

occupations than at any other season of the year.

I am confident that Her Majesty's loyal and attached subjects of this Province have sincerely shared in the joy which, since I last met you, has pervaded the rest of the empire, at the happy birth of a Prince.

We have to be grateful for the blessing of an abundant harvest, and although some branches of the Fisheries on our coasts have been less productive than has sometimes been the case, it is a consolation to know that others have greatly prospered, and that there is no danger of a permanent diminution in this great source of comfort and independence to a hardy, enterprising, and valuable portion of our Provincial population.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,

The accounts of the past, and the estimates for the current year, will be submitted to you without delay.

I derive great satisfaction from being able to inform you, that the increase of the Revenue has been so great as to have rendered it unnecessary for me to act in accordance with your request, that I would endeavour to obtain an extension of time within which it was originally arranged, that the debt incurred to the Bank of British North America, during the year 1842, should be liquidated.

I shall take an early opportunity of acquainting you with the efforts I have made to justify the confidence you expressed in me by your resolutions of the 12th April last.

Mr. President, and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council,

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,

The augmentation of our resources is a matter of congratulation to the Province, and I trust you will find that the measures adopted by me to induce increased vigilance and efficiency in the Revenue Department have had some effect in producing results so beneficial to the interests of Nova Scotia. I shall direct several documents relating to the above important branch of the public service to be communicated to you.

From the period of my arrival amongst you to the present time, my observation has been anxiously directed to the deficiencies of the system in operation for the diffusion of Education throughout the country. On the first occasion, on which it was my duty to address you, I brought this subject under your notice, being then, as now, convinced that it is a matter on which your knowledge of the wants, feelings, and social position of your constituents qualifies you to legislate successfully.—I again bring this important topic under your consideration, I would especially recommend to you the necessity which exists for rendering more general the participation in the benefits to be derived from the Common Schools, especially throughout the remote and more indigent Settlements, the inhabitants of which stand peculiarly in need of sympathy and assistance.

Your attention will, I trust be directed to the improvement of the Election Laws, with a view to so framing them as to secure purity of election, and diminish unnecessary expense.

I will, on the first convenient occasion cause to be presented for your information Despatches on several subjects of great interest to the country.

NEW NAVAL COMMANDER.—Vice Admiral Sir Francis William Austen, K.C.B., has been appointed to succeed Sir C. Adam, on the North American and West India Station. He has hoisted his flag in the *Vindictive*, 50, lying at Portsmouth.

CANADA.—The papers announce the death of the Hon. Mr. Cartwright, of Kingston, aged 40 years.

The Quebec Gazette of the 24th ult., contains the following paragraph on Legislative affairs:—

"The Montreal papers received this morning, furnish us with no additional parliamentary intelligence. The latest routine business of the Legislative Assembly will be found under the usual heading, from which it will be learned that the opposition have been deprived of one of their number, by the ejection of Mr. Cameron, the member for Lanark, from his seat."

A message was received from the Council by the Assembly on the 17th ult. stating that they had passed the Gaspe Fishing and Coal Mining Company Bill.

GREAT FOOT RACE.—A very spirited Foot Race took place on the 26th December last, on the New Jersey Beacon Course, between *Gildersleeve*, an American, and *Greenhalg*, an Englishman. The distance run was twelve miles, which was accomplished in the astonishing short time of sixty eight minutes and forty eight seconds. The Englishman beat, being upwards of 200 yards ahead of his antagonist. Purse \$1000, \$300 for the loser.

POST OFFICE, CANADA.—The Montreal

Courier of the 20th ult. concludes a long article on Post Office affairs in that province with the following remarks.

"We would not wish any hasty legislation on such an important subject; let the first step be taken by the production and examination by the House of Assembly of the Commission of Inquiry. Let the House express its opinion on the subject, and then let it be followed, if the House decide in its favor, by an Address to His Excellency, requesting him to communicate to the Home Government the opinion of the Provincial Parliament on the necessity of making such alterations in the Post Office system, as applied to this Colony, as will give more satisfaction than the existing one."

