

**LEGISLATIVE NEWS.**—The Royal Gazette of Wednesday, contains the Proclamation of His Excellency, summoning the Legislature to meet for the *Despatch of Business*, on Wednesday, the 31st day of January next.

**THE SEASON.**—Since the publication of our last number, ample snow has fallen to make good sleighing. The ice in the river is not sufficient strong to admit of travelling thereon, but we have heard of persons who were foolhardy enough to cross upon it.

**PRINCE EDWARD'S ISLAND.**—A destructive fire broke out at Charlottetown on the morning of the 25th ult., which destroyed seven of the finest buildings in the town. The *Islander* says:

The buildings destroyed are, the dwelling house, workshop, warehouse, and stable of Mr. John Scott—who was burned out, on the same spot, four years ago,—part of a dwelling house used by Mr. John LePage, as a school room. J. W. Cairns, (the 'Globe man') his extensive smithy, machine manufactory, warehouses and stable. Mr. John Hobbs, his dwelling house, warehouse, shew room, cabinet manufactory, a house tenanted by Mr. Thomas Jacques, and some out buildings. Mrs. Hardy's dwelling house, and a tenanted house in the possession of Mrs. Foster. Mr. John Breen, a stable burnt, and a tenanted dwelling house much damaged, caught on fire several times—one side of the roof destroyed and other injuries to the lower part. A small house belonging to Mr. McKinnon, tenanted, was on fire in the roof, but was not much injured. Mr. Jacques lost nearly all his furniture.

The loss is estimated at not less than £3000. The circumstance most to be regretted in the whole matter is, that not one penny was insured. The mechanics, (Messrs. Hobbs, Cairns, and Scott,) who are the sufferers, are, without disparagement to others, masters of their respective businesses. The machinery of the two former was very superior, extensive, and valuable. They have lost their all, (excepting what furniture was saved) after many years of trial and steady perseverance, and are now reduced, by the dispensation of an inscrutable Providence, in one short hour, to the point of starting, and have, to begin the world afresh, with the additional burthen of large families.

**COUNTY OF RESTIGOUCHE.**—The examination of the Grammar School in Dalhousie, took place on Monday, 6th ult., in presence of the Trustees and other gentlemen.

The rapid improvement which the pupils have made, and are making, in the various branches of Education, viz: Greek Grammar, Latin, Mathematics, Geography, English Grammar, &c., under the tuition of their experienced and talented teacher, Mr. Bennet, elicited the highest commendation of all present.

**GASPE FISHERY AND COAL MINING COMPANY.**—A notice from the Provincial Secretary's office is published in the last Canada Gazette, stating that evidence satisfactory to His Excellency the Governor General has been laid before him, that the requirements of the Imperial and Provincial acts relating to the above Company have *bona fide* been complied with, and that more than one half of the capital sum of £150,000 sterling had actually been paid up before the 16th February 1848 by the subscribers or stockholders, and is now at the disposal of the Directors of the Company; and that in consequence, the said acts shall have their full force and effect, and the said Company shall be henceforth operative.

#### Birth.

On Sunday, 5th ult., at New Mills, County of Restigouche, the wife of Alexander Ferguson, Esq., of a daughter.

#### Marriages.

At Campbellton, Restigouche, on the 21st ult., by the Rev. James Steven, Mr. JOHN SMITH, to Miss ELIZA JOHNSTON.

At Richibucto, on the 5th inst., by the Rev. James Law, A. M., Mr. WM. KENNEDY, to Miss CATHERINE GEDDES, both of the parish of Richibucto.

#### Deaths.

On the 25th ult., at New Mills, County of Restigouche, MARY JANE, wife of Alexander Ferguson, Esq., after a short but severe illness, which she bore with christian resignation to the Divine will, and waited patiently till her change came. By her mild and kindly disposition, she gained the esteem of all who enjoyed the pleasure of her acquaintance. She has left friends to lament—relatives to mourn—and a widower to weep.

On Thursday, the 7th December, aged 7 months, JAMES HUDSON, only son of James Johnson, Esq.

