

he proceeded with the steamers Mississippi and Susquehanna and the sloops of war Saratoga and Plymouth to Yedo Bay, in Japan, where he arrived on the 8th of July last. After much effort he succeeded in having an interview with one of the Ministers of States, delivered a communication from the President of the United States, proposing to form commercial relations with Japan, gave notice of his intention to return in the ensuing spring for a reply to his proposition, and after making considerable surveys of the coasts and harbors, returned with the squadron to China to give all needful protection to the interests of Americans.

NEWFOUNDLAND.

The Newfoundland Legislature is to meet for the despatch of business on the 31st January next.

Brig Fidelity, Nuldrance, master, of North Shields, was lost near Cape Race on the 3rd. She was from Montreal, bound to London, laden, principally, with wheat—vessel and cargo total wreck.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

POTATOES AND CORD WOOD.—One great advantage to our citizens, when the railway now in hands is finished, will be that they can live much cheaper than at present. Each family on average, will be able to save five pounds a year, upon two items alone—viz: potatoes and cord wood. The first article is now bringing in the Country Market, from 4s. to 5s. a bushel, whereas at Shediac potatoes may be had in any quantity (the disease generally is not so bad in that part of the country as it is nearer the Bay) at 1s. 6d. per bushel, and they may be brought here on railroad at about 2s. Cord wood can be cut all winter—and hundreds of people along the line by employing themselves in this way, during the season, would make money by selling it at 15s. a cord. We now pay \$3.—*Morning News.*

ANOTHER LINE OF STEAMERS.—Mr W. Griffin has petitioned the Legislature of Chilt for the exclusive privilege for 10 years of establishing a line of steamers from England to the port of Calders, through the straits of Magellan. To aid him in carrying the project into effect, he asks also an annuity of \$70,000. The Council of State has unanimously recommended the acceptance of the propositions by Congress.

PUBLIC TEA MEETING.

A PUBLIC TEA MEETING, will be held in the MECHANICS' INSTITUTE, in Newcastle, on WEDNESDAY, the 23rd instant, at 6 o'clock, P. M.

After Tea appropriate SPEECHES will be delivered. Vocal and Instrumental Music will be expected to entertain the Meeting, and we hope the interest will be equal to, if not, exceed the Tea Meeting held last year, for the same purpose.

Tables will be gratuitously furnished by several kind Friends. The proceeds of the Meeting, are to be appropriated for the Liquidation of the Debt on the Wesleyan Chapel, in Newcastle.

Tickets may be had at Messrs. Sergeant's, Withersall's, and Vanstone's, in Newcastle; and at Mr. James Henderson's in Chatham. Price of Tickets 2s. each. Children half price. Chatham, 20th December, 1853.

For Sale or to Let.

The Subscriber begs to return thanks for the Liberal Patronage he has received while keeping a House of Entertainment, and being about retiring from the Business, will Sell or Let, on Liberal Terms, the well known Commodious

HOUSE WITH THE STABLES, &c., attached.

situate in Douglastown, at present occupied by him.

WILLIAM PARK.

Douglastown, 20th December, 1853.

BAZAAR.

The CHILDREN'S MISSIONARY BAZAAR will open on MONDAY, the 21st January next, at half-past Eleven, and remain open until half past Nine in the evening, in the Large Room of the building formerly known as Johnston's Hotel. A Refreshment Table will be provided. Admittance 7d.—Children 3d. Chatham, 19th December 21, 1853.

Patent Yellow Metal.

12 bars 1 1/4 inch } PATENT
25 bars 1 1/8 do }
50 bars 1 do }
82 bars 7/8 do } YELLOW METAL.
80 bars 3/4 do }

For Sale in one lot. Apply to JOHN W. HOLDERNESS. Kingston, Richibucto, December 7, 1853.

Juvenile Presents for Christmas.

