

THE SEASON.—We do not recollect ever experiencing such a long continuation of cold, frosty weather, as we have during the last ten days. The lamentations of the ladies for the loss of their house plants are very general, and the roots in cellars have suffered considerably.

The papers from other parts of the Province make mention of the severity of the weather. The following is copied from the St. John Courier of Saturday last:—

"The thermometer, yesterday, in this City, stood at 17 degrees below the cypher—being the coldest we have experienced this winter. At Fredericton, on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday last, the thermometer ranged from 23 to 25 degrees below 0."

SHIPWRECKS.—Letters from Cuba speak of dreadful gales and shipwrecks in that quarter. The ship Creole, of New Orleans, from Bordeaux, with 158 passengers, was wrecked near Neuvitas, and 43 persons lost, including the captain. Three other vessels were lost in the same vicinity. Nothing was known of their crews.

The Swedish ship Brenza was cast away on the Brazilian coast, near Bahia, and some 30 lives lost, together with a large amount of property. It is stated that a number of the crew were actually starved to death.

ANOTHER STEAMER.—We have much satisfaction in being enabled to state that there is every prospect of a Steam Ferry Boat being speedily placed on our river, to ply between Chatham and the opposite side. The Shareholders purpose meeting on Tuesday next, after which we shall be enabled to speak more fully on the subject.

FROM HONDURAS.—By the arrival at New York of the brig Montserrat, Capt. Gray, from Belize, papers of that place to the 19th of December have been received. The latest papers mention that recent gales had caused great destruction of property, and it was feared of life also, to the southward of that place. The rivers had been unusually high. At Sitee the river rose thirty feet, covering the plantations, and drowning cattle.

Horses, trees, &c., were swept away by the torrent. So sudden was the rise of water, that many persons had difficulty in escaping to the high lands.

Mexico.—Papers received by the mail yesterday, put us in possession of the following later intelligence from the seat of war in this country:—

Intelligence has been received of the forces under Generals Wool, Twiggs, and Quitman, having joined General Worth at Saltillo, while the supposed advance of Santa Anna's army is now said to be only that of his "corps of observation."

The recapture of Los Angeles, in Upper California, by the Mexicans, appears to be confirmed; though instead of a "massacre of 150 Americans," as at first reported in the Mexican papers, not one American was killed, and only three wounded. There appears to have been but few Americans there.

Commodore Perry, having captured Laguna, a town on the Island of Carmen, State of Tabasco, and destroyed all the enemy's guns and ammunition there, has arrived at Norfolk in the steamer Mississippi, having brought her in for repairs.

The New Orleans Evening Mercury of the 7th inst., has the following condensed summary of the news by the steamer Alabama from Brazos:—

The accounts by this arrival relieve all apprehensions of immediate collision with the enemy. The report that Santa Anna was advancing on Saltillo with a large force, turns out to be an exaggeration at the least. The Mexican troops which were seen, are pronounced only to have been a large foraging party, Santa Anna remaining, with the body of his troops, at San Luis Potosi. Gen. Taylor, in his counter-march from Victoria, met on the second day, Colonel May of the dragoons, bearing this version of the alarm, and Gen. Taylor accordingly again turned on his steps, and advanced towards Victoria. The forces in Saltillo have been considerably strengthened. The Kentucky and Ohio regiments under General Butler, have marched there; and the Kentucky cavalry were to march on the 28th ult.—Monterey, also, under the command of Colonel Garland, is considerably reinforced.

Gen Scott left Matamoros on the 30th ult., for Camargo, and probably thence to Monterey, and the head quarters of Gen. Taylor.

Mexican papers have been received in New York, containing the message of President Salasat of the opening of the Congress, and the reply of that body thereto. General Santa Anna was chosen President of the Republic, until the constitutional period for a popular election. The Message says:—

"The illustrious General Santa Anna, by an act of his life which will cover him with imperishable honor, refused to take upon himself the supreme command, but marched at once to San Luis, where, in the space of a few weeks, he united and organized an army of 20,000 men, sections of which have already thrown themselves before and encountered the enemy. On their part, the government of the United States, pledged as they are to 'conquer a peace,' having given orders to General Taylor that he should advance. Thus, then, another encounter between the two nations will soon take place; but however it terminates this action will neither be the last, nor decisive. Our country being invaded and occupied in a manner the most unjust and atrocious, our honor and the welfare of our children obliges us to sustain the struggle, however prolonged, until we shall arrest the mortal ambition of our Northern neighbours, and make sure the position of our race upon this hemisphere."

