

HALIFAX.—It has been decided that a Regatta shall come off in this harbour on the 12th September. It appears that the gentlemen of the Army and Navy have zealously embarked in the undertaking.

A SMART RETORT.—"The British empire," exclaimed a John Bull to Jonathan, "is one on which the sun never sets." "And one," replied Jonathan, "on which the tax gatherer never goes to bed."

WEALTH OF SIR R. PEEL.—A late paper contains the following paragraph, which gives us an idea of the immense wealth possessed by the recently deceased statesman:—"The wealth of Sir Robert Peel was so great, that the duty or tax on the probate of his will amounted to £16,000, and £10,000 on his legacies, giving to the revenue of Great Britain one hundred and twenty five thousand dollars for this year."

CANADIAN LEGISLATURE.—The Toronto Examiner furnishes the following account of a "Night Scene" in the hall of the Legislative Assembly. This is the body who have made such a stir about "maintaining their dignity," and brought up a Reporter to their Bar, and severely reprimanded him, for presuming to request a member to speak in a subdued tone while conversing with a lady in the gallery, as it prevented him from reporting the remarks of a gentleman who was then speaking.

On Saturday night, at half-past 10 o'clock, a scene occurred in the Legislative Assembly, which will never be forgotten by those who witnessed it. There were no reporters present; the members of Government, except Mr Drummond, had gone; and there were not more than about six or seven strangers below the bar. Several of the members were reeling drunk. Except some half dozen, no one took the slightest notice of the business before the House. Bills were being pushed through at railroad speed. A Bill would be pushed through a committee of the whole in two minutes, and no questions asked. The majority of the members were amusing themselves in various ways. One of the favourite amusements was, converting the bills into missiles, in the shape of paper bullets, and firing them from one part of the house to the other. This sort of work had gone on for some time, when one striking the head of Malloch raised his temper, and he jumped up in a rage, seizing the large metal inkstand used by the Clerk of the House, and was about to throw it at the head of Sir Allan McNab, when he spilt the ink on his hand. While wiping away the ink with a piece of paper, he turned towards Sir Allan, and exclaimed in a tone that was a sufficient guarantee of sincerity, 'I'll take the responsibility of it; d— me if I don't.' The ink wiped away, he buttoned up his coat, and with clenched fist and outstretched arm, marched towards Sir Allan, exclaiming—'I'll take the responsibility of it; d— me if I don't; I don't care if I am expelled on Monday.' Mr H. Sherwood stroked him on the head. Sir Allan remained perfectly passive under the threatened infliction. At length when Malloch calmed down a little, he went over and took a seat on the Ministerial benches. But his new position afforded him no security; the paper bullets continued to be hurled at his devoted head. At length, he jumped up in a rage, in pursuit of his enemy; but was enabled to inflict no castisement beyond a few curses. Altogether the scene was about the most disgraceful that could be imagined. On adjourning there was a perceptible stagger in the walk of several members.

IMPORTANT LIBEL CASE.—In another part of this day's paper, will be found the report of an interesting trial for Libel. It will be seen by the charge of his honor the Judge, as well as by the verdict of the Jury, that the people of England, and her Judges, feel too sensibly the important benefits they derive from a free, unshackled Press, to permit a Publisher to suffer pecuniary loss, because he had performed what he conceived to be his duty, by allowing his columns to be made the channel for bringing under the notice of the public the fraudulent transactions of certain parties. The case was most ably defended by Serjeant Wilkins, who, in addressing the Jury, paid the following just tribute to the power and utility of the Press.

"It was the bounden duty of the writers in the public press, if they saw that the public were about to be duped, to put the public on its guard; and this was one of the most valuable privileges and blessings which they had. What is it," said the learned serjeant, "that binds down the arm of tyranny? What is it that keeps within bounds the passions and propensities and desires of bad men? What is it that secures to us the privileges we enjoy abroad and at home? What is it that serves even as a terror to the throne—that carries even the highest gratifications to the throne which a virtuous and good monarch can possess? What is it that serves as a check on our two Houses of Parliament—that keeps within

bounds the bigotry of those who would bind the opinions and the thoughts of other men by their own narrow views and intolerance? To what do we owe all the privileges but to a free and unshackled Press, discharging its duties fairly, and for the public good, holding up to ridicule and contempt those who would invade that good? I say we are deeply indebted to the writer of these articles, whoever he may be. I am satisfied that no twelve men will aid in placing fetters on this great power, so long as it is exercised for the public good. How much money had been rescued from ruin, if the same foresight had been exhibited by others as by the writers in this newspaper."

