

strong, and threw out the amendments; how ever, Carleton is going ahead with the Bill as it is, confident that much good will result from it. We could wish that some of the opponents to this measure in Charlotte and elsewhere, were in Carleton to witness the satisfaction that now exists with regard to this measure. Many of its former most violent opponents are now found giving it their warmest support, and several have so changed their views as to be willing to accept seats in the council should they be elected. With regard to the statement that if the Act is carried into effect, 'no road money will be granted,' we have only to say, that we have accepted the charter, and the Bye Road Money, thanks to our Representatives and the Government, has been granted, with advantages not possessed by any other county in the Province; we allude to the election of the Bye Road Commissioners, by the people. A notice on this subject from our Representatives will be found in this number, to which we would refer not only the people of Charlotte, but of the Province generally.—*Carleton Sentinel*.

**Carleton still in Advance.**—The inhabitants of Carleton having accepted the Municipal Act, petitioned the Legislature during the last Session, to be permitted to elect their Bye Road Commissioners, the House granted the prayer of the petitioners; but it was rejected by the Legislative Council. The Members for Carleton at once said, that if the people would elect Commissioners in each Parish, they would recommend the appointment of the persons elected, to the Government, which it appears the Executive assented to. The following Card published in the *Carleton Sentinel* of the 20th inst., reflects much credit upon the Representatives of that County:—

**Public Notice.**—The inhabitants of this county having, by the acceptance of Municipal authorities, placed themselves in a position to enjoy to a greater extent than they have ever yet been able to do, constitutional self-government, we desire to see the principle fully carried out, and the patronage given where it fully belongs to the people, and have therefore determined that if the electors in the several Parishes have any wish to select from among themselves, persons to expend Bye Road Money, and will on the first Tuesday in May next, when the election for councillors takes place, elect by ballot, a commissioner for each Parish, we will take much pleasure in recommending their choice to the consideration of the Government for appointment, instead of acting upon our own knowledge of the qualification of parties, as formerly. Dated at Woodstock, in the county of Carleton, the 15th day of April, 1852.

RICHARD ENGLISH.  
H. H. BEARDSLEY.

**THE HON. MR. RANKIN.**—The Saint John Freeman thus notices the decease of Mr R. A short time previous to the receipt of the melancholy tidings of his death it was currently reported in Miramichi that he had sent in his resignation as a member of the Government. It appears that the same information was received in St. John, and the natural inference to be drawn is that it is true.

"We briefly announced in our Weekly Paper of Saturday the demise of the Hon. Alexander Rankin, at Liverpool, on the 3rd inst. Engaged for many years in business pursuits in this Province as manager of the Miramichi Branch of the great firm with which he was connected, he earned a high and honorable character as a merchant. Possessed of immense wealth, he set an example of untiring industry, great energy, steady attention to business, and careful avoidance of ostentation. With his political views we seldom agreed. He certainly did not belong to the party who desire political progress and improvement, yet his character as a man, and his position, gave him a vast influence, which to the end he used for the support of the several administrations with which he was connected for many years past. It was asserted by some members of the Government, that Mr Rankin was aware of the change in the Railway policy and offered it no opposition. We have learned from the most reliable source that so disgusted was Mr Rankin with the conduct of the Government, their fickleness and want of principle, that he intended immediately on his return to withdraw altogether from the Government and the House of Assembly, and in more than one letter he declared this to be his intention. The people of Northumberland are not the only people who are dissatisfied with the want of principle in their representative. His position is properly understood all over the Province, and find his patron, he on whose breath Mr Street's political existence so long depended, lived to return to the Province, he would by abandoning the Government, have most emphatically pronounced his disapproval of their conduct. It will not be easy to fill his place at the head of the firm or in the Executive, and by the people of Northumberland his loss will be seriously felt at the present crisis."

**CITY OF ST. JOHN.**—It appears by the remarks of the Editor of the News, that there are very many improvements going on in this City, and every prospect of a thriving business being carried on during the present season. We are glad to hear it, and hope his expectations may be fully realised. The Editor concludes with recapitulating the amount of public money to be expended, by which it will be seen that St.

