

a rich reward to the husbandman. The intelligence from the other counties to the Northward, as well as from Nova Scotia and Canada, are equally favourable. The potatoes look remarkably strong and healthy. A less quantity than formerly has been put into the ground, but should they continue to thrive, and be not affected by blight or rot, there will be sufficient for next year's consumption. In conversing with farmers, we learn that more attention than formerly has been bestowed by them in selecting seed. A larger amount than usual of wheat and oats have been planted; particularly of the latter, a large portion of which has been sowed at a late period, with the intention of being reaped in a green state for fodder.

QUEBEC AND HALIFAX RAILWAY.—The St. John Colonial Advocate contains the following paragraphs on this important subject.

"We have it from good authority that holders of funds in certain Savings Banks in England have made a serious proposition to government in case the railroad project is proceeded with, to build it with their own hands on condition that a certain moderate interest be guaranteed them on its completion. They will finish it also, so says the story in five years, if their offer be accepted. This is a curious fact, and proves what a vast amount of capital lies in England unemployed and seeking profitable investment, and how easy it would be for a wise government to make room for the profitable use of capital in a new country like this, full of all kinds of raw material if we may so call it, capable by labor to be made valuable. "We would rejoice to learn that this proposition of the British operatives is entertained, as it would bring into the Province the very kind of men we want—men who have begun to save and who feeling that their independence, would continue to save and accumulate capital. We greatly want also a mixture of English and Scotch emigrants of the labouring classes, and by this means may get them. No effort should be spared to accomplish this very desirable object."

QUEBEC.—The papers deny the report which has been going the rounds of the Provincial press, that the Asiatic Cholera had made its appearance in that city.

NEWFOUNDLAND.—We copy below some further intelligence respecting the late disastrous fire at the above-named place, from papers received at Halifax by the steamer Unicorn.

The Royal Gazette has the following enumeration of the public buildings and establishments destroyed:

"St. John's Parish Church; the beautiful new Convent of the Nuns of the Presentation Order; the Convent School House (not finished); the Court House, Gaol, Sheriff's House and offices, Police Office, &c.; the Exchange Buildings, including Commercial Room, Insurance Office, Office of Board of Control, Agricultural Society's Museum, &c.; the Post Office; Colonial Treasurer's Office; Savings Bank; Bank of British North America; Custom House; Ordnance Store and Queen's Wharf; Governors Wharf; Mechanics' Hall; the Reading Room and Library, and McMurdo's Library; the various Hotels; together with the offices of all the Newspapers published here—viz., the Royal Gazette, Public Ledger, Newfoundland Times, Patriot, Morning Courier. We may here remark that within a period of about 30 years the establishment of the official Gazette has been wholly or partially consumed by fire no less than five times. In this instance its Press and nearly the whole of its materials were destroyed, principally after removal."

The same paper notices,—"as a proof of the security afforded, in cases of fire, by properly constructed safety vaults, we may mention, that a large quantity of valuable goods deposited in a vault under the premises of Messrs W. & H. Thomas & Co., were preserved during the destruction of their extensive warehouses in the recent conflagration. The specie, notes, and papers of the Bank of B. N. America were also preserved in safety in a similar vault."

The Morning Courier of the 20th contains the following paragraph, with reference to the insurance affected.

"We understand the total amount of insurances effected here, on property destroyed, was between £160,000 and £180,000—But besides this, considerable sums were insured in England, of which the exact amount is not known here. Most of the insurances were by the Merchants and Traders on their stocks; the amount insured on private dwellings was trifling—Besides the establishments above enumerated, and the great number of Shops containing goods of considerable value, of which much was lost, and the number of bakeries, cabinet ware-rooms, &c., &c., destroyed no fewer than 1232 dwelling houses inhabited by 1552 families were consumed by the late fire. The two fires in Quebec destroyed about 2500 dwelling houses, in-

habited by about 3000 families, being in the suburbs of the city, whereas here the fire has been in the business part of the town, and the value of the property destroyed bears no proportion. In Quebec about one fourth in value of all the buildings was burnt; in St. John's we would say nine-tenths, and the destruction of Merchandise here was infinitely greater than there."

