other that in the same year, France will fare like a ship tossed about by contrary winds.

This monk, in whom the gift of second sight is but the terrible faculty of seeing fearful things, is, if we believe him, the very same who, from Catherine to Alexander, always warned our Sovereigns of the fatal catastrophes which have befallen them. It would appear, that tired of drawing the horoscope of the brethren of the convent, wherein his profound ignorance issued its oracles in obscurity, he felt anxious to shine on a more conspicuous stage. Deeming himself, perhaps commissioned by heaven, to give wholesome warning to the powers of the earth, he came to St. Petersburg, asked to speak to the Empress Catherine, and was repulsed by the palace people. He persisted in his application but was again rejected. Unable to obtain access to the Empress, he stationed himself on a road through which he knew she sometimes passed, and watching an opportunity of addressing her. When he saw her he approached her, and extended his hand to her, to prevent her Majesty's suit from driving away a religious mendicant. The empress gave him some money, and he, after thanking her, said to the wife of Peter III., 'Madame, never go alone to any place, for a misfortune will befall you.'

The Empress fixed at the bold beggar, and taking his simple looks for a sign of mental derangement, ordered him to be conveyed to a state prison. Three months after Catherine was found dead of apoplexy, in a place which M. de Chateaubriand has ventured to name aloud in the French Academy. Whilst dwelling on the history of one of the Emperors of Rome, but which we cannot designate, all that we can say is, that she had been to K alone despite the wizard's warning.

On the demise of the Empress, Paul I. remembering the monk who had foreseen the death of Catherine, sent for him, and told him he might come to the palace whenever he had occasion to speak to the Emperor. 'I have nothing to say to him just now,' replied the necromancer, but I may have something later.' He returned to his convent, and was not heard of for four years after. He then made his appearance again at the Palace, solicited an audience, in compliance with the Emperor's former promise, and when he was in the presence of Paul I., said to him, 'Your subjects are discontented,—and God tells me that if you do not alter your conduct you will be strangled.' The prophet's audacity irritated the Emperor to such a degree, that by his command the monk was once more thrown into a dungeon. The wizard had been clear sighted; in 1801, Paul I. was strangled.

This is not all. Alexander succeeded Paul I. Struck at the coincidence of the death of Catherine and his father with the monk's prediction, he restored him to his convent. After a lapse of two years the prophet again made his appearance at the Palace. When his arrival was announced to Alexander, the latter ordered him to be brought in. 'What hast thou to predict to me?' 'It is not the death of a man, Sir,' replied his insuspicious visitor, 'it is that of a great city, yes, one of the most splendid and richest cities of the empire will shortly perish. The French will penetrate into Moscow, and Moscow will vanish in smoke, like a handful of straw or dry leaves.' 'Madman,' exclaimed Alexander, 'go thou and pray God to cure thy poor head. Begone to Archangel, its air is wholesome to the insane!'

A convent of Archangel did therefore receive the monk, whose strange fate was to quit a convent for a prison, and a prison for a convent. The year 1812 beheld the accomplishment of his prophecy, when Alexander recalled the diviner, to whom he offered a compensation for his captivities. The monk only asked for a sum of money to enable him to proceed to Jerusalem, where he wished to visit the holy places. The money was given, and he took his departure; and at this moment there is in the fortress a monk who has come

back from Palestine, and who states himself to be the prophet of 1796.

If the monk of 1841 be the very same who 45 years ago, announced the death of Catherine, let us hope that he has completely lost the lucidity of his second sight, and that his Almanac for 1842 will prove such as fallible as Matthew Lacasher's.

Colonial.

NOVA SCOTIA.

Halifax Times, April 26.

Alarming Accident.—An accident of an alarming nature, occasioned by an explosion of gunpowder, occurred this afternoon, in the shop of Mr James Wallace, ironmonger, by which three youths who served therein were much hurt—one of them (Mr Wallace's own son) dangerously. From all the particulars we can gather, it appears that while one of them was opening a small keg of powder with a hammer, it exploded, breaking all the windows in the store, otherwise creating damage, and scorching the flesh, and setting fire to the clothes of the youths above mentioned. The alarm of fire was instantly raised by those who came to their assistance, and the prompt attendance of the citizens and firemen, prevented further damage. The sufferers were immediately taken to Dr Avery, who with Dr Home promptly attended to their injuries. Such a distressing accident will we hope lead to an increase of caution on the part of dealers in so dangerous a material.

SCHEDIASMA.

MIRAMICHI: TUESDAY MORNING, MAY 3, 1842.

ARRIVAL OF THE MAIL. The Courier with the Southern mail arrived on Saturday morning at 8 o'clock.

