

fions, commercial and intellectual activity, and commanding influence, vied with each other in recognizing the importance and value of the maritime provinces. Among all ranks and classes the Railroads seemed to be regarded as indispensable agencies by which North Americans would be drawn into a common brotherhood—inspired with higher hopes—and ultimately elevated, by some form of political association, to that position which, when these great works have prepared the way for union, our half of this continent may fairly claim in the estimation of the world.

I have the honor to be, Sir, your very obedient servant.

JOSEPH HOWE.

Wm. H. Keating, Esq.

THE HARBOURS IN THE GULF—THE RAILWAY.

We have much satisfaction in transferring to our columns to-day, from the St. John New Brunswick, a concise and truthful description of the Ship Harbours in this Province, lying in the Gulf of St. Lawrence. The writer seems well acquainted with his subject, and we are glad to perceive he promises a continuation of the same. These, as they appear, we shall copy.

The following paragraph is copied from the Morning News of Wednesday last:—

"We hope the people of the North will not allow themselves to be caught with chaff. The thought may seem very fine to them of having a railway passing along their shore; and this idea may have been the means of disturbing in their minds the measure which their members so handsomely supported last winter, for the construction of the European and North American Railway. There was no local prejudice evinced on that occasion—nor do we mean to say that there is any now—the people of the North as well as the South seemed to be unanimous upon the subject; and had not Mr Howe gone to England, and been so suddenly impressed with the wisdom of Earl Grey, and the liberality of the British Government, the whole country would to-day be rejoicing in the progress of the work. We now ask our readers in Northumberland, however desirable it may be to them to live within walking distance of the great trunk railway, will they be as willing to submit to the details when the time comes (should it ever) to carry them out, as they are at present to the measure in its abstract form? One of the most essential details will be the route to be settled upon; and, from all that we can see and hear, and read, the Northern line surveyed by Major Robinson, will not be the one chosen. We believe that Miramichi will be as far from the main trunk as St. John—nay, St. John would have nothing to envy on local grounds, but every thing to hope for. We do not write thus in support of any particular line; but it is to inform the people of the North that it is well to look forward, and not be too hasty in giving countenance to a scheme which they may be unwilling to see reduced to practice. Miramichi will be indebted to the "European" Company for the first Railway that will ever go in that direction. We say this because, in the first place, we believe at the Halifax and Quebec line, if undertaken at all, will not take the Northern route; and, in the second place, because as soon as our line touches Shediac a strong effort will be made to carry it along the North shore, in order to bring those fine sections of the Province into our trade—whereas at present Halifax is reaping all the commercial advantages in that neighborhood."

We do not require to be told that every exertion will be made by selfish and interested parties residing on the other side of the Province, to deprive us of the advantages of a Railway. Past experience has prepared us for this; for we cannot remember one solitary scheme propounded within the last twenty years for our advancement or benefit, that has not met with strenuous opposition from that quarter. Like all narrow-minded people, in pursuing their contracted policy, they lose sight of their own interests. Situated as we are at present, we have been forced to obtain our supplies from Quebec and Halifax; but connect us by Railway with St. John, and at once an important and advantageous trade would grow up between us.

All that the people residing in the North as for is—Justice. Our Agricultural capabilities; our spacious Sea-board, with its fine harbours and inexhaustible Fisheries; our Mineral wealth; our splendid Forests, abounding with pine, spruce, and all kinds of Wood requisite for ship building, and which require only skill and industry to change them into fruitful fields; our unrivalled Water-power, capable of being beneficially employed in Manufactures; our Salmon, Gasperaux, and other River Fisheries; these, and numerous other natural resources, only require to be known to decide the question of the most suitable route for the Railway. To obtain this, we shall demand of the Government and Legislature that the Line be surveyed (as it was previously done), by disinterested and competent persons, and the people on the Northern shore will cheerfully

abide their decision. If this be not done, other means must, and will be resolved on, to secure to us our natural rights and privileges.

To prevent the possibility of ignorance of our resources and capabilities being urged in justification of such a decision, we would call on the young and intelligent of our community, to devote themselves to the collection and publication of agricultural, commercial, and statistical information relative to the Northern Counties. By a little exertion, much valuable information, bearing on these important questions, might be obtained.