"We are convinced that an enquiry of this kind would be a very popular thing; for we are sure that there is no department in the Province with the conduct of which the people find so much fault as with that of the Post Office."

THE SEASON.—The weather for the last three or four days has been very severe. During that time, we think the frost has been as intense as we ever felt it in Miramichi. M. Arago, a French philosopher, prophesied that this winter would be a very severe one. From what we have experienced in this quarter, and from accounts in the various Colonial and British papers, M. Arago has proved himself "a true prophet."

The roads to the Southward have greatly improved during the week; but we understand those to the Northward still remain in a most wretched condition, being blocked up by a recent very heavy fall of snow.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.—Private letters were received by the last mail, which state that Messrs Wilnot, Hazen, and Saunders had retired from the Council. There can be no mystery respecting the motives which influenced the retirement of two at least of those gentlemen, though a far different reason will be assigned.

The Southern mail arrived yesterday afternoon, about two o'clock. The Fredericton mail about the same hour on Sunday.

OFFICERS

FOR THE PARISH OF CHATHAM.

Assessors.—William Carman, senior, James Caie, and James Kerr.

Overseers of Poor.—George Kerr, James Johnson, and Joseph Spratt.

Overseers of Highways.—Mungo Wilson, P. Sewell, Peter Drummond, Peter Grey, David Steel, Robert Blake, James Kerr, John Johnston, John Irvine, Asa Perley, and John McArthur.

Overseers of Fisheries.—John Carruthers, jun., Mathew Mitchell, John Percival, John Gammon, Peter Gray, William Loggie.

Fence Viewers.—James Scott, James Jardine, Jackson Fleming, John Percival, and Thomas Blake.

Pound Keepers.—Alexander McFarlane, John Percival, John England, and James Danford.

Constables.—Edward Lobban, Alexander Fraser, John Henderson, William Forrest, Finlay McDermott, Luke Pike, Roderick McKenzie, John Hsa, jun., Richard Burbridge, Thomas Lane, John Noonan, Andrew Duncan.

Commissioners of Highways.—George Parker, Alexander Fenton, John Percival.

Hogreeves.—Francie King, John Carruthers, junior, John McDermott, Jackson Fleming, Daniel Baldwin, Thomas Vondy, junior, Wm. Thompson, William Samuel, John Jackson, Philip Savoy, Alexander Murdoch, James Wilson, junior, Henry Smith, Alexander Fraser.

Inspectors of Fish and Barrels.—George Taylor, senior, Mathew Mitchell, Alexander Loggie, Phillip Brymer, John Gammon, Peter Gray, Peter Loggie, James Hobson, Adam Kerr, Asa Perley.

Surveyors of Lumber.—William O'Brien, John McKenzie, John McKay, Daniel Bulman, F. P. Henderson, William McRae, William Williston, Lewis Morrison, David Gitchell, Robert Blake, John McRae, Cornelius O'Keefe, Henry Gitchell, John McDonald, Alexander Morrison, David Sadler.

Trustees of Schools.—Henry Cunard, Martin Cranney, Reverend John C. Macbean.

Collector of Taxes.—Martin Cranney.

Weigher of Hay.—Wm. Letson.

Sealer of Leather.—George P. McKay.

Collector of Dox Tax.—Alexander Fraser.

Wharfinger.—Leonard Hawbolt.

Town Clerk and Clerk of the Market.—Joseph Spratt.

JOSEPH SPRATT, Town Clerk.

ST. JOHN.—The Chronicle states that a Steamer is being built at the shipyard of Justus S. Wetmore, Esquire, on the Kennabeckasis, for the Messrs. Woodward, of that city, intended to run direct between Boston and that port. She will be propelled by two screw propellers.

Marriages.

