

Thursday.—Newcastle and Douglstown, N. B.

Friday.—Nova Scotia, Dorchester, St. John, United States, (via St. Andrews,) Richibucto, Petticoat, 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.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.—The papers that have come to hand during the week, add but little of interest to our previous stock of news. Among our extracts will be found a most admirable letter, from George R. Young, Esq., on the subject of the contemplated Colonial Railroad.

MEETING OF THE LEGISLATURE.—The Legislature of this Province met for the despatch of business, on Thursday, the 29th ult. The speech of His Excellency on opening the session, will be found in another page.

THE SEASON.—The weather still continues highly favourable for the general business of the country.

NEW GOVERNOR GENERAL.—It will be seen by the following paragraph, which is copied from the Montreal Herald, that Earl Cathcart has been appointed to succeed Lord Metcalfe, in the highly responsible office of Governor General of the British North American Provinces.

"We are happy to have it in our power to state, that the mail brought by the Hibernia brings the appointment of His Excellency Lord Cathcart as Governor General of British North America; and that His Lordship has been pleased to accept the high office in question. Under ordinary circumstances, we might be inclined to doubt the policy of uniting in one person the powers and duties of Civil Governor and of Commander of the Forces in these important possessions; but, looking at the present aspect of our foreign relations, we cordially concur in the wisdom of the appointment."

COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER.—*Fatal Accident.*—On the 29th ult., as Mr. Isadore Arsene was making timber in the woods, a limb of a tree struck him on the head, and felled him to the ground, a lifeless corpse. He has left a wife and 7 or 8 children to mourn their loss. Mr. Arsene was an Acadian Frenchman.

The Fredericton Mail.

The Courier with this mail arrived yesterday morning at nine o'clock.

The Reporter of Saturday last, which was received here by the mail on Monday morning, informed us that all the Executive Councillors had tendered their resignations, and that His Excellency had accepted of the same, and that a new Government would be formed as soon as possible. Various reports have reached us since then, on this important subject. The arrival of the mail yesterday morning puts us in possession of the Loyalist, published on the morning of Thursday, from which we have gleaned the following summary of Legislative news. It will be seen that His Excellency has been placed in a very trying situation, and we are glad to find he has acted with much firmness, in not submitting to be coerced into the adoption of measures repugnant to his feelings, or in opposition to his judgment, and we sincerely trust that while he continues to hold the reins of Government in this Province, he will upon all occasions manifest the same determination to uphold the dignity of his office, and not be induced to compromise the same, by the clamor or threats of any body of men.

The following are the extracts mentioned above.

On Thursday last Col. Allen announced in the House of Assembly that the Members of the Executive Council have all tendered their resignations, and by a subsequent announcement made by Mr. Simonds it appears that they retired six weeks since—about the date of the extra Gazette summoning the Legislature to meet.

Various rumours have of course been afloat relative to the new Council, but nothing has, as yet officially transpired. Rumour states that Mr. Chandler was appointed to form a Cabinet,

having received a *carte blanche* from the Governor and that Messrs Johnston and Hazen would again take office. Furthermore it is said that Messrs Johnston and Chandler made it a point not to take office unless Mr. Wilmot went in with them, and that His Excellency demurred to this arrangement—as very properly he might—whereupon the whole affair fell through. Whether those rumours are true, we cannot say, but we believe it is well known that Mr. Chandler's attempt to form a Cabinet failed, and through some unforeseen obstacle, as it was confidently expected up to Saturday evening that the new Council would be made up on Monday. We believe, too, that there is little doubt but the Members of the old Council have been again summoned to Government House; but whether they will attempt to carry on Government again is a question we have no information to enable us to form an opinion on. When it was supposed that a new Council would be formed, the names of two or three gentlemen were mentioned, besides the ex-Councillors, but to give further publicity to this rumour would be premature.

