

the year 1853, they found that the Report for 1852, as laid before the House, had not been published, but that the Statements and Accounts in many of the pages of the Report had been materially altered in their facts and figures. The Committee proceeded to enquire by whom and by what authority the Records of this House had been thus interfered with; they ascertained that the Auditor applied to the Clerk early in May for the Report laid before the House, and that the same was delivered to him; that certain amendments prepared at the Audit Office, embracing twenty three sheets, were afterwards submitted by the Auditor to the Executive Government for examination, with a request that they might be published as amended.

The amended sheets were subsequently returned to the Audit Office without any instructions; and the original report, with these sheets, were then delivered to the Queen's Printer, with directions to substitute the amended sheets in lieu of accounts and statements in the original report. In correcting the proof sheets, the pages of the amended sheets were taken to the Audit Office, and there examined; when the printing of the Appendix was completed, the whole of the original report was returned to the Clerk, and the amended sheets were handed back to the Audit Office by the printer, according to directions received. It does not appear that the Clerk was aware that any change had been made in the matter of the Accounts as printed, from the original, till brought to his notice by the Committee.

In addition to the alterations made in the report, other statements respecting the Treasurer's Accounts from the Audit Office were published in the Appendix, which were not previously laid before the House.

The alterations made in the matter of the Report are so numerous that your Committee do not deem it necessary to bring the whole under the notice of the House. They submit, however, as part of this report, a view of the changes appearing in one of the Accounts, between the original Report and the correct one, published at page 339 of Appendix to the Journals for 1853, which will enable the House to appreciate the value of the Audit to which the Accounts of the Public Revenue are submitted. They have also annexed to the Comparative Statement, the amount of Warrants drawn on the Treasury in the year 1852, as set forth in different parts of the Auditor's Report, shewing a considerable difference; while these Warrants before issued are all recorded in the office of the Auditor.

One of the amended Accounts for 1852, appears to have been submitted to the Treasurer for his observations. It is entitled "Beverly Robinson, Provincial Treasurer, in Account Current with the Government of New Brunswick," appearing on pages 340, 41, 42 and 43, of the Appendix to the Journals of 1853. It commences with a balance of £9,889 18 10½ against the Treasurer, and he is debited with £792 16 11, an error, on 1st January 1849, and it closes with a balance in his favour of £2,456 7 6; while in the same Account, as it appears in the Report laid before the House in 1852, a balance of £786 5 2½ appears in the hands of the Treasurer. It is evident to the Committee that it could only be under extraordinary circumstances that the Province would become a debtor to the Treasurer in administering its Revenues.—The Treasurer, in his remarks on this Account dated the 9th November 1853, says:—"With regard to the Account itself, I must beg leave to doubt its correctness; so long as I hold Assets, viz., Bonds, Stock, &c., I must be a debtor for these Assets. This account closes with a balance in my favour of £2,456 7 6, and in the middle of the Account is a debit of an error of £792 16 11, which I can find no trace of; neither can I figure up the balance charged against me at the commencement of the Account."

One practical result arrived at by the Auditor's Report for the past year is, that all the balances exhibited in the Treasurer's Balance Sheet are affirmed by the present Report; while for several years previous these balances in the Auditor's Report and the Treasurer's Accounts were in many instances greatly at variance.

The Department of Audit being confined to the examination of the Accounts of Public Officers, having the receipt or expenditure of public moneys, the inaccuracies simply shew that the Department is inadequate to accomplish the object for which it was established.

With these facts before the Committee, and in the face of the Report of the Committee of last year, (on the impropriety of any alterations being made in important public Documents after being laid before the House, without their sanction,) and the body of evidence now before the Committee, as to the utter insufficiency of the present system of Audit, they submit that the time has arrived when the Government should no longer permit such an important public Department to continue in its present state, and they recommend that measures be immediately adopted to insure a more efficient supervision of the Public Finances.

Respectfully submitted.
R. B. Cutler,
J. M. Johnson,
George Kerr,
Charles Connell,
R. Gordon,
Robert Thomson,
C. MacPherson,
A. J. Smith.
Committee Room, 23rd March, 1854.
Ordered, That the Report be accepted,
Fredericton, April 1.

House in Committee on Statute Labour Bill from 10 1-2 to 5 1-4 o'clock. The alterations are, that the poll tax is 3 days and none are taxed under 21 years old. The commutation is 2s. 6d. a day—£100 to represent a day. Limit 60 days. Three attempts at postponement made and failed, and progress reported.

