

Editor's Department.

MIRAMICHI: CHATHAM, TUESDAY, JANUARY 28.

POST OFFICE AFFAIRS.—We understand that several of our Merchants intended on Tuesday last, to have employed a trusty individual to proceed to Dorchester, and bring on the January English mail, in order that they might possess their British correspondence prior to writing by the February Packet; but when they had completed their arrangements, lo! they discovered that the mail would not be delivered to any such person by the Post Master at Dorchester. They have, therefore, been compelled to write by the February steamer before the receipt of their letters by the January one! Is this not, we ask, a great hardship? Is this not a grievance which calls loudly to be redressed? We have been complaining for many months respecting the great and serious delays in the receipt of the British mails—but to all our just complaints and respectful remonstrances, the heads of this department in the Province, have turned a deaf ear.

We put the following question the other day, to our Postmaster, Mr Caie, and requested his reply—"To whom is the blame of all this attributable? Is it to Mr Howe, the Deputy Post Master General, or to Mr Lang, the Surveyor? His laconic and somewhat nettish reply was "To neither, we fancy." Now, in the name of all that is marvellous, if from the head to the tail of the department, all be innocent, and none responsible, what is the use of complaining. As the Legislature meets on Wednesday next, we shall leave the affair in the hands of Messrs. Rankin and Street, our Representatives, to whom the people look for some spirited remonstrance on the floor of the Assembly.

THE SEASON.—Intelligence from Quebec, Montreal, and Saint John, New Brunswick, will be peculiarly gratifying to those who practically sympathise in spirit with the author of that trite saying "Misery loves company." It would seem that the inhabitants of those regions, have enjoyed almost as superlatively rich a treat of atmospheric rarification, with stormy intervals, as we ourselves have. Intense cold, and snow in abundance, are the predominant characteristics of the times. We studiously preserve silence on the score of our roads, and consequent style of travelling.

Quere.—Can our Editorial brethren boast of a four feet blockade, with an office full of loungers, anxiously looking out for the mail, full thirty six hours beyond its time? If so, we have a fellow feeling for them.

We should not, however, neglect to state, (in addition to our other miseries) that we have had a three days' thaw, which has left our roads almost impassable!

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, January 29, 1844.

We have delayed the publication of our Journal until this period, to enable us to put our readers in possession of the news obtained by the British mail.

Owing to the wretched condition of the roads, the Courier from the Southward did not arrive until half past five yesterday afternoon; and the Fredericton mail only came to hand at eleven o'clock yesterday forenoon.

EUROPEAN NEWS.—The new steamship Cambria, Captain Judkins, with the January mail, arrived at Halifax, at half past eight o'clock on the morning of Thursday last, after a passage of nearly eighteen days. She had eighty passengers, and a considerable quantity of freight. The Editor of the Halifax Morning Post says her trip was the most boisterous ever

made. Her Captain assured him, that the weather was perfectly terrific during the whole voyage, and that he never experienced so severe a passage in any of his numerous voyages.

The Editor of the same paper thus speaks of the character of this splendid vessel, and the excitement produced in that city on her arrival:

"Public anxiety was suddenly allayed yesterday morning at half-past nine o'clock, by the sound of two signal guns announcing the arrival of the new steamship Cambria, and the successful termination of her first outward voyage across the Atlantic.

"She came to the wharf at ten o'clock, and was immediately visited by hundreds of our citizens, who rushed to the wharf to obtain a glance at the magnificent vessel.

"The Cambria is, indeed, a grand specimen of naval architecture. She is of the same size as the Hibernia, and her massive machinery was cast in the same mould; but there are sundry improvements less discernible to the eye than of service to the boat, and equally advantageous to the owners, by the saving of room, as to the passengers, by affording comfortable accommodation.

"The same massive strength and finished appearance is observable in the works of the Cambria—the same combination of solidity in her timbering, and every thing liable to be affected by the tremendous weather often encountered in Atlantic voyages; and the same handsome, yet plain decorations, which are sported by her twin sister. Some points of difference are discernible—for example, the panelling of the Hibernia's saloon is covered with paintings of remarkable scenes in the old world and the new, while that of the Cambria is ornamented with an elaborate display of island figures—quite a chef d'œuvre of art.

The papers which have thus come to hand, furnish a large quantity of important and interesting matter. We have hastily gleaned numerous extracts, which comprise the leading features of the intelligence thus obtained. They are culled from London and Liverpool Journals, and the Halifax Morning Post of Saturday last.

ISLAND OF MADEIRA.—The St. John New Brunswicker furnishes us with the following melancholy piece of intelligence from the above named place:

"Advices from Madeira narrate the particulars of a conflict between the Protestant convents and the military, which took place in November last. The Protestants were assailed while engaged in religious service, the police broke into the house, knocked down the man who was officiating in the service, and carried off four or five prisoners.—The people having pursued them, released the prisoners and captured the police, except one, who escaped. The populace tied the hands and feet of the police, and left them on the road. An army of 350 men was then ordered out to put down the converts, and a fatal conflict ensued. Eight soldiers were killed and a number of Protestants. A large number of the latter were taken prisoners, who are to be sent to Portugal to be tried as rebels."

