

Niagara, were assaulted on the 1st inst., at the Albion Hotel, Boston, by an Irishman named Gallagher. The alleged cause of the assault was captain Ryrie's letters respecting Doyle. The offender was brought up to the police court and fined ten dollars and costs.

Another very destructive fire recently occurred at Brooklyn. Several valuable buildings were destroyed, and it was supposed that two firemen perished in the flames.

Brigadier General Kearny, who gallantly distinguished himself in the Mexican war, died recently at St. Louis.

THE NAVIGATION LAWS.—The following is a copy of a despatch received by the Lieutenant Governor from the Colonial Secretary, in answer to the memorial of a number of the merchants of St. John, against the proposed alteration in the navigation laws.

Downing Street, 3d Oct., 1848.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 69, of the 19th of July last, containing the minutes of the proceedings of a public meeting held at St. John on the 26th of June, and a petition to the Queen, which had been adopted at the above meeting, against the proposed alteration in the Navigation Laws of this country.

Having laid this petition before the Queen, Her Majesty has been pleased to receive it very graciously; and then to command that it should be referred to the consideration of Her confidential advisers. That course having been accordingly taken, I have now to communicate to you the general views of Her Majesty's Government upon the suggestion offered by the petitioners for counteracting the evil effects which they apprehended (as I trust and believe without sufficient foundation) from the proposed alterations in the maritime laws of the British Empire.

The memorialists will observe that while the Bill introduced into Parliament by Her Majesty's Government last Session did not propose to make the amendment of the law of this country contingent upon the Legislation of Foreign countries, it was nevertheless framed in anticipation of reciprocal measures for the removal of such restrictions as are laid upon British shipping by other states, and contained clauses adapted to meet any case in which such restrictions might be persevered in. The Bill was so framed under the belief that the most likely course to obtain for British Shipping additional privileges, or to preserve it from additional burdens in other countries is to remove the restrictions imposed by our own laws; and the memorialists may rest assured that if Parliament shall pass an act for that purpose, Her Majesty's Government will spare no pains in endeavouring to obtain new results by all the means in their power, at the same time they do not consider that it would be right that a measure, calculated, as they believe to be of great benefit to the general interests of the empire, should be rejected because foreign nations may possibly participate in the advantages to be derived from it, though they may refuse in their own legislation to adopt a policy of similar liberality.

In the concession of this boon none are more interested than the colonists of the North American Provinces, and although Her Majesty's Government are aware that the measure which they have proposed will naturally be viewed with some degree of jealousy by the shipping interests of Saint John, they entertain a confident hope that the removal of the restrictions, which at present fetter the trade of these provinces, will lead to greatly increased traffic, which cannot fail to create an increased demand for shipping—a demand which the British North American Ship-builder is as well qualified to supply as any of his foreign rivals, if indeed he does not occupy a position of great comparative advantage.

Her Majesty's Government have farther to observe, that the bill of last Session provided for having the coasting trade of each British Colony, to be regulated by the Colony itself, and should there be a general desire on the part of the North American Colonies to place their intercourse with each other on the footing of a Coasting trade, and to confine it to British Shipping, Her Majesty's Government will have no objections to give effect to such an arrangement.

I have, &c. GREY.

Lieut. Gov. SIR EDMUND HEAD, &c., &c., &c.

PERSIAN AFFAIRS.—A London paper has the following paragraph respecting affairs in this once powerful kingdom.

This will be remembered as the year of kings dead, dying, or deposed. Among the former ranks the late, or perhaps the last, Shah of Persia. The elements of disorganization and dissolution are so many and so active in that once powerful empire, that its extinction, as a Persian empire, is probably near at hand. What Russia does not claim, independent tribes will divide; and the owl will reign in the imperial palaces, and the spider weave her web in towers of Afrasiab.

NEW BRUNSWICK.—The steamer Senator was to leave St. John for Boston, on her last trip for the season, to-day. The weather in St. John for several weeks past, has been very similar to that experienced here—cold, wet and stormy.

CANADA.—Quebec papers of the 10th instant report that the weather has assumed a wintry aspect. A considerable quantity of snow fell on the preceding day, and the frosts were very severe.