Fredericton, March 4.—Johnson's second address for the return of lands granted in the County of St. John, including part of King's County, opposed. Warm debate followed.—sustained by division of 22 to 7. Mining Bill returned amended from Council. Rejected on ground that Council have no right to amend money bill.

House in Supply. Several grants passed for wharves, St. John River, Grant of £100 for Mechanic's Institute, Albert. Also, £100 same purpose, Dalhousie. Also £300 to aid Steam-navigation between Shediac and P. E. Island. Grant of £700 to make Herring Cove a harbour of Refuge: rejected.—*Telegraph to St. John's News Room.*

UNITED STATES.

SHOCKING CASUALTIES.—The American papers state that the house of Wm. Flanders in Londonderry, N. H., was burned last Tuesday and three young children perished in the flames.—The House of Cooper Tyler at, North Lawrence, near Detroit, was burned last Wednesday night, and seven young children—the oldest but nine years—perished in the flames. Their parents after putting them to bed went out visiting.

In the course of a speech in the House of Commons, By Mr Lucas, on the grievances of Catholic soldiers and sailors, he concluded by saying that "Cardinal Wiseman was entirely in favour of England in the Eastern War.—(Cheers.)"

NEW ORLEANS MARCH 27.—Election Riot.—There was great excitement at the city election to day. Three men were killed at the Pools. Result of the election uncertain.

NEW STORE.

BRITISH HOUSE, Water Street, Chatham.

The Subscribers beg to inform the public of Northumberland that they will open the BRITISH HOUSE on THURSDAY, the 22nd of March, with an immense Assortment of every description of

DRY GOODS,

Comprising
Broadcloths, Trowserings, and Vestings,
Satinets, Tweeds, and Cashmaretts,
500 Long and Square SHAWLS, in Paisley, Lamswool, Cashmere and Silk.
500 Pieces Rich Dress Goods, in Baratheas, Organdies, Cashmeres DeLaines and Circassian Cloths.
300 Robe Dresses, from 4s. 11d. upwards.
300 Bonnets from 6d. upwards.

An immense variety of Spring Ribbons; Mar-seilles Quilts and Counterpanes; Bedticks, Toilet Covers, Damask and Diaper Table Cloths.
Gents. Neck and Pocket Handkerchiefs; Ladies' and Gents. Cambrie Handkerchiefs; Sheetings, Regattas, and Shirting Stripes.

The above goods have been bought expressly within the last month in the best English and Scottish Markets, for Cash, and imported per Steamships Canada, Andes, and Alps, via Halifax. They will be offered at

FIFTY PER CENT LOWER than any Goods ever offered in Chatham. Cash only and no Second Price.
KELLY & GALLAGHER.

BY AUCTION.

On TUESDAY, the 11th of April, at 1 o'clock, afternoon, on the Premises opposite Mr W. Muirhead's Store, in the Town of Chatham, will be sold at Public Auction—without Reserve,

That Well-Known House,

formerly owned and occupied by Cornelius McCarthy in the Town of Chatham, and adjoining the Store of Messrs Burke & Nopman, with the LEASED LAND on which it stands, subject to a ground rent of £6 per annum.—Terms at Sale.

For further particulars enquire of Messrs Johnson & Mackie, or JOHN M. JOHNSON, Auctioneer. Chatham 31st March, 1854.

FAT OXEN (14 Head),

And Milch Cows.

For Sale at Cross Point, Restigouche, by JOHN FRASER. 19th March 1854.

CANDLES! CANDLES!!

ONE HUNDRED BOXES TALLOW CANDLES—Moulds Sixes, for sale by the Subscriber. H. F. LETSON.

N. B. Arby at the Shop of W. A. Letson, Commercial Building. Chatham, Miramichi, March 11, 1854.

EARLY FIELD PEAS.

For Sale by the Subscriber HENRY CUNARD. Chatham, 30th March, 1854.

EDWARD CASTELL,
WHOLESALE
CONFECTIONER,
NO. 264 HANOVER STREET, BOSTON.
Directly Opposite Richmond Street.

Keeps constantly on hand a large assortment of French and American Confectionery. Having large facilities for the manufacture of the same, he is enabled to sell his steam-refined Candy as low as can be bought at any Store in the City. Besides Confectionery of his own manufacture, he keeps constantly on hand a large supply of New York and Philadelphia Fancy Goods, such as Gum Drops, Cerdial Drops, Brandy Drops, French Toys, Chocolate Drops and Sticks, &c., &c.

