

THE SEASON.—Since the publication of our last paper, we have had several very fine days, which powerfully affected the snow on the roads and fields, as well as the ice on our river. On the forenoon of Thursday the latter gave way opposite Batham, and before evening a very large space of open water was observable; but the wind shifting about three o'clock, and blowing a strong breeze from the eastward, checked its progress downward. On the following day boats crossed to the opposite shore, and this morning but little ice is to be seen floating about. There are conflicting accounts from the lower part of the river—some state that it is perfectly clear, and others, that it has not yet taken its departure from Bay du Vin and the opposite shore.

A number of our Agricultural friends have been busily occupied in ploughing, but others are still prevented working out doors by the snow, which, in the low lands, continues to cover the ground to a considerable depth.

A subscriber has provided us with an interesting account of the opening and closing of the navigation for the last 17 years, which we insert below:—

Some of your readers may feel interested in the perusal of the following statement of the precise dates on which the river closed and opened for the past seventeen years, between Newcastle and Chatham; nearer, the Gulf ice is always later in making, varying from two to eight days, and about the same space of time in passing down and clearing out of the bay. In the year 1832 the navigation was only clear on the 9th, and in 1835 was not till the 13th May, but never later than the present season of starting from above.

In 1831 the Julius Caesar arrived on the 18th, and the Blessing on the 23rd April; and that is the only instance of square rigged vessels, during that period, arriving in April.

In 1839 the schooner Cousins arrived on the 7th December; and in 1841 the schr Mary Ann arrived 10th December; these are the only instances of vessels arriving in December. Last season was the longest open water, 8½ months.

Table with 2 columns: Opened, Closed. Lists dates from 1830 to 1847.

Since the above paragraph was put in type several schooners have arrived.

COMMITTAL.—A lad about 18 years of age, named Wm. J. Tait, after a careful examination before Justices Williston and Letson, was committed to take his trial at the next Sessions, for robbing the store of Messrs. Johnson & Mackie.

TO THE COMMISSIONERS OF HIGHWAYS. We have been requested to bring under the notice of the Commissioners of Highways for the Parish of Chatham, the state of the bridge across the street near Lake Pike's, the covering upon which has caved in to such an extent as to render it exceedingly dangerous to man or horse, and particularly during these dark nights. Our attention has also been directed to the road opposite the residence of the Rev. Mr. Sweeny, which has been materially injured in consequence of the ditches having been neglected—and we, as matter of course, also beg leave to bring this point under the notice of the proper officers. The old adage in these cases would apply to some purpose, "a stitch in time."

TIMBER MARKETS.—The state of the Timber Markets is not quoted in the Willmer & Smith's European Times received by the Steamer. Only the price of various descriptions of wood is given in the Prices Current. These are as follows: Pine Timber, St. John, N. B., 1s 4 1-2d to 1s 7d Miramichi and Bay Chaleur, 1 2 1-2d to 1 4 1-2d; Miramichi and Richibucto, ditto; N. S. and P. E. I., 1s 2d to 1s 3 1-2d; St. Andrews, 1s 3d

to 1s 5d.—Red—N. B. and N. S., 1s 3d to 1s 6d.—Birch—St. John, N. B. &c., 1s 5d to 1s 8d; N. S. and P. E. I., 1s 1-2 to 1 4 1-2.—Poles and Spars—N. B. and N. S. Spruce, 1s 2d to 1s 4d.—Deals or Planks—per Stand. C.—N. B. and N. S. Pine and Spruce, per feet of 2 ins., 2 3-8 to 2 3-4.—Staves—N. B. and N. S. Red Oak and Ash Hhd., 90s to 100s. The reduction on the Duties on Foreign Timber came into operation on the 7th ult.

REDUCTION IN THE DUTIES OF FOREIGN TIMBER, &c.—From the 8th inst., the duties on foreign Timber and Deals undergo the following reduction:—Timber from £1 5s to £1 the load of 50 cubic feet; deals from £1 12s to £1 ditto; staves from £1 8s to £1 3s the great hundred of 120 pieces; handspikes over 7 feet from £2 to £1 12s ditto, hand spikes under 7 feet from £1 to 16s. ditto; lathwood from £1 to 16s the fathom; and deals of all lengths, thickness, and breadth 20 per cent. on the great hundred of 120 pieces.

Shipping Intelligence.

From Willmer and Smith's European Times, April 20.

SAILINGS FROM BRITAIN.

