

session, we cannot concur in—for no act of theirs would be binding on the parties to qualify; and even should they do so, their proceedings would not be legal, and would subject them to have their acts disputed by any inhabitant of the Parish who may feel disposed to resist their authority.

The only legitimate course now open for them to pursue is—to Petition the Legislature at the approaching Session, requesting them to pass a special Act, confirming their appointments, with full power to act until the meeting of the Sessions in January. This would bring the matter up before that body, and shew them the necessity there exists for making some alteration in the present absurd Municipal Law.

Since the above has been put in type we have been furnished with a copy of a Bill, which is to be introduced into the Legislature, praying for the object stated above. We think the Rate Payers have acted wisely in coming to this decision.

It is truly refreshing to witness the spirit manifested in Newcastle Parish, to maintain their just rights and privileges.

THE FISHERIES.

The following important Letter from M. EVERETT, the American Secretary of State, was submitted to Congress on the 7th instant. It deserves a careful perusal. We think the time has arrived when the Legislatures of the different North American Colonies should take a determined stand on this all important subject.

To the President of the United States:—

The Secretary of State has the honor to submit to the President the following report in relation to the negotiation pending between this government and that of Great Britain on the subject of the fisheries, of reciprocal intercourse with the British American Provinces, and the navigation of the St. Lawrence and the Canals connected with it. The prospects of the negotiation at the commencement of the session were alluded to in a general way in the President's Message. The attention of this Department was given to the subject at the earliest day possible, and it has been pursued with diligence.

It has been perceived with great satisfaction, that the government of Her Britannic Majesty is prepared to enter into an arrangement for the admission of the fishing vessels of the United States to a full participation in the public fisheries on the coast and shores of the Provinces, with the exception at present of Newfoundland, and in the right of drying and curing the fish on shore, on condition of the admission, duty free, into the markets of the United States, of the Colonial fisheries on the same conditions that are reciprocally enjoyed by British subjects on the coast and shores of the United States.

It is understood that the British government is desirous in concert with the Provinces, to come to an agreement with the United States for reciprocal free trade with the Provinces, in certain natural productions, and that the free navigation of the river St. Lawrence and that of the Welland Canals would be conceded as part of the arrangement. An agreement of this kind has for several years received the attention of Congress, and a bill providing for reciprocal free trade in certain articles on one occasion, passed the House of Representatives. The present negotiations have been concluded by the Department, under the impression that if the details of the arrangement could be satisfactorily settled, and in such a way as to afford mutual benefit, Congress would be disposed to perform its part to carry it into effect, even if the United States, the party which furnishes by far the largest market to the other, should think it necessary in some respect to limit and in others to enlarge the number of articles subject to the arrangement, beyond what the British government or the Provinces would prefer. The Secretary of State has been of opinion that the main provisions above alluded to promises so much benefit on both sides that it would be felt to be expedient to enter into the arrangement for a definite time, leaving to future legislation and negotiation, guided by experience, to render it still more satisfactory by limitation or enlargement.

The number and variety of the details which have presented themselves in the progress of the negotiations, and the important interests in different parts, both of the United States and the British Provinces, requiring to be carefully considered, with the necessity of a reference to London for instructions as to all questions of moment that arise unexpectedly, have thus far prevented, and will render impossible the conclusion of a comprehensive arrangement of the kind contemplated, to be submitted in season to the Senate, and be made the subject of legislative action during the present short session. It is believed, however, from the progress made, and the present state of the negotiations, that time is only wanted for a satisfactory agreement between the governments on all the subjects above alluded to. The only part of the proposed arrangements which may be considered of an urgent nature, is such an adjustment of the fishery question as would remove all danger of trouble on the fishing grounds during the approaching season. This is an object of great importance, and worthy the immediate attention of Congress, as belonging to a general settlement.

The British government is not willing to

dispose of it separately, but the Secretary of State is of opinion, under the circumstances of the case, if Congress should pass an act admitting provincial fish free of duty into the United States on conditions that the fishermen of the United States are admitted to a full participation in the provincial fisheries, the government of Great Britain would give effect to the measure by the requisite legislation on her part, in the expectation on both sides that the question of reciprocity and of the use of the St. Lawrence and the canals connected with it, would be taken up hereafter with a favorable disposition to come to a mutually advantageous agreement on the subject; and even if such an act should fail to produce the desired result, which is not apprehended, it would relieve the United States of the responsibility of the consequences. All of which is respectfully submitted.

EDW. EVERETT.

PROVINCIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION.

January 11, 1853.

Ordered, That the following General Regulations, respecting hours of Daily Teaching, Holidays, and Vacations, be observed by Teachers in the Parish School Service:—

I. The hours of teaching in each day shall not exceed six, exclusive of all the time allowed at noon for recreation. Nevertheless a less number of hours for daily teaching may be determined upon in any School at the option of the inhabitants of the District.

II. Every alternate Saturday and the Queen's Birth Day shall be a holiday in each School. Should the Queen's Birth Day fall on a Sunday, then the following Monday shall be observed as a holiday instead.