THE LONDON EXHIBITION.—While in conversation with Mr Wm. Johnston, merchant, of Chatham, who came out passenger in the last Steamer, he informed us that he saw in the Crystal Palace, the samples of Grain, Wood, Minerals, Preserved Fish, &c., which the Directors of our Agricultural Society forwarded to London, and that they do us much credit. The quality of the Grains and their weight, afforded a theme of discussion to the farmers who visited the Exhibition.

THE SEASON.—The weather during the week has been extremely fine, and the mowers have been busily employed in the fields.—The Hay crop will be an abundant one.

ANOTHER ATLANTIC STEAMBOAT ENTERPRISE.—The New York Sun of the 17th July says: A steamship is now building, and will be ready for sea by the 1st of December, which is intended to ply between that city and Galway, stopping at Halifax on the route. The contract with the builder is that the steamer shall make the trip between Galway and Halifax in six days, otherwise the parties contracting for the vessel are at liberty to reject her. The steamer is to be of the largest size with accommodation for 800 to 1000 second class passengers, besides having accommodation for first class passengers.

STEAMER ROSE.—This steamer arrived here on Wednesday evening last from Charlottetown. She had a very rough passage, and was compelled to put into Bedeque. She left again at two o'clock on Thursday afternoon. She is a neat craft, but her engines are not of sufficient power to contend successfully against the heavy winds and seas, experienced in the Gulf. She took several passengers from Miramichi.

COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER.—We understand that Joseph Read, Esq. has been appointed Deputy Treasurer for the Port of Bathurst, vacant by the death of John Miller, Esq.

A gentleman informs us that 125 sail of American Fishing Vessels put into Little Shippegan Harbor, from stress of weather, one day last month.

ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH.—We are glad to hear that the Company here have decided on erecting their line to Richibucto. The people of Richibucto, we understand, purpose incorporating themselves with the St. John Company, and there is every prospect that the line will be in working order through to the Bend this fall, when we will be put in communication with Halifax, St. John, United States, &c.

Marriages.

At Newcastle, on Tuesday, 29th July, by the Rev. Wm. Henderson, A. M., Mr JAS. H. ACKERLY, of Portland, in the City and County of St. John, to Miss AGNES INGRAM, of Newcastle, Miramichi.

Deaths.

At Chatham, on Tuesday, 29th ult., of water on the brain, HENRY, youngest son of George Kerr, Esq., aged 8 years and 11 months.

At her husband's residence, Parish of Newcastle, on Wednesday morning last, JANET, wife of Mr John Dickson, aged 59 years, a native of Lochmaber, Dumfriesshire, Scotland.

At his own residence, on the Bathurst Road, on Monday, 28th ult., Mr JAMES FOREIN. Mr F. kept a house of entertainment on that road for many years.

At Halifax, on the 22d July, ELLEN, wife of Mr Daniel Sutherland, formerly of Pictou, in the 46th year of her age.

Ship News.

PORT OF MIRAMICHI.

ENTERED, July 31, steamer Rose, Mathewson, P. E. Island, ballast; brig Sophia, Beland, New York, ballast, Gilmour, Rankin & Co.

August 2, brig Victoria, Walsh, Arichat, ballast, Duncan & Loch; schr Priscilla, Fraser, Pictou, coal, W. Muncy.

Several other vessels have arrived since Saturday evening; among them the brigs Stag, D. B., and Rival, brig John Bull, and a new bark from P. E. Island.

CLEARED, July 29—schr Clifford, O'Bryan, Halifax, fish and lumber, Harley & Burchell, and others.

30—sloop Atalanta, Bernier, Quebec, fish, W. Samuel; schr Robert and Sarah, Green, P. E. Island, salt.

31—steamer Rose, Mathewson, P. E. Island, ballast; brig Hartlepool, Door, Caermarthen, timber & deals, Gilmour, Rankin & Co.; schr Perseverance, Curry, Halifax, fish and lumber, W. J. Fraser, and Johnson & Mackie.

