

NOVA SCOTIA.—We have to-day commenced the publication of the very able speech delivered by Mr Howe on introducing the Railway Bills into the House of Assembly. It will be seen by the annexed paragraphs, copied from late papers, that this important measure makes but slow progress in the Legislature of the sister Province. It is consoling however, to think, if the work does not advance as rapidly as we could wish, that the friends of this great undertaking have firm confidence in its being ultimately carried.

We give below a brief sketch of how matters are progressing:

The railway debate progresses not at railway speed. The Hon. the Leader of the Opposition only commenced his speech yesterday afternoon. We have reasonable hope—nay, expectation—that when pronounced it will not be against the principle of the Bills. In that case, we shall not have much to regret, seeing that some of the provisions might admit of modifications, of a character not precluding the probable assent of the warmest friends of the project. Indeed, the Hon. Provincial Secretary, whilst introducing the measure, intimated that, adhering to the principle, it would be for the House, irrespective of minor considerations of party character, to dispose of the details.

Yesterday the house met at 11 o'clock, and the Railway Debate was renewed by Mr. Fulton, who delivered a half hour speech in favour of the Government scheme. Hon. Mr Johnston followed, and spoke for two hours against the bills. He confined his remarks to one point—whether the Railway should be constructed by a company or the government—maintaining that the liberties of the people would be jeopardised by the patronage exercised, and their energies stultified by withdrawing such enterprises from their control. The house then adjourned for an hour, when no person seeming desirous to address the house, Mr Howe replied to Mr Johnston. That gentleman put in a short rejoinder, and the debate was continued down to 6 o'clock by Messrs. Wier, McLellan, Marshall and others.—*Sun of Wednesday.*

As the Railway Debate progresses the prospect of desirable termination in the shape of a strong affirmative vote of the government bills, increases. On Wednesday the Hon. Speaker addressed the House. The proemium of the hon. gentleman's speech did not furnish a clue to its very satisfactory peroration, which wound up in favor of the ministerial scheme. Messrs Archibald, Zwicker, B. Smith, and Holmes, also spoke in support of it. So far so good.

Yesterday five honorable gentlemen addressed the committee on the 'Great Question,' viz: Messrs. Wilkins, Stewart Campbell, Fraser, Annand, and Marshall, four for the Government scheme, one against it, Mr Marshall.

The tone of the debate throughout has been highly satisfactory, and the gentlemen who delivered their maiden speeches yesterday, done themselves great credit. Mr Wilkins was particularly happy, like the Widow over the way, smiling and persuasive; Mr Campbell was apparently sincere, and Marshall, who obstructed, like a Guysborough goose with its neck in a yoke vainly attempting to get out of pound, fretted and kicked till he tired himself and his audience. Poor Guysborough!—*Sun of Friday.*

The Hon. William Stairs has resigned his seat in the Legislative Council, from ill health.

COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER.—Launched, from the building yard of John Woolner, Esq., at Madisco, fully rigged and equipped for sea, a superior and well finished bark named the *Exhibition*, of 411 tons.

A MOVE IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.—We perceive by the St. John Courier, that a Public Dinner (to use the words of the advertisement) "in honor of the patriotic political stand taken by the Hon. Charles Simonds, and W. J. Ritchie and S. L. Tilley, Esquires," is to be given in St. Stephen's Hall, to-morrow evening. Although we cannot approve of the conduct of the retiring members, still we are persuaded that they acted as they did from a sense of political consistency, and are glad to perceive that their friends are rallying around them to do them honor. The conduct of the people of the City and County of St. John in the late election contest, must deprive them of their boasted assumption—that they are a consistent and enlightened body of men. It has shewn the world the reverse—that they are fickle, disunited, without any defined political creed, and guided solely by personal interest or individual feeling. One or two years' legislation without the wholesome check which the Opposition kept on the Government, will convince them of their folly, when we expect to see a better state of things grow up.

