

in attendance, was allowed to sink to the bottom. The signals were promptly shown by the index, although passing so many fathoms through the salt water thus proving, beyond doubt, the practical success of this mode of conveying intelligence even across the sea. The importance of these experiments is obvious, for if the communication can be carried across Portsmouth harbour, it follows, as a matter of course, that it may with at least equal facility be carried from headland to headland, where it cannot be interfered with by the anchorage of numerous vessels. Thus between Great Britain and France, or any other country separated only by the sea, distance is annihilated.

**Armament for Steam Vessels, &c.**—The following armaments for steam vessels, &c., fitting at the various ports, have been ordered to be prepared:—The Amphion steam-frigate, fitting at Woolwich; fore-castle, one 56-pounder gun; 87 cwt., 10 feet on a pivot-slide and carriage; quarter-deck, one do., and eight 32-pounders of 25 cwt., 6 feet on compressor carriages and slides; main-deck, six 8-inch guns, 65 cwt., 9 feet, and fourteen 32-pounders of 50 cwt., 9 feet 6 inches, on common carriages. The Bull Dog fitting at Chatham—one 56-pounder, 87 cwt., 10 feet, and one 10-inch gun, 85 cwt., 9 feet 4 in. on pivot slides and carriage; four 32-pounders, 42 cwt., 8 feet on compressor carriages and slides. The Rawlesnake, at Woolwich—main-deck, six 32-pounder guns, 25 cwt., on compressor slides and carriages, two 12-pounders, on common carriages, and one 22-pounder brass howitzer on field carriage, with limber for boats; two 12-pounder brass howitzers, two 3-pounders brass guns, three rocket-tubes, and 3 lb. shell-rockets.

**The Harvest in France.**—Our private letters express surprise at the height to which prices are kept up in the various markets in France. "From every quarter," say these letters, "we hear of the admirable quality, and the more than ordinary produce, of the corn crops of this year. In a week from the present day the entire of the harvest south of Paris (with the exception of oats in some districts) will have been cut, saved, and housed. In Picardy and in Normandy the rye and barley are all safe, and much of the wheat in progress of reaping. The potatoes will also turn out well. The vintage promises to be the finest since 1811, exceeding in quantity that of 1834.

**Continental Canals.**—Europe has just acquired another channel of navigation destined to be of the highest importance to its commerce. The Rhine and the Danube, and consequently the Black and North Seas, are united by a canal, opened a few months since, and which permits a vessel from Rotterdam or London to transport her cargo across Bavaria, Austria, Hungary, and Wallachia, as far as Trebizond and Constantinople. This canal, bearing the name of the Lewis Canal (Ludwigs-Kanal), has been executed by the King of Bavaria. The Canal takes its rise at Bamberg, and falls at Kelheim into the Danube. The French canal of the Two-Seas joins the Mediterranean with the ocean; the canal of Holstein unite the Baltic to the North Sea; and lastly, the Lewis Canal places in communication the North Sea with the Black Sea.

A deputation connected with Newfoundland had an interview with Sir George Grey at the Home-Office. The deputation consisted of Mr. Walter Baine, M.P., Mr. Thomas H. Brooking, Mr. George R. Robinson, Mr. Ewen Stabb, Mr. Robert Gillespie, and Mr. Robert Newman Hunt.

**Remarkable Speed on the Ocean.**—During the passage last homeward of the Great Britain from New York to Liverpool, it was ascertained by accurate nautical observation made on Saturday, June 13th, that this leviathan, propelled by the screw, actually ran no less than 330 knots in the course of 24 hours, producing an average rate of going, throughout the day, of nearly sixteen statute miles per hour a speed never before equalled on the ocean by any paddle wheeled steamer, or by any sailing vessel whatever. Such a velocity, had it continued throughout the voyage undiminished, would have brought her across from New York to England in eight days and half.

The Earl of Besborough is the first Irish resident nobleman who has filled the office of Lord Lieutenant of Ireland since the reign of Charles II., when James Duke of Ormond was Lord Lieutenant.

Dr. Bowring has given notice that he shall, on the motion for the House to go into committee on the army-estimates, call the attention of the House to the necessity of abolishing flogging in the army.