At Chatham, on the 28th inst., by the Rev. John Shannahan, Mr. William Taylor, to Miss Eliza Cranney, eldest daughter of M. Cranney, Esq., all of Chatham.

On the 30th inst., by the same, Mr. John Ferguson, to Miss Mary McGinnis, both of Chatham.

On the same day, by the same, Mr. Donald Morrison, to Miss Catharine Donovan.

At Point aux Car, on the 21st instant, by the Rev. Angus McMaster, Mr. George McFarlane, of the Parish of Chatham, to Miss Matilda Gunn, of the Parish of Glenelg.

At Blackville, on the 24th instant, by the Rev. John Turnbull, Mr. Robert Garbert, to Miss Amelia Davidson, both of the Parish of Nelson.

At Coal Branch, Richibucto, on the 25th Dec. by the Rev. James Hanney, Mr. James Bears, to Miss Mary Irvine.

At Buctouche, on the 5th inst., by the same, Mr. Niel McIntosh, to Miss Mary Millan, both of the Parish of Wellington.

At Richibucto, on the 19th inst. by the same, Mr. John Glencross, to Miss Mary Johnson, both of Richibucto.

Deaths.

At Douglastown, on Friday last, Mr. John Sweeney.

Five Pounds Reward.

About the 26th of OCTOBER last, the subscriber handed to one of the Clerks in the Counting-house of Messrs. J. Cunard & Co., at Bathurst, a letter addressed to Mr. WILLIAM PECK, of Charlotte-town, and in which was enclosed THIRTEEN POUNDS, in five notes of the Central Bank, viz.—two of five Pounds and three of one Pound each. At the same time requesting of the Clerk to transmit the letter to the Hon. J. Cunard, to be forwarded to its address. The letter is reported to the subscriber to have been enveloped to Mr. Cunard, and together with other despatches from the establishment of Messrs. Cunard, at Bathurst, handed to one SHERWOOD PECK, to be brought to their establishment in Chatham. Now the Subscriber not being by any means satisfied with the Report of the said Sherwood Peck, viz. "that he lost his Pocket Book containing the aforesaid letter, together with the other despatches before reaching Chatham," hereby offers a Reward of FIVE POUNDS to any person who will give him such information as will enable him to recover the said sum of Thirteen Pounds, or to prosecute to conviction the party who stole or purloined it.

A BARRON.

R. C. Missionary at Bathurst. Chatham, Jan. 20, 1845.

Mr. Pierce,

I this morning observed a Handbill posted, signed by Mr. Barron. Should the substance of this Handbill appear in your paper, you will oblige me by inserting this letter and the enclosed Affidavit, in order that the Public may not too hastily form conclusions prejudicial to my character.

Your obedient servant,

SHERWOOD PECK.

Witness—JAMES JOHNSON.

SHERWOOD PECK, of Chatham, in the County of Northumberland, maketh oath and saith: that about the 26th day of October last, he, this deponent, received a package from one of the Clerks of Messrs Joseph Cunard & Company, at Bathurst, addressed to Messrs. Joseph Cunard, & Company, Chatham, which he placed in his Pocket Book, and on arriving in Chatham, he discovered that he had lost his Pocket Book, together with the packages; deponent immediately caused inquiry to be made for them, and informed Messrs Cunards of the fact and on his return to Bathurst he learned for the first time that the package contained money. Deponent immediately waited upon Mr. Barron, (who he was informed owned the money) and informed him of the loss.

And this deponent further saith, he is not aware of the said Pocket Book, or packages having been found, nor has he since heard of it.

SHERWOOD PECK.

Sworn to at Chatham, this 21st day of January, 1845; before me.

HENRY C. D. CARMAN, J. P.

Thursday, 26th December, 1844.

