

**COUNTY KENT.**—A vessel of the burthen of 358 tons, new measurement, was launched from the building yard of John Jardine, Esq., at Richibucto, on the 11th instant. She was named the *Galatea*.

**CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT.**—Our exchanges report that very considerable reduction has been made in this department in the Island of Newfoundland—there are now but two stations, St. John and Harbor Grace. Judging from the Circulars recently issued to the heads of the department in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, we conclude that the Home Government contemplate similar curtailments in those Provinces.

**ISLAND OF CUBA.**—As public attention has been recently called to this island, by a threatened invasion by forces organized in the United States, we annex a description of it, together with a sketch of its trade, population, &c., thinking it may be interesting at this present time. The New York Journal of Commerce reports that the expedition has been abandoned.

It is 624 miles in extreme length, with a width varying from 22 to 117 miles, and covers an area of 37,000 square miles, being about the size of the State of Maine. It contains a population at the present time of 1,400,000; of which 610,000 are whites, 190,000 are free coloured, and 600,000 slaves. Its imports in 1847 were \$32,389,119, of which \$7,049,976, were from the United States. Its exports during the same period were \$27,993,770, of which \$12,394,877 were to the United States. In 1847 the number of arrivals at its ports, was 3740, and the number of clearances 3316. Its principal harbors are the finest in the world. The amount of American tonnage employed in the trade with Cuba, is 476,773 tons. It has 195 miles of railroad completed and in successful operation, and 61 miles in course of construction. It is well watered by numerous rivers, and its surface, except in the central portion of the island, diversified with mountains. Only two-fifths of its surface are cultivated. Of the remaining three-fifths now unused, one is probably worthless, leaving one half its agricultural resources undeveloped. The climate is so genial that it yields two crops a year of many of its productions. It also abounds in materials for manufacturing purposes, and its mountains contain mines of copper which are worked to a considerable advantage.

**ATLANTIC AND PACIFIC.**—If we can believe reports, those two oceans are at length to be united by a Canal. It is said that a treaty has been signed between the United States minister, the Hon. Mr. Wyse, and the Government of Nicaragua, securing to the United States the right of making a canal through Nicaragua to join the two oceans. An English Company was some time ago in treaty with the Minister in England of the government of Nicaragua, to secure the exclusive right of making a canal, but it appears the Americans have succeeded in forestalling them.

**LAUNCH.**—A very fine launch took place from the building-yard of Messrs. Johnson & Mackie, in the town of Chatham, on the morning of Wednesday last. She is a handsome, and very superior built vessel of the burthen of 624 tons new, and 602 old measurement, and was named the *Sir Edmund Head*. This is the first essay of this enterprising firm in ship-building, and we sincerely trust she will net to her owners a remunerating profit.

**AGRICULTURAL.**—We still continue to hear from all around us, gratifying accounts of the Crops. Every year proves the capabilities of our soil to raise almost every necessary and many of the luxuries of life, which the croakers in olden times, without giving the climate and soil a chance, said it was impossible to cultivate 'so far north.' Large quantities of Indian Corn, of a very superior description, have been raised in this and the neighboring counties of Kent, Gloucester and Restigouche; and one day last week we saw some Onions exposed for sale in Chatham which was raised in Kouchibouguac, of a quality as fine as any ever imported into the port. We put three of

them into the scales, and they weighed a pound.

**COLONIAL POSTAGE.**—The *Journal de Quebec* furnishes the following interesting information with regard to the contemplated alterations in the Post Office department and Postage.

We are assured that immediately after the return of Mr. Hincks we shall have the much desired reduction in the Postage charges, while the conduct of the department will be at the same time placed under the control of the Provincial Government. The present charges will be changed to a uniform rate of three pence per letter throughout the country. The Canadian Government has also made arrangements for the carriage of letters sent from Canada to the United States. As it will be impossible for the 19,000 postmasters in the Union to know our different localities and their respective distances, the American government will impose a uniform rate of seven cents on our letters going to any part whatever of the Union.

On the present arrangement for carrying the British Canadian Mails through the United States, the *Quebec Chronicle* has the following pertinent remarks:

The Europa's letters and newspaper arrived yesterday morning in about four days from Boston—one day longer than the usual mail time between Boston and Quebec, which is attributable, no doubt, to the fact of English mails being expressly forwarded through the United States; and to the fact of the Postmaster General having expressly stated that he cannot interfere with the carrying of the British mails through American territory. But with these 'Express' arrangements we take the liberty of expressing ourselves as being anything but satisfied. Indeed the way in which the commercial interests of the Colonists are trifled with is becoming unbearable. Everything is sacrificed to imperial and foreign interests. We have not only been deprived of protection on our produce; but we are deprived of the privilege of letter carrying. We are not even allowed to compete for the transport of our own mails. The Imperial Deputy Postmaster General decides; and from his decision there is no appeal. We pay a penny a newspaper too for receiving through the United States, what we receive earlier and gratis via New Brunswick.

**ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH.**—The Saint John Observer reports that in a few weeks communication with Halifax by Telegraph, will be obtained, as the posts are now all up, and the wires and necessary apparatus nearly completed. The line will then be complete from Halifax to New Orleans, and from Halifax to Quebec, &c, via Boston, and in a few minutes after the arrival of the Steamer at Halifax the news will be communicated to all parts of the continent. We understand that the express steamer via Digby, will be discontinued after next week. The horse express will run for a few weeks from Halifax to Amherst, as the line through Nova Scotia will not be ready before the middle of October.

**COUNTY RESTIGOUCHE.**—Our Correspondent in this county furnishes us with the following items of local news:—

**Melancholy Occurrence.**—On the 12th instant, a man was found lying on the beach, near the back of Donovan's Hotel, Campbellton. Life was not extinct, and he lingered several hours in a state of insensibility. An inquest was held on the body, before H. Montgomery, Esq., Coroner, when a verdict of death by accident was returned by the jury. The deceased had been for some time past in the habit of indulging to excess in spirituous liquors. On Wednesday last it is supposed that he had laid himself down on the bank to sleep, and had either rolled over in his sleep, or staggered and fell on attempting to rise. The height of the bank where he was found is 27 feet. The was scarcely any external injury perceptible, and it is probable that death was caused by congestion of the brain. The name of the deceased is James Murray, 35 years of age, a native of Tarbert, Argyleshire, Scotland. No thought it strange that no medical man was called to the inquisition, as cases such as the above are widely different from those where an accident has been seen to occur. The coroner and jury no doubt did their duty faithfully, but the absence of medical examination made the investigation appear less complete than it would have been otherwise.

**Sudden Death.**—On the 14th instant another fearful warning was given us 'to be prepared, for we know not the hour.' Angus McKenzie, of Escuminac, (on the Canada side) fell down dead while in the act of putting grain into his barn. His son, who was at a short distance, ran to his assistance, but his spirit had fled. The deceased was a native of Arran, an island that has furnished the Bay Chaleur with many of its most active and deserving settlers.

**Fishery.**—We have had a flying visit from Mr. Perley, on his fishing mission, but from his very short stay, we fear he has not had time to make sufficient enquiry respecting the salmon fishing on this river. We thought that after coming so far, he would have devoted more time and attention to the subject in this quarter, especially as there are many abuses that require immediate remedy. The greatest evil—one which will in a short time utterly destroy the fishing—is, allowing persons to place nets at short distances from each other, in such a manner as to completely prevent the fish from reaching their spawning ground. This is the case from Athol House to the head of the Restigouche. They have not even the chance of nets being lifted on the Sabbath. A great part of those that get up the river are speared by the Indians; and strange to say, they find plenty of purchasers for them, although the food must be disgusting. On the Canada side, they have a law for punishing those who take fish, and those who buy them, but from the scattered population, it is not easy to enforce it, and quantities of the fish thus taken are brought to the New Brunswick side and sold. Had we a similar law, by which a fine could be recovered before a magistrate, by summary proceedings, it would tend greatly to put a stop to this shameful traffic.

**FREDERICTON.**—The Reporter contains an account of the sudden demise of George Lee, jun., Esq., Barrister at Law, Assistant Clerk of the House of Assembly, and a member of the Common Council of that city. His death is much regretted.

**PUBLIC THANKSGIVING.**—We have frequently spoken of the kindness of Providence in crowning the labors of the husbandman this season, with an abundant harvest, and we are gratified to perceive that the Lieutenant Governor of the Province has ordered that a day should be set aside as a general thanksgiving on the occasion. We annex the proclamation, copied from the last Gazette:—

Whereas it has pleased Almighty God, of His great mercy, to bless the labour of the Husbandman with an abundant harvest: And whereas it is meet and proper, and our bounden duty, to render thanks to the Giver of all Good, for this seasonable manifestation of His beneficent Providence.

I have therefore thought fit, by the advice of Her Majesty's Executive Council, hereby to appoint a General Thanksgiving to Almighty God, to be observed throughout this Province, on Thursday the Eleventh day of October next; And I do hereby strictly charge and command that the said Day of Thanksgiving be religiously and devoutly observed by all Her Majesty's loving subjects within the Province.

#### GOVERNMENT NOTICE.

**PORT OF RICHIBUCTO.**—The lower Flat of William McLeod's Provision Store, in the Town of Richibucto, has provisionally been established a Bonding Warehouse, under the Act 11 Vict. cap 2.

**CADETS' TEA PARTY.**—A number of the Northumberland Division of the Sons of Temperance, gave the Cadets a very handsome treat in their division room in Chatham, on Thursday last. The lads, with a number of young female friends, sat down to tea about 5 o'clock, and we understand they did ample justice to the repast set before them.

In the evening the Cadets gave an entertainment in the Band Room, where the public were admitted at a small sum. The object of this meeting, Mr. John Fraser, the Worthy Patron, stated, was to explain the laws of the order, the exercises and manner in which the boys were employed during their nights of meeting, and to raise a fund to help them to defray the necessary expenses. A number of the Lads then recited several Dialogues, and other pieces, in a manner that reflected much credit on them. Mr. W. Forbes amused the audience for a short time, by the exhibition of figures with the Magic Lantern. A portion of the Amateur Band was in attendance. The audience was numerous, and it gives us pleasure to record the circumstance, as it evinces a growing feeling in favor of the cause of temperance.

