

whose experience constitute them authorities in such matters. These transactions have resulted for the most part in enormous profits.

"Last January we informed you of an advance in the price of colonial ships over the previous year of seventeen per cent. The advance in last year is quiet forty-eight per cent, making an increase of sixty-five per cent, in the last two years; while in the sales of the year amount to 635 ships, equal to 279,530 tons, against 235, or 147,471 tons in 1852—the present oak stands in 89 against 48 in 1852, 76 in 1852, and 82 in 1851, with comparatively few coming forward for sale. The most of those now in course of construction are being built to order, and are not likely to come upon the market.

"We have reason to believe that ere long another instalment of that justice so tardily dealt out by the committee of Lloyd's to our colonial vessels will be granted in the shape of increased time, and that the ships now classed seven years will have another year given to them, and spruce ships will be removed into the class six years A 1, and to be afterwards entitled to the red star.

"British ships though considerably higher in price, are now proportionably cheaper than colonial 1 and therefore much greater demand; the extreme beauty and improved proportions of most of the new build is the cause of daily admiration. The advance may be given at 7 per cent, over the price of 1852.

"Iron ships are, as we predicted, becoming very much more in favor, and will be found very formidable competitors with timber-built ships, and as Lloyd's now admit them to twelve years' class, with a continuation, or renewal of six years, the attention of shipowners is much more directed to them. The present contract price of iron built ships, including complete Baltic outfit, is from £14 10s. to £16 per ton and of steamers (screw) is from £25 to £30 per ton.

"New Colonial ships classing seven years A 1 are worth from £10 to £11 5s.; those classing six years £9 10s. to £10 10s. Of ships to class five years we have had none. Spruce ships, or those classing four years, must be quoted from £7 10s. to £9. Small vessels, adapted for the coasting and Baltic trades, have been selling freely from £6 to £8 per ton.—The same overfurnished are worth 10s per ton more. A large proportion of this class of vessels sent home this year are of a bad model and unfit for the purposes intended. They have, however, found some buyers among the adventurers in the Australian river and coasting trades. If this outlet had not presented itself, many of them would not have brought £5 per ton. The majority of these small vessels, chiefly from Prince Edward Island, have been put out of hand shamefully this year, and from the improper shifts of the planks and defective treenailing, which very often is not through, many of them cannot get any class; though we are aware our frequent remonstrances with colonial builders upon these points have given grave offence, we believe we are their best friends, and but desire to promote their interests by correcting either their carelessness or their errors.

"Large second-hand ships have been scarce and easy of sale at high prices. Anything classed finds a ready market.

"The number of vessels that have changed hands in Liverpool, in the year, is 659 sail, equal to 288,430 tons.

"The number of new colonial vessels that have come into Liverpool, and been registered, is 112 equal to 88,376 tons.

The following is taken from Farnworth's & Jardine's Circular, published at Liverpool, and dated January 5, 1854.

PINE TIMBER.—The demand or consumption is still limited; and this circumstance, with a very large supply at the close of the season, has had the effect of causing some importers to accept of rather lower rates in preference to storing. Quebec cargoes of good quality and large average are saleable at our highest quotations, (2 2½d.) while inferior Wood is difficult of sale at our lowest, (1s 10d.)—22d, 22½d, and 2s. 2½ per foot, being the price obtained during the past fortnight. Of Saint John Pine, no cargoes have been placed on the market; our quotations are 2s. 4d per foot for 18 inches average; Miramichi and Bay Chaleur, 1s. 11d to 2s.; Richibucto 1s. 10d to 1s 11d.

PINE AND SPRUCE DEALS.—Easterly winds having detained at sea the few cargoes due at this port we have no sales to note. The demand for consumers has been only moderate, but this is quite customary at this season of the year. We cannot however, look for much improvement so long as the present severe frost continues. We quote St John spruce Planks, per standard hundred, £13 5s. to £13 10s.; Nova-Scotia, £12 10s. to £13.

The state of the Timber Trade in Glasgow may be gathered from the following extracts from Edmiston and Mitchell's Circular of the 31st December.

CLYDE TIMBER TRADE REPORT.—Glasgow 31st December. The year now brought to a close has been one of more than ordinary commercial prosperity in every department of trade. This is chiefly attributable to the vast increase of our transactions with Australia, caused by the apparent inexhaustible supply of gold from that colony. Notwithstanding the unexpected increase in the value of money, charged from time to time by the Bank of England the result of this pressure has been by no means injurious, clearly proving the solid basis upon which the trade of the country is founded.

