

the parliamentary representation of the province.

"The expediency of amending the School and Municipal Laws of Eastern Canada, in some of their details, with the view of securing in a more ample manner the benefits which these enactments are designed to confer, will probably engage your attention.

"As the province advances in wealth and population, and the authority of the local parliament is extended and confirmed, the responsibility which attach to members of this legislature become necessarily more onerous. The people of Canada, while they justly appreciate the requirements of an age of progress are attached to their institutions and faithful to their early traditions; and I am confident that you will earnestly endeavor in humble reliance on the Divine blessing, to promote in this spirit their best interests."

It is reported that the Canadian Government are considering the question of a uniform currency for British America, and that several Banking Institutions has been officially addressed on the subject.

W. CARMAN, Esq.—The Fredericton papers state that this gentleman has been sworn in, and commenced the duties of his office.

P. E. ISLAND.—The Legislature of this Colony brought its labor to a close on the 15th May, when his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor delivered a very flattering speech to both houses.

NOVASCOTIA.—Sir John Harvey is to proceed to Britain in the steamer which was expected to leave Halifax on Friday last. Lieutenant Colonel Bazalgette would be sworn in as Administrator of the Government during his absence.

We have received an extended report of the Hon. Mr Howe's Speech at the Railway meeting that Halifax. It is a most masterly production, detailing at length the progress of his mission, the benefits that will flow from the construction of the road, and the advantages the guarantee of the British Government and the low rate of interest charged for the money, will be to the Colonies. We shall endeavor to give it entire in our next week's paper.

The Lascar has been respited, but what his punishment will be the papers do not state.

WEST INDIES.—The Morning Journal published in Jamaica, and the West Indian, in Barbadoes, are both owned and edited by gentlemen of color. They are also both distinguished members of the Legislatures in their respective Colonies.

UNITED STATES.—The Boston Post says that the demand for White Pine in the United States is rapidly on the increase, and that buyers are in Quebec and other parts of Canada making purchases.

The Boston Traveller gives the following piece of news in reference to the European and North American Railway:

"A bill was yesterday reported in the House of Representatives of this State; by Mr Cushing, from the Joint Special Committee on the subject, for aiding the construction of the European and North American Railway. This bill provides for the loan of \$500,000 worth of State scrip, on condition that the stockholders shall have actually subscribed \$1,000,000 and expended \$500,000 on the road, and that the State of Maine shall also make a loan of \$500,000 in the same manner as this State. The Massachusetts scrip is intended to bear an interest of five per cent., and be redeemable in 20 years."

The people of Boston have subscribed \$50,000 for the erection of a Musical Hall in that city. \$20,000 more is required.

The citizens of Baltimore have it in contemplation to establish a line of steamships to Chagres, New Orleans, and Havana.

THE SEASON.—The weather still continues very backward. The wind has blown almost daily for the last eight weeks from the eastward, and there have been very heavy frosts every night the past week. The grass, notwithstanding, looks extremely luxuriant. We are glad to see the anxiety that prevails in all directions to cultivate the soils, and we hope a kind Providence will bless the labours of the husbandman with a bountiful return.

Marriages.

At Chatham, on Tuesday, 27th instant, by the Rev. Richard Vereker, Mr WILLIAM DALEY, of Bathurst, to Miss ELIZABETH ANN GRIFFIN, of this place.

At St. Mary's Chapel, Chatham, on Wednesday, the 28th instant, by the Rev. Samuel Bacon, Rector, Mr HENRY FARNHAM LETSON, to Miss BETHAN KELLY, both of the Parish of Chatham.

[We thank them for the cake. May their shadows be lengthened.]

Mr Pierce.—Please insert for solution the following problem:

It is required to know the hypotenuse and perpendicular of a right-angled triangle, whose base is 40 feet, and its hypotenuse twice its perpendicular.

May 28, 1851.

DISCIPULUS.

For the Gleaner.—The Missionary Campbell, in his "Journey to Lattakoo," in Southern Africa, writing of the Griqua nation, says—"Two young men here were afflicted with leprosy, and their fingers and toes were gradually falling off. A boor in the colony assured Berend that he cured himself of leprosy, by rubbing his body with the fat of the sea-cow (hippopotamus). The lepers at Mauritius are cured by being transported to the Island Diego Gasein, and there employed in cocoa nut oil-works. It would therefore seem that oil is a specific in this horrid disease."—Campbell's Lattakoo, page 177.

Ship News.

PORT OF MIRAMICHI.

ENTERED, May 28, brig D. B., Boudrot, New York, general cargo, Gilmour, Rankin & Co., and others; foreign ship Dovre, Salverson, London, ballast, 41 days, do.

29th, schr Perseverance, Curry, Halifax, general cargo, W. E. Samuel and others; bark Susan and Sarah, Amess, Carthage, ballast, 49 days, Gilmour, Rankin & Co.

