

Newcastle, South West, Douglstown, Bathurst, Dalhousie, Campbellton, S. A. M. Shippegan, Pokemouche, Tracadie, Tabernacluagh, every fortnight, S. A. M. Nova Scotia, Saint John, Dorchester, Richibucto, Petticoe, 9, P. M.

Thursday.—Newcastle and Douglstown, S. A. M.

Friday.—Nova Scotia, Dorchester, St. John, United States, (via St. Andrews,) Richibucto, Petticoe, 9, P. M.

N. B.—Letters will be forwarded upon the payment of a Fee of "six pence," and Newspapers "one penny" each, if posted within thirty minutes after the time appointed for the closing of the respective mails at this Office.

CANADA.—The Committee of Correspondences, appointed at a meeting held at Quebec, on the 23rd October last, to take into consideration the expediency of connecting that city with Halifax by Railway, have published an admirable *Address to the Inhabitants of British America*, which we shall copy in our next number.

SLAVERY.—The following paragraph which is taken from the "River State Review," published in Alabama, will give our readers some idea of the price put upon human flesh and blood, in a country which is constantly bolstered up by its inhabitants as "the freest and most enlightened on the earth." What says the following:—

"Since we are to have Texas, it is well, perhaps, that we should become familiar beforehand with the statistics of a traffic which must hereafter hold a prominent rank in the commerce of the country. O Democracy! where is thy blush? Negroes sold today at the Court House rather high it seems to us for buyers and times, but most assuredly not too high for those who are compelled to part with them. Fellows brought near \$600, average; one brought as high as \$632. Women sold for \$300, to \$610, one only bringing the latter sum. Girls about 14 years old sold from \$375 to \$400. Some families sold in proportion much less."

ST. JOHN.—The papers from this city report that the Wesleyan Chapel was broken open and robbed; a few evenings after, Trinity Church was entered by parties breaking through a window; they obtained no plunder; and on the night of the 2nd inst., the Reformed Presbyterian Church, at Lower Cove was also broken open, but the scoundrels only obtained a few coppers plunder. The New-Brunswick says—"this is the fourth attempt of the kind which has happened during the last fortnight."

CANADA RAILWAYS.—The Montreal Pilot of the 26th December, furnishes the following intelligence respecting the Great Western Rail Road Scheme, of which great expectations were held by the people in Canada:—

"Our correspondent's letter and the accompanying extract from the London Times contain revelations deeply interesting to the Canadians.

"After all Sir Allan McNab's assurances, not only of the certainty of the Great Western Scheme being carried out, but also of capital being supplied for new Canadian lines, it turns out that the whole scheme was a bubble, a disgraceful job, highly discreditable to all parties concerned. 60,000 shares were taken up by Mr. Hudson and some other speculators and re-issued at a premium of £3 10s per share or at a profit of £210,000. It appears that 30,000 shares were actually got rid of at this rate, a portion being given to the Stock Exchange as a bribe to puff the scheme.—The panic having affected this stock, as well as others, the speculators wound it up returning £1 10s to the parties who had been defrauded. The balance will probably cover the expenses, &c. Sir Allan McNab will receive the news probably on the very day (to-morrow) of the great dinner got up to compliment him on his great success. What an appetite it will give him. We really think Sir Allan ought to give some explanation as to his participation in all this. Did he join the club who coolly appropriated 60,000 shares to themselves to sell to the British public at a premium? If so how many shares did he obtain? How many did he keep? Did he take care of his friends in Hamilton, or is it for taking care of himself that he is so highly honoured in all quarters? These are questions which ought to be clearly answered. At all events Canadian Railroad schemes are blown up."

UNITED STATES.—The Halifax Times of Tuesday last, furnishes us with the following late and important intelligence from Washington.

