

have thought that with such men as Partelow, Wilnot and Gray, as your leading Politicians, you ought to know a little more of the world.

To imagine that in the year 1852, there are people so green as to hesitate about taking money, merely because they are not sure that they will be able to return it! Why, my dear Sir, that is the lender's business entirely. As Mr Hincks well remarked, Canada would take all the money that could be offered her to invest in Railways. If they paid, well. If not, why well too. The country would get the benefit; the rails could not be lifted; and if we were unable to meet the interest, it was only a father lending to a son, and we should be put in possession of an heritage only a little the sooner.

But the real truth is, that we in Halifax have now but very little hope that the money will be got at all. If the Northern route is not adopted, notwithstanding all that has come and gone, we won't take it, but will blow up the whole scheme, and build Railways on our own hook to Pictou and Wincosor. The fact is, Chandler and Hincks thought they were playing a deep game with Howe; and that after all the legislation was over and the money secured, they would have nothing to do but outvote him and carry the road by the valley of the St. John. But Howe knew better and would have fairly outwitted them but for that confounded mistake about the funds for the Portland road.

That was a smasher, and demolished as pretty a game of diplomacy as was ever played.

If this is acceptable to you, I will keep you advised. Yours, &c., HAL.

#### TAVERN AND SHOP LICENCES.

The following is a list of Licences granted at the General Session in January last, for the Parish of Chatham:

**Taverns Licences.**—James White, John Burke, Mary McGraw, Robert Johnston, Edward Keary, William Wheten.

**Shop Licences.**—Burke & Noonan, William Mills, Hugh Fraser, John Macdougall, William Muirhead, Thomas Vondy, William A. Letson, Alexander Fraser, Jun.

#### FIREWARDS.

The following persons have been appointed additional Firewards for the town of Chatham:

George H. Russell, Hugh Bain, Stafford Benson, Andrew Masson.

#### COUNTY OF NOTHUMBERLAND.

##### NELSON PARISH OFFICERS FOR 1852.

**Trustees of Schools.**—Richard Sutton, Robert Jardine, William Parker.

**Overseers of Fisheries.**—Robert Jardine, John Hackett, James Sullivan, Hugh Parker, David Barren, George McKay, Henry Vye, Joseph Hubbard.

**Surveyors of Lumber.**—Alex. Saunders, John Archbold, Robert Jardine, Alex. Ferguson, John Leslie, Henry Vye, David Crocker, William Parker, Robinson Crocker, Hugh Parker, Thomas Willoughby, Joseph Hubbard, Leonard Astle, Richard Sutton, John Kain, Francis P. Henderson, Wm. O'Brien.

**Inspectors of Fish.**—James Harper, William Walls.

**Weigher of Hay.**—James McKie.

**Ferry-men.**—Michael Kain, John Wilson.

**Overseers of the Poor.**—Rowland Crocker, Robt. Jardine, Mathew Carroll.

**Commissioners of Roads.**—Alexander Saunders, Rowland Crocker, James Flett.

**Town Clerk.**—John Kain.

**Pound Keepers.**—James Flett, James Harper, Edward Mullins.

**Hog Reeves.**—John Foye, Thomas Doyle, Duncan McEahron, J. Mecarty, I. Cushman, W. Corcoran, James Stewart, Patrick Leavy, Samuel Condy, Peter Nolan, James Oats, Hugh Dooling, James Hurly, William Butler, Thomas Ripple, John Dower, jun., William Wilson, David Barren, John Clouston, John King, John Coughlan, John Vye.

**Surveyors of Dams.**—Hugh Dooling, John Aylward, Hugh Ferguson.

**Sealers of Leather.**—Patrick Leavy, Wm Hartt.

**Assessors of Rates.**—Richard Sutton, David Crocker, Wm. Parker.

**Overseers of Roads.**—Robert Jardine, Thomas Cluff, James McKie, Hugh Ferguson, William Fitzgerald, sen., William Henderson, David Lee, John Hackett, Thomas Tobin, John McKinlay, John Archbold, James Harper, William Butler, Patrick Gaffney, John Aylward, James Delany, William Connely, William Bohan, Denis Whalen, Peter Foley, John Dooling, Thos. Gorman, Marks Murphy.

