

exhibition line. He has been absent from America between three and four years, and weighs no more now than the day he left his native shore; but his intellectual faculties have improved immensely. He speaks French fluently—plays the piano—is learning the violin, and other instruments. He played in a French piece in Paris and the principal French cities; was elected member of the Dramatic Society in Paris; has played Hop o'my Thumb, and Bombasta Furioso, with great *clat*, in London and elsewhere. He has received many valuable presents from the principal sovereigns of Europe; has kissed more than a million and a half of ladies; has exhibited before 3,000,000 of persons, and the gross receipts of his exhibitions, including his theatrical performances, and private levees at various palaces, and at the houses of the nobility of England, France, Belgium, Spain, &c. exceed £150,000 which reckoning 56 sov. to the pound avertupoise, would make 2678 pounds of gold, and as the General weighs but 15 pounds, it follows that he has received 178 times his own weight in gold! In silver; the weight would be 46,879 pounds, and would make 3145 silver statues of the General, of the same weight as himself!

The General has achieved all his triumphs under the direction of P. T. Barnum, Esq., proprietor of the American Museum, New York, who first brought him before the public in America, who has personally attended him in all his peregrinations. It is gratifying to know that while this gentleman has reaped a rich reward for his enterprise, he has also secured a splendid fortune for his little *protege* and patents.

RELIEF TO THE DESTITUTE IN IRELAND AND SCOTLAND.

Last week we published the proceedings of a Public Meeting held in the hall of the Mechanics' Institute, in Chatham, at which the Hon. J. Cunard presided, the object of which was, to raise funds for the relief of the destitute population of Ireland, a large portion of whom are suffering the pangs of hunger and disease. We have much satisfaction in being enabled to state, that the committee forwarded by the mail on Saturday, to Sir John Power, Baronet, Treasurer of the Metropolitan Relief Committee, at Dublin, a Bill of Exchange for £300 sterling. This amount, as the letter in which it was enclosed stated, was mainly derived from the labouring class, who nobly came forward, almost to a man, at a season of the year when labour is not abundant, and money scarce, and contributed their hard earnings, with the greatest cheerfulness, in sums from five pounds downwards, to the relief of their fellow countrymen in their beloved fatherland. And the Committee also stated, that they were in hopes to be enabled to add considerably to the amount of the contributions already forwarded, by means now in active operation, by the steamer which is to leave Halifax on the 3rd April.

To enable the committee to carry out this praiseworthy object, we sincerely trust such of our community as have not yet contributed, their mite to either of the subscriptions that have been got up, will speedily come forward and aid the committee in their philanthropic work. For the information of all such, we inform them that subscription papers are lying at the stores of the Hon. Joseph Cunard, H. C. D. Carman, and the Gleaner Office, in Chatham; at the store of Mr John Bagnell, in Newcastle, and with other members of the committee residing in various parts of the county, who will cheerfully receive the smallest gratuity.

The cards for the Tea Party, are meeting with a ready sale, and the committee have decided on reducing the price for the admission of females to half a dollar. The Chatham Amateur Band has very generously consented to attend on the occasion; and the members of the Kouchibouguac Band have also praiseworthily volunteered to come on and assist them. Hopes therefore are entertained, that the large building will be well filled.

The committee for the relief of the destitute population in the Highlands and Islands of Scotland, forwarded by the same mail, a bill of £121 Sterling, on Messrs. Pollok, Gilmour & Co., in favor of the Right Hon. the Provost of Edinburgh.

The public Journals from the United

States, Canada, Halifax and Saint John, inform us, that large sums are being raised in these places for the same benevolent object.

We perceive that subscriptions have been taken up in different places of Worship in St. John. Is not this example worthy of being followed in Miramichi? It has been said that a large amount has already been collected. Granted—but read the reports of the misery and wretchedness which the Journals portray—and then answer—can we do too much? Take for instance, the noble generosity of the Quakers in England—they have subscribed £22,000 towards the sufferers, which is estimated at £5 for every family of that persuasion in the kingdom. This is an act of praiseworthy philanthropy and benevolence, which we question was ever equalled in ancient or modern history.

