

**THE LATE CHIEF JUSTICE CHIPMAN.**—It appears by the St. John papers that this gentleman has bequeathed to the Church Society of this Province £10,000, to the Madras School £5,000, and several other sums for benevolent purposes.

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**—The Royal Gazette of Wednesday, announces the fact, that the Government have at length made up their mind on this apparently knotty question, and appointed T. Gilbert, of Queen's County; D. Wark, of Kent; W. H. Steves, of Albert; and J. H. Ryan, of Kings, Members of the Legislative Council. The new members for Gloucester, Restigouche and Northumberland, we presume, are under consideration, and will be duly announced when the matter is adjusted. Our anxious readers must exercise that becoming virtue,—patience. They will be enlightened by and bye.

**NOT A BAD IDEA.**—One of our exchanges relates the following circumstance:

"At a concert, recently, at the conclusion of the song, 'There's a good time coming,' a farmer got up and exclaimed—  
"Mister, you couldn't fix the date, could you?"

**EFFECTS OF ELECTRIC TELEGRAPHS.**—The Quebec Chronicle of the 1st December contains the Speech of Sir John Harvey on proroguing the Legislature of Nova Scotia, on the 29th ult. The editor thus alludes to its receipt:

"It had not been much more than an hour delivered when—thanks to the enterprise of the Halifax Telegraph Company—we had it in type!"

**SONS OF TEMPERANCE.**—The number of Divisions in Canada is 331, embracing 20,000 members.

**VOTE BY BALLOT.**—We are glad to perceive that this subject is being warmly advocated by several Journals in the Province. We feel persuaded that until this mode be adopted, the people of the Province will never be able to exercise their Elective Franchise in accordance with their wishes, or as their common sense dictates. We heartily respond to the sentiments expressed by the Editor of the Fredericton Reporter in the annexed paragraph. Shall a member from Northumberland reap the promised reward? We hope so.

"What member of the Legislative Council, of the House of Assembly, of the Government or of the Opposition, will introduce a Bill during the next Session for the establishment of vote by ballot? Such individual shall have the best thanks of every man in the Province who loves his country; his motto shall be 'live forever' and his monument the hearts of the people."

**NOVEL EXPORTATION.**—The New York Herald reports that among other commodities of various kinds, comprising the cargo of a vessel which left New York last week, for Chagres, was a consignment of one hundred Cats, for the California and Oregon markets. This will not be considered so very singular when it is known that in Oregon, where horses and mice are plentiful and cats scarce, it is not uncommon to exchange a horse for a cat.

**MORE GOLD.**—If the discovery of Gold goes on increasing in the same ratio as it has done for the last three years—it will soon no longer be considered one of the 'precious metals.' It will appear from the paragraph below, which we copy from the Halifax British North American of Tuesday last, that gold has been recently discovered in the Island of Cape Breton.

"A gentleman has forwarded a parcel of washing from a brook in the Island of Cape Breton, which has been examined during the last few days, and proves to be GOLD. We have seen the specimen. It consists of granules of native gold, mixed with quartz sand. The grains are scarcely as large as a pin's head, but flat like scales, and of the greatest purity."

**OUR TELEGRAPH.**—The wires have been been put up as far as Richibucto, and the Company here are anxiously awaiting the arrival of the batteries. The company in the above-named place have entered into contract for putting up the wires from thence to Dorchester, and by the end of the month we are in hopes we shall be placed in communication by this wonderful process, with our neighbours in Novascotia, Canada, the southern portion of this Province, and the United States. When shall we have the satisfaction of having to make a similar announcement in reference to the counties to the Northward? Who is prepared to hazard an opinion.

**THE RAILWAY.**

There are two articles in our paper to day on this subject, which are well worthy of perusal—*M. I. Wilkins's* Speech in the Nova Scotia Legislature, and the Letter of *Rusticus*. Will the editors of the Courier, Morning News, Fredericton Reporter, and Carleton Sentinel carefully read his letter—it will amply repay them for the time employed.

