

his predecessor, to keep the army of India within the boundaries of India, and to maintain a force adequate, and no more than adequate, to secure order among its inhabitants.

If indeed the honor of England has been so irretrievably stained by the too fatal success of the recent outbreak at Cabool, that nothing can brighten it but another campaign, Be it so. No tarnish must be suffered to remain upon our honour, whatever be the cost of wiping it away.

It is not difficult indeed to foresee the direction and the steps by which the more immediate of our mischiefs will approach us. Already has the pinching system rendered nearly the whole of our irregular troops useless to us.

But what is worse than this, our penny wise and pound foolish system—our pinching and paring in little matters, that we may have room to waste in large ones—has introduced extensive discontent into the army; no fewer than six Madras regiments at three different stations, Asseerghur, Secunderabad, and Beigaum, have within these six weeks been in open mutiny, and compelled to obedience only at the point of the bayonet, or by the exhibition of artillery.

We have already four regiments in China, and six more are desired to be sent the moment we can spare them. We have six in Barmah, four at Aden, and eight in Scinde. All these are completely beyond our reach were an emergency to arise in India.

CHINA.

Our intelligence from China extends to Jan. 18, 36 days later. There has been nothing astir worthy of notice since the capture of Chusan and Chingzhae. It is supposed to be Captain Nias's intention to proceed up the river in the steamer merely to reconnoitre.

small supply compared with former years but there is a sufficient quantity still in Canton to bring up the report to the average export. It only remains, therefore, to see what the operations of the forces are likely to be in the neighbourhood: but no one expects a renewal of the blockade with such men in the vicinity of Canton as Major General Burrell, Capt. Nias, and Mr. Deputy Superintendent of Trade Johnston.

The trade continues undisturbed whilst several seizures have been made of Chinese junks and trading vessels in the Estuary of Canton river, no decline in the high rates for Teas.

A severe storm was experienced along the French coast on the 10th ult., in which a number of lives were lost.

SCHEDIASMA.

MIRAMICHI: TUESDAY MORNING, APRIL 26, 1842.

ARRIVAL OF THE MAIL.—The Courier with the Southern Mail, arrived on Saturday evening at 7 o'clock.

EUROPEAN NEWS.—The arrival of the Royal Mail Steamer Britannia, at Halifax, on the afternoon of Monday last, in 13 days passage, has put us in possession of London papers to the evening of the 4th instant.

The news thus obtained, is of a highly interesting nature. The commercial affairs of the mother country still remain in a very unsatisfactory state, and as far as we are able to judge, there appears to be no improvement in the manufacturing districts. The British forces in the East have suffered most dreadfully. All the troops in Cabool, amounting with their camp followers, to upwards of 12,000 men, with the exception of about 300, who providentially made their escape, have fallen a sacrifice to the treachery of the Afghans.

There is some news from China, but not of special interest.

On the 11th March, Sir Robert Peel brought forward his long and anxiously looked for Budget. The Speech of Sir Robert on the occasion, we have copied at full length, which will enable our readers to form a much better opinion on the subject, than they could, were we to attempt an analysis. He has not, as it was currently reported he would do, followed the footsteps of his predecessors, and lessened the duty on Foreign timber, and raised it on Colonial; but while he proposes a deduction on the former, he also contemplates a corresponding reduction on the latter.

On the subject of the Duty on Deals, in the manufacture of which we are more deeply interested than of timber, we have no positive information, but judging from the language of the Premier that he intends to legislate for the Colonies, as an integral portion of Great Britain, we have no fears for the result, and that in any contemplated alteration, our interest will not be lost sight of.

P. H. Howard, Esq., M. P. for Carlisle, having, at the request of certain of his constituents interested in the timber trade, made application to the government for information relative to the operation of the proposed alterations in the duties on timber, received the following reply from the Board of Trade.

Whitehall, March 28, 1842. Dear Sir,—In reply to your correspondent's queries, I beg to acquaint you that there will be no drawback allowed on stocks of timber upon which the duty has been paid. The time at which the new duties will come into operation will be announced immediately after the vacation; at present, all that can be said upon this point is, that it will be later than the 1st of June.

I remain yours, very faithfully, W. E. GLADSTONE.

Since the above was put in type we have been kindly loaned an old country paper, which contains the scale of duties

proposed by Sir R. Peel, from which we take the following: Timber—Foreign 1 10 0 Do.—Colonial 0 1 0 Deals—Foreign 1 15 0 Do.—Colonial 0 2 0 Lathwood—Foreign 1 10 0 Do.—Colonial 0 0 6

After the 5th of April, 1842, the duty on Foreign Timber and Deals will be lowered 5s. more.