**Constables.**—Denis Whalen, John O'Brien, John Dower, jun., John Archbold, John O'Neal, Hugh Dooling, Patrick Gaffney, Geo. Cluff.

**Collectors of Rates.**—John Kain, (south side), James Mowat, (north side).

**Fence Viewers.**—Patrick Poor, William Whalen, Hugh Dooling, James Carnahan, John Mathews, Leonard Astle, Joseph Weston, Isaac Cushman, Isaac Leighton.

**Beam Masters.**—Rowland Crocker, Alex. Ferguson, Alex. Cowdon.

**Inspector of Butter.**—John Harrigan.

**Field Driver.**—John Wilson.

The above named Parish Officers are here by notified to qualify for their respective offices within fourteen days, otherwise they will be dealt with as the law directs.

JOHN KAIN, Town Clerk.

Nelson February 5, 1852.

#### BY TELEGRAPH TO THE MIRAMICHI NEWS ROOM.

St. John, Tuesday, February 24,  
6 o'clock, P. M.

In the Assembly to-day the Road Committee reported. In Supply, a grant of £2,000 towards the erection of a Steamboat Wharf at Reed's Point (St. John), passed by a vote of 27 to 8; supported by Partelow, Gray, Wilnot, Needham, Harding, Williston, Hathaway, English, McPherson, Cutler, McPhelim; opposed by the Speaker, Montgomery, Johnson (Miramichi), and Botsford.

£200 was voted for a Wharf at Hillsboro', Albert County.

£500 per annum was proposed in aid of a Steamer to ply once a week between Pictou and Quebec, calling at Miramichi; supported by Gray, Johnson, Williston, Wilnot, Needham, and Hathaway. Cutler was inclined to support this grant, but he thought the principle bad. Lost.

Mr McPhelim proposed £250, but this was also lost. These proposals were backed on Major Norton's petition. They were, however, totally defeated.

In reply to Mr Hanington, Mr Partelow stated that no Despatch had been received from the Colonial Office, on Railway matters, by last mail. He had a private letter from Mr Archibald; he would not read it to the House, but would show it to any member who might wish to see it.

The Railway resolutions come up to-morrow.

Nothing new here—weather mild.

Wednesday, 7 o'clock, P. M.

The debate on the Railway Resolutions is postponed till to-morrow.

Assembly all day in Supply. The grant in aid of the Steamer to ply between Pictou and Quebec, calling at Miramichi, weekly, was re-considered, and £500 per annum, for three years, passed by a vote of 17 to 15.

Several other unimportant grants were passed, including all those recommended by the Committee of Trade.

Heavy rain here.

Thursday, 7 o'clock, P. M.

The Debate on the Railway Resolutions came on to-day.

The Attorney General opened in a long speech, reviewing all the Railway proceedings from the first. He said he had always favored the Northern line, but finding it impossible to get that, he now supported this. He stated the advantages of the proposed route, and urged the House to assist the Government in carrying it out.

Mr Gray followed on the same side, in a very long speech, pointing out the great benefits which Railways would be to the country, and asserted his belief that the road would both pay the interest, and create a fund to liquidate the debt. He declared Mr Archibald's proposals extravagant, and said Government would stake their existence upon the present scheme.

Mr Harding proposed amendments. He did not think the Road would pay as well as was supposed. He said there was a great difference between the roads spoken of and this; that there were outlets nearer Canada than St. John, and that if we pledged all our resources, we should get all the railroads we want.

House adjourned.

The Collins steamer Atlantic arrived at New York this morning. No news from her yet.

Friday, 7 o'clock, P. M.

In the Assembly to-day the Railway debate was resumed.

Mr Harding insisted upon the necessity of securing the whole line.

Mr Cutler, in a long speech, argued that the Toronto agreement provided for the construction of both the Northern and Portland roads, and said this was upset by foul treachery; besides, it did not suit the interests of Canada.

Mr Barberie charged the Government with sacrificing the interests of the Province, and endangering the loss of a magnificent offer for the purpose of obtaining a pet line. He felt indignant that rebels of 1837 should dictate to these Provinces in 1852.