For Miramichi.—April 5—Viatie, Shields. 6—Neptune, do. 11—Mariner, the Clyde. 12—Latona, Hull. 13—Seraphine, Liverpool; Emerald, Dartmouth; Emma Zoller, Torquay. For Bathurst.—April 10—Heary Hood, the Clyde. For Bay Chaleur.—April 11—Mary Ann, Liverpool; Dit-on, ditto. 13—Victoria, ditto; Patruus, ditto. For Dalhousie.—April 13—Eliza, Troon. 5—Memnon, Shields. For Richibucto.—April 5—Urania, Sh. Ids. 13—Asia, Liverpool. 18—Cottinham, Deal. For Shippegan.—April 14—Crapaud, Jersey. Liverpool, April 14—The Asia, for Richibucto, has put back, having been in contact with a brig off the Bell Buoy.

Private letters received from Halifax this morning state, that the schooner Siberia, Watt, cleared at that port for Miramichi on the 25th ult., the Perseverance for Bathurst, on the 6th instant, and that the John Wallace to leave the first fair wind.

We perceive by our late papers that the Steamer Conqueror left Liverpool for Shediac on the 28th March.

Passengers in the Caledonia steamer—Messrs William Johnston, George Russell, and the Revd. Dr. Alder.

Arrived this morning—Schr. Happy Return, Boston; Siberia, Halifax; and another, name unknown.

Deaths.

At Richibucto, on the 29th April, of scarlet fever, Mary Smith, youngest child of L. P. W. Des Brisay, Esq. aged 11 months and 17 days.

YESTERDAY'S MAIL!

The papers by this mail reached us early this morning. We have hastily looked them over, and copy therefrom the following extracts:

From Jamaica—Dates from Kingston to the 10th ult. have been received at Savannah.

The Yellow Fever had broken out in Her Majesty's ship Eadymon, 44, which vessel was to have sailed on the 11th for Santa Martha and Carthagen, but in consequence of the sickness of her crew her destination has altered to Halifax, N. S., where she arrived on Thursday last.

The Kingston (Jam.) Journal contains the following intelligence from the colonial Islands in relation to the crops:—

In Grenada, the weather continued favorable for sugar-making, and the process was said to be proceeding as rapidly as the limited laboring forces of the estates would permit.

In Barbadoes the weather was dry and the plants suffering much for the want of moisture. The estate throughout the Island, however, were generally coming up to the expectations of their owners.

The Lieut. Governor of Tobago congratulates the Council and Assembly of that island on the "sufficient and promising appearance of staple productions, and on the abundant supply of provisions in the grounds of the native peasantry, whose good conduct and happy contentment had afforded him much gratification."

In Antigua, there are bright prospects of a large crop and high prices. Every thing looks cheering for the Agriculturalists.

New Brunswick.—We understand that the design is entertained to unite the Close communion and Free-will Baptists of this Province, and that there is great reason to believe it will prove successful.

Hunt to Farmers.—A Load of Hay, screwed or otherwise, would find a ready sale and good price in this market at present.—Fredericton Reporter, May 7.

We learn that the River is now clear of ice as far as Fredericton. The steamers have commenced their trips.—New-brunswick May 8.

Fredericton Cathedral.—The Head Quarters of Wednesday last, says—"We are glad to notice that yesterday ground was broken for the nave and side lies of the Fredericton Cathedral. Stone-cutters, Masons, and Labourers, are now in full operation, and we trust this building will at last be proceeded with in a spirit and with a vigour which no opposition will be able to embarrass or retard."

St. Andrew's and Quebec Railway.—A meeting of Stockholders of this Railway was held at the Town Hall, Saint Andrews, on Tuesday last. The Hon. Capt. Owen was unanimously called to the chair when he gave a brief and lucid explanation of the objects of the meeting. The amended Act of Incorporation was then read, and John Wilson, Esquire, subsequently addressed the meeting, giving a detailed account of the proceedings which have already taken place, and the present state and prospects of the Association.

Prince Edward's Island.—Friday, the 14th May, has been ordered to be kept as a day for General Fast.

The weather is unusually backward for the season, large quantities of snow remaining on the roads and in the woods. People were crossing the river on Monday morning, opposite Charlottetown. In consequence of the protracted season, there is much suffering in the country for want of fodder for the cattle; many of the farmers being obliged to expend all their seed grain to keep them alive. Today the appearances of Spring are more cheering, and though we could have no arrivals in Charlottetown, we have heard of three coasting vessels having put in Three Rivers.

Novascotia.—Wind and Earthquake.—The Digby Courier states that on the afternoon of Thursday last, there was a violent gust of wind in the neighbourhood of that village, where it blew down several chimnies. He says that at Bear River four barns were blown down, and others seriously injured. He also states that on the same evening, at about eight o'clock the shock of an earthquake was felt at Weymouth.—Yarmouth Herald, April 26.

Outrage!—Eight O'Clock.—Friday evening.—The Bells are at this moment ringing an alarm of Fire. A Band of Soldiers have gutted and set fire to a house on "the Hill," in which one of their comrades, it is said, was found murdered.—Halifax Post, May 8.