Will some of the parties who are in the habit of furnishing us with *Fine Wood*, supply us with a little at present, for we are much in want of this indispensable article at present.

THE SEASON.—In the early part of the week the weather was extremely cold, and a large quantity of ice formed in the river. On Saturday evening sufficient snow fell to make good sleighing—since then it has been soft and pleasant, and the ice in the river has considerably diminished.

The late hour at which the Southern mail arrived (yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock) has given us but little time to select our matter, and prepare our paper for press. The Fredericton mail did not reach Chatham until Sunday afternoon, instead of at noon, on Saturday. Thursday's mail brings but few papers, as the weekly editions of the Halifax and St. John papers are principally published on Wednesday, a day too late. This, we presume, our cotemporaries will speedily rectify, if the Post Office authorities persist in adhering to their present arrangement. The great bulk of our exchanges therefore, as well as our English files, reach us on Monday, which, should the mail arrive in due season, does not afford more time than necessary; but when it is delayed several hours, it cramps us considerably. We do not complain of the Couriers, for we feel persuaded they do their best to accomplish the journey in the time prescribed; but it is too limited. The recent alteration we consider an injudicious one, which has not, and cannot give general satisfaction.

Ship News.

PORT OF MIRAMICHI.

ENTERED, Nov. 10, schrs Mary, Webb, Boston, general cargo, Johnson & Mackie and others; Violet, Suddart, Gaspe, flour, R. T. Miller; Relief, Marshall, Quebec, Gilmour, Rankin & Co. and Harley & Burchill. 11th, schr Stranger, O'Brien, Halifax, G. J. & J. Parker and others.

CLEARED, November 11, schrs St. Helene, Bernier, Quebec, ballast; Violet, Suddart, Gaspe, do.

12th, bark President, Lowther, Hayle, timber and deals, Gilmour, Rankin & Co.

18th, schr Mary, Webb, Canso, ballast.

The schr. Stranger, O'Brien, left Chatham yesterday morning, bound for Halifax.

PORT OF DALHOUSIE.

RESTIGOUCHE, N. E.

CLEARED, November —, schr Curlew, Eisan, Halifax, shingles, A. Ritchie & Co. schr Providence, Fournier, Quebec, herring, W. Hamilton.

HALIFAX AND QUEBEC RAILWAY.

A very interesting pamphlet, which contains a variety of statistical matter, has just been published by Mr William Pryor, of Halifax, N. S., relative to the magnificent scheme for connecting Halifax with Quebec by means of a Railway. The advantages of this great project are already pretty familiar to the European reader, from the frequency with which they have been discussed both in the colonies and in the mother country; but the subject has been nowhere so fully and ably treated as in the brochure before us. It is hardly possible to overrate the moral and physical changes which the completion of this line will work. All parties must profit by it. The trade of the Far West will necessarily receive an immense impetus by connecting the great lakes and the St. Lawrence with the Atlantic by means of this route, and the development of the British Provinces will correspondingly follow. The cost of the line, judging by the date which Mr Pryor has furnished, will be wonderfully low, at least as we estimate such undertakings in England. According to the author's showing, fortified by the estimates of Mr Howe, a colonist of high repute, the cost will not exceed £6,000 per mile.

Of course there are already numerous competitors for the trade of the Far West by various routes. Portland, Boston, New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore, are eager candidates for a traffic which promises to be inexhaustible. A committee of the New York Legislature in a report relative to the tolls of the Erie and Oswego Canal, states "that there is no route so cheap to England from Ohio for flour as by the way of the St. Lawrence river." In fact no limits could be placed to the transport of flour, provisions of every kind, coals, and timber, from the boundless regions of the west to Quebec and Halifax by this line. Its nearness to Europe by 400 or 500 miles is an important consideration, while the mineral resources of Nova Scotia are considerable. Iron, ore, gypsum, limestone, granite, slate, and other articles of commerce are found in great profusion.—*Widener and Smith.*

A tribute is collecting in America for Father Mathew, whose pecuniary embarrassments are considerable. The £300 a-year pension which he receives from the British Government is appropriated to his creditors.