"The Timber trade has fully participated in the general prosperity, and notwithstanding the increased rates of freight demanded by ship-owners as the year advanced, importers have obtained a proportionate rise in price; and, with a moderate stock in hand, our market closes firmly at our quotations.

"From the subjoined Table of Imports it will be seen that the Tonnage employed conveying Lumber into Clyde from British North America in 1852 was 85,332, while this year it amounts to 95,121, showing an increase of 9,789 tons.

"The import of Quebec Pine Timber shows an increase compared with last year of 8,792 logs.—The stock held by Importers and Dealers were exhausted previous to the new importations, and all the early cargo was sold on arrival at full market rates. The supply of this article, now in first hands, although moderate, will likely be sufficient to meet the wants of Consumers for spring operations, which will be comparatively limited, owing to the high price of labour and building materials. The import of Pine Timber from St. John, N.B., and low ports amounts to 19,121 logs, against 27,161 last year, making a decrease of 8,040 logs.

"The importation of all kind of Hardwood's, especially Birch and Elm, have been on a very limited scale, and prices have gradually advanced with the season.

"The supply of Deals and Battens is the largest on record, and shows an increase of 219,107 pieces compared with last year. Notwithstanding this excess, prices have been well maintained, and proved remunerative.

"The last sales of St. John Spruce deals have been only of a retail nature, being 18½d. to 19d. according to quality."

GLENELG COMMITTEE OF THE DIOCESAN CHURCH SOCIETY.

The Annual Meeting of this Local Committee, was held on Monday the 30th ult. After the usual prayers by the Missionary in charge of the Parish, a Resolution was then unanimously passed, warmly recommending the various objects embraced by the Church Society, to the prayers and alms of the Members of the Church of England in this part of the County.

The Hon. Mr Justice Street, and John Wright, Esq., were then chosen Lay Deputies for the purpose of assisting the Missionary in submitting the recommendations of this Local Committee, to the consideration of the General Committee, the Members which are to meet at Fredericton, on the 14th and 15th of this month.

PRESENTMENT OF GRAND JURY.

We have much satisfaction in laying before our readers to-day, the able presentment of the Grand Jury. That body has done their duty well and faithfully, for which they deserve the thanks of the inhabitants of the County.

We trust the Clerk will report to us, for the information of the Public, the action which the Sessions has taken on the several matters brought under their notice in the Presentment, for we can assure them there is much anxiety felt among the people on the subject.

Last year the conduct of the Sessions in complying with nearly all the recommendations of the Grand Inquest, gave much satisfaction; this leads us to conclude that in the present instance, a similar reasonable and politic line of action has been pursued by that body. The people have a right to the information, and when public bodies withhold such, it naturally engenders distrust. We are glad to find that the Sessions and the Grand Jury seem to understand their respective duties much better than in years past, and the natural consequence is, that the Sessions are yearly growing in popularity, and regaining a large share of confidence which had previously been withheld from them.

A little more zeal and determination on the part of the Magistracy, in punishing petty crimes, and curbing licentiousness in the respective localities in which they reside, will also add much to their respect and popularity.

*** On Sunday evening next, at half-past 6 o'clock, there will be prayers in St. Andrew's Church, at Newcastle, and after the Sermon a Collection will be made for the Diocesan Church Society.

We understand that during the week one or two stores in Chatham have been broken into, and a number of articles have been stolen from the doors and several buffaloeskins from sleighs. We mention these things to put our shop-keepers on their guard.

The Royal Gazette for some weeks past, has contained the Resolution of the Assembly respecting the time, &c, of receiving Petitions. We have not copied this notice, because the Clerk of the Assembly (for reason best known to himself) for three years has withheld the payment of our accounts, notwithstanding the Legislature has yearly passed them, and we do not feel disposed to perform any further services for that body, until we have some better guarantee for the payment of our labour than the caprice of one of its officials. We trust some of our members will investigate the matter.

BOWSER'S HOTEL.
ARRIVALS DURING THE PAST WEEK.
January 30—David Laurence, Fredericton; Isaac Laurence, do; James Power, Bathurst; J. N. Smith, St. John.

31—John Ferguson, Esq., Bathurst; Dr. Adams, Bangor; Captain Tezer, Bathurst; February 2—W. Boltenthouse, New Brandon; M. Carruthers, Esq., Bathurst; W. Fletcher, do; V. C. Tarbox, Boston; A. Brown, Bathurst.

