

may say to you, 'What charming blue eyes! what beautiful curls! what a fine complexion!' without knowing whether you have any good qualities, and without thinking of your defects and failings, which everybody is born with; remember then, my little child, the almond blossom, and remember also, when your affectionate mother may not be there to tell you, that beauty without gentleness and good temper is worthless.

## WEST INDIAN NEWS.

Halifax Nova Scotian, May 31.

The Lady Ogle which arrived on Monday from Bermuda, brought late West India papers, from which we select the most prominent news.

**JAMAICA.**—There has been a serious declension of the Revenue in Jamaica. The receipts at the Treasury for the six months ending 5th April, 1848, as compared with those for a similar period in the preceding year, exhibited a deficiency of £12,400. "The Island Treasury," says the *Jamaica Times* of April 20th, "which seldom contained less than £50,000 in hand, is now drained to its last penny." In view of this unfortunate state of affairs, a resolution had passed the Board of Commissioners of Public Accounts, calling the Governor's attention to the fact, so as to ascertain how the institutions of the Island are to be upheld, the Revenue being insufficient to maintain them. A Memorial to the Queen and Petitions to Parliament, on the alarming condition of the Island, were agreed upon at a Public meeting on the 20th April which was attended by the large number of 4,000 persons. It is said that distress and misery prevailed to a degree unparalleled in the history of Jamaica.

**BARBADOES.**—We learn from our Barbados papers, that monetary difficulties and commercial depression continue unabated there.—A Bill has been introduced into the Assembly and read the first time, to reduce the public expenditure of the Island. This measure, which we find printed at length in the papers, proposes to abolish the office of Inspector General of Police; to reduce the number of horses attached to the force from 50 to 36; to abolish the office of Captain of the port, to suspend the salaries of Commissioners under the road Bill and the Burnt District Bill; to reduce, by a common per centage all other salaries of stipends, ecclesiastical, civil and judicial, at present paid out of the Public Treasury; and in like manner, to rate all public officers receiving fees to their own use, a return of all such fees to be made by the several parties on oath to the Treasurer.

The Officials receive no less a sum than £30,000 out of the money raised by taxation in Barbados. Governor Reid has sent a message to the Legislature on the subject of the Militia. The *Liberal* says of the Message:—"It is, on the whole, a very alarming document, but will scarcely take with the public, whose military furor is at the lowest possible ebb, and will long, we trust, continue so."

**TRINIDAD.**—A project for issuing Treasury Notes, as a means of relieving the monetary depression in Trinidad, was before the Council of Government. His Excellency Lord Harris intimated that the Home Government would sanction such a measure, provided it be founded on a secure basis.

**ST. VINCENT.**—The Observer of this Island says that the Treasury is in a state of bankruptcy; and that the Public Accounts have not been paid since August last. A meeting of the Agricultural Society was held on the 13th April, to consider whether the cultivation of Estates could be continued on their present footing, and if not, whether any, and what reduction in expenditure on Estates could be made, to meet the reduced prices in the markets for colonial produce.

## Editor's Department.

MIRAMICHI:

CHATHAM, TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 1848.

☞ The Subscriber having been compelled to consume a large amount of time, and incur considerable expense, in his too often fruitless endeavours to collect his far-spread Outstanding Debts, hereby notifies all persons to whom he is not indebted, and with whom he has not a running account, that orders for advertising in the *Gleaner*, and for Printing in future, must be accompanied with the CASH otherwise they will not meet with attention,

JAMES A. PIERCE.

## EUROPEAN NEWS.

The splendid new mail steamer Niagara, arrived at Halifax early on Wednesday morning, in a passage of a little over ten days, the shortest on record. It appears she experienced very boisterous weather, and had four seamen washed over in a heavy gale—two of them were fortunately recovered, one having a leg broke but the other two were drowned.