Just received an elegant assortment of GERMAN TOYS:—Trumpets, Clarionets, Accordians, Flutes, Violins, Rolling Dolls, Magic Fish, Swans and Geese: Towns, Farms, and Furniture, Tea and Coffee sets in miniature. Humming Tops, Rolling Horses, Dogs, &c. &c. &c. Juvenile Gift Books in great variety. DAVIS P. HOWE. Chatham, December 16, 1853.

Five Pounds Reward.

The Subscriber will pay Five Pounds Currency, to any Person, that will give him such information or the names of persons that can give such evidence as shall convict the person or persons who have trespassed on and taken TIMBER, WOOD, &c. off his land, during the past year, or that may hereafter do so. The name of the person giving the information will be kept secret if requested. CALEB McCULLLEY. Miramichi, December 21, 1853.

Newcastle and Douglastown Mechanics' Institutes.

The opening Lecture of the Newcastle and Douglastown Mechanics' Institute, will be delivered at Newcastle, by John M. Johnson, Jr., Esq. on FRIDAY, 25th December, and in Douglastown on MONDAY, 26th December, at Seven o'clock, p. m. Admission to the opening Lecture will be Free.

The Lectures will be continued on Friday evenings in Newcastle, and on Monday evenings in Douglastown, at the same hour. Miramichi, December 21, 1853.

Editor's Department.

MIRAMICHI:

CHATHAM, SATURDAY, DEC. 24, 1853.

TERMS.—New subscribers Fifteen Shillings per annum, in all cases in advance. Old subscribers 15s. in advance, or 20s. at the end of the year. We prefer the advance price, and as it effects a saving of 25 per cent., we hope soon to see all our subscribers avail themselves of it.

THE REVENUE.

We are indebted to the St. John Courier for the following brief comparative statement of the Revenue of the Province for the last three years. It will be seen that the revenue has steadily increased. We wonder what the Legislature will do with it. Will they squander it as usual, on all manner of jobs for electioneering friends, or will they relieve as of the heavy debt which hangs over the Province? We shall see—but we have little faith in the present House or Executive.

	1851.	1852.	1853.
Duties of Imports	82,294	98,584	128,000
Export Duty on Lumber	17,236	18,242	19,750
One per cent. Loan Duty	7,214	7,758	11,700
Light Houses	3,886	4,222	4,950
Sick and Disabled Seamen	1,969	1,867	2,106
Emigrants	987	683	450
Canal Revenue	3,300	6,800	13,500
Supreme Court Fees	450	571	400
	£117,362	138,229	180,850

OUR REVENUE LAW.

The St. John Freeman has a long and very sensible article, on the present absurd and injudicious Revenue Law of the Province. We have repeatedly pointed out the impolicy of the high rate of duties, which certain Legislators advocate, to protect "home manufactures." This may do very well for the region of Saint John, but it bears extremely hard on the trade of this section of the Province, where, as yet, and for many years, little can be done towards creating domestic manufactures. If we had a ready means of transit, by railroad to St. John, or by canal from the Gulf to the Bay of Fundy, so as to enable us to supply ourselves with many necessaries which are manufactured in that city, we would have less cause of complaint against our Protective Tariff; but cut off as we are at present, and are likely to be for many years, from St. John, and compelled to look to the United States and other places for nearly all the necessaries of life, the present high rate of duties militates sadly against us, and the people loudly complain.

We have much satisfaction in copying the annexed concluding remarks of the Editor of the Freeman. They will receive a ready response in this quarter:

"Whether referring now to the protection of domestic manufactures, we can not avoid asking the farmers of the country how long they will suffer themselves to be deceived by the cry of Protection, while there are so many startling facts to prove the fallacy and absurdity of the arguments by which they are humbugged. Let them look over their whole inventory of stock and ask themselves seriously what benefit they derive from this protection. There is not a single article they have to sell for which they get a higher price because of this protection. With the price of potatoes, oats, butter, pork, beef, mutton protection has really nothing to do. Pork would at first seem to be protected, but every one knows that on the price of pork in the Country Market of St. John or in any other market, the duty on imports has really no influence while the country cannot raise half enough for its consumption, and Canadian pork is admitted duty free. The high price of lumber and the general abundance of money give the best sort of protection, and that which is now enriching the farmers. These also furnish the best incentives to men to settle new farms and clear the country, for experience shows the impossibility of attempting to foster one interest at the expense of others, without ultimately injuring the whole. But if the farmer makes out a list of what he is obliged to buy and then consult the Tariff, he will find that Protection is indeed no joke but a very ugly reality, making his ploughs, and harrows, and shovels, and spades, and harness, and hats, and coats, and boots, and almost every thing that he wants to use and must use, a great deal dearer than it need be; while the extra price, instead of affording any additional comfort to the few Shoemakers or Hatters or Smiths, goes into the Treasury to be squandered by the reckless men who have become the Government and got the right to spend the farmer's money and the tradesmen's, because the farmer and the tradesman have allowed them to deceive and humbug them."

CANADA.

The Quebec Gazette gives a list of 26 square rigged vessels laid up at that port, and also another of 24 vessels of various tonnage, wrecked or laid up below that port.

The same paper says:—"Property to the amount of £250,000 is at the mercy of wreckers, and the Government of Canada stirs not. Is not this a happy land?"

ENGLAND AND AMERICA.

The following is a portion of an Oration delivered by the Revd. Henry Ward Beecher, in New York, on "evacuation day," the 25th November. The sentiments it contain does credit to the head and the heart of the Orator, and to his closing remark we most heartily respond, and so must every well-wisher to the progress of humanity and civil and religious liberty.

"Twice has parent and son stood confronted in battle. May a third conflict never come! The spectacle of two eminent nations foremost in civilization and christianity, employing the energies which religion and peace have developed within them, for purposes of fratricidal war, would be one of the most accursed that time could look upon. The wounds which the original rupture produced are healed; the animosity of the war of 1812 died with the echo of the cannon on the deep, and sank to the bottom of the sea. Since then kinder counsels have prevailed. The parent is becoming proud of her child. The child is proud of paternal honors. They call our Washington theirs. Their Cromwell, and Vane, and Pym, and Hampden are ours. Ours too, is an honour in their history—the Magna Charta, the English Reformation—the ejecting of tyranny are theirs; the establishment of constitutional liberties. Ours are their names of genius; our Chaucer it is; our Spencer; our Shakspeare; our Bacon; our Newton; our Milton. We will do by their libraries, unimproved, what they did by our ships: we will board them; we will question and claim their authors; we will impress and bind them, and send them forth to serve our youth. And if the printers of Great Britain are fierce to make reprisals, and send forth armies of compositors to seize our Irving and Prescott, and Bancroft, and Hilliard; our Emerson, and Bryant and Dana, and Willis; our Tyng, and Bethune and Edwards—why, we will not go to war for that; but we will thank God that Old England has yet got a people who love good reading, and know where to look for it. Nay, never—never let our flags be interlocked again in the fierce fray of battle;—or, if in God's mysterious overruling of human affairs, the English and American flags should again stream out over the battle field, let their battle be on one side, and on the great field of the world's liberty, when tyrants are finally taught men shall be free and nations protected in their right of self government. In such a conflict as that—if it must come—if God has again hardened the heart of Pharaoh, and he will not let the people go, and he decrees that the people shall come forth from the land of bondage by the gateway of war—then let Great Britain become Moses; Fance and America as Aaron and Hur; and while they hold up the venerable hands let it be again as when it was written, 'And it came to pass that when Moses held up his hand, Israel prevailed. * * * * * And his hand was steady until the going down of the sun.' Until the sun go down on the earth for the last time, let England and America stand for the liberty of the world."

UNITED STATES.