A portion of the Press on the other side of the Province, has of late put forth in the shape of Editorials and Communications, some of the most astonishing statements in reference to the contemplated routes of the Trunk Railway, and from ignorance or design, assert the most unblushing falsehoods. Our Correspondent has endeavored to set one of the most shamefaced of these writers correct. In doing this, he has not adopted the course pursued by the greater portion of the numerous corps who have of late wielded their pens in this contest, and supported his peculiar views by mere assertions, but has fortified himself with facts, based on figures, the only way in which a great question like this can be correctly argued. If a cause will not bear this investigation, it is a poor one. It is by this rule we wish the line which the people in the North advocate tested; and so satisfied are they of the superiority of its claims, that they have courted enquiries, and unlike their southern neighbors, are satisfied to leave the decision of the question to competent and disinterested parties.

Since the above was put in type, the Reporter of December 5 has come to hand, from which we copy the annexed paragraph:

"The Editor of the Miramichi Gleaner and a whole host of his correspondents, are in high dudgeon with us for our predilections to a line of Railway through the central districts of this Province instead of round it.

"We can assure all those gentlemen that we respect even their prejudices in favor of the important section of the country in which they reside; but at the same time we ask them to take any map of the Province, having the respective routes marked upon it, and then say with the natural candour of 'citizens of the world' whether they can advocate the 'solitary route' by the Bay Chaleur and the Gulf of St. Lawrence, all the way round to Quebec, in preference to a shorter and cheaper line through the centre of the Province? Let the Editor of the Gleaner, 'A Colonist,' and 'Rusticus,' take up our arguments—deny their truth, and then confute them—let them also satisfy us that the expressed views of the first statesmen and engineers in Canada are formed in error—let them go still further, and prove that Mr Howe and his friends in Halifax, are not deeply interested in depriving the commercial towns of New Brunswick of their natural rights, and then we shall cheerfully acknowledge that all we have hitherto said on this subject was founded in error."

Will the Editor of the Reporter be kind enough to define his favorite route. 'Through the Province,' or 'through the central districts' are very vague terms. When he produces some arguments—which he has not as yet done—we shall be prepared to 'deny their truth' and to 'confute them.'

Since the above remarks were put in type, we received the annexed communication from our correspondent Rusticus.

To the Editor of the New Brunswick Reporter.

Sir.—In my last letter addressed to you, I requested that you would particularise the line which you meant to advocate as the best for the proposed Quebec and Halifax Railway and the grounds in its favor.

By your editorial of the 2nd instant, I learn that you prefer dealing in generals. You evidently consider your position more secure in the jungle than by exposing your whereabouts. Such a course may be the more prudent on your part, but does not certainly evidence much confidence in your cause.

As an opponent I may not have much reason to complain, when I find the Editor of the Carleton Sentinel [an opponent of the Eastern route] acknowledging equal ignorance of your position.

You ask the Editor of the Gleaner, 'A Colonist,' and myself, to answer your arguments. Now, this is exactly what we wish to do, and are only prevented by the difficulty of discovering them. We do not wish to waste our energies in beating the air.

The line we advocate is clearly laid down, and the Report of Major Robinson must alone be sufficient for its support, until that report be found in error, and a better line pointed out. To do this is the duty of those who wish to oppose it, and we are clearly not called upon to beg the question.

Your reference to Canadian Engineers and statesmen, can have no weight until you show that they have surveyed and found a better line; and the admission of all those gentlemen are sufficient to prove that in one point of almost paramount importance our line is the best—it will not be subject to foreign aggression in time of war.

You must perceive that before we can compare the advantages of the Eastern route with any one proposed by you, we must first

be informed what that one is. If it be the line termed the "direct route" by Major Robinson, that line is 652 miles, and the Eastern route 635—the latter if "round the Province" as you say, is one proof that the round about way is sometimes the nearest," not only in point of time, but distance also; and the map will show that this Eastern route is by no means so nearly round the Province, as this direct route would be round the State of Maine; that it is more in the interior from the Gulf Shore, than the other is from the American line.