**TEA PARTY AT DOUGLASTOWN.**—A Correspondent has furnished us with an account of this affair, which came off with much spirit in the Roman Catholic School house.

Mr. Editor.

It would I think be an injustice to the good people of Douglastown, were not some notice taken of the SOIREE which took place on the evening of Tuesday last, in the Catholic Parish School-house, with the intention of raising funds wherewith to liquidate the debts on that building.

It was a very respectable affair, and came off in good style. The room was tastefully

decorated with the materials commonly used on such occasions, in a manner very creditable to the Committee of management, and a number of fine maps very appropriately placed along the walls, added much to the effect. Nearly two hundred persons sat down to tea; among the guests present were the Honorable Alexander Rankin, and the Revd. Messrs. Sweeney and Voreker.

The former Rev. Gentleman took his farewell of his Douglastown Parishioners, in a very affecting and eloquent address, in which he proved to them the vast benefits of Education, and the very great importance of having good Teachers. He likewise spoke as to the merits of their present teacher, whom he recommended to them in very strong terms.

After the tables were removed, such persons as chose so to do, indulged in dancing, which was continued for some time: after which all parties separated and retired to their respective homes.

#### Marriages.

At the house of the bride's father, on the 13th instant, by the Rev. James Law, A. M., Mr. JOHN WILSON, to Miss ISABELLA FORSTER, both of the Parish of Richibucto.

#### Deaths.

On the morning of the 17th instant, CATHERINE, wife of Mr. Wm. McGregor, innkeeper, Dalhousie. The deceased suffered long and severely. She had the comfort of spiritual consolation from the Rev. Mr. Steven, a short time before her death, and we hope she is now realizing the blessed hopes he poured into her wearied soul.

At Richibucto, on Wednesday last, ALICE, youngest daughter of Mr. John Brockway, aged 18 months.

### Ship News.

#### PORT OF MIRAMICHI.

ENTERED, Sept. 19—brig Sally, Ditchburn, Workington, Gilmour, Rankin & Co., ballast; schr Victoria, DeKay, Quebec, general cargo.

20—barques Empress, Scott, Boston, Master; Brockett, Stephenson, Gloucester, W. J. Fraser, Ballast.

22—brigs Spring, Millins, Dundee, 50 days, Gilmour, Rankin & Co., ballast; Prince of Brazils, Landsdale, Fleetwood, 42 days, W. Johnston, coals and salt.

24—bark Don, Thompson, Falmouth, 23 days, Gilmour, Rankin & Co., Ballast.

CLEARED, Sept. 18—schr John Wallace, Jewers, Halifax, fish & shingles, J. Russell; Zabine, LeBlanc, Guvibro, salt.

20—schr Villager, Watt, Halifax, fish, Gilmour, Rankin & Co.; Curlew, Eisan, Charlottetown, lumber, Assignees of J. Canard.

#### PORT OF BATHURST.

ENTERED, August 11—schr Undaunted, Smith, Newfoundland, G. & A. Smith.

13th—barque Henry Hood, McArthur, Glasgow, Ferguson, Rankin & Co.

17—schr Ariel, LeBlanc, Boston, Ferguson, Rankin & Co.

Sept 3d—schr Garland, Spearing Boston, Master.

5th—schr Marcelline, Roy, Charlottetown, master.

12th—brig Acron Vale, Griffiths, New York, Assignees of J. Canard.

20th—schr John Benson, Benson, Miramichi, Ferguson, Rankin & Co.

CLEARED, August 20—brig Thomas, Barker, Douglas, London.

24th—ship Quebec, Park, Hull; schr Ariel, LeBlanc, Halifax.

29th—brig Osprey, Hall; ship Alice Wilson, Bute, Liverpool.

31st—barque Henry Hood, McArthur, Glasgow.

September 3—schr Garland, Spearing, Halifax.

7th—schr Belinda, Caldwell, Halifax.

12 schr Sertin, Wood, Newfoundland; Marcelline, Roy, Charlottetown.

19th—brig Acron Vale, Griffiths, Cardiff.

**Wreck.**—We have just received information that during the heavy gale of wind on Sunday last, the brig "Lavinia," Bulk, master, from Sunderland, was driven ashore, from her anchor at Grand Pabos, and became a total wreck—crew saved. The sails, rigging, &c., we understand are to be sent to Quebec, and the hull, spars, and boats are on private sale at Pabos by the master.

The same evening, the schooner Wasp, partly laden with dry fish, belonging to Messrs. C. Robin & Company, was driven ashore at Newport, in the County of Gaspé—crew saved.—*Gaspé Gazette*, Sept. 13.

### Militia Muster.

The GENERAL INSPECTION of the Third Battalion of the Northumberland Militia, under the command of Lieutenant Colonel SALTER, will take place on the 27th and 28th of September; 1st Division at Capt. Coughlan's Field on THURSDAY, the 27th instant, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon; 2nd Division at Nelson's Field on FRIDAY, the 28th instant, at the same hour.

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#### SHIPS' ARTICLES

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