THE TIMBER TRADE.—Messrs Chaloner and Fleming, of Liverpool, in their monthly circular, just issued, remark as follows:

"The arrivals from British America have been moderate this month, amounting to 20 vessels, 10,943 tons, making since the 1st Feb. a total of 336 vessels, 174,905 tons. There are still a few cargoes due from Quebec, which on arrival, will make this year's import the largest on record in this port. The consumption has been so good throughout, that the stocks are comparatively light, especially of Quebec, and consequently advanced prices on the latter have been easily obtained throughout the month."

Marriages.

At St. Michael's Church, Chatham, on the 21st instant, by the Rev. John Shanahan, Mr Phillip Murphy to Miss Elizabeth Murdoch.

On the 24th instant, by the same, Mr James Maher, to Miss Catharine Murphy, both of Chatham.

On the 27th instant, by the same, Mr John Donalds, to Miss Ann Buckley, both of the parish of Glenelg.

At St. John, on the 13th inst., by the Rev. Mr Halket, Mr. Andrew Mason, to Miss Jane Currie, both of Chatham, Miramichi.

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 L. HAWBOLT, Chatham, January 27, 1845.

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 Phineas 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.

Theraby 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 Phineas 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 discharge therefor.

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

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 acts 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 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, Alexander Foster, Niel McLean, Trustees.

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.

In the rapt sunlight of the inner man; Or play the plagiarist, as others do, Revolving in such paths as Fame points out, (The footprints of her Herschells, Humes, and Homers;) Alas! I wist not!

MAN is so peculiarly constituted that his intellectual powers, though inadequate to the full expanse of certain subjects, may nevertheless pursue them as an explorer pursues a stream, to its fountain-head, refreshing himself with its waters when almost fainting by the way, and achieving, at least, some advancement in knowledge, which may be rendered useful to his fellow-men.

Were an Author, in his preliminary musings, to measure his capacity with his theme, how few, possessing an acquaintanceship with self, would presume to venture where the loftiest human genius could only begin to soar! Regarding the present world as the mere cradle of our birth, and school of our infancy, how little can we here know of stupendous realities, the study of which demands an immortality of ages! Yet that little will amply repay the industrious mind, which enlarges with repletion, and becomes more and more capacious to receive as it is filled to overflowing.

I have often wondered at the notion, indulged in by too many, that the education of youth demands only the appropriation of the morning of their years to secure the attainment of all that is necessary to be known for their professional advancement on the theatre of life. What are seven, ten, twenty, or even thirty years, of the closest research possible, if enquiry is therewith to cease, and our accumulative powers of mind to become quiescent? In every well-ordered intellect, the more we know, the stronger becomes the incentive to acquire. Therefore a man is not to account himself a finished philosopher because he has dabbled in physics, or been intimate with the schoolmen. He is not to imagine that the tree of knowledge can attain no ampler growth, because it already abounds in luxuriant foliage, and bears even fruit delightful to the taste. Though I would not enforce a life of mental abstraction, to the certain prejudice of health, and exclusion of a thousand domestic enjoyments;—yet I would advise the fond student to make every day, every event, every circumstance, and every person with whom he associates, contribute, in some way or other, to his progress in a general acquaintance with the world and all that it contains. This sentiment, alas, will often be misunderstood! A host of young gowmsmen will indignantly enquire—"How, or what can we learn from the adoption of a method so plebian as this?" Indulge in the idea of your shadowy greatness, young gentlemen! I have frequently fallen in with sprigs of your caste, and smiled to see how the veriest boor has played them the fool in transacting some of the every day affairs of life!

What although a man have attentively applied to the historians and naturalists of antiquity for lore? What although he is conversant with the modern shelves which groan beneath the ponderous weight of voluminous contradictions? The Grand inquiry is—"Has he learned to think for himself, and does he deduce his reasonings from unsophisticated data?" If thought run wild, as the meteor flash that dissolves in its own illusive brightness, of what utility is its transitory existence?

"Boy," said my Reverend Grandfather, as I sat blubbering over my "Omnes Gallia," "one sold morning in spring;—"Boy," said he "the world is the best Lexicon,—the observing traveller best learns the etymology of Life's Grammar!—all the books on earth, combined, can't make a philosopher!"

Now my Reverend Grandfather was a man of truth, a man of learning, a man of discrimination!—he lived to a good old honest age, a gentleman, a philanthropist, and a christian; he had been in schools, academies, colleges, universities, republics, kingdoms, empires!—in short,

"I may not look upon his like again." END OF NO. I.

SHIP NEWS.

Belfast, December 26—arrived, Constitution, Neil, Miramichi.

Liverpool, Dec. 28—arrived, Pursuit, Miramichi; 29th—arrived, Nancy, (G. Rainie's new brig) Miramichi. Dec. — arrived, Sword Fish, Miramichi.

Crookhaven, December 25—put in, Don, Meyer, from Miramichi, out 31 days.

Mumbles, December 29—put in, Arab, Howe, from Miramichi for Swansse, 35 days passage, all well.

Orkney, December 21—put in, Aid, Tillman, from Miramichi for Hull.