

had several sharp peals of thunder and vivid flashes of lightning. The fields are fast putting on their summer garb of green, and the husbandman is busy sowing his seed. Pity it is, that so many of them should lack the means of procuring all such as they require.

YESTERDAY'S MAIL.

The papers by this mail put us in possession of a few additional items of news, which we copy below:—

St. John New Brunswick, May 19.
IMPORTANT FROM CANADA.—A despatch from Montreal dated May 15th, states that an exciting debate took place last evening in the House of Assembly, on the question of adopting an Address in relation to the Rebellion in Louisiana. Col. Gage stated that if the Queen gave her assent to the Bill, it would absolve every British inhabitant from his Oath of Allegiance. Solicitor General Blake, in replying, called on the Speaker of the House to mark the words of the members on the Tory side. He did not mention names, but there were some who might be obliged to answer to their names in the criminal calendar, for having transmitted intelligence by Telegraph, as to how many thousand men could be brought from different parts of Upper Canada. He characterized the conduct of the Tory royalists as unconstitutional. In policy, they were tyrannical in office, and traitorous rebels when out. Bitter recriminations followed.

FROM MEXICO.—We have advices from San Francisco to the 7th March. New deposits of Gold have been discovered extending to Lower California. The crews of the two Steamships California and Oregon, had deserted. The Cholera is committing terrible ravages in Mexico.

Boston, May 18.
Loss of the Steamer Empire, and Great Sacrifice of Life.—The steamer Empire from Troy, coming down the river, was run into last night, two miles below Newburgh, by the schooner Noah Brown, of Troy, loaded with lumber, and smashed her bows. The steamer filled and sunk immediately. Her stern state rooms are out of water. She will probably be raised. The bodies of two ladies and a child have been found. It is said that over sixty lives were lost.

FROM THE UNITED STATES.—The steamer Maid of Erin, Captain Leavitt, arrived last evening, bringing us files of Boston papers of Thursday and New York of Wednesday. The steamer America sailed from New York on Wednesday with 134 passengers, including 11 for Halifax, among whom was the lady of the Governor of Bermuda.

The Cholera.—Three cases of cholera were reported in the 6th ward, New York, on Wednesday, two of which proved fatal. A later despatch says that 8 cases and 4 deaths have occurred since Tuesday.

Cholera at St. Louis.—A despatch from St. Louis of the 12th inst. says the cholera is on the increase. There are about 20 deaths per day. On the Missouri river and among the emigrant population the epidemic prevails to an alarming extent.

The Southern Crops.—The telegraph speaks despondingly of the losses of the Florida crops by the late frost.

The New York Riot.—The grand inquest of New York concluded their labors on Monday, with a verdict that the deaths of seventeen persons named were caused by gunshot wounds from balls fired by the military during the riot before the Opera House on Thursday evening, 10th May, by order of the civil authorities of the city; and that the circumstances existing at the time justified the authorities in giving the order to fire upon the mob.

The jurors further believe that if a larger number of the police had been ordered out, the necessity of a resort to the use of the military might have been avoided.

The expense of obtaining the foreign news, by express from Halifax to St. John, N. B., and thence by Telegraph to New York, is about \$1000 by each steamer.

Boston Daily Advertiser, May 11.
NEW YORK AFTER THE RIOT.—The following is the latest account of the proceedings of Friday and Saturday, given by the New York Post:—

The excitement all day yesterday in the out-crews was intense. It was rumoured that an effort would be made to burn or tear down the Opera House, and to carry out this shocking purpose a band of Killers, as they are called, had been invited on from Philadelphia to assist. The alarm was increased by the following placard, posted through the most conspicuous parts of the city:—

TO THE PARK!
THE CITIZENS OF NEW YORK.
 Opposed to the destruction of Human Life, are requested to assemble in the Park, at 6 o'clock this evening, Friday, May 11, to express public opinion on the lamentable occurrence of last night.

A crowd of about a thousand persons assembled towards evening to see what was to be done when they were harangued by Isaiah Rynders, Michael Walsh and Mr. Surhan. The tenor of their remarks may be easily inferred, and if not, it is of little consequence. Meanwhile the most efficient measures were being perfected by the civil authorities, to prevent any riotous conduct.

General Stanford had been charged with the

military arrangements, and a large body of troops had been called upon. The following is nearly a complete list of the troops:—

Four troops of horse artillery, being a part of the first Brigade, N. Y. S. Artillery under the command of Col. Ryer.

