BANKRUPT LAW.—The following well-timed, and highly judicious remarks, we copy from the St. John Temperance Telegraph:

"The opponents of the Bankrupt Law are making strong efforts to procure its repeal, at the present sitting of the Legislature. It is a matter of great public consequence, and we believe is one of general interest, it therefore—we may respectfully suggest—becomes the Legislature, in moving in so grave a matter, to see that its steps are taken with that caution, circumspection, and wisdom, which are due to the importance of the subject

"It appears to us, that the General Assembly in order to be induced to repeal the law, ought to require, not merely to be satisfied, that some few cases of fraud and hardship have resulted from it; but it should also be conclusively shown that some other law could be adopted, which while it will be equally productive of good will bring a smaller train of evils in its track. Weighty objections always apply to sudden changes in the law. Permanency, a stability—unflinching except for good and satisfactory causes, should be the golden rule in Provincial legislation. We do not mean, that changes are *never* necessary. It is well for those who are actuated by a sincere desire of reform, to be watchful, lest in their haste to bring about some intended good, they augment the very evils which they seek to abolish or mitigate.

"It has been urged that great frauds have occurred under the Bankrupt laws—without *proof* we remain somewhat sceptical on this point—but we would ask if enormous frauds have not been perpetrated before the Bankrupt laws were enacted? It would be impossible, we apprehend, to show, since the passage of these acts, that cases where the creditors have been defrauded by their dishonest debtors, have increased, either in number, or flagrancy of character. No law can be adopted which can never seem to operate unjustly. The only criterion by which we can determine the character of a statute, is by its general effect. The mark of imperfection is stamped upon every act of human legislation, and, whilst we should always seek in this, as in everything else, the nearest approximation to perfection, its attainment it would be vain to expect. The only proper question is, not whether the law is always salutary in its influence? but can any system be found, which will be more generally so? Our present Insolvent Law, operates so harshly in most instances, as it affects the liberty of the debtor, that we should rather be inclined to question the expediency of the repeal of the Bankrupt Law, until the insolvent acts undergo a wholesome revision, which may result in mitigating much of their rigor and unnecessary severity."

NOVASCOTIA.—The Halifax Morning Herald of Wednesday last, contains the following *on dit*.

"It is said that His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, has signified his desire that the three ex-members of the late council should return, together with a member to represent the catholic body; room being made for the latter, by the retiring of one of the present council. It is also said that the hon. Mather Byles Almon offered to resign his seat, in order to put an end to the unhappy differences; but his Excellency refused to receive it."

FRAUD.—A new species of artifice has just come to our knowledge, against which we feel it our duty to put the public on their guard. The high reputation which "ROWLAND'S MACASSAR OIL," has acquired throughout the world has excited the cupidity of some *unprincipled* imitators who have endeavored to introduce into the East and West Indies, America, &c., their highly noxious imitations, for the real article—the wrappers and labels of which so closely resemble those of Messrs. Rowland's, as to require a somewhat careful observation to detect the imposition. The only mode for the purchaser to avoid the imposition, and escape the baneful effects of their vile counterfeits, is to inspect, with great care, the wrappers and labels, and follow the directions attached to the word "CAUTION" in Messrs. Rowland's Advertisement, which frequently appears in our paper. See Advertisement.

Marriages.

On Thursday last, by the Rev. John M'Curdy, Mr JOHN ALEXANDER, to Miss JANE HEWETSON, both of the Parish of Chatham.

Deaths,

At Lower Napan, on the 2nd instant, Mr JOHN COCHRAN, aged about 78 years

Notice.

All persons having any just demands against the estate of WILLIAM MCGREGOR, late of Blackville, in the County of Northumberland, Shoemaker, are requested to render the same duly attested, to the Subscriber within three months from the date hereof, and all persons indebted to the said Estate are required to make immediate payment

THOMAS W. UNDERHILL,
Sole Executor.

Dated this 26th day of January, 1844.

FOR SALE.

All the *Gear* and *Machinery* of a *GRIST MILL*, including two pair of stones, one pair of Granite, the other of Freestone, five feet in diameter; also the plates for a Kiln head of 12 feet square, with all the other IRON WORK necessary for a Kiln. The whole of the machinery is in good order, and will be sold on reasonable terms. For further particulars, apply to Mr JOHN JARDINE, Napan, or at the office of GEORGE KERR, Esquire, Chatham.

