

upon the expenditure; and if it be supposed that two trains passed over the line in each direction daily, or twenty eight trains per week, the gross weekly receipts to make this return ought to be about £6,500, or rather more than £10 per mile.

On looking through some of the recently printed lists of the receipts of the different railways in England and Ireland, it will be found that on the east Anglian railway, connecting the town and port of Lynn, and also several minor towns and a considerable agricultural district and population, with the railway system of this country, the weekly receipts have generally been less than £10 per mile, and at this has also been the case on the Belfast and Ballymena and on the Londonderry and Enniskillen railways, the last being open between Londonderry and Strabane.

It is this can be the result upon a railway connecting any district of England and Ireland, with the port on which it depends, there is, it is feared, but little probability that a railway between Quebec and Halifax could be profitable as a commercial undertaking for many years to come.

It must however be observed, that Major Robinson only considers it necessary for the receipts to be sufficient to return an interest upon £3,000,000, as he proposes that the remaining expenditure shall be met by an issue of notes. But the Commissioners understand that paper is at present extensively used in the currency of the three Provinces, and they consider that any advantages which can be derived from an alteration in the principles on which it is issued, may be obtained independently of the construction of the Railway, and that if it be possible for such alteration to be accompanied by an increase in the pecuniary resources of the three Governments, the return to be expected from any proposed application of those additional resources should be as carefully considered as the return from employment of capital under any other circumstances. I return herewith the maps and plans which accompanied your communication, and remain, &c.

H. D. HARNESSE,
Captain, Royal Engineers.

H. Merrivale, Esq., &c. &c.

ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH.—Mr. Gisborne is in Halifax and has been lecturing in the Mechanics' Institute to large audiences, on the Electric Telegraph.

NOVASCOTIA.—The Legislature of this Province have voted £15,000 for Common Schools, and £20,000 for Roads and Bridges.

The Yarmouth Herald reports that there have been a number of cases of Swine or Chicken Pox in that place, and that it had assumed a most malignant type. One or two cases had proved fatal.

WOODSTOCK RIOTERS.—The last Royal Gazette contains a letter from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor of this Province, to the Chairman and Committee of the Provincial Penitentiary, conveying pardons to five of the Woodstock Rioters, whose term of imprisonment has not yet transpired, namely—George McDonough, James McCann, Charles McGinlay, James Fennegan, and John Mooney.

CALIFORNIA.—A late London paper furnishes the following account of a most horrid tragedy committed in this region:

A letter has been received by a respectable mercantile firm in this city, detailing a horrid butchery already occasioned by California Gold. A ship called the *Amelia*, sailed from St. Francisco with gold, to purchase a cargo of silks in China. In crossing the Pacific Ocean, three miscreants of the crew, during a night watch, stole upon the mate, murdered and threw him overboard; after which they successively assassinated the master, supercargo, and an English passenger, named Cook whose wife was on board. The murderers then divided the California Gold amongst themselves, and the remaining part of the crew, who it would seem were ignorant of the whole affair, till called upon to receive their share of the plunder. Soon afterwards the murderers got drunk and fell asleep, when the rest of the crew agreed to kill them and restore the ship to her owners. Accordingly the ship's carpenter chopped off the heads of the three murderers with his axe, and their bodies were thrown into the ocean. The ship was then taken to Honolulu, one of the Sandwich Islands, and given up to the British Consul, being navigated there entirely by a couple of apprentice lads, who alone possessed sufficient skill for the purpose.

CANADIAN LEGISLATURE.—The Canadian Ministry have introduced a measure into the Assembly, which has raised considerable excitement throughout the length and breadth of the Province, and is most vehemently condemned by the Conservative Members and Press. It is to appropriate £180,000 out of the Consolidated Revenue Funds, as an indemnity to the sufferers by the Rebellion of 1837 and 38 in Lower Canada, without distinction of Loyalists or Rebels. We shall next week furnish the remarks of some of the leading Journals on this subject.

The correspondent of the Quebec Chronicle, gives the following information respecting an exciting scene in the Assembly on the 13th ult., while this question was under discussion.

