

THE SEASON.—For the last week the weather has been very pleasant, and the snow is rapidly disappearing from the streets and cleared land.

MAIL CONTRACT.—The Saint John papers contain notices, stating that Tenders will be received until the 25th instant, for conveying Her Majesty's Mails between Peticodiac and Chatham, and Chatham and Dalhousie.

How is it that steps have not been taken to inform the public in this quarter of a measure in which they are so deeply interested? One or two handbills forwarded by the Department, and posted by the Postmaster here, we believe, is the only step that has been adopted up to the present time, to acquaint the public with the circumstance.

DIABOLICAL ACT.—To Correspondents.—“A Chatham Man,” and “One of the Community,” have been received. The diabolical act of which we made mention in our last number, has made these two individuals exceedingly lachramal, but whether for the death of the sheep, the loss that Johnny Bowie will sustain thereby, or for the injury the reputation of the community will sustain, is not distinctly stated. Poor fellows! we deeply feel for them, and sincerely trust their excessive grief will not have the same effect upon them as a similar catastrophe had upon their frail sister Niobe of old, who wept herself into a statue; or that the one will befall them, so pathetically wished by Hamlet, when in a similar mood, he exclaims—“Oh, that this too, too solid flesh would melt, and dissolve itself into a general dew;” or as Shakespeare records its effects on another of his characters, “blow them out like a bladder.”

It appears by the shewing of one of our correspondents, that the poor animals above alluded to, came by their death from eating some meal in which there was a quantity of saltpetre, swept out of a store in Chatham. We have no objection to this version of the affair, and trust it may be satisfactorily verified. We have no interest to serve in making the affair worse than it really is.

But what will be offered or said in extenuation or justification of (we quote the language of one of our Correspondents,) “this traduced and vilified community,” when we record (we again quote from our correspondent) “another diabolical act to the catalogue of its crimes.”

On the night of Thursday, or early on the morning of Friday last, some scoundrel made a forcible entry into Saint Andrew's Church, and stripped the windows of their Blinds and Rollers. His foot prints were traced across the fields, up to the Wellington road, but were there unfortunately lost. A reward of £20 has been offered, which we trust will be the means of bringing the culprit to justice.

WESLEYAN MISSIONS.—On Friday, the 5th instant, in the Wesleyan Chapel, Newcastle, the Anniversary Sermon of the Missionary Society, was preached by the Rev. William Henderson, Presbyterian Minister—and on Sunday, the 7th instant, in the Wesleyan Chapel, Chatham, the Sermon was preached by the Rev. John C. Macbean, M. A. The able discourses delivered by the Reverend Gentlemen, were most appropriate, being characterized by a noble Missionary spirit.

At the Public Meeting held in Chatham, James A. Pierce, Esq., was called to the Chair. Very efficient service was rendered the cause of Christian Missions, by a powerful, convincing, and heart-moving speech from the Rev. Mr Macbean. The attendance was numerous and respectable, and the services altogether of an interesting description.—Communicated.

Marriages:

At Chatham, on the 4th instant, by the Rev. John Macbean, M. A., Mr JAMES ROBERTSON, to Miss ELIZA MUIRHEAD—both of the parish of Chatham.

At Chatham, on Wednesday last, by the Rev. Richard Shepherd, Mr THOMAS FRECKEN, to Miss EMMA CARD—both of the parish of Chatham.

Deaths.

At Sussex Vale, on the 4th inst., after a short illness, SAMUEL FREEZE, Esq., in the 60th year of his age—one of the Representatives in General Assembly from King's County—much and deservedly regretted by his family and friends. He died in full assurance of a blessed immortality.

Miscellaneous:

The French government has paid the Deal boatmen 400 francs for saving the lives of the

crew of the Louis Philippe; and has ordered a silver medal to be presented to each of those brave men for their generous conduct.

The quantity of bullion now in the vaults of the bank of England, amounts to nearly £16,000,000 sterling.

The British Critic, so long the organ of the high church party, and recently of the Puseyites is now defunct.

The Congregationalists now intend to raise £50,000 in aid of education instead of £100,000, as originally proposed. Dr. Harley's flock at Manchester contributed £4000, at a meeting held last week.