III. There shall be three vacations in each year; the first, eight days at Easter; the second, the first two weeks in August; the third, eight days at Christmas.

IV. All agreements between the Inhabitants of School Districts, Trustees, and Teachers, shall be subject to these General Regulations; and no Teacher shall be deprived of any part of his Salary on account of his observing allowed holidays and vacations.

N. R. In Districts in which cessation from teaching is compelled at certain seasons, by peculiarities of situation, as in the case of a freshet overflowing interval lands, the period and relative proportion of the spring and summer vacation may be varied by arrangement between the inhabitants and the Teacher; yet not so as to affect the entire extent of vacation to be allowed.

JAMES PORTER,
Secretary to the Board.

To CORRESPONDENTS.—We are willing to bear the burden of the errors of omission and commission that may transpire in our establishment; and at all times cheerfully correct any such that are brought under our notice.

A Rate Payer knows that his manuscript was not very clear, and the error into which our compositor fell was one which a majority of workmen would have committed with the same copy before them; but he read the proof, and therefore took all responsibility off our shoulders. Notwithstanding this, when the error was pointed out to us, we readily corrected it by inserting an erratum.

We should not have been thus particular in mentioning the circumstances above, were it not for the comments in the second letter of a Rate Payer, in another column, which we consider rather too spicy, out of place, and unnecessarily displaying a considerable amount of feeling.

Had we been on those terms with Mr. Wilkison, which would have admitted of our taking any liberty with his letter, we should have suppressed its publication, as the insertion of the erratum on any ordinary occasion, would have been sufficient to have set matters to rights; but a Rate Payer know that such is not the case, and the withholding of that document would have subjected us to have our motives attributed to some other cause.

We shall comply with the request of "A Tax Payer," respecting the Grand Jury, in our next paper.

BY TELEGRAPH.

ST. JOHN, Friday 18th Feb. T

The America arrived at Halifax yesterday morning, with 55 passengers and dates to 5th instant.

The general and political news is very uninteresting. The papers are occupied with details of Louis Napoleon's Marriage, which was celebrated with great splendour on Sunday 30th ult., at the Cathedral of Notre Dame. There had been alarming reports regarding the cholera in Paris, but they are contradicted.

The weather throughout England continues favorable for farming operations, and the markets for Breadstuffs was dull and lower. Cotton had advanced one-eighth of a penny, with large sales. Timber market unchanged, but prices firm. Iron makers are more anxious to sell and prices are lower.

Lord Melbourne died on the 29th, aged 70 years.

Freights to the United States were well supported. Trade at Manchester good.—Bullion in Bank of England increased a quarter of a million.

Marriages.

On Thursday, the 17th February, at St. Paul's Church, Chatham, by the Rev. Samuel Bacon, Rector of Chatham and Rural Dean, Mr. THOMAS FLIEGER, of the Parish of Chatham, to Miss GRACE INGRAM, of the Parish of Newcastle.

At Oxford's Cove, in the Parish of Newcastle, on the 17th instant, by the Rev. John Snowball, Mr. ROBERT DUNN, to Miss MARY JONES.

At New Carlisle, Chaleur Bay, Canada East, on Thursday, the 27th January last, by the Rev. George Milan, A. M., Mr. PHILIP BECK, of Cape Despair, County of Gaspé, to Miss MARGARET ROSS, eldest daughter of Mr. Walter Ross, of Hopetown, County of Bonaventure.

At St. Mary's Cathedral, on Tuesday 18th January, by the Rev. Dr. Connolly Bishop of Fredericton, JOSEPH WILLIAM (third son of the late Lieut. James Cragg, R. N., to MARGARET ELIZABETH, only daughter of Mr. John Brown late of Miramichi, New Brunswick.

Deaths.

At Hopetown, Chaleur Bay, Canada East, on Sunday, the 30th January last, after a short illness which he bore with Christian fortitude, DUNCAN McRAE, Esq., aged 66 years, he was an old and respectable inhabitant in that community, dearly beloved by all who knew him, and has left a large circle of relatives and friends to mourn their irreparable loss.

A BILL.

To confirm the Parish Officers elected by the Rate Payers of the Parish of Newcastle, in the County of Northumberland, in January last in their respective Offices for the year 1853.

Whereas, The Rate Payers for the Parish of Newcastle, in the County of Northumberland, in January last, met and elected Parish Officers for the current year, according to Law; and the list thereof was duly certified, attested, and filed by the Town Clerk of the said Parish, with the Clerk of the Peace for the said County, at the General Sessions of the Peace, held in and for the said County, in January last, and before the said General Sessions had made any appointments of Parish Officers for the said Parish. And

Whereas, The said General Sessions adjourned without confirming the list of Parish Officers so elected by the Rate Payers, certified, attested, and filed as aforesaid, whereby, the said Parish of Newcastle is left without legally appointed Parish Officers for the current year. For remedy whereof

Be it enacted, That the Parish Officers elected by the Rate Payers of the said Parish of Newcastle, at the meeting held by them on the fourth day of January last, of whom a List duly certified and attested by the Town Clerk of the said Parish, was filed with the Clerk of the Peace for the said County of Northumberland, on the Eleventh day of January last, be and they are hereby confirmed in the several and respective Offices to which they were so elected, as fully in every respect, as if the said List so filed had been duly confirmed by the General Sessions of the said County held in January last, after the filing of the said List.