In the Debates while in Committee upon His Excellency's opening speech, the Members of the Lower House took a wide range, and as it was the first opportunity which occurred for letting off the steam a great number of speeches were made. These have an importance attached to them which speeches of greater length and more classical diction may fail to have as the session advances, for every person is anxious to know the temper of the House upon topics circumstances have made highly interesting. The principal subjects over which the debate ranged were the following:—the contemplated railway, Educational measures, the partial failure of the crops, and the fisheries. From what was said upon the first and most important of these measures, the Railway—it is evident that the House will not be actuated by sectional feelings, but will be ready to encourage any practical line that may be set forward. The announcement made by Mr. Simonds is highly important viz: that Her Majesty's Government will not lend their aid to any line west of St. John, but are prepared to advance a large sum of money towards the line running direct from Halifax to Quebec. This announcement may, in the minds of some persons, appear favourable to the design; but in our opinion it favours a tendency to retard operations. If the British Government wish for a national line through this Province—which of course is highly desirable—why do they not construct it at once, or at least take the initiative.

It appears to be the opinion of the House that no distress exists in consequence of the partial failure of the potatoe crop, as there is plenty of employment in the country, and high wages given. This is a correct view, and one which every man's common sense must point out, notwithstanding the puerile sophisms set forth lately by one of our contemporaries. We are also of opinion that the Legislature need not be under the slightest apprehension about a scarcity of seed. We are daily receiving information from all parts of the country, of farmers who have large quantities of potatoes they are saving for seed, or in anticipation of advanced prices; and we have no doubt but an abundance of potatoes will be found for seed, on the opening of spring.

The Education Bill will, no doubt, be soon brought before the Legislature, and although it will meet with opposition, from the spirit lately evinced in the House we have no doubt but the present system will be broken up. £12,000 annually is certainly a large sum to appropriate for the instruction—or rather partial instruction, of 9,000 children; and when we perceive upwards of 70,000 children untaught, it certainly should enlist our sympathies, and stimulate us to produce a more effective system.

By our debates the reader will perceive that Mr. Simonds was deputed by the Executive Government of this Province to remonstrate with the Home Government against the absurd proposition of giving the Americans the right to fish in our waters. This duty Mr. Simonds appears to have performed effectually and gratuitously, and he merits the thanks of the community for his services.

Of course but little business has as yet been done in the House, all being anxiously awaiting the formation of a new Government.

We have reason to believe that no Administration has as yet been formed, and the reason is generally said to be the determination of certain gentlemen, whose services are required, not to take office unless Mr. Wilmot goes in with them; and to this arrangement His Excellency is said to have a decided objection. Of course we have no means of ascertaining the truth of these reports, but shall offer a few remarks under the supposition that they are true. During the past year we have, to the best of our ability, upheld the majority of the House of Assembly against certain practices of the Executive, which practices we considered highly improper and inexpedient, if not decidedly unconstitutional; we have also upheld them against a council chosen from the minority. But as we distinctly declared last session that we would not be a party to coerce the Governor into a certain measure, without allowing him proper time for consideration, so do we now as distinctly declare that we will not join, by lending any influence this journal may possess, in coercing Her Majesty's Representative to receive in his council—*sit tele-a-tele* with—consult and advise with—a man who has rendered himself personally obnoxious to him, and who has personally insulted him. We are no admirer of Sir William Colebrooke, nor of his past policy, but upon a question of this nature

the man sinks in the office, and never shall our pen be prostituted to the vile purpose of bringing the first branch of our government into contempt. Every person must recollect the language used by Mr. Wilmot towards His Excellency during the last session—language personally offensive. Now no private gentleman thus insulted could be expected to hold any intercourse with the party until an ample apology had been made; and shall Her Majesty's Representative be forced into a position a private gentleman could not submit to. We are certain that the loyal people of this Province will say No! If Mr. Wilmot must have a seat in the Executive, let him first apologize, for if he be received at the Council Board without having made an apology, it will be considered—and very justly too—that the Governor has apologized to him! The very act of the Governor meeting Mr. Wilmot at the Council Board, without an apology having been first made to him, will be an admission that Mr. Wilmot was right! Again we ask shall His Excellency be coerced into this humiliating position?

Since the above was written a conversation took place (see our report) in the House, by which it appears that the new Government will be formally announced to day. It is pretty generally understood that Messrs. Chandler, Johnston, and Hazen will go in, with two other gentlemen, probably Crown officers, and that the Council will be but a temporary one, merely to enable the Legislature to proceed with the business of the country, and to remain in office until the ensuing election shall have taken place. We believe we were quite right in the surmises expressed above, and that His Excellency has shown much firmness upon the subject, for which every conscientious and right-minded person will thank him.

