

by certain parties, to spread to an alarming extent, doing damage which in some cases can never be repaired. We wonder that experience does not teach persons the very great impropriety of setting fires at this season of the year; and as the present law on the subject remains almost a dead letter on the statute book, would it not be well to call the attention of the Legislature to some more summary mode of procedure with those who thus recklessly endanger their neighbors' property?

EUROPEAN NEWS.

By the arrival at Halifax of the Royal Mail Steamer Niagara, on Wednesday morning last, we have received a copy of Willmer & Smith's European Times, of the 25th August.

Our readers will perceive that the Hungarian war has been abruptly brought to an end by the submission of the Hungarians to the Russian forces.

Trade in all its departments had been steady, but scarcely so active as during the two or three previous weeks. The weather had been more favorable, and the harvest operations were almost completed.

Gleeson Wilson, the man who murdered Mrs. Heinrichson and her two little boys, at Liverpool, some time since, has been tried and condemned to death.

IMPROVEMENT OF THE NAVIGATION OF THE RIVER ST. JOHN.—We copy the following paragraph from the Fredericton Head Quarters of Wednesday last:—"We are gratified to learn that Captain Burt of the Royal Engineers, accompanied by John Grant, Esq., of the Crown Land Department of this Province, are now engaged in a minute survey of the River Saint John, for the purpose of preparing a working plan of the contemplated improvements, which are to open up a more speedy and direct communication with our Canadian Brethern. Capt. Burt has, in addition to his acquirements in the Royal Engineer Department, the advantage of a prolonged residence in Canada, and an intimate acquaintance with the magnificent public improvements which have been carried on in this province for the last eight or ten years. The advantages of such a survey are too obvious to require comment.

The same paper says:—"We are happy to say, that we still continue to receive the most satisfactory accounts, from all quarters of the Province, respecting the Potato crop, and with the exception of grass we believe the crops of every description will be found beyond an average. The following is from a gentleman residing at Hillsborough, under the date of 31st ultimo.

"Notwithstanding the extremely dry and parching weather, almost every description of crop in the country has done well. The potatoes assume that pure, bright and undiseased appearance and taste that characterised them in former years."

ANOTHER COLLISION.—The Royal Mail Steamer Canada, whilst on her last passage from Liverpool to New York, ran foul of the brigantine Jane, on the 24th August, bound from New York to Newfoundland. The steamer's jib boom was carried away by the brig's mainmast. The Jane had no light up, although the watch on board of her said they saw the steamer's light full one hour before the collision took place; and had they taken a similar precaution, the accident would not have occurred.

HALIFAX.—The Halifax Sun states that two additional escapes from the Provincial Penitentiary occurred during the past week.

The Novascotian of Wednesday last contains the following paragraph:—"The quiet of the City was disturbed on Saturday night last, by a very serious riot in Water street. It appears that a soldier was absent from the Barracks without leave, and suspicion was aroused that he had deserted. The piquet being sent for him, he was tracked to a nest at the head

of Fairbanks' wharf, to which the pursuers were refused an entrance. The house was apparently full of men quaffing the intoxicating cup, who, upon being unceremoniously disturbed, and desirous of harboring and protecting the runaway, immediately commenced an onslaught upon the military, by throwing brickbats and other missiles. As the soldiers did not use their more dangerous weapons to any extent, they certainly fared the worst in the fight. Two or three were very seriously wounded, and are now in the Infirmary. The deserter, we believe, has yet eluded his pursuers. We heard something of a subsequent disturbance to the above, in which a red coat, abroad with leave, was made the receiver-general of a sound drubbing at the hands of several rowdies.

QUEBEC.—The Chronicle of the 29th ult. states that the heat in that city was excessive. On the 28th the wind suddenly changed to the eastward, and the thermometer fell instantly 10 or 12 degrees. There was a fire at Lorette and Beauport on the morning of the 28th, and it was thought that they had been caused by the lightning, which was vividly close and frequent.