A NEW SIGNAL.—A very useful firework for signals has lately been invented and patented by Mr Hay, a chymist, at Portsmouth. It resembles the blue light long in use in the navy but is more brilliant, and burns longer. Its peculiarity, however consists in its being kindled by percussion on a chymical preparation so placed that when properly struck it catches fire instantly; but at the same time so secured that it is almost, if not altogether, impossible to inflame it when struck in any other way. For example—it may be dashed against the ground or trampled on with impunity, and is therefore as safe in its conveyance as effective in its use. It is like a Roman candle in appearance, the lower end being hollow; into this a stick is put, which being struck smartly with the hand, or on the ground, fires the mixture, and causes the flame to burst forth from the other end; it burns, according to the size used, from four to twenty minutes, and may be seen ten miles off. Being also of various colours, a code of signals is easily formed. A copper case, large enough to hold one fire work, is supplied, if desired, with each box of them.—One end has a wooden plug, fitted to the hollow end of the fire work for lighting it, as above stated. Having one of these in the pocket, a brilliant light is at command in any place, in all weathers, and at a moment's notice.

A lake of ninety acres, on Sir C. Barrell's Essex estate, was drawn off the other day, and the take of fish was—carp, 2,917, weighing 40 cwt., 2 qrs.; pike, 466, weighing 5 cwt., 2 qrs., 23 lbs.; eels, 6 cwt., 1 qr.; besides 178 perch and 160 tench not weighed.

THE JEWS IN RUSSIA.—The Emperor of Russia has issued a new ukase, containing several modifications of that which had appeared, ordering the removal, to the interior, of the Jews residing on the frontiers. They are to be allowed, according to circumstances, from three to four years for their removal, and it is further expected that, the Jews who have established manufactories will not be displaced. The ukase also announces that, on the displacement of the Jews, there will be a remission of taxes for five years.

Lord Mahon, who was requested to write an inscription for the monument of Sir David Wilkie, handed it to the committee the other day; it is merely—“Sir David Wilkie, R. A. born 1785, died 1st June, 1841. A life too short for friendship—not for fame.”

From the London Punch.

Useless Learning.—Some of our contemporaries have expressed much useless indignation that the Poor Law Officers of Norwood do not teach the pauper children the principles of Christianity. Why not as well require them to be taught the belles lettres and painting on velvet. Why should Poor Law authorities teach paupers the theory of Christianity, when, indeed, they see nothing of the practice?

FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE.—We understand that the celebrated case of the two Kilkenny cats—who, shut together in a garret, fought each other until nothing of them remained but their tails—has been under the serious consideration of the Five Powers, with a view to its application to the present state of Spain. It has, consequently, been resolved upon that no foreign intercourse whatever shall be permitted with that country for the next five years. That time elapsed, it will be curious to know how much will remain of all parties of the Spanish. Betsrus that nothing will be found but their moustaches!

PROBLEM FOR THE INGENIOUS.—Given Alderman Gibb's accounts, and Lord Brougham and Sir John Campbell's conduct in the House of Lords, to find the amount of their respective “differences.”

In Bankruptcy:

MEETINGS OF CREDITORS BEFORE WILLIAM CARMAN, ESQ., COMMISSIONER.  
James Jardine, 11th April claims  
John Fitch, 17 “ “ “  
A. McBeath, } 18 “ “ “  
D. McBeath, }  
J. McBeath, }

THE SACRED MUSIC SOCIETY, at Newcastle, will close on Thursday evening next. Such persons as are desirous of witnessing the proficiency of the Scholars, and feel a lively interest in such Institutions, will procure Tickets at the Gleaner Office, Chatham, and at the Office of Edward Williston, Esq., Newcastle, for Thursday Evening next, at Seven O'Clock, P. M., at Mr WETHERALL'S, at Newcastle. Price of Tickets, 2s. Newcastle, April 9, 1844.

Notice.

All persons indebted to Phineas Williston & Brothers, are requested to pay the sums they respectively owe, to the subscribers, or to one of them, without delay, otherwise legal steps will be resorted to, to enforce payment.

J. Cunard,  
M. Samuel,  
James A. Pierce,  
Assignees of the Estate of P. Williston and Brothers.  
Chatham, 22nd November, 1843.

AUCTIONS.

