

consequence of the supposed infectious nature of the disease, that in some cases the Overseers of the poor, had to carry the unhappy creatures, the supply of food which was necessary to support existence, and for the consumption of which they retained their natural desire and appetite.

That the disease is infectious, would appear from the fact of persons having been attacked with it, who had slept with each other; and in one instance a young man who had assisted in carrying a coffin containing the corpse of a person who had died with the disorder, and upon whose clothes some of the contents had oozed, subsequently caught the infection and died.

It appears further, that there are at present 12 persons labouring under this disease, in the county of Gloucester, and there are about the same number of cases on the other side of the line, which separates it from Northumberland. Altho' there are probably other cases which are concealed, as a knowledge that a person has it, excludes its victim from society.

Among the cases enumerated, is that of a female who was shipwrecked at Caraque, on her way to Quebec; and who afterwards returned to Chatham, where the disorder developed itself and extended to two others of the family in which she resided, and to a child who was intimate there; all of whom died. In fact the disorder invariably terminates fatally.

The reading the several documents connected with this subject, created a strong sympathy in the House and compassion for the unhappy sufferers. Dr. Thompson as did Dr. Earle, both gave it as their opinion that the disorder is not the leprosy. The former gave a very lucid account of the effects of the mode of living and the habits of the French people among whom this disorder has appeared, which are filthy in the extreme, and which not only predisposes their systems for the reception of this or any other scrofulous disorder, but renders it more difficult to cure; and he recommended that their habits of life and the food by which nature is sustained should be changed, and that by education and amusement the minds of these poor people might become elevated, and brought with their bodies, into more healthy and vigorous action.

The House passed a Resolution unanimously, placing £500 at the disposal of the Executive government; for the purpose of procuring medical treatment, and separating those who are labouring under the disease from the rest of the inhabitants; and for alleviating as much as possible the few remaining days of their miserable existence.

P. E. ISLAND.—Papers from this Colony do not contain any intelligence of consequence. The Legislature, it was expected, would bring their labours to a close on Thursday last.

SPRING HARBINGERS.—Several Wild Geese were offered for sale in our market on Thursday last.

DIABOLICAL ACT.—Several Sheep, the property of Mr John Bowie, died on Monday last, from the effects of Poison, which had been administered to them by some fiend in human shape.

PROVINCIAL APPOINTMENT.—The Gazette states, that Alexander McLaggan, Esquire, has been appointed a Commissioner to expend the sum of £50, granted in 1844, for exploring a road from Bartholomew's Mills to the Dungarvon settlement.

NOVA-SCOTIA TARIFF.—The Legislature of our sister Province, it appears, have determined to retaliate on us for our absurd Revenue Bill. We are indebted to the Morning Post, for the following paragraph:—

"The Tariff passed the Assembly on Wednesday last—each item being particularly enumerated in Committee.—The articles which occur to us as most important, are thus established:—Salt Beef, per cwt. 3s.; Fresh Beef, do. 3s.; Biscuit or bread, do. 1s. 3d.; Crackers or cakes, do. 3s. 4d.; Candles, wax or spermaceti, 3d. per lb.; Candles of Tallow, 1d. per lb.; Coffee green, per cwt. 5s. 4d.; Coffee roasted, 2d. per lb.; Clocks—each 10s., machinery for Clocks—20 per cent.; Flour, 2s. per bbl. when Imperial duty not paid; Dried fruit—10 per cent.; Raisins in boxes, 1d., in casks, 1 per lb.; Molasses, 8d. per gallon, when Imperial duty not paid; Hay, 20s. per cwt.; Lard, per cwt. 8s.; Sol^d Leather, per lb. 1d.; Upper Leather, per lb. 2d.; Boots, Shoes, and Leather Manufactures, per cent. £10; Pork, per cwt. 3s.; Spirits per gallon, 1s. 4d.; Rum 1s. 6d.; Sugar as last year—bastard Sugar, 4s. per cwt.; Tobacco, per lb. 1d.; Wines, as last year.

FIRES.—We are sorry to state, that the Dwelling House at Bathurst, occupied by William Napier, Esq., was totally consumed by fire, during the heavy blow on the morning of Wednesday last. We understand Mr N. saved nothing, and it was with much difficulty the inmates effected their escape.

The alarm of fire was given in Chatham, about half past nine o'clock, on the night of Saturday last. The dwelling house, situate in the lower part of Chatham, occupied by Mrs. Simpson, was discovered to be on fire. It was speedily put out, a small portion of the roof having been burnt. The alacrity of the detachment of the 52nd Regiment stationed

here, in proceeding to the scene of danger, is beyond all praise, and the Engine Company shewed much promptitude on the occasion. Another alarm of fire was given about five o'clock yesterday morning. The roof of one of the buildings connected with the Foundry in Chatham, was on fire, but it was speedily extinguished.