SHEDIAC.—A Correspondent informs us that such is the spirit of opposition now existing in the Packet line between Shediac and Bedeque, P. E. Island, that the fare of passengers has been reduced to one third during the last fortnight, and is now as low as *two shillings and six pence*. A great many of the *Beau monde* are constantly availing themselves of this favourable opportunity of paying a visit to the Island. The accommodations are on a very superior scale, and the comfort, convenience and attention bestowed on passengers is highly creditable to the spirited proprietors.

DUTIES OF AN EDITOR.—As there appears to be some misconception abroad as regards certain duties of an Editor, we shall state our views on the subject.

We consider ourselves bound to publish the proceedings of all public meetings, if properly authenticated, and signed by the Chairman and Secretary; and when we do not make any comment thereon, conceive ourselves not responsible for the opinions advanced thereat.

Anonymous communications, if couched in proper language, and relating to matters in which the public are interested, have a right to a place in our paper; but if they treat on any subject which we conceive may have a tendency to create excitement injurious to the peace of the community, we have the privilege, and shall at all times use it, to reject them.

We are not bound to copy extracts from any other paper, even should they be furnished us by a subscriber. We shall be most happy at all times to receive any information from friends, and have our attention called to any particular article a subscriber may conceive to be important or interesting, but the right to publish is our own prerogative, which we do not feel disposed to surrender, to any man, or body of men—LAY or ECCLESIASTICAL.

These few brief expositions of our duty, we trust will have the effect we intend, and save us from improper censure, and from performing (as we have been compelled repeatedly of late) a very unpleasant duty. A hint to the wise and discreet is sufficient.

TO OUR NEWCASTLE SUBSCRIBERS.—We are sorry to hear from one of our subscribers in Newcastle that our paper is seldom delivered in that town until Monday morning, except to a few individuals.

The late hour in the day at which the Fredericton mail arrives, precludes the possibility of our going to press until three or four o'clock in the afternoon of Saturday. The first papers worked off are despatched to Newcastle and Douglastown; and since the alteration in the arrival of the mail, our parcel has been in sufficient time at the ferry to admit of the person employed, to carry them round before dark. We shall at once see the evil complained of remedied, and embrace this opportunity to return thanks to our correspondent for the information furnished.

We can assure our subscribers in the North West and South West branches of the river, that their papers are regularly despatched from our office every Saturday afternoon, and forwarded to the Post Office in Newcastle. We shall institute an inquiry into the cause of their non-receipt.

To the Editor of the Gleaner.

Dear Sir,—May I ask, what has become of our Chatham Circulating Library? Gone dead, no doubt, like most Miramichi creations of the kind! But if the institution itself has gone the way of all the others, what of the books? Have they shared the fate of the Library? or have they become dry and leafless? I presume, in your two-fold capacity of Librarian and Editor, you are the fittest person to whom I may put these questions. Be so obliging, then, as to say a word or two touching the nature of the disease which has occasioned the dissolution of the said Institution; and your opinion as to the best and most becoming method of disposing of the remains thereof.

It might be well to rake up the ashes of

one or two other of our long defunct Institutions; peradventure, among the rubbish, a few missing dollars might cast up.

Yours truly,
A SUBSCRIBER.

3rd July, 1846.

P. S. Would not the new Mechanics' Institute purchase a part, if not all the books in question.

The Secretary of the Union Library in reply to a Subscriber, will only remark—that for three successive years he advertised the Annual meeting, and at the place appointed not a sufficient number of subscribers attended agreeably to the rules, to transact any business; in fact, at the last meeting but two persons appeared—the Treasurer and himself. He then resolved that he would not call another meeting, unless requested so to do by a number of the subscribers, agreeably to one of the rules of the institution.

The books, or a portion of them, are in his charge; another portion with the Librarian at Newcastle, and the balance in the hands of various shareholders, who, it appears, have acted upon the principle of one of them, who said to the Librarian, "that he retained what works were in his possession, to repay himself for his subscription."

The Treasurer can satisfactorily account for the funds in his hands. They, as well as the books in the Librarian's charge, will be cheerfully handed over to such parties as may be legally authorized to receive them.

Marriages.

In Chatham, on Wednesday evening last, by the Revd. Samuel Bacon, RICHARD HOCKEN, Esq. of Her M. Customs of this port, to SUSAN, second daughter of Michael Samuel, Esq. of this place.

