

Editor's Department.

MIRAMICHI:

CHATHAM, SATURDAY, MAY, 24 1845.

EUROPEAN NEWS.—The Royal Mail Steamer Britannia, arrived at Halifax on Saturday last, in a passage of 12½ days. By her we obtained our files of London papers to the 3rd, and Willmer's American News Letter, published at Liverpool, of the 4th of May.

The intelligence thus obtained is not important. We have made numerous selections, which embrace all the items of news they furnish.

MEXICO.—This city was visited on the 10th ult. with another earthquake. It lasted forty seconds, and overthrew many buildings, and it is said but for the shortness of its duration, the entire city would have been laid in ruins. The shock was felt in a number of towns and villages within a radius of several hundred miles.

NORTHUMBERLAND GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—This excellent Seminary was examined on the 5th instant, in presence of its Trustees, and a considerable number of Ladies and Gentlemen. In all the classes, including English Reading and Grammar, Geography, History, Arithmetic, Mathematics, Latin and Greek, the examination was strict and searching; and the quick and lively manner in which the pupils answered the many and varied questions addressed to them, elicited the warmest approbation of all the visitors. It was evident to all present that great care and indefatigable attention had been bestowed on his scholars by Mr Millar, whose character as a distinguished teacher, every examination more and more confirms.

His system of instruction is admirable; and the success attendant on his unwearied exertions, is proportionately great and marked. It would, indeed, be impossible to do full justice to the efficient state of the School under Mr Millar's judicious management, without entering into a lengthened detail; and as time and space forbid this, it will be sufficient to say, that from the English Class, upwards to the Boys reading Homer and Xenophon, the exhibition made, was, throughout, most gratifying to the Examiners, and highly creditable to Mr Millar; and that the Grammar School of Northumberland fully sustains its usual honorable and extended reputation.—Communicated.

INQUEST.—An Inquest was held on Tuesday last, in Chatham, before M. Cranney, Esq. on view of the body of Mrs Ann Shank. Verdict.—Death from Lock Jaw, occasioned by deceased falling into the fire.

BE AT HOME AT NIGHT.—The following most admirable hints to parents, guardians, and masters, are taken from a late periodical. We recommend them to the attention of our readers, being convinced that they are sound and wholesome. There is, we are sorry to say, ample room for a great reformation in the mode adopted by many parents and masters, in bringing up their children and apprentices, and not the least and most desirous is, keeping them off the streets at night, which, judging from the number of lads abroad after dark, is too lightly considered.

"Wicked works are called works of darkness, because the night has always been considered the most favorable time to engage in them. The thief, the robber, and the assassin generally prefer the darkness for their deeds of villainy; and all kinds of dissipating pleasures are more eagerly pursued by night than by day. These facts should be an admonition to us in regard to the places where we spend our evenings, and to our nightly associations. One great cause of immorality in children and youth, is the habit of being abroad by night. Those children who are allowed to be abroad and play in the streets in the evening, very generally become profane, vulgar, and vicious.

They acquire habits of dissipation from which it is difficult to reclaim them. They break away from parental counsel and restraint, and often pursue the path to speedy destruction.

"One of the most painful sights in our cities and villages is a company of boys of different ages and circumstances, engaged in noisy sports, accompanied often with profane and rough expressions, and not unfrequently with contention and angry debate, and thus preparing for courses of vice, degradation, and ruin. These indulgences cost too much.—They expose parents and children to painful remorse.

"How much better for children to be in their quiet homes at night, engaged in something to improve their minds and their hearts, and then enjoying peaceful and healthful slumber in its proper season. A wise parent will strive to have his home lighted up with cheerfulness and comfort, and provided with useful and attractive entertainment; and a child who would be respectable, wise, and happy, will content himself there, and consider it the safest and happiest place on earth."

COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER.

Address to the Hon. Joseph Cunard.—

A Deputation, consisting of a number of Gentlemen from the Town of Bathurst, waited on the Hon. Joseph Cunard, on his recent visit to that place, and presented him with the following Address from the inhabitants:—

To the Honorable Joseph Cunard,

Sir,—We, the undersigned inhabitants of the Town of Bathurst, desire to offer you our unfeigned respect and esteem, and a cheerful and hearty welcome on your arrival among us. Placed as you are in a high and conspicuous station in Her Majesty's Councils in this Province, your conduct has ever been characterized by consistency, moderation, and manliness; an earnest desire to promote the public good, and to advance the best interests of the country; by your advice you have aided, and by your influence you have always constitutionally supported the Royal Prerogative.

We acknowledge the many and deep obligations under which we lie from your liberality, activity, and mercantile enterprise, displayed in particular in this portion of the Province; and a debt of gratitude is justly due to you wherever your exertions have reached and been felt. Endowed with talents of a superior order, and inferior to none in political knowledge and influence, which have been alike extended whenever called into action, without respect of persons and creed; and we fervently hope that a long life of happiness and prosperity is yet before you, and that nothing may occur to weaken your influence or impair your usefulness.

Bathurst, 20th May, 1845.