To be Sold by PUBLIC AUCTION, on TUESDAY, the 25th day of JUNE next, at 12 o'clock, noon, in front of the store of JOHN T. WILLISTON, Esquire, Chatham, the

Lands and Premises, following, Being the Real Estate of the late Mrs. Lydia Peabody, deceased, viz:

The Dwelling House, Barn, & other Out-houses, lately occupied by the deceased Mrs Peabody, situate in the town of Chatham, with the LAND around the same. The Dwelling House is built of stone, and covered with slate, and is finished throughout in a neat and substantial manner, and it is in every way suitable for a Hotel, or for the accommodation of a large family. The Barn and other out-houses are convenient and commodious. The whole of the buildings were erected within the last five years, and are in excellent order. The

Large Two-story Wooden Building, fronting on the west side of the Ferry slip in Chatham, with the Land on which the same stands, and an entrance into the Cellar underneath the same, at the northerly end thereof. This building is divided into three shops or stores, one of which is at present under lease to, and occupied by, Mr James Johnson, at the annual rent of £25, which Lease will expire on the first day of May, 1846; another of the shops is occupied by Messrs. J. & G. J. Parker at the annual rent of £22 10s., which Lease will expire on the 1st of January, 1848; the other store is at present bringing a rent of £10 a year. This Property will be sold together, or in three separate lots, to suit purchasers, subject to the Leases.

The STORE formerly occupied by Messrs Johnston & Coie, as a retail store, with the land on which the same stands. This is an eligible stand for a retail store; a part of the building is at present occupied by Mr Harper, as a Watchmaker's shop.

The Range of Stores

lately occupied by Messrs Phineas Williston & Brothers, adjoining the ferry slip, fronting on the street, with the privilege of the WHARF on the west side of the stores, commonly called Peabody's Wharf. These premises are at present bringing a rent of £17 a year, under Leases which will expire one on the first of May, 1845, and the other on the first of May, 1846.

The TWO STORY STORE on Peabody's Wharf, with the ground on which the same stands, commencing at the northerly end of the stores lately occupied by Messrs P. Williston & Brothers, and extending from thence northerly 47 feet, 6 inches, bounded easterly by the public slip, and extending from thence westerly five feet on Peabody's Wharf, with the privilege of the Wharf. This Property is under lease to Messrs G & G. J. Parker, at a ground rent of one pound a year, to expire on the first of January, 1853.

The ONE-HALF of the STORE DWELLING HOUSE, BARN, and other OUT-HOUSES, and of the Lands and Premises at present occupied by Mr Joseph Thompson, lying between the stores of Mr Joseph Samuel and Mr Thomas Vandy. These premises are at present under Lease, at a rent of £30 a year. The half of LOT No. 5, lying below Black Brook, with the Buildings and Improvements thereon, lately owned by Mr John Loggie, and containing 26 acres. Also—the one-fourth of the tract of Land fronting on the north side of Napier river, known as Lot No. 5, granted to Peter, John, George, and Robert Loggie, being that part of the said Lot lately owned by the said John Loggie. All that Lot of Land lying on the east side of Bay du Vin river, bounded below by Lands occupied by the heirs of John Ditcher, deceased, and above by lands belonging to the Rector, Churchwardens, and Vestry of Saint John's Church, Glenelg, being the lot granted to Thomas Sharp, and containing about 200 acres. Also, several Building Lots on the James Brown Lot, near the Shipyard of Messrs Joseph Conrad & Co., in Chatham.

LOT No. 13 and 14, lying on the north side of Bartholomew's river, each containing—acres, more or less. The Lot No. 13 was granted to Robert Cocksey, and No. 14 to James Walls, Jr. in the grant to Richard Simmonds and others. Also, a part of Lot No. 54, lying on the north side of Miramichi river, in the parish of Newcastle, commencing at the upper side line of the lot formerly owned by the late David Goodfellow, deceased, and extending upwards therefrom 15 fads, and running from the river to the rear of the lot of the width of 15 rods.

Terms of Sale—one quarter down, at the time of sale; one quarter on the 1st November next; and the remaining one half on the 15th June, 1845. Title Deeds will be delivered to the purchasers on payment of the purchase money. For further particulars apply at the Office of GEORGE KERR Esquire, or to the subscriber, J. T. WILLISTON, Executor & Trustee. Chatham, 1st April, 1844.

Sale of the Estate of William Stevens, a Bankrupt.

