

Editor's Department.

MIRAMICHI:

CHATHAM, MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1849.

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.

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.—The Officers and Directors of this Institution, are requested to meet at the Lecture Room on THURSDAY Evening next, 6th December, at 7 o'clock.

EUROPEAN NEWS.—The Royal Mail Steamer Canada arrived at Halifax on the morning of Wednesday last, in a fine passage of ten and a half days. The mail reached here on Friday, and we have devoted considerable space to extracts.

Under our Politician head will be found some remarks of the London Press on Canadian affairs, and an affectionate Farewell Address from Kossuth.

The Mannings suffered the extreme penalty of the law on the 13th November. Willmer & Smith in announcing the event, says:—

The last scene of this horrible tragedy, which, during the past three months, has occasioned so much painful excitement in the public mind, closed on Tuesday with the ignominious death on the scaffold of Frederick George Manning and Maria his wife: two culprits whose atrocities may truly be described to have been rarely, if ever, equalled in the criminal annals of Great Britain. It is undesirable that on no former occasion for many years has so intense a degree of interest been felt in the fate of any great criminals as that which has been exhibited in reference to the Mannings. Unhappily the grave has closed upon the murderers without one redeeming point—without one circumstance calculated to arouse a latent spark of sympathy on their behalf—and husband and wife have died as they have lived—with the lie upon their tongue, and an exhibition of hypocrisy, at once revolting to humanity, and almost inconceivable in its degree of wickedness.

The vicinity of the gaol presented a scene of great uproar and confusion throughout the whole night. The mob, which was chiefly composed of parties of the lowest class, bore with some degree of patience and good humour the first few hours before midnight, and beyond an occasional outburst of laughter at some casualty among the crowd there was little calculated to disgust the observer.

WEST INDIA MAIL STEAMERS.—The United States papers regret that the Directors of the R. M. Steamship Company have decided to discontinue running their boats from Bermuda to New York, after next month. The reason assigned is, that the amount received from passengers, is not sufficient to defray expenses.

ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH.—Much dissatisfaction has already been evinced at the manner in which the electric telegraph in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick is managed. The wires, when they are most required, are out of order; and so glaring has this become, that the American Associated Press, which had agreed to pay a good round sum for the transmission of 3000 words on the arrival of every steamer from Britain, has withdrawn its support. On this subject the Sun remarks:—

It is certainly a suspicious circumstance, that the Electric Telegraph Line, under the control of the companies beyond Novascotia, on or about the arrival of the steamer, should immediately get out of order. On Thursday evening last, the line through to Portland was in good working order, and several messages for this city and England, in anticipation of the arrival of the steamer from Boston, were received. The morning following, however, the line was again reported down, somewhere between Amherst and St. John.—At 9 o'clock the steamer from England arrived, and up to 8 on Saturday evening, not a single line of news had been forwarded, there being still a breach somewhere. Subsequently, the line was repaired, and a host of messages came through. There has been no interruption to the communication on the Halifax line, since operations were commenced thereon.

HALIFAX.—The papers regret that the

health of this city is anything but satisfactory. Small pox prevails to a very great extent, and several hundred cases were reported as existing at the latest dates. The Sun says:—

Many persons have fallen victims to its ravages, although no public announcement of the fact has been made, and hundreds we meet with in our daily perambulations, in a state of convalescence, carry with them the evidences of their triumphs over this fell disease.

This community suffered dreadfully last season from this frightful scourge—but its ravages were checked by vaccination.—Parties of all ages, notwithstanding they had undergone this operation in younger days, submitted to it a second time—and the plague was soon arrested. We know there is an idea very prevalent, that this is unnecessary, but better be certain—it is a risk which should not be run, when the remedy is so easily obtained.

ALDERMAN NEEDHAM'S LECTURES.—This gentleman, it appears, gave the public of Saint John another Lecture on the political corruptions of the Province; and we understand he purposes following up the subject from time to time. The Editor of the Morning News thus notices the matter in his paper of Wednesday last:—

Mr Alderman Needham gave another lecture at the Mechanic's Institute on the political corruptions of this province, on Monday evening. There were upwards of six hundred persons present—and composed altogether of men of standing and influence in the community—most of them being the real bona fide electors of the city and county. We also noticed Admiral Owen on one of the front seats. The lecturer commenced by stating his object in going to New York, which was to make himself acquainted with the workings of the law system as practised in that State, and which did away with all special pleadings among lawyers, and thereby save an immense deal of expense to litigants. He said he intended shortly to devote an entire lecture to this subject, in order to convince people of the necessity of introducing the same law reform into this Province.