Since the above was written, we have received an Advertisement, stating that a Soiree for the Relief of the destitute population of Ireland, will be held on Wednesday, the 10th instant, at the Marine Hospital in Douglasiown.

The Editor of the Eastern Chronicle is urging the people of Picton to do something towards the relief of the suffering thousands in the old country.

PUBLIC MEETING

AT BATHURST—COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER.

A Public Meeting was held in the Court House, Bathurst, on Friday the 19th inst., called by the High Sheriff of the county, at the requisition of several individuals, with a view to aid in relieving the extreme distress now prevailing in the Highlands and Islands of Scotland. The High Sheriff, upon motion, having taken the chair, and the Rev. GEORGE McDONNELL acting as Secretary, the first Resolution was proposed by W. Napier, Esq., seconded by Mr A. Cantley, and unanimously agreed to, viz.:

"That it is the solemn duty and high privilege of the benevolent and christian member of the human family, however humble may be his ability, to aid, to the utmost extent of their means, in relieving their distressed and suffering brethren of mankind."

The second Resolution was moved by Francis Ferguson, Esq., seconded by Mr Wm. Malloy, and unanimously agreed to, viz.:

"That the present state of most distressing want and suffering, arising from famine, prevalent among our fellow creatures and fellow subjects, in the Highlands and Islands of Scotland, loudly and imperatively calls upon the humane and charitable inhabitants of this country, and above all, upon their fellow countrymen, to use their best efforts in procuring and transmitting whatever assistance may be in their power, to the sufferers."

The third Resolution was moved by J. Miller, Esq., seconded by Mr McNutt, and unanimously agreed to, viz.:

That F. Ferguson, W. Napier, Esqrs., and the Rev. George McDonnell, be a Committee of general management; who shall receive and remit, to one of the general committees in Scotland, for the relief of the Highlanders, all sums and donations which this community may entrust to their care."

It was then moved that the Sheriff do leave the chair, and Dr. Gordon acting as chairman, the best thanks of the meeting were tendered to H. W. Baldwin, Esq., for his gentlemanly conduct in calling and presiding over the meeting.

G. McDONNELL, Secretary.

PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE.—The Journals of the Legislature in our possession, are to the 19th of last month. We copy below from several papers, a summary of the proceedings of the house.

On the 22d instant, the bill providing for the Registration of Electors, introduced by Mr Brown, underwent discussion, and on motion of Dr Earle, the farther consideration of the bill was postponed for three months.

The Charlotte county scrutiny has closed, and Mr Boyd keeps his seat.

On Wednesday, the House went into committee of Ways and Means, when Mr Partelow rose, and in a long speech embraced the various topics connected with this subject. He alluded to the important act by which the Imperial parliament had authorised the colonial assemblies to repeal the bill on differential duties, and remarked that it was probable the Legislature of Nova Scotia would at once abolish them, and enact such a tariff as would meet the wishes of the colonies in relation to

American importations. [The important bill to which he had alluded had come out with other despatches without any comment from the Home Government, and it would therefore be necessary to couple any Revenue Bill which might now be passed, with a suspending clause, in order to insure its success at home. He alluded to the probable consolidation of the Custom House establishment, and a probability that a great part of its present duties would be transferred to the department of the Treasury; but in the absence of definite information, he thought the House had better confine itself to the present Revenue bill. After going into a statistical comparison of the last few years as regards the Revenue, he remarked that he would at once take off the duties from live stock imported from Nova Scotia, and he went on to say he would be in favour of increasing the duties on all articles of foreign consumption, and at the same time render the inter-colonial trade free as the winds; being fully satisfied that the colonies can never prosper except under one general system of unrestricted trade, and reciprocal kindness and fair dealings.]