"Acting on these principles, the Government has not desired to receive any propositions of peace; the question of war remains submitted to your decision, and the Government can only recommend to Congress the urgent necessity of aiding the army with all the resources necessary for the campaign."

THE BRITISH MAIL.—The hands in our office remained comparatively idle all day yesterday, as we confidently anticipated a British mail. Time wore on, and about half-past seven in the evening we were gratified with the announcement that the Courier had arrived, and brought with him the British January mail. The Postmaster soon discovered, however, that a very large portion of the mail had been sent astray. All the letters and papers for the Northward were missing, as well as the letters for Chatham, and the greater portion of the papers. The whole of the Novascotia mail was also wanting. Our friends in Newcastle were more fortunate—all their English letters and papers came to hand. Our share of the mail amounted to three London papers, bearing date the 5th, 12th and 26th December. From this scanty stock we have gleaned every thing worth extracting, but the intelligence obtained is not important.

This piece of carelessness, or negligence, or whatever else it may be called, will be seriously felt by our neighbours in the neighbouring Counties, as it will deprive them of the opportunity of answering their letters by the February mail, which may prove of serious consequence to many; and should the mistake be discovered in time to forward the missing bags on Friday, our merchants will have but the short period of time elapsing between the arrival and departure of the mail to answer their correspondents. Should there be a further delay, they also will be placed in the same awkward dilemma as the inhabitants of Gloucester and Restigouche.

There is no period of the year at which a similar blunder would be so seriously felt, and we trust the head of the department will cause a strict investigation of the circumstance, that the guilty party may receive a just reprimand.

Not receiving a Halifax paper, we are unable to state the day the steamer arrived, or the length of her passage.

Our Courier travelled rapidly with the mail. He left the Bend at 5 o'clock in the morning, and reached Chatham about 7 in the evening, having in the space of 14 hours traversed nearly 100 miles.

POSTSCRIPT.

To the attention of T. C. ALLAN, Esq., we are indebted for a Halifax paper of Saturday. The Steamer Hibernia arrived there on the morning of Friday last. His Excellency the Earl of Elgin was a passenger. We see nothing of special moment in the extracts given from the British papers.

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY,

JANUARY TERM, 1847.

NEWCASTLE PARISH OFFICERS.

Overseers of Poor.—Alex. Russell, sen., A. Goodfellow, and Oliver Willard.

Assessors.—A. Rankin, A. Goodfellow, and E. Williston.

Commissioners of Highways.—D. Johnston, middle district; A. Goodfellow, upper district; A. Hay, lower district.

Overseers of Highways.—W. Stothart, A. Jessamine, J. Russell, P. Hays, R. Coltart, J. Rust, C. Nevin, D. McDonald, W. Clark, M. Quigley, P. Doyle, W. Russell, and J. Fish.

Overseers of Fisheries.—Andrew Hay, John Innes, Wm. Russell, Hugh Hamill, and Wm. Mathison.

Fence Viewers.—John Millar, W. Stothart, and Andrew Hay.

Pound Keepers.—Edward Farrell, John Alexander, Jun., and Andrew Hay.

Hogreeves.—Winckworth Allan, Samuel H. Napier, John Nesmith, Jun., James Mitchell, Wm. Masson, Jun., Wm. Scott, A. Lamont, William Park, James Millar, John Wyse, W. Stothart, A. Hay, Jun., George Grant, Wm. Doyle, and Samuel Adams.

Inspectors of Fish and Barrels.—John McKenzie, Alex. Russell, James Herbert, Andrew Hay, and John Hay.

Constables.—Edward Farrell, P. Wheeler, Thomas Egan, Saunders Atchison, John Maltby, Michael McCarty, Thos. Perry, John Hay.