EUROPEAN NEWS.

We continue our extracts from the papers obtained by the last Steamer from Britain, but they add but little of interest to those already published. There appears to be a diversity of opinion respecting the working of Sir Robert Peel's Commercial Tariff, and more particularly on the subject of the Timber Duties—many arguing that the arrangement will be highly advantageous to the Colonies, and others contending that we will not be able to compete with the Foreigner, with the altered duty. Time will develop the fact.

For the opinion of several leading journals on a number of subjects of general interest, we refer our readers to another page.

INDIAN MISSION.

The three Indians who left Restigouche last fall, for Britain, returned in the Warspite to Baltimore, and have been forwarded from thence to St. John, at the expense of the government. From all we can learn, they have conducted themselves in a most unbecoming manner, both in the old country, and in St. John and Fredericton, since their arrival. They have entirely failed in their mission, not having obtained any countenance or support from Government.

THE SEASON.

Last week we mentioned that the ice in our river had made a move, and to day we have the satisfaction of being enabled to state, that all impediments to its free navigation is removed. We are hourly looking for an arrival—and should it be with provisions, it will be doubly welcome.

THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION BILL.

It will be recollected by such of our readers who take an interest in the politics of the Province, that during the last session of the Legislature, several Bills were introduced by Executive Councillors, and styled—'Government Measures.' Among them was one, for the establishment of Municipal Corporations in the respective Counties of this Province, and if adopted, would entirely change

our present system of government. It was carried through the Assembly by the casting vote of the Speaker, but the Council laid it over for discussion until the next meeting of the Legislature, that the inhabitants of the Province might, during the interim, have an opportunity of making themselves acquainted with its machinery, and be enabled to express an opinion thereon by petition, or otherwise.

Our attention has been called to the subject, by a communication received from a correspondent, under the signature of Frank, which we insert under our original head. It is a well written article, and reviews the subject in a calm and dispassionate manner. We recommend its perusal to our readers.

INQUEST.

An inquest was held this morning, in Napan, before M. Cranney, Esq., on view of the body of James Grattan, son of Mr. Grattan, of Tabisitac, who was drowned on Saturday the 23rd ult, and found last evening. Verdict—Found Drowned.

DEATHS.

On Tuesday, the 29th March, after an illness of three months, which he bore with becoming resignation, Farquhar, son of the late Farquhar MacRae, of Bay du Vin, in the Parish of Glenelg, in the 24th year of his age; leaving a disconsolate mother, four brothers, and four sisters, to lament the loss of a dutiful son, and an affectionate brother.

This Morning's Mail had not arrived, when we went to press, at 1 o'clock.

SHIP NEWS.

GALWAY, (Ireland) March 24.—The bark Queen, Captain Warwick, of and for Hall, from St. John, N. B. with a cargo of timber was towed in here (Galway) by the Revenue cutter Dolphin, in a most deplorable condition. The Queen sailed from St. John on the 12th ult. and was only five days out when she sprang a leak, which continued to increase until she became waterlogged. Seven of the crew died of fatigue and want of nourishment. The remainder lived on the tops without water, except what they could collect of rain, and a short allowance of biscuits damaged by salt water. Mr Hogan, tide surveyor, has brought one of the survivors, an apprentice, on shore in a very exhausted state, and has placed him under medical care. The names of those who died on board have not yet been ascertained. HALIFAX, 22nd ult.—cleared, Schooner, Waterloo, Eisan, Bathurst.

List of Paupers

- IN THE PARISH OF CHATHAM.  
Widow Attridge, and 4 children.  
Late Robert Browns' 3 children.  
Mrs. Gange, and 3 children.  
Dennis McCarthy, Johnson Barnet, Mrs. Sutton, and 3 children.  
Mrs. Murrays' child—discharged.  
William Brown, Sen. Thomas Read—dead.  
Agnes Cleary, William Hardy, Mrs. Linchan, and 3 children.  
Widow Hogan, and 5 grandchildren.  
Margaret Warren—discharged.  
Timothy Shehan, wife, and 7 children.  
Mrs. Murray, and 4 children.  
Widow Cormick Cassidy, and 2 children.  
Widow Farrell, George Lawson, Widow Timmons, and 3 children.  
Widow Deignan, Thomas Atkinson—dis'd.  
Mrs. Connolly, and 5 children.  
John Quilty, wife, and 3 children.  
Nicholas Power, wife, and 3 children.  
Elizabeth Ball, Mrs. Wilson.  
Donald Munro, Henry O'Neil—dead.  
Widow Fitzpatrick, Phillip Gaines, Mrs. Pool, Mrs. Piper, and 2 children, Widow Cassidy, Sen.—dead.  
Patrick O'Neil, Mrs. Williams, and 4 children.  
Widow Stephens, and 6 children.  
J. SPRATT, BEN. MILLER, } Overseers of Poor.  
JOHN HEA, }  
Chatham, 3rd May, 1842.