FISHING BUSINESS.—A Portsmouth, United States, paper, contains the following paragraph. Our neighbors do not appear to relish the idea of fishermen from the Provinces being allowed to compete with them in their own markets.

The present week three Nova Scotia cargoes of Fish have been brought into our port, and the British owners sold to our principal dealers over 1,000 quintals for \$1 75 per quintal. This was done while our own fishermen have had good fares, which they could not sell for less than two dollars per quintal without loss, and have had the satisfaction of seeing our own market supplied by foreigners, while their own fish remain a dead weight on their own hands.

The Newburyport Herald, in an article on the same subject, says:

The times are excessively hard on almost every description of business, and there is no immediate prospect of any improvement. The losses of the last two years have been very heavy, and many possessed of a comfortable competency, and even handsome fortunes, have seen their substance evaporate like the morning dew before the summer sun without the power of helping themselves. A combination of causes, which no human foresight could anticipate, has operated to this end.

We regret to hear that one of our oldest fish dealers yielded to the pressure yesterday, and, though the failure will not be a very bad one, yet it shows the earnings of many years of industry, enterprise and economy to have been swept away, and there is a deficiency of probably 25 per cent. to liquidate debts.

The fishing business has suffered under the hard times and foreign competition as severely as the cotton and woollen manufactures. The reduced duty has had even a worse effect upon fisheries than upon the cloth manufacture, because it has done the very thing for the British fisherman, for which the American manufacturer mainly asks protection. Formerly the British did not understand the catching and curing fish so well as the Americans; and, though they had been employed in the business a quarter of a century, their market being limited, they did not obtain the experience and knowledge always necessary to success. The markets of the United States being thrown open to them, they have now become so expert in the catch and cure of fish, that they are not only depressing our markets, but are fast crowding us out of the markets to which we are exporting. We saw yesterday returns of sales just received, of some of the best New England and Halifax fish, landed in good order in the West Indies, which fully bear us out in this assertion.

The hard working crews of our fishing vessels are now settling up their last six or seven month's work, and find but a poor pitance left. Several crews settled yesterday, and received, instead of the usual average of \$30 to \$40 a month, but little more than \$10, although they had taken full fares, and been more fortunate than some others. The comforts of the families of a portion of our population, who, from April to November, work very hard and incur great risk of life, will be sorely abridged by this unfortunate turn in the times.

SOMETHING OF A PUMPKIN.—A late number of the Bytown (Canada West) Packet contains the following paragraph, descriptive of a mammoth pumpkin, raised in that vicinity.

There is now on view at the store of Joseph Anmond, Esq., of this town, a Pumpkin, which may certainly be termed the Pumpkin of the season—it is twenty seven inches high, measures seven feet in circumference, and is 170lbs. weight. It was raised in the open air, without any forcing whatever, in the Garden of L. M. Cootlee, Esq., of Pembroke, on the Upper Ottawa, on a soil pronounced to be but a few years since by many, barren, and in a climate which has been looked upon by almost all travellers who has visited that region as altogether unfavorable to agricultural pursuits. Can the rich soil of the West, which has been so highly praised by all travellers and looked upon as the Garden of Canada, beat this? Surely after this the Upper Ottawa country may be looked upon as the model Pumpkin growing country, and Mr Cootlee as the model cultivator.

THE SEASON.—There has been a very great change in the weather since the publication of our last number, and we have been favored with three or four most delightful days. With the exception of what remains in the booms, our river is free of ice; and as a stiff breeze blew from the eastward yesterday, several schooners came up. We have had hail, snow and rain, during the last 24 hours.

OUR GOVERNMENT.—The present Executive Council of this Province, has been styled 'a strong government,' but if the reports in circulation be correct, they do not work together 'harmoniously.' This might have been expected from the incongruous materials of which it is composed— Tories, conservatives, responsible government men, stickers to office through

all changes, and family compact men. The knotty question before them at their late meeting, we understand, was the appointment of Legislative Councillors. Nothing was done, and we learn they are to meet again early next month, but we see but little change of their then agreeing. We should not be surprised if a dissolution of the house should grow out of this question, and the constituency of the Province be called upon at an early day to make choice of men to represent them in the General Assembly.