"The Royal Mail steamship *Acadia*, arrived on Saturday last, in 48 hours from Boston. She was eagerly looked for in the expectation that she would bring important intelligence of the rupture between Great Britain and the United States. The Warlike fervour of the latter power has cooled considerably. A determination is now manifested to prevent hostilities, or any nearer approach than has been made. President Polk breathes peace in every word and action. He finds that the move will be 'no go' either to subvert his Presidential interests or to bully England—and indications are even apparent that, if persisted in, it may cause a division of his party, and that Mr. Calhoun, who is averse to war and in favour of compromise, may by whig aid, jockey him out of the second term of his Presidency. All the strong Resolutions in favour of occupation, were in a fair way to be rejected or neutralised, and others of a pacific nature were to be substituted. The most important items we can find upon the subject, are the following:—

"FROM WASHINGTON.—Many letters from Washington speak of what was evidently a current rumour in that city—and perhaps little more than a rumour—that Mr. Calhoun and other influential persons were engaged in an attempt to place the Oregon question in a better position than that in which it was left by the last published accounts of the negotiation. A correspondent of the New York Commercial Advertiser, tells this story in the following words, which gives the most definite summary which we have seen of the various rumours:—

"Mr. Calhoun, seeking peace in the spirit of peace, has interposed his offices, with success, between the British Ministers and Mr. Buchanan. The negotiation is not resumed, but, what amounts to the same thing, measures are taken for its renewal at a future time after further hearing from the British Government.

"The prospect is, that the British Government will renew the negotiation on the basis of the 49th parallel of latitude.

"Through Mr. Calhoun's address, conferences were held yesterday and to-day between the leading Whig and the leading Locofoco members of both Houses on the subject, at which the following conclusions were reached, viz:

1. That there should be no war until compromise and arbitration were exhausted.
2. That no rash measures should pass Congress.
3. That Mr. Douglas's Joint Resolutions assigned for Tuesday, January 6, should be postponed.

"I may add that Mr. Webster's information is, that the British Government will accept the offer of compromise made by Mr. Polk.

"Mr. Bates, the American banker in London, has expressed that opinion."

"The reference in the close of Mr. Webster's 'information' and Mr. Bates's 'opinion' is evidently a little wild. The following extract from a letter of the same date in the Journal of Commerce, in part confirms the general statement:—

"Everything now looks pacific in this quarter. It is just found out that nobody wants war, and that there is no need of one. Mr. Calhoun, from the moment of his arrival here, has exerted himself to calm the agitated waters. He has counselled admirably, and is still engaged in promoting a good understanding between the British Minister and our Government. A number of conversations, all on the most pacific and friendly nature, have taken place between Mr. Buchanan and Mr. Pakenham.

"Mr. Calhoun's next object was to gain time, to prevent any action on the part of the House or Senate, on the Oregon subject, till we can hear again from England.

"To do this he has used his efforts both with Whigs and Democrats, in both Houses, and has succeeded. Several conferences between members of both parties have accordingly taken place, and it was agreed that Mr. Douglas's bill should not be taken up on the day assigned for it, January 6th.

"A correspondent of the New York Courier says:—

"I am gratified at being able to assure you and your readers that on the Oregon question Mr. Calhoun is where he has always been, and that he will on the first proper occasion address the Senate on the subject and in opposition to the proposed action contemplated by the House bill."

"The Washington Union, of Monday, has the following paragraph:—

"The National Intelligencer republishes a statement from the New York News, reported from Washington, to the effect that a settlement of the Oregon boundary question had been concluded in London, between the British government and Mr. McLane, on the basis of the 49th degree—the proposition having come from the former." As we are at present advised, this report is not correct. Other rumours are afloat in the papers touching the same subject, which are equally destitute of foundation."