One squadron of cavalry, commanded by Colonel Postlev, being a part of the first brigade.

The fifth Regiment of the second Brigade of infantry, Col. Werner in command.

The fourth Brigade of Infantry, Brig. Gen. Ewan, consisting of the Tenth Regiment, Col. Halsey, the Eleventh Regiment, Col. Morris, the Twelfth Regiment, Col. Stebbins, and a small detachment of the Veteran Artillery, with a twenty four pound howitzer.

In addition to these a detachment of the U. S. regular infantry had been placed in readiness at Governor's Island, and so disposed that they might appear at a few moments' notice.

The Chief of Police and his aids were also prompt to second the efforts of the Mayor, and before sunset one thousand special constables had been sworn in, and everything arranged for prompt and efficient action.

About half past six the streets in the vicinity of the Opera House were cleared by the soldiers, and occupied, so as to cut off every avenue of approach to the building.

Six heavy pieces of artillery, including one 18 lb. howitzer, were so placed as to enfilade Broadway, up and down, Eighth street, west and east, Lafayette place downward, and Astor place, and the open ground between Bowery and Third avenue, easterly.

The Opera House was in possession of the Police, who were most thoroughly and efficiently organized. All the entrances but one were closed; the vaults were arranged for the reception of prisoners, the dressing rooms fitted up as surgical hospitals, and the boxes, parquette and stage thrown open as a general camping ground for the relieved companies. Every thing valuable had been previously removed.

In Broadway the mob were neither numerous nor organized. In the Bowery, however, their force was formidable. We were told that a band from Philadelphia came on yesterday as was expected, and among them were some of the Circus men, whose names we have, but care not to publish.

The following proclamation from the Mayor was issued on Saturday:—

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
 New York, May 12th, 1849.

The Mayor congratulates the citizens upon the spirit of obedience to the laws, which with a few exceptions pervaded the city last night. While he cannot too highly commend the alacrity with which the civil and military force, as well as the great mass of people responded to the demand made by the authorities, in the name of the law for the maintenance of public order,—

He trusts a renewal of the disturbances of the past few nights is not to be apprehended; but at the same time, he feels bound to urge upon the friends of order to abstain from congregating in the streets, or other public places, for a few nights to come.

In the meantime he assures the citizens that the whole civil and military power of the country continues actively engaged in the discharge of its duty, in upholding and maintaining, at every hazard, the peace of the city.

CALEB S. WOODHULL, Mayor.

St. John Courier, May 19.

The European letters and papers for this city were received by the Halifax mail yesterday afternoon.

There was only a trifling demand for Timber and Deals at London; prices, however, were supported. A letter dated May 4th, says:—'Freights generally are improving here—in London—35s for Timber, 37s 6d for Masts, and five guineas for Deals, are paid from Quebec; 95s for Deals from Shediac, and the same from the mills in the St. Lawrence.'

A Liverpool House, extensively engaged in the Timber trade, writes as follows to a correspondent in this city, under date 5th inst:—'We have still a very dull demand for Timber, but although our supplies are cut off from the Baltic, and we are likely to receive a very limited quantity of stuff from St. John, we cannot get any description of Wood goods up to the cost of production.—St. John Yellow Pine Timber is barely worth one penny per foot per inch; Deals £5 to £5 7s 6d.—The Yellow Pine Deals per Pilgrim sold at only £9 7s 6d; Spruce per Sarah, a fair quality, at £7 15s. Yellow Pine Timber per Pilgrim, 12 1/2 inch, at 18d.'

SCARCITY OF SEAMEN.—There is at present a great scarcity of Seamen at this port, and \$20 per month are given for able Seamen to Europe; when shipped by the run the rate is double.—If Newspapers in other places would notice this fact, it might be the means of giving employment to seamen who are out of employ in other ports.

THE EIGHTEENTH OF MAY.—The anniversary of the Landing of the Loyalists in this City in 1783, was celebrated yesterday. Flags were to be seen floating from the dwellings of many of the descendants of the Loyalists, and from other conspicuous situations, and some of the vessels in the harbor were bedecked with their colors. The St. John Companies of the New Brunswick Regiment of Artillery fired a Royal Salute at noon, and marched through the streets, preceded by one of the Amateur Bands playing some lively airs. In the evening, Queen's Square, and its environs were crowded by a dense mass of people, to witness a display of fire-works. The exhibition exceeded anything of the kind ever seen here, and was grand and beautiful in the extreme, and reflected great credit upon all concerned in getting it up.