Messrs Boyd, Wark, Earle, Hannington, Gilbert, R. D. Wilmot and Brown, afterwards addressed the committee, and a resolution moved by Mr Wark, authorizing the government to remove the inter-colonial duties, in the event of Canada and Nova Scotia doing the same, was put and lost. Progress was then reported.

On Thursday morning the House got through several Bills, Petitions and appropriations in Supply, with a good deal of promptitude. Several of the Resolutions in the latter service brought up smart debates which of course we have not room for in this day's impression—About 3 o'clock, Mr Ritchie submitted to the House, the Report of the Select Committee appointed to investigate the Correspondence between the Lieut. Governor and the Master of the Rolls, on the subject of the Court of Marriage and Divorce. It goes on to state that under the Law, which it quotes, His Excellency had power to appoint either of the judges of the Supreme Court, or His Honor the Master of the Rolls to preside at the said Court; that in accordance with his authority he had appointed the latter to preside as Vice President of the Court, in his room; That it became the duty of that officer to act, under the Governor's instructions; That The Master of the Rolls had declined acting—and was wrong in so doing;—That the urgent business of the Court is neglected. Under these circumstances the Report is accompanied by a Bill, framed we suppose by the same Committee, authorizing His Excellency to organize a special Court to sit on the third Tuesday in June next, for the despatch of business connected with the Court.

Hon. Mr Hazen said there should be a clause in the Bill compelling the attendance of the parties interested—Mr Ritchie answered that he considered the matter to rest between the Master of the Rolls and the Executive, and it was their business to require his attendance.—Hon. Mr Hazen. "My learned friends mistake me, I did not mean the Master of the Rolls, but parties having business in the Court." Mr Ritchie apologized for the misunderstanding; and after His Honor the Speaker had explained, that the Report, although accepted, was not yet approved by a Committee of the whole, the case was adjourned till to-day.—Reporter, Feb. 26.

COUNTY KENT.—*Melancholy Accident.* We understand that a building occupied by Mr. Jardine as a Blacksmith's forge, near the steam mill of Messrs Holderness & Chilton, on the Richibucto, was totally destroyed by fire, one day last week. It appears that two men were employed in a portion of the premises, picking oakum. One of them very imprudently lit his pipe and was smoking, when some fire dropping from it on the combustible material, it immediately ignited. Before the parties could effect their escape, one of them was so severely burnt, that he died a few hours after, and the other is so severely injured that his life is despaired of.

COLONIAL GOVERNMENT.—We would recommend to the notice of our readers, the valuable article under the head of Communications, on Colonial government. This is the fourth letter which has appeared on the subject—being a critique on the recently published Letters of Joseph Howe, Esq., to Lord John Russell.

PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE.—The Finance Committee submitted a report to the Assembly, a copy of which we insert below:—

"The Committee appointed to take into consideration all the matters relating to the Finances of the Province, have prepared an estimate of the Revenue for the current year, which they beg leave to submit.

They are of opinion that the Light House, Marine Hospital, and Emigrant Funds, will respectively meet the charges against them,

and that the Revenue arising from other sources will be as follows:

Ordinary Revenue, Auction Duties, and Pedlar's Licences.	175,000
Casual and Territorial Revenue arising from Land Sales, Mileage, &c.	7,500
Export Duties.	22,500
Loan Fund.	8,000
Supreme Court Fees.	500
	£113,500

"From this sum deduct the several sums payable by Legislative enactment, and not usually granted in supply, viz.:

Civil List.	£14,500
Salary of the Master of the Rolls.	600
Judges' Travelling Charges.	250
Clerk of the Crown on Circuits.	250
Clerk of the Pleas.	900
Grant to King's College.	1,100
Fourth instalment of Provincial Loan.	6,000
Interest on ditto.	3,630
Interest on Savings' Bank Deposits.	1,500
Old Soldiers and Widows.	1,600
Supreme Court Reporter.	50
Militia Expenses.	850
Expences of the Legislature.	3,500
Oat Mills.	200
	35,130

Leaving the amount to be granted in Supply, £78,370

The Fredericton Royal Gazette Feb. 24.