Superior LOZENGES.
Orders from the Provinces respectfully solicited, and all goods carefully packed for transportation without extra charge.

Persons may remit by Masters of Vessels, Express or Mail, and be assured that all orders will be promptly executed according to instructions.

264—HANOVER STREET—264.

No connection with any other Establishment in the City.
Boston, Mass., 11th February, 1854.

Valuable Properties for Sale.

To be sold by Public Auction, on SATURDAY, the 16th of APRIL next, at 12 o'clock, noon, in front of the premises.

THE TWO STORY HOUSE,

situate in the Town of Newcastle, lately owned and occupied as a Hotel by the late Mr. HUGH HAMILL. The situation and advantages of the premises for a Hotel or Boarding House, are too well known to require further description.

Also, at the same time, the WEIGH SCALES, and LAND on which they stand, situate on the south west side of the House.

Terms one quarter down, and the balance in 12, 18, months, and 2 years, with interest from the time of sale. Possession to be given on the first of May next. A good title to the premises will be given when the terms of sale are complied with.

Also, at the same time and place, all that conveniently situated

Farm and Premises,

presently occupied by John Hanley, situate in the Parish of Nelson, on the south side of the South West Branch of Miramichi River, opposite to Beau-beur's Island, containing 200 acres, there is situated in this Lot for two farms, and if wished, it will be set up in two lots. For terms and further particulars apply to

STREET & DAVIDSON.

Newcastle, 14th February, 1854.

FOR SALE.

That PROPERTY in Glenelg Parish, Napan at present occupied by Robert Dixon, situate about 1/2 of a mile from the upper School House. It is Forty Rods wide, and extends 1 1/2 of a mile back. There is a good DWELLING HOUSE thereon, well plastered and finished, and also a BARN. There is Seven acres of Ploughed Land, which is in good heart for crop this coming Season, with Twenty Acres of Cleared Land. It is all well fenced, and has likewise plenty of Fire Wood, a large quantity of Moss Manure, and a Brook running through it. The Subscriber is also prepared to furnish the Purchaser with Seed if required. The Purchaser can have Possession on the 1st of May.

If the said Property is not disposed of by Private Sale before the 1st day of May next, it will then be offered at Auction, together with the remaining Stock, Farming Implements, and a quantity of Wheat, Oats, Potatoes, &c.

For further particulars apply to Wm. A. Letson, Chatham, or ROBERT DIXON, on the place. Napan, March 2, 1854.

TO THE PUBLIC.

Come unto me all ye who Suffer and be Restored to Health!

The Subscriber keeps constantly on hand a large Stock of the undermentioned valuable Medicines: Radway's Relief Relief.

Renovating Resolvent,
" Revivifying Regulators,
Christie's Galvanic Belts, Necklaces, and Fluid,
Morehead's Magnetic Plaster,
Morse's Invigorating Cordial,
Mrs Winslow's Soothing Syrup,
Hunter's Pulmonary Balm,
Mexican Mustang Liniment,
Cramp and Pain Killer, Cherry Bitters,
Vermifuge, Dietspasia, and Holloway's Pills,
Russia Salve, Essences of all kinds,
Hair Oil and Perfumery.

ALSO

Dry Goods, Groceries, Liquors, &c., &c., &c.
Cheap for Cash.
Call and receive Almanacs, and Pamphlets, gratis.
JOHN J. GIFFORD.
Richibucto, 4th February, 1854.

J. S. FARLOW,
Commission Merchant and General Agent,
CORNER OF FEDERAL AND HIGH STREETS
Boston, U. S.

REFERENCES.

Messrs. Johnson & Mackie, Chatham,
George Kerr, Esq., " "
Alex. Londoun, Esq., " "
William Muirhead, Esq., " "
Messrs. Berton Brothers, St. John.
George Sutherland, Esq., " "
Messrs. Gilmeur, Rankin, & Co. Douglastown.
William Masson, & Co. Newcastle.
Arthur Ritchie & Co. Dalhousie.
John Meahan, Esq., Bathurst.
W. S. Caie, Esq., Richibucto.
J. W. Holderness, Esq., Halifax.
Robert Noble & Sons, Boston.
Samuel Henshaw & Son, " "
CASH liberally ADVANCED on Consignments.

List of Letters for February,

Received at the Post Office, at Chatham and Newcastle, &c., and remaining for delivery 20th March, 1854.

CHATHAM.