The New York Courier and Enquirer thus notices the President's Message:

"It is a document which may repay perusal, but can hardly exact comment.—There is hardly enough of it to exact anything. As an exposition of State policy it is nervous and shadowy; as a piece of composition it is faulty in spots and inelegant throughout; as a compendium of facts touching the great interests of the country, it is in many respects scant and unsatisfactory. Its chief importance lies in its meagre figures; its chief attractiveness in its voluble declamation. Monotonous annals are said to be the best proof of a nation's prosperity; this document is sufficiently commonplace to assure the most distrustful."

AUSTRALIA.

The papers report that a meeting has been recently held in Melbourne, of the British North American Colonists, for the purpose of forming a British American Benevolent Association, to render assistance and advice to emigrants from Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Newfoundland, and Prince Edward's Island, on their arrival in Australia. A Committee was appointed to draw up a code of rules for the organization of the Society.

CUBA.

The Washington correspondent of the New York Tribune asserts that he has trustworthy information from New Orleans to the effect that a powerful Filibuster Expedition is preparing against Cuba, and will sail before the middle of February. It is said that the entire force will consist of 4000 men, with a General who gained laurels in Mexico at their head.

THE SEASON.

The Season thus far has been a most extraordinary one. On Sunday last a large quantity of rain fell, which completely cleared the ground of what little snow was on it. From that time until last night, the frost has been very sharp, and the ice in the river acquired considerable thickness. In the early part of last evening some snow fell, but since mid-

night heavy rain has fallen, which has continued at intervals, until our going to press to-day. The want of snow has been a serious drawback to the general business of the country.

BY TELEGRAPH.

TO MIRAMICHI GLEANER OFFICE. EUROPEAN NEWS.

St. John, December 23.

Steamer America arrived at Halifax yesterday. The four mediating powers have resumed joint action in favor of peace, and are determined to maintain the present territorial arrangement of Europe.

By Submarine Telegraph.—Two Companies of Wallachian Militia deserted with important information to Omer Pacha; they report the Russian army as very inefficient from sickness and disaffection.

A small Turkish steamer was captured by a Russian ship; a Turkish frigate coming up attacked the Russian, and retook the steamer, and as night came on both vessels drew off.

Latest advices.—Abda Pasha has entered Giurgevo, and his army is marching on to Ulla. Sir E. Lyon arrived at Constantinople on the 28th of November. Turkey refuses to submit to a three months armistice, demanded by England. On refusal, the English Minister had five hours audience of the Sultan, and a meeting of the Divan was summoned; meanwhile we hear of more Turkish victories in Asia.

The Russians, after three engagements, have been driven back from Zolis, on Laskoo. The fortress of Saffa has been taken by assault by Selim Pacha.

The Russians had attacked Abdi Pacha's camp, at Bayasid, but were beaten back. The Russians also failed in a last attempt to retake the fortress of St. Nicholas.

The Turks have also taken Akhazlia Pachelie. So hard pressed are the Russians in Asia, that 16,000 men have been sent to their relief. The Turks are in brimful exultation. The spirits of the people and army are elated to the highest pitch. The army is in superior condition—well paid and clothed.

Six hundred Circassians are at Constantinople to join the Turkish army.—Several Americans have also joined it.

England.—No political news. Captain Warner, of long-range notoriety died suddenly.

Breadstuffs—Enquiries again spring up, causing an advance in Wheat from 3d. to 4d. Flour 1s. to 1s. 6d. advance, with large business doing. Western Canal flour 35s. to 35s. 6d.; Baltic and Ohio 36s. to 36. 6d.

Baltic ports closed by ice.

PORT OF RICHIBUCTO.—The schooner William Henry, Siteman, from Halifax with a general cargo, succeeded in getting into Richibucto, on Tuesday last.

Rear Admiral Fanshawe has been appointed to succeed Sir George Seymour as Naval Commander in Chief on the North American and West India stations.

MARRIAGES.

At Chatham, on Thursday evening last, by the Rev. William Stewart, Mr THOMAS PHILIPS, to Miss MARGARET, second daughter of Mr Henry Wyse.