I am at a loss to know what you call the "finest tract of land in the world." Is it in York, or Carlton, or Victoria: if so, let us compare figures: Northumberland has 2,208,177 acres fit for agriculture, and York only 1,602,337 acres; balance in favor of Northumberland, 605,840 acres. Again, compare Carleton and Victoria together against Northumberland, the latter has 2,208,177 acres, and the two former 1,894,536; thus again in favor of Northumberland, 313,641 against the two. Next we may compare your three North Western with our three North Eastern counties. North Eastern 3,914,417 acres fit for agriculture; North Western 3,500,873, again showing a balance in our favor of 413,544 acres; and while figures show this to be the case, all who have examined and reported upon the agricultural capabilities of the Province, have given the North Eastern counties the preference.

Yours, RUSTICUS.  
Miramichi, December 8, 1851.

The Saint John Freeman copies our remarks relative to the advantages which would result to that city if it were connected with the Northeastern counties by railway. The Editor then remarks:

"We know of nothing more anxiously desired by the business men of Saint John, than an intimate connection with the counties on the Gulf shore; and it does seem strange that our contemporary should speak as if the importance of the connection were only now beginning to be felt. At almost every meeting of the Railway Committee, the benefits of the connection, and the necessity of an early union were acknowledged, and no plan of Railroads was entertained where an immediate object was not to connect the two sections of the Province. The opposition to Mr Howe's scheme by no means implies the exclusion of those counties from the benefits of Railway communication or of Saint John, and that now remote district from the benefits mutually to be derived from an intimate connection. It is but the opposition of men desirous of acting honestly, and retaining their independence to a scheme they regard as desperate and ruinous."

We are ignorant of what has transpired at the meetings of the Railway Committee, but are glad to learn from the remarks of our contemporary, that that body has always been alive to the importance of extending a line further North than Shediac or the Bend. This measure has been but recently mooted in two of the city papers—the Courier and Morning News.

**EUROPEAN NEWS.**—The following was telegraphed to Saint John on Saturday morning:

"Boston, 6th Dec., 9 A. M.  
"The Niagara, with dates from Liverpool to the 22d ult., arrived at New York at midnight. She reached Liverpool on her homeward voyage on the 18th, and the Pacific the next day evening.  
"The King of Hanover died on the 18th of November.  
"Father Mathew had arrived in England.  
"Accounts from Australia continue to arrive. Gold is very abundant, and new diggings are daily being discovered.  
"A flagrant conspiracy against the President of the French Republic had been discovered in the French Assembly.  
"The Spanish Government had pardoned twenty three British subjects who had been engaged in the Cuban affair.  
"The Russians have again been terribly defeated by the Circassians.  
"Markets.—Cotton firm; breadstuffs firm, with large sales. Trade in Manchester is represented to be in a very satisfactory state."

RICHIBUCTO, December 3, 1851.  
Mr Pierce.—Observing an error in the population of the County of Kent, I send the following for your next Gleaner.

Population of the different Parishes in the County of Kent.			
	1851.	1840.	Increase.
Richibucto,	3020	2088	932
Wellington,	2514	1452	1062
Weldford,	1816	1130	686
Dundas,	1929	1163	766
Carleton,	2032	1644	388
Harcourt,	42	—	42
	11,353	7477	3876
Population in 1840,	—	—	7477
" 1851,	—	—	11,353
Increase,	—	—	3876
	Or about 52 per cent.		
Yours,	J. W. WELDON.		