The Mail Steamer has just arrived at Halifax as we go to press at 1 o'clock.

MARRIAGES.

At Restigouche, on the 25th January, by the Rev. James Steven, Mr. HENRY DUNCAN, to Miss JANE ADAMS.

DEATHS.

At the Douglasfield Settlement, Parish of Chatham, on the 24th January last, Mr JOHN TRAVERS, Sen., aged 88 years.

At Dalhousie, on Monday, the 30th ultimo, PETER STEWART, Esquire, aged 59 years, a native of Perthshire. He resided formerly at Miramichi, and latterly at Dalhousie. For several Sessions he represented the Counties of Gloucester and Restigouche in the Provincial Assembly, where by his great practical knowledge of business in general, and his strict integrity, he merited the confidence reposed in him by his constituents. As a Magistrate, and member of Society, his death is regretted, and his loss felt by the community at large.

BY TELEGRAPH.

TO MIRAMICHI GLEANER OFFICE.

EUROPEAN NEWS.

St. JOHN, February 1.

New York, January 31.—Asia arrived at noon.

Sultan has consented to negotiations proposed by four powers, in neutral city.

The Allied Fleets entered the Black Sea, on the 3rd of January. Czar is reported not to view it as a declaration of war, and has ordered Russian naval force to rendezvous in Sebastopol.

January 4.—Turks stormed entrenched camp at Citale, on the Danube, putting 2,500 Russians to the sword. Also defeated 18,000 Russians marching to relieve Citale. These reverses prevent passage of the Danube at present.

Nothing definite from St. Petersburg.

Infant child of the Queen of Spain is dead.

Consuls closed at 93 1-8. Breadstuffs for the week advanced 1s. on Flour. 1d. to 2d. on Wheat. 2s. on Indian Corn. Provisions active. General Markets unchanged. Manchester Trade good.

New Advertisements.

CONCERT.

MR. SCRIBNER begs leave to inform the Public, that his Juvenile Class will give a Concert of Secular Music, in the Hall of the Sons of Temperance, on Wednesday Evening next, the 8th instant. The object being to show the proficiency arrived at by the class, and to encourage an improvement in singing in the place, an opportunity will be afforded to test their knowledge of the Art of Singing Music at sight. Several Ladies and Gentlemen who have been under the instruction of Mr S., have consented to sing several pieces during the Evening comprising altogether upwards of forty singers, thus affording a great variety of pleasing Music, such as Solos Duets, Trios, Glee, Choruses, &c. Tickets of Admission, 1s. 3d each Children under 10 years of age, accompanied by their parents, half price; to be had at the Store of Messrs Johnson & Mackie, G. H. Russell, John Macdougall, W. A. Letson, Mr Bryson, and at the Door. Doors open at 7 o'clock, Concert to commence at half past seven.

For further particulars see Programme.

FOR SALE.

That Very Valuable Lot of Land.

Known as the MARIA PROPERTY, situated at Maria, County Bonaventure, containing upwards of

50 Acres of Land,

more than one half under cultivation. With DWELLING HOUSE, BARN, and a NEW STORE, erected last spring, fronting the King's Highway—being in one of the most business places of Maria, being also a splendid Fishing Ground, either for Salmon or Herrings, &c.

For further particulars enquire of John Meagher, Esq., Arleton Bay, Chaleur, or to the subscriber by Letter, addressed to

JOHN R. MICHAUD,
Batiscan, Canada East, District 3 Rivers
2nd February, 1854 4m.

CARD.

The Subscriber being about to leave home for a short period leaves authority with Mr. Charles L. Hawbolt, to take charge of his business, settle open accounts, and collect balances during his absence.

GEO. GEH. RUSSELL.
Chatham, 27th January, 1854. 2w.

North West Bridge Company.

Take Notice that a meeting of the Directors, in this Company, will be held at the Office of the Clerk of the Peace, Newcastle, on THURSDAY, the 18th day of February, instant, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of Transacting important business, connected with the Company, when a full attendance is particularly requested.

EDWARD WILLISTON, Secretary.
Newcastle, 1st February, 1854.

Daguerreotype Likenesses.

For One Dollar.

The Subscriber would inform the citizens of Chatham and vicinity, that he has fitted up the Band Room, where he will remain for a short time, Ladies and Gentlemen, are respectfully invited to call and examine Specimens, and favor him with their patronage, and he promises to use every exertion to please and give entire satisfaction.