Mr Cunard's reply:

Gentlemen,—The unexpected and cordial welcome you have this day given to me, and the Address you have just presented on behalf of the Inhabitants of the Town of Bathurst, are, I assure you, highly flattering to my feelings, and for which I beg you to accept my sincere thanks. The terms in which my public conduct are spoken of in the address, cannot be otherwise than gratifying to me. You do me but justice when you say that I have always constitutionally supported the Royal Prerogative; such has always been my desire, and while I have firmly upheld the just rights of the Crown, I have always endeavored to protect and maintain the rights and privileges of the people.

I am deeply interested in the welfare and prosperity of the town of Bathurst; I am so identified with its rise and progress, that it must be my interest, as it will be my earnest desire, to see its inhabitants prosper, and no exertions on my part will be wanting to promote that object.

In all the acts of my political course, I have endeavored to do justice to all classes, without distinction of persons or creed; and I am happy to find that my efforts in this respect, are approved of by the inhabitants of this town.

I beg you will return my best thanks to the inhabitants of Bathurst, for this testimony of their esteem, and for the desires they so warmly express for my future welfare and prosperity; and which I beg you also, Gentlemen, individually to accept.

To Joseph Read, Esq.,

Rev. A. Barron,

R. Carman, Esq.,

B. Dawson, Esq.,

S. L. Bishop, Esq.,

and Mr M. O'Brien.

Committee appointed to present the Address.

UNITED STATES.—The Steamer Hibernia arrived at Halifax from Boston, on Monday last, having on board the large number of 114 passengers. Papers by her furnish the following items of news:

RELATIONS WITH ENGLAND.—There is a rumour from Washington, coming through channels likely to be correct, to the following purport, viz: that the administration, in consequence of the new posture of our relations with England, contemplates sending out an extraordinary minister, charged with the Oregon negotiation, and also to propose a treaty of reciprocal tariffs; that the President desires that Mr Calhoun should undertake this mission, and that it is with this knowledge, and the understanding that Mr Calhoun would accept this special embassy, that Mr Pickens has declined the place of resident minister which was tendered him. This is not a bad plan, and we

have no doubt that it has been discussed at Washington.—N. Y. Journal of Commerce.

A report was current in New Orleans, brought there by the Water Witch from Vera Cruz, that in consequence of a correspondence between M. Cuevas, the Mexican Secretary, and Mr Shannon, the American minister, the latter had thrown up his diplomatic functions and left the city of Mexico for the United States.

ECCLESIASTICAL.—The London Gazette furnishes the following piece of intelligence:—"The Queen has constituted the Province of New Brunswick and the island of Ceylon Episcopal Sees, to be called respectively the Bishopsrics of Fredericton and Colombo. The Rev. John Medley, D.D., is appointed Bishop of Fredericton; the Rev. James Chapman, Bishop of Colombo. Dr. Medley, with his family, will leave Liverpool by the steam ship Cambria, on the 19th inst."

MAIL TO CHARLOTTE TOWN.—A mail in future will be made up at the Post Offices at Chatham and Charlotte Town, by the Steamer St. George, which vessel will arrive here every fortnight.

THE ST. GEORGE.—The Halifax Register of Monday last, contains the following paragraph. The first objection raised against the steamer, is one which cannot be remedied, but certainly the second could be removed by a little attention. This we trust will be attended to.

"The St. George is a very slow and a very dirty boat,—but she is a great convenience to the travelling public, nevertheless. Captain Mathewson, however, is a clever old gentleman, and endeavours to make passengers spend their time as comfortably and pleasantly as possible."

CANADA.—A fire, which destroyed much valuable property, broke out in Toronto, on the 8th inst. It originated in a stable. We have not yet seen the particulars.

NOVASCOTIA TREASURY.—The Halifax Journal says:

"Various have been the reports in circulation during the past week, with respect the difficulties in the Treasury Department of the Province. Nothing we believe is publicly known that can be rallied upon, as to this truly unpleasant affair."

THE SEASON.—Within the last week there has been a great change for the better in the weather. The sun has shone out brightly, and we have had occasionally, refreshing showers, accompanied with thunder and vivid flashes of lightning, an occurrence very unusual at this season of the year.

Our farmers are busily occupied putting in their seed, and it is cheering to witness the large extent of country now under culture, and the great exertions which are being made in all directions, to clear the wilderness, and put the long neglected patches of land under crop.

NEW BRUNSWICK CATHEDRAL.—It appears the subscription for this edifice amounts to upwards of £1,400. The Queen Dowager has headed the list with a very liberal donation. This amiable lady has also notified her intention of making a contribution to the Digby Church Bazaar.

ERRATUM.—In the twelfth line of the original Poetry in our last No. please read as follows:—

Now sweetly bid the sinner "live,"

WE would recommend to the attention of our readers in Bathurst, a Card among our advertisements from Mrs Jamieson: This lady has testimonials of the highest order—and from personal knowledge, we have no hesitation in stating she is well qualified to perform what she promises. All those who wish to acquire a handsome style of writing, would do well to patronize Mrs Jamieson.