WATER.—The New York Advertiser furnishes the following highly interesting incident. A more eloquent description of the limpid element, we never read, and we do not wonder that the motley group assembled, was stirred by the beauty and truthfulness of the picture.

It appears that a Mr. Paul Denton, a Methodist preacher in Texas, advertised a 'barbecue,' with better liquor than usually furnished. When the inhabitants had assembled, a desperado in the crowd cried out, 'Mr. Paul Denton, your reverence has lied. You promised not only a barbecue but better liquor. Where is the liquor?'

"There?" answered the missionary, in tones of thunder, and pointing his finger at the matchless double Spring, gushing up in two strong columns, with a sound like a shout of joy from the bosom of the earth. 'There!' he repeated, with a look terrible as the lightning, while his interrogator actually trembled on his feet; 'there is the Liquor which God the Eternal, brews for all his children!'

"Not in the simmering still, over smoky fires, choked with poisonous gases, and surrounded with the stench of sickening odors and rank corruptions, doth your father in Heaven, prepare the precious essence of life, the pure cold water. But in the green glade and grassy dell, where the red deer wanders, and the child loves to play, there God brews it; and down, low down in the deepest valleys, where the fountain murmurs and the rills sing; and high upon the tall mountain tops, where the naked granite glitters like gold in the sun, where the storm-clouds brood, and the thunder-storms crash; and away, far out on the wide, wild sea, where the hurricane howls music, and the big waves roar the chorus, sweeping the march of God—there He brews it, that beverage of life, health-giving water. And every where it is a thing of beauty—gleaming in the dew-drop; singing in the summer rain; shining in the ice gem, till the trees all seem turned to living jewels, spreading a golden veil over the setting sun, or a white gauze around the midnight moon; sporting in the cataract; sleeping in the glacier; dancing in the hail shower; folding its bright snow curtains softly about the wintry world; and weaving the many-coloured iris, that seraph's zone of the sky, whose warp is the rain-drop of earth, whose woof is the sunbeam of heaven, all checked over with celestial flowers, by the mystic hand of refraction. Still always it is beautiful—that blessed life-water! no poison bubbles in its brink; its foam brings not madness and murder; no blood stains its liquid glass; pale widows and starving orphans weep not burning tears in its depths; no drunkard's shrieking ghost from the grave curses it in words of eternal despair! Speak out, my friends, would you exchange it for demons' drink, alcohol?"

A shout like the roar of a tempest, answered—No!

UNCERTAINTY OF HUMAN LIFE.—A late London paper furnishes the following paragraph:—"It is a remarkable instance of the uncertainty of human life, that the Duke of Cambridge, Lord Cantalupo, and Sir Robert Peel, were all engaged to dine with the Duke of Norfolk on a certain day, and before its arrival they were all dead. Sir Robert's eldest daughter was to have been married to the late Lord Cantalupo."

PORT OF BATHURST.—Messrs. Ferguson, Rankin & Co. have been appointed Lloyd's Agents at this port.

THE SEASON.—During the last fortnight we have had a good deal of rainy, boisterous weather, the wind prevailing from the northward and eastward. All last night and to-day it rained heavily, and the wind has blown half a gale from the eastward. We are apprehensive we shall hear of some accidents on the coast.

Royal Gazette, August 21.

PROVINCIAL APPOINTMENTS. Joshua Alexandre, John Chalmers, James Young, William Wilson, and James Wilson (Miscon), Esquires, to be Justices of the Peace in the County of Gloucester. James Young, Esq. to be a Commissioner for the Solemnization of Marriage in the County of Gloucester. John Harding, Esq. to be Coroner in the county of Gloucester. Thomas W. Underhill to be Commissioner for exploring and opening a Road from Gas-

pereaux in Queen's, to Cain's River, in Northumberland, £25.

PRINCE EDWARD'S ISLAND.—Parties who have arrived from this place during the week, inform us, that in accordance with instructions received from the Home Government, all the Post Offices throughout the Island have been closed, and the whole Postal Communication stopped. We presume this step has been taken in consequence of the stupidity of the Island Legislators not adopting the course pursued by the legislatures of the other North American Colonies, in reference to the Imperial bill, conferring on them the control of the post offices, the establishment of a uniform rate of postage, and the reduction of the present high charges.