We understand the Manse, at Newcastle, had a very narrow escape from destruction on Saturday night last. The girl had very imprudently placed a wooden box containing ashes in a cupboard. In the ashes there were some coals, which set fire to the box, and burnt through the floor. The smoke fortunately alarmed the family.

CARD.

Mr. Pierce,—Permit me, through your valuable periodical to convey my warmest thanks to the Fire Wards, Fire Company, and other inhabitants of Newcastle, for the prompt and vigorous aid afforded in extinguishing the fire which originated in the Manse last Sabbath morning. It is to their prompt attendance and skillful management that we are indebted, under God, for the speedy extinction of the fire, and the preservation of the building from sustaining any material injury; and therefore I desire here to record my gratitude to Almighty God for His protecting care, and to express my thanks to those who were instrumental in affording the assistance required.

I am, Mr. Editor,

Yours, truly

WILLIAM HENDERSON.

Manse of Newcastle, 2nd April 1842.

Marriages:

At Saint Mary's Church, Richibucto, on Tuesday, 26th ultimo, by the Rev. T. N. Dewolfe, JOHN G. G. LAYTON, Esq. to Miss ANN MARIA PINE, Niece of Mr. William Bowser, all of Richibucto.

Deaths.

At Chatham, on Friday last, Mr. THOMAS LARIE, aged 80 years, a native of Tipperary, Ireland.

On Thursday last, Mr. WM. THOMPSON, aged 73 years, a native of England; he was formerly a Sergeant in the 9th Dragoons.

MISCELLANEOUS.

CURIOUS FACT.—If England paid her national debt, it would take £45 9s 2d. from each person in England to pay it; it would take £11 9s 2d. from each Frenchman to pay the debt of France; it would take £55 8s 4d. from each Dutchman to pay the debt of Holland; and it would take only £4 13s. 4d. from each Philadelphian to pay the debt repudiated.—Shade of William Penn! how would thy honest face blush, couldst thou but witness the depravity of thy degenerate descendants!—How shocked thy nice sense of honour did the hint of the London Punch meet thy once bright and benevolent eye? viz., "The most effectual means to evade the Income Tax is to invest your capital in the Pennsylvania stocks and bonds."

The six iron steamers, contracted for by Messrs. Napier, of Glasgow, are to be named Jackall, Bloodhound, Torch, Harpy, Myrmidon, and Lizard.

PIRATES IN THE INDIAN OCEAN.—Several vessels have been discovered equipped for pirates, from the coast of Malacca of Poilopen-sang. In an action between these pirates and the English Steamer Diana, one of the chiefs of these banditti was killed, two taken prisoners and the vessel captured, the others retreated into the river Tjaeng on the east coast of Sumatra.

A NEW ENTERPRISE.—From London papers we learn that a considerable number of scientific gentlemen have recently left the shores of England for Ceylon, taking with them improved implements of industry and many of them are men of large capital. Their purpose is to settle down as planters in that magnificent island.

We have also heard that Capt. McLean, of the Royal Artillery, formerly and for many years stationed in this Garrison,—a gentleman who won the esteem of all classes in this community, for his gentlemanly bearing and urbanity, and now the son in law of our late respected Governor, has also determined to turn his sword into a ploughshare, and permanently reside in that beautiful country—so beautiful as almost to corroborate the traditions of the Island and some parts of the continent, pointing it out as the site of the garden of Eden—the birth place and the burial ground of human happiness.

Branch Methodist Missionary Society for the Miramichi Circuit.

On SUNDAY, April 7th, a SERMON will be Preached in the Wesleyan Chapel, Chatham, by the Reverend JOHN C. MACBEAN, A. M., of St. Andrew's Church, Chatham, at half-past six o'clock.

On MONDAY, 8th April, the annual Missionary Meeting will be held in the Wesleyan Chapel, Chatham; service to commence at seven o'clock.

On FRIDAY, 5th April, a SERMON will be preached in the Wesleyan Chapel, Newcastle, by the Reverend WM. HENDERSON, Minister of St. James's Church, Newcastle, at 6 o'clock. P. M.

A COLLECTION will be made at each service in aid of the above Institution.

AUCTIONS.

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 eighty 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. Further 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 Tabistac river, in the parish of Alnwick, containing 100 acres; also—in and to the Lands lying in the parish of Newcastle, at Moorfields, formerly occupied by the late John and Catharine 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 Minnsd, at the suit of Alexander Rankin, Alexander Key, and John M. Johnson, executors of the late Alexander P. Henderson, deceased.

M. CRANNEY, Coroner.

Chatham, 2nd April, 1844.

