

We learn that the Honorable E. B. Chandler is to proceed to Canada, as the Delegate from this Province at the approaching conference to be held in Toronto, in reference to the Halifax and Quebec Railway. The Hon. Joseph Howe is appointed for Nova Scotia.

There has been considerable interest manifested in this County during the last three or four weeks on this important subject.—Would it not be as well to hold a public meeting, so that the opinion of the people generally, may be obtained in reference to it? The inhabitants of Gloucester and Restigouche have already expressed their opinion in this way, and we think a similar course ought to be adopted here.

THE RAILROAD.—The Halifax and Saint John papers are discussing with considerable warmth, the respective merits of the Halifax and Quebec and the European and North American lines, as well as the prospects of carrying on the works.

The Sun in speaking of the recent meeting held in Saint John in favor of the latter line, says:

"The general impression on this side the Bay is, that books will have to be submitted to leading Capitalists somewhere out of St. John in order to get the balance between £100,000, and one and a half million pounds, the estimated cost of the work that is to be commenced without delay.

"Our impression is—1st. That the Saint John people never have entertained and do not now seriously and honestly entertain the project of laying down a line of Railway to Amherst.

"2nd. That their 'scheme' places the terminus of the Railroad at St. John. The question then arises will the Northern Counties of New Brunswick, including in every respect the most valuable sections of that province, submit to have their vast and growing interests sacrificed to those of the scheming gentlemen of St. John in league with the people of Portland. (2)

"Nova Scotia will 'push on.' But she knows her interest too well to be turned aside from the high road—straight, plain, and leading directly to the object aimed, to seek for it by devious and doubtful paths.

"It is worth while for the St. John Committee (supposing them to be in earnest and honest in their avowed anxiety to terminate the Portland Railway at some point on the Eastern coast of the province,) to enquire into the probability of a Charter being obtained by any Private Company, formed for that purpose, from our Legislature in direct opposition to the well understood wishes of the People?

"Whatever diversity of opinion may exist amongst us as to the exact extent to which the Revenues of the Province should be pledged to the great undertaking—and, perhaps, as to the propriety of obtaining if possible, some modification of the term imposed by the Imperial Government; the people of Nova Scotia—the great mass of the Constituencies—will, we know, affirm decisively the policy pronounced by the Hon. Provincial Secretary—and which, we have the fullest reliance will be carried out by a Cabinet with that able man as its Leader."

We copy the following from the St. John Morning News:

Railway Meeting.—The Committee met on Friday afternoon. An interesting conversation took place upon the question of commencing operations forthwith. A delegation from the St. Andrew's Railway Company was in attendance. A resolution passed unanimously requesting the Government (now sitting in Fredericton) to order a working survey of the nearest route between Carleton Place and Calais. It is stated by experienced persons that a direct line to Calais, tapping the St. Andrew's and Woodstock road, can be found which will be 25 miles shorter than the barometrical survey made by Mr. Wilkinson via of the Douglas Valley. We hope that the Government, as they have already acted so liberally in this Railway enterprise, will adopt the suggestion of the Committee, and order a survey at once.

"We observe by the New Brunswicker of Saturday morning, that the hon. Mr. Howe will visit this city in about a fortnight en route to Canada, and will address our citizens upon the subject of the Halifax and Quebec Railway. We should like to hear what Mr. Howe has to say upon the subject; but we do not think that he can change the minds of our people as to the thing itself."

POST OFFICE.—It appears by the Canadian papers, that the inhabitants of Brockville have given the newly appointed Postmaster General of Canada, the Hon. JAMES MORRIS, a public dinner, as a mark of their respect. The following remarks taken from his speech on the occasion, will shew the extensive alterations that have been made in the Post Office Department in this continent. He said:

"When in Washington, a few weeks ago, he was shewn a book, containing about two quires of paper, in which had been kept by the illustrious Franklin, the accounts of all the Post Offices in the then British Colonies,

but now there were in that country 19000 post offices, yielding a gross revenue of upwards of five and a half millions of dollars. Large as that amount was, he was happy to say that the Postal revenue of Canada was in proportion to the inhabitants equally great. Well did he remember having seen some 42 years ago, a traveller pass the door of his mother's residence once a fortnight, usually on foot, and not unfrequently crippled from walking. On his shoulder this man, Anderson by name, carried a pair of saddle bags, and altogether had more the appearance of a pilgrim going to some shrine to worship, than a courier, yet he was the postman between Montreal and Kingston, and in those saddle bags that way-worn traveller carried the whole of the mail matter for Upper Canada. Reflect, said he, for a moment upon that fact, and you gentlemen, will be able to realise the rapid advance which the country has made. Coming down to a later period—some twenty years ago, when Mr. Stayner, the late efficient Deputy Post Master General, took charge of the Department, there were, he believed, 90 offices. Now, said he, there are 600, yielding a gross revenue of nearly £100,000, which, as he had already remarked, in proportion to the population, was as large as that of the same department of the adjoining Republic. He hoped before the end of the year, one or two hundred offices would be added to the existing number; but if not then it would be because the people failed to ask for them. A beginning had already been made, for on that day eight or ten new offices would go into operation, and on the sixth of each succeeding month, he hoped that a greater number would be established."

