

we shall soon remove, or at least greatly reduce the principle to the full development of the resources of our fertile little Island.—There is nothing, however, upon which we look with so great interest, as the promotion of learning and the desire for knowledge that have been so much augmented of late.—Twenty years since, no one would have dreamed of there being such a Bookstore as that of George T. Hazard; and any one who takes the pains to look at the number and description of works sold, and is shewn those new ones that are ordered, will be convinced that the desire for information, and that of the most varied and valuable kind, is as great here as in any place of its size, and with its resources. The writer of this makes no apology for alluding to the Bookstore in question, because the owner is connected with the proprietor of this paper; nor is there any necessity, he thinks.

**THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.**—The President in his opening message to Congress, furnishes the following information relative to the financial affairs of the nation.

The cash receipts into the Treasury for the fiscal year ending 30th June last, exclusive of trust funds, were \$10,728,386 83. Expenditures, \$46,007,896 20, leaving a balance of \$14,632,136 37 in the Treasury on the first day of July last. Value of foreign merchandise imported during the year, \$207,240,101. Exportations, \$197,065,937, exclusive of \$42,507,285 in specie.—Owing to the reduction of the rates of postage, the revenue of the Post Office department has fallen off \$1,431,696, or about 23 per cent. as compared with last year.

He closes with the following paragraph, which gives a very gratifying picture of the present condition of the country.

In closing this, my last annual communication, permit me, fellow citizens, to congratulate you on the prosperous condition of our beloved country. Abroad its relations with all foreign powers are friendly; its rights are respected, and its high place in the family of nations cheerfully recognized. At home we enjoy an amount of happiness, public and private, which has probably never fallen to the lot of any other people. Besides affording to our own citizens a degree of prosperity, of which on so large a scale I know of no other instance, our country is annually affording a refuge and a home to multitudes, altogether without example, from the Old World. Called by an unexpected dispensation to its highest trust at a season of embarrassment and alarm, I entered upon its arduous duties with extreme diffidence. I claim only to have discharged them to the best of an humble ability, with a single eye to the public good; and it is with devout gratitude, in retiring from office, that I leave the country in a state of peace and prosperity.

**QUEBEC.**—A late number of the Chronicle published in this city, furnishes the following singular description of the old capital of Canada:

The ups and downs of Quebec, its high life and its low life, its magnificence, and its filth, its intelligence and ignorance, are truly wonderful. Dorham Terrace, and the Cul-de-Sac, the Parliament House, and the wooden Shipping Office, gilded palaces, and narrow, dirty streets, commercial enterprise, and municipal nonprogressiveness, the most splendid natural scenery and half finished churches and hospitals, are a few of the many contrasts which make an everlasting impression upon the stranger. It needs not the bristling cannon, the artificial slopes, the deep rolling river, the carmine stream, meandering through a pleasant valley, which one beholds at sunset on a pleasant evening, the shipping the coves, the falls, the islands, the lofty mountains, and the white washed houses of the Beauport and Point Levi shores, to rivet on the memory for ever the word, Quebec; for of all the cities on this continent, Quebec is the most *outré*.

**CANADA.**—The following article copied from the Quebec Chronicle of the 15th instant, will be read with interest.

In our last we copied from the Pilot of Montreal, some remarks relative to the prospectus of a Company to be got up for the establishment of a line of Screw Steamships to perform, apparently, the identical services, for the performance of which, Mr. Young on the part of the Government of this Province, entered into contract with certain parties in Liverpool. The prospectus sets forth the many advantages to accrue from the establishment of such a line of steamships, and says that 'the committee have concluded a provisional agreement on behalf of this company with the contractors, who have obtained the grant for the service of Canada, extending over a period of seven years, and that shareholders will be protected by a Charter of Incorporation from all responsibility beyond the amount of shares they may hold in the Company's Stock.' It is supposed that the total profit on fifty voyages performed by ships in the course of one year, will be £1,250 in addition to which, 8 per cent on the capital employed in the service is expected to be received from Canada. The North American Colonial Association of London, have, we perceive, addressed a memorial to the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade and Plantations, strongly recommending that a royal charter of incorporation should be granted to extend the advantages of steam communication to Canada and