A wretched woman, an inmate of the Sheriff Union Workhouse, while employed there a few days since, fell into a cauldron of boiling strabout, and was boiled to death.

Save your old Rags!

The Subscriber will purchase at his Store in Chatham, during the winter, any quantity of *WHITE COTTON RAGS*. Half price will be given for colored ones. None but such as are perfectly free from wool will be taken. E. DALEY, Jun. Chatham, Nov. 17, 1851.

STRAYED,

From the premises of the Subscriber, about six weeks since, a large brindled COW, with large tail. Whoever will return her to the undersigned, or give such information as will lead to her discovery, will be suitably rewarded. WM. SULLIVAN. Chatham, Nov. 17, 1851.

Legislative—1852—Debates.

The Queen's Printer having obtained the Contract for Reporting and Publishing the DEBATES of both Houses of the Legislature, requests all those who may be desirous of obtaining Copies, to send their Address forthwith to the *Royal Gazette Office*, or to either of the undermentioned Gentlemen, (who are respectfully solicited to act as Agents for the above publications) as no supply of complete copies can be relied upon after the commencement of the Session.

The Debates will be printed and published so as to constitute a distinct Volume of Reports, unconnected with other matter, and containing also the Resolutions, Amendments and Divisions.

TERMS.—Five Shillings per single copy, or Seven Shillings and Sixpence for the Reports of both Houses, which must be paid in advance.

AGENTS:

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| James Cafe, Esq., | Chatham. |
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| Mr W. Mackay, | Boiestown. |
| Mr Morden S. Levy, | Richibucto. |
| J. McPhelim, Esq., | Buctouche. |
| E. J. Smith, Esq., | Shediac. |

Fredericton, November 4, 1851.

Surrogate Court.

COUNTY OF NORTHUMBERLAND, PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

[L. S.] To the Sheriff of the County of Northumberland, or any Constable within the said County, Greeting:

Whereas DAVID JOHNSTON and WILLIAM PARK, Executors of the last Will and Testament of JAMES McCULLAM, late of the Parish of Newcastle, in the said County, Harbour Master, deceased, have filed an Account of their Administration on the said Estate of the said deceased, and have prayed that the same may be passed and allowed:

You are therefore required to cite the Creditors and next of kin of the said deceased, and all others interested in the said Estate, to appear before me, at a Court of Probate, to be held at my Office, in the Parish of Chatham, in the said County, on FRIDAY, the Nineteenth day of December next, at eleven of the clock in the forenoon, to attend the passing and allowing of the said Account of Administration on the said Estate.

Given under my hand, and the seal of the said Court, this Fifteenth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and fifty one.

WM. WILKINSON, Surrogate. GEORGE KERR, Register of Probates for said County.

NOTICE.

At a Meeting of the President and Directors of the Miramichi and Richibucto Electric Telegraph Company, held in Chatham, on the 5th November, instant:

Resolved, That a CALL of TWENTY per cent. on the Stock subscribed to this Company, be called in and paid to J. M. Johnson, Esq., on or before the 30th instant.

By Order of the Board. J. M. JOHNSON, Secretary. Miramichi, November 18, 1851.

A CARD.

DR. JOHNSTON, formerly of Point de Bute, informs the inhabitants of Chatham and the surrounding country, that he intends practising the various branches of his Profession in this place.

Residence—In the house adjoining Mr George Johnston's. Chatham, November 3, 1851.

TOBACCO!

The Subscribers tender their grateful acknowledgments for the encouragement extended to them since they commenced business; and having enlarged their establishment for the purpose of manufacturing more extensively, they are prepared to offer for sale a stock of the best TOBACCO, consisting of Cavendish, Honey-dew, &c.

Merchants purchasing by the quantity would do well to call and examine their stock, and judge for themselves, before purchasing elsewhere, as their whole aim will be to compete with the market.

