

of the fire of a "Tecumseh," and bursting into a taunting laugh, waved his hand in the direction of the Cariboo, exclaiming (while his whole manner expressed the deepest disgust) "you a hunter and speak that."

There is a pleasure in the pathless woods. EUGENE.

Chatham, March 18, 1850.

PARISHES IN GENERAL.

To the Editor of the Gleaner, Sir,—In appointing Overseers of the Poor, it is, I believe, the policy adopted in the mother country, and the policy followed in this, to select such persons for that unthankful office as are not overburdened with the milk of human kindness—whose hearts do not throb, and are therefore not likely to burst with the kinder sentiments of humanity.

In the first place, there are in every community, in every parish, sundry persons whose hearts of adamant no tender sentiment ever penetrated, and whose few pence, or it may be, shillings, are wrung from them for the support of the poor, with the same feeling that they would experience in parting with a right hand.

In the second place, poverty would seem, in contemplation of law, to be an offence against society—to be set down in the catalogue of crimes. Upon this theory, the poor though honest debtor is pursued and hunted as a felon by a relentless creditor, until wearied and worn down by a succession of misfortunes, he is at length captured and thrust into a goal, when he may esteem himself happy, too happy, if he can by any artifice obtain a crust and a cup of cold water, for even this our humane laws do not allow.

I mention, Sir, this circumstance, merely to show to what a degree of nicety the Overseers of the Poor sometimes carry these experiments upon their subjects—a degree, which ought in all conscience to satisfy the most pious, the most grudging creature in Christendom.

Now, Sir, I must say, that considering the foregoing facts and arguments, looking to the general character of Overseers of the Poor, their hearts indurated by nature and by profession—looking also to the odium which seems to have settled irremediably upon the very name of poverty—looking to all these things, I say, I am free to confess that I have always felt satisfied that our public charities would be frugally dispensed—that our poor-rates were in no danger of swelling to a size beyond our capacity to bear.

men would look more like aldermen than apparitions. I may have been over sanguine; and, to give the devil his due, it must be admitted that "Oae of the People," has done some good. He has played his card rather adroitly—he has forced from his adversary a good many trumps—and when the game shall have been played out, for it does not seem as yet to be concluded, the Parishes, I think, will come off the gainer thereby.

Sir, I will pursue this subject no further. I will now resign it into more competent hands. Gladly, were it in my power, would I forge if it were only one link in the chain of reform—a chain, which, when it shall be completed, will be a long chain indeed.

Newcastle, March 29, 1850.

SECOND EDITION.

TUESDAY MORNING, APRIL 2, 1850.

MONDAY'S MAIL.

The papers by this mail came to hand this morning. We annex some extracts from them.

THE LEGISLATURE.—From the Saint John Courier of Saturday we copy the following summary of Legislative news:

The bill for granting bounties on the tonnage of vessels engaged in the deep sea fisheries, next came under discussion, and produced a most fiery debate, chiefly with reference to Earl Grey's despatch forbidding bounties.

A bill to regulate the Salmon Fishery in the Miramichi River was under discussion on Wednesday, and was finally rejected, on the ground that the Court of Quarter Sessions, by whom this bill was prepared and forwarded, has now the power by the new County and Parish Bill of regulating the Fisheries, as well in Northumberland as in every other county of the Province; and as this Bill sought only to carry out local details by legislative enactment, it was referred back to the Sessions, who could make the required regulations equally well.

On Thursday the Attorney General introduced a Bill, containing a pledge on the part of the Province to the Canadian Government, to complete an inland water communication between the St. Lawrence and the harbour of St. John, provided the Canadian Government would complete either a canal or a railroad between the Temiscouata Lake and the St. Lawrence.

The Attorney-General also introduced a bill for the more effectual audit of the public accounts, which we have no doubt will be carried; this measure will give general satisfaction.