31st, brigs Weatherley, Walker, Cork, ballast, 30 days, Gilmour, Rankin & Co.; Integrity, Gobling, Glasgow, do. do. do.; Edward, Patten, Newfoundland, ballast, Johnson & Mackie; Robert and Margaret, Calvert, Newhaven, U. S., ballast, master.

CLEARED, May 24, brig Czar, Gardner, Dundee, timber and deals, Duncan & Loch.

26th, brig Regina, McKay, Liverpool, timber and deals, Gilmour, Rankin & Co.

27th, bark Bolivar, Dunne, Larne, timber and deals, Gilmour, Rankin & Co.; brig Thames, Bell, Leith, do., Duncan & Loch.

28th, bark Broom, Drysdale, Hull, timber and deals, Gilmour, Rankin & Co.; brigantine Thresher, McMillan, Liverpool, do. do.

30th, bark Pollok, McIntyre, Port Glasgow, timber and deals, Gilmour, Rankin & Co.

31st, schr Mary Ann, Glawson, St. Peters, lumber, Johnson & Mackie; schr Thomas, Hoffman, Quebec, ballast.

PORT OF RICHIBUCTO.

ENTERED, May 24, brig Eclipse, James, Boston, 7 days, J. W. Holderness.

26th, schr Dove, Gamache, Quebec, general cargo, J. Jardine and W. S. Caie.

27th, bark Jesse, Fraser, Hull, 40 days, W. S. Caie; schrs Visitor, Cousins, Canso, fish; Eagle, Veneau, P. E. Island.

CLEARED, May 26, schr Charles Weldon, McLean, Miramichi.

May 27, brig Eclipse, James, Mumbles, deals, J. W. Holderness.

SECOND EDITION.

TUESDAY MORNING, JUNE 3.

LAUNCH.—From the building yard of Messrs. Harley & Burchill, at Beaubair's Island, on the morning of Saturday last, a fine ship of 788 tons, named the *Equator*. She is said to be a very handsome vessel.

Port of Miramichi.—Arrived yesterday, Prussian bark Hertha, Jancke, Liverpool, 37 days, general cargo, W. J. Fraser and others.

NEW BRUNSWICK.—Colonial Railways.—The Canadian papers which reached us this week are filled with articles on the subject of Railways, and we find that the Montreal papers which have hitherto been adverse to the Great Trunk Railway from Halifax to Quebec, have quite changed their opinion on the subject.

The Montreal Herald which has always been a steady opponent of the Halifax and Quebec line, now deems the offer made by Earl Grey to Mr Howe, as well worthy of the most serious consideration. We learn from the Herald that arrangements are in progress for altering the Canadian Railway Facility Act, in such manner as will render certain the construction of a Trunk line of Railway from Quebec to Windsor, opposite Detroit.—This will be a continuation from Halifax to Quebec; and the proposed alterations in the Facility Act are to be made with the avowed intention of extending that line to the extreme bounds of Canada West.

The fact that the proposed loan of money for the Halifax and Quebec line, at 34 per cent, includes those portions of the Portland road which extend on the one hand to Quebec, and on the other to Montreal, appears to have its influence in Canada as it undoubtedly will here, when it becomes generally understood by the people of New Brunswick, that the offer likewise includes the whole sum necessary to build the line from Shediac to Calais.

We have been surprised to observe in several American papers which have reached us, the decided hostility manifested by our Western neighbors to the Halifax and Quebec line.—Some of these papers appear to think it a matter of great moment that the Halifax and Quebec Railway should not be built at all; and no doubt these far-sighted and most astute people, the Yankees, foresee something detrimental to their own interests in

this line of Railway or they would not so violently oppose it. The American Railroad Journal, published in New York, contains a long tirade against the line, and concludes with the following extraordinary paragraph:

"The sudden change in the policy of Great Britain, of which we have spoken, is certainly very significant. The construction of the European and North American Railway would connect by an indissoluble tie, all the great material interests of the people of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, and those of the United States—and this, in the end, would result in a similarity of ideas, of tastes, of pursuits, and of institutions. People so situated, and of the same great national family, would not long exist as separate nations. Mutual interests would draw them together; and the above road is the only thing wanting, to give the Provinces sufficient strength to consult their own inclinations when the proper time arrives. English statesmen are wise enough to see this, and hence the sudden relenting of that government. But this policy is too transparent so have any effect. Neither England or the United States can materially hasten or postpone the question of annexation. It will come of itself, just as soon as the two parties are prepared; and and through the Railroad, this work of preparation is now going on with wonderful rapidity!"

CANADA.—Corporation of Quebec.—At the meeting of the Council, the following Resolution on the subject of the Halifax and Quebec Railway, was proposed by captain Boxer, seconded by captain Tessier, and unanimously adopted:

"That this Council, in accordance with the views of their fellow citizens, as expressed in the Resolutions passed at a public meeting convened by the Mayor of Quebec, for the purpose of taking into consideration the important despatches received from Her Majesty's Government, relating to the Halifax and Quebec Railroad, do petition the three branches of the Legislature, stating their unanimous concurrence in these Resolutions, and praying—that no delay may take place in adopting such measures as they may deem necessary to meet the views of the Imperial Government in this important undertaking, which, in their opinion, would be the means of uniting British America under one General Federal Government, thereby creating a balance of power on this continent so necessary to the interests of the whole British Empire.