[We have to acknowledge the receipt of an ample slice of the bride-cake.]

DEATHS.

At his son's residence, in Napan, on Thursday, the 15th of December, after a painful illness of 10 days, Mr ROBERT MAYS, aged 65 years, a native of Londonderry, Ireland, and for the last 30 years has resided at Bay du Vin.

At Chatham, on Wednesday last, AGNES, daughter of Mr Robert McNamara, aged 6 1/2 years.

Immigration Society.

Take notice that the Annual Meeting of this Society will be held at the Office of the Clerk of the Peace, Newcastle, on the first Tuesday in January next, being the 3rd day of the month, at 10 o'clock, in the forenoon, for the purpose of choosing Office-Bearers in the said Society for the ensuing year, when a full attendance is requested.

EDWARD WILLISTON, Recording Secretary.

Newcastle, December 16, 1853.

LOGS WANTED.

The subscribers are prepared to purchase 3000 HEMLOCK or PINE LOG and 600 CEDAR LOGS, for the purpose of building a bridge across the big Nepisiguit River. Payment will be made in Cash on delivery.

Description and particulars on application to WILLIAM MOULDOV, Commissioners for Big JOHN FERGUSON, } Nepisiguit River. Bathurst, 13th Decemr, 1853

HOUSES TO LET

in the Town of Chatham. Half the Dwelling House, formerly occupied by the Bank of British North America. The Double House, in the upper part of the town, occupied by Mr Charles Richardson. A House on the Murphy property. HENRY CUNARD. Chatham, October 8, 1853.

BOOKS. BOOKS.

Well Worth Remembering!

That HOWE'S EDUCATIONAL DEPOSITORY is especially devoted to the *Interests of Education*, and it shall be the principal aim of the Proprietor, to have at all times a general assortment of School Books, and a full supply of School Apparatus necessary for Educational purposes: hence, Pens, Quills, Pencils, Slates, Ink, Copy Books, Quire Books, India Rubber, Rulers, Maps, Mathematical Instruments, Pen-knives, Pencil Cases, Writing, Drawing, Music and Blotting Paper, &c., &c., shall always be on hand. A large number of Irish National School Books are daily expected from Frederickton by this Agency.

Better than the Railroad for Miramichi.

The elegant and select Stock of Books for Winter Reading, just received and now opening at the above establishment—

History, Theology, &c.

Macauley's History of England, Goldsmith's Do., Macintosh's Do., Taylor's History of Ireland, Scot's History of Scotland, Daubigne's History of the Reformation, Gavazzi's Life and Lectures, Hogan's and Flemming's Works, Gunnison's History of the Mormons, The Coming Struggle, Cause and Cure of Ireland's Miseries, Achille's Dealings with the Inquisition, Beatrice, Siege of Londonderry, Scot's Worthies, See oh Family Worship, Martyr's of the Scottish Covenant, Hervey's Meditation, Erskine's Gospel Sonnets, Kirwan's Letters, Pilgrim's Progress, Persecuted Family, Father Clemens, History of the Inquisition, Daubigne's Discourses, History of the Lost Tribes, Ferguson's Roman Republic, Robertson's History of America, &c.

Science and Medicine.

Draper's Chemistry, Draper's Natural Philosophy, Haswell's Engineer and Mechanics' Pocket Book, Paley's Natural Theology, Hooper's Medical Dictionary, Hooper's Vade Mecum, Whaley's Midwifery, Mrs Groves Anatomy for Women, Layard's Nineveh and Babylon, Dick's Celestial Scenery, Mitchell's and Omstead's Astronomy, Brand's Encyclopedia of Science.

Biography.

Mary Queen of Scots, Josephine, Napoleon, Lord Nelson, Lord Wellington, Sir Robert Peel, Life and Letters of Lord Byron, Sir Rowland Hill, Columbus, Lives of the Presidents, Life of Christ and His Apostles.