Professor Johnston left St. John for New York on Tuesday morning last. He intends to come down through Canada, and visit this province about the 1st October, returning by the Meis road and Campbellton. Previous to his departure the Professor issued the following Circular.—We trust that our Farmers, and all others who take an interest in the well-being of the Province, will endeavor to furnish the information desired:—

(CIRCULAR.) St. John, Sept. 3d, 1849.

SIR,—With the view of obtaining information upon points connected with the Agricultural condition of the Province, which it may not be in my power personally to collect, I beg to submit to you the following queries, and to ask you to furnish me with brief answers to such of them as you feel yourself in a condition satisfactorily to reply to.

Answers may be forwarded under cover to the Provincial Secretary's Office, Fredericton, or to Mr. Jardine, St. John, before 10th October next.

I have the honor to be, your obedient Serv't.
JAMES F. W. JOHNSTON.

1st. As to the crops grown on your land: The variety sown; when sown and reaped; produce per acre; weight per bushel; and market price per bushel or ton, when sold?

2d. As to the disposal of Farm produce: The Stock kept; and whether for dairy purposes or for fattening; the weight of cheese or butter made from each cow; the price obtained for these articles; and for young stock or fat beef?

3d. As to the land itself: The kind of timber; character of the soil; when cleared; cost of bringing it into culture; how manured, and when; course of cropping followed?

(The answers to these three sets of queries must have reference to the same land, which may either be a single field, a farm, or a district.)

4th. Have you any experience in regard to drainage, either for the purpose of cutting off springs, or for the removal of surface water? Is it a profitable improvement in your district? Under what circumstances, and done in what way?

5th. Has lime been profitably applied to the land in your neighborhood? to what soils? in what way? in what quantity? and with what effects on this or that crop?

6th. In what way do you manure and apply farm yard manure? How do you save the liquid manure? Do you make compost manure; and how?

7th. Can you favor me with a table compiled from a register, of the weather, shewing the temperature, the fall of rain, the number of clear and rainy days; the time of sowing, vegetating, flowering and maturing of different plants, &c?

8th. What can be said in favor of immigration into your district? What class of men might be advised to come, with a view either to their own benefit, or to that of the province? What is the value of cleared Farms, to rent or to sell?

9th. Can you favor me with any details in regard to the progress of particular settlers or settlements. Have industrious farmers, who have attended exclusively to their business, improved in their circumstances?

10th. What are the effects of the long winter on the soil; on the stock; and generally on the profit of farming? How late can you plow? How early can you sow? How can the farm servants be usefully employed during the winter?

11th. What is the price of labor? In your experience can servants be employed with a profit in improving the farm or in raising produce, at the present wages of labor? If not, explain why.

(In reference to this question, it is to be borne in mind, that labor expended in clearing and improving, is so much capital invested in the land, on which a fair per centage only should be expected.)

12th. Are there any special points connected with your district: with the nature and qua-

lity of its soils; the mode of culture; the defects or excellencies of existing methods, implements, breeds of cattle, &c. to which you think my attention may be profitably drawn; or to which I may more fully advert in my proposed Report on the agricultural capabilities of the Province?

The Polar Bear.—On 1st instant, the Lord Exmouth, hauled up at McNab's wharf, having on board the stuffed hide of an enormous bear, lately killed at Labrador. This huge denizen of the icy sea—this monster emigrant from the Polar regions, who must have come by the way of Behring's Straits, is white as the driven snow—sixteen feet in length, and in girth and bulk proportionably large. When killed it is said to have weighed sixteen hundred weight. He was pursued from the water to the land, and sixteen bullets passed through him ere he was despatched. He looked frightful even in death, and certainly, when alive, must have proved an ugly customer to shake hands with—assuredly, we should never have been desirous to be honored with a squeeze from this mammoth Bruin.