Halifax Sun, May 19.

THE CENTENARY.—The Committee of gentlemen, representatives of the several Societies of the town, are perfecting their arrangements for the celebration of the Centenary, with energy, and a due regard to the feelings of all classes of the community. Beamish Murdoch, Esq. it is said, will deliver the Oration on the occasion, and the Hon. Joseph Howe, will prepare a Poem—two of Nova Scotia's most gifted Sons—gentlemen of opposite politics, but alike imbued with a love of country, and a devotedness to the interests of Nova Scotia, although they may differ as to the mode of best promoting the latter. We have faith in the Committee, and we believe they will do their best to make the arrangements for the day of an unexceptional character.

CAPTURE OF THE CONVICTS.—The seven Convicts have been re-taken, and are once again lodged in their comfortable quarters at the Penitentiary. They were captured by Captain Darby, and by some of the inhabitants in Lunenburg County, where they had committed a robbery or two. They were brought to the city on Wednesday in the Lunenburg Packet.

Mr Macready is in Boston. It is said he does not intend to play or to read in public there, but will return home in the steamer of the 23rd.

J. A. PIERCE, Esq., Editor of the Gleaner,

Permit me to enquire whether you will give me space in the columns of your valuable paper for a few letters to be addressed to John W. Weldon, Esq., on the subject of some of his public acts and conduct in various public capacities. My object in selecting your paper is principally on account of its very wide and extensive circulation in this County, thereby affording, its inhabitants in particular, the opportunity of reading and judging of the several matters to be contained in the communications I intend to make. It is of the greatest importance to the public, that the proposed subjects be fairly set before them; and not the less so to Mr Weldon, who will have (should he feel so disposed) a very favorable means of explaining them as best he can. Of course it is not my desire or intention to meddle with either professional or private conduct, but strictly that of a public man, and in doing so shall treat all matters with truth and fairness, and endeavor to do every justice to both office holder and public.

Your insertion of this with your answer to my request in your next Gleaner, will very much oblige

Your obedient servant,
J. A. JAMES.

Ribhibact, May 19, 1849.
 [We are somewhat surprised that our Correspondent should put the above questions to us. Our columns have been always open to the free canvass of the acts of men in office, which the public have a right to scrutinize, and to applaud or censure, as their conduct merits. Mr. James, or any other correspondent, is at liberty to use our Press for this legitimate object, he of course, confining his strictures (as proposed by himself) to the public acts of the Gentleman alluded to.]

Editor of the Gleaner.

Marriages.

On Tuesday, 15th May, at St. Paul's Church, Chatham, by the Rev. Samuel Bacon, Rector, WILLIAM WILLIAMS BARNARD, Esq., of the City of St. John, to CAROLINE MARGARET, fourth daughter of the Hon. Thomas H. Peters, of Bushville, in this Parish.

On the 17th inst., by the Rev. John Turnbull, Mr. DAVID ARBO, to Miss SARAH DOWSE, both of the Parish of Blackville.

Deaths.

At Chatham, on Saturday evening last, ELIZABETH, infant daughter of Mr George Letson, aged 11 days.

Ship News.

PORT OF MIRAMICHI.

ENTERED, May 15—brig Mariner, Campbell, Port Glasgow, 42 days—Gilmour, Rankin & Co.

16th—brig Rainbow, Church, New York—do.

19th—schr Mary Ann, Glawson, Halifax, general cargo—sundries.

22nd—brig Garland, Spearing, Boston, 14 days, general cargo—Wm. J. Fraser.

CLEARED, May 17—barque Endymion, Cordingly, Hull, deals, by Gilmour, Rankin & Co.; schr Miscon, Coulson, Boston, grindstones and shingles, by Johnson & Mackie.

21st—schr Mary Jane, Forrest, Boston, grindstones and shingles, by Johnson and Mackie.

The brig Downs, from New York, with a general cargo, ran ashore on Fox Island. She was got off after receiving some damage, a portion of her cargo having been shipped on board of some small craft which were sent down to her assistance.

PORT OF DALHOUSIE.

ENTERED, May 8—brig Emma Zoller, Madge, Dartmouth, 36 days, ballast—H. & J. Montgomery; schrs Swift, Leblanc, Quebec, 8 days, flour, &c.—W. Hamilton; Harmony, McFarlane, P. E. Island, oats—for sale.