John has obtained the lion's share of the spoils.

"In the way of public improvements we shall not be asleep this summer. Let us see There is the Suspension Bridge, to cost £20,000—Reed's Point improvements, £10,000—enlargement of the Lunatic Asylum, £5,000—enlargement of the Provincial penitentiary, £2,000—Bridge across the Flats (yet in embryo) £3,000—new Registry Office, say £1,000—Alarm Fire Bell, £600—addition to the intended Post Office, now in course of erection—cost we cannot say. Surely forty thousand pounds worth of improvements ought to keep some of our fingers out of mischief this summer. Then, again—we came very near forgetting this—there is THE RAILROAD. Most of us are under the impression that something will be done this summer on the road. Every mail from England is now anxiously looked for. Who knows but the mail bag this morning may let a cat out of some kind, either a white one from Mr Archibald or a black one from the 'delegates.' If Messrs Hincks and Chandler communicate nothing that can be relied on by this mail, or the next, we may give them up for a bad job, or rather for being a pair of bad jobbers—perhaps jabblers!"

#### STEAM FERRY BOAT.

This Boat has been put in first-rate order by her enterprising proprietor, Mr George B. Bell, and we understand her engine works most admirably. Mr B., however, labours under one serious difficulty, namely, the want of proper slips. To remove this defect an effort should speedily be made by the public who are deeply interested in seeing it remedied.

**STEAM COMMUNICATION BETWEEN QUEBEC AND PICTOU.**—Our readers will recollect that the Legislature, at its late sitting, voted the sum of £500 to encourage a Steam Boat to ply between Quebec, Miramichi, Shediac and Pictou. We have been favored with the perusal of a letter from Mr Norton, American Consul at Pictou, the projector of this enterprise, wherein he states that the Boat will not touch at Miramichi. The reason he assigns for this is—that four of the Northern members voted against the proposition. That when it became necessary to vote an Address to the Queen to obtain permission for an American boat to touch at one or more ports in New Brunswick, which Address was passed by the Council, it was rejected by the Lower House, thus depriving Miramichi of the immense benefit to have been derived from communication by steam with the different Provinces. He then says the route will now be once in ten days from Pictou to Quebec, touching at Charlottetown, Shediac, Gaspe, &c.

If the boat can touch at Gaspe, Quebec, Shediac, &c., without receiving special permission from Her Majesty, we should like to be informed why she cannot also call in at Miramichi. We think that there is some unfair maneuvering in this business, and Major Norton may find that while we are unjustly deprived of the advantages of his boat, he will be the loser of a large amount of freight. We also question much, if the Legislature of our Province will allow him to receive from the Treasury a large sum, for executing but half the amount of labor which he stipulated his boat should perform. He may think differently—but we would not advise him to rely on such a contingency. We have an idea that the Nova Scotian Legislature will also demur in paying their Grant, when they perceive that a port with which they have considerable traffic, and one which was included in the route on which the steamer was to ply, has been unceremoniously excluded from the benefit. We may be wrong in our conjectures, but time will tell. Of one thing we are certain, the inhabitants of Miramichi will not sit down quietly and see themselves deprived of a privilege which they have a right to enjoy.

**THE SEASON.**—Last week we announced that the ice in our river had made a move. It remained firm, however, from Oak Point downwards for several days. On Thursday and Friday we had a strong breeze from the Westward, and the sun shone out unusually fine. This no doubt drove the ice out of the bays and river, and on Saturday morning five square-rigged vessels arrived from Europe, and a schooner from Quebec.

From the Temperance Telegraph.

SACKVILLE Division S. of T., No. 40,  
13th April, 1852.

Joseph R. Hea, Esq.,

Dear Sir,—We, the officers and members of Sackville Division hearing of your intended departure from Sackville, cannot permit you to leave without expressing our regret at the loss we will sustain from the want of that advice, encouragement and support we have ever received from you since our first organization.

