

## New Brunswick,

St. John Observer, February 4.  
**Free Presbyterian Church.**—At a meeting of the Pew-holders and Communicants of this Church, held last evening, it was moved and unanimously resolved, that a call for life presented to the Rev. Robert Irvine, and that a considerable addition to his annual support be embodied in the Call.

## MEXICO

The N. O. Bee gives the following extract:—

Tampico, Jan. 14th, 1845.

Dates from Mexico to the 9th arrived last night by express. A desperate battle had taken place on the plains of Apaxpan, between Santa Anna, on one side and Bravo and Paredes, on the other, which resulted in the total route of the former, who was captured while attempting to escape—500 men are reported to be killed.—Gen. Paredes, had been despatched by Bravo, in pursuit after routed troops, while Bravo, himself, was on his march, back to Mexico with his august prisoner. This is all I have time to write you.

Although some doubt is thrown upon the above at New Orleans, it may be correct. Santa Anna appeared to be hemmed in on all sides and could not avoid a battle, so that with unequal odds he may have lost the day and become a prisoner.—What his fate may be cannot be foretold.—He will be tried, no doubt when affairs are tranquil.

General Cortazar, to whom Santa Anna had been ordered to deliver up the command of the army, had fallen into the hands of Santa Anna, by a trick worthy of a Jesuit of the 16th century. This officer had separated himself with his division, from Santa Anna, when the latter wrote to him, begging him to use his influence towards a compromise between him and the government, entreating him to come to his Head Quarters for the purpose of conferring thereon. Cortazar, putting faith in his honor, went thither, when he was immediately arrested without ever seeing Santa Anna.—*New York Sun, February 1.*

## Editor's Department.

## MIRAMICHI:

CHATHAM, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11.

**THE LATE RESIGNATIONS IN THE COUNCIL.**—Four members, it appears, have retired from the Executive Council, namely, Messrs. Johnston, Chandler, Wilnot, and Hazen. We have copied a Debate which occurred in the Assembly, wherein the last two named gentlemen detailed at some length, their reasons for resigning. It will be perceived that there is a wide difference in the opinion entertained by these Gentlemen of "Responsible Government."

This Debate is well worthy a careful perusal, and will enable our readers to form a just opinion of the views and sentiments of the members of Government, as well as of the members of the Assembly on this long discussed and perplexing question. The speech of Mr Simonds is honest and straightforward, and more in keeping with our views than of any individual spoke on the occasion.

It is stated that the Council was divided as follows on the recent appointment of the Hon. Messrs. Simonds, Saunders, Cunard, and Montgomery, for the same. Against it—Messrs. Johnston, Wilnot, Hazen, and Chandler.

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE.**—The Journals of the Legislature in our possession, are to the 5th of this month.

On the 30th ult. Mr J. A. Street introduced a Bill "To establish and regulate the Registry of the Electors of Members to serve in the General Assembly of this Province," which was ordered to be printed for the information of members. On the 1st instant, Mr W. H. Street moved the following Resolution:

"That this House will receive no Petitions for any sum of money relating to Public Service but what is recommended from the Provincial Government."

After some discussion, the motion was put and lost by a large majority. This,

in our opinion, is a part (and one of the very best parts) of Responsible Government, but while the members pertinaciously cling to that portion of it which bestows upon them power and aggrandizement, they will not yield anything which strips them of their patronage. On the 3rd, was presented a petition for the support of a R. Catholic School in the Parish of Bathurst, which was received.

Messrs. Wilnot, Brown, S. Earle, End, Wark, Hanington, and Street, were appointed a Committee to take into consideration the subject of the Education of Youth. Messrs. Wilnot, Wark, and End, were appointed a Committee to take into consideration all matters relating to the Post Office Department within the Province, and report thereon to the house. On the 4th, a Despatch from Lord Stanley was sent down to the House, which recommended that the value set on the American Eagle in the Currency Bill passed last session be reduced; also a Despatch, recommending every possible degree of encouragement and facility towards the early formation of settlements on the new line of communication from Quebec to Halifax. Mr. Wark presented a petition from the Justices of Kent, praying that an act may pass, authorising an assessment to defray the contingent expenses of the county.

The 22d instant is the time limited by the Assembly for receiving petitions.

Want of space has compelled us to postpone the publication of the Address of the Assembly in answer to the Speech of the Governor on opening the Legislature.

**THE SEASON.**—The weather has been much milder for some days past, and somewhat more settled.

**NOVASCOTIA.**—The Halifax Journal thus speaks of the proceedings of the Legislature of this Province.

On Saturday both Bodies were engaged in passing Addresses to Her Majesty, praying the suspension of the negotiation now pending on the subject of the Coal Mines throughout the Province.

