

fusion from heat at the time of its projection, for it is often found to have run into and filled up lateral chinks in these rents. There are even instances where it has been rent again, and a newer melted matter of the same character sent through the opening. Finally, in the crust as thus arranged, there is first a great inferior mass, composed of crystalline rock, and probably resisting immediately on the fused and expanded matter of the interior; next, layers or strata of aqueous origin; next, irregular masses of melted inferior rock, that have been sent up volcanically and confusedly at various times amongst the aqueous rocks, breaking up these into masses, and tossing them out of their original levels. This is an outline of the arrangements of the crust of the earth, as far as we can observe it. It is, at first sight, a most confused scene; but after some careful observation, we readily detect in it a regularity and order from which much instruction in the history of our globe is to be derived.

Colonial News.

Nova Scotia.

From the Halifax Times.

The Shops.—A taste for display has sprung up of late years in the capital, which adds materially to the interest of its thoroughfares, and the pleasure of those who promenade them. Some ten or twenty years back the majority of the shops had little to distinguish them in outward appearance from private dwellings; except the sign over the door—now a rivalry seems to exist, as to which shall have the most stylish fronts, and display the greatest attraction to the passer by; and not only so, but this spirit of emulation seems directed to another object as if the handsome shops were designedly erected to entice business to other than the usual and more frequented quarters—and in some degree they will answer that intention. In these changes Granville-street, from Kenny's to Story's past the Ordnance, takes the lead, and other localities are fast following its example. The 8 by 10 pane, and small window, are superseded by plate glass and imposing bulks, ornamented with pillar and capital, and overhanging cornice, which in outward magnificence are no bad imitations of the emporiums of Liverpool and London. There is a set of new stores, opposite St. Matthew's Church, which add much to the appearance of the street, and are a good beginning to lead business in that direction. Cheapside has commenced the work of renovation and has two handsome stores to let, which have been fitted upon the new principle; and were the building known as Harle's Building, which occupies the centre of that area, built round with one uniform collection of shops in the first style and fashion, it would establish the place for the next fifty years as the business centre of the city. Improvements of this stamp, which mingle the agreeable with the enterprising and useful, are much to be commended; and while they display no small degree of public spirit in their projectors, we trust they will also be remunerative to all concerned.

Editor's Department.

MIRAMICHI:

CHATHAM, SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 1845.

EUROPEAN NEWS.—The Royal Mail Steamer Cambria, with the second May mail, arrived at Halifax on the morning of Saturday last, in the extraordinary short of passage of 10 1/2 days. She had 72 passengers. From the papers (which are to the 20th of the month) we have made very copious extracts, embracing all the news of moment they contain—we therefore think it unnecessary here to enter into particulars.

Among our extracts will be found the particulars of a most heart-rending accident which occurred at Yarmouth, England, where a suspension bridge gave way, while crowded with persons, and upwards of 75 individuals lost their lives. The following is a letter reported to have been written by a young man, who alleges that he was on the bridge at the time:—

"The chains on the Yarmouth side broke and let it down only on that side, remember while the other side still hung all right. You will have an exact resemblance by letting the leaf of a table down. Not a timber or bar of the bridge broke, but it shot us all into the water. There we were—the screams were horrible—they were heard for miles. To see

pernatural presence of mind and a strong arm I owe my escape. I felt an iron under me, and clung to it in a death's grasp. My mouth being full of salt water, for the tide was up, I raised myself on the bridge, and got my head above water. I clung up the iron and looked about me. Scarcely had I done so, (I was not out of water further than my chin,) than a man grasped me round the neck; his head was just above the water. I felt myself going. I drew my arm and struck him on the face. I hit him hard, for the skin is off my knuckles. A woman next seized me; I was forced to strike her, and her blood spirted from her nose all over my face and dimmed my eyes. I was the only one above water, but the bridge gave another move; I was under. I rose again, but folks were under the water clinging to me. The case was now desperate. I felt my pocket, and holding by one hand I opened my knife with the other, and cut all down my legs, but could not make them leave go. My knife and hands were covered with blood. A woman seized my waistcoat; she was young and really handsome, a tradesman's daughter. I did not like to strike her, but necessity was imperative. I hit her—she rolled over and was drowned. Never shall I forget her look at me; it seemed to say you murdered me. I once more used my knife about a man, and jumped to a boat, and was pulled in, with two girls clinging to me, and got safe on shore. The presence of mind that supported me during this trial, instantly deserted me, and I was carried to the first public house. I drank some brandy, and walked home with my hands and face covered with blood. I went to bed and dreamt of it. I thought the woman whom I last struck came and reproached me for murdering her."

GREAT BRITAIN STEAMER.—This vessel is to leave Liverpool for New York on the 25th July.

THE ARCTIC EXPEDITION.—The Erebus, Captain Sir John Franklin, and the Terror, Captain Crozier, on a voyage of discovery to the North, left Greenwich, on the 15th ult.