We feel that our present prosperous position is owing in a great measure to the zeal and wisdom with which, while Deputy

Grand Worthy Patriarch of the Division, during the first year of its existence, you watched over our interests, and the kindness and ability, you have, since that official relation ceased, on all occasions manifested in directing and aiding our deliberations and proceedings.

We regret the loss which Mount Allison will suffer in the resignation of one of its Professors, whose universal popularity for a series of years with the students under his charge, and with the community at large, affords the most satisfactory evidence of his urbanity, usefulness, and high standing as a gentleman, a teacher and a christian.

Trusting our good wishes for your future prosperity, and the health and happiness of Mrs Hea and yourself may be fully realized,

We are, Dear Sir,

Yours in L. P. and F.,

C. HARPER, W. P.,

on behalf of Sackville Division.

REPLY.

MOUNT ALLISON, April 13, 1852.

To the Officers and Members of Sackville Division, No. 40.

Respected Friends—

I beg to tender my warmest thanks for the very kind address which you have just presented to me. I appreciate it the more highly as coming from a Division of which I am not myself a member, and see therein the fraternal spirit of our order, knowing no distinction of local organization. I shall not fail to communicate to Northumberland Division the honor done to one of its members by the brethren of Sackville.

Your reference to my humble efforts to promote the welfare of the Division during the earlier part of its history, cannot but be very gratifying to me, although I fear you much over rate the benefits resulting therefrom; and I am satisfied that the high position which Sackville Division now holds in the Order in this Province is due to the respectability, intelligence, and allow me to add, faithfulness of the men composing it, rather than to any other cause or circumstance whatever.

Your very flattering estimate of the manner in which I have discharged my professional duties in connection with the Mount Allison Academy, will have additional inducement to increased effort in my new sphere of labor, that I may prove myself not wholly unworthy of the esteem of those among whom I shall dwell, as well as of the continued good will of the friends from whom I have received this very gratifying token of approval.

Mrs Hea and myself will always cherish a grateful remembrance of your good wishes for our future welfare. Brethren, Farewell!

Yours in Love, Purity and Fidelity,

JOSEPH R. HEA.

#### BY TELEGRAPH

TO THE MIRAMICHI NEWS ROOM.

ST. JOHN, Tuesday, noon, May 4.

The Common Council of this City have this morning elected W. O. Smith, Esq., the present Alderman for Queen's Ward, Mayor for the ensuing year, and fixed the salary at £300.

No public news of interest. The Pacific has arrived at New York, but her news has not reached here yet.

The weather is cold but fine.

Tuesday, May 4, P. M.

Pacific at New York on the 2nd, with 93 passengers, and dates to the 21st ult. She brings £13,250 in gold. Cotton was brisk at an advance of one-third. Flour 6d. to 1s. dearer, and Wheat 1d to 2d per 70 lbs.

Parliament met on the 19th. Nothing of importance had transpired. Emigration from Ireland still continues. Manchester market firm, with prices tending upwards. Report says the Chancellor of the Exchequer intends to abolish the Income tax. News from the Continent is void of interest.

Quebec, May 4.—The navigation to Montreal is now fully open—steamers plying regularly.

Wednesday morning, May 5.

Yesterday T. C. Millidge was re-elected President of the Bank of New Brunswick. In the Commercial Bank the old Board of Directors were re-elected, and there is no doubt J. McLaughlin will be re-elected President to-day. The affairs of both Banks seem to be in a very satisfactory state.

Thursday morning, May 6.

**Serious Fire in Carleton.**—Between 10 and 11 o'clock last night, a fire broke out in the valuable Steam Mills in Carleton, belonging to the Hon. John Robertson, which were entirely consumed, together with a large quantity of lumber. The fire had obtained such head-way before efficient assistance could be rendered, as to defy the operation of the firemen. The engines from this side the harbour went over to the scene of the conflagration as soon as the ferry steamer could get up steam. The Mills were insured. The loss, however, must be heavy, especially at this season of the year. Charles Johnston, Esq., High Sheriff of this City and County, unfortunately

got his leg broken on this occasion, by being caught among some deals.