Napan, 22nd February, 1844.

GARDEN SEEDS.

The Northumberland Agricultural Society have recently received from Boston, and now offer for Sale at the store of Mr Daniel McLaughlan, in Chatham, a choice assortment of GARDEN SEEDS, among which are—

Early Dwarf, Tall, Blue Imperial, early Warwick, nine inch blue border, and Bishop's Dwarf, BEAS.

Case Knife, Horticultural, scarlet Runners, and other BEANS.

Early stone, Turnip, blood Beet, silver skin, white Portugal and Red Onion.

Early Horn, long Orange, and white CARROT.

Early York, Drumhead, Nonpareil, Early Hope, Flat Dutch, and green Globe Savoy CABBAGE.

White cabbage, and Drumhead Lettuce, Turnip, scarlet short top, long salmon Radish; early Dutch Parsnip.

Turnip, and early Frame Cucumber; Squash assorted. Double Cress, early Cauliflower; Sage, Thyme, and summer Savory.

These Seeds are believed to be of excellent quality, and the growth of the last year.

March 4, 1844.

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,
GEORGE KERR, } Executors.
JOHN THOMSON

Miramichi, 2nd March, 1844.

NOTICE.—All persons having any just claims against the Estate of the late GEORGE FOWLIE, of the parish of Glenelg, Farmer, deceased, are hereby required to render the same duly attested, to the subscribers, within three months from this date, and all persons indebted to the said Estate, are required to make immediate payment to

JANE FOWLIE, *Administratrix.*
FRANCIS H. M'KNIGHT, *Administrator.*

Dated this first day of March, A D, 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,
WILLIAM NAPIER, } Administrators on the said Estate with the Will annexed.
THOS M. DEBLOIS.

Bathurst, Nov. 23, 1843.

Bankrupt Notices.

In the matter of James Jardine, Bankrupt.

Notice is hereby given, that I appoint a further general meeting of the creditors of the above Bankrupt, to be held on Wednesday the third day of April next, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon of that day, at the commercial building, Chatham, for the purpose of receiving proof of, or of allowing, or contesting any claim presented against the said Estate; at which meeting, or at any adjournment thereof, the said bankrupt will be examined on oath, touching his estate and dealings: and such other business relating to the said estate will then and there be transacted as may be deemed necessary.

And public notice is also hereby given, that upon the application of the said bankrupt, this day made to me, I do appoint a public meeting to be held on Friday, the tenth day of May next, at eleven of the clock in the forenoon of the same day, at the same place, aforesaid, for the allowance of a certificate of conformity to the said bankrupt, pursuant to the provisions of the acts of the General Assembly of this Province, concerning bankrupts, when and where any of the creditors of the said bankrupt may be heard against the said allowance of such certificate; and such order will then and there be made as the justice of the case may require.

Given under my hand, at Chatham, this fourth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-four.

WM. CARMAN, Junior,
Commissioner of the estate and effects of Bankrupts, in and for the county of Northumberland.

UPON PETITION made to me by JOHN POND, of the Parish of Ludlow, in the County of Northumberland, Farmer, a bankrupt, praying that a public meeting of his creditors may be called for the purpose of offering a composition to his creditors:—

I do hereby by virtue of the acts of the general assembly of this Province, in force, concerning bankruptcy, appoint Tuesday the second day of April next, at the hour of twelve o'clock, noon, at the Commercial Building, in Chatham, in the said county of Northumberland, for holding a public meeting of the creditors of the said John Pond, to enable the said John Pond to offer a composition to his creditors with securities to the said creditors for the payment of such composition.

Dated this twentieth day of February, A. D., 1844.

N. PARKER, M. R.

COUNTY OF NORTHUMBERLAND.

In the Province of New Brunswick, in British North America, ss.

In the matter of Phinehas Williston, William Williston, and Alexander Williston, Merchants, lately carrying on business, under the style and firm of Phinehas Williston, and Brothers, Bankrupts.