#### Communications.

Mr. PIERCE.—Remembering that you were in kind on former occasions as to insert in your valuable paper some communications from La-

dies upon the irregularity of our clocks and watches, the inconsistency of our time regulators, and abuses of other kinds in our town and neighbourhood—I would trespass on your good nature, and beg room in one of your columns for a few remarks on the subject of a Temperance Meeting, held in the Band Room, on Thursday evening last. I was much pleased on entering that room, which has been recently so neatly and commodiously fitted up by the members of our "Amateur Band," to see it so well filled, and I think that more than half the audience were female. I remember the time well, Sir, when the Rev. Mr. McCurdy, who was one of the first movers in the Temperance cause in this place, commenced holding Temperance meetings, and when a female would be ashamed to be seen in such a place; and I well remember, also, when three Ladies "broke the ice," and made their appearance at a Temperance meeting, which was held at Johnston's Hotel. Had not modesty and diffidence forbidden, I should have been much pleased to have contrasted the present with the past, and to have told Mr. Frazer when he, on behalf of the Sons of Temperance, requested the aid and influence of the Ladies, that he need but look round the room, and be assured of being answered in the affirmative. I now, however, on behalf of some Ladies whose sentiments upon the subject I am acquainted with, promise their influence. May the Sons of Temperance then, go on with energy, and prosper; and I hope that ere long we may have a division of the Daughters of Temperance here, as well as in other places. I must again compliment the members of the Band on the neat style in which they have fitted up and ornamented their room, which, I believe, they allowed to be used that evening free of expense. I would, however, suggest that it would be an improvement if persons were not allowed to stand on the stairs, and in connection with this idea regret to learn that a Lady, who was an invalid, and who had to leave the room before the close of the meeting, was interrupted in her passage down stairs by one of the persons who were suffered to remain there on that evening. Hoping that the Rev. Mr. McCurdy will be again solicited to speak to us on the important subject of Temperance, and that the young ladies will act upon the hint thrown out by Mr. Frazer, "no temperance, no husbands!"

I remain, Mr. Editor, yours respectfully,

A LADY.

#### Ship News.

##### PORT OF MIRAMICHI.

The schooner Relief, from Richibucto, arrived here on Tuesday morning last, and left in the evening. This was the last vessel that entered and cleared at our port.

**Wreck of two Emigrant Ships on the Goodwin and Long Sands.**—With considerable regret we announce two deplorable shipwrecks of two emigrant vessels, with between 300 and 400 passengers on board, which took place in the course of last night and this morning, on the Long and Goodwin Sands. The unfortunate vessels were both from Bremen: one the American built ship Burgundy. Mr. Hunt, master, 500 tons burthen, with 300 emigrants for New Orleans; the other the bark Atlantic, Mr. Foster, belonging to Bremen, and for New York, also with passengers (the number not exactly known.) The greater part of yesterday the weather was exceedingly boisterous, the wind blowing N. N. W., the evening setting in with a hazy atmosphere. Nothing is known of the passage from Bremen, until the discovery of the vessels on the above-named sands. It appears that between ten and eleven last night the report of signal guns of distress was heard in the direction of the Long Sands, a shoal some miles in length, extending nearly north and south between the Kentish Knock and the sunk sands, and about thirty five miles distant from this point, northward. Several smacks, as well as her Majesty's revenue cutter Desmond, bore down in the direction to ascertain the cause. On nearing the centre bank of the sands in question, a large vessel was discovered completely on the shoal, almost engulfed in heavy breakers. She proved to be the Burgundy, having, it was reported, been carried on by the rapidity of the current about ten o'clock. It was impracticable to get her off, and her destruction seemed inevitable. The crews of the surrounding vessels, on ascertaining the great number of human beings on board, lost no time in arranging a plan for their rescue, which was providentially successful, for the whole of the poor creatures, numbering between 200 and 300, including the crew, were safely taken off the wreck. Their condition, as may be readily imagined, was truly deplorable, most of them, says our informant, being reduced to a state of complete destitution. Some were landed by her Majesty's revenue cutter at Harwich, and others at different places along the coast. A large number have been taken by a French schooner, it is conjectured, to the French coast. The Long Sands have two lightships, one at each extremity of them, sufficient to warn the mariner of danger; probably, however, the hazy state of the atmosphere obscured the lights.

The wreck of the Atlantic was discovered yesterday morning on the Goodwin. She had got on the outside of the sands, and was fast settling down, when several Ramsgate and Deal luggers came to her succour. Although the weather was fine, a tremendous sea raged on the sands, sweeping over the ill-fated vessel every instant. Four lives had already been lost—the master, two passengers, a boy, who, it is

stated, were swept overboard and not seen afterwards. With very great difficulty the Deal boatmen succeeded in saving the crew and some of the passengers, while the remainder of the latter were taken off by several Ramsgate vessels, and conveyed to that port and those adjacent.