The celebrated sportsman, Captain Charnley, came in, we are told, at the death, and directed and assisted in stuffing the animal.—He is now exhibiting, we believe, in a warehouse of Archibald, Dickson & Co. We would recommend all those curious in natural history, who have not yet examined this rare specimen of *Ursa Major*, to avail themselves at once of the opportunity now presented to them. Few, we think, after viewing this monster of the polar seas, are likely ever to see its like again.—*Halifax Novascotian*, Sept. 5

Rumour says that the Executive Council is now sitting on the question of the immediate removal of the seat of government, by proclamation, to Quebec or Toronto. A change of air might, perhaps, for a time, prove beneficial; but we are inclined to think that the patient is past recovery.—*Quebec Gazette*, Aug. 28.

An American Tale of a Learned Dog.—On the Third Avenue, New York, there is a house where one family, residing on the third floor, takes one of the morning papers, while another family who occupy the second floor, subscribe for two others. The carriers throw the three papers in the hall each morning, and the family on the third floor send down their large dog for their copy. With the utmost regularity, this sagacious quadruped, which was reared on Prince Edward's Island, selects it from among the three journals, carries it up stairs in his teeth, and delivers it to his mistress, never at any time making a mistake as to the paper. Although the dog's movements have been carefully watched, during several mornings, no one has been able to offer any reasonable conjectures as to the means the dog uses to distinguish the journal his mistress subscribes for from the others.—*New York Tribune*.

Marriages.

At St. Andrews Church Manse, Chatham, on the 14th August, by the Rev. Wm. Stewart, Mr. JOHN JARDINE, to Miss SARAH DOUGLAS, both of the parish of Chatham.

At Courtney Bay, County of St. John, on the 28th ult., by the Rev. Mr. Cooney, Mr. JOHN ALBERT VENNING, of the city of St. John, merchant, to CHARLOTTE, 2nd daughter of James Smith, Esq.

Ship News.

PORT OF MIRAMICHI.

ENTERED, Sept 5—schr St. Pierre, Joncas, Quebec, flour and meal.

6th—schr Miscon, Coulson, Boston, meal; Vine, Campbell, P. E. Island, horses, cows, sheep.

7th—brig Antigua Planter, Paynter, New York, ballast, assignees of J. Cunard; schr Morning Star, Betts, P. E. Island, ballast.

8th—schr Zabine, LeBlanc, Guysboro', fish, Johnson & Mackie; brig Richard Reynolds, Doeg, Belfast, Gilmour, Rankin & Co., 35 days.

CLEARED, Sept 4—schr Acturus, Hanning-ton, St. Peters, lumber, assignees of J. Cunard. 7th—barque Naparima, Allan, Gloucester, timber and deals, Johnson & Mackie; schr St. Pierre, Joncas, Quebec, ballast; Morning Star, Betts, P. E. Island, salt, Gilmour, Rankin & Co.

8th—brig Pomona, Younger, Leith, timber and deals, Duncan & Loch; barque Lord Mulgrave, Broderick, Hull, deals, Gilmour, Rankin & Co.

PORT OF RICHIBUCTO.

ENTERED, August 22—Ready Rhino, Minchin, Halifax.

24th—Charles Weldon, McLean, P. E. Island, flour and meal; Betsey & Jane, Gaudin, do., Wm. Crie.

28th—Queen Victoria, Wenden, Newfoundland, L. DesBrisay.

CLEARED, August 41—Stentor, Coulson, Hull.

23rd—Pasha, Hogg, Liverpool.

25th—Catharine, Nelsen, Newfoundland; Compeer, Brown, Bristol.

26th—Norman, How, London.

27th—Betsey & Jane, Gaudin, Gloucester.

30th—Palomon, Lickiss, London.

30th—Ready Rhino, Minchin, Cork.

31st—Mary Ann Harvey, Touzeau, Cork.

September 1—Humber, Lawson, Hull; Resolution, Bowly, London; George Marsden, Scott, Hull; Queen Victoria, Wenden, Plymouth; Eddy Constable, Mason, Liverpool; Regulus, Tweedale, Liverpool.

From Willmar & Smith's European Times.

ARRIVALS IN BRITAIN.

From Bathurst.—Aug 14, T. D., Marseilles. 17th, Ann McLester, Belfast. 22, Wear Packet, Hull.