It is stated that the prospects of the Quebec Lumber Trade are unfavourable this year.

The Gut of Canso was closed with drift ice, on the 28th ult., at which time all the vessels passing through the Gut were driven back.

The Weather.—Not for many years has there been a season so backward and gloomy as the present. The snow still lies nearly a foot deep in the woods, and the frost is not yet out of the ground. Vegetation has not commenced and the consequence is that the cattle in many places are starving. A correspondent in Antigonish writes that in many places in the county of Sydney, the inhabitants have been giving their oats and even wheat to the cattle.—Pictou Eastern Chronicle, May 6.

Sailor's Wanted.

Wanted immediately, Six able Seamen, for the barque MARY JANE, now lying in Richibucto harbour, to whom liberal wages will be given. Apply at the office of Messrs J. W. Holderness & Chilton, Richibucto, 4th May, 1847.

REMOVAL.

THE SUBSCRIBER Has removed from the store lately occupied by Haldow & Loudon, to the adjoining store recently occupied by Henry C. D. Carman, Esquire, where he will in future carry on business on his own account. ALEX. LOUDON. Chatham, 27th April, 1847.



The Druggist Business

Hitherto conducted by Wm. Forbes, in Chatham, will, from this date, be carried on by the subscribers, under the Firm of K. B. & W. FORBES, in the same premises. Expected, by first arrivals from BRITAIN, an extensive and well selected assortment of GENUINE DRUGS, MEDICINES, &c. &c. KENNETH B. FORBES, WILLIAM FORBES. Chatham, 1st May, 1847.

Stallion Lieutenant.

This superb Horse, sired by CAPTAIN, only 5 years old, formerly owned by the Hon. J. Cunard, and at present by the subscriber, will be travelled during the season through the county. Notices will be posted of the several stopping places, in due time. Terms—each mare 25s. for the season, payable before the 1st of September, ensuing. Groom—5s. of the above in hand. LAWRENCE GRENNAN. Douglstown, 23rd April, 1847.

SURROGATE COURT, COUNTY OF NORTHUMBERLAND,

PROVINCE OF NEW-BRUNSWICK. To the Sheriff of the County of Northumberland, or any Constable within said County, Greeting.

Whereas ALEXANDER KEY, surviving administrator on the Estate of Patrick Henderson, late of the Parish of Chatham, in the County of Northumberland, Merchant, deceased, had 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 creditors, 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 Seventeenth day of May next, at Eleven of the Clock in the forenoon, to attend the passing and allowing of the said account of administration on the said Estate.

Given under my hand and the Seal of this said Court, this thirteenth day of April, One thousand eight hundred and forty seven.

T. H. PETERS, Surrogate. GEORGE KERR, Register of Probates for the said County.

Surrogate Court, County of Gloucester:

In the matter of the Estate of the late Wm. AM FLAHERTY, of Pokemouche, in the said county, Farmer:

Whereas John Flaherty, administrator of all and singular the Goods, Chattels, and Credits of the said deceased, hath filed his account against the said Estate, whereby he shews the claims against the said estate, so far as they have been ascertained, to amount to two hundred and sixty seven pounds, six shillings and eight pence: and the said administrator hath also by petition set forth that no personal property hath come into his hands to discharge these claims, or any part thereof; and praying that License may be granted him to sell all, of so much of the Real Estate of the said deceased as may be necessary for that purpose. Whereupon it is ordered, that the Creditors, Next of Kin, and all others interested in the said estate, be and appear at a Court of Probate, to be held at the Court House, Bathurst, on Saturday, the fifteenth day of May next, at 10 o'clock, in the forenoon, to attend the examination and proof of the said accounts; and to shew cause, if any there be, why License to sell the said Real Estate should not be granted, agreeably to the prayer of the said petition.

HENRY W. BALDWIN, Surrogate Judge of Probates. ROBERT GORDON, Register of Probates. Bathurst, 31st March, 1847.

Entire Horse "Briton."

That splendid GREY HORSE formerly owned by Mr Justus Adams, and at present owned by the subscriber, will be kept by him during the present season, and will be travelled through the county, stopping at the following places, viz: Newcastle, Douglstown, Chatham, Napan, Nelson, South West, and North Esk. The public would do well to avail themselves of the present opportunity of obtaining a good breed of horses. Terms—each mare during the season, 25s., 5s. of which to be paid in hand to the groom, and the balance on the 1st of August next. HENRY COPP, Senior. North Esk, 19th April, 1847.

Rise and Fall of Anti-Christ, BY THE REV. ROBERT FLEMING.

(First published in London, January 1, 1701.) This Work, which contains a valuable exposition of many important prophecies, has been lately republished in this Province, and is now offered for sale, price Two Shillings and sixpence. Mr THO. SPRATT is agent for the sale of the above work in Miramichi. Chatham, April 19, 1847.