We understand the measure has created considerable commotion in all parts of the Island—and do not wonder at it, as its effects must be severely felt, particularly among mercantile men, whose business must suffer in consequence. We hope it will have the effect of calling the attention of the Legislators to the subject, and that they will be called together at an early day, so that the evils complained of may be rectified.

Deaths.

At Douglasfield, on the 10th instant, Mrs JANE THOMPSON, wife of Mr Robert Thompson, Teacher, aged 55 years. At Chatham, on Wednesday evening last, BRIDGET, infant, daughter of Mr John Harrington, aged two months.

Ship News.

PORT OF MIRAMICHI.

ENTERED, August 14, schr Etoile, Boile, Quebec, general cargo, Gilmour, Rankin & Co. 17th, brig Charlotte, Walsh, P. E. Island, ballast, Gilmour, Rankin & Co.; brig Onyx, Cassidy, P. E. Island, do. do.; brig Liddell, Richardson, Belfast, 60 days, do. do.; schrs Perseverance, Daly, St. Pierre, ballast, Johnson & Mackie; St. Lawrence, Dronne, Quebec, general cargo. 19th, schrs Lady Smith, Boudroit, Halifax; Vigilante, Talbot, Quebec, general cargo; bark Oxford, Burns, Port Glasgow, general cargo, Gilmour, Rankin & Co.; brig Prompt, Lodge, Newfoundland, ballast, do.; schr Wm. Nelson, Chappell, P. E. Island, do. 21st, brigs Edward, Patten, Virginia, ballast; Mariner, Campbell, Port Glasgow, 39 days, ballast, Gilmour, Rankin & Co.; bark Lord Mulgrave, Broderick, Hull, 30 days, do. do. 22d, Russian ship Admiralen, Hernstadt, New York, 15 days, ballast, Johnson & Mackie. 23rd, brig Czar, Smillie, Dundee, 35 days, ballast, Duncan & Loch; schr Mary Jane, Terrio, Halifax, ballast. A new bark, from Charlottetown, arrived on Saturday afternoon. CLEARED, August 13, schr Trial, Gerrior, P. E. Island, Gilmour, Rankin & Co.; Herald, Horan, Boston, W. J. Fraser. 17th, schr Etoile, Boile, Quebec, ballast; brig Brothers, Bartlett, Newfoundland. 19th, schr Lady Smith, Boudroit, Halifax. 20th, ship Mazinthien, Massam, Liverpool; timber and deals; ship Gioja, O'Donnell, Bristol, timber and deals, Johnson & Mackie. 21st, schr Villager, Watt, Halifax, general cargo. 22nd, schr Wm. Nelson, Chappell, P. E. Island, lumber. 23d, schrs Trial, Gerrior, P. E. Island; Vigilante, Talbot, Quebec; St. Lawrence, Dronne, do.; brig Cuarlotte, Walsh, Liverpool, deals, Gilmour, Rankin & Co.; Mary Jane, Terrio, Newfoundland, lumber, do.

PORT OF RICHIBUCTO.

ENTERED—August 10, British Queen, Stables, Boston, to Wm. Caie. August 13, Jolly Tar, Bouche, Pr. Ed. Island, to Desbrisey, and Mooney. August 14, Sarah Parker, Savage, New York, to J. Jardine; Leviathan, Bower, New York, to D. Wark; Princess Royal, Spillane, Boston, to D. Wark. August 15, Majestic, Campbell, Pr. Ed. Island, to L. P. DesBrisay. August 17, Feronia, Jones, New York, to L. P. DesBrisay. CLEARED—August 12, Mary & Ellen, Graham, Sunderland; deals, by L. P. DesBrisay. Aug. 14, Thetis, Burne, Glasgow; deals, by J. W. Holderness. Aug. 15, Integrity, Stephenson, Newcastle; timber and deals, by R. B. Cutler. Aug. 16, Anna, Walsh, Newfoundland; lumber, by D. Wark; Lady Mary, Dixon, Sunderland; timber and deals, by R. B. Cutler. Aug. 17, Jolly Tar, Bouche, P. E. Island; deals and shingles; L. P. DesBrisay, and J. Mooney. Majestic, Campbell, do.; deals, by L. P. DesBrisay.

PORT OF BATHURST.