The Attorney General addressed the Assembly upon the subject, and explained the difficult and embarrassing considerations to the British Government arising out of the Lease of the Mines of Nova Scotia, granted by the Crown to His Royal Highness, the late Duke of York; which lease he, subsequently, conveyed to certain of his creditors, as a security for the gradual liquidation of his debts. From some of these papers, it appears that a negotiation, having for its object an adjustment what may, in some respects, be considered conflicting claims, has for some time back been in progress between the Crown on the one part, and the Representatives or Creditors of the late Duke of York and the Mining Association on the other. The creditors seek only for a liquidation of their claims upon the late Duke of York; but they, erroneously, it is thought, would include in the Lease granted to the late Duke of York by the Crown, the Mines of Pictou and Sidney, which, as mines opened or in operation, were amongst these generally excepted in the said Lease.—The Mining Association from the light thrown upon the state of their affairs and management, by their said Despatches, it seems, have been wanting either in prudence or foresight, perhaps in both, and their affairs are, confessedly, in a very unpromising state: for from an outlay, as they say, of £200,000, the Shareholders have not yet received a single farthing of dividend. In consequence of this state of their affairs, they have been attempting by negotiation, to obtain from the Crown a remission of rent and extension of term. The British government have entertained their proposals, and felt disposed to accede to them.—However, sensible that such required concessions to the Mining Association, would injuriously affect the pecuniary interests of this Province, they have correctly felt that they could not honourably, at the same time, make those concessions and advise the Royal sanction to our Civil List Act, without the sanction of our domestic Legislature. This explanation will, it is presumed, be sufficient to explain why the Royal assent has not yet been given to the Civil List Act; and, also, to show the necessity there was for early action, on the part of our Legis-

lature, on the subject of those Despatches.

**SHIP NEWS.**—The St. Andrews Standard reports the loss of the bark *Lord Seaton*, from Liverpool, bound to that port with a cargo of salt and coal. She had been out 78 days. She was discovered ashore on the East point of the *Ile à Haut*, bilged, and full of water. It is feared that all her crew have perished. Two bodies were found on the deck, one with his clothes bag in his hand.

The *New York Sun* of February 1, says—"The British barque *Pollock*, from Liverpool bound to New Orleans went ashore on the Chaudaiier Islands on Wednesday, the 16th ult., and bilged the next day.

**THE MAIL STEAMERS.**—A Montreal paper states that during the past year, the Cunard steamers conveyed one thousand three hundred and sixty passengers from Liverpool to Boston, and two hundred and thirteen way passengers. From Boston to Liverpool the number was one thousand and ten, and one hundred and seventy seven way passengers.

Can the proprietors of the *New Brunswick*, and *Halifax Guardian*, inform us how it is, that their papers by mail are generally a week behind their time.

## Marriages.

At Chatham, on the 6th instant, by the Rev. Richard Shepherd, Mr. John Brockway, to Miss Elizabeth Fall, eldest daughter of Mr. Stephen Fall, all of Chatham.

[A large piece of Cake was sent to the Printing Office with the above notice, for which the lady returns thanks to the now married couple, who they trust will long enjoy a large measure of this world's happiness. They more readily acknowledge this mark of attention, as it very seldom occurs that a piece of a bride's cake finds its way to this office, as was wont to be the case in former times.]

## Mail Contract.

Persons desirous of entering into a CONTRACT for the Conveyance of

Her Majesty's **MAILS** Between **CHATHAM** and **FREDERICTON**.

Via Nashwaak, once in every week each way, from 6th APRIL next, are requested to send in Sealed Tenders, addressed to the Deputy Postmaster General, stating the sum per annum in Halifax Currency, for which they would agree to perform the service.

The particulars of the Contract are, that the Mails shall be conveyed on such days, and at such hours, as may from time to time be pointed out by the Deputy Postmaster General, and at a rate of speed not less than 6 miles per hour, including stoppages.

A notice of three months to be given on either side to determine the Contract. Security will be required for the due performance of the Service.

The Tenders must be marked on the cover "Tender for Mail," which will be received at the General Post Office, St. John, until Thursday, the 6th March next, at 12 o'clock, noon, after which none can be noticed.

By Order.

T. B. LANG,  
 Post Office Surveyor  
 Post Office, Chatham, 6th February, 1845.

## Sheriff's Sale.

On SATURDAY 16th August next, between the hours of 12 and 5 o'clock, P. M. in front of Hamill's Hotel, Newcastle, will be sold at Public Auction:

All the Right, Title, Interest, Property, Claim and Demand, of WILLIAM WALSH, in and to a Lot of Land, on which he lately resided, situate on the North West Branch of Miramichi, and in the Parish of North Esk—also All other the Real Estate, of the said WILLIAM WALSH, situate in the County of Northumberland—The same having been seized by me, by Virtue of an Execution issued out of the Supreme Court, at the suit of Nathaniel Spalding, against the said William Walsh and another.