The hon gentleman closed his speech with the following remarks in reference to a free trade with the neighboring Republic. We hope his anticipations may be speedily verified.

"He was not without hope of the desired Reciprocity with the United States being yet obtained, and that they on the other hand would enjoy the free navigation of the River St. Lawrence. When that state of things should exist, our noble river would present an enlivening scene, for on its bosom, he believed, not only their own productions but three-fourths of the surplus produce of the vast regions west of them, would be borne to the ocean. He believed confidently, that sooner or later that would as assuredly take place, as it was certain that the St. Lawrence was designed by the Creator of the Universe to be the great highway to the Atlantic, for the rapidly increasing thousands residing on its shores and on the shores of those mighty inland seas which are tributary to it."

PROVINCIAL APPOINTMENTS.—The Royal Gazette contains the following appointments:

William Carman, Esquire, to be Prothonotary or Clerk of the Pleas of the Supreme Court, in the room of the Honorable George Shore, deceased.

Theophilus DesBrisay, Esq. to be a Master in Chancery.

William Salter, Esq. to be Warden of the Fisheries in the County of Northumberland, under the Act of last Session.

David Crocker, to be Commissioner to explore a Road from Boiestown, Miramichi, to Campbelltown, Restigouche.

The appointments of Mr. Carman and Mr. Salter, will give much satisfaction to the people of this County. The only regret we have in the appointment of the first-named gentleman is, that our community will lose a much respected and useful member.

In speaking of this appointment the Head Quarters remarks:

"During the latter part of the past, and the early part of the present week, the members of the Executive Council have been in session, and report says, that several important appointments have been disposed of. We are informed—on pretty good authority—that William Carman, Esq. late a member of the House of Assembly for the County of Northumberland, has been appointed successor to the late lamented Col. Shore, in the office of Clerk of the Pleas in the Supreme Court. This appointment seems to have taken many people somewhat by surprise, for it was generally understood that D. L. Robinson, Esq.—who has performed some of the most important duties connected with the office for upwards of twenty years—had such claims to the appointment as could not be overlooked by the Chief Justice, if the appointment rested with the Court—or by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, if the appointment to the vacant office should be found to be in the local Government of the Province. It appears, however, that these claims, be they what they may, have been set aside in favor of those preferred by the friends of Mr. Carman. Upon what grounds this has been done, we know not; but this we do know, that with the exception of the fortunate candidate himself, we do not believe that there is an individual in the Province who more heartily rejoices in Mr. Carman's success than the gentleman whose claims to the office appear to us, and we will add, to the public generally, far to outweigh any that could be urged in favor of any other member of the profession. We do not write thus for the purpose of attempting to raise a clamor against the Government. Those in power have the right to exercise the prerogative placed in their hands in any way which they may think will best

subserve the public interests; but if, in making public appointments, all that has formerly been done is to be forgotten, and future parliamentary influence is to be the only guide in making such selections, the sooner that the people understand the matter the better for all parties. Having said thus much, we are bound to add, that it appears to be admitted on all hands, that Mr. Carman is fully adequate to the discharge of the duties of the office to which he has been appointed, and that it would have been difficult to make a selection, irrespective of past services to the country, which would have given less public dissatisfaction."

RICHIBUCTO.—We are sorry to hear that the extensive Stores of J. W. Holderness, Esq., were totally consumed by fire on the morning of Tuesday last. We understand that the spring supply of goods, provisions, &c., had been received into the buildings, and that a very small portion were saved.

INQUEST.—An Inquest was held on Monday, 18th inst., at William Allison's, on the North West branch, before S. Benson, Esq. Coroner, on the body of John Allison, his son, aged 20. Deceased, together with a young man named Edward Flynn, were poling some logs out of Black's Cove, in the North West, and on entering the stream the current separated the logs, and they were both thrown into the water. Flynn was rescued with difficulty, and poor Allison sank to rise no more. He is represented as having been a young man of exemplary character and great sobriety.

THE LATE HON. GEORGE SHORE.—The Head Quarters of Wednesday last thus notices the demise of this gentleman:

"On the afternoon of Sunday last, Lieutenant Colonel the Hon. George Shore, expired at his residence in this city, after an illness of three days' duration. Colonel Shore came to this Province in 1804, was an officer in the 104th Regiment, and marched at the head of the light company of that corps to Canada in 1813, where he served during the continuance of the last American war. After returning from Canada, Col. Shore was appointed Aid-de-Camp and Private Secretary to the late General Smyth, then Governor of the Province, and subsequently at different periods filled the offices of Auditor General and Surveyor General. In 1825 Col. Shore was permanently appointed to the office of Clerk of the Pleas in the Supreme Court, which office he continued to hold to the time of his death. The deceased was also at one time Inspecting Officer of Militia, and was afterwards appointed Adjutant General which office he held at the time of his decease. Besides filling in turn with credit to himself and satisfaction to the country, the offices which we have already enumerated, the deceased was more than once an executive adviser of the Crown, and for many years had a seat in the Legislative Council of the Province. In public life Col. Shore was esteemed for the correct discharge of all the duties appertaining to his office; and in private, those who knew him best bear testimony to his charity, which was given without ostentation, and to acts of kindness to his friends which they will not soon forget."