FREDERICTON CATHEDRAL.—The Liverpool Courier furnishes the following account of the manner in which the subscription for this building originated:—

"Dr. Medley, the new bishop, has for many years taken an active part in promoting the erection of churches, schools, &c. in the diocese of Exeter, in which he held a living, and, upon his appointment to the bishopric of Fredericton, his friends were desirous of presenting him with some testimonial of their esteem. He, however, declined to receive anything in the nature of a personal present, but stated he would be much gratified if the money collected could be applied towards the erection of a Cathedral in the new diocese."

The amount of subscription raised, independent of Liverpool, is reported to be £1,600.

BISHOP MEDLEY.—This Reverend Gentleman, Chaplain, 5 children, Governess and Nurse, arrived at Halifax in the Cambria. On Sunday forenoon he preached in St. Paul's in that city. "In appearance," says the Halifax Times, "His Lordship is in robust health, of stature rather below the common standard, and possesses a frame apparently well calculated to withstand the rigorous winters of this portion of the globe, and the arduous duties which he may sometimes have to engage in during their continuance. We understand it is his intention forthwith to proceed to his diocese."

MORE STEAMERS.—The Halifax Journal reports that the Mails for St. Pierre and Miquelon, will in future be forwarded to Halifax by the Royal Mail steamers, and conveyed thence by a French government steamer, put on the station for that purpose.

COMMUNICATED.—A Deputation, consisting of Mrs Harkins, Mrs Hutchison, and Miss Fraser, from the female part of the Congregation belonging to St. James's Church, Newcastle, waited on their Minister, the Rev. Mr Henderson, last week, and presented him with a Pulpit Gown and Bible, as a testimonial of respect and affection for his devoted services as a Christian pastor.

FATHER MATHEW.—The following extract of a letter from this worthy man, appears in a late London paper:—"My circumstances became known to friends in England, and with their aid, and some partial help from Ireland, a sum over

£7000 has been raised, and my debts are liquidated."

NOVA SCOTIA.—The Gazette announces that Alexander G. Fraser, Esq., has been appointed acting Treasurer of the Province.

ST. JOHN.—A dreadful accident occurred on the ruins of Mr Kirk's mill, at Portland. While removing the rubbish, some part of the foundation gave way, and immersed three persons for some time. Two were rescued alive, but the other was killed.

COUNTY OF RESTIGOUCHE.—The Courier from the northward informs us, that extensive fires have been raging in the woods in the upper part of the County of Gloucester, and in a large portion of Restigouche, which have done much damage. A bridge on the main road, within about two miles of Dalhousie, has been destroyed, with a number of barns, a dwelling house at Belle Doune, and a large amount of fencing. The towns of Dalhousie and Campbellton, have been several times in imminent peril, and it was only by the most strenuous exertions of the inhabitants that their dwellings were saved from destruction by the devouring element. It was with much difficulty he at times proceeded on his journey.

ARE THE AMERICANS PREJUDICED AGAINST THE ENGLISH?—We say, deliberately, "No." So many years of peace have shown to all the enlightened inhabitants of the United States, the boundless advantages of national amity with the mother country. And the following testimonial from the government of the United States, on the subject of one of the most valuable of modern discoveries, shows that merit, of whatever country, meets with a hearty reception in that land of liberty.

The following letter was received by a large wholesale firm, a few days ago:—"Gentlemen—The services, in all maladies, rendered by 'Holloway's Ointment,' and 'Holloway's Pills,' (the tonic and alterative auxiliary to the Ointment) are so great, that I cannot refrain from publicly acknowledging the same; and requesting that you will furnish the naval department with 100 packages of each, by the *Castor*, via Liverpool, immediately. I am, &c., ALEXANDER ADAMS, doct. Washington, Ho. of Assembly, Sec. of the Navy, 1539."

MARRIAGES.—On the 29th ult., by the Rev. R. Shepherd, Mr William Geddes, of Richibucto, to Miss Mary Ann Atkinson, daughter of Mr M. Atkinson, of Wellington.

DEATHS.—On Friday morning last, Sophia, wife of Mr Leonard Hawbolt, of this town, aged 54 years. Funeral to take place on Sunday next, at 3 o'clock, P. M., when friends and acquaintances are respectfully requested to attend.

At Chatham, on Wednesday last, Mr John Buck, of Bathurst, aged 30 years. At Westmorland, on the 22d ult., very suddenly, John Martin, son of Mr Geo. W. DeWyre, of Chatham, aged 11 years and 4 months.

The London papers report the death of the distinguished author, Thomas Hood, Esq., after a long and painful illness.

The Fredericton Mail.

The Fredericton Mail arrived yesterday morning. The Courier in future will leave that place on the morning of Thursday. As we obtained no Fredericton paper, we conclude that the publishers were not aware of the alteration.

GREAT FIRE AT QUEBEC.—A postscript in the Quebec Gazette of the 25th May, furnishes us with the following distressing intelligence.

"The calamity which visited the city of Quebec yesterday, will account for the Gazette not having appeared on its usual day of publication. The habitations of a third of the population are in ashes. About 12,000 souls are without houses or home, and most of them have lost nearly all they possessed.

