

# The Gleaner.

Chatham, Miramichi,

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1848.

We are compelled again to issue a slip, as the vessel on board of which our fall supply of paper was shipped, has not yet made her appearance, although she left the port of Halifax upwards of four weeks ago!

**NEW BRUNSWICK.**—The Saint John papers continue to notice with regret, the departure of large bodies of persons, formerly residents of that city, and its neighbourhood, for the United States. We have also to complain of the same thing. Every vessel that has left this port for Quebec during the last three months has been crowded with passengers; and scarcely a week has elapsed during the same period, without a waggon or two being despatched to Fredericton with passengers, on their way to the United States, via Saint John.

**NEWFOUNDLAND.**—A letter from Saint John, Newfoundland, under date of Sept. 28, thus notices the prospects of the fishermen and farmers:

The harvest is excellent in spite of an ungenial season. It is supposed five thousand bushels of wheat alone will have been raised in this neighborhood. We have had a fair fishery, and the potato disease, although prevailing in some districts, has not spread much, so that I hope matters with us are mending.

**SINGULAR CIRCUMSTANCE.**—The Gloucester Journal observes,—"It is a curious (shall we call it) phenomenon, that nearly all the births in the animal world (at least in England this year) are of the male gender. The registrars' returns show a majority of men children in most districts; and amongst the cattle, sheep, &c., the farmers say there is little else but male produce."

**THE SEASON.**—The weather has been very cold during the last fortnight. For nearly a week we have had a constant blow from the north and northwest. The potato diggers have a cold time of it. Ice of considerable thickness has formed on standing water in exposed situations. The Halifax Courier of Tuesday thus speaks of the weather there:

The first ice the present season, was formed as thick as a dollar, on Sunday night, in exposed situations. Although comparatively early, it by no means presupposes that the season is to be one of severity; on the contrary, there is every reason to think that autumn will linger in the lap of winter.

**RIDICULOUS FARCE.**—The New Brunswicker, thus briefly notices the meeting of two very sensitive gentlemen, to settle an affair of honour. To all men of sense how ridiculous the transaction must be.

**Affair of Honour at Fredericton.**—An affair of this kind came off last Saturday at Fredericton, between a gentleman of that place, and another who formerly held a commission in the Army, but who since his marriage has resided at the Episcopal city. The gentleman of Fredericton took a cool shot at his adversary, who deliberately fired in the air. Nobody killed—parties left the ground satisfied. Cause of the duel not to be mentioned.

**NOVASCOTIA.**—We are glad to perceive that our neighbors are taking a step in the right direction to profit by the advantages which nature had so kindly bestowed upon their Province.

**LONDONBERY MINES.**—The Meeting called for the purpose of organizing this company, took place yesterday at the Halifax Hotel at three o'clock. The Hon. E. Fairbanks was appointed Chairman, and the Shareholders present proceeded to subscribe the Book, called, "A Register of Shareholders," as directed by the Act of Incorporation. The Shareholders present, who were found to have subscribed nearly ten thousand pounds on the spot, proceeded to elect a Board of Directors, by ballot, when the following Gentlemen were found to have a majority, viz:

Hon. W. A. Black, John Tempest, Esq.  
J. W. Johnston, G. E. Morton, Esq.  
J. E. Fairbanks, John Naylor, Esq.  
A. Keith, William Johns, Esq.  
A. M. Uniacke, Esq.

The meeting, in like manner, proceeded to the election of two Auditors, and the following gentlemen were duly elected—Andrew Mackinlay and Benjamin Black, Esqrs.

This Company, is, we presume, organized under the most favourable circumstances; and has a Board of Directors of sterling merit, who deserve and will have the confidence of every man in the Province. And besides

this, there have been applications made already in England for shares to the amount of £30,000, and no doubt the entire amount will shortly be subscribed; we are only afraid that the shares will be taken up so fast, that there will be none left for our friends in the country, unless they hasten to take stock before Mr. Cairns leaves here for England, to have the balance taken up there, which will be in a few days. We hope yet to see our little Province flourish, and all parties combine for the common good, where so fair a field opens to them.

The Sun thus notices the progress of the Halifax Water Company's works, which are fast progressing to completion. The Water Company's works are progressing rapidly under the active superintendence of Mr. Engineer Fairbanks—who deserves, as he has earned, much praise by his skill and management in this undertaking. On Saturday last, a trial with hose and pipe, as to the distance and height the water might be forced, in case of fire, was made in Barrick Street, in the presence of His Worship the Mayor and Members of the Corporate Body, and a large concourse of persons. Water forced up hill through hose 250 feet in length, was thrown over the North End of the Pavillion Barracks, and through a shorter hose, over the highest house in the street. The experiments were highly satisfactory to all who witnessed them.

**CANADA.**—The Quebec Mercury says:—We regret to find a spirit of incendiarism abroad in Canada. We have had several inklings of it in Quebec, and our yesterday's number recorded some committals for arson. Sorel, however, has been more severely a sufferer by this crime than any other settlement or city in Canada. The conflagration of June last is fresh in the recollection of our readers, and since then several abortive attempts to fire dwellings and out houses have been made there. On Sunday last however, the efforts of an incendiary were crowned with success; four houses, near the river side, as we understand, having been set on fire and consumed. We sincerely trust the wretch who has caused this mischief, may be discovered, and that if convicted, he may be made an example of to warn others from treading in his footsteps.