Whereas under the provisions of the acts of the General Assembly of this Province, entitled 'an act relating to Bankruptcy in this Province,' and an act in addition to and amendment of the same. Phinehas Williston and William Williston of Chatham, merchants, and Alexander Williston of Glenelg, merchant, lately carrying on business under the style and firm of Phinehas Williston and Brothers, have been declared bankrupts, and have severally surrendered themselves to me: Now therefore I do hereby give public notice that by virtue of the power and authority to me given, in and by the said act, I have appointed MARTIN CRANNEY, of Chatham, Esquire, provisional assignee of the estate and effects of the said bankrupts: and I do hereby require all persons indebted to the said bankrupts, or either of them, to pay to the said assignee, on or before the first day of February next, all such sum and sums of money, debts or duties, as they may owe to the said bankrupts: and all persons who have in their possession, power, or custody any property or effects of the said bankrupts, or either of them to deliver the same up to the said assignee, on or before the said first day of February next: and I do hereby require all the creditors of the said banktupts, or either of them, resident in this Province, or in any other of Her Majesty's North American colonies, or in the West Indies or in the United States of America, within three months from the date hereof, to deliver in to the said assignee, and to prove to my satisfaction their respective claims and demands, whether the same be actually due or to become due against the said bankrupts: and I do hereby further require all the creditors of the said bankrupts, residing in any part of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, to appoint an agent or agents in this Province, and to deliver in to the said assignee, and to prove to my satisfaction their respective claims and demands, whether the same be actually due or to become due, within three months from the publication of notice in the London Gazette.

And notice is also hereby further given, that I appoint a general meeting of the creditors of the said Bankrupts, to be held on Thursday, the twenty fifth day of April next, at the Commercial Building, in Chatham, for the purpose of receiving proof of, or contesting any claim presented against the said estate; at which meeting, or any adjournment thereof, the said bankrupts will be examined on oath, touching their estates and dealings; and such other business relating to the said estate will then and there be transacted as may be deemed necessary.

Given under my hand at Chatham, aforesaid, the twenty ninth day of December, A D, 1843.

WILLIAM CARMAN, Junior.
Commissioner of the Estate and effects of Bankrupts in and for the County of Northumberland.

First published in the Gleaner, January 10. 1844.

COUNTY OF NORTHUMBERLAND.

In the Province of New Brunswick, British North America, ss

In the matter of *Andrew Irvine*, a Bankrupt.

Whereas under the provisions of the acts of the General Assembly of the Province, aforesaid, made and in force, relative to Bankrupts, a Fiat hath been issued and directed to me against ANDREW IRVINE, of Chatham, in the County of Northumberland, Farmer, who hath duly rendered himself to me; Public Notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power and authority to me given, in and by the said acts I have appointed MARTIN CRANNEY, of Chatham, in the said County, Esquire, Provisional assignee of the Estate and Effects of the said Bankrupt. All persons therefore indebted to he said Bankrupt, or having in their possession, power or custody, any property or effects of the said Bankrupt, are hereby required to pay to the said assignee, all such sum and sums of money, debts or duties, as they may owe to the said Bankrupt: and to deliver up the said property and effects to the said assignee, on or before the fifteenth day af January next: and all creditors of the said Bankrupt, resident in this Province, or in any other of Her Majesty's North American Provinces, or in the West Indies, or in the United States of America, are hereby required to deliver in to the said assignee, and to prove to my satisfaction within three months from the date hereof, their respective claims and demands, (whether the same are actualty due, or to become due) agninst the said Bankrupt.

Given under my hand, at Chatham, the Ninth day of December, 1843

WM. CARMAN, Junior,
Commissioner of the Estate and Effects of Bankrupts for the County of Northumberland.

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County of Northumberland,

In the province of New Brunswick, in British North America, ss.

In the matter of Alexander McBeath, Donald McBeath, and John McBeath, Couriers, Bankrupts.