Friday, May 7, P. M.

The steamer Europa, with dates to the 24th ult., arrived at New York last evening. The general news is not important. France was perfectly quiet. Business at Manchester quite steady. Two hundred and thirty emigrants had been suffocated in a ship going from Madras to the Mauritius. £750,000 in Australian gold had arrived in England. The cotton market was firm but not buoyant. Flour was 6d. and Corn 1s. dearer.

The weather here (St. John) continues dry and very warm. No local news this morning. Our new Mayor, W. O. Smith, Esq., was sworn in yesterday. There are several candidates in the field for the vacant chair at the Council Board—among them are W. H. Needham, M. P. P., John W. Cudlip, and Wm. Till, proprietor of the New Brunswick.

Saturday, May 8, P. M.

**Further Items by the Europa.**—The Bank of England has reduced its rate of discount to two per cent. The Chancellor of the Exchequer will bring forward the Budget on the 30th April. Great preparations are making for the elections; both parties are very sanguine. The newspaper tax had been brought up, warmly debated, and then postponed.

Sir Edmund Head and Family will arrive in St. John this evening, and leave on Monday afternoon for Halifax, to meet the steamer from Boston for Liverpool. Lieutenant Col. Murray, 72nd Highlanders, will be sworn in as administrator of the Government on Tuesday.

Weather to-day fine, dry and warm. No local news.

#### Marriages.

At Galloway Settlement, on the 29th ult., by the Rev. James Law, A. M., Mr MARTIN LADNER, to Miss MARY GEDDES, both of the Parish of Richibucto.

#### SHIP NEWS.

##### PORT OF MIRAMICHI.

ENTERED, May 8—schr Victoria, DeRoy, Quebec, general cargo, W. Muirhead. Brigs Queen, Eskdale, Dublin, 35 days, ballast, Gilmour, Rankin & Co; Hewson, Nichols, Hamburg, 38 days, do., do.; Prussian ship Georgine, Falmouth, Belfast, 60 days, do., do.; bark Bolivar, Dunn, Dublin, 54 days, do., do.

#### Steam Ferry Boat Notice.

The Subscriber being appointed Ferryman for the Chatham Ferry, begs to inform the Public that the Steam Boat having undergone thorough repairs and in first rate order, will be ready to

**Fly between the two Sides of the River, opposite Chatham,**

As soon as the River is clear of ice.

Having a new Scow and Small Boat, he will be ready to accommodate the public the first open water, at all hours, at the usual rate of Ferryage, until proper Ships are built for the Steam Boat, when an uniform rate of *Four Pence* will be charged for Man, Horse, Ox, Carriage, Cart, Truck or Waggon; Sheep, Calves, Pigs, &c., *One Penny* each.

As no Season Tickets will be given, a reduction of Twenty Five per cent. will be made to parties taking twenty or more tickets. Twenty Single Tickets for *Five Shillings*.

On Sunday Forenoons he will take (as long as the Steamer goes) Ministers and People going to, and returning from, Church Free.

GEORGE B. BELL,

Chatham, April 26, 1852.

Rates of Ferryage, as by Law established, will be continued until further notice be given

For each Foot Passenger,	6s 4d
Man and Horse,	0 10
Each Horse, Ox, or other neat cattle, 0	6
Each Horse and Waggon, Cart or	
Carriage, with Luggage and Driver, 1	3
Each Calf, Sheep, Goat, Pig or Barrel, 0	1

#### To Contractors.

SEALED TENDERS will be received by the Subscribers for

#### REPAIRING BATHURST BRIDGE.

Until the 15th May next, at Noon, when the Contractor will be declared. The Contractor will be required to enter into a Bond with two sufficient Sureties for the due performance of the work. Specification can be seen at the Office of Messrs. Ferguson, Rankin & Co., Bathurst. Payments to be made in Cash.

JOHN FERGUSON,

JOHN BROWN,

Commissioners of Bathurst Bridge.

Bathurst 20th April, 1852.