Poetry and Fiction.

The Poetical Works of Milton, Shakspeare, Byron, Scott, Pollok, Tupper, K. White, Campbell, Burns and Cowper; Prose Works of Dickens, Lever, Ainsworth, Dumas, Eugene Sue, Marryatt, Reynolds, Bulwer, Leppard, Bennett, Cockton, Cooper, &c.

Bibles, &c.

Family and Pocket Bibles and Testaments, Scotch Psalm Books, Church of England Prayer Books, Wesleyan and Church of England Hymn Books, Catechisms, &c.

Catholic Books.

Donay Bibles and Testaments, large and pocket size Prayer Books, Life of Christ, Stations of the Cross, Catechisms, &c.

Miscellaneous.

Stephen's Travels in Yucatan, Do. in Turkey, Poland and Russia, Lord Byron's Journal and Letters, Wide Wide World, Evenings at Home, Humboldt's Travels, American Border Wars, Caesar's Commentaries, Rose's Ballist, Cicero's Orations, Satires of Juvenal and Persius, Whaley's Rhetoric, Uncle Tom's Cabin and Key, Uncle Tom in England, Sam Slick's Wif, Saws, Judge Halliburton's Yankee Verus, Mrs Sherwood's Henry Milner, Do. John Martin, Ladies' Science of Etiquette, Gentlemen's Do., American Cookery, Major Jones's Campaign, Beheler of the Albany, Young Man's Guide, McKensie's 5000 Receipts, &c., &c.

Christmas Presents, New Year's Gift Books for 1854, and VALENTINES, all in the richest style.

The whole of the above are offered for sale at a lower rate, than was ever known heretofore in Miramichi. DAVIS P. HOWE. Chatham, December 1, 1853.

CROWN LAND NOTICES

CROWN LAND OFFICE, December 14.

The right of License to cut Timber and Lumber until the first day of May, 1854, from Berths applied for by the following persons, in the under-mentioned situations, will be offered for sale by Public Auction at this Office, on Wednesday the 25th day of DECEMBER instant.—Sale to commence at noon.

(Not to interfere with any Lots of Land located, or which may have been applied for within one year previous to the date of entry of the applications for License.)

(In all cases of competition, the purchaser must immediately pay the amount of purchase money, or else the berth will be again offered for sale, excluding bids from the defaulter.)

Name.	Square Miles.	Situation.
Wm S. Smith,	2	Jacquet River.
Thomas McLeod,	3	Little Tracadie.
James Fowler,	2	Cain's River.
Robert Hutchison,	4	Salmon River.
do.	2	Pleasant Brook.
do.	2	Salmon River.
do.	2	Coal Creek.
Joseph Buzza,	6	Upsquituch River.
Arthur Ritchie,	4	Portage River.
Charles Clark,	4	Upsquituch.
William Hamilton,	4	Upsquituch.
William Quin,	6	Cain's River.

R. D. WILMOT, Sur. Gen.

North West Bridge Company.

Notice is hereby given, that the Annual Meeting of this Company, will take place at Withersall's Hotel, in the town of Newcastle, on the 17th Third Tuesday in January next, being the 17th day of the month, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of choosing Seven Directors, and transacting other business connected with the Company, agreeably to the Act of Incorporation, when a full attendance of the Stockholders is requested. EDWARD WILLISTON, Secretary. Newcastle, December 16, 1853.

FURS! FURS!!

Just Received, ex Piton, a large assortment of FURS, consisting of Ladies' Victrolas, long and short Boas; Muffs, Gantlets and Mitts, in Stone Martin, Fitch, Mink, Squirrel, and Mink Martin.

ALSO

A good Assortment of Gentlemen's Fur Caps Fur Coats and Fur Gloves, &c., &c. And an assortment of Ladies' and Gentlemen's CLOTH BOOTS—a prime article for the WINTER. Please call and See. FORBES & CO. Chatham, 2nd November, 1853.