North West Bridge Company.

Notice is hereby given, that as £1,000 and upwards of stock has been subscribed, towards carrying out the object of the above Company.

In pursuance of a Resolution passed at the formation thereof, I hereby call a meeting of the Stock Holders for THURSDAY next, the 24th instant, at two o'clock in the afternoon, at WILKINSON'S HOTEL, Newcastle, to take the necessary steps to have the Company incorporated, and to carry out the requisite arrangements, of which the Stock Holders will take notice, and the Committee would require a full attendance.

On behalf of the Committee,
DAVID CROCKER.
Newcastle, 18th February, 1853.

Dissolution of Copartnership.

The Term for which the Subscribers had entered into Copartnership having expired on the 15th day of October last. They have dissolved by mutual consent.

The Business of the Chatham Office will be continued and closed by Mr. Johnson, and that of the Newcastle Office by Mr. Mitchell.
JOHN M. JOHNSON, Jn.
PETER MITCHELL.
Dated 16th February, 1853.

NOTICE.

The Annual Meeting of the Miramichi Fishery Society, will take place at KELLY'S HOTEL, Chatham, on the morning of TUESDAY, the first day of March next, at 11 o'clock.

JAMES CAIE, Secretary.
Chatham 15th February 1853.

CARD.

J. W. CROSSKILL, SURGEON, AND DENTIST.

Having arrived at Chatham, will remain a few days that those who require his professional services may have an opportunity of consulting him.

Unquestionable references given. Rooms private.

Residence—KELLY'S HOTEL.
Chatham 21st February.

TENDERS.

Will be received until THURSDAY, the 3rd March next, at 11 o'clock, forenoon at the Store of Mr. A. Loudon, for the following Supplies, to be furnished weekly to the Poor of, and on account of the Parish of Glenelg, from date to the 1st February, 1854.

Oatmeal per Stone,
Corn Meal per do.
Fine Flour per Stone and per Barrel.
Codfish per Stone,
Molasses per Gallon,
Tea per Pound.

Any other articles required to be furnished at Cash price. The Contractor to furnish Money as required for Cash purposes; and to be paid when collected, from the usual assessment for that purpose.

M. McNAUGHTON, Overseers of Poor
ADAM McLEAN, for the
JOSEPH TRANTER, Parish of Glenelg,
Glenelg, February 16, 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 Souchong, Congou, and English breakfast Teas; 10 puncheons 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 super fine flour; 60 do. Cornmeal; 50 bbls. No. 1 Pa. Herring; 50 quintals Halifax large shere 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 styles and materials; American Satinets, in different shades and colors; grey and white Cottons, printed Cottons, Cotton Flannels, Bed Ticking, Cotton Drills, striped Shirting, Jeans, Denims, Galaplays, blue, red, and white; Cotton Warps, black, brown, red, green and spotted Wool; Hats, Cloth Caps in various styles, glazed, lined and plush Caps; three cases Salmon and Herring Twines; Soap, Candles, Starch, Pepper, Mustard, Allspice, Raisins, fresh and good Apples, Onions, best Annapolis Cheese, Root and Ground Ginger, Salaratos, &c., Corn Broom, Buckets, and Crockery Ware; Patent Medicines, Wright's Indian Vegetable Pills, Hooper's Pills, Lee's Antibilious Pills, Medicaments, Perry's Davis's Vegetable Pain Killer, B. A. Fehenstock'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 BRUNSWICK.

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

Whereas Richard Hutchison, Administrator of all and singular the Goods and Chattels rights and credits, which were of JOHN SKID, late of the Parish of Glenelg, in the said County, Farmer, Deceased, hath represented to me that the Personal Estate of the said deceased is insufficient to pay the debts due by the said deceased, and hath prayed that License may issue to authorize him to sell all, or so much of the Real Estate of the said Deceased, as may be necessary for the payment of the said debts. You are therefore required to cite the Heirs and next of Kin of the said Deceased personally to be and appear before me at the Court of Probate to be held at my office, in the Parish of Chatham, on TUESDAY, the Eighth day of March next, at the hour of Eleven of the clock in the forenoon, to shew cause why licence should not be granted to the said Administrator, to sell all or so much of the Real Estate of the said Deceased, as may be necessary towards paying the said debts. And you are further required to cite and require the said Administrator, and all and every the Creditors and other persons interested in the said Estate, personally to be and appear before me, at the time and place aforesaid with their vouchers and papers, in order that I may then and there proceed to hear and examine the proofs of the said parties, and the validity of the debts and demands alleged to be existing against the said Estate.

Given under my Hand, and the seal of the said Court, this Seventh day of February, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty Three.

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