**Railways in England.**—The British Parliament have granted a bill for amal-

gamating the London and Birmingham, the Birmingham and Liverpool, and the Liverpool and Manchester, into one concern, which will henceforth be called the "Great Northern Railway." The weekly receipts of this concern already amount to about 225,000 dollars weekly!!!

**Naval Retirement.**—It is expected that the government will carry out the plan for the retirement of captains in the navy, which, it is expected, will be a great boon to those old officers who have spent their best days in the service. The features of the plan are, that all captains of thirty years' standing (which will include those of 1816) will have the option of retiring; the first hundred to have the rank of rear-admiral, with the pension for their widows, and the pay of £15s. per day; the remainder to have £1 per day, filling up the vacancies that may occur by death in the first hundred; and to be entitled to the rank and pay. It is further contemplated to allow the captains who have been on the list twenty years (that is, to the end of 1826) to retire upon equally favourable terms, taking the difference of servitude into consideration, but that it should be limited to those captains who are 55 and upwards.

## Colonial News.

### Nova Scotia.

Halifax Sun, August 21.

**Pic-Nic of North British and Highland Societies.**—This affair came off on Wednesday, as announced. The weather was extremely fine. Early in the morning flags were displayed from some of our public buildings, and from numerous private residences; several of the streets were also arched with them—connecting perhaps, the dwellings of members of each Society. About half-past 10 the procession was formed, under the direction of Mr. Wm. Grant, the Marshal, and soon after marched off in fine style, to the stirring strains of the Pibroch—two Scotch Pipers having been brought from Picton, we believe, for the occasion. The Procession passed through several of our public streets, and attracted immense crowds of spectators. The splendid banners of these societies—the gay attire—handsome wreaths, &c. presented a very pleasing sight, far surpassing anything of the kind we have seen this season.

About 12 o'clock the steamer left the Queen's wharf, with her joyous party—the Band of the 89th, which had kindly been granted them, playing "Roy's Wife, &c" and proceeded up the harbour. Passing Mr. D. Latour's Cutter, the "Iris," that gentleman paid the Company a handsome compliment, by decorating his beautiful craft with a great profusion of flags. Rounding the Admiral's ship, which was the steamer's limit, the usual honours were paid—the Steamer's Band playing "Rule Britannia," the "Vandictive's," "The Blue Bonnets over the Boarder."

On returning the steamer passed close to the wharves—receiving cheers and other salutes—and was soon round the point, on her way to Belmont.

We were not on board the boat, but would have been had not engagements at our office prevented it. We learn, however, that the arrangements were made with great care, in the best possible manner. The Dinner was provided by Hessein, in a style which did him credit,—the amusements were well arranged—music good—and the dancing well sustained. Previous to leaving Belmont three hearty cheers were given for Mr. Clarke, the proprietor. About 500 persons are said to have been present.

Between 8 and 9 the steamer returned to the wharf,—the company landed, and proceeded to Mason Hall, where, for a couple of hours, the dancing was kept up with much spirit; they then separated—pleased with the day's amusements, and with each other.

## Communications.

Another Hint to Mr Roderick McKenzie.

Mr Pierce,

Sir,—I think it was in the spring of last year that Mr McKenzie, of Newcastle, notified us, farmers, that he was prepared to supply us at his place in Newcastle with various Agricultural implements of his own manufacture, and at the same time soliciting our patronage. It struck me then, and I was not alone in that respect, that it would be advisable for Mr McKenzie to deposit a portion of his wares in Chatham, for sale; and I accordingly addressed a hint to him through this medium to that effect, upon which hint he acted, and I am now gratified to learn, that so sensible does he feel of the benefit resulting to him from that hint, as that he wishes to convey to its author a substantial acknowledgment of his gratitude. I have purchased, rather extensively, of Mr Letson, of Mr McKenzie's implements, and being in circumstances to pay for them, Mr McKenzie will not feel any disappointment at my not accepting his kind offer, which I nevertheless fully appreciate, it not happening very frequently that I meet with such returns for kindnesses intended or extended. I would now merely suggest to Mr. McK. the policy of his examining, with mechanical care, the specimens of Agricultural Implements to be seen in

the stores of Messrs. Johnston & Mackie, and Wm. J. Fraser, in Chatham, imported from Boston, and some of which are *New England prize articles*, and in the course of the next season exhibiting to us, of his manufacture, similar specimens or improvements upon them, at the same time that I venture to extend to him the assurance of his receiving from us a preference upon equal terms.