The lecture on Monday evening was chiefly taken up with the mal-appropriation of the public Monies when in the hands of Supervisors—and the lecturer cited numerous instances to show how the road monies had been plundered in the county of St John alone, the most of it having gone into individual pockets, instead of being judiciously expended as it ought to have been. We refrain from publishing the many acts of public robbery that have been laid bare—inasmuch as people abroad would look upon us poor New Brunswickers with more contempt than pity, when they read such things, because of our slothfulness in not resisting the enemies of our country; besides the lecturer stated that he intended to proceed all through the province in the course of the year to arouse the people to a true sense of their degradation, and the way in which they are plundered by the House of Assembly countenanced by the Government and Legislative Council.

Of this we are perfectly satisfied, if Mr Needham will continue on in the work which he has commenced, up to the time of the general election—if he will go into every county draw the people around him, and give the same lectures that he has in St John, besides those that he intends to give—there are not ten Members of the present House of Assembly that will be sent back again by their constituents. The people have only got to be aroused to facts—to be made acquainted with the evil doings of their representatives—and they will be true to themselves to a moral certainty. We earnestly hope and trust that the information that has been furnished to this county will have the desired effect upon its electors. Let us send back an entirely new representation. Let every county do the same thing; and there will be some hope of getting the local affairs of the Province into something like working order—but not till then.

No matter who the lecturer—a man of weak mind or a man of strong—a man of virtue or a man of necessity—a man having a host of enemies, or a man having no enemies at all—a poor man or a rich man—we conceive it to be our duty, and that of every one else, to give heed to the subject, and if the statements brought forward be correctly based—and we have no doubt of the truth of them ourselves, as we have been busy with this iniquity for years—think upon them, act upon them without reference to the lecturers, as they have more to do with the interests of tax-payers than the lecturer, be he the best man or the worst man in the world.

We wish Alderman Needham every success with all our heart; because we believe if he perseveres he can effect a radical change in the country.—and who will say that such a change is not wanted.

CANADA.—A soldier in the Rifle Brigade, named Smith, was executed at

Toronto, for shooting a private in the same regiment, named Eastwood. Three thousand persons assembled to witness the tragedy; the greater number were women and children.

BUSINESS IN ST. JOHN.—It is with pleasure we copy from a late number of the New Brunswicker, the following gratifying paragraph with reference to the trade of this city. The remarks of the Editor on the foolish course hitherto pursued, which overstocked the British market with colonial timber and deals, and consequently so depreciated the articles that they frequently realised little more—and sometimes not sufficient—to pay the freight, are perfectly just. But it appears our merchants are becoming sensible (after dear bought experience) that there is a possibility of overdoing the lumber business, an idea which it seems had never entered into their heads, notwithstanding the repeated warnings they received in the ruin they saw it entailed on the greater portion of those who were extensively embarked in it.

Judging from present appearances, we think but little business will be done by our lumbermen this season; and we would say the less there is the better for all parties.

The business Session of St John closes with much more favorable auspices than that of 1848. Then, all was gloom and uncertainty. Commerce was depressed; the harvest throughout the country had been comparatively unproductive; and our staple article of export was a mere drug in the British market. Now, however, we rejoice in one of the most abundant harvests with which Providence has ever favored this Province, and most descriptions of lumber command a fair price. Very fortunately during the last winter, lumbering operations were conducted on a very small scale, and the supply brought into the market has consequently been very small. We understand, now that every description of lumber from the interior has been brought forward during the last few weeks, that it shows an unusually small aggregate. We rejoice at this as it will prevent such a supply being sent to the old country as would glut the markets there, and so prevent that improvement in prices which, especially in the article of spruce deals, is now distinctly observable. Nothing but an almost total suspension of logging operations for a season, could have made the deal business one in which parties could engage with any degree of success. Our late English papers state that the extensive supply which had been accumulating for years, is fast giving way before an active consumption, and there is every reason to believe that the price of deals will gradually advance, until we again overstock the market.

We hope that the present favorable prospects will not be blighted by the folly or recklessness which have hitherto characterised our lumbering operations. We fully believe that our future commercial prosperity, notwithstanding the outcry for protection, depends mainly on ourselves.

Marriages.

On the 30th November, at the residence of the bride's father, by the Rev. Wm. Stewart, St. Andrew's Church, Chatham, Mr GEORGE CARRUTHERS, to Miss JANE CREIGHTON, both of the Parish of Newcastle.

Ship News.

PORT OF MIRAMICHI.

The schooner Industry, with a general cargo, arrived on Friday from Quebec. She discharged, and proceeded to sea on Sunday morning.

A Correspondent writes us to say—that the schooner Saint Lawrence, Arseno, master, from Montreal with a cargo of flour, bound to Halifax, struck on a reef off the north east point of Miscou Island, on the 21st November, and became a total wreck. Crew and cargo saved: the latter in a damaged state and is to be sold on Wednesday next.