#### MISCELLANEOUS.

The Lords of the Admiralty are so convinced of the utility of steam guard ships, as tested in the successful trial of the Blenheim, that they contemplate ordering the construction of two line-of-battle ships upon the screw principle, and sending one to the Mediterranean, one to South America, and one or other of those already adapted, to the East India station.

A Golden Bracelet, of the intrinsic worth of about £20, which is thought to have been deposited at the time of the conflict between the Romans and the sons of the British king Canobelin, was lately found by a ploughman on the estates of Mr. R. Fox, near Wendover, Bucks, and is to be presented to the British Museum.

**Destructive Fire at Manchester.**—On the evening of the 15th inst., at about a quarter to ten o'clock, the Gaythorn Cotton works situated in Albion-street, Manchester, were discovered to be on fire. The works are the property of Mr. J. Fernley, sen., and employed upwards of 800 hands. The fire commenced in Card-room No. 5, but how it originated could not be discovered. No efforts could impede its progress, and in the short space of one hour and a half the immense pile of buildings was one mass of ruins. The loss is variously estimated at from £30,000 to £50,000.

Mr Macaulay, the ex-member for Edinburgh and Paymaster of the Forces, has been elected Lord Rector of Glasgow University, ousting his opponent, the Rector, Colonel Mure, M. P.

**A Piano of Ivory.**—The Queen of England has made the purchase of the splendid piano of ivory, which excited admiration at the exhibition in Paris. This instrument is completely veneered with ivory, in sheets of from 14 to 17 feet in length, and thirty inches and upwards in width, from a single elephant's tooth, by a spiral process. It is also incrustated and ornamented with the rarest woods, forming original designs.

**The Franklin Expedition.**—The barque Prince of Wales, which arrived at Hull on Friday, picked up, in latitude 68 10 N., and longitude 64 30 W., on Oct. 2nd, a cask containing the following important information relative to the Franklin expedition:—H. M. S. Investigator and Enterprise cleared the main pack in Melville's Bay, on the 20th of August and after examining Pond's Bay on the 23rd, passed on to the northward in search of the expedition under Captain Sir J. Franklin. The cask which contains this paper was thrown from H. M. S. Investigator, on the 28th of August, 1848, in lat 73 50 N., and long 88 6 30 W. All well, Enterprise in company. Whoever may find this paper is requested to forward it to the Secretary of the Admiralty, London with a note of the date, latitude, and longitude in which it was found.—EDWARD BIRD Captain.

**The Love of Woman.**—A gentleman walking along the streets of London, one of the fair sex threw her arms around him and pressed a handkerchief to his nose. He was afterwards found lying insensible on the ground, and his watch gone with three pounds in money. It is supposed that the lady had sprinkled Chloroform on her handkerchief.

The total number of Sheep in New South Wales in 1847, exceeded ten millions.

Carbonic acid gas, which is emitted from the mineral springs in the city of Bath, is, in the opinion of eminent medical men, an absolute protection from Cholera.

In the four northern English Counties—Durham, Northumberland, and Westmorland—there are no fewer than 550 deaf and dumb, and 600 blind persons.

Mrs London affirms that a small quantity of nitrate of soda put into the water every time it is changed, will preserve cut flowers in all their beauty for above a fortnight.

Out of the three thousand two hundred Paris insurgents transported, there are no fewer than one hundred and fifty artists. Though almost every nation in Europe is represented among them, there is neither an Englishman nor an Irishman.

#### For Sale.

The LOT of LAND fronting on the north side of Miramichi River, nearly opposite middle Island, known as Lot No. 43, containing 100 Acres. There is a snug dwelling HOUSE on the Lot, and from 8 to 10 acres of cleared Land. The front abounds in free stone, fit for building purposes, and has a good Salmon Fishery. The premises are at present in the occupation of Mr. James McIntosh. For Terms and further particulars, apply at the office of

GEORGE KERR.

Chatham, May 29, 1848.

#### FURS!

The highest Cash Price, will be given for all descriptions of FURS.

E DALEY & SON.

Chatham, November 27, 1848.