August 1—brig Tweed, Jones, Stockton, timber and deals, Gilmour Rankin & Co; schrs Industry, Crosswell, St. Peters, lumber, A. Fraser; Herald, Walls, do., do., do.

2—new ship Kaffir Land, McPherson, Liverpool, deals, Johnson & Mackie.

Revenue schr. Daring, Captain Darby, reports American ship Chasco, of Boston, G. D. Wier, Master, from Boston for Miramichi, struck on Cape Sable on Sunday night, 13th inst., and was got off again on Monday with loss of keel and leaking badly. Will return to Boston.—Halifax Journal.

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YESTERDAY'S MAIL.

The papers by this mail put us in possession of some important news.

The Courier contains a most admirable letter from J. H. Gray, Esq., stating his reasons for joining the present Government, but that his constituents will consider it satisfactory, is questionable. We shall publish it in our next number. The editor of the above named paper thus notices the recent appointments:

"These appointments will, no doubt, cause as much surprise to our readers as they did to ourselves. Both Mr Wilmot and Mr Gray, when offering themselves for election, avowed the most determined opposition to the then Government. At the opening of the present House of Assembly, they redeemed their pledges by speaking and voting with the opposition, on motion of a want of confidence. Throughout the session they not only remained with their party, but, through their talents and influence, were constituted among its leaders, and wound up by declaring in set terms that in no respect had their confidence increased in a rotten and shattered administration, and its tame followers."

NOVA SCOTIA.—The Elections, it is understood, are to come off on the 28th of August. The nominations will take place on the 21st. So far, so good. The issue remains to be seen.—Halifax Sun.

The officers of H. M. S. Cumberland have issued the following Regatta notice:—

"The officers of H. M. S. Cumberland, being desirous of contributing to the amusement of the citizens of Halifax, propose getting up a Regatta, to come off on the 25th of August, 1851—provided the officers of the Garrison, and the inhabitants of the city, feel disposed to join with them."

CANADA.—We have received a copy of the Hon. Mr Merritt's resolutions, moved in amendment to the Hon. Mr Hincks's resolutions, on the subject of a trunk line of Provincial Railway. Our limits will not admit of our publishing them to-day. They have been negatived in the House.—Montreal Herald.

NEW BRUNSWICK.—Potato Disease.—We are sorry to learn that the potato disease has appeared in the vicinity of this city, with all its former virulence. It is not yet general, only a few patches that were very early planted, and that have reached the ball, have been attacked, but on these the leaves and stalks are completely blackened, and the potatoes considerably affected. It is much to be feared that as the crop progresses to the critical period, the disease will progress with it.

The Great Exhibition.—We understand that the building of the Crystal Palace in front of the Mechanics' Institute has been contracted for, and that everything promises well for the undertaking. Colonel Lockyer, of the 97th Regiment, who was applied to for the fine band of his regiment, to attend a concert during the Exhibition, at once complied with the request of the President and Directors of the Institute, by an offer of the full band for a whole week.—St. John Courier.

P. E. ISLAND.—Attempt at Assassination.—On Friday morning last, as the hon Donald McDonald was about leaving his own place, at Glenaladale, for Charlottetown, and just as he had reached the outer gate, he received two shots, the first passing through his left arm, and slightly wounding his breast—the second passing through his hat a little above his head. The hon. gentleman has, we understand, no idea from what source the shots proceeded. His life has been put in great peril, but we are happy to say that he has nearly recovered from his wounds. An inquiry has been set on foot, with a view to the discovery of the party or parties who have perpetrated this diabolical outrage. This inquiry will, it is most likely, bring some new facts to light which will the better enable us, in a

succeeding number, to offer a commentary upon the whole affair.—Royal Gazette.

ENGLISH NEWS.—The mail steamer Niagara, with Liverpool dates to the 19th ult., arrived at New York on the 31st ult., at 4, p. m., in about twelve days passage. She arrived at Liverpool on her last homeward passage on the 13th.