PROVINCIAL APPOINTMENTS.
James L. Price, Esquire to be a Coroner in the county of Northumberland.

James Johnson, Esquire, to be a Commissioner of wrecks and shipwrecked goods for the county of Northumberland.

Samuel L. Bishop, Esquire, to be a commissioner for Indians in the county of Gloucester, in the room of Thomas M. Deblois, Esquire, removed from the county.

James Davidson, Esquire to be a member, of the Board of Health for Northumberland and Gloucester.

Alexander Goodfellow, Esquire, to be a commissioner to expend the sum of £900 granted at the last session of the Legislature, to build a bridge across the south west branch of the Miramichi River.

MILITIA GENERAL ORDERS.

Fredericton, 22d February, 1847.
His Excellency, the Commander in Chief has been pleased to make the following promotions, &c.:

RESTIGOUCHE COUNTY MILITIA.—TO BE CAPTAINS.

Lieutenant Andrew Barberie, dated 27th January, 1847. Captain Chipman Botsford, from Westmorland county militia, 28th January, 1847. Lieutenant James Paul, vice Alexander Ferguson, removed from the district, 29th do.

TO BE LIEUTENANTS.
Ensigns David M'Nair, dated 27th January, 1847. Robert H. Montgomery, vice J. M'Farlane, retired 28th do. Robert Jardine, vice Jas. Paul promoted, 29th do. Michael Ferguson, 30th do. Edward Hoar, Gent., 31st do. Wm. S. Smith, vice A. Barberie, promoted 1st February. Charles Simonds, Gent., 2nd do. John Cook, Gent., vice W. M'Pherson, left the county, 3d February. John Robertson, vice W. Flemming, left the county, 4th February.

TO BE ENSIGNS.
John Ulican, Gent., vice D. M'Nair, promoted, 27th January. Wm Doyle, Gent., 29th do. John Ferguson, Gent., vice R. Montgomery, promoted 29th January. James S. Morse, Gent., vice R. Jardine, promoted, 30th do. John M'Allister, Gent., 31st do. Peter Stewart, Gent., 1st Feb. Neil Cook, Gent. 2nd do. Andrew Douglas, Gent. 3d do. John M'Kinnon, Gent. 4th do. John Duncan, Junior, Gent. 5th do.

TO BE QUARTER MASTER.
Archibald Ramsey, Gent. with the rank of Lieutenant, vice Joseph Hunter, deceased, 6th Feb., 1847.

SUPREME COURT, HILARY TERM, 10th Victoria, 1847.

It is ordered, that the Solicitor General, Mr J. A. Street, Mr Wright, and Mr George Botsford, be appointed barristers for conducting the examination who make application for admission as Attorneys of this Court, during the year ending the next Hilary Term.

WARD CHIPMAN.
J. CARTER.
G. F. STREET.

ARRIVALS AT HEA'S HOTEL.

Feb. 22nd, John McDonald, Bay du Vin. 23d, Richard Norman Esq., London; S. B. Hethrington, Richibucto; John Williston, Bay du Vin. 24th, Wm. Wilson, South West; Rowland Crocker, do. 25th, Alexander Cameron, Kouchibouguais. 26th, John Sutherland, Richibucto; Wm. Turner, St. John, from Bathurst; James Hamford, Bideford. 27th, J. H. Harding, St. John; Dirans Wilber, do; Samuel Myres, do; H. Getchell Bay du Vin; H. Livingston, Shediac, Alex. Wright, Salisbury.

Marriages.

On the 16th January, at St. Clement Dunes, London, GEORGE LOWDELL, Esq., Surgeon, Brighton, to MARY CAROLINE, daughter of the late William Joplin, Esq. of Miramichi.