Citation Notices.

SURROGATE COURT,

County of Northumberland, Province of New Brunswick.

[L. S.] To the Sheriff of the county of Northumberland, or any Constable within the said county, Greeting:—

Whereas Alexander Rankin, Executor of the last Will and Testament of JOSEPH HOME, late of the parish of Newcastle, in the county aforesaid, Esquire, deceased, hath filed an account of his Administration on the Estate of the said deceased, and hath prayed that the same may be passed and allowed,—

You are therefore required to cite the Creditors and Next of Kin of the said deceased, and all others interested in the said Estate, to appear before me at a Court of Probate, to be held at my Office in the parish of Chatham, within the said county, on TUESDAY, the twenty third day of April next, at eleven of the clock in the forenoon, to attend the passing and allowing of the said account of administration on the said estate.

Given under my hand, and the seal of the said court, this twelfth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and forty four.

T. H. PETERS, Surrogate.

GEORGE KERR, Register of Probates for said county.

SURROGATE COURT,

County of Northumberland, Province of New Brunswick.

[L. S.] To the Sheriff of the county of Northumberland, or any Constable within the said county, Greeting:—

Whereas Alexander Simpson, Executor of the last Will and Testament of NOAH McLEUR, late of the parish of Northesk, in the county aforesaid, Yeoman, deceased, hath filed an account of his Administration on the Estate of the said deceased, and hath prayed that the same may be passed and allowed,—

You are therefore required to cite the Creditors and Next of Kin of the said deceased, and all others interested in the said estate, to appear before me, at a Court of Probate, to be held at my office in the parish of Chatham, within said county, on TUESDAY, the twenty third day of April next, at eleven of the clock in the fore-

noon, to attend the passing and allowing of the said administration account on the said estate, at which time and place the several creditors of the said deceased are required to produce their vouchers and papers, and to substantiate their respective claims against the said estate.

Given under my hand, and seal of the said court, the twelfth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and forty four.

T. H. PETERS, Surrogate.

GEORGE KERR, Register of Probates for said county.

NEW-BRUNSWICK.

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, ES.

[L. S.] To the Sheriff of the County of Northumberland, or any Constable within said County.

Whereas EDWARD WILLISTON, Administrator on the Estate of the late JAMES HOSFORD, late of Nelson, in the said County, Farmer, deceased, hath represented to me that that personal Estate of the said deceased is not sufficient to pay the debts due by the said deceased, and hath prayed that Licence may issue 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 a Court of Probate to be held at my office in the Parish of Chatham, on Tuesday, the twenty third day of April 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, and make such further order in the matter as shall seem just.

Given under my hand, and the Seal of the said Court, this Eighteenth day of March, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-four.

THOMAS H. PETERS, Surrogate.

GEORGE KERR, Register of Probates for said County.

NEW BRUNSWICK,

COUNTY OF NORTHUMBERLAND.

[L. S.] To the Sheriff of the County of Northumberland, or any Constable within said County, Greeting:—

Whereas JOHN T. WILLISTON, Administrator on the Estate of ANGUS FRASER, late of Alnwick, in the said County, Farmer, deceased, hath represented to me that no personal Estate of the said deceased hath come to his hands, and hath prayed that Licence may issue to authorize him to sell such part of the Real Estate of the said deceased as may be necessary for the payment of the debts due by the said deceased: You are therefore required to cite the widow and heirs of the said deceased, personally to be and appear before me at a Court of Probate to be held at my office in the Parish of Chatham, on Tuesday, the twenty-third day of April 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, and make such further order in the matter as shall seem just.

Given under my hand, and Seal of the said Court, this Eighth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and forty four.

THOMAS H. PETERS, Surrogate.

GEORGE KERR, Register of Probates for said County.

NOTICE.—All persons having just claims against the Estate of William Abrams, late of Newcastle, in the county of Northumberland, merchant, deceased, are requested to render the same within three months from this date; and all persons indebted to the said Estate are requested to make immediate payment to Geo. KERR, one of the Executors, at his office in Chatham.

HENRY B. ALLISON, } Executors.

GEORGE KERR, }

JOHN THOMSON }

Miramichi, 2nd March, 1844.

ADMINISTRATION NOTICE.—All persons having claims against the Estate of the late WILLIAM WHITE, of Bathurst, in the County of Gloucester, Innkeeper, deceased, are hereby requested to render their accounts, duly attested, within four months from this date, and all those indebted to the said estate are called upon to make payment within the same period to the Subscribers.

THOMAS WHITE, } Administrators

WILLIAM NAPIER, } on the said Es-

THOS. M. DEBLOIS, } tate with the

Bathurst, Nov. 23, 1843. Will annexed.