#### 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.

#### Sheriff's Sales.

On THURSDAY, 31st day of MAY next, in front of Hamill's Hotel, in Newcastle, between the hours of 12 and 5 o'clock, p. m. will be sold at Public Auction:

All the right, title, interest, claim, and demand of JAMES NOWLAN, of, in and to all that piece or parcel of LAND, situate in the Nowlan settlement, in the parish of Nelson, known as the front part of the upper or westerly half of Lot number Five, granted to the said James Nowlan, containing thirty acres, more or less. Also, all the right, title, interest, claim and demand of PETER NOWLAN, of, in and to, the upper half of Lot number Four, granted to the late Patrick Nowlan, deceased. Also, all the right, title, interest, claim and demand of MATTHEW CARROL, of, in and to, all that Lot or Tract of Land, situate on the north-east side of Barnabey's river, in the said parish of Nelson, known as Lot number fifty-four, containing one hundred and fifty acres, granted to the said Matthew Carrol. The same having been seized and taken under and by virtue of an Execution issued out of the Supreme Court at the suit of Peter Foley against James Nowlan, Peter Nowlan, Matthew Carrol, and Patrick Murphy.

W. A. BLACK, Sheriff.

Sheriff's Office, Newcastle, Nov. 25, 1848.

On MONDAY, the 28th day of May next, between the hours of Twelve and Five o'clock, P. M., in front of the store of Messrs. M. Samuel & Son, in Chatham, will be sold by Public Auction—

All the Right, Title, Interest, Property Claim and Demand of ADAM KERR, to a certain lot, piece or parcel of LAND, with a Barn thereon, conveyed to him by the Executors of the late George Henderson, situated in the parish of Chatham, county of Northumberland. The same being seized and taken by virtue of an Execution issued out of the Supreme Court, at the suit of CALEB McCULLLEY against the said Adam Kerr.

W. A. BLACK, Sheriff.

Newcastle, 17th November, 1848.

#### Forty Shillings Reward.

The undersigned will pay TWO POUNDS REWARD to any person or persons who will give such information as may lead to the detection and conviction of the person or persons who have stolen several Doors, Windows, &c., or that cut and carried off Trees, Fences, &c., from the House and Land in Chatham, adjoining Mr. Andrew Irvine's, or that may hereafter trespass on said premises, or on any other property belonging to the subscriber in the county, by cutting trees or doing other damage thereto. The said reward will be paid on conviction of any person or persons trespassing on any of said Lands, &c.

CALEB McCULLLEY.

Chatham, December 5, 1848.

#### REWARD.

WHEREAS on the night of Sunday the 26th of November, being the Sunday before last, some person took from the cart-yard of the Subscriber a long, low, Truck or Dray, one wheel of which broke down with the party on the following night, on the back road leading from Michael Noonan's farm, in rear of Chatham, towards the Richibucto Road, and immediately opposite the barn of John Kean. The party thereupon expressed a determination to come and get a cart of the subscriber's, which he accordingly did, leaving the truck and two barrels where the truck broke down, until his return with the cart, when he put the barrels into the cart, and with an axe which he borrowed from Mrs. Kean for the purpose, cut the truck to pieces, carrying with him, in the cart, the whole of the iron-work of the truck, with the exception of the tyers or wheel-hoops, and leaving the wood of the truck with Mrs. Kean, as he said, for fuel—and keeping the cart until Friday night, when he returned it to the yard where he found it. He had no cart-saddle or breeching, but substituted a bag or rug, thrusting the shafts of the cart and truck thro' holes cut in each end of the bag or rug, to support them.

The subscriber hereby offers a Reward of FIVE POUNDS to any person who will give him such information as will lead to the discovery and conviction of the perpetrator of this atrocity; and the Reward of TWO POUNDS to any person who will render him such information as will enable him to detect the party.

JOHN KEAN.

Chatham, Tuesday Morning, Dec. 5, 1848.

#### List of Letters for October,

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

Barry Thomas	Bartley William B.
begu	Phelan Thomas
Deborah ship Captain	Reardon Matthew
Pettigrove	Rainnie Gavin
Do. Leonard Ritchie	Redmond Lawrence
Flynn John	Robin Henry Black
Hacket Thomas	river
Kachild Nicholas car-	Solon ship
of John Hay	Sparrow M.
Laughlin Nancy	John Front 2
Mason John Willfich	Scott William
Meade Richard care o	Taylor Charles
Collector Rit	Wa-hawk Barton Mrs
McLeod Alex. Glenel	Wm. Penn ship H.
McNamara Robert	Oliver 2
McFarlane George	Whitty R.
Neligan Patrick	

JAMES CAIE, P. M.

N. B. Persons asking for any of the above Letters, will please say Advertiser's List and