UNITED STATES.—Among the passengers who recently left New York in the steamer Baltic, for Liverpool, was Lieutenant C. Duncan, of New Orleans, and a graduate of Yale College. He has now started on a tour to the Eastern world, and intends not to stop until he shall have made his way to the ruins of Thebes and the pyramids. Mr Duncan carried with him a miniature flag of the United States, made of costly materials, and also a flag staff, which was recently cut by President Fillmore, at Mount Vernon, within fifty feet of the grave of Gen. Washington. The staff was presented by Gen. Scott to Mr Duncan, who has it neatly arranged in sections, after the manner of the fisherman's rod, and placed in a very convenient portable case, ready for the purposes to which it is destined in the service of the stars and stripes. Mr Duncan means to plant this staff, bearing upon it the costly and beautiful flag alluded to above, upon the walls of Nineveh.—*Baltimore Patriot*.

The Hon. the Provincial Secretary left town yesterday en route for Canada. That success will signalise the efforts of the Hon. Gentleman in the forthcoming Convention, we confidentially believe. The St. John, N. B., Obstructives will have an opportunity of meeting Mr Howe face to face, and the assembled Citizens of the metropolis of the sister Colony may have the privilege of hearing and judging for themselves between the parties at issue, on the Portland and Quebec schemes.—*Halifax Sun*, May 30.

BIRTH.

At Point de Bute, on Sunday morning, 1st instant, the lady of the Rev. George Johnson, Wesleyan Minister, of a son.

AUCTIONS.

To be sold by Public Auction, on WEDNESDAY, the 11th June, instant, at the residence of the late Doctor Key, in Chatham, commencing at 11 o'clock, a part of the

Personal Estate of the Deceased,

—Consisting of—

Sofas, Carpets, Tables, Chairs,

&c. &c. &c.

Chrystal Wares of all kinds,

Silver Forks, Knives, Spoons,

&c. &c. &c.

Kitchen and Bedroom Furniture,

Crockeryware and Earthenware in great variety;

Garden and Farming Utensils; Horse, Cow, Harness, Gig, Sleigh, &c. &c.

A Catalogue of the above will be distributed on Thursday next.

Due notice will be given of the sale of the Medical Books, Medicines, and Surgical Instruments, and a Catalogue will be distributed. By order of the Executors.

C. L. HAWBOLT, Auctioneer.

Chatham, June 2, 1851.

PASSENGERS.—In the bark Pollok, sailed this morning for Port Glasgow, Hon. Mrs Cunard, family, and servant. We wish them a pleasant and speedy passage.

REQUISITION!

W. A. BLACK, High Sheriff of the County of Northumberland,

Sir,—You will please call a Public Meeting of the inhabitants of this County, to be held at the Court House, Newcastle, for the purpose of adopting such measures as may be deemed most advisable for the purpose of promoting the construction of the Great Trunk Railway from Halifax to Quebec through this Province.

We are, Sir, your most obedient servants.

George Kerr, J. M. Johnson, Jun.,
Wm. Wilkinson, John Wright,
Caleb McCulley, J. T. Williston,
James Caie, James A. Pierce,
Stafford Benson, John Macdougall,
Wm. J. Fraser, John Mackie,
Wm. E. Samuel, J. Samuel,
John Parker, W. Albion Letson,
R. Hutchison, Geo. H. Russell,
P. Mitchell, Jun., S. Samuel,
John Chalmers, C. L. Hawbolt,
Alex. Rankin, John Alexander,
George Watt, Alex. Loudoun,
H. B. Allison, Wm. Salter,
Thos. C. Allan, M. M. Sargeant,
E. Williston, R. Hocken,
Wm. Kelly, Thos. Vondy.
Miramichi, June 2, 1851.

In pursuance of the foregoing Requisition, I hereby call a Public Meeting of the Inhabitants, to be held at the Court House, Newcastle, on THURSDAY, the 5th June, instant, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

WM. A. BLACK, Sheriff.

A CARD.

DR. THOMSON has removed from Newcastle to Chatham, where he may be consulted professionally.

Surgery.—In the building lately occupied by James Caie, Esq., as a Post Office.

N. B. Advice to the poor gratis.

June 1, 1851. if

GLOUCESTER.

For Sale, at the Provincial School Book Depository, BATHURST, STATIONERY for Schools, &c., comprising Slates, Copy Books, Papers, Ink, Pens, &c. &c.
May 29, 1851. 4w.

Chatham, May 24, 1851.

JAMES CAIE.

He offers for sale, at his Store, Post Office

CHATHAM, Cheap for Cash, or such articles

as he may deem equal to Cash.

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