The House resumed the consideration of Mr. Sherwood's motion to postpone for ten days the consideration of the rebellion losses.

A stormy debate ensued, in the course of which Mr. Blake applied the term rebel to the gentlemen on the opposite benches.

Sir A. McNab said that if the hon. gentleman applied the term rebel to him he should look upon it as nothing else than falsehood.

At this moment there was some disturbance in the galleries, and the Speaker called the House to order.

The language used by the hon. gentleman was exceedingly unparliamentary.

Sir A. McNab reiterated what he had said before—does the hon. gentleman mean to retract the offensive epithet? Mr. Blake, "never!"—at this moment there was a tremendous disturbance in the galleries. Several members called on the Speaker to have them cleared.

Messrs. Blake and Drummond said "no, no! do not clear the galleries." Mr. Hicks insisted on the gallery being cleared, in order that the house should not be controlled by a mob. The Speaker ordered the gallery to be cleared. The ladies who were present stepped into the body of the House.

A fight was got up by two individuals, in which those in the immediate neighborhood seemed very much disposed to take part—the Speaker shouted, order! order! in vain, and asked several times if he should not leave the chair, but was told by Messrs. Baldwin and Viger that he must remain. In the mean time several members and the Sergeant at Arms clambered into the gallery and handed one of the combatants down, and led him through the house. Shortly after the galleries were cleared and the house sat with closed doors for about 20 minutes when it adjourned.

The House of Assembly to-day, after some routine business, resumed the debate on the rebellion losses, which was continued till nearly 6 o'clock, when the house was cleared of strangers.

The Sergeant at Arms then left the House and shortly returned with the hon. member from Kingstown (Mr. J. McDonald) in custody, accompanied by Mr. Smith, of Frontenac.

Rumour ascribes the affair to a hostile message sent by Mr. McDonald to Mr. Solicitor General Blake.

The house is still sitting with closed doors. The following amendments to be moved by the Hon. J. H. Boulton, were to be seconded, it is said, by Dr. Nelson:

Amendments to be proposed by Mr. Boulton (Norfolk) to the Resolutions introduced by Mr. Attorney General Lafontaine, on the subject of the Rebellion losses.

Mr. Boulton (Norfolk) moves.—That immediately before the words "destruction of dwellings" in the 5th Resolution, the following words be inserted, viz: "unjust, unnecessary or wanton," and that the following proviso be added to that Resolution:—

Provided, that none of the persons who have been convicted of High Treason alleged to have been committed in that part of this Province formerly Lower Canada, since the 1st day of Nov., 1837, or who, having been charged with High Treason, or other offences of a treasonable nature, and having been committed to the custody of the Sheriff in the jail of Montreal, acknowledged their participation in such High Treason, submitted themselves to the will and pleasure of Her Majesty, and were thereupon transported to Her Majesty's Islands of Bermuda—shall be entitled to any indemnity for losses sustained during or after the said Rebellion or in consequence thereof.

NEWCASTLE.—Our neighbors in the Shire town have been edified during the winter, by the delivery of a number of lectures on various subjects. We believe the audiences on all occasions have been large, the community evincing a warm interest in the praiseworthy effort to get up a weekly intellectual entertainment. We believe lectures have been delivered by the Rev. Mr. Henderson, Rev. Mr. Stewart, Dr. Thomson, and Edward Williston, Esq. A Correspondent sent us down a notice of the lecture of the last named gentleman, but it did not reach us in time for last Tuesday's paper: we publish it below with pleasure.

