

A Proclamation has been issued by the Governor, summoning the Members of the General Assembly of this Island, "for the Despatch of business," on Monday, the 31st day of the current month.

CALIFORNIA.

New York, January 28.—The "Star of the West" has arrived, with San Francisco dates to Jan. 1st. She brings 300 passengers.

The Oregon left on the 29th, and the Northern on 1st January, with nearly \$2,000,000 in gold.

The winter is the severest since it has been populated by Americans.

Distress and suffering prevails in all parts of the State.

Communications throughout the mining regions are almost entirely cut off by snow or overflowing streams. All lowlands are inundated. The whole country between Tahama and Sacramento rivers are partly inundated by mountain streams.

The loss of mining implements was very great. Stockton was partially inundated, and property to a considerable amount destroyed. The flood has been universal throughout the whole country. The waters are higher than in the memorable winter of 1849.

All work is suspended. Bridges swept away. Ferries destroyed. Lives lost.

Stockton was inundated partially.

A man named Wm. R. Jones, was hung by the people a few days since, twelve miles above Sacramento, for murder.

UNITED STATES.

INDIAN WAR.—New York, Jan. 24.—A letter from Florida states that the Indians have formerly declared war against the government of the United States. There is a painful rumour prevalent that Gen. Hopkins and his forces have been massacred by the Indians.

Major A. G. Johnston has been chosen General of the forces raised by the State, to remove the Indians.

TROUBLE WITH CHILI.—Advices from Valparaiso are to the 15th of December. Trouble was apprehended their between Chili and the United States, in consequence of some indignity to an American named Stewart, who had been imprisoned on protest. The American representatives, Col. Peyton and Mr. Daer, interfered in his behalf and said that our government had ordered the commander of the naval force on that station to use all the means in his power, short of firing on the town, to effect the immediate release of Mr. Stewart. A blockade of the port by the American squadron is talked of.

The Washington correspondent of the New York Commercial Advertiser, has the following remarks on the public printing of the United States, as compared with that of the provinces:—

"The public printing is much improved under the new system. The president's message and documents, in three parts, will be out by the 1st of January. The first part is a very handsome specimen of typography. But still, it is not at all equal to the style in which the Government printing of the British American provinces is executed. I noticed, the other day, some volumes in quarto, of documents of the Legislature of Nova Scotia; these were much superior in appearance to any that we have ever produced."

NOVA SCOTIA.

THE LEGISLATURE.—The House was engaged, yesterday, in the presentation of Petitions. The correspondence connected with the refusal of Sir John Packington to advise Her Majesty's assent to the Bill for withdrawing the grant from King's College, elicited some discussion.

CANADA.

THE WATER WORKS STARTED.—It was announced at Friday's meeting of the Town Council, by the Chairman of the Water Committee, that the water had been let into seven miles of the main on the previous evening. The water took two hours in descending from the reservoir at Lorette to the point where the aqueduct is completed, on the river St. Charles.

SUNDAY'S MAIL.

BRITISH NEWS.

The British Mail arrived here last evening. The papers are to the 22nd of January, but they do not furnish much in addition to the intelligence we obtained by telegraph, and published in our Saturday's edition. We give a few additional extracts below.

FREDERICTON MAIL.—This mail did not arrive until yesterday afternoon. A Letter informs us that Mr. Philips, proprietor of the Head Quarters, died on Thursday last. He was in his 44th year.

NOVASCOTIA.—The Hon. Mr. Johnston has moved that the second reading of the Government Railway Bills be postponed

for three months. No vote had been taken on the question at the latest date.

It is painful to read the accounts which have recently come to hand, respecting the mortality on board the emigrant ships which sailed for Australia during the summer of last year. All the ships in which death has been most active have been those sent out by Government. It is clear from what has transpired, that the worst policy is to overcrowd ships; and in proportion as the voyage is lengthened, the danger to life increases. Space and ventilation are essential to health, for where fever or any contagious disease appears in a ship in which there are 700 or 800 emigrants, the result must be such melancholy events as those on board the Ticonderago, a three decked vessel, sent out from Birkenhead by the Commissioners of Emigration, in August last. Of the 854 persons on board, 126 died on the passage, and 200 were sent to the hospital when the ship arrived at Port Philip.