Surveyors of Lumber.—A. McKillop, R. Faulkner, Donald Morrison, Robert McCosh, Jun., Robert McCosh, Walter Johnstone, Jas. O'Donnell, Michael O'Donnell, J. Donovan, James Walsh, Robert Rennie, P. Sullivan, Jeremiah McArdie, Mark McLaughlan, John Lawler, Lawrence Grinnan, Christopher Craig, Timothy Connolly, Alex. McEwan, Murdoch Gillis, Ronald Davison, T. B. Maltby, Thos. Maltby, and David Goodfellow.

Trustees of Schools.—Rev. W. Henderson, R. Hutchison, and C. Wishart.

Collectors of Taxes.—Wm. Gordon, lower district; John Ferguson, middle district; Hugh Morell, upper district.

Weigher of Hay.—Hugh Hamill.

Collectors of Dog Tax.—Edward Farrell, upper district; Thomas Perry, middle district; Wm. Gordon, Junior, lower district.

Ferryman.—John Dickson, John Wyse, John Rennie, James Grant, and Thos. Drinan. Town Clerk, and Clerk of the Market.—Edward Farrell.

Wharfinger.—Patrick Watt.

Sealers of Leather.—C. Wishart and Thos. Vanstone.

T. H. PETERS, Clerk of the Peace.

The foregoing persons, appointed at the January Sessions last, as Parish Officers for Newcastle, for the ensuing year, will hereby take notice of their respective appointments, and duly qualify themselves, according to Law, to the faithful discharge of the duties imposed on them respectively, under the penalty imposed on them by Law in case they neglect to do so.

EDWARD FARRELL, Town Clerk.

The List for Chatham Parish has not yet come to hand.

ARRIVALS AT HEA'S HOTEL.

January 11.—Wm. Wilson, South West; S. B. Hetherington, Richibucto; Wm. Ladden, do.; — Power, do.; Alexander McDonald, Sen., Bay du Vin; Henry Getchell, do. 12th—Thomas Graham, Richibucto; John Graham, do.; Alex. McDonald, Jun., Bay du Vin. 13th—Bedford D. Harper, Sackville; P. Quilty, Kouchibouguac; Alexander McRae, Bay du Vin. 14th—Thomas Harding, Shipigan; John Brown, Newcastle; James Atchison, do. 15th—John Ritchie, Esq., New-Bandon; Mrs. Harkin, Newcastle; Alexander McDonald, Sen., Bay du Vin; Miss McDonald, do. 16th—James Cameron, Kouchibouguac; James Butler, Bay du Vin; Mrs. Butler, do. 19th—Isaac Sowerby, Richibucto; E. C. Patten, Kouchibouguac. 20th—George Kenread, Richibucto; Sylvanus Powell, do.; Saunders Atchison, Newcastle; Mr. H. Bergen, South West. 21st—James Williston, Bay du Vin; Wm. Parker, South West. 22nd—John Decantelon, do.; Alexander McDonald, Sen., Bay du Vin; Donald McRae, do.; Robert McLeann, Williams Town. 23—Alexander McLellan, Fort Lawrence; David McLellan, do.; David E. Handy, Sackville; Wm. S. Caie, Kouchibouguac.

Marriages.

At Chatham, on the 26th inst., by the Rev Mr Sweeney, Mr DUNCAN MORRISON, of Oak Point, Parish of Alnwick, to Miss MARGARET, eldest daughter of Mr Alexander McDonald, of Bay du Vin River, Parish of Glenelg.

Deaths.

At Lower Douglastown, on the 20th instant, Mrs. JANE GERRARD, aged 64 years.

AUCTION.

On TUESDAY, the 2nd day of February next, in front of the Store of Messrs. Haddow and Loudon, in Chatham, will be sold at Public Auction, all the

Spruce and Juniper Timber

Now on the 500 acre Lot of Land, on the Renous River, belonging to the Corporation of St. Andrew's Church, Chatham. Five years will be allowed the purchaser for taking away the said timber. Chatham, 11th January, 1847.

HAY! HAY! HAY!

FOR SALE, from 10 to 15 Tons best ENGLISH HAY, in barn, in Newcastle. Apply to STREET & DAVIDSON. Newcastle, 26th December, 1846.

STEAM FERRY BOAT.