Archibald John	Main Philip at R. P.
Brown John	Whitney's
Shipcarpenter	Make Monsieur
Bucky John	McDonald Roderick
Clark Mary J. care of	McFarlane Patrick
William Ward	McFarlane Isabella
Cormick Miss	Chatham Head
Curred Mr.	McDonald J.
Cameron Mary Miss	McKay Margaret
Coleen Thomas	McGoath Mary care of
Cassidy John	Andrew O'Neal
Curral Thomas	McIntosh Amos
Canty Daniel	Nouman Michael
Criddle Alfred	Back Lots
Carrell Jediah	Nillegan Patrick care of
Chipnicke Mary	T. Lane
English Daniel	Noonan Patrick
Faustain Alexander	O'Rourke Mary
Rockhead	Stephenson Thomas
Griffin Mary E.	Stephens Amos care of
Hall Amos	George Dick
Hayden George	Sinney Mary
Howard Charlotte L.	Dutton-Street
Harper John	Sheridan John care of
Kehee John	Robert Johnson
Lane Ellen Miss	Walsh Patrick
Lobban William	Bartibogue
Love William	Weeds Isabella Miss

P. S. Persons asking for above letters will please say Advertisized.

JAMES CAIE, P. M.

ON SALE.

The Subscriber has for Sale, a large stock of the articles named below,
Tea, Congou and Souchong, common to very superior,
Sugar, Brown and Crushed,
Leather, Sole, Neats, Kip and Calf,
Canada Stoves and Pipes,
Timothy and Clover Seed,
Buffalo Coats and Robes,

Molasses,	Tobacco,
Pork,	Superfine Flour,
Canso Herring,	Rye Flour,
Cod Fish,	Oat Meal,
Butter,	Indian Meal,
Cheese,	Barley,
Candles,	Oats,
Soaps,	Hard Bread.
Raisins,	Dry Goods, &c., &c.

HENRY CUNARD.

Chatham, January 2, 1854.

AT AUCTION.

The Subscriber will Sell at Public Sale on Peabody's Wharf, in Chatham, on the TENTH DAY OF MAY, next, at 11 o'clock, forenoon,

The Outer STORE, on the West side of the Peabody's Slip, (so called) now in the occupation of William Letson, Esq. Also, the STORE, lately occupied by John and George J. Parker, and the One now occupied by Robert M'Namara and J. Griffin. Both these last mentioned Stores are in the same Building with Johnson & Mackie's Store.

Also, other PROPERTIES in different parts of the County which will be named before the Sale.—Also sundry ARTICLES, such as Rope, Iron, and other Personal Property.

Also, on the same day, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, at the Premises, the SHIP YARD, now occupied by Philips, Henderson, and Sinclair, in the lower part of the town of Chatham, having thereon a Moulding Loft, Blacksmith's Shop and other Buildings, with a large front, and to run back to the south end of the St. Andrew's Church Yard, except a small piece of Land previously sold. This yard is considered the most convenient one in Chatham. Also Seventy TOWN LOTS, situate to the Southward of the St. Andrew's Church Yard, if not previously sold at private sale.

Terms will be made known previous to the Sale by Handbills. For any further particulars apply to George J. Parker, or to the Subscriber.
J. T. WILKINSON, Auctioneer.
Chatham, January 25, 1854.

MEDICINES.

The Subscriber is Agent for the following Patent Medicines and Curators.

Morse's Invigorating Cordials,
Wild Cherry Bitters,
Cramp and Pain Killer,
Celebrated Russian Salve,
Radway's Ready Relief,
Moffat's Pills and Bitters,
Morehead's Magnetic Plasters,
Johnson's Anodyne Liniment,
Clarified Cod Liver Oil,
Hunter's Approved Cough Syrup.

ALSO

Those Invaluable Galvanic Belts, Necklaces, Bracelets, and Magnetic Fluid.
Almanacs and other treatises on the above Curatives given free at the Shop of
WM. A. LETSON.
Chatham, Miramichi, January 15, 1854.

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 henceforth do so. The name of the person giving the information will be kept secret if requested.
CALEB McCULLLEY.
Miramichi, December 21, 1853.

TEA! TEA!

40 Chests best CONGOU TEA, imported from Liverpool.
ALSO
59 Barrels No. 1 HERRINGS,
10 Barrels CRUSHED SUGAR,
For Sale by
W. J. FRASER.
25th January, 1854.

D. G. MACLAUCHLAN,
Attorney at Law.

OFFICE.—Opposite the Court House Bathurst, COUNTY GLOUCESTER.