Mr English did not believe that any line in the Province would pay. He thought Canadian produce would never be sent to St. John or Halifax, as Portland and other places West were much nearer. He would not say how he would vote.

I have some news by the Atlantic at New York, which I will send you in the morning.

Saturday, 11 o'clock, A. M.

The steamer Atlantic arrived at New York on Thursday, with dates to the 11th February.

The Bank of England had reduced the rate of gold; no standard.

The most flattering accounts had been received from the Australian gold regions, and large supplies were soon expected from that quarter.

In the House of Commons on the 9th, Lord John Russell introduced the new Reform Bill. The main features are the reduction of the Borough franchise from 107. to 57, and the County franchise from 507. to 107.

In Ireland, the County franchise is to be reduced from 87. to 57. A new class of voters to be created out of those who pay 40s. per annum by assessed taxes or income taxes. Property qualification for members to be abolished, and 67 small boroughs to be enlarged.

Lord John Russell also proposes to abolish the oaths now taken by the Ro. Catholics and Dissenters, and the sole obstruction which now prevents the admission of Jews to seats in Parliament.

In the House of Lords on the 9th, Earl Granville in answer to Lord Strangford, stated, that Lord Palmerston had sent no reply to the remonstrances of certain foreign powers, as to the political refugees residing in England, but he believed had the noble Lord remained in office, he would.

The Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury have authorised the admission of Colt's fire arms, intended for the instruction of workmen in England, and for sale to officers in H. M. service.

It is reported that a deputation from the Free Church of Scotland had waited upon Lord Granville, and made a representation regarding the expulsion of the Protestant Missionaries in Pesth, in Hungary, where they had resided in obedience to the laws, for ten years, had committed no offence, and were sent out of the country in the middle of winter. Lord Granville promised to take such steps as might be necessary.

France.—The President visited Versailles, on the 8th inst. His object was to address the officers of the garrison there, who were said to be extremely disaffected. It is said that 200 officers are to be put on half pay because of their Orleanist leanings.

The confiscated decree is very offensive to the army. There are rumours of a secret understanding between the Austrian and French governments. No attacks upon Lord Palmerston were allowed in the Paris papers.

£240,000 per annum is talked of as the Civil List which the Senate is asked to vote for the President. This, considering that he has not the domain privilege to keep up, will be about equivalent to £480,000 which was allowed to Louis Philippe.

Spain.—The criminal who made the attempt on the Queen's life, was executed on the afternoon of the 7th Feb.

Sweden.—The powder magazine at Lowden exploded on the 24th ult. It contained 2,800 kegs of powder.

The bark Ocean Wave, arrived at Boston on the 25th instant, from the Cape of Good Hope, bringing dates to January 1.

The latest accounts from the interior bring but little news, but it is discouraging.

The British forces at the Kei, about 2080, had suffered much. The enemy was acting with increased audacity, near the border forts. The country was flooded by heavy rains, and much property had been destroyed. The troops were without waggons, or any shelter whatever. A Cape Town paper says it seems as if heaven was fighting against us, for when success was almost within our grasp, the clouds opened their deluge upon us. The steamer Vulcan had arrived from England with the 45th regiment, 600 strong.

Quebec, Feb. 27.—At Three Rivers, on the night of the 25th, three men were confined in the gaol in the same cell, one of whom had been employed during the day in making axe handles, and had a small axe as a pattern, which another of the prisoners concealed under his bed, and when the three had laid down for the night, he, without any previous quarrel, or notice of his intention, struck the other two with the axe, cutting one open in the side, and wounded the other severely in the shoulder and knee. The former died in a few minutes.

Hon. F. Hincks left this (Friday) morning, to take the Boston steamer of the 4th March, for England, to negotiate the loan for the Halifax and Quebec Railway.

Saturday, 7 o'clock, P. M.

In the House to-day Mr Botsford supported the Railway resolutions; he charged the Northern Members with defeating the Portland Line. Defended the management by Government.

Mr Williston made a long speech in opposition.

The Speaker and Mr Robinson supported; they considered this the only prospect left of getting a Railroad at all.

Mr J. M. Johnson, in a speech of 3 hours opposed. He charged the government with exciting local feeling. Argued the superiority of the Northern line, and the impracticability of the present scheme. Asserted that the line would cost 2,000,000. and the yearly liabilities would be 75,000. Mr Wilnot denied this.