DISASTROUS SHIPWRECK.—The ship Ellen Thompson, of Ayr, arrived at Treon on November 12. from Saint John, reports that on the 5th November, lat. 54 n. long. 20, 28 w., came up with the brig South Stockton, of Newcastle, late Wickers, waterlogged. The circumstances are as follows:—The brig left Quebec on the 8th September, for Newcastle. On October 11, the brig was running in a heavy gale of wind from the westward; at 8 p. m. the master judged it necessary to heave the ship too, which he did under close reefed maintopsail; at midnight they tried the pumps, and found her to make the usual quantity of water, and at 4 a. m. they again tried the

pumps, but they could not get them to suck; all hands were immediately called, but still she gained upon them. They then sounded her, and found eight feet water in her hold. In this dilemma they considered it vain to pump longer, but rather begin to prepare for the worst. They put a considerable quantity of provisions, water, and other articles in a large house, which the vessel had on deck, which, just having succeeded in doing, the vessel suddenly careened over on her beam ends, and washed the master and a boy overboard. She then hove the deck cargo off, carrying away the topmasts and rudder, and sweeping the decks of everything, house and all, and afterwards she gradually began to right. The men now took to the tops, and made a cover of canvas around them, to save them as much as possible from the severity of the weather. In this state they remained eleven days without any assistance, excepting a very small quantity of water, when one of them died; they were under the necessity of eating a small portion of their companion. They continued drooping one by one until they were all dead but Robert Hogg, chief mate, and Henry Leslie, second mate, who sustained themselves by eating a small portion of their companions, and drinking their blood. They were in this deplorable situation twenty five days, when, on the 5th of November, the Helen Thompson, in company with the barque Ganges, came up with her, it then blowing fresh gales N. N. W., with a heavy sea running. The Helen Thompson succeeded in putting out a boat, and bringing the sufferers on board in a very exhausted state. The chief mate recovered very fast, but the second mate still remains in a very poor state of health, having very sore hands and feet.

FURS, FURS, FURS.

JUST RECEIVED,

At the VICTORIA HOUSE, a choice assortment of FURS, consisting of Muffs, Boas, Victorines, Cuffs, &c.; 1 box of INDIA RUBBER, also, a small lot of SKATES, and a quantity of Books, which, together with a large assortment of Seasonable Goods, will be sold at very reduced prices for Cash.

E. DALEY & SON.

Chatham, December 1, 1849.

Newcastle and Douglstown Mechanics' Institution.

Notice is hereby given, That the Annual Meeting of the Institute will take place at the School House, in Newcastle, on FRIDAY, the 14th instant, at 6 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of electing Office Bearers for the ensuing year, and transacting such other business as will come within the rules of the Society: That the Board will meet in the same place one hour previous thereto, to elect members, and transact such other business as may come before them, and wind up the business of the year. That the Introductory Lecture will be delivered on the same evening, at the same place, at 7 o'clock, P. M., by the Rev. WILLIAM HENDERSON, A. M.; and the Introductory Lecture will be delivered at Douglstown, at the School House, on the Monday following, 17th inst., at 7 o'clock, P. M., by the same gentleman; and that Lectures will be continued on the Fridays and Mondays of each succeeding week, at Newcastle and Douglstown, until Friday the 12th April, in Newcastle, and Monday the 15th April, 1850, at Douglstown, which will conclude the course of Lectures for the season.

The Board are very desirous that as many individuals intimate their intention of joining the Society and becoming members, as possible, previous to the Annual Meeting; and that all members will give their attendance at the election of the Office Bearers of the Society, in order that a good and efficient Board may be selected.

E WILLISTON, Secretary.

Newcastle, December 1, 1849.

NOTICE.

The Subscriber gives notice that any person or persons found Trespassing on Lot No. 115, Baies des Vents River, and on Lot No. 103, adjoining Cunningham Kerr's property, on the Richibucto Road, County of Northumberland; by cutting Timber or Lumber of any description, or cutting or carrying away Hay off the Intervale of said lands, being part of the estate of the late Joseph Hunter, Esq., will be prosecuted according to Law.

FRANCES MARGARET HUNTER,

Sole Executrix.

Dalhousie, November 23, 1849.

N. B. Comfortable accommodation for travellers.

NOTICE.

JOHN FRASER & CO., being about bringing their business in Miramichi to a close, are now selling off their present Stock at greatly reduced prices. All who are indebted to them are requested to make an early payment, so as to prevent expenses; and all who may have claims against them, will have the goodness to present the same for adjustment.

Chatham, November 25, 1849.

NOTICE!

A PARCEL was left in the Store of the Subscribers about two years ago. The owner is requested to call for it, within three weeks from this date, otherwise it will be sold.

E. DALEY & SON.

Chatham, November 26, 1847.