A MEETING of the subscribers to the Fund for placing a STEAM FERRY BOAT on the River Miramichi, will take place in the LARGE ROOM over the Gleaner Office, at ELEVEN O'CLOCK in the forenoon of TUESDAY NEXT, the 2nd February, to determine on the manner of carrying out the details of the undertaking, when all the subscribers are requested to attend.

JAMES JOHNSON.

Chatham, 26th January, 1847.

Card—The Highland Ball.

The subscribers gave notice last week, that a BALL is in contemplation, under the patronage of the Highland Society of New Brunswick, at Miramichi, requiring all persons eligible for, as well as those already Members, desirous of participating in that Festival, to signify their intention on or before this date. As the number who have come forward is less than was expected, the Managers will defer the invitation to strangers till the 31st instant, so as to give SCOTSMEN a further opportunity of enrolling themselves for the privileges of the society.

THOS. C. ALLAN,

R. HUTCHISON,

Miramichi, 25th January, 1847.

AUCTION SALES

AT THE STORE OF THE SUBSCRIBER,

EVERY FRIDAY EVENING,

Until further notice, commencing on

Friday Evening next, 29th inst.,

At HALF PAST SIX O'CLOCK, P. M.

TERMS—CASH on delivery

WM. J. FRASER.

Chatham, 26th January, 1847.

Notice to Owners & Tenants.

Occupying Buildings of TWO or more stories high, in the Town of Chatham. Passed 11th April, 1846: 9th Victoria, Chap. 41.

Section 18. And be it enacted, That every person owning a building in the said Town of Newcastle and Chatham, or either of them, of two or more stories in height, shall provide himself with a good and sufficient LADDER, to lay on the top, and hold at the top by two substantial Iron Hooks, fastened to the end of such Ladder, which shall extend down the roof of the house to the eaves; and in case of absence of non-residence of the owner of any such building or buildings in the said towns, or either of them, the said tenant or tenants occupying the same, shall, at the expense of his or their landlord, provide such Ladders for every building, which Ladder every owner on the roof thereof.

The Firewards of the Town of Chatham Give Notice, that Ladders must be placed on the houses according to the 18th section of the Act of the Assembly, and that all persons have the Ladders put on immediately. Any neglect of this order, on the first of March next, will be treated as the law directs.

WM. LETSON,

Secretary of Firewards.

Chatham, 13th January, 1847.

Copartnership Notice.

The Subscriber having this day taken into Copartnership his two sons, JOSEPH J., and WILLIAM E. SAMUEL, the business heretofore carried on by him will in future be conducted under the Firm of M. SAMUEL & SONS.

M. SAMUEL.

Chatham, 2nd January, 1847.

The Subscribers have on hand an extensive assortment of Dry Goods, Outfery, and Earthenware. Also—Flour, Pork, Butter, Annapolis Cheese, Brandy, Gin, Wine, Jamaica Spirit, Sugar, Muscatel Raisins, &c., &c., which they will dispose of on reasonable terms for Cash or approved Credit, at their store in Chatham. They respectfully solicit a share of public patronage.

M. SAMUEL & SONS.

NOTICE.—All persons having any just demands against the Estate of the late Reverend JAMES SOUTER, formerly Minister of St James Church, Newcastle, and late of Borthwick, in the County of Edinburgh, Scotland, deceased, are required to render the same, duly attested within three months to the subscriber, to whom all persons indebted to the said Estate are required to make immediate payment.

ALLAN A. DAVIDSON, Administrator.

Newcastle, 23rd December, 1846.

NOTICE.—All persons having any just claims against the Estate of the late ALEXANDER McDONALD, late of the parish of Alnwick, in the County of Durham, deceased, are required to render the same, duly attested within three months, to Messrs. Street & Davidson, Solicitors, Newcastle, to whom all persons indebted to the said Estate are required to make immediate payment.

ALEXANDER RANKIN, Administrator.

Newcastle, 7th December, 1846.

Seasonable Goods.

The subscriber has on hand, and will dispose of on reasonable terms, a very excellent assortment of DRY GOODS, suitable for the season; GROCERIES, &c. Also—

200 barrels Prime HERRINGS.

S. AARON.

Richibucto, November 20, 1846.