From Dalhousie.—Aug 17, Thomas, Fleetwood. 18, Douglas, Gravesend. 19, Shaw, Milford, for Gloucester, leaky.

From Miramichi.—Aug 20, Mary, off Dundalk.

From Richibucto.—Aug 17, Abeona, Liverpool. 19, News, Southampton; James Freeman, Gloucester. 21, Ann Philip, off Peterhead. 23, Falstaff, Gravesend; Lowther, Grimsby.

From Shediac.—Aug 18, Hartlepool, Gravesend. 22, Janet, Drogheda.

From Shippigan.—Aug 19, Queen, Deal.

SAILINGS FROM BRITAIN.

For Dalhousie.—Aug 21, William & Ann, Cardiff. 23, Jane A. Milvain, Holyhead.

For Miramichi.—Aug 22, Fergus, Hull.

For Richibucto.—Aug 19, Rose, Deal.

For Shediac.—Aug 23, Richard Cobden, Liverpool.

Loading at Liverpool, Ocean Queen, for Miramichi.

AUCTION.

To be Sold by PUBLIC AUCTION, on THURSDAY, the Thirteenth day of September next, at 12 o'clock, noon, in front of the Court House, in Newcastle,

All that Farm and Premises

Situate at the mouth of Baribogue River, in the Parish of Alawick, known as the MEODY POINT PROPERTY, formerly owned and occupied by the late ALEXANDER McDONALD, deceased. There is a good House and a small Barn upon the premises, and a valuable Fishing Privilege in front.

For particulars apply to Messrs STREET & DAVIDSON, Solicitors, Newcastle.

JOHN FRASER, Auctioneer.

Newcastle, 1st August, 1849.

ROBBERY!

TEN POUNDS REWARD!

WHEREAS three ill disposed and dangerous persons, named DAVID ROSS, late of Alawick, PAUL KINGSTON, late of Northesk, County of Northumberland, and JOHN MCGOWAN, late of Restigouche, charged with feloniously breaking open and plundering the Lumbering Posts, on the upper waters of the Nepisiguit River, and carrying away a Canoe, with valuable property to a considerable amount, belonging to Messrs. FERGUSON, RANKIN & CO., of Bathurst—having escaped from the officer and party sent in pursuit—are supposed to have passed by the Portage to the Tobique River,

A REWARD OF TEN POUNDS, therefore, is hereby offered for the apprehension of each of the above-named Robbers, to be paid to any person who shall lodge them in the Gaol of this County, or otherwise restore them to my custody.

HENRY W. BALDWIN,
Sheriff of Gloucester.

Bathurst, Gloucester County, }
29th August, 1849. }

Miramichi House.

The subscriber begs to inform the public, that he has fitted up the house formerly known as the ROYAL HOTEL, and is now prepared to accommodate his friends and the public generally. Every effort will be used to make this Establishment comfortable to such persons as patronise it.

There is also a LIVERY STABLE attached to the above House, where the public may at all times obtain good Horses and Carriages for travelling to every part of the Province at the shortest notice.

W. M. KELLY.
Chatham, Miramichi, 30th August, 1849.

Sealed Tenders

Will be received at the office of JOHN FRASER, Esq., Newcastle, till WEDNESDAY, the 12th inst., for the erection of a FENCE around the County Building, FUEL SHEDS, &c., of Stone, agreeable to the plan and specification there exhibited. Payment to be made on completion of the work, 10th November next.

JOHN FRASER,
JOHN NEMITH,
THOS. C. ALLAN,
ALEX. FRASER, JUN.,
R. HUTCHISON,
Committee.

Newcastle, 3rd September, 1849.

NOTICE.

All persons indebted to the Estate of ARCHIBALD HADDOW, late of Chatham, Merchant, deceased, are requested to make payment to the subscriber; and all persons having any property of the deceased, are requested to deliver over the same for the use of the Estate; and all those having claims against said deceased, are requested to tender them to the subscriber, within three months from this date.

JOHN M. JOHNSON, Administrator.
Chatham, 30th July, 1849.