A CHATHAM FARMER.

## Shipping Intelligence.

### PORT OF MIRAMICHI.

Entered—August 22, brig Hibernia, Huyes, Wexford, 46 days—Gilmour, Rankin & Co.

August 24, brigantine Waterlily, Dunn, Harbour Grace. Bark Secret, Gorvin, P. E. Island: schr. Victoria, Griffin, Newfoundland; Lady Smith, Boudrot, Picton.

August 26, schr. Queen Victoria, Babin, Quebec.

August 27, schr. Waterloo, Eisan, Halifax.

Cleared—Aug. 22, schr. Marie Prescilla, Allard, Picton; brig Lady Hood, M'Kenzie, Stornaway; New York Packet, Stewart, Newfoundland; schr. Irish Lass, Le Coste, P. E. Island; Duck, Ready, do. 26th, Queen Victoria, Babin, Arichat. 27th, brig. Beaver, Lawson, Newfoundland. 28th, bark Mary Ann Peters, M'Alpine, Liverpool; brig Jay, Byers, Sunderland.

### PORT OF RICHIBUCTO.

Entered—August 7, brig Clifton, Muirhead, Newfoundland—John Jardine. 8th, Shannon, Newton, Ipswich, Holderness & Chilton. 12th, brig. Lady Constable, Poole, Liverpool, Holderness & Chilton, general cargo.

Cleared—August 1, Anabella, Smith, Newfoundland. 3d, Helen Thomson, Stevenson, London. 5th, Providence, Gallant, Newfoundland; New London, Hanington, P. E. Island. 15th, Asia, Gallier, Cork; Emma, Stevens, Newfoundland; Ann, Roche, do.

### PORT OF SHEDIAC.

Arrived—August 20, bark Marchioness of Clydesdale, Ferguson, Greenock, 31 days—merchandise, to A. M'Ghie. Aug. 24, brig Dalmarnock, Burns, Londonderry, 37 days, to W. H. Dewolf. Spoke on the 9th, in lat. 44 50 north, long. 42 18 west, the bark Intrepid, out 42 days from Hull to Richibucto.

### PORT OF SHIPPEGAN.

Arrived—August 17, bark Hydaspes, Lawson, Bathurst, 1 day, to Joseph Cunard.

### ARRIVALS AT HEA'S HOTEL,

CHATHAM.

August 18, John Owen, Esq. Saint John; Mrs Owen, do; Miss Woodward, do. 22d, Mrs Anderson, Son, and Daughter, Restigouche; Wm. E. Moore, Saint John; Thomas Harding, do; John H. Harding, do; Benjamin Stevens, Richibucto; W. Wilson, Nelson; W. Murison, Esq. Halifax; John Owens, Mrs Owens, and Miss Woodward, Restigouche. 24th, William Heard, Esq. Charlottetown. 25th, John Graham, Richibucto; S. B. Hetherington, do; Charles Little, Kouchibouguac; Pierce Quilty, do; John Orr, do; 27th, Jacob Musereau, South West.

### Marriages.

On the 20th instant, by the Rev. Mr Sweeney, Mr PETER DOYLE, to BRIDGET, daughter of Mr James M'Mahon, both of Chatham parish.

### Deaths.

In Chatham, on Monday last, ADELAIDE JULIA, infant child of Mr — Ritchie, aged 6 months.

In Chatham, on Monday last, Mr PHILIP SHANE, a native of Halifax, in the 55th year of his age.

In Chatham, on Sunday last, Mr MICHAEL M'GRAW, in the 48th year of his age.

In Chatham, on Tuesday last, GEORGE, infant son of Mr Alexander Fraser, aged six months.

### For Sale by the Subscriber,

COMMERCIAL BUILDING.

A few Hogsheds of superior ALE and PORTER, 60 gallons each.  
150 dozen Bottled do. do., in Barrels of 3 1-2 dozen each.  
109 barrels Canada FINE FLOUR, 50 do. do. prime PORK.  
Barrels of Cornmeal and Oatmeal  
Barrels of Hard Bread and Crackers.  
Together with his usual stock of Groceries, Hardware, Liquors, &c, he offers for sale low, for cash, or in barter for Salmon and country produce.

WM. ALBRO LETSON.

Chatham, 25th June, 1846.