Deaths.

At Chatham, on Sunday last, Mr PATRICK TAYLOR, in the 78th year of his age, for many years a resident of Miramichi.

Shipping Intelligence.

PORT OF MIRAMICHI.

Arrived, June 26—Friendship, Tindle, Charente; Gilmour Rankin & Co.; Dart, Stewart, Hartlepool; Jane and Elizabeth, Granger, Sunderland; J. Cunard & Co.

22nd—Margaret, Hansan, Newfoundland; Providence, Bogg, do.

24th—Ratchford, Flavin, Newfoundland; Gilmour Rankin & Co.; Amy Robsart, Nixon, Sunderland; J. Cunard & Co.

26th—Orestes, Newbury, Newfoundland; Emily Tobin, Harlin, do; Emily, Gashue, do.

20th—Triumvirate, Hunt, Newfoundland.

July 3rd—Elizabeth and Margaret, Hore, Newfoundland; Victoria, Griffin, do.

Cleared, June 19th—Zion's Hope, McPherson, Liverpool; Bee, Ritchie, London. 20th; Mary and Dorothy, Storey, Stockton; Roberts, Duncan, Limerick; Pomona, Templeton, Leith; England's Queen, Wanless, Fosdyke. 23rd; Pioneer, Seager, Sunderland; Leander, Pearce, Torquay. 24th; Gratitude, Firth, Penzance; Bessy Dryden, Bake, Newcastle; Agitator, Magee, Troon; Colonist, Dorwing, Ballyshannon. 25th; John & Hannah, Stephens, Newcastle. 26th; Mariner, Russell, Glasgow; Hope, Henderson, Falmouth; Elizabeth, Cheasaty, Dungarvon. 27th; Tenedos, Graham, Newcastle; Ruth, Exmouth; Harriet, Rose, Kilrush; Sarah Barry, Corregall, Barnstaple. 29th; Dandonald, Nicol, Ballina; Rover, Forbes, Bideford. 30th; Cousins, Gray, Torquay; Providence, Bogg, Newfoundland. July 1; Experiment, Robbins, Liverpool; Active, Kane, do. 2nd; Gamma, Luckley, Sunderland; Aurelia, Amess, Bridgewater. 3rd; Calypso, Punshan, Cardiff; Speculator, Pearson, Exeter.

PORT OF DALHOUSIE,

RESTIGOUCHE, N. B.

Arrived, June 6th—barque Athol, Currie, Greenock, 37 days; ballast—H. & J. Montgomery; ship Superb, Mitchell, Liverpool, 36 days; salt—Wm. Hamilton; brig Eliza Liddell, Clark, Waterford, 38 days; ballast—A. Ritchie & Co.; schr Elizabeth Ann, Allain, New Carlisle, 2 days; ballast—Wm. Hamilton.

8th—brigs Hope, Lister, Maryport, 40 days; ballast—A. Ritchie & Co.; Wave, Storer, Rochefort, 48 days; do—do.: Scylla, Fell, Whitehaven, 46 days; do—do.: barque John Munn, Watt, Liverpool, 36 days; ballast—A. Ritchie & Co.

11th—schr Stranger, O'Brien, Halifax, 10 days; goods—A. Ritchie & Co.; Victoria, Frith, Montreal, 12 days; goods—R. Ferguson; Pris-

cilla, DeRoy, Quebec, 13 days; goods—sundries.

12th—ship Agnes, Bell, Liverpool, 28 days; ballast—A. Ritchie & Co.

13th—schr Sylph, LeBuffe, Newfoundland, 14 days; molasses, &c.—R. Ferguson.

15th—schr Belinda, Caldwell, Halifax, 13 days; West India produce—Wm. Hamilton; brigs Symmetry, Colledge, Newcastle, 37 days; coals—A. Ritchie & Co.; Sally, Ditchburn, Workington, 35 days; ballast—do.

16th—schr Lady, Landry, New Carlisle, 2 days; ballast—A. Ritchie & Co.

19th—brig Jane, Smith, Newfoundland, 6 days; ballast—A. Ritchie & Co.

20th—brigs Hound, Hewit, Newfoundland, 6 days; ballast—H. & J. Montgomery; Shaw, Whelan, do., 18 days; do—do.: schr Enterprise, Cochran, New Carlisle, 3 days; do—Wm. Hamilton.

