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A CHATHAM MERCHANT.
 Chatham, 10th Feb., 1842.

SCHEDIASMA.

MIRAMICHI:
 TUESDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 15, 1842.

ARRIVAL OF THE MAIL.

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

NEW BRUNSWICK LEGISLATURE.

The Journals of the Legislature, in our possession, are down to the evening of the 7th inst. These papers do not furnish us with much important matter, although we have made numerous extracts.

On the 2d, Mr Woodward laid on the table the following Resolution:

Whereas it is the opinion of this House, it is absolutely necessary that all the advisers of the Executive should be persons of enlarged views and having the confidence of the country. And whereas a part of the present Executive Council, are, in the opinion of this House, not thus qualified for their important duties—therefore

Resolved, as the opinion of this House, That in the disposal of many of the several important questions brought under the notice of the House, by his Excellency the Lieut. Governor, this House must take into consideration the capabilities of the individual members of the Executive Council, and must be influenced in their decision upon some of those questions by the present incongruous and unsatisfactory composition of that body.

Two days afterwards, the following Resolutions were also laid on the table by the same honorable member, who remarked that when the Despatches of the Colonial Secretary of the 30th Nov. came to be discussed, he would then be prepared to give a full statement of his views.

Resolved, as the opinion of this House, That the adoption of some of the most important measures submitted to the consideration of the Legislature by his Excellency the Lieut. Governor, in his Speech at the opening of the Session, especially of that which recommends an assimilation of the mode of initiating money grants to the practice in England will materially depend on the security given to the people in the organization of both Councils, and in the distribution of patronage, that their wants and interests will be steadily consulted, and that the new principle of official responsibility will in future be carried out into vigorous and practical efficiency. And further Resolved, That the composition of both Councils will require a material change before they can command the confidence of the people.

Resolved, as the opinion of this House, That no person not having the confidence of the country should be deemed eligible to a seat in the Executive Council, and that a vote of want of confidence in any Executive Councillor should be taken as evidence of loss of confidence, and be followed by immediate removal.

Resolved, as the opinion of this House, That all the Counties in the Province should, if practicable, be represented in the Executive Council, especially whenever the Executive shall initiate money grants, in order, as much as possible, to secure in that body a knowledge of the local wants of the different Counties and to avert suspicion of partiality arising from a concentration of local residence and consequent local feelings and interests.

NOVA SCOTIA LEGISLATURE.

The two great questions, which were to be brought forward in the Legislature of the sister Province, and on which hung the existence of the present Executive Councilors, have been withdrawn. The purport of these resolutions were as follows—the first by Mr Huntingdon, to get a decision from the House, whether the Government shall be conducted upon Conservative, Radical, or Coalition principles; and the second, by Mr Marshall, calling upon the Assembly to decide upon the compatibility of the Speaker holding the two offices of Executive Councillor and Speaker of the Assembly. £28,000 have been voted for the Road Service.

GEOLOGICAL REPORT.

To the kindness of Dr. Gesner, we are indebted for a copy of that gentleman's Fourth Geological Report of the Province. We have had barely time to read his remarks on this, and the county of Kent, which are highly interesting and very satisfactory. In our next we shall copy some extracts.

FIRE IN CHATHAM.

The inhabitants of the town of Chatham were aroused from their slumbers about three o'clock on the morning of Friday last, by the appalling cry of

Fire. On arriving at the scene, we perceived that a small dwelling, in the lower part of the town, occupied by Mr White, was on fire, and that the flames had extended to the house, almost immediately adjoining, inhabited by Mr Eddy. The persons assembled immediately formed a line to the river, where holes had been cut in the ice, and an abundant supply of water obtained. The Engine having arrived at this crisis, the fire in Mr Eddy's house was promptly extinguished, and confined to the first named dwelling.

We do not remember of ever witnessing at a similar scene, such admirable order and such a willing disposition on the part of the people to obey the orders of the Firewards, to render every assistance, and to make themselves useful. A very large amount of property was removed from Messrs. Cunard's 'Mill Store,' and we take much pleasure in being enabled to report, that not a single article was missing when the same was removed back. This is saying much for the moral character of our townsmen, and to the spread of temperance principles, we award a very large share of the credit.

TEMPERANCE PROCESSION.

The members of the Catholic Total Abstinence Society, in this County, intend celebrating the anniversary of the Tutelar Saint of Ireland, by walking in procession. Committees have already been formed to carry out the intentions of the members, and they are busily engaged in making the necessary preparations. We wish them a fine day, and hope nothing will transpire to mar their laudable undertaking.