The Buffalo Courier furnishes the particulars of the loss of the propeller Goliath, on Lake Huron, by fire, during a heavy gale, when it appears, all the persons on board perished. We give below a condensed account of this sad affair.

We have no means of ascertaining the exact number of persons on board the propeller; but from what information we can gather, there was probably not far from twenty five, who have all doubtless perished in the ill-fated wreck, as it would have been impossible for any of them to save themselves by taking to the water, the storm being one of the most severe that has occurred in some time, and such that no open boat or raft could withstand for a moment.

The crew consisted of some ten more persons, most of them from this city, but whose names we are unable to learn. The cargo was mostly shipped from Buffalo and this city, and belonged to the different mining companies in the copper country, consisting of flour, pork, hams, groceries of all kinds, paints, oils, lumber, powder, hay, and the usual stores wanted for mining operations.

It was a large load and a general assortment, belonging principally to C. C. Cushman, Quebec; and Lake Superior Co., H. B. Chamberlain, of Eagle River, and S. A. Knapp of Ontonagon. These are the owners of the goods shipped from here; and we are unable to give those of the Buffalo shipments. There is an insurance of over six thousand dollars on the bills of lading here, about one hundred tons bulk.

About 80 kegs of powder were put aboard at Buffalo, and 125 here. They were stowed carefully away in the extreme bow of the vessel, the farthest from fire, and securely covered over with merchandise. There was also 60,000 shingles and 30,000 feet of lumber, with about forty tons of pressed hay, stowed between decks and on the promenade deck.

Cleveland papers confirm the loss of the Goliath in its most melancholy aspect. It was in the morning of Friday the 22nd September, about 4 o'clock, when off in Pointe aux Barques that the Goliath took fire and with a terrible explosion, was almost instantaneously destroyed. Captain Fuller, of the schooner Spartan, who was at a distance of about five miles from the unfortunate vessel at the time of the fire, distinctly heard the report and felt the shock. The force of it was so intense that it shook every timber in his vessel. Nobody on board, he thinks, could have survived a moment. It was but a single brilliant flash, a terrific noise and all was dark and still.

The Niagara Chronicle has the following:—

We have heard a rumour to the effect that Louis Philippe lately King of the French, has purchased Stamford Park, in this district, and will shortly establish his residence there.

More unlikely things have happened, but we dare say our readers will not believe the rumour until it is confirmed.

## YESTERDAY'S MAIL.

**Approach of Winter.**—The Boston Journal of Monday, says—"There was a heavy frost in this city and vicinity last night. Ice was formed of the thickness of an eighth of an inch. The forests in the interior have donned their beautiful many colored mantle—and the fall of the leaf reminds us that winter will soon be upon us."

**The Late Storm.**—Rain at Nantucket fell from Monday to Wednesday morning to the depth of nearly 6 inches, that is, had none of it soaked away or run off; the water on Wednesday morning would have covered the whole island to the depth of half a foot. Accounts from New Orleans dated 3d inst. state that a violent gale had been experienced on the Mexican coast. Brazos island was submerged.

The Unfortunate Steamer Goliath, it is now fully ascertained, caught fire and was blown up, and her remains have driven ashore on the Canada side of lake Huron, where they were discovered on the 20th ult. 18 lives are known to have been lost in her, as all on board perished.

**Mexico.**—The condition of the country is comparatively tranquil upon the surface. We are told that Santanistas and the Pures have united their political fortunes, and will make an effort to overthrow the present government. The country is suffering extremely from the unsafe state of the public roads. They are infested by robbers in every direction.

**New Brunswick.**—The Fredericton Reporter of Friday, says that His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, after completing the tour of the Province, arrived here yesterday evening by the steamer Saint John.

**Pictou.**—The Eastern Chronicle says:—It has now been ascertained that the crops of the past season in this County, will not yield an average, and many say that the food is not adequate for the support of the people. In Merigomish, as is stated, that if all the food raised were equally divided, it would not support all the people for four months, some of the poor settlers will find themselves without bread at the end of one. But the general opinion seems to be that we have enough to last till the spring and the opening of the navigation.

**Halifax.**—The Guardian has the following paragraph:—We have received for examination two specimens of Paper made by Mr C. Fenerty, of Windsor Road, from the wood of the Hemlock and Pine, respectively. They are of coarse of texture, but appear to be adapted for the purposes of sheathing or wrapping paper.

**Annapolis Mines.**—We have heard, that the gentleman who has for a considerable time past been the sole proprietor of these future invaluable sources of wealth, has disposed of them to an American, for the sum of forty-five thousand dollars. If the statement be correct, we have no hesitation in saying, that the purchaser who has had sufficient foresight to close so favourable a bargain, is one of the most fortunate speculators that has ever operated on this continent.