Newfoundland; but at the same time it is well to state, deputations from Shields, Sunderland, Liverpool, Glasgow, Leith and other ports are strongly opposed to the granting of any such act of incorporation, which certainly does not surprise us, as a line of such vessels would materially interfere with that class of Newcastle brigs, Liverpool and Glasgow passenger ships, and the general cargo vessels, which now bring the dry goods, &c., required in Canada. No good reason can be brought to bear against granting a charter which does not directly give a monopoly of business to a company, but merely facilitates its establishment, by freeing enterprising individuals from the probability of losses, more than they bargained for, which through mismanagement might accrue. A charter of incorporation for a limited number of years could at any rate be given. Perhaps a memorial from the merchants of Quebec and Montreal in favor of the charter, might counteract the efforts of Leith, Glasgow and Shields.

On the subject of Mr. Hincks's retirement from the Cabinet, the Quebec Gazette of the 13th contains the annexed paragraph:

Since the passage of the Grand Trunk Railway Bill, our contemporaries of the city press have been most industrious in circulating reports, intimating that the Inspector General intends retiring from the Cabinet.—First, he was to be manager of a mammoth Bank, to be established in this Province, by Messrs. Jackson & Co., and that having died a natural death, they have lately made him director of the Grand Trunk Railway, at a salary of £2000 per annum. In order to quiet the anxiety of our friends, we beg leave, on the best authority, to contradict the rumour altogether. Mr. Hincks has no intention of retiring from the government.

**UNITED STATES AND THE PROVINCES.**—The following are the opinions of a Correspondent of the New York Journal of Commerce on the subject of meeting the President's suggestions in reference to a reciprocity treaty, by act of Congress.

Mr. Seymour, Chairman of the Committee on Commerce of the House, will bring the subject of Reciprocal commerce with the British Provinces before the Committee at their meeting on Monday. If he should report a Bill, it will be somewhat different from that which he contemplated at the last session, and more acceptable perhaps on this side of the line.

The mode of reaching the object of this project is changed by the President in his late message. At the last session, the mode proposed was to begin with a legislative Act, and then carry it out by treaty. The mode proposed now is to begin with a treaty and then carry out its provisions, so far as they may affect the revenue, by legislation. Precedent legislation, if attempted now, will only serve to embarrass the pending or proposed negotiation. Besides, though the principle of reciprocity will be recognized by Congress, the details of a bill will not be easily shaped to suit a majority of both houses. Besides, the project will invoke some slight change of the Tariff, and the majority of Congress are determined to avoid any change, and will even refuse, perhaps, to entertain a proposition for a change.

The frequent delays in the arrival of the mails, and the probability that during the winter months the British mails will not reach here before Sunday, has induced us again to alter our day of publication. The edition for Miramichi and the Southward, will in future be issued on Monday afternoon.

We tender to our readers the compliments of the season; and hope they may enjoy during the fast-approaching New Year, health, happiness and prosperity.—Such as are in arrears we hope may have an irresistible longing to pay up, and the ability so to do.

**\*\* NOTICE.**—On the night of the 31st December next, New Year's Eve, at a quarter past 11 o'clock, it is intended, D.V. to Celebrate a Vigil Service in St. Andrew's Church, at Newcastle.

At 12 o'clock, a short Sermon will be preached, and The Holy Communion duly administered. A Collection will also be made from the Whole Congregation, for the purpose of assisting the Missionary to provide means for Warming and Lighting The Church.

Miramichi, Christmas Eve, 1852.

#### MISCELLANEOUS.

In an English paper received by the last mail, we find the following item:—

In consequence of the determination of her Majesty refusing to allow Convocation to sit for the despatch of business, the leaders of the High Church party, at a recent meeting, have resolved to secede from the establishment, and to connect themselves with the Scotch Episcopal Church, which, while it agrees in all main points with the English Episcopal Church, adds to its services an acknowledgement of the Roman Catholic doctrine of Transubstantiation, and regulates its own affairs by Bishops and Clergy. The Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone, one of the

leaders of the movement, has taken the first step.

**ENGLISH DEFENSIVE PREPARATIONS.**—The English newspapers say that the Channel Islands are to be put in a state of defence, and the troops there are to be increased.—Large quantities of warlike stores have been landed at Guernsey. At Alderney immense works are hurriedly in progress for the formation of a fortified harbor of refuge, by which the islet may be made the centre of most extensive and warlike operations. Alderney is only nine miles from Cape La Hougue, in France, and twenty miles from Cherbourg. Nothing can pass Cape La Hougue, or leave Cherbourg without observation at Alderney.