ARRANGEMENT OF CIRCUITS FOR THE CURRENT YEAR.

Hon. Mr. Justice Botsford.
 Carleton—Tuesday 27th September.
 Charlotte—Tuesday 1st November.
 Saint John—Tuesday 10th January (1843.)
 Hon. Mr. Justice Carter.
 Charlotte—Tuesday 26th April.
 King's—Tuesday 12th July.
 Restigouche—Tuesday 30th August.
 Gloucester—Tuesday 6th September.
 Northumberland—Tuesday 13th September.
 Hon. Mr. Justice Parker.
 Sunbury—Tuesday 22d February.
 Queen's—Tuesday 1st March.
 Saint John—Tuesday 2d August.
 Kent—Tuesday 30th August.
 Westmorland—Tuesday 9th September.

THIS MORNING'S MAIL.

The Bill Limiting the Duration of the Assembly to four years passed the house on Thursday last. A motion to postpone its consideration for three months, was lost, yeas—Messrs Wilson, McLeod, Barberie, Stewart, and J. M. Wilmot. The St. John Courier of Saturday, thus speaks of the proceedings of the House:

On the 3d of February, His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor sent down to the Assembly an estimate of the Revenue and Expenditure for 1842, and for a Consolidated Fund. This document we have copied from the Journals. By it it will be seen that the debt of the Province is £285,000, and to pay off this sum and obtain means to carry on Public Works for the improvement of the Province this year, His Excellency, we understand, proposed to issue Exchequer Bills, in sums of £20 and upwards, to the amount of £100,000, bearing five per cent interest. Although we dislike the idea of the Province being so deeply in debt, yet we think the scheme now proposed would be of incalculable benefit to the country, provided its details were carried out with a due regard to economy and the public interests. Indeed, unless something be done to relieve present embarrassment, our Province must retrograde instead of advance, while the lavish expenditures of the Legislature appear to be creating a large public debt without even a sinking fund or any other precautionary measure for its reduction.

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday last, was occupied by the House, in debating on the Initiating of Money Grants by the Government. A resolution introduced by L. A. Wilmot, approving of the measure, was lost by a majority of eighteen to eleven.

The following Resolution, introduced by Mr Partelow, was passed.

Whereas the present mode of appropriation, tested by an experience of more than fifty years, has not only given satisfaction to the People of this Province, but repeatedly attracted the deserved approbation of the Colonial Ministers, as securing its constitutional position to every Branch of the Legislature; therefore

Resolved, As the opinion of this Committee that it is not expedient to make any alteration in the same.

And upon the motion for adopting the same the Committee divided as follows—

Yeas—The Hon. Mr Weldon, Messrs. Allen, Palmer, Barberie, Wilson, McAlmon, Stewart, Hannington, Partelow, End, Taylor, Connell, Beardsley, Freeze, McLeod, Brown, Gilbert, and Hayward—18.

Nays—The Hon Mr Speaker, Hon Mr Johnston, Messrs Jordan LA Wilmot, Woodward Fisher, J M Wilmot, Rankin, Boyd Hill Street, Owen—12.

A Petition from the Common Council of St. John, has been presented to the Legislature, praying its assistance in procuring a Loan of Money in England, to pay off the Debts of the city, and to enable the Corporation to carry on the public works at present in progress. The funded debt of the Corporation, says the Courier, amounts to about £78,000. The sum proposed to be borrowed is £70,000 or £80,000.

A Petition for the repeal of the duty of 5s. per barrel on Flour, having 1,600 signatures, has been forwarded to the Legislature from the City of St. John.

NOVA SCOTIA.—The Recorder of Saturday does not contain any intelligence of moment. The affairs of the Legislature were progressing harmoniously.

UNITED STATES.—360 applicants presented themselves in Philadelphia on the 4th inst. for the benefit of the Bankrupt Law, and in New York the number was 80.

CITY OF ST. JOHN.—The Morning News thus remarks on the depressed state of affairs in the city:

"We are informed that there are at present upwards of 4000 individuals in this city, depending upon public charity for support;—and that 600 individuals are on the limits unable to meet their debts. The Lord only knows what we are coming to! If the times do not soon alter for the better, we will be like the shipwrecked mariner—obliged to turn to work and eat up one another for food."

CHINA.

The ship Probus, of Boston, arrived at New York on the 3rd inst., having left Macao on the 4th October. She therefore brings intelligence 18 days later than previously received.

The news of the capture of Amoy is confirmed. The Canton Register states that the people of this Island, had placed themselves under the protection of the British.