The Hon. Mr Partelow, from the Road Committee, submitted a further report, recommending that the sum of £9300 be granted for the great roads of the Province, as also £300 for roads in the Land Company's tract; this, with £13,700 previously recommended for by-roads, will make £23,300 for the road expenditure during the present year.

The bill in amendment of the Act of Incorporation of the City of Fredericton, was rejected in the Legislative Council on Monday.

On Thursday, a Bill to incorporate a company for the purpose of constructing a Railway across the portage at the Grand Falls, came under discussion. The bill was rejected on the ground that the company sought too great privileges of an exclusive character, and that, in fact, the great pass between the Upper and Lower Saint John, ought not to be given up to a private company.

A petition has been presented from the Provisional Committee of the Canada, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia Railway Company,

incorporated in Canada, praying that their act of incorporation may be extended to this Province; and also, that Legislative aid and encouragement may be extended to their undertaking. A Bill has since been introduced; and the object of this movement is to get up a company for the construction of the Halifax and Quebec Railway.

NOVASCOTIA.—The Legislature of this Province brought its labors to a close on Thursday last—after, (to use the language of the Sun) a bustling noisy session of ten weeks.

NOVA SCOTIA.—The Hon. Mr Morton's resolution, proposing an elective Legislative Council in Nova Scotia, which we published on the 16th instant, has been debated in that body, and resolutions moved in amendment by the hon. Mr McCully, the last of which declares it to be inexpedient at present to apply to Her Majesty to remodel the Legislative Council, were carried by a vote of eleven to nine, which is stated to have been a strictly party division.

On Tuesday, the Hon. Mr Howe's proposition relative of a railroad from Halifax to Windsor was discussed, and resulted in the House pledging the Province to the amount of one half the whole sum required to construct the road, on consideration that the other half be derived from other sources.

An amendment has been made to the Halifax Incorporation Bill, making the Mayor elective by the whole body of the citizens, instead of by the Members of the Council.

CANADA.—It is confidently asserted that the Legislature of this Province will meet for the despatch of business on or about the 24th April.

P. E. ISLAND.—The Assembly of this Island passed the following Resolution 18 to 2:—

Resolved, That it be recommended to the House to appoint a Committee to draw up an Address to Her Majesty, stating the grounds on which the House has been obliged to pass a vote of want of confidence in the Executive Council of this Colony, and that, as a necessary consequence, they are under the necessity of refusing the Supplies until the Government of this Island shall be remodelled, so as to enjoy the confidence of the People, and that the moneys which shall in future be taken from the people, shall be expended judiciously and for their benefit; or, in other words, until the people of the Colony obtain what is usually termed Responsible Government.

Marriages.

At Chatham, on Friday last, by the Rev. John McCurdy, Mr WILLIAM RENNIE, of the Parish of Newcastle, to Miss MARGARET FENTON, of the Parish of Chatham.



Boots and Shoes.

D. KEARNS, Boot and Shoemaker, thanks the public for past favors, and begs to announce that he has for sale at his Shop, opposite the store of Mr William E. Samuel, a stock of

MENS' BOOTS AND SHOES, Likewise Womens' BOOTS AND SHOES, manufactured by himself, of the best materials, which he will sell low for Cash or approved paper, as he intends leaving the Province during the next fall.

Chatham, April 1, 1850.

Theatrical Entertainment.

At the urgent request of a large body of the public, the Amateurs will repeat

THE COMEDY OF Speed the Plough,

On the evening of WEDNESDAY, the 3d April, in the Temperance Hall, in Chatham, to which will be added several scenes from SHERIDAN'S COMEDY OF

The Rivals.

Doors open at half past seven, performance to commence at eight.

TICKETS.—Upper Boxes 2s, Lower do 1s, which may be had of Messrs Forbes in Chatham, and on the evening of performance, in the lower part of the building. Chatham, March 25, 1850.

Children half price.

BUOYS.