Fresh advices from Australia posterior to the dates given last week, announce the shipment of nearly two millions of gold in addition to the previous supplies. The Victoria mines steadily yield 400,000l. weekly, and the considerable immigration now setting in from England, and elsewhere, must give a fresh impulse to new discoveries, to repair any diminution which may take place after the first rich surface produce may cease. Gold has been discovered in Natal and New Zealand, and in every quarter the greatest energy is exerted to make fresh explorations. The extraordinary impulse which must be given to commerce by the new discoveries is perhaps best evidenced by the fact that the value of the exports from Victoria alone have been raised, in one year, from about one million to fifteen millions sterling! Several steam vessels sent from England for sale have been disposed of at enormous profits. Many more will be wanted to carry on the rapidly increasing intercourse between the various flourishing ports of the Australian continent. The steamers which have made the long voyage with passengers, have not as yet been remarkably successful, so that public attention is directed once more to the passage by way of Panama and the Pacific, which course, having regard to rapidity of communication alone, will, we have no doubt, be eventually adopted for the mails.

The latest news from Paris announces a further fall of the French Funds. When we see the 3 per cent. rentes decline 2 per cent. per diem, and a continuous fall of 8 per cent. in a brief time from the highest point, something very serious may be apprehended. We are told that the Duke de Bassano has been 'caught' in an extensive Stock Exchange account, like that of General St. Arnaud, and that the fall is occasioned by the duke's transactions. It is also said that the Emperor, having failed in obtaining the hand of even a fifth rate European princess, has in despair actually contracted a civil marriage with a beautiful woman now at Court, Mdle. de Montijo, and that the public marriage will take place on Sunday week. A marriage with the Countess of Teba will place Louis Napoleon out of the pale of the royal families of Europe; and however unblemished the reputation of the lady may be, such an alliance cannot but be highly displeasing to the French people. It is positively stated that the French Cabinet has actually been consulted upon this sudden affair; that the Ministers, taken by surprise, hesitated to approve of the union, with the exception of M. de Persigny; but, as the Emperor had made up his mind, all resistance was fruitless. In this mode the Emperor transacts every affair of his life; we never hear of anything until the matter is settled; and with such a man no one can count upon the duration of peace for a single day.

It seems to us that France is again likely to be exposed to some sudden shock, which nothing but profound political skill and discretion can avoid; all we hope is, that the effect of the blow will be confined to France, and that her neighbours will be spared the misery which successive convulsions seem likely to visit upon her for generations to come.

It is satisfactory to state that the report of the death of Francisco Medjai at Florence proved to be unfounded.

TRADE.—The directors of the Bank of England, at their meeting yesterday, further advanced the rates of discount to 3 per cent. This step was generally expected, and the opinions expressed regarding its payments are various. There is certainly nothing in the present state of the Money market or the trade of the country to call for this exercise of repressive power. Already it has exercised a prejudicial effect upon the Consols, Railway, and miscellaneous Share market. After the first pressure shall have passed away it is generally anticipated that the Bank Directors will be compelled to retrace their steps. Business, in the various markets, has been rather inactive during the week, owing to the advance in rates of discount being expected, which step had the effect of checking all speculative operations. Consumers continue large buyers, which may prevent prices giving way under the influence of a depression which is considered likely only to prove temporary.

LA TEST NEWS. Paris, Friday Afternoon.—The renaissance yesterday manifested to the matrimonial alliance, contemplated by the Emperor, with Miss Montijo, the young Spanish Countess, has been considerably modified to-day, and people begin to express their opinions that it is perhaps 'all for the best,' and that the lax state of morality which was fast spreading, from the influence of court example, may now receive a check.

The marriage will take place to-morrow week at the cathedral of Notre Dame.

A rumour has been in circulation that a Baravian princess has since been found willing to accept the honours of Empress, but Miss Montijo is to be the lady.

LOST.

Some time since, between the Post Office, and Mr W. E. Samuel's Store, Chatham, a small POCKET BOOK, with a Brass Clasp, containing a sum of money, and papers of no value but to the owner. The finder by leaving it at the Gleaner Office, will be rewarded for his trouble.

Chatham, February 7, 1853.

FOR SALE.