The mail was received here quite unexpectedly on Friday last. Trade is reported as improving, and the fears of an outbreak in Ireland has considerably abated. There were rumours of important changes as likely to take place in the Ministry. On the subject the Hants Advertiser remarks:

We announced a fortnight since, in reference to Sir Robert Peel's visit to her Majesty at Os-

borne, that a rumour ascribed to that visit the proposition for a change of ministry, and other measures which no minister or ex-minister, except Sir Robert Peel, could be supposed capable of contemplating. What was mere rumour has now taken a more definite form, and we believe we are justified in stating that from the arrangements made at that visit will result a change of ministry, with Sir Robert Peel at the head of the Government, a sweeping financial reform in every department of the state, and recipients of the public money, an extension of the franchise and a shortening of the duration of Parliaments.

Our papers are to the 20th of the month, their contents are important, and we have devoted considerable space to extracts.

**NEWFOUNDLAND.**—We copy the following items of news respecting this Island from the Halifax Sun:—

Sir Gaspard LeMarchant, Lieut. Governor of Newfoundland, appears to be in rather ill odour with the mass of the Newfoundland population, if it so be, no efforts of a few *ladies* can bolster up his Administration,—at all events they can never repair the evils which his administration is reported and believed to have entailed upon that valuable Colony. "A strong and unmistakable feeling, says a leading Journal, has been created against his Excellency, and the sooner he finds another and more suitable clime the better."

The following is the strong language of the Patriot.

The people of Newfoundland would laugh to scorn such an attempt to prop up political iniquity—and would hold the British Government accountable for any constitutional acts of Sir Gaspard which she would have the injustice to sanction.

The N. F. Cod Fishery had commenced very prosperously in Placentia Bay, and especially from Ouderin to the Ram Islands, where fish is unusually plentiful: 121 French Bankers had arrived at St. Peter's up to the 2nd inst., some more were expected, but not half of what were engaged in the fishery last season.

The Seal Fishery has been excellent, the best since the spring of 1831.

**LIVERPOOL TIMBER TRADE.**—From Dempsey, Frost, & Co's Circular of the 19th May, received by the last mail, we take the following extracts:—

**Pine.**—Three cargoes of St. John's Pine have arrived. One of 13½ inches string brought 16½d. per foot, and one 18 inches 16½d. per foot. There are no sales either of Quebec or St. John's Pine to be noted from the Yards. The demand continues moderate.

**Birch.**—Is scarce, and in good demand. Good St. John's is worth 16d. per foot, and Nova Scotia 18d. to 15d. per foot.

**Railway Sleepers.**—Are in fair demand, but prices continue to rule low.

**Pine & Spruce Planks.**—Two cargoes have arrived from St. Johns, one sold at 8 pounds per standard hundred, the other has been yarded on Importer's account.

The following is an extract from Duncan & Ewing's Circular:

In some branches of trade a little improvement has taken place; but the disorganised state of Europe acts most unfavourably on all commercial transactions, of which our Timber market partakes. In this discouraging state of the market the sales effected since the 1st inst have been on a limited scale, and at prices in some instances rather lower. We, however, may observe that neither dealers nor consumers hold the stocks they are accustomed to possess at this time of the year, whilst importers have sufficient to supply what may be required until the season of general import takes place.

**ISLAND OF HAYTI.**—This Island has been the theatre of another sanguinary scene. The following extracts are copied from the Jamaica Despatch.

We learn from respectable authority that the black population have risen *en masse* against the inhabitants of color, and were committing awful ravages among them. The causes of an outbreak we were unable to ascertain, but is supposed to be a dissatisfaction of the browns to be governed by the present President. The British merchants resident at Port au Prince engaged the brig Queen Victoria which fortunately happened to be there, and sent through the British Consul, to the commodore on this station, requesting the immediate presence of a man-of-war to protect British subjects and their interests. There was a French vessel of war at Port au Prince, and we are informed that her presence tended in a great degree to quell the outbreak which took place, but which, notwithstanding, was of a most serious nature.

The Queen Victoria anchored at Morant bay on Monday last, and the captain came forthwith to port Royal to deliver his despatches to the commodore. It was said that the number of persons killed in one day exceeded two hundred.