On Friday evening last, Edward Williston, Esq. delivered a Lecture on the important subject of RAILROADS, to a large audience, in the Parish School House, in Newcastle. He shewed that the connection of the Provinces by Railway, was, and is, a favorite scheme of the British Ministry, to benefit the Colonies, and that such scheme has been determined practicable by the Commissioners. He then shewed that the work would be a benefit to Great Britain in a national point of view. He dwelt on the present state of the Colonies, and shewed that the construction of the Railway to connect Halifax with Quebec, would be of paramount service to the Colonies, as it would tend to raise them from their present depressed state. He then pointed out the benefits that have resulted to other countries from Railways, and what may yet be achieved by them, and branches of science connected therewith. He exhorted the inhabitants of Nova Scotia for having grappled with the undertaking, and trusted that this Province and Canada

would follow their noble example, and which he believed they would cheerfully do. It would then remain for the Home Government to accept the requisite guarantee from the respective Colonial Governments, on the terms reported by the Commissioners, which he said he had every reason to believe would be done, thereby removing all obstacles to the commencement of this gigantic work.

In describing this great Railway, and the important advantages in many points of view, that would result from the undertaking, the Lecturer was peculiarly happy; the benefit that would arise from the construction of this great Public Highway, were clearly demonstrated, and very ably commented upon; indeed, the Lecturer delivered his address in an easy and gentlemanly style, which gained for him the most unbounded and deserved applause of the audience.

ANOTHER LINK IN THE CHAIN.—We understand that Kent Division, No. 42, of the Sons of Temperance, was opened in Richibucto on the 2nd inst., by D. G. W. P. Steadman, assisted by the officers of the Petitcodiac Division, and D. G. W. P. Fraser, of Northumberland. The prospects of this Division are said to be very flattering. We have not been furnished with a list of the officers elected for the present quarter, but presume it will reach us in due time. The chain of Sons is now complete, we believe, from Bathurst to Halifax.

PUBLIC AMUSEMENTS.—Last week we noticed that a number of the Young Gentlemen of Douglstown, assisted by the Chatham Amateur Band, intended getting up an entertainment—the proceeds of which were to be devoted to the relief of the Indians. It came off on Tuesday evening last, in the Marine Hospital, and the large room and lobby were crowded. The audience were pleased with the proceedings of the evening. The whole affair was conducted with much order, and many of the Recitations were given with much taste and judgment. We need not comment on the labors of the Band—they acquitted themselves in such a way as to merit the applause of the parties present.

Below we publish a letter from the Rev. Mr. Sweeney and Dr. Benson, acknowledging the receipt of £10 10, the whole amount obtained on the occasion, as well as of £7, from the "Amateur Negroes," of Chatham, the proceeds of a Concert got up for a like benevolent object.

To the Editor of the Gleaner,
Dear Sir,—We beg leave to acknowledge having received, for the benefit of the sick and destitute, the sum of Seven Pounds, from Messrs. Edward Daley, Junr., and James Griffin, being the proceeds of the Concert given in the Chatham Band Room, on the 19th ult. Through mistake, we did not acknowledge this in last week's Gleaner.

We beg also to say, that we have received from Messrs. Charles L. Hawbolt, Thomas Vondy, W. M. Salter, T. Weatherley, A. Herberston, J. Graham, and T. M. Souer, of Douglstown, the sum of Ten Pounds Ten Shillings, being the proceeds of an Entertainment given at Douglstown, on the 27th ult., for the exclusive benefit of the Indians.

In thanking these gentlemen for their generous exertions in favor of the poor Indians, we may be permitted to state a few facts to show the state of destitution to which these creatures are reduced, and consequently of what great service this timely assistance will be to them. Since the appearance of the Small Pox, the Indians, through dread of this, to them, terrible scourge, have generally shunned as much as possible the houses of the white population; and indeed the latter are for the most part unwilling to admit them into their houses, through a similar dread. Thus the Indians, who live a great part of the year by selling among the inhabitants of the county, the fruits of their industry, and who scarcely ever have much provision made for the future, have been reduced to great poverty. But none are so destitute as those near the mouth of the Napen river, where the disease has made such fearful havoc. Out of about forty cases of Small Pox, in the five or six camps at that place, twenty have proved fatal. Two, three, and four persons have died in families; and in one family as many as five. Several have been left widows and orphans, and all are in a state of great misery and want. Indeed, there is little doubt that many deaths are in a great measure owing to want of proper clothing, care, and nourishment.

We are, Mr Editor, your obedient servants,
JOHN SWEENEY,
STAFFORD BENSON,
Chatham, March 5, 1849.