That VALUABLE PROPERTY owned and occupied by the subscriber, on the North side of Miramichi River, near Bartibogue Bridge. The property has a front of nearly half a mile, and contains about 150 acres, of which 20 acres are cleared, and under Cultivation, surrounded by good fences. The Dwelling House is 42 by 28 feet, 2 stories high, built of Stone, Roof Slated, the lower flat is finished, and the upper flat is divided and lathed. There is a Frost Proof Cellar under the whole. The Barn is 50 by 30 feet, 15 feet high, sides boarded, and the roof shingled. Nearly One Fourth of BARTIBOGUE ISLAND is attached to the Farm, in front of which there is a good FISHERY, and there is another Fishery Station near the lower side of the Lot. The property will be disposed of on reasonable terms. Possession given 1st May if required.

Should the Property not be disposed of by the 17th of MARCH next, it will on that day be offered for Sale at PUBLIC AUCTION, at 12 o'clock, Noon, in front of Mr W. E. Samuel's Store, Chatham.

For further particulars apply to John Macdougall, Esq., Chatham, or the Subscriber on the Premises.

JOHN McDONALD.

Bartibogue, 4th February, 1853.

Sealed Tenders

Will be received at Mr. Wm. Muirhead's Shop, on THURSDAY, the 11th instant at 11 o'clock, A. M., for furnishing SUPPLIES for the Paupers of the Parish of Chatham, from the 12th instant to the 1st February 1854.

The Tenders must be addressed to the Overseers of the poor for the Parish of Chatham, Specifying the price of—

Flour, per Stone	Tea, per Pound
Oat meal, do	Soap, do
Corn meal, do	Candles, do
Dry Codfish, do	Molasses, per Gallon

Those articles specified shall be of the best quality, delivered in the town of Chatham, when, and in such quantities, as may be required.

The Contractor shall furnish cash, when, and if required, to the amount of Forty Pounds Currency, and will be paid when a Parish cess for the purpose, be raised.

TENDERS for the keeping of George Taylor, John Hogan, John Wright, Paupers, one or all of them, from the 12th instant, to 1st February 1854, will be received at the same time and place. The Contractor or Contractors, shall furnish them, or either of them with Board, Washing, Lodging, in a moderately comfortable manner, and must meet our approbation in point of Character and circumstances, and confirm with the terms of payment as above described.

JOHN BURKE,

WILLIAM MUIRHEAD,

JOHN BRYSON,

Overseers of the poor for the parish of Chatham.

N. B. Applications for relief, will be attended to on Friday mornings only, between 10 and 12 o'clock, (except in extreme cases.) Chatham, February 4, 1853.

Dissolution of Partnership.

The Partnership heretofore existing between the subscribers, is this day dissolved by mutual consent.

K. B. FORBES.

WILLIAM FORBES.

Chatham, 21st January, 1853.

The Drug Business will still be carried on in all its branches, by the Subscriber in his own name.

WILLIAM FORBES.

AUCTIONS.

To be sold by Public Auction, on SATURDAY, the 26th day of February next, at 11 o'clock, in the forenoon, in front of the square in Newcastle, for the payment of the debts of the late PETER MITCHELL, of Newcastle, in the County of Northumberland, deceased, in consequence of a deficiency of Personal Estate, pursuant to a Licence obtained from the Surrogate Court of said County;

The Lands and Premises

following, viz:

The DWELLING HOUSE and PREMISES, situated near St. James's Church, in the Town of Newcastle, owned and occupied by the deceased at his death. Also all that portion of Lot No. 1, immediately above the said Town, owned by the said deceased, and remaining unsold by him at the time of his death, with the land on the second concession of Lots in rear thereof.

Terms made known at time of Sale.

P. MITCHELL, { Administrators
J. MITCHELL, { of Estate.

Newcastle, 20th January, 1853.

NEW ADVERTISEMENT.

The Subscriber has received per schooner "Stranger," from New York Boston, and Halifax, a large

STOCK of GOODS,

which he offers for sale on most reasonable terms, for Cash, or three months credit on security. Consisting of—