By Order of WILLIAM CARMAN, Junior, Esquire, Commissioner of the Estates and Effects of Bankrupt for the county of Gloucester, will be Sold on Monday, the twenty third day of June next, between the hours of twelve and two o'clock, at my office, in Bathurst:

All the Right, Title, and Interest, which the said William Stevens had on the twenty-fifth day of September last, of, in and to the following Lots or Tracts of LAND and PREMISES hereinafter mentioned, to wit: All

that parcel of Land situate in the town of Bathurst, known as Lot number fifty five, together with the Dwelling House, Barn, Blacksmith shop, and Out-houses erected thereon, and at present in the occupation of the said William Stevens: also, the Water Lot in front of the said lot number fifty five. Also—Lots number eight five and 126, situate in the town of Bathurst aforesaid. Also—parts of Lots number ten, eleven, and twelve, and the whole of Lot number thirteen, situate on the south side of Tatagouche river, containing about one hundred and eighty two acres, on which the buildings of the Gloucester Mining Association are erected: also—Lots number twenty two and twenty three, situate in New Bandon, containing five hundred acres, more or less, together with the dwelling house, barn, and improvements thereon: also, seven hundred Shares in the Gloucester Mining Association, with all the right, title, and interest which the said William Stevens had in the said Gloucester Mining Association on the aforesaid twenty fifth day of September last. Farther particulars will be made known on application to JOSEPH READ, Provisional Assignee. Bathurst, 29th March, 1844.

To be Sold by Public Auction, on THURSDAY, the 10th day of October next, between the hours of 12 and 5 of the clock in the afternoon of the same day, in front of the store of Michael Samuel, Esquire, in the town of Chatham:

All the Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Claim, and Demand of GEORGE HENDERSON, Junior, in and to LOT No. 26, on the south side of Tabisintac river, in the parish of Alwrick, containing 100 acres: also—in and to the Lands lying in the parish of Newcastle, at Moorfields, formerly occupied by the late John and Catherine Henderson, deceased: and in and to the Lands and BUILDINGS situate in the town of Chatham, lately in the occupation of Mr Vary, Bookseller: and in and to the Lands with the Building thereon standing, lying in Chatham aforesaid, on the west side of the street dividing the property belonging to the estate of the late Robert Graham, deceased, from the public lot, and in rear of the front street, leading through the town. The same having been levied upon by me, under an execution issued out of the Supreme Court, against the said George Henderson, junior, and Alexander Minnard, at the suit of Alexander Rankin, Alexander Key, and John M. Johnsons, executors of the late Alexander P. Henderson, deceased. M. CRANNEY, Coroner. Chatham, 2nd April, 1844.

Laying down the Buoys.

TENDERS will be received at the house of Mr. Leonard Hawbolt, in Chatham until Saturday the 20th April next, at noon, for the laying down the BUOYS in their proper places in the Bay and River of Miramichi.

LEONARD HAWBOLT, Commissioner.

NOTICE.—The Subscriber, intending to be absent from Miramichi during the ensuing season, and desirous of closing his past transactions, requests all persons who may be indebted to him, to make immediate arrangements for the payment of the same;—and any with whom the subscriber may have open accounts, will please attend to the adjustment of the same forthwith.

NIEL McLEAN, Newcastle, 23th March, 1844.

James R. Cotton, SURGEON, DENTIST, ACCOUCHEUR, AND OCULIST,

M. R. C. SURGEONS, LONDON. Respectfully informs the public that he resides in the second house above the Post Office, (same side) Chatham, where he will remain to give advice and assistance in the above departments; and trusts from twenty four years' successful professional practice in these colonies, to give that satisfaction the public may be disposed to expect, as every attention will be paid to those confiding themselves to his care.

Advice to the poor gratis, every Friday, at 9, A. M.

Dr. Cotton has also the pleasure of informing he afflicted in Miramichi, and the surrounding country, that after twenty four years' study, he has at considerable expence perfected his Cottonian Novator—a species of medicated Vapour Bath—and from the experience he has had in the application of an apparatus of the above description, but less perfect, he feels confident that a few applications of the Cottonian Novator will effectually and permanently cure the following diseases, of whatever length of standing or severity,—Rheumatism, contracted Limbs, every species of Scorbatic Affection, Pulmonary complaints in their first and second stage, and general Debility, casual or constitutional.

N. B. Also—an excellent hot and cold Shower Bath.

James R. Cotton, Surgeon,

Respectfully informs the public that in consequence of the pressure of the times, he will attend the lower class of Females, who may be unable to pay for medical or surgical attendance, GRATIS, either as Physician or Accoucheur.

N. B. A LAD, respectfully connected, with a knowledge of the classics, wanted, as a student Chatham, February 5, 1844.

Dry Goods, &c:

The Subscriber has received by recent arrivals, a consignment of a choice selection of DRY GOODS, which he will dispose of wholesale or retail, at the residence of his father, in Chatham, at very reduced prices, for CASH.

WILLIAM TAYLOR, Chatham, December 26, 1843.