ENTERED—August 7, schr. Vine, Campbell, Charlottetown; to Ferguson, Rankin & Co. schrs, Wanderer, Gougan, P. E. Island; cat-

tle, to Master. Undaunted, Degrace, Newfoundland; to Ferguson, Rankin & Co. Aug. 12, H. R. S. Bourdage, Newfoundland, to G. & A. Smith. Aug. 16, shtp Acteon, Benson, Philadelphia; Ferguson, Rankin & Co. Aug. 17, ship Ann Rankin, Green, Post Glasgow; to do. brigantine Ariel, LeBlanc, Newfoundland; to do. CLEARED—Aug. 9, schr. Vine, P. E. Island; lumber, by Ferguson, Rankin & Co. Aug. 14, schr. Undaunted, Newfoundland; do. by do. Aug. 19, schr. H. R. S., Newfoundland, lumber, by G. & Smith. Aug. 22, brigant. Sarah, Kelly, Newfoundland; lumber, by Ferguson, Rankin & Co.

PORT OF DALHOUSIE.

ENTERED—August 17, schr. Jane Spott, Lawler, Halifax; general cargo, to J. McMillan. Mary, Boudrot, Halifax; cargo, to A. Ritchie & Co. Aug. 18, schr. Marceline, P. E. Island; cargo oats and potatoes. CLEARED, August 20—schr. Mary, Boudroit, Quebec; barque Marchioness of Clydesdales, Ferguson, Greenock; timber, by A. Ritchie & Co.

On the 6th inst., off the East Point of P. E. Island, schr Enterprise, Warnel, from Labrador, at Halifax, fell in with schr Perseverance, Curry, from Bathurst, with a cargo of Shingles, bound to the United States; had been on shore on the East Point, and thrown cargo overboard; came through the Straits in company, but would repair damages there.

ST. JOHNS, N. F. L., August 10th.—Shipwrecks.—The schooner Scotia, Bugal master, from Bathurst to this Port, on the 18th July during a dense fog, struck on Freshwater Point, in the Bay of Trepassay, and immediately filled. The crew abandoned her and took to the boat, which was drifting to sea, when they were rescued by a fishing skiff. The waterlogged schooner was towed by some fishermen into Trepassay harbor on the following day. The Ship Bridgewater, Mills master, of Cork, from Liverpool to Quebec, with 350 passengers, exclusive of the crew, ran ashore on Sunday night at Clam Cove, near Cape Race, and became a total wreck. The crew and passengers, with the exception of two or three children, scrambled to the cliff and were saved, but with the loss of everything except what they had on. The unfortunate people arrived here yesterday from Renewis, in a vessel belonging to Mr Goodridge.—Patriot.

Removal.

THE SUBSCRIBER

Returns his best thanks for the patronage he has received since he commenced business; and begs to state that he has removed his Shop to the corner house lately occupied by Mr Andrew Wyse, opposite the Drug Store of Messrs. K. B. & W. Forbes, where all work in his line will be thankfully received, and punctually attended to.

JOHN DUFF.

Chatham, July 2, 1850.

Co-partnership Notice.

The Subscribers having entered into Co-partnership, the business hitherto carried on by Mr JOSEPH RUSSELL, at Beaubair's Island, will in future be conducted by them at the same place, under the style and firm of HARLEY & BURCHILL.

JOHN HARLEY, GEORGE BURCHILL.

Beaubair's Island, Miramichi,

A Good Chance.

The Subscriber is desirous of entering into an arrangement with some practical Farmer, for working his Farm on Shares. It has 45 acres under the plough, and a Wild Meadow which cuts 6 tons of Hay annually, and is capable with a little effort to double that amount. The terms, as well as the Stock, which will be left on the premises, will be made known to parties on application to the subscriber, if by letter post paid.

JOHN NICHOLSON.

Napan, August 19, 1850.

List of Letters for July,

Remaining in the Chatham Post Office, 15th AUGUST, 1850.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Address. Includes Baile Thomas, Boe Hiram, Burk John, Big Bartibogue, Coltart Wm Napan, Carly Patrick, Colbreath Richard, Cameron Archibald, Cassidy John, Cusack Honora, Dawson brig for Geo, Donohue Charles, Farrell Jas Bartibogue, Flanagan Patrick, Gordon John, Hunter Robert, Joyce Andrew, Jones John, Miller, Johnson Ellen, Jackson Wm Napan, Kelly John, Lynch Margaret, Bartibogue, Lynch David, Lahy James, Loye Nicholas, Murdoch John, Black Brook, Noble John, Noble Robt, Glenelg, McGrath Mary, Orr Alex, Napan, Stewart C, Glenelg, Williston B Bayduvin.

Persons asking for advertised letters, will please say 'advertised' JAMES CAIE, P. M.