TENDERS will be received at the Store of Mr LEONARD HAWKETT, until MONDAY, the 15th April, up to the hour of 12 o'clock, noon, for

Laying down the Buoys

In their proper places in the River and Bay of Miramichi, as soon as they are clear of ice. L. HAWKETT, } Commissioners. M. CRANEY, } Chatham, April 2, 1850.

To Let,

For a term of years, from the first of May next,

The FARM, Dwelling House, and Out Houses, formerly belonging to the late Richard S. Clarke, Esq., in the Parish of Chatham, adjoining the property of Mr David Getchell on the East, and that occupied by Mr Andrew Peterson on the West side, cutting about 15 tons of Hay yearly. Apply to WM ALBRO LETSON, Chatham, March 22, 1850.

MIRAMICHI FOUNDRY.

The Subscriber having purchased the above Establishment, informs the public that it is now open, and he offers CASTINGS, and all kinds of Work usual at Foundries, at the shortest notice. He will take in payment good Wheat, Oats, Flour, Oatmeal, Beef, Pork, Butter, Logs, Deals and Shingles, old Copper, Composition, and Cast Iron, or allow a liberal discount for Cash. NO CREDIT, except under special agreement.

HUGH BAIN.

Chatham, March 14, 1850. In my absence Mr John Ritchie will attend to all orders.

Salt, Salt, Salt.

ABOUT

4500 bushels Liverpool Salt

In Store, on Blackstock's Wharf, for sale low for Cash, in exchange for Fish, or approved credit. Apply at the store of

W. JOHNSTON.

Chatham, March 25, 1850.

NOTICE.

The Subscriber, grateful for the patronage he has received, begs to intimate to his friends and the public, that he has made arrangements for the exclusive privilege of the Water Fort Cove, as the most central situation in the County, and is about removing his establishment thither. He has also made arrangements for a FULLING AND DRESSING APPARATUS, which he will have in operation at once. And should he receive that support from the public which his reasonable expectations warrant him to anticipate, he will, in addition to the above, procure Machinery for Spinning and Weaving. Price of Carding, when the Wool is clean, well picked and oiled to his satisfaction, will be Three Pence per pound.

Upper Nelson, March 25, 1850.

Auctioneer and Commission Merchant.

The Subscriber begs leave to inform his friends and the public, that he has received his Commission to act in the above capacity, and shall be happy to attend to any orders in that line.

CHARLES L. HAWBOLT, Chatham, 25th March, 1850.

TO LET, FOR TWO YEARS,

The PRIVILEGE OF FISHING in front of the Lots at GRAND DOWN, granted to JOHN THOMAS and ALEXANDER LYONS, measuring 180 Rods or thereabouts. Apply to R. HUTCHISON, } Executors of Estate of J. PORTER, } late John Lyons. Douglastown, 26th March, 1850.

Victoria House,

25th March, 1850.

The Subscribers being about to close their business in Miramichi, will SELL OFF The Remainder of their Stock UNTIL FIRST OF MAY, at greatly reduced prices for CASH ONLY. E. DALEY & SON.

TO LET, FOR ONE OR MORE YEARS.

A Good DWELLING HOUSE, containing 12 apartments well finished, and a large Barn attached, lately occupied by the Subscriber. If required, he would fit up the Barn as a SHOP, and have it in readiness by the first of May.

Also, a STORE on Pebody's Wharf, capable of holding 1500 Barrels. All will be let together, or the Dwelling House separate if required. For further particulars apply to

JOHN NOONAN. Chatham, March 6, 1850.

Sheriff's Sale.

On SATURDAY, the 12th day of October next, will be Sold in front of Hamill's Hotel, Newcastle, between the hours of 12 and 5 o'clock, P. M.,

All the Right, Title, Interest, Property, Claim and Demand of JOHN J. DONALDS, to any Real Estate in the County of Northumberland; the same having been seized and taken to satisfy two several Executions, issued out of the Supreme Court, against the said John J. Donalds.

W. A. BLACK, Sheriff, Newcastle, April 2, 1850.