There is no political news of importance reported by this arrival. The accounts from all parts of the Kingdom agree in representing the prospects of the wheat crop as most cheering; the weather continues very fine. In some districts the potato crop is partially affected by the blight. Trade was prosperous.

The demand for all kinds of timber was steady. Yellow Pine of 18 1/2 inch average sold for 18 1/4 d. per foot; Deals from £6 10s. to £8 6s. per standard.

CARE OF GOOD HOPE.—Later intelligence has been received from the Cape of Good Hope, the accounts are very discouraging.

FRANCE.—In France, the all-absorbing topic was the discussion upon the revision of the Constitution, which at last accounts was still going on; no time was named when a decision would probably be arrived at.

NEWFOUNDLAND.—The Lieutenant Governor, Sir John Gaspard Le Marchand, had taken his departure from the Island.

"It is not likely," says the Patriot, "that the successor of his Excellency will arrive till after the next and last session of the present General Assembly, when we anticipate a new Governor, charged like Sir Alexander Bannerman, of Prince Edward Island, to call a General Election, and establish the grand panacea for all the political wants of the country—Responsible Government."

The Hon. James Crowdy is administrator pro tem.

The anniversary of the death of the Right Rev. Dr. Flemming was celebrated in the most solemn and imposing manner in the St. John's Cathedral, projected by his genius, and erected through his zeal to the honor of the living God.

Several of the crew of H. M. ship Alarm, who had got into a row with the towns people, had been seriously injured.—Halifax Sun.

UNITED STATES.—A few days ago, eleven young men started from Little Rock, Arkansas, to go some distance to gather plums. Being overtaken by a thunder storm, they took shelter under the branches of a tree. In a few moments the tree was struck by lightning, and seven of the eleven were stricken lifeless by the subtle element. The drenching they received from the shower, however, had the effect of restoring all of them.—Boston Bee.

Death of General Dearborn.—Gen. H. A. S. Dearborn long and favorably known in Massachusetts as Deputy Collector of the Port of Boston, Adjutant General of the Commonwealth, and at the time of his decease Mayor of the city of Roxbury, died at the residence of his son-in-law Hon. A. W. Clapp, Portland, Maine, on Tuesday, after a painful illness of about ten days.

New York, July 30.—A decree has been issued from the Supreme Court, condemning the British schooner Brilliant from Galway, for bringing an excess of passengers to this port.

Insurrection in Cuba.—A despatch dated Charleston, July 25, says: The steamer Isabel, short of coal, has arrived at Savannah.—She brings later advices from Havana, from which we learn that a portion of Col. Conser's regiment, consisting of nine officers and thirty men, had been taken prisoners at Port Principe by the insurgents. We learn by passengers in the Isabel that the reported successes of the Patriots are greatly exaggerated, and that at Havana the Government were fully prepared for any emergency. Effectual measures were being taken to suppress the insurrection, and no alarm was felt as to the issue. The markets at Havana are unchanged.

The editor of the Rochester American has received a half barrel of flour ground from this year's wheat, which was raised in Pittsford in his neighborhood, by Jacob Deitrich, Esq.

A Wealthy Firm.—A pamphlet published recently at Toronto, Canada, states, that the house of Pollok, Gilmour & Co., of Glasgow, employed in the year 1839, 27 vessels, 18,614 tons, in the Quebec trade, which number had progressively increased up to 1849, when 53 vessels of 47,170 tons, were employed. During the whole period, eleven years, out of 458 vessels, with a tonnage of 340,597, there were but two shipwrecks in the whole fleet, viz: the Carlton, on Manicougan shoal, and the Pekin, at Riviere au Renard (Fox River). The house in question never insures any of its numerous vessels.

NOTICE.

At a Meeting of the President and Directors of the Miramichi and Richibucto Electric Telegraph Company, held in Chatham, on the 30th of July last,

Resolved, That a further CALL of TWENTY PER CENT on Capital Stock subscribed to this Company be forthwith made, and that the same be paid to JOHN M. JOHNSON, Esq., in Miramichi, payable on or before Saturday, 16th August, instant.

By Order of the Board.
J. M. JOHNSON, Secy. ary.
Miramichi, 4th August, 1851.