Whereas under the provisions of the act of the General assembly of this province, entitled "an act relating to Bankruptcy in this province," and an act in addition to and amendment of the same, Alexander McBeath, Donald McBeath, and John McBeath, of the parish of Glenelg, in the county of Northumberland, Couriers, lately carrying on business under the firm of Donald McBeath and Brothers, have been declared bankrupts, and have accordingly surrendered themselves to me; Now therefore. I do hereby give public notice, that by virtue of the power and authority to me given, in and by the said acts, I have appointed Martin Cranney, of Chatham, Esquire, provisional assignee of the estate and effects of the said bankrupts: and I do hereby require all persons indebted to the said bankrupts, or either of them, to pay to the said assignee, on or before the fifteenth day of February next, all such sum and sums of money, debts or duties, as they may owe to the said bankrupts: and all persons who have in their possession, power, or custody, any property or effects of the said bankrupts, or either of them, to deliver the same up to the said assignee on or before the fifteenth day of February next; and I do hereby require all the creditors of the said bankrupts, or either of them, resident in this province, or in any other of her Majesty's North American colonies, or in the West Indies, or in the United States of America, within three months from the date hereof, to delivering to the said assignee, and to prove to my satisfaction, their respective claims and demands, whether the same be actually due or to become due against the said bankrupts

And notice is also hereby further given, that I appoint a general meeting of the creditors of the said bankrupts, to be held on Thursday, the eighteenth day of April next, at the commercial building, in Chatham, for the purpose of receiving proof of, or contesting any claim presented against the said estate; at which meeting, or at any adjournment thereof, the said Bankrupts will be examined on oath touching their estate and dealings; and such other business relating to the said estate will then and there be transacted as may be deemed necessary.

Given under my hand at Chatham aforesaid, the sixth day of January, A D, 1844.

WM. CARMAN, Junior.
Commissioner for the estate and effects of bankrupts, in and for the county of Northumberland.

Frst published in the Gleaner, January 10.

COUNTY OF KENT,

Province of New Brunswick, in British North America, ss.

In the matter of Adolphus McIntosh, a Bankrupt.

Whereas, under the provisions of the Acts of the General Assembly of this Province, entitled, "AN Act relating to Bankruptcy in this Province," and an act in addition to and amendment of the same, ADOLPHUS MCINTOSH, of Richibucto, in the County of Kent, and Province of New Brunswick, Shipwright and Shipbuilder, hath been declared a Bankrupt, and hath accordingly surrendered himself to me: Now therefore, I do hereby give public notice, that by virtue of the power and authority to me given, in and by the said acts, I have appointed JOHN BOWSER, of Buctouche, in the said County, Esquire, Provisional Assignee of the estate and effects of the said Bankrupt; and I do hereby require all persons indebted to the said Bankrupt to pay to the said Assignee on or before the sixth day of April next, all such sum and sums of money, debts, or duties, as they may owe to the said Bankrupt; and all persons who have in their possession, power, or custody, any Property or Effects of the said Bankrupt to deliver the same up to the said Assignee: on or before the said first day of March next: and I hereby require all the creditors of the said Bankrupt, resident within said Province, or any other of Her Majesty's North American Colonies, or in the West Indies, or in the United States of America, within three months from the date hereof, to deliver in to the said Assignee, and prove to my satisfaction their respective claims and demands (whether the same be actually due or to become due against the said Bankrupt.

And Notice is also hereby given, that I appoint a general meeting of the creditors of the said Bankrupt to be held on Friday, the Seventh day of June next, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, at my office in Chatham, for the purpose of receiving proof of, or contesting any claim presented against the said Estate, at which meeting, or any adjournment thereof, the said Bankrupt will be examined on oath touching his Estate and dealings; and such other business relating to the said Estate will then and there be transacted as may be deemed necessary.

Given under my hand at Chatham, aforesaid, this fifth day of March, A D., 1844.

WILLIAM CARMAN, Junior,
Commissisoner of the Estate and Effects of Bankrupts for the County of Kent.

(First published in the Gleaner of March 6.

NOTICE.—All persons having any just demands against the Estate of ANGUS FRASER, late of Alnwick, in the county of Northumberland, Farmer, are requested to render the same, duly attested, to Edward Williston, Esquire, Solicitor on said Estate, within three months from the date hereof, and all persons indebted to the said Estate, will make immediate payment to him or to the subscriber.

JOHN T. WILLISTON, Administrator.

Chatham, December 12, 1843.

All persons having any just demands against the Estate of JAMES HOSFORD, late of North Esk, in the County of Northumberland, Farmer, are requested to render the same, duly attested to, within three months from the date hereof, and all persons indebted to the said Estate, will make immediate payment.

EDWARD WILLISTON,
Administrator.

Newcastle, December 6, 1843.