From the Fredericton Royal Gazette. **WAREHOUSES.**—The undermentioned buildings have been appointed Warehouses, in the Town of Campbellton, Port of Dalhousie, under the Act for the collection and protection of the Revenue, viz:

The western half of Messrs. H. & J. Montgomery's store, and the Cellar under the building;

And the west end of the Lower Flat of Messrs. A. Ritchie & Company's Provision Store.

MILITIA GENERAL ORDER.—His Excellency the Commander in Chief has been pleased to appoint Lieutenant Colonel Hayne to be Adjutant General of the Militia Forces of this Province, in the room of the Hon. George Shore, deceased.

Marriages.

At Campbellton, Restigouche, on the 12th inst. by the Rev. James Steven, Mr JAMES SWEENEY, to Miss ISABELLA POLLARD, both of Restigouche.

Deaths.

At Upper Nelson, on the 25th instant, in resignation to the Divine Will, ELIZABETH, the beloved wife of Mr John T. Astle, aged 28 years.

Ship News.

PORT OF MIRAMICHI.

ENTERED, May 10, schr Atalanta, Bernier, Quebec, general cargo, Gilmour, Rankin & Co.

20th, schr Hubert Pare, Painchaud, Montreal, general cargo, Gilmour, Rankin & Co. 22nd, brigts Thresher, McMillan, P. E. Island, Gilmour, Rankin & Co.; Regina, McKay, do, do.

23rd, scams Mary Ann, Glawson, Halifax, general cargo, Wm. Johnston and others; Thomas, Hoffman, Quebec, general cargo,

Duncan & Loch; brig Kirtland, Lynch, Newfoundland, ballast, Gilmour, Rankin & Co.

CLEARED, May 20, schrs Jolly Tar, Bushing, Pictou, lumber; Speculator, Sewell, Labrador; brig Mariner, Campbell, Port Glasgow, timber and deals, Gilmour, Rankin & Co.

21st, brig Harvey, Wilkinson, Belfast, deals, Gilmour, Rankin & Co., schr Curlew, Eisan, Halifax.

22nd, schrs Hubert Pare, Painchaud, Magdalen Islands; Atalanta, Bernier, Quebec, ballast; bark Lord Mulgrave, Broderick, Hull, deals, Gilmour, Rankin & Co.

23rd, bark Oxford, Burns, Port Glasgow, deals, Gilmour, Rankin & Co.

PORT OF RICHIBUCTO.

ENTERED, May 5, brig Alert, Munden, Newfoundland, master.

9th, bark Lady Constable, Dawson, Liverpool, general cargo, J. W. Holderness and others.

12th, schr Esperance, LeBlanc, Arichat master.

19th, schr Providence, Menard, Quebec, general cargo, L. P. W. DesBrisay and Jos. Samuel; Mary Ann, Glawson, Halifax, general cargo, J. Jardine and W. S. Caie.

20th, brigts Clio, Dunne, Newfoundland, general cargo, L. P. W. DesBrisay; Malina, Burnham, Newfoundland, D. Wark.

22nd, schr Clarisse, Chabot, Quebec, general cargo, to W. Bowser and others.

CLEARED, April 29, schr Relief, Marshall, Halifax, potatoes and oats, J. Mooney.

May 9, schr Eagle, Veneau, Charlotte Town, deals, W. Sutherland & Co.

12th, schr Esperance, LeBlanc, Charlotte Town, deals, J. W. Holderness.

21st, brig Alert, Munden, Newfoundland boards, master.

PORT OF DALHOUSIE,

RESTIGOUCHE, N. B.

ENTERED, May 16, schr Victoria, DeRoy, Quebec, general cargo, W. Hamilton and others.

19th, schr Mary Ann, Cochrane, Halifax, general cargo, W. Hamilton and others.

23rd, brig Walker, Miller, Gibraltar, ballast, A. Ritchie & Co.; schr Coquette, Thompson, P. E. Island, cattle, &c.

CLEARED, May 17, schr Industry, Allard, Halifax, shingles, Wm. Hamilton.

21st, schr Defiance, Currie, Halifax, shingles, A. Ritchie & Co.

PORT OF BUCTOUCHE.

ENTERED, May 10, schr Saacaaban, Green, P. E. Island, master.

17th, schr Cousins, Manderson, P. E. Island, master.

19th, brig Ann and Mary, Smails, Newcastle, chains and anchors, J. McPhelim.

19th, schr Providence, Menard, Richibucto, J. McPhelim.

CLEARED, May 22nd, schr Cousins (29 tons register) deals, London.

24th, schr Providence, Halifax, J. McPhelim.

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Chatham, May 26, 1854.