FIRE.—A large Barn, the property of Mr William Preston, at Point Escuminae, was destroyed by Fire, on the night of Friday last. There were in the barn at the time, 18 head of horned cattle and two horses, all of which were burned, together with a quantity of hay, and farming utensils.

THE WEATHER.—We have experienced some very fine weather during the week, and the effects on the ice in the river were strikingly manifest every day up to yesterday, when we had the satisfaction of seeing it move downwards, and of once more viewing the blue water. The tides are now high, which will facilitate the breaking up of the ice, and we may therefore conclude, that the river will be clear in three or four days.

MELANCHOLY TALE.—We copy from the Novrscoction, the following truly melancholy circumstance: The Lost Child.—Two children (as mentioned in our last) went astray in the woods, about four miles from Halifax, at the Darimough side, on Monday week. Some hundreds of people, many of them from Halifax, and comprising some military and Indians, went in search for several successive days. On Friday a snow storm occurred, and added painfully to the difficulties and depression on the subject. On Sunday the remains of the children were found about seven miles from the home of their parents.

The eldest of the sufferers was between seven and eight years old, we understand,—the other about two years younger. They were found locked in each others arms,—the youngest with its face on the cheek of the elder. The elder, it is said, had taken off her apron, and rolled it about the more helpless and delicate babe. She had the looks of grief and sorrow in death, as if, which is not uncommon in similar cases, premature responsibility was felt, and that to secure and shield the little innocent by her side was felt a duty. The younger seemed as if it met death in sleep. Their tender feet were injured by travelling, in vain endeavours to reach their home.—What pangs must have introduced despair to the children's minds, mid their loneliness and hunger, day after day, and night after night, in the wilderness;—and yet there was a melancholy sublimity connected with their death;—the ripening of the spirit under keen distress, and the mutual sympathy and love which is too often wanted at the deathbed of unfortunate nature. The parents of the children have been subjects of deep commiseration.

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.

CAUTION.—It may be well for the community to know that before half past four o'clock, on Tuesday afternoon last, some clothes which were put out to dry in one of the most public places in the Town of Chatham, were stolen. JOHN HEA.

As a caution to the Public, it would be as well to state; that a short time since, the door of a private dwelling in Chatham, having accidentally been left open, some person entered and purloined therefrom a paper box containing Fancy Bead Work, Jewelry, Memorandums, and other articles of considerable value to the owner.

MARRIED.—At Bortholomew's Mills, South West, Miramichi, on the 14th instant, by the Rev. John Turnbull, Mr Alexander Kennedy, to Miss Elizabeth Thompson, both of the Parish of Blackville.

TO LET.—For one or more years, as may be agreed on, the FARM, now in the occupation of Mr William Fiddes, in the parish of Newcastle, containing 300 Acres, together with the DWELLING HOUSES, BARN, STORES, BREWERY, &c. Possession given immediately; apply to GILMOUR, RANKIN & CO. Dougatown, 28th March, 1842.

Hay, for Sale.—The Subscribers have for Sale, a quantity of Excellent Hay, housed, in Newcastle—which they offer for Sale low for Cash, or approved credit. DANIEL WITHERELL, HUGH MORELL. Newcastle, April 20, 1842.

The Beautiful Entire Horse JOHN BULL, SIRE—the American Blood Horse SHARK. Is free of vice, and an excellent roadster. Colour, chestnut; Age, five years—with the Groom, will attend for the season, at the following places, viz—Newcastle, Chatham, South West, North West, Bartibog, &c. Times of attendance at the different places above named, Terms, &c., will be given in a future notice. WILLARD & FISH. Newcastle, 20th April, 1842.

NOTICE.—The Co-PARTNERSHIP heretofore existing in Miramichi, under the Firm of SCOTT & LITTLE, is Dissolved this day by mutual consent. All persons indebted to said Concern in Miramichi, will please make payment to Mr Scott—and those at Bathurst, to Mr Little: and all persons to whom the Firm is indebted, will please render their accounts for adjustment, as above stated, within Three Months from this date. JAMES SCOTT, WILLIAM LITTLE. Miramichi, April 26, 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, JAMES CAIR, JOHN HEA. Assessors. 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 NEIL 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 Lands 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 undersigned 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, EDWARD WILLISTON, ALEX. GOODFELLOW. Assessors. Newcastle, April 19, 1842.

MRS. REEVES.—Begg 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. Hardig, 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 Parlor 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 12, 1842.