"The fire commenced at Richardson's tannery, in Saint Vallier suburbs, about noon, and it was driven by a strong westerly wind into the densest parts of the Saint Roch suburbs, which soon became a tempestuous sea of fire, defying every effort to subdue it. Flakes of fire were carried into Palace Ward and the nearest streets in the Saint John suburbs, which became a prey to the flames. Houses in the Upper and Lower town were repeatedly on fire, which, however, were extinguished by the watchfulness and exertions of the inha-

bitants. A change of wind more to the south west and showers of rain, saved the Upper and Lower town, and the greater part of Saint John suburbs.

"All the rest of the city, excepting a part of Saint Vallier's suburbs, and some scattered streets in Saint Roch towards the General Hospital, is in ruins, and it is feared that many lives have been lost by the rapidity of the flames, and the unavoidable confusion of a crowded and helpless population of women and children, many of the men being absent at work in the lumber coves.

"The loss of property of every kind is immense. Mr Munn's shipyard's great quantities of lumber are destroyed, Saint Roch's Brewery, the Church of Saint Roch, the shops of numerous traders and workshops of a great number of mechanics. In fact every thing belonging to a great proportion of the industrious and labouring part of the population, mostly proprietors of their dwellings, all now left homeless and destitute.

"A meeting of several citizens was held last evening in the Court House, the Mayor in the chair, when the school houses and public buildings were ordered to be thrown open to those who had no place of resort with their friends and charitable persons; and bread was ordered from the bakers whose ovens were not destroyed, to be distributed at the Wardrobe of the House of Assembly, under the direction of two gentlemen of the meeting.

"A general meeting is called to-day at one o'clock, to take further steps to provide for the most pressing wants of the sufferers, and adopt such measures as may appear best calculated to afford further relief."

It appears by an article in the Saint John Observer of Tuesday, that it has pleased Her Majesty to constitute the town of Fredericton a city. There seems to be some demur respecting the title of the new Bishop, and it is hinted that part of the provincial subscriptions will not be paid in consequence. We perfectly agree with the writer, that this plea is a mere quibble, and that the "Bishop of Fredericton" is, to all intents and purposes, as completely Bishop of and for the whole Province of New Brunswick, as if the provincial title had been conferred upon him."

UNITED STATES.—A Race came off between Fashion and Peytona, on the Camden Course, when the former came off victorious. The New York Sun records the following accident which occurred on the ground:

"About one hundred feet of the main stand, two stories high, fell down as the horses were being brought up and buried some hundred persons in the ruins. One citizen was killed—P. O. Daniels, Esq., Jeweller, of Market st. Philadelphia; and 30 or 40 injured, some severely, though it is hoped not more than three fatally. Of those injured, many had their legs or arms broken, presenting a deplorable scene and creating an intense excitement among the assembled multitude."

New Bedford, Massachusetts, has been scourged with Scarlet Fever, especially among children.

The inhabitants of Turk's Island are represented to be in a starving condition—flour was selling at \$14 a barrel.

CANADA.—Instructions have been received for building two large War Steamers on Lake Erie, with the utmost despatch.

The Revd. Mr Hannay and Family, left St John, yesterday week, in the ship Edinburgh, for Liverpool.

Shipping Intelligence.

PORT OF MIRAMICHI.

Entered, May 31st—barque British Queen, Muir, Cork—Gilmour Rankin & Co.; schr Drake, Francis, Newfoundland—J. Cunard & Co.; brigs Isabella, Robson, Newcastle, do.; Earl Durham, Lawrence, Sunderland—Gilmour Rankin & Co.; ship Cygnet, McPherson, Liverpool—do. and others.

June 2nd—schr Relief, Powell, P. E. Island. 3rd—schr Amanda, Irving, do.

4th—brigs Planter, Dorg, Marseilles—Joseph Cunard & Co.; Falcon, Armstrong, Newcastle—Gilmour Rankin & Co.

5th—brigs Elizabeth Holmes, Mitchell, Sunderland—J. Cunard & Co.; Annandale, Pingelly, Newcastle—Gilmour Rankin & Co.; Burley, Cromarty, Dublin—A. Fraser, Jun.; British Union, Macfadam, London; schr Thomas, Hoffman, Quebec; brig North Briton, Davison, Newcastle—Crane & Alistair.

6th—schr Hope, McKay, P. E. Island; brig Queen, Clark, L'Orient—Gilmour Rankin & Co.

Cleared, May 31st—schr L'Italienne, Quebec—June 4th, schr Lavinia, Newfoundland; Providence, do.; brigs John & Thomas, Stornoway; Teignmouth Castle, Larne; Monarch, Larne; Bessy Dryden, Newcastle; schr brig Ann & Mary, Escocton; schr Margaret Jane, Newfoundland; brigs Mariner, Port Glasgow; Lord Althorp, Larne.

Captain Muir, of the barque British Queen, from Cork, reports that on the 28th May, in longitude 46 45, latitude 45 57, he fell in with the Hope, White, master, of and for London, from Sydney, C. B., waterlogged; took off the crew, and placed them on board of the *Hutchinson*, bound to Quebec.