A smart shock of an earthquake was felt in the town of Falmouth on the 21st ult., at about a quarter past 6 o'clock, a. m. It was of brief duration, not lasting more than a few seconds, and its undulating motion appear to be from nearly east to west.

The following is from last evening's *Courier*,

er, being an extract from a letter to a commercial house:—

Hayti has again been the scene of bloodshed and murders. We learn that the brigantine Queen Victoria, (of Trinidad) Capt. Tucker, from Port-au Prince, bound to Hamburg, with a cargo of coffee, &c, put into Morant Bay on Thursday last to purchase stores, as none could be procured at Port-au-Prince, in consequence of the state of matters at that place, and that Capt. Tucker reports that he has brought despatches from the British Consul there to Com. Bennet on this station, requesting that a vessel of war should be immediately sent to Port-au-Prince, where a serious disturbance had taken place—a large number (some say upwards of a hundred) of the colored population having been massacred by their black brethren. The cause of this outbreak has not been fully mentioned, but it is said that the lives of people of color were daily being sacrificed in large numbers. This termination on the part of the blacks to exterminate the browns had been brewing for a long time, in fact since the tyrant Soulouque has been president, and it is now being realized with a vengeance that none but savages would be guilty of committing.

**OREGON.**—Late United States papers furnish us with the following distressing intelligence from this quarter:

Four powerful tribes of Indians have commenced a bloody war against the settlers.

Four battles have already been fought in January, in all of which, except one, the whites maintained their ground. 500 whites kept up a continued fighting with 2,000 Indians for an entire day, at the close of which the Indians retired. None of the whites were killed, but great numbers were wounded.

On the 29th of November, a horrible massacre was perpetrated by the *Cyuse* Indians at the Presbyterian Mission in the Walla Valley. Dr. White and his wife and 18 others were killed, and 60 or 70 persons were taken prisoners.

The houses belonging to the station were all burned.

The prisoners were ransomed and restored through the agency of Peter Skeen Ogden, Chief Factor of the Hudson's Bay Company.

Major Meek pushed up the river yesterday on his way to Washington City. He has despatches to the Government asking immediate aid.

**LAUNCHES.**—On the 22nd ult. there was launched from the building yard of the Assignees of the Hon Joseph Cunard, in Bathurst, a fine Brigantine, of about 87 tons register, owned by Messrs R. Y. Tait and A. Wood. She is said to be a handsome craft, and built of superior materials.

Another launch took place at Petit Roche, on the 3rd inst., a Schooner, named the *Marceline*, owned by Mr H. Roy, and is intended for the prosecution of the deep sea fishery, a trade for which there are several vessels building and fitting up in this county.

**PROVINCIAL APPOINTMENTS.**—The Royal Gazette of Wednesday last, contains the following appointments.

George Botsford, Esquire, to be Clerk of the Legislative Council.

William A. Black, Esquire, to be High Sheriff of the County of Northumberland.

Robert Wark, Esquire, to be High Sheriff of the County of Kent.

John P. Ford and David Wark, Esquires, to be Justices of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas for the County of Kent.

David M'Almon, John W. Holderness, Charles K. Smith, and Francis M'Phelim, Esquires, to be Justices of the Peace for the County of Kent.

The Reverend John Black and Reverend James Law to be additional Trustees of the Grammar School in the County of Kent.

The appointment of a Sheriff for this County, became necessary in consequence of the resignation of Mr. Johnson. This gentleman has filled this important situation for a number of years with great satisfaction to the County, and his resignation will consequently be very generally regretted.

There is a Law of the Province which requires that the High Sheriff should reside, or have an office in the shire-town of the County. Mr. Johnson's property is in Chatham, as was also that of his predecessor, Mr. Clarke, but no inconvenience was experienced in consequence, or complaint made on this score, until the subject was mooted in the General Sessions of our Worhipful Bench of Magistrates in January last, when that gentleman was informed, that if he did not comply with the requirements of the law, a remonstrance would emanate from that body on the subject, and be laid before the Government. He seeing the very great inconvenience to which he would be put in complying with this demand, and the additional expense which it would entail on him, which the emoluments of his office would not justify, unhesitatingly tendered his resignation, which, after a protracted delay, has been accepted, and an appointment made.