**LOUIS NAPOLEON'S INTENDED.**—Madame Palmyre, the fashionable dressmaker of Paris, has gone to Moravia, where the Princess Wassa is now staying. The Tienna Lloyd states that the family of Wassa is making preparations for the marriage of the Princess, who lately went over to Catholicism, with the future Emperor of France.

The company formed at Genoa a month since, under the name of the 'Transatlantic Company,' for the establishment of regular steam communication between Genoa and North and South America, has been authorized by the king.

**DEATH OF LORD BYRON'S DAUGHTER.**—On Saturday, the 27th ult, the Lady Ada Augusta, 'sole daughter of Byron's house and heart,' expired, after a lingering illness of more than one year's duration, at No. 6 Great Cumberland place. She was born in 1816 at the noble poet's town residence, 122 Piccadilly, and was like her illustrious father, in the 37th year of her age when she died.

**BENEFIT OF ADVERTISING.**—An old man in New York named Paddleburn, worth \$150,000 who thought he had not a relative in the world, advertised in the papers for any claiming kindred to come forward when in less than twenty four hours he was visited by no less than six aunts, fourteen uncles, fifty four nephews, ninety-three nieces, and one hundred and forty-eight cousins.

The Pope has received a letter from the King of Siam, promising that during his reign there shall be no persecution of the christians within his dominions.

#### AUCTIONS.

On FRIDAY, 14th January, at 12 o'clock noon, on Fox Island, entrance of Miramichi River, will be sold at Public Auction, on account of the Underwriters and all concerned:

#### THE HULL

AND ALL OTHER MATERIALS, of the Brig BALPIC, of Yarmouth, 250 tons Register, JAMES JACKSON, master, as she now lies stranded on Fox Island.

The Sails, Rigging, Kedge Anchors, some of the Chains, Boats, Provisions, &c., &c. are in Mr. Loudoun's Fish Store. Also

#### THE CARGO

of said vessel consisting of about 70 tons PINE TIMBER, 140 M. Pine and Spruce DEALS, &c., &c. For further particulars enquire of Messrs. Gilmour, Rankin & Co., or J. M. JOHNSON, Auctioneer. Miramichi, 22nd December, 1852.

#### Immigration Society

The Annual Meeting of this Society, for the Election of Office Bearers for the ensuing year, will be held at the Office of George Kerr, Esquire, Chatham, on the FIRST TUESDAY in January next, being the fourth day of that month, at 12 o'clock, noon of which the members will take notice and give their attendance.

EDWARD WILLISTON, Secretary. Newcastle, 17th December, 1852.

#### CHRISTMAS SALES.

The Subscriber will sell by Public Auction, at his Store, in Chatham, on MONDAY and TUESDAY, the 27th and 28th instant, commencing at 11 o'clock in the forenoon. Part of his present

#### Sock of Dry Goods,

Consisting of Cloths, Orleans Prints, Blankets, Ready Made Clothing, Reefing Jackets, Pants, Vests, Fur Caps, Watches, Trunks, Boots and Shoes, Earthenware, &c., &c.

The Sales will be continued every evening throughout the week.

E. DALEY, Auctioneer. Chatham, 18th December, 1852.

#### Miramichi & Richibucto Electric Telegraph Company.

The Annual Meeting of the STOCK-HOLDERS of the above Company, will take place at the Mechanics' Institute, Chatham, on TUESDAY, the 4th of January next, at 2 o'clock P.M., for the purpose of choosing a President and Directors, &c., &c., according to the Act of Incorporation.

W. A. BLACK, President. Chatham, 18th December, 1852.

#### Gloucester County Agricultural Society.

The Society's ANNUAL EXHIBITION, of Farm Produce and Domestic Manufactures, will take place at the Court House, Bathurst, on TUESDAY, the 8th day of February, 1853, at ten o'clock A.M. The following are the premiums offered.