RICHIBUCTO, Dec. 6, 1851.  
Mr Editor,  
Having observed in the last Gleaner a notice relative to a Vigilance Committee having

been established in this comitty for the ostensible purpose of suppressing scandal, I feel myself called upon, on behalf of my sex, to denounce the proceedings of the said committee, as too inquisitorial in their nature, and incapable of accomplishing the object they have in view. Now, Mr Editor, as scandal is generally connected with our sex, no "matter how unjustly," and, as if there is one blissful Elysium, sacred to those who deserve our searching reproofs, that Elysium is Richibucto, I would affectionately advise Brother B to resign his commission, lest a "Vigilance Committee" of a proper and natural kind should be organised, whose vigilance even he and his Brethern may vainly attempt to shun.

MARY.  
Mr Pierce.—You will oblige the juvenile fair sex in Richibucto by inserting the above.

ST. NICHOLAS RIVER, Kent,  
December 6, 1851.

Mr Pierce,  
Dear Sir,—Knowing the interest you take in any thing calculated to benefit the Province and develop its resources, I do not think any apology is necessary to induce you to insert the following:

During the last month a quantity of Silver Ore has been discovered on the farm of the late Mr Looney, St. Nicholas River, also on the property of Mr William Doherty, a specimen of which has been forwarded to Dr Robb, for the purpose of analization. Having been tested, its quality is considered very superior. Should this ore prove as good as it is represented, it will be a source of great wealth to the community. Should opportunity offer, a piece of the ore shall be transmitted to you.  
Your obedient servant,

CHARLES PEARSON.  
[We hope our correspondent will fulfil his promise.—We don't care how large the specimen is.]

**THE SEASON.**—The severe frost on Saturday and Sunday, completely closed our river, which had remained but partially frozen over up to the first named day. Yesterday we had a considerable fall of snow, which has greatly improved the travelling.

**Deaths.**  
At his residence in Chatham, on Thursday morning last, WILLIAM CARMAN, Esq., aged 71 years.  
At Richibucto, on the 29th November, Mr THOMAS ATKINSON, aged 97 years. He was a native of Durham, and came to Nova Scotia with his parents in 1767, and was the oldest inhabitant in the County of Kent.

**Ship News.**  
**PORT OF DALHOUSIE,**  
RESTIGOUCHE, N. B.  
ENTERED, November 25, schr Temperance Sears, Quebec, oats and flour, A. Ritchie & Co.; schr Sea Flower, Paulon, do. do.  
27th, schr Swift, LeBlanc, Quebec, flour.  
28th, schr Industry, Allard, Quebec, general cargo, W. Hamilton.  
CLEARED, November 24, brig Ellen Forrestal, Bunbury, Bristol, timber, W. Hamilton.

**NOTICE.**  
All persons having any just claims against the Estate of JAMES FOREIN, late of Bathurst, in the County of Gloucester, Farmer, deceased, are requested to render the same duly attested, to the Subscriber, within three months; and all persons indebted to the said Estate, are requested to make immediate payment to  
MARY FOREIN, Administratrix.  
Bathurst, December 8, 1851.

**FOR SALE.**  
The DWELLING HOUSE and LANDS, on the West side of King Street, formerly occupied by the late William Porteous, deceased, now occupied by Michael Leonard. The Two Acre FIELD with the BARN thereon, fronting the South side of the Wellington Road, bounded below by Lands of M. Samuel, Esq., and above by the Peter Brown Lands; also, about nine Acres of LAND, on the James Brown Lot, lately occupied by William Crain. The Two Story DWELLING HOUSE, at the Corner of Queen and Water Streets, occupied by William Johnston. The One Story DWELLING HOUSE, fronting on Water Street, lately occupied by Mr Andrew Mason. The DWELLING HOUSE fronting the East side of Queen Street, containing three tenements, at present occupied by Tenants. A Lot fronting 54 feet on the North side of Water Street, and extending back 70 feet. The above properties were recently owned by Mr WILLIAM JOHNSTON, and will be sold in Lots to suit purchasers, and on reasonable terms. For particulars apply at the office of  
KERR & THOMSON.  
Chatham, 6th December 1851.

**TEA! TEA! TEA!**  
20 Chests good Congou Tea,  
For Sale by  
WM. MACFARLANE,  
Chatham, December 1, 1851.