We have been requested to state, that Old Clothes will be thankfully received by these gentlemen, for the Indians, as they are desirous of appropriating as much as possible of the funds received, for the purchase of food, as these poor creatures are in a most destitute condition.

TOTAL ABSTINENCE MEETING.—A public meeting of this Society, was held in the Band Room in Chatham, on Wednesday evening—the President, John T.

Williston, Esq. presided. The Sons of Temperance, and the Cadets of Temperance, dressed in the Regalia of their respective orders, were in attendance, and we were gratified to find that their numbers are steadily increasing. Several gentlemen spoke on the occasion, detailing the evil effects of intemperance, and the benefits that have resulted from the spread of Temperance principles. The Amateur Band was in attendance. The large room was crowded to excess, but we are sorry to add, that the collection taken up on the occasion, did not meet the small expenses incurred for the rent of the room and candles. This is the third meeting of the Society this season, and the only one at which a collection was taken up. The Society will consequently be compelled to adopt some other method to defray expenses, (if they throw open their doors to the public) than trusting to voluntary contributions. The meeting was a pleasant and an agreeable one, and all seemed pleased with what they heard and witnessed.

Marriages.

At Blissfield, on the 27th ult., by the Rev. John Turnbull, Mr. EDWARD CALDWELL, of the Parish of New Bandon, Gloucester, 3rd son of Robert Caldwell, Esq. Carlisle, Lower Canada, to Miss SARAH MOORES, eldest daughter of Abraham Moores, Esq. of the Parish of Blissfield, South West, Miramichi.

NEW GOODS!

E. DALEY & SON

Have just received from St. John a variety of New and Fashionable Goods, Together with a quantity of Cotton Warps, Teas, &c. &c. Chatham, March 6, 1849.

LIME.

The subscriber has a quantity of LIME for sale, at the Kijn above the Ship Yard, in Chatham, which he offers cheap for Cash, or in exchange for Wheat, Oats, &c. &c. HENRY CUNARD, March 5, 1849.

Henry C. D. Carman,

GENERAL AGENT AND Commission Merchant, HALIFAX, N. S.

TEACHERS, ATTEND!

All Licensed Teachers, in the County of Kent, who are desirous to become members of the "New Brunswick Licensed Teachers' Association," are hereby requested to attend a Meeting to be held in Mr. CAIN SPILLANE'S School-room, in Richibucto, on SATURDAY, the 31st instants. JACOB FERGUSON, Secretary. Carleton, March 5, 1849.

SHERIFF'S SALES.

On MONDAY, the twenty fourth day of September 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, Property, Claim and Demand of JAMES MURRAY, to any Real Estate in the County of Northumberland, to satisfy an execution issued out of the Supreme Court, at the suit of John T. Williston against the said James Murray and one John Blake. W. A. BLACK, Sheriff. Newcastle, 1st March, 1849.

On WEDNESDAY, the 12th day of September, in front of Hamill's Hotel in Newcastle, between the hours of 12 and 5 o'clock, P. M., will be sold by Public Auction:

All the Right, Title, Interest, Property Claim and Demand of MICHAEL DUFFY, to all that certain Piece, Parcel or Lot of Land, with the House and Barn thereon, lately occupied by him, situate on the south side of the Renous River, in the Parish of Blackville, County of Northumberland. The same having been seized and taken under an execution issued out of the Supreme Court, at the suit of Wilhem Muirhead against the said Michael Duffy. W. A. BLACK, Sheriff. Newcastle, 26th February, 1849.

LIST OF LETTERS

Received at the Newcastle Post Office during the month of January, and remaining for delivery
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Egan Thomas Kelly Martin
Hurd Ivory McGuire Wm
Sant Wm blockmaker Mansel's point
Shanahan James Noble John
Taylor Robert Nelson village
Little south west O'Shaugheny Patrick
Tozer Ebenezer N Esk Quail Robert N Esk
N B Persons asking for advertised letters, will please say 'advertised.'
HUGH MOSELL.