The following Circular, detailing the affair, was issued by Sir H. H. Pottinger.

Her Majesty's Plenipotentiary, &c. has the highest degree of satisfaction in announcing to her Majesty's subjects, and others who feel an interest in the question, that the city of Amoy, with its extensive and formidable line of batteries and fleet of gun boats and war junks (the whole mounting upwards of five hundred pieces of cannon) was taken possession of on the 26th inst. after a short but animated defence on the part of the Chinese, by her Majesty's naval and land forces, under the command of their Excellencies Rear Admiral Sir William Parker, K. C. B. and Major General Sir Hugh Gough, K. C. B.

This brilliant achievement has been happily accomplished with a very trifling loss; and in addition to the works, all of which have been dismantled and destroyed, and the guns spiked and broken, immense magazines full of munitions of war have been either removed or rendered useless.

Arrangements are now in progress for leaving a detachment of troops on the small island of Koolanga (which is separated from the town of Amoy by a channel of deep water) and some of her Majesty's ships will likewise remain at this port, whilst the great body advances to the northward, so that British ships or other ships, that may touch here during the ensuing season will find ample protection, and be secure from any risk or molestation.

Her Majesty's Plenipotentiary deems it quite superfluous to say one word as to the manner in which this important service has been performed. The facts require no eulogium. The Chinese Government vainly imagined they had rendered Amoy impregnable, but were undeceived in the presence of the viceroy of the Provinces of Chekeang and Fokien (who with a number of high officers witnessed the attack from the height above the town) in the short space of four hours from the firing of the first gun: and had the opposition been a hundred times greater than it was the spirit and bearing of all employed showed that the result must have been the same.

The Canton Press of 2d Oct. says—'We are sorry to hear bad accounts of the healthiness of Hong Kong. Such is the sickness among the troops that the commander has ordered them all on board the transports.'

Canton remains undisturbed—the Chinese repairing the fortifications.

Trade is in a state of extreme depression, so far as concerns imports. There is no demand for Cotton and Woolen Manufactures, Cotton or Cotton Yarn, although prices are lower than they have been for a long time. The prospect of an improvement depends altogether upon the chance of the difficulties between the British and the Chinese being arranged.

Teas are almost nominal, for the market is

now entirely cleared of most, and nearly so of all descriptions of last season's Teas. A few chops of new Congo have arrived, but prices have not been settled for any of them, and it will be some months before the new green kinds are ready for shipping.

Oct. 1st.—We have no further intelligence from the British Expedition. Affairs in this quarter remain in a quiet state, but letters from Macao mention that the obstructions placed in the river by the Chinese, between this and Whampoa, are likely to be looked upon by Sir H. Pottinger as a violation of the truce, and that a communication from him on the subject may be expected.

Our market is without improvement in prices or demand for imports, and there is but little business doing in Teas.

Post Office.—Mr Caie, our Postmaster here, we are happy to state, has received instructions from the Deputy Postmaster General, to make such arrangements on the Fredericton route, as will remove many of the grievances complained of by the public respecting the Courier Kelly.

DEATHS.

At his residence, in Sackville, N. B. on Friday, the 5th inst, fully resigned to the will of Almighty God, Mr Wm. Easterbrooks, in the 52nd year of his age, leaving a widow and large family to lament the loss of a kind and affectionate parent.

At Chatham, on the 9th current, full of Christian resignation and hope, Charlotte Jamieson, spouse of Mr James Henderson, a native of Lockerbie, Dumfriesshire, Scotland, in the 89th year of her age.

Temperance Meeting!

The Chatham Society, will hold their Annual and Simultaneous Meeting, on TUESDAY EVENING NEXT, the 15th instant, at Eight o'clock, in the Room occupied by the Amateur Band.

A full attendance of Members is requested; and the friends of Temperance, of all denominations, are respectfully invited.

JOHN SMITH, Secretary.
 Chatham, 8th February, 1842.

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 that patronage so liberally bestowed on his predecessor.

Chatham, October 25, 1841.

THE SUBSCRIBERS,

Beg respectfully to inform the Inhabitants of Miramichi, that they have now opened their Book Store, and hope to merit the approbation of an enlightened public.

They have just received an Assortment of BOOKS and STATIONARY, Comprising large Family Bibles, Testaments, Prayer Books, Church Services, Albums, Atlas Maps, Steel Engravings, Lithographs, &c. Also, a great variety of cheap and entertaining Works.

G. & C. VARY.
 Chatham, 12th October 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

JOHN M. JOHNSON,
 December 1, 1840.

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