JOHN M. JOHNSON, Sheriff.  
 Sheriff's Office, 30th January 1845.

## Notice.

All persons having any just Claim against the Estate of JAMES M. KELLY, late of Newcastle, in the County of Northumberland, Courier, deceased, are required to render the same duly attested within three months from this date, to Messrs Street and Davidson, Solicitors, Newcastle, and to whom all persons indebted to the said Estate are required to make immediate payment.

W. KELLY, Administrator.  
 Dated 31st January, 1845.

## COMMUNICATION.

Mr Pierce—Permit me to ask Mr Lang while here, the following question. In April last advertisements appeared in the public prints, stating that contracts would be taken for conveying her Majesty's Mails from Chatham to Dalhousie, and from Chatham to the Bend of Petitcodiac, at the rate of Six miles per hour, including stoppages. When the contracts were taken and the parties entered upon their duty, handbills were posted, by order of the Post Office Department, stating that the Courier to Dalhousie was to travel at the rate of Three miles per hour. In fact, the travelling to the South has been but little over this rate: Will he explain the reason of this deviation, which the public consider a glaring inconsistency on his part, as a public officer.

ONE OF THE PEOPLE.

Chatham, February 11, 1845.

## List of Letters,

Remaining in the Newcastle Post Office, December, 1844.

Archibald Burk	McMillan Thomas
Archibald James	Moir George
Avery Charles	Malachy John
Axbell John or Wm.	McKibbin Wm.
Broad J W	Malone Lawrence
Brown Andrew	McTavish John
Bale John	McCullam Andrew
Brown Joseph	McArthur John
Barret C	Potter Henry
Bohin Jeremiah	Quinn Judith
Cain John	Reid Andrew
Campbell Marshall	Russell James
Cheswick Charles	Rust John
Clerk John	Stewart George
Cullen Ellen	Stuart Joseph
Cain Widow	Sturgeon James
Clark Elredge	Sturgeon John
Davidson James	Simon Jonathan
Dermond Humphery	Saunderson Jannet
Dean Thomas	Sullivan Elijah
English James	Sullivan
Furlong Patrick	Travis Moses
Ferguson John	Toyer David
Fisher Francis	Tannes James
Fitzgerald James	Tinnmouth Wm.
Foley Peter	Underbuk Jane
Garish Samuel	Ullock Jonathan
Hiscock George	Ullock James
Henderson Ann	Whitney George
Harrigan Denis	Whitney Sarah
Hogan Wm.	Walsh Edward
Kelly Daniel	Wallace James
Lallo John	Williams Catharine
Maxwell Samuel	Wetherburn Wm.
McDonald Angus	Winter Francis
McGrath Francis	

All Letters not called for within the Months from this date will be sent to the General Post office as Dead Letters.

HUGH MORRELL, P. M.

## New Brunswick Reporter!

**Reporting the Debates.**—In issuing our Prospectus we announced our intention of Reporting the Debates during the ensuing Session of the Legislature. They will be published weekly in the Reporter, and we shall likewise furnish under our Editorial head a summary of all the interesting proceedings of the House down to the day of publication. By these means, and with proper attention to the most important Debates, we trust to be able to furnish our readers with as fair a record of Legislative proceedings as they may require; giving them to know at the same time how their Representatives discharge their duty.

No additional charge is made to our yearly subscribers for this service, and the amount for the winter half year will be 7s. 6d. payable either to ourselves or to our Agents. Persons at a distance wishing to subscribe in this way, can forward the money through the Agents or the Post Office, or by the members of the Legislature, when they come to the opening of the House.

## The Head Quarters.

The HEAD QUARTERS will during the sitting of the Legislature, contain a Report of the Debates in the Assembly, and a Second Edition will be published weekly, for which subscribers who choose to take such, will be charged 2s. 6d. extra. Non-subscribers who wish to take both Editions for the period of the Legislative Session only can have them forwarded for one Dollar payable in advance.

## For Sale:

The Subscriber has for SALE the undermentioned articles—

100 Bbls. Canada Fine FLOUR,  
 100 do. do. OATMEAL,  
 TEA in Chests & Boxes,  
 TOBACCO in Boxes,  
 SUGAR in Hhds.  
 MOLASSES,  
 SOAP.  
 Superior ALE in Barrels, 3 1-2 dozen.  
 Port and Sherry WINES of Superior quality.

H. CUNARD.

Chatham, Jan. 21, 1845.

**FARM TO LET.**—Situate a short distance from the Town of Chatham.

It comprises FIFTEEN ACRES of cleared Land, well Fenced, with a good barn on the premises.

For Terms and other particulars, please apply to  
 I. HAWBOLT,  
 Chatham, January 27, 1845.