PASSENGERS.—In the Hibernia—Mrs Hamilton and two Daughters, Miss Chalmers, and Mr John Mackie.

LIVERPOOL TIMBER TRADE.

MAY 19.

Of Saint John, one cargo of 19½ inch average, was sold at 20d, and another of much larger average, has been yarded by the importers. Of Quebec no sales from the quay, but from the yard a parcel of 11,000 was sold by

auction at 20d per foot, and in like manner from the quay, a parcel of Saint John Red at 18½d per foot. The demand is good, and the stocks are very considerably reduced, the quantity now held being 144,500 feet less than at this time last year. The stock of yellow pine is 1,013,500 feet, and red 192,000 against 1,049,000 of yellow, and 301,000 feet of red pine at same date in 1844. The consumption of both together per month has been about 495,000 feet, so that, at same rate, the present stocks are only equal to a little more than two months' consumption.

Fir Planks and Boards.—Saint John, with cargo, was sold at 2½d per foot, and by auction at 2d 5-16ths to 2½d, and a small parcel of Halifax, in like manner, at 2d 9-16ths per foot: by private, some large parcels of St. John have been sold at 2d 7-16ths to 2½d. The price of Planks as compared with square timber has been so much lower, that the consumption has been very considerable, being equal to 1,822,000 feet of 2 inches, per month, and the stock now on hand is 5,758,000 feet of 2 inches, or about three months' consumption, at the same rate of the past three months. The stock of Boards is greatly reduced, being only 74,900 feet, the consumption during the three months being 95,100 feet.

Deaths.

At Bathurst, on Saturday, the 10th inst., Mr RICHARD BLACKSTOCK, Merchant, formerly of Chatham, in the 35th year of his age.

At the Nunnery Hospital, Quebec, on the 8th instant, JOHN, eldest son of Mr LUKE PIKE, of Chatham, in the 18th year of his age. He was pursuing his studies for the Priesthood, and was a young man of much promise, being considered one of the most talented students in the Seminary. He was highly esteemed by his fellow students, who purpose placing a head stone at his grave, with a suitable inscription.

Shipping Intelligence.

SAILINGS FROM BRITAIN.

From Willmer's News Letter, May 4.

For Miramichi—April 15th—William and Thomas, Sunderland. 19th—Falcon, Shields; Wear, do. 20th—Signet, Liverpool. 21st—Isabella, Shields; John and Isabella, do.; Annandale, do.; Hillsborough, Clyde. 23rd—Courier, Liverpool. 24th—Ganges, Cork. 25th—Morgiana, Belfast. 28th—Ann and Mary, Southampton; Burley, Dublin.

For Restigouche, April 17—Dolphin, Sunderland. 19th—Prince Albert, Deal. 23rd—Integrity, Liverpool.

The Cleopatra, from Sunderland to Richibucto, has been totally wrecked during a heavy gale; crew saved.

From the London Shipping Gazette.

Spoken at sea, April 17—barque Thetis, from Gloucester for Miramichi.

April 22—Hughson, from Portsmouth for Miramichi; Chamcock, from Liverpool for Richibucto.

April 18—Mary, for Miramichi.

April 21—Gem, for Miramichi.

Deal, May 2—Off, Lord John Russell, Miramichi.

Liverpool, May 2—cleared, Asia, for Richibucto.

Frighful Wreck at Ventry Harbour.—About five o'clock on the morning of the 27th ult., the beautiful sailing vessel the Cleopatra, of Northumberland, bound for Richibucto, with a cargo of brick and coal, was dashed against the cliffs beneath the Reverend Mr Goodman's house at the mouth of the harbour. She had scarcely struck against these immense rocks, when she was literally staved to pieces. The crew (nine in number) threw themselves into the deep, and were there dashed about by the immense surges, which rose mountains high, when, most providentially, they were seen by a young fellow of the neighbourhood. He immediately ran to the Rev. Mr Goodman's and gave the alarm, and throughout the entire neighbourhood. In a very short time many persons assembled over the wreck on the cliffs above. Two amongst them volunteered to descend by a rope to their relief. The rope was immediately procured. The brave fellows safely descended through the cliffs—threw the drowning men, now almost exhausted, the rope, and brought ashore safe. The perpendicular altitude of the cliff is not less than 300 feet. At this time the sea raged with unusual violence. This fine and costly three-masted vessel, launched only this day fortnight, now lies at Ballymore, a complete wreck. The conduct of the poor Roman Catholic people of Ventry on the above melancholy occasion was, we are informed most heroic and generous. To rescue strangers—the crew of the vessel were Scotchmen—from a watery grave, they perilled their lives, reckless of their own fate, and bent only on effecting the safety of others. The humanity of such a people deserves a better return than the appellation of "savages," as the Irish peasantry have been so frequently designated by their ignorant brethren in other parts of this empire.

PORT OF RICHIBUCTO.

Entered, May 5—schr Waterloo, Eisan, Halifax. 9th—barque Oberon, Addie, London. 38 days—Holderness & Chilton. 19th—schr Concord, Hall, Halifax. 20th—brigt Sisters, Kelly, Newfoundland; schr Packet, Ray, Quebec.