NOTICE.

The undersigned being about to make up the Assessment of the Parish of Chatham, request of any such persons as may think proper to do so, to hand them a statement of their respective Incomes and Properties liable to assessment, within Twenty Days from the date hereof.

WILLIAM KERR, } Assessors.  
JAMES CALE, }  
JOHN HEA, }  
Chatham, April 26, 1842.

AUCTION.

To be Sold by Public Auction, on FRIDAY, the 3rd June next, at 12 o'clock, noon, in front of the Subscriber's Store, in the Town of Chatham, for payment of the Debts of the late NIEL MCGRAW, of the Parish of Glenelg, in the County of Northumberland, Farmer, deceased, in consequence of a deficiency of the Personal Estate of the deceased for that purpose, pursuant of a licence obtained from the Surrogate Court for said county:

The Lands and Premises

following, or so much thereof as will be necessary to pay the Debts due, viz:—Two Lots of Land, lying on the South side of Black River—bounded below by Lands occupied by Alexander Campbell, and above by Land owned by Donald MacRae—each of which extends in front Eighty Rods, and together contain 400 Acres. There are between 30 and 40 Acres of Cleared Land on the Lots, and a Dwelling House and Log Barn on the lower Lot.

For further particulars, apply at the Office of Messrs. Street & Kerr.

By order of the Administratrix.  
P. WILLISTON, Auctioneer.  
Miramichi, April 25, 1842.

NOTICE.

All persons desirous of furnishing the undesignated Assessors for the Parish of Newcastle for the present year, with a statement of their respective Incomes and Properties liable to assessment for Parish and other Rates, will require to do so within Twenty Days from the date hereof.

ALEX. RANKIN, } Assessors.  
EDWARD WILLISTON, }  
ALEX. GOODFELLOW, }  
Newcastle, April 19, 1842.

MRS. REEVES

Begs to inform the inhabitants of Newcastle, and the Public in general, that she will commence her SCHOOL for the Education of YOUNG LADIES, on Monday the 18th of April, at the late residence of C. A. Harding, Esq., Newcastle.

Terms for Boarders £25 per annum, including Board, with instruction in Reading, Spelling, Grammar, Geography, & History, Writing and Arithmetic; also Washing.

Day Scholars £5 per annum, including the above branches—an allowance made for those too young to learn Writing. Bills to be paid quarterly. Boarders by the week who leave on Saturday mornings, and return on the Monday £18 per annum.

Drawing, £2 per annum.

French, Music and Dancing, extra charges.

Not any vacation this year until December.

Mrs. R. would receive any Lady wishing to enter a Family for a short time, as a Parlour Boarder, on the same Terms, but not including Washing.

Newcastle, April 12, 1842.

Mrs. Reeves begs to inform her friends, that from various circumstances, she has been induced to postpone the commencement of her School until the first of May. Ornamental and useful Needle Work, will be taught in addition to the above mentioned branches.

April 19, 1842.

HAY.

For Sale by the Subscriber, 12 TONS of UPLAND HAY, of good quality—deliverable at his Barn, in Lots to suit purchasers.

WILLIAM LETSON,  
Chatham, 14th March, 1842.

SEEDS.

WHEAT, CLOVER, and TIMOTHY SEED, the growth of 1841, for Sale by GILMOUR, RANKIN & CO.  
Dooglastown, 14th March, 1842.

To Let.

The new HOUSE in Chatham, owned and occupied by the subscriber. For particulars enquire of SAMUEL BURDICK.  
Chatham, March 29, 1842.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.—A Meeting of the BOARD OF EDUCATION, for this County, will take place on Wednesday the 4th day of May next, at the office of the County Clerk, at ten o'clock, A. M.

J. SOUTER, Secretary.

TEACHR WANTED.

The Trustees of Schools of the Parish of Weldford are desirous of engaging with a Teacher of good moral habits, and proper qualifications for a Parish School, situated on the Richibucto River, opposite Oak Point.

Apply to SAMUEL ROBERTSON, Bess River, or to JOHN GRAHAM, Oak Point—Trustees.  
Richibucto, April 11, 1842.

NOTICE.

The Subscriber informs all Persons wishing to take Passage with him to Fredericton, that they will be conveyed from Chatham to Newcastle, on the mornings of Monday and Thursday, by their notifying Mr. McBeath of such desire.

JAMES M. KELLEY,  
February 1, 1842.