AGRICULTURAL GRAIN AND CATTLE SHOW.—The Northumberland Agricultural yearly exhibition of Cattle, Grain, Produce of the Dairy, Domestic Manufactures of Cloth, &c., came off in Chatham, on Thursday last; and notwithstanding the day was exceedingly unpropitious, the number of cattle, horses, cows, sheep, &c., was unusually large, and what was more satisfactory, their condition reflected the highest credit on our farmers. The

samples of Grain were very numerous, particularly of Wheat, which, from its appearance and weight, elicited high encomiums from many present, and gave a convincing proof of the capabilities of our soil and climate to supply all the wants of our population. The stock of butter was large, and we have no hesitation in stating, that a better sample was never offered at any Agricultural exhibition. The Sheep were numerous, and their condition and fleece, were the theme of general commendation.

We have much satisfaction in stating, that the samples of *Domestic Cloths* were more than usually large; and the materials and workmanship pronounced to be very superior. A *Bonnet* of mixed straw, and a *Straw Hat* were exhibited. The workmanship, particularly of the former, was extremely neat, and equal to any thing of the kind imported. The straw was the produce of the county, and the entire work of making up the bonnet, and plaiting the straw, the labour of Mrs Wright, residing at Nelson. As there is a praiseworthy spirit abroad to encourage every thing of *domestic growth and manufacture*, we trust our merchants will give this enterprising female a large order for the ensuing spring, and cease importing them, as we understand they can be procured here on as reasonable terms as in the British market.

Too much credit cannot be given to the office-bearers of the Society, for the zeal and interest manifested in the good work of urging a wholesome spirit of rivalry among our Farmers, and urging them forward in the noble employment in which they are engaged. It was gratifying to witness the feeling manifested by numerous farmers, to pay their subscriptions, and enter themselves as members of the society. This is a proper spirit, and one which we sincerely trust will continue to prevail, until every Agriculturist in the County has enrolled his name in the Society's books; then it will be enabled to extend the sphere of its usefulness—the premiums be more numerous and valuable—a greater degree of importance attached to the cultivation of the soil—and those engaged in this truly useful and honorable employment, raised, *as a class*, to the respectable position they should occupy in every community.

Nex week we shall have the Secretary's Report, which will furnish the particulars of this highly interesting exhibition.

FOREIGN MISSION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NOVASCOTIA.—On Sabbath last, the Rev. John McCurdy delivered a discourse to his congregation in St. John's Church, in aid of the Foreign Mission of the Presbyterian Church of Novascotia; after which a Collection was taken, amounting to £12 9 7, which has since been increased to £13 5. The field which has been selected for operation is the New Caledonian Group of Islands, in the South Sea; and the Rev. John Geddie, late of Cavendish, and New London, in Prince Edward's Island, a devoted servant of Christ, has been set apart for the work. It is expected that he will sail for his destination in the ensuing spring. The Church has already pledged itself to an amount which is more than sufficient to maintain one Missionary; and it is now in contemplation to send out an Assistant to Mr. Geddie, after the Apostolic manner of going forth "two and two." May the God of Missions, who has hitherto sustained his cause in other lands, vouchsafe his blessing to this infant enterprise.—*Communicated.*

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—'Nobody's' letter came too late for insertion to-day.

ARRIVALS AT HEA'S HOTEL, CHATHAM.

December 25, Wm. Caie, Kouchibouguac. 26, Edward C. Patten, do.; Miss Trenholm, Point de Bute. 26th, William Davidson, Kouchibouguac. 29, John H. Brownell, Dorchester; William Ullock, Bay du Vin. 40, Mrs. Robert Eddy, Sen. Bathurst; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Eddy, Jun. do.; John W. Price, South West. January 1, Henry Gatchell, Bay du

Vin. 3, L. Des Brisay, Esq. Richibucto. 5 S. D. Hetherington, do.; William Wilson, do 7, James Beattie, Kouchibouguac; Alder Trueman, Sackville.

The Annual Meeting of the HIGHLAND SOCIETY of New Brunswick, will be held at Hamill's Hotel, Newcastle, on TUESDAY next, 13th January, at Eleven o'clock, in the forenoon.