GRAIN, not less than 2 bushels.	
For the best Wheat,	£1 4 0
Second best do,	0 15 0
Third best do,	0 12 0
For the best Barley,	0 15 0
Second best do,	0 12 0
Third best do,	0 7 6
For the best Pease,	0 12 0
Second best do,	0 7 6
Best Buck Wheat,	0 9 0
Best White Oats,	0 12 0
Second best do,	0 9 0
Third best do,	0 7 6
Best Black or Brown Oats,	0 12 0
Second best do,	0 9 0
Third best do,	0 7 6
Best Indian Corn,	0 9 0

FIELD AND GARDEN SEEDS.	
Best Timothy Seed, 2 bushels,	0 12 6
Second best do,	0 9 0
Best Clover Seed, 1 bushel	0 12 6
Second best do,	0 9 0
Best Flax Seed, half bushel	0 9 0
Best Hemp Seed, half bushel	0 9 0
Best White Beans, half busel	0 10 6
Second best do,	0 6 0
Best Swedish Turnip Seed, 3 bush.	0 7 6
Second best do,	0 6 0
Best Carrot Seed, half bushel	0 7 6
Second best do,	0 6 0
Best Yellow Turnip Seed, 3 bush.	0 7 6
Second best do,	0 6 0

FIELD ROOTS, not less than 1 barrel.	
Best Carrots,	0 9 0
Second best do,	0 6 0
Best Swedish Turnip,	0 9 0
Second best do,	0 6 0
Best Yellow Turnip,	0 9 0
Second best do,	0 6 0
Best Red Beet,	0 9 0
Second best do,	0 6 0

DAIRY PRODUCE, not less than 20 lbs.	
Best Cheese,	0 15 0
Second best do,	0 10 3
Third best do,	0 7 6
Best Butter,	0 15 0
Second best do,	0 10 6
Third best do,	0 7 6

#### DOMESTIC MANUFACTURES, not less than 12 yards.

Best piece Colored Cloth, all Wool,	0 15 0
Second best do,	0 10 6
Best piece White Flannel, all Wool,	0 10 6
Second best do,	0 7 6
Best piece Colored Cloth, Cotton and Wool, fit for mens' wear,	0 9 0
Second best do,	0 6 0
Best piece colored Cloth, Cotton and Wool, fit for womens' wear,	0 9 0
Second best do,	0 6 0
Best piece Flannel, Cotton and Wool,	0 9 0
Second best do,	0 6 0
Best pair Woollen Blankets	0 9 0
Second best do,	0 6 0
Best Plaid or Scarf, all Wool,	0 7 6
Second best do,	0 6 0
Best 6 pair Double Mitts.	0 6 0
Second best do,	0 4 6
Best 3 pair Lamb's Wool Stockings, for women,	0 6 0
Second best do,	0 4 6
Best 6 pair mens' Socks,	0 6 0
Second best do,	0 4 6

It is essential that every article entered for competition shall be of the produce of the County, the property of Members of the Society, and of the growth of 1852.

The Committee are requested to meet on the day of the Show, at 9 o'clock, A.M.—The Rules of the Society and the Regulations of the Exhibition, will be read over previous to the opening.

The Annual Meeting of the Society will be held in the Court House at 3 o'clock P.M., on the same day, after which the Members will dine together at Mrs. Raitt's, in the village.

By Order of the Committee,  
WM. NAPIER, Secretary.  
Bathurst, 4th December, 1852.

#### To the Inhabitants of Miramichi.

The Subscriber would most respectfully inform the Inhabitants of Miramichi, that he intends to close up his FULLING, DYING and DRESSING ESTABLISHMENT, in the months of February and March, on account of the unsuitableness of the Season to carry on the above work. Persons who wish to avail themselves of the advantages which his establishment will afford, in getting their cloth manufactured, &c., will please forward either to the establishment, or to the several Agents, by the 15th January, 1853. Cloth will be received at the usual place after the 15th of January, 1853, but not returned until the first of April.

Agents.—Mr. Patrick Watt, Newcastle; Mr. Wm. Park, Douglastown; Mr. Wm. Mairhead, Chatham.

JOHN FLETT.  
Nelson, Miramichi, 17th December, 1852.

#### WATCH LOST.

Between Black River and Douglastown on the 8th November, last, A PINCHBACK WATCH, with a Steel Chain and a Gold Seal. Whoever has found the same, and will leave it at the Gleaner Office, will be rewarded for their trouble.