**Brazilian Slave Trade with Africa.**—A circular from the Mercantile house of James Birkhead, dated Rio Janerio, Aug. 16, says:—

An earnest effort is now making by Government to stop the trade to Africa, in which it is sustained and encouraged by public opinion. Few doubt of success and it will materially affect business, as it is estimated that nearly one-third of the imports of cotton goods has hitherto been taken for that trade.

**Another Dreadful Fire at Constantinople, Sep. 5.**—This city appears to be doomed to calamity, no sooner is one conflagration stifled than another breaks out. On the 28th, at three in the morning, another fire broke out in a house at Fondeuchi, close to the Grand Mosque of that name. As the wind was strong from the north, it spread rapidly—consuming in its progress the palace of Ahmet Fethi Pacha, and extending as far as the village of Topkapi, where it was providentially stopped. During the eight hours that it raged, it entirely destroyed the quarters of Sali Bazar and Fondeuchi, which are now a heap of cinders. A mosque and upwards of 200 houses and palaces belonging to government officers have been destroyed. Several bodies have been discovered in the rains.

**British Mail.**—The Steamer with the British mail of the 30th September, had not arrived at Halifax when the Courier left that city on Saturday afternoon.

## ARRIVALS AT HEA'S HOTEL, CHATHAM.

David Wark, Esq., M. P. P. Richibucto; Hon. J. W. Weldon, & Lady, do.; Miss Haliberton; Windsor, N. S.; S. B. Hethrington, Richibucto; John Little, Kouchibouguac; David Lauson, Sankope, P. E. I.; Arthur Richie, Esq., & Mrs. Richie, Dalhousie; John J. ry, Charlottetown; John O'Brien, Bathurst; William Wilson, Nelson; Peabody Stymist, Tabusintac; Alex. Trueman, Sackville; James Fraser, Mrs. Fraser, & children, Kouchibouguac.

## Marriages.

On Tuesday morning, at Mill Town, St. Stephen, by the Rev. James G. Hennigar, Wesleyan Missionary, the Rev. ROBERT A. CHESLEY, Wesleyan Missionary, to HANNAH ELIZABETH, third daughter of James Albee, Esq. of Mill Town, St. Stephen.

## Ship News.

### PORT OF MIRAMICHI.

**ENTERED.**—October 3,—brig Horne, McLeod, Pictou, assignees of J. Cunard; 4th—Wansbeck, Eisson, Talbot, Gilmour Rankin & Co, Albion, Driscoll, London, do 45 days; bark Clio, Halcrow, do, do 41 days; schr Three Sisters, Boutang, Canada. 7th—Relief, McNeil, Richibucto; Clarinda, Bog, St. John, N. B. 11—Marceline, Roy, Bathurst. 13th—Seaflower, Parant, Quebec. 16th—Lady, Michon, Quebec, Joseph Samuel and others. 17th—Thistle, Painchant, Montreal. **CLEARED.**—Oct 4—brig Tasket, Stowe, Exter. 5—sch Herald, Heran, Pictou; Miscon, Conson, Quebec; brig Lavinia, Walsh, Waterford. 7th—Seabird, Holmes, Sunderland; Horne, McLeod, Pictou; bark Pollock, McIntyre, Glasgow; Lord Mulgrave, Broderick, Hall. 10th—Elizabeth Holderness, Brown, do. sch Clarinda Boig, Boston. 11th—Two Sisters, Boutang, P. E. Island brig Thomas and William, Carr, Foway. 12—Downs, Doody, Waterford; Solan, Moody, Belfast; sch Marceline, Roy, Bathurst; Relief, McNeil, Richibucto. 13th—bark Sarah, Cooke, Liverpool. 16th—sch Seaflower, Parant, Quebec.

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THIS COLLEGE will be opened on WEDNESDAY, 1st NOVEMBER, 1848, when the REV. ANDREW KING, Professor of Theology, will deliver an INAGURAL ADDRESS, in St. John's Free Church, Halifax.

Hour of Meeting, Twelve o'clock. Students will be enrolled for the different Classes, immediately after the inauguration discourse is concluded.

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The Rev. ALEXANDER FORRESTER has agreed to give a course of Lectures, on Natural Science, in connection with Natural Theology, and the evidence of Revealed Religion.

Classes for Hebrew and Oriental Literature, will be formed under Rev. Dr. HOFFMAN. Money is already secured for four Bursars.

Books and Subscriptions for the Library, will be received at the Stationary Store of Messrs. A. & W. Mackinlay, Halifax. It is most desirable that there should be as liberal donations and as large subscriptions as possible before November next.

## NOTICE.

All persons having any just demands against the ESTATE of the late JAMES PATTERSON, late of Chatham, County of Northumberland, Plasterer, deceased, are requested to render the same duly attested, within THREE MONTHS from the date hereof;—and all persons indebted the said Estate, are requested to make immediate payment to Mr. James Patterson, Chatham.

JAMES PATTERSON, Administrator. Chatham, 7th October, 1848.

## To Let.

The HOUSE and PREMISES formerly occupied by the late JAMES PATTERSON, in Chatham, situate between the residences of Mr. John Fitzpatrick and Mr. Robert Coulton. Immediate possession can be given. JAMES PATTERSON. Chatham, 7th October, 1848.