On motion of the Attorney General, the section in the Bill for the protection of the

Revenue, providing that liquor seized should be destroyed, was struck out.

Mr Partelow read a letter from the Provincial Treasurer, showing the working of the present law. Mr Hanington made an attempt to oppose, but the clause was struck out without a division.

Some conversation took place about a Provincial Exhibition, and making a grant in aid, which will likely be given on condition that a certain sum be subscribed.

**FIRE.**—An alarm of fire was given in Chatham, on Saturday afternoon, about 5 o'clock. The roof of the house owned and occupied by the Rev. Mr McCurdy was discovered to be on fire, but it was suppressed before much damage was done the premises. The engine company with their engine was promptly on the ground, but their services were fortunately not required.

#### BOOK-BINDING.

The Subscriber is now prepared to execute all orders in the above line, in a Superior Manner, and with Despatch. Particular attention paid to Binding Newspapers and Re-binding Old Books.

DAVIS P. HOWE.

Chatham, February 20, 1852.

All persons forwarding Illustrated Works, containing no printed "directions to the binder," for the placing of the illustrations, will please, in future, to point out the pages opposite to which the Plates are to appear. The time lost in the examination of new Works, to find the true places of the illustrations, is not at all compensated by the price charged for binding.

#### A CARD.

The Rev. Mr McCurdy presents his sincere thanks to the Firewards and Engine Company of Chatham, and to the public generally for their prompt and active exertions in extinguishing the fire on the roof of his Dwelling House, on Saturday afternoon last, during his absence on some visits to the sick of his flock; and would express his deep sense of the deliberation and judgment displayed, in consequence of which no injury was sustained beyond the mere action of the fire.

Chatham, March 1, 1852.

#### SEALED TENDERS

Will be received until the 10th March next, at 12 o'clock, noon, at the Office of W. J. FRASER, where plan and specification may be seen, for the

**ERECTION OF AN ENGINE HOUSE** in Chatham, 26 by 28 feet, 18 foot posts, with a Belfry; also, a Stone Wall Foundation. The whole to be completed according to plan and specification on or before the 15th July next. Separate Tenders to be given for the Mason Work. The names of two sureties to accompany each Tender.

Terms of Payment Cash on completing the Contracts.

J. M. JOHNSON, } Committee  
JOHN MACKIE, } of  
W. J. FRASER, } Firewards  
Chatham, 20th February, 1852.

#### Valuable Farm for Sale.

The Subscriber offers for sale that VALUABLE FARM, at present occupied by him, situate on the South side of the Main River, ten miles from the town of Richibucto, and seven miles from the Shipyard. It contains 100 Acres, 50 of which are under the plough, and well fenced. There are several good Out-houses on the Premises. There is also a healthy young ORCHARD attached.

Any person desirous of purchasing, can have the Stock and any quantity of Seed on the most reasonable terms.

THOMAS GRAHAM.

Maine River, Richibucto, January 20, 1852

#### Notice.

CROWN LAND OFFICE, Feb. 3, 1852.

The undementioned Lots of Crown Lands will be offered for sale by Public Auction, on TUESDAY, the second day of March next, at noon, by the respective Deputies, at their Offices, agreeably to the Regulations of 11th May, 1843, and no sale on credit will be made to any person who is indebted to the Crown for previous purchases.

Purchasers will not be allowed to interfere with the right to cut Timber or other Lumber on these Lots under application already made. No person is allowed to hold more than one hundred acres payable by instalments.

RESTIGOUCHE.

By Deputy Sadler, at Dalhousie.  
28 acres, lot 2, block J, Durham, R. Doyle.

NORTHUMBERLAND.

By Deputy Peters, at Chatham.  
160 acres, lot 22 east, block 29, Rensou River, improved by William Casey and by William Hogan.

#### Notice.

All persons having just claims against the Estate of JOHN MANDERSON, late of Chatham, Farmer, deceased, are requested to render the same, duly attested, within three months from the date hereof; and all persons indebted to the said Estate, are requested to make immediate payment to

GEORGE KERR, Adm'r in right.  
Chatham, December 12, 1851. 3d