At a meeting of pew-holders held at Christ Church on Tuesday last, it was decided by a vote of 56 to 8 to have that building destroyed.

We are sorry to say our American exchanges did not come to hand; we have, therefore, no news from that quarter.

George Blatch, Esq., it appears is reporting the proceedings of the Legislative Council, which are to be published in the Head Quarters.

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.—The latest accounts from the Seat of Government report that the following gentlemen compose the above-named body:—Hon. Messrs. Chandler, Johnston, Hazen, Shore, and the Attorney General.

PROVINCIAL REVENUE.—We perceive by the last Gazette, that the Revenue for the past year amounts to £127,751 19 12, being an increase over that of 1844 of £35,632 3 11.

Marriages.

At Point aux Car, on Monday, the 2d inst., by the Rev. Angus McMaster, Mr. William Morris, of the parish of Chatham, to Miss Phoebe Gunn, of Glenelg parish.

At Little Branch, on Tuesday, the 3d inst., by the same, Mr. Donald McLeod, to Miss Helen Murray, both of the parish of Glenelg.

At Burnt Church, on the 5th instant, by the Rev. John Macbean, M. A., Mr. Donald Fraser, to Miss Isabella McKenzie, both of the Parish of Alnwick.

At Chatham, on the same day, by the same, Mr. James Stewart, to Mrs. Janet Miller, both of the Parish of Newcastle.

On the 5th inst., by the Rev. Wm. Henderson, Mr. Thomas Lamont, of Douglstown, to Miss Agnes Kerr, of the same place.

At Bathurst, on the 21st ult., by the Rev. George McDonnell, Mr. James Shachern, to Miss Catharine Kelly, both of Bathurst.

Deaths.

At Bathurst, on the 18th ult., Miss Isabella McKay, aged 49 years, much respected.

Winter Goods, &c.

The subscriber has received by recent arrival, a general supply of
British DryGOODS, Hardware.

&c. &c. —ALSO—
TEA, SUGAR, and MOLASSES.
MENS' STRONG BOOTS & SHOES
100 Bbls. FALL HERRING,
40 Bbls. Fall COD FISH, a good article for family use,
25 Quintals DRY COD FISH.

All of which he offers for SALE on reasonable terms.

N. B. Good SHINGLES taken in barter
GEORGE TAYLOR, Junr,
Chatham, Nov. 22, 1845.

A Meeting of the Directors of the Highland Society of New Brunswick, will be held at Hanill's Hotel, Newcastle, on Saturday, 14th February next, at 12 o'clock, noon, for the purpose of taking into consideration the propriety of having a BALL under the patronage of the Society. By Order of the President.
A. LOUDON, Secretary,
to the Highland Society of N. Brunswick
Miramichi, January 30, 1846.

Wholesale & Retail Seed Store,

13, SOUTH CASTLE STREET, LIVERPOOL.

GEORGE BARRY, Nurseryman, Seedsman, and Florist, begs to acquaint the Inhabitants of Miramichi, and the surrounding country, that he has always on hand a Fresh and Choice Collection of GARDEN FLOWER, and AGRICULTURAL SEEDS, which he has grown, and carefully selected for his own immediate Trade. Wholesale and Retail Orders carefully selected, and packed, suitable for all climates, and to any amount.

Garden and Agricultural Implements of the most approved Patterns; all sorts of Fruit and Ornamental Trees, choice Flowers, Seeds, &c.

The subscriber respectfully announces that he has been appointed Agent for the above establishment, in this and the neighbouring Counties; and begs to solicit Orders from Agricultural Societies, Retailers, &c., for the undermentioned articles, viz:

GARDEN, FLOWER, and AGRICULTURAL SEEDS,

FRUIT AND ORNAMENTAL TREES,

Garden & Agricultural Implements, &c.

The subscriber reminds parties desirous to be furnished with the above articles TIMEOUSLY NEXT SPRING, that they will do well to place him in possession of their Orders YORTHWITH, that they may be prepared in Britain, and forwarded from thence direct to the several Ports, at which they may be required.

JOHN MACDOUGALL.

Chatham, Miramichi, 4th Dec., 1845.
N. B. Catalogues to be had at the subscriber's store.

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 Northesk, 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 in 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, whereof 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.