## NEW BRUNSWICK.

Northumberland County, S. S.

[L. S.] To the Sheriff of the County of Northumberland, or any Constable within the said county, Greeting: Whereas WILLIAM SALTER, administrator of all and singular the Goods and Chattels, Rights and Credits, which were of JAMES FITZPATRICK, late of the parish of Ludlow, in the said county, Farmer, deceased, hath represented to me that no personal Estate of the said deceased hath come to his hands, for the payment of the debts due by the said deceased; and hath prayed that Licence may issue to authorize him to sell all the Real Estate of the said deceased, towards paying the said Debts: You are therefore required to cite the heirs of the said deceased, personally to be and appear before me, at the Court of Probate to be held at my Office, in the Parish of Chatham, on FRIDAY, the second day of October next, at the hour of Eleven of the clock in the forenoon, to shew cause why Licence should not be granted to the said administrator, to sell all the Real Estate of the said deceased, towards paying the said debts. And you are further required to cite and require the said administrator, and all and every the Creditors and other persons interested in the said Estate, personally to be and appear before me, at the time and place aforesaid, with their vouchers and papers, in order that I may then and there proceed to hear and examine the proofs of the said parties, and the validity or legality of the debts and demands alleged to be existing against the said estate, and make such further order in the matter as may seem just.

Given under my hand, and the seal of the said Court, this twenty-second day of July, one thousand eight hundred and forty six.

THOS. H. PETERS, Surrogate.

GEORGE KERR, Register of Probates for said county.

### 100 Barrels Canso Herrings.

Ex schooner "Waterloo," a prime article, just received and for sale by

JOHNSON & MACKIE.

Chatham, 28th August, 1846.

### JUST RECEIVED,

And for sale by the subscriber, FIVE CASES OF BOTTLED PORT WINE, of 2 1-2 dozen each; which can be recommended as a superior article.

WM. ALBRO LETSON.

Chatham, August 26th 1846.

### HIGHLAND SOCIETY!

A Special meeting of the HIGHLAND SOCIETY of NEW BRUNSWICK, will take place at HAMIL'S HOTEL, NEWCASTLE, on THURSDAY, the 10th SEPTEMBER next, at 3 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of taking into consideration the Rules drawn up by the Committee appointed at the last meeting.

By order of the President,

ALEXANDER FRASER, Secretary.

Miramichi, 28th August, 1846.

### TO LET.

THAT EXCELLENT STAND FOR BUSINESS lately occupied by the Subscriber, as a Store and Dwelling House. For particulars apply to the Subscriber, or to Mr George Henderson. Possession given in October.

GEORGE TAYLOR, Jun.

Chatham, August 29th, 1846.

### LANDS FOR SALE.

6 Building Lots, fronting on the North side of Wellington street. 3 excellent Building Lots near the Madras School, and facing Henderson street. The situation of these Lots is central, and are among the best in the town on which to build. A Plan of the whole can be seen at the office of the subscriber.

A LOT of LAND on the South side of Black River, containing 100 acres, of which 12 are cleared, and fit for cultivation. A Meadow Lot, about a mile to the westward of the Richibucto road, containing 100 acres; and a Lot of 200 acres, principally hardwood, on the east side of the Richibucto road, near Fallen's Farm. Terms of payment easy. For further particulars apply at the office of

GEORGE KERR.

Chatham, 6th July, 1846.

### Shediac and Bedeque Packet.

The new, fast sailing schooner "OREGON," Captain WALSH, will ply between the above ports during the season; leaving Shediac on Mondays, at 9 A. M., after the arrival of the Saint John and Halifax mails, and Bedeque, P. E. Island, on Thursdays, at 9 P. M., after the arrival of the Charlotte Town Stage. The Oregon has been built expressly for the above purpose, and is fitted up in a neat and commodious manner, and every attention will be paid to travellers. For Freight or Passage apply to Mr Rufus Smith, Shediac Hotel, or to the Captain on board.

JAMES WALSH.

Shediac, July 18, 1846.

CAUTION.—All persons are hereby forbid to harbor or give credit on my account to my wife ANN BEGLIN, alias DAY, alias MAY, as she has left my bed and board without any just cause, and I am determined to pay no debts of her contracting after this date.

THOMAS MAY.

Bartholomew's River,

Parish of Blackville, August 5, 1846.