200 chests and half chests fine Sonchong, Congou, and English breakfast Teas; 10 poucheons and five hhds. bright Porto Rico Sugar and Molasses; 200 Sides Sole, and 50 Sides best New York LEATHER; 50 boxes, half boxes, and quarter boxes Honey Dew and Cavendish Tobaccos, choice brands; a large assortment of Youths', Boys', and Childrens' Shoes; 100 bbls. extra and superfine Flour; 60 do. Cornmeal; 50 bbls. No. 1 Fall Herring; 50 quintals Halifax large shors Fish. READY MADE CLOTHING, in Dress, Frock, Shooting, and Sack Coats, Reefing Jackets and heavy Top Coats, suitable for the season; Pantaloon, Vests, in various sizes and material; American Satinets, in different shades and colors; grey and white Cottons, printed Cottons, Cotton Flannels, Bed Ticking, Cotton Drills, striped Shirting, Jeans Denims, Galaplaids, blue, red, and white Cotton Warps, black, brown, red, green and spotted Wool; Hats, Cloth Caps in various styles, glazed, seated and plush Caps; three sales Salmon and Herring Twines; Soap, Candles, Starch, Pepper, Mustard, Allspice, Raisins, fresh and good Apples, Onions, best Annapolis Cheese, Root and Ground Ginger, Salaratus, &c.; Corn Brooms, Buckets, and Crockery Ware; Patent Medicines, Wright's Indian Vegetable Pills, Hooper's Pills, Lee's Antibilious Pills, Medicaments, Perry Davis's Vegetable Pain Killer, D. A. Fahenstock's Vermifuge, by the gross, dozen, or single vial, warranted the genuine; Castor Oil, Salts, &c.

The above STOCK being selected by the Subscriber for cash, enables him to sell as low as any others in the trade, by Wholesale and Retail.

JOHN BEGNALL.

Newcastle, 22nd October, 1852.

New Fall and Winter Goods

JUST RECEIVED AT THE

GLASGOW HOUSE,

Commercial Building, Chatham, Miramichi, per "Eliza Keith," from Liverpool.

A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF English and Scotch Goods.

Suitable for the season, consisting of:—

Heavy Pilets, Beavers, Broad Clothes, Docks, Cassimeres, Tweeds, Russell Cord, Vestings, Blankets, Flannels, Quilts, Sheets, Bed Tick, Furniture Calicoes, striped and plain Osaburgs, Towels, Diaper, oil cloth and linen Table Covers, fine bleached Irish Linen and Lawns, Orleans, Lustres, Alpaccas, Coburgs, Lamas, Delaines, Printed Cashmeres, Gala Plaids, plain and fancy Tweed Cloakings, Ladies' made Cloaks, elt Bonnets, sabbie, squirrel and fitch Muffs, Cuffs and Victorines, black and coloured Zin de Naples, long and square superior Wool Shawls and Handkerchiefs—all prices and patterns, printed Calicoes, Gingham, Druggets, stripe and fancy Regatta Shirting, grey and white Cottons, Scotch Hollands, Derby Dowlas, Long Cloths, black and colored Glazed Linings, Silesias and Casbans, Muslins, Edgings, Netts, Laces, Insertions, Caps, Frames, Bonnet Cane, Ribbons, Flowers, Gloves, Stockings, Lace Veils, blue and green Gossamer, Muslin Collars and Habit Shirts, Chemizetts, Mens' and Boys' fur, cloth, tweed, plush, glazed and seallet Caps, silk open and Cotton Handkerchiefs, Mufflers, Scarfs, Neck Ties, black and colored silk and cotton Velvets, brown, black, and slate Hollands, plain and printed Drills and Moleskins, Buttons, Gimps, Fringes, Jewellery and Trimmings, Ready Made Clothing, Boots and Shoes, Also, a good lot of Tea, together with various small articles too numerous to mention.

M. RYAN, Proprietor.

NO SECOND PRICE.

Chatham, September 25, 1852.

Garments, as usual, made to Measure, and a good Fit warranted.

N. B. Highest price allowed for Homespun Cloth, Socks, and Mitts

WESLEYAN METHODIST BAZAAR.

The Ladies belonging to the Wesleyan Chapel in Chatham, purpose holding a BAZAAR in the early part of the ensuing summer, to raise funds to liquidate the debt due on said building. Contributions for sale, especially of useful articles for domestic wear and household purposes, will be thankfully received by the President or Secretary, or by the Missionaries on the different Circuits in the Province.

S. SNOWBALL, President.

E. PIERCE, Secretary.

Chatham, 3rd January, 1853.

TO LET.

The TWO STOREY HOUSE adjoining the premises occupied by the Subscriber Particulars made known at the Gleaner Office,

J. A. PIERCE.