We question if the parties who were instrumental in bringing about this measure, has not since frequently regretted it.

The same paper contains the following notice:—That the Brick Cellar and Outhouse, owned by John M. Campbell, at Dalhousie, is appointed a Warehouse under the Act of the last Session, for the Collection and Protection of the Revenue.

**RUMoured APPOINTMENTS.**—There appears to be no doubt that the Hon. John R. Partelow will be appointed Secretary of the Province, and that the Hon. John S. Saunders, who now fills that important situation, is to receive the situation of Clerk of the Crown on the Circuits. No appointment is yet made to the Clerkship of the Executive Council.

The Reporter of Saturday furnishes some additional intelligence on this head which we copy below.

In addition to the above Gazetted Appointments, we unders and that James Taylor, Esq. has been appointed Warehouse Keeper, and Commissioner for Government House. C. H. Jouett Esq., has received a situation in the Treasury Department in St. John. Henry A. Hartt, Esq. M. D. has been appointed Commissioner to Report upon matters in dispute relative to the Lazaretto on Sheldrake Island.

Dr. Hartt arrived here on Saturday, and went down yesterday to visit the Island.

**COUNTY GLOUCESTER.**—*Sons of Temperance.*—A Division of this admirable institution was formed at Bathurst, on the 16th ult. The officers are—James Smith, W. P.; James M. Wolhaupter, W. A.; Wm. Stevens, Jr., R. S.; —, A. R. S.; James M'Natt, F. S.; John Meahan, T.; William Deacon, C.; Bela Packard, A. C.; Albert D. Wood, I. S.; Robert Muirhead, O. S. The number of the above division is 33.

Another division it is expected will be formed in Chatham, application having been made for that purpose.

**PRINCE EDWARD'S ISLAND.**—Complaints continue to be made of the great scarcity of Seed and the distress existing among the agricultural population.

**CANADA.**—We perceive by our exchanges, that the Canadian Merchants are exerting themselves to obtain a free trade with the United States.

**MEXICO.**—An arrival at New Orleans from Vera Cruz, brings the following Pronunciamento from Queretaro. It is dated 27th April, at 11 o'clock at night. We may expect to hear of immediate hostilities with the American troops.

The people have become weary with suffering the oppression and sport of petty tyrants. This at least is the case with the Mexican nation, which, by the omnipotent exercise of its will, has discarded what is called the General Government of the nation established at Queretaro, and prostrated to the earth its treacherous oppressors at 9 o'clock on the night of this day. It did this without any resistance, and proclaimed the only plan which, under present circumstances, can save the country. This is war—war without truce or quarter, until an honorable peace is conquered. Such is the programme of this revolution, at the head of which are the distinguished Generals Almonte, Bustamante and Paredes, to whose appeals all who are Mexicans rather than partisans will respond. The tocsin of Liberty has sounded at last. Sons of Hidalgo and Iturbide awake! The invincible hand of providence points out to you the road by which every nation on the globe will occupy its true place. Mexicans, fulfil your destiny.

American deserters are said to be continually arriving at Queretaro, and during the 25th, 26th and 27th ult. no less than twenty presented themselves to the Mexican Government.

**ST. JOHN.**—Small Pox is spreading rapidly in this city. A meeting of the inhabitants has been called to take into consideration the propriety of using every exertion to open a trade with the United States upon reciprocal terms.

## YESTERDAY'S MAIL.

The papers of the mail adds but little of consequence to our previous stock of news. We give below a few extracts:

A numerous meeting of individuals in St. John interested in the trade of that port was held on Wednesday last.—The Hon. John Robertson presided. The following resolutions were passed on the occasion.

Resolved, that the recent changes in the policy of the British Government, as respects the protection to colonial goods in the home market, has materially effected our trade with the mother country, and wholly destroyed that with the British West Indies: it is there-