Cleared, June 5—barque Sarah Ann, Fortune, Lancaster; timber—A. Ritchie & Co.

6th—brig Ann, Stewart, Kirkcubright, do. do.

8th—brig Sea, Williams, Newfoundland; Lumber, do.: schr Elizabeth Ann, Allain, New Carlisle; salt—Wm. Hamilton. 9th—schr Ageneria, McKay, P. E. Island; do—do. 12th—brig Belgrave, Jackson, Ulverston; timber—A. Ritchie & Co. 13th—brigs Helen Douglas, Forrest, Annan; do—do.: Thomas & Robert, Chipchase, Newcastle; do—do.: Elizabeth, Marshall, Falmouth; do—do.: Nelson, Waite, Kirkcubright; do—Wm. Hamilton; barque Majestic, Stove, Newcastle; do—A. Ritchie & Co. 15th—schr Priscilla, De Roy, Quebec; ballast. 17th—schr Stranger, O'Brien, Halifax; shingles—Wm. Hamilton. 18th—schr Lady, Landry, Bathurst; brigs Henderson, Twentyman, Maryport; timber—A. Ritchie & Co.; Symmetry, Bell, Leith; do—do. 20th—brig John & Eleanor, Tillman, do.; do—P. & D. Stewart; barque New York Packet, Hossack, Greenock, do—H. & J. Montgomery; schr Belinda, Caldwell, Halifax; shingles—Wm. Hamilton. 23rd—brig Victoria, Frith, do.; do & Shingles—R. Ferguson. 24th—schr Enterprise, Cochran, do.; shingles—Wm. Hamilton. 25th—brig Eliza Liddell, Clark, Exmouth; timber—A. Ritchie & Co.; barque Athol, Currie, Troon; do. & deals. 26th—ship Superb, Mitchell, Greenock; timber—Wm. Hamilton; brig Richardson, Furness, Ulverston; do—A. Ritchie & Co.

PORT OF SHEDIAC.—Arrived, June 19.—

Packet-schr. Oregon, Welsh, Bedeque. 20th schr Fox, O'Donovan, Bucouche. 21st—brig Demerert, Pattison, Sligo, 31 days—W. H. Scovil; schr Ploughboy, Charlotte Town. July 1; brig Argo, Dousley, Newfoundland.

Sailed, June 22nd—packet-schr Dolphin, Simpson, Bedeque; packet-schr Oregon, Welsh, Bedeque; schrs Ploughboy, P. E. Island; Rory O'More, Whelan, Newfoundland.

Accident.—A Captain Bishop, from Shepody, was accidentally drowned by the upsetting of a boat, at Petticodiac, on the 23rd June.

SHIPPICAN, June 6—arrived, schr Fair Play, DeGrace, Miramichi, 1 day; goods—J. Cunard. 19th—brig Watermillock, Corner, Miramichi, 3 days; do.

Cleared, June 19th—schr Fair Play, DeGrace, Miramichi.

COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER.—On Tuesday, the 30th June, a Coroner's Inquest was held by Dr Gordon, at O'Brian's Hotel, in the town of Bathurst, on the body of an infant child found in the Protestant grave yard.

From the evidence adduced, it appeared that the child had arrived at maturity, and in all probability had been born alive. The maternity was brought home to a servant woman named Alice Day, who was present at the inquest.

The verdict returned was—"that the said Alice Day was guilty of culpable negligence, in not taking the necessary precaution to preserve the life of her offspring, the said female child." The woman was afterwards committed for trial.

Sheriff's Sale:

On SATURDAY, 26th September next, in front of Hazell's Hotel, Newcastle, between the hours of 12 and 5 o'clock, p. m., will be sold at Public Auction—

All the Real Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Property, Claim and Demand of NICHOLAS MURRAY, late of the Parish of Glenelg, in the county of Northumberland, deceased, or so much thereof as may be necessary to satisfy an Execution issued out of the Supreme Court, and now in my hands, at the suit of Mr JAMES JOHNSON, against the said Nicholas Murray.

J. M. JOHNSON, Sheriff of Northumberland. Sheriff's Office, Northumberland, 10th March, 1846.