INCENDIARISM.—We are sorry to have it to report, that an effort was made to set fire to a Barn, situate a short distance from Chatham, and belonging to a gentleman residing in the town. It contained a large quantity of hay, farming utensils, waggons, carts, &c. After burning a large hole in one of the sills, it providentially went out. We sincerely hope some information may leak out that will lead to the detection of the scoundrel, so that he may be punished as he deserves, for such a piece of villainy.

Marriages.

On the 9th inst., by the Rev. John Turnbull, Mr. DAVID ASTLE, to Miss CATHARINE SULLIVAN, both of the Parish of Blackville.

At Nelson, on the 14th inst., by the Rev. George Johnson, Wesleyan Missionary, Mr. WILLIAM ALLISON, to Miss HARRIET AMELIA SAUNDERS.

At Montreal, on the 20th September last, by licence, at the residence of the bride's father, by the Rev. Digby Campbell, the Right Honorable Earl of ERROL, Hereditary Grand High Constable and Knight Marischal of Scotland, to ELIZA AMELIA, eldest daughter of Major General the Hon. Charles Gore, C. B., commanding in Canada East. The ceremony took place at six in the evening. The bride looked extremely well. She was dressed in white silk, with a splendid Brussels Perich Veil. Some little romantic interest attaches to the latter, from its having been worn by the noble bridegroom's mother, and his two sisters, on similar occasions. There were six bride's maids, the Misses Gagy, D'Urban, Stuart, McNabb, Easton, and the bride's younger sister. Lord Mark Kerr, the Honble. A. Egerton, Hugh Dalrymple, Hon. W. Plunket, Capt. Ready, and Mr. Bell (23d Fusiliers) were the groom's men. Amongst the guests present were—Lady Stuart, Mrs. D'Urban, Sir Allan McNabb, Col. Gagy, and a few others, about 20 in all. Immediately after the indissoluble knot was tied, the happy couple retired, and the company sat down to a handsome dinner. The party was increased by several additional guests in the evening. The presents from the various noble relatives of both parties were then exhibited, amongst which were a diamond bracelet from her Majesty, and a diamond pin from the Queen Dowager, a bracelet which cost 500 guineas was the gift of Sir James Keppel. The Duchess of Inverness's gift was extremely elegant, being a silver dressing case, inlaid with gold. These are only a few; but the rest, although of much value, if detailed, would occupy too much space. His lordship proceeds shortly to Kingston, where his regiment is at present quartered, having resigned his situation as Aide-de-Camp to His Excellency the Governor General. It was generally supposed their Excellencies would have been present.

At St. Mark's Church, Liverpool, on the 4th October last, Mr JOHN ELLIS, of Prince Edward Island, to MARGARET, only daughter of the late Captain John Potter, of Greenock.

Deaths.

At Dalhousie, County of Restigouche, on Wednesday, 15th instant, MARY, wife of Peter Stewart, Esq., and third daughter of John Hamilton, Esq., 44, Clyde Buildings, Glasgow.

Ship News.

PORT OF MIRAMICHI. ENTERED—Nov. 15—sch. Miscou, Coulson, Quebec. 20th—Experiment, Murphy, Halifax.

CLEARED—Nov. 15—brig Eliza, Henderson, Tralee. 18—sch Emma, Douquette, Boston.

PORT OF DALHOUSIE.

ENTERED, Nov. 4—schr Waterloo, Eisan, Halifax, 13 days, general cargo, W. S. Smith & others; schr Mary Jane, Terrio, P. E. Island, oats—A. Ritchie & Co.

CLEARED, Nov. 3—schr Defiance, Currie, Halifax, ballast. 4 h—brig British Tar, Siory, London, timber—A. Ritchie & Co.

To Let,

And possession given immediately, the premises now occupied by Mrs. Bird, in the upper part of Chatham. Apply on the premises. November 14, 1849.

BLANKS.

Custom House, Treasury, Lawyers' and Magistrates' Blanks for sale at the GLEANER OFFICE.

A Card.