By the Honorable the Master of the Rolls

On reading the Affidavit of James F. Berton, Esquire, referring to the Order of the sixteenth day of December, instant, made upon the Petition of Phinehas Williston, William Williston, and Alexander Williston, all of Miramichi, in the County of Northumberland, and Province of New Brunswick, Merchants, setting forth a statement of their affairs as therein, and in the Documents thereunto annexed particularly detailed, praying that an order might be made for the calling of a meeting of their Creditors, pursuant to the Act of the General Assembly intitled "an act to afford relief to persons unfortunate in business in certain cases;" It is hereby ordered that the Order of the sixteenth of December, instant be discharged, and that the Clerk of the Peace for the County of Northumberland do CALL A PUBLIC MEETING of the Creditors of the said Petitioners, to be held at the Court House, in Newcastle, in the County of Northumberland, aforesaid, on FRIDAY, the Fourteenth day of February next, at noon, for the purpose of enabling the Petitioners to offer a Compensation to, or make terms with their Creditors, and to render an exposition of their affairs.

N. PARKER, M. R.

I hereby give Notice, that in pursuance of the foregoing Order of His Honor the Master of the Rolls, a Public Meeting of the Creditors of the said Phinehas Williston, William Williston, and Alexander Williston, will be held at the Court House, in Newcastle, aforesaid, in the County of Northumberland aforesaid, at the time and for the purposes in the said order mentioned.

THOMAS H. PETERS,

Clerk of the Peace for the County of Northumberland

CAUTION!

ALL Persons indebted to WILLIAM McMASTER, late of the Parish of Nelson, in the County of Northumberland, Lumberer, an absconding Debtor, are hereby cautioned and forbid paying to, or making any arrangement with William McMaster, junior, or any other person except the subscribers, or one of them, or Messrs Street & Davidson, their Attorneys, who alone are authorized to receive the debts due the said William McMasters, or grant discharges therefor.

Thomas C. Allan, } Trustees.
Alexander Foster, }
Niel McLean, }

Dated the 10th day of January, A. D., 1845.

In the matter of William McMaster, an absconding Debtor.

NOTICE is hereby given, That we, the subscribers, have been appointed Trustees for all the Creditors of William McMaster, late of the parish of Nelson, in the County of Northumberland, Lumberer, an absconding Debtor, and have been sworn to the faithful execution of the said trust, pursuant to the directions of the Act of the General Assembly in such case made and provided; and we do hereby require all persons indebted to the said William McMaster, to pay to us, or some or one of us, on or before the first day of May next, all such sum or sums of money or other debt, duty or thing, which they owe to or are chargeable with, by the said William McMaster; and we do further require all persons whatever, having the charge, custody or possession, of any goods, chattels or effects, belonging to the said William McMaster, to deliver the same forthwith to us, or to some or one of us as aforesaid; and we do further require all the Creditors of the said William McMasters, to deliver to us their respective accounts and demands against the said Debtor, on or before the said first day of May next, in order that right and justice may be done agreeably to the form of the said Acts of Assembly.

Given under our hands, at Newcastle, the tenth day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty five.

Thomas C. Allan, } Trustees.
Alexander Foster, }
Niel McLean, }

STREET & DAVIDSON, Attorneys on the Estate.

For Sale,

The Subscriber offers for SALE, the following Articles, Cheap for CASH.

70 Bbls. LABRADOR HERRING.
TIMOTHY and CLOVER SEED
MOLASSES,
SUGAR,
TEA, COFFEE,
RUM, GIN, BRANDY,
TOBACCO, LEATHER,
CANDLES, SOAP.

JOHN NOONAN.

Chatham, Dec. 14, 1844.

NOTICE—All persons having just claims against the Estate of THOMAS MORROW, late of the Parish of North Esk, in the County of Northumberland, deceased, are requested to render the same duly attested, at the Office of EDWARD WILLISTON, Esquire, Newcastle, or to the subscriber, at his residence in North Esk, within Three Months from this date; and all persons indebted to the said Estate, are requested to make immediate payment at either of the above places.

ROBINSON CROCKER, Executor.
Newcastle, 21st January, 1845.