D. & J. McLACHLAN. Chatham, October 20, 1851.

TO THE PUBLIC.

The subscriber respectfully informs the public that he has opened the shop adjoining the store of Mr Wm. E. Samuel, where he intends keeping a stock of every description of LEATHER for sale, wholesale and retail. Purchasers can obtain any quantity, from a hide to a half-sole. He expects shortly to receive from Boston an assortment of SHOEMAKERS' FINDINGS of all kinds, which he will dispose of at low prices. Cash or leather given for Hides. JOHN NICHOLSON. Chatham, October 18, 1851.

STEAM!

Any person suffering from Chronic Rheumatism, Paralysis Acute or Chronic, Languid Circulation, Numbness, and Colds, proceeding from suppressed Perspiration, would find great benefit in trying the

Galvanic & Medicated VAPOUR BATH!

The best Remedy yet discovered for those distressing complaints.

WM. FORBES. Chatham, October 13, 1851.

Soap and Candles.

500 BOXES SOAP AND CANDLES of approved quality, now selling at a low price. Please call and see.

WM. ALBRO LETSON. Chatham, 23d June, 1851.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

COUNTY OF NORTHUMBERLAND (L. S.) To the Sheriff of the County of Northumberland, or any Constable within the said County, Greeting:

Whereas JOHN MANDESON, late of Chatham, in the said County, Yeoman, lately died Intestate (as it is said), leaving Goods and Chattels in the said County to be administered, and GEORGE KERR, of Chatham aforesaid, Esquire, hath prayed that Administration may be granted to him on the said Estate:

You are therefore required to cite the next of kin of the said deceased, and all other persons interested in the said Estate, to appear before me at a Court of Probate to be held at my office in Chatham, in the said County, on WEDNESDAY, the Tenth day of December next, at eleven of the clock in the forenoon, to shew cause why Administration on the said Estate should not be granted to the said Applicant.

Given under my hand, and the seal of the said Court, this Sixth day of November, 1851.

WM. WILKINSON, Surrogate. GEORGE KERR, Register of Probates for said County.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

Mutual Insurance Company

OF GRANVILLE, NEW YORK. In consequence of misrepresentations frequently and unjustly repeated in this city and neighbourhood, it becomes necessary to state a few facts.

The Company has never stopped payment, nor been discontinued by order of the New York Legislature—on the contrary, it was decided by the Supreme Court of New York on the 4th October instant, "That it was a valid, existing Corporation, and that the extension of their Charter for thirty years is in all respects regular and constitutional."—It was at the same time proved "That their business was now gigantic, numbering over One Hundred Thousand Members, with a guaranteed capital of over One Million of Dollars."

One small assessment only has been levied on the members in Seven Years, and that call has been promptly met with but few exceptions.

They do not owe one cent on matured claims, and have a Cash fund of Fifty Thousand Dollars in the Banks of Troy and Vermont to meet claims that may arise.

The number of Policies issued during the past three months alone is 1282. The whole number issued is 121,500. The following amongst other influential men allow their names to be used as references—How, Samuel Nelson, at Washington, D. C., one of the Chief Justices of the U. S.; Hon. W. Upham, U. S. Senator; Willis Hall, Esq., late Attorney General for the State of New York.

On the 6th October instant, the Annual Election of Directors took place. The Board is formed of highly respectable and influential men.

A Report of the standing and means of the Company, with accounts of receipt and expenditure up to the 1st October inst., is now in press and will shortly be ready for circulation. The cause and particulars of the slander with other information can be obtained by Policy holders and others, on application to the subscriber.

CHARLES L. STREET. General Agent for New Brunswick. St. John, 28th October, 1851.

LOST!

At the north side of the North West Ferry, from Wilson's Team Boat, on the evening of Monday, the 27th instant, a Band Basket, containing a light drab Overcoat, a set of plated Castors, and other articles. Any person finding the same, will be suitably rewarded on application to Mr Hiram Fish, Newcastle. Newcastle, 28th October, 1851.