The subscriber returns his sincere thanks to the Firewards, Firemen, and the inhabitants of Newcastle and Douglastown generally, for their prompt and energetic manner in coming to his assistance on the morning of the 13th instant, and by their united exertions succeeded in saving his buildings from being destroyed by fire, when exposed to the most imminent danger by the burning of an adjoining building, which was totally consumed.

And in a particular manner he would desire to return his most cordial thanks to those kind females, his esteemed friends and neighbors, one and all, who were neither afraid or ashamed to be seen carrying a bucket or tub of water, but most willingly and cheerfully done all that they possibly could to subdue the Fire, and most nobly and generously assisted him and his family in packing up and removing his goods and property for safety and preservation. M. M. SARGEANT.

Newcastle, 19th November, 1848.

Card.

The undersigned returns her sincere thanks to the Newcastle Fire Company, and the inhabitants of the Town and vicinity generally, for their unprecedented and united efforts in their endeavors to subdue the Fire which originated in her premises on Monday morning last, and which unfortunately consumed her house; and also for the great exertions used to save her Furniture and goods, and the pains and care taken in its removal, so as to do as little injury and damage thereto as possible.

SOPHIA BURKE.

Newcastle, 16th November, 1848.

COUNTY OF KENT.

IN THE PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK, IN BRITISH NORTH AMERICA,

In the matter of JOSEPH CUNARD, of the Parish of Chatham, in the County of Northumberland, in the Province of New Brunswick, Merchant a Bankrupt.

Notice is hereby given, that I appoint a further General Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Bankrupt, to be held on TUESDAY the 7th day of November next, at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon, at my office in Richibucto, for the purpose of receiving proof of, or of allowing or contesting any claims presented against the estate of the said Bankrupt—at which meeting, the said Bankrupt will be examined on oath touching his estate and dealings, and will be then and there required to finish his examination, and such other business relating to the said Estate, will be transacted as may be deemed necessary; and Public Notice is also hereby given, that upon the application of the said Joseph Cunard, the said Bankrupt, this day duly made to me, I appoint a public sitting to be held on TUESDAY the 5th day of December next, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, at my office in Richibucto aforesaid, for the allowance of a certificate of conformity to the said Joseph Cunard, pursuant to the provisions of the Act of the General Assembly, in such case made and provided, when and where any of the creditors of the said Bankrupt may be heard against the allowance of such Certificate—and the same will be allowed unless cause be then and there shown to the contrary; or such other order will be made, as the justice of the case may require.

Given under my hand at Richibucto, this Twenty-eighth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred forty eight.

J. W. WELDON,

Commissioner for the Estate and Effects of Joseph Cunard, a Bankrupt.

List of Letters for September.

Remaining for delivery in the Post Office Chatham, 15th October, 1848.

Table with 2 columns: Ship Name and Recipient Name. Includes entries like Aldebaran barque, Linkletter J shoemaker; Austen Pat, Margery Marian; B. F. Mr Chatham, Manderson Elspie; Blackstock Fanny, Morris Michael; Bell John Napau, Murphy J steers mill; Cornuthian ship, Medies Michael; Alex Davidson, McGuire Wm; Combie James cabinet maker, McCarthy J Doug'town; Mr Laughlin James; Cable Stephen 2, McKay James Mrs; Carelee Ellen, McFarlan George; Bartibogue, M Quillen James; Curry Margaret, McMahon Richard; Cosgrove P, Power Pat; Exchange barque, Pomona ship; capt Hanson, Ryan Jas Bartibogue; Empress ship, Ryan Wm; John Richardson, Smith Mary miss; Harmony brig, Sir Chas Napier; G Mon'gomerie, capt Pemberton; Hawbolt G oige, S net Mary; Henderson James, Smith Mrs; care of J Mackie, Star ship capt Baldwin; Orr James brig Wm, Simpson Henry; Wigan, Speculator ship; Kelly Mathew or Ann, James Clark; Pokemouche, Taylor Charles 2; Lalor Widow do, Thompson J carpenter; Leggett Jas Napau, Toole Math w; Loggie Peter jr, Black River; Blackbrook, Whyte Francis; Lady of the Lake bark, Washburn Mary; Lacy Able Baydovin, Wilson Mungo Napau.

JAMES CAIE, P. M.

P. S. Persons asking for any of the above letters will please say 'Advertised.'