The Fredericton Mail.

This mail had not arrived last evening at 9 o'clock.

G. TURNER,

TIN AND SHEET IRON MANUFACTURER.

Begs respectfully to inform the inhabitants of Miramichi, that he manufactures all articles in the above line, at the house formerly occupied by Mr Layton as an Hotel, where he will execute orders on the most reasonable terms, and solicits a share of public patronage. Chatham, January 8, 1846.

Surrogate Court, County of Northumberland, Province of New Brunswick.

(L. S.) To the Sheriff of the County of Northumberland, or any Constable within said County, Greeting:

Whereas **ROBINSON CROCKER**, Executor of the last Will and Testament, of Thomas Morrow, late of the Parish of Northeast, in the said County of Northumberland, Farmer, deceased, hath filed an account of his Administration on the Estate of the said deceased, and hath prayed that the same may be passed and allowed.

You are therefore required to cite the Creditor, and next of kin, of the deceased, and all others interested in the said Estate, to appear before me, at a Court of Probate, to be held at my Office, in the Parish of Chatham, within the said County, on **MONDAY**, the sixteenth day of February next, at eleven of the clock in the forenoon, to attend the passing and allowing of the said account of Administration of the said Estate.

Given under my hand and the seal of the said Court, this twentieth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and forty five.

THOMAS H. PETERS, Surrogate; GEORGE KERR, Register of Probates for said County.

Wednesday, the Thirty First day of December, Anno Domini, 1845.

By His Honor the Master of the Rolls,

"On reading the Petition of **SAMUEL H. NAPIER**, of Newcastle, in the county of Northumberland, and Province of New Brunswick, Merchant, setting forth a statement of his affairs as therein particularly detailed, and declaring that he is insolvent circumstances, and praying that an Order may be made for the calling of a Meeting of his Creditors, pursuant to the Act of the General Assembly, entitled "an Act to afford relief to persons unfortunate in business, in certain cases;" and it appearing that the Order for such purpose made in this matter on the twenty sixth day of November last past, hath not been duly published, it is hereby ordered, that the said Order be discharged; and further Ordered, that the Clerk of the Peace for the said county of Northumberland, do call a Public Meeting of the Creditors of the said Petitioner, to be holden at the Court House, in Newcastle, in the said county, being the shire town of the said county of Northumberland, on the seventeenth day of February next, at Eleven o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of enabling the Petitioner to offer a composition to, or make terms with, his creditors, and to render an exposition of his affairs.

[Signed] N. PARKER M. R."

In pursuance of the order of His Honor the Master of the Rolls, wherof the foregoing is a true copy; Notice is hereby given, that a Public Meeting of the Creditors of the said Samuel H. Napier, will be held at the Court House, in Newcastle, in the said County of Northumberland, at the time and for the purposes mentioned in the said Order. Dated the second day of January, A. D. 1846.

THOMAS H. PETERS, Clerk of the Peace for Northumberland County.

In the Surrogate Court for the County of Kent.

(L. S.) To the Sheriff of the County of Kent, (Copy.) or any Constable within the same.

Whereas **MARY LAYTON**, Administratrix upon the Estate of William John Layton, late of Richibucto, deceased, hath filed her final account of the administration of the said Estate in the Registry of this Court, and hath prayed that the same may be examined and allowed.

It is therefore Ordered, That the Creditors, Next of Kin, and all others interested in the said Estate, be cited, and you are hereby required to cite them, to be and appear before me, at a Court of Probate to be held in and for the said County, at my Office, in Richibucto, on Saturday, the Tenth day of January next, at the hour of eleven of the clock in the forenoon, to attend the examination and passing of the said account.

Given under my hand and seal, at Richibucto, the ninth day of December, in the year of our Lord, 1845.

WILLIAM CHANDLER, Surrogate for the county of Kent.

J. W. WELDON, Register of Probates for the county of Kent.