11th—brig Prince of Brazil, Lonsdale, Almir, 58 days, ballast—A. Ritchie & Co.

13th—brig Edward & Mary, Rogers, Shields, 53 days, coals—A. Ritchie & Co.; barques Albion, Hepenstall, Cork, 40 days, ballast, do.; Queen, Chatterback, Hull, 40 days, ballast, do.; brig Fanny, Williams, P. E. Island, 5 days, do.; schr Victoria, Bollong, Halifax, 15 days, sundries—W. S. Smith and others.

15th—schr Billow, Pilman, Pr. Ed. Island; oats and potatoes—W. Hamilton.

16th—schr Joseph, Nickerman, do. general cargo—A. Ritchie & Co.

17th—barque Sarah Ann, Cockburn, Lancaster—to do.

CLEARED, May 7—schr Martha Sophia, Boudros, Halifax, shingles—A. Ritchie & Co.

9th—schr Prudent, Audette, Halifax, shingles—A. Ritchie & Co.

10th—schr Nautilus, Bernard, Halifax, shingles—A. Ritchie & Co.

14th—schrs Swift, Leblanc, Bathurst, flour, from Quebec; Temperance, Seare, Halifax, lumber—J. Samuel.

16th—schr Victoria, Bullong, from Quebec with a general cargo, for Port Daniel & Shippegan.

Halifax, May 5, old schr New Messenger, Siteman, Miramichi.

QUEBEC, May 12.—Capt. Marshall, of the bark Nicaragua, from Gloucester, arrived this morning, brought up part of the crew and some of the passengers of the brig Hannah, of Maryport, Capt. Shaw, which sailed from Newry 3d April, for Quebec, and which came in collision with the ice at 4 o'clock on the morning of the 29th April, when the passengers were in bed, foundering in about 40 minutes after. The Captain, 1st and 2nd mates, and a few others left the ship in the life-boat immediately on finding that their ship was going down. Captain Marshall reports:—

April 20th, passed through a field of ice 50 miles S. E. of St. Paul's; from the above date was detained by the ice until the 2nd May, when Cape Ray bore S. E. by E. distance 27 miles. April 29, strong gale S. S. E. and thick of sleet, ship laying to windward of the ice, at 6, 30, P. M. the snow cleared away, when I discovered a flag of distress on the ice, made sail and prepared to take the ice, by putting the ice-fenders down; at 7, put the ship in the ice and succeeded in getting about 52 people on board, leaving a large number still on the ice—cleared up all sails and got a rope fast to a pan of ice, and succeeded in taking 30 more, when we still heard cries to windward—lowered down the quarter-boat; the mate and two men volunteered to go in search of them, and in about an hour after returned, having with them 47 more in the ship's long boat, which they found in the ice, iraking in all 129 passengers and six seamen. No pen can describe the pitiable situation and destitution of these passengers—parents with loss of children, children with loss of parents, and they themselves all but naked, and the greatest part of them frost-bitten. I am informed that 55 perished with the cold.

From Willmer and Smith's European Times.

SAILINGS FROM BRITAIN.

For Dalhousie, April 22, Standard, Longhope.

For Gaspe, April 26, St. Peter, Jersey.

For Miramichi, April 20, Lord Brougham, Carthagenia; May 3, Pollock, Liverpool.

For Restigouche, May 1, John Walker, Liverpool.



Victoria House, May 21, 1849.

Spring Goods.

Edward Daley & Son

Have just received a choice assortment of
Fancy and Staple Dry Goods,

—COMPRISING—

Fancy Dress Stuffs in Coorgs, Orleans, Organdies, Oregons, Cashmeres, Lustres, Muslins, Balzarines, &c. &c.

Ginghams, plain and printed COTTONS, gray and white Cottons, Muslins, Beanoet and Cap Ribbons.

Gloves and Hosiery in every variety, BONNETS in great variety, Linens, Huckaburks,

Fancy Shawls and Handkerchiefs, Parasols and Umbrellas, &c. &c.

A large and choice

Stock of Ready-made Clothing,

BOOTS AND SHOES.

A great variety of BOOKS, CUTLERY, and JEWELRY; 1 bale of blue and white COTTON WARP, very cheap.

All the above articles will be sold at very low prices for cash.

Henry C. D. Carman,
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