DAVID LAWRENCE.

Chatham, 4th February, 1854.

SEALED TENDERS.

Will be received on Thursday next, 9th inst., at 11 o'clock A. M., at the shop of Messrs Burke & Noonan, in Chatham, for the following supplies, to be forwarded weekly to the poor of, and on account, the Parish of Chatham, viz:—

Fine Flour per stone Tea per lb
Corn Meal " " Candles "
Oat Meal " " Soap "
Dry Codfish " " Potatoes per barrel
Mollasses per Gal. Fire Wood, juniper, per cord

Those articles specified shall be of the best quality, delivered in the town of Chatham, when, and such quantities as may be required. Any other articles wanted to be furnished at cash prices, the Contractor to furnish money as required for cash purposes, and to be paid when collected from the usual assessment for that purpose.

Tenders for the keeping of George Taylor, John Hogan, Hugh McCormick, John O'Donnell, John Daley, and Sally O'Neil Paupers one or all of them, from the 11th inst., to the 11th February, 1855, will be received at the same time, and place. The Contractor or Contractors, shall furnish them, or either of them with Board, Washing, and Lodging, in a moderate comfortable manner, and must meet our approbation in point of character, and circumstance and conform with the terms of payment as above described.

JOHN BERKE, }
JOHN IRVING, }

Overseers of Poor, for the Parish of Chatham.
Chatham, February 2, 1854.

N. B. Applications for relief will be received on Friday mornings only, from 10 to 11 o'clock, at the office of the Contractor, except in extreme cases.

TO SHIPCARPENTERS.

The Subscriber wants a few GOOD SHIPCARPENTERS, to whom the highest Wages will be paid.

L. P. W. DESBRISAY.

Richibucto, 3rd February, 1854.

Valentines! Valentines!!

As the 14th of February approaches, parties will do well to secure their VALENTINES—A splendid assortment on hand.

DAVIS P. HOWE.

4th February, 1854.

TEA! TEA!

40 Chests best CONGOU TEA, imported from Liverpool.

ALSO

50 Barrels No. 1 HERRINGS,

10 Barrels CRUSHED SUGAR,

For Sale by

W. J. FRASER.

25th January, 1854.

ON THE

Philosophy of Marriage

and the Secret Infirmities of Youth and Maturity.

WITH FIFTY COLOURED ENGRAVINGS ON STEEL.

In a Sealed Envelope, price 2s. 6d. sterling.

SELF-PRESERVATION: An Analytical Investigation of the Physiology and Functions of Marriage, in all the bearings in which the important subject affects the health and happiness of man, with its disqualifications, and impediments, tracing their origin to the effects of juvenile solitary habits, youthful excess, tropical climates, or close study; followed by practical remarks, founded on twenty years' experience in the treatment of impotence, nervous debility, local weakness, spermatorrhoea, syphilis, and all diseases of the urinary and generative system. Illustrated by fifty Coloured Engravings on the anatomy of the reproductive organs and their relative conditions in health and disease. By SAMUEL LA'MERT, M. D., No. 37 Bedford-square, London. Doctor of Medicine, Matriolated Member of the University of Edinburgh, Honorary Member of the London Hospital Medical Society, Licentiate of Apothecaries' Hall, London, &c.

The essential object of this treatise is to point out the fearful consequences resulting from certain habits, irregularities and excesses, which have produced more misery in youth, degradation in manhood, and premature decay at all stages of life, than perhaps, any other class of disease known to modern pathologists. Its perusal is particularly recommended to persons entertaining secret doubts of their physical condition, and who are conscious of having hazarded the health, happiness and privileges to which every human being is entitled. The contents embrace the origin, effects, prevention and treatment of the deplorable catalogue of maladies connected with nervous debility, exhaustion of the vital energies, prostration of mental and physical capacity, local and general weakness, acute and chronic spermatorrhoea, and their endless modifications. The treatment adopted is founded on experience gained in the most celebrated schools of medicine, and by the most eminent practitioners, both in Great Britain and Continental Europe. Every peculiarity relating to physiology, pathology, and general treatment of the diseases incidental to the generative system is clearly explained, and the means of immediate relief and ultimate cure described in detail. The professional reputation of Dr. La'Mert, who has taken the most distinguished medical and academic honours, at home and abroad, is in itself a sufficient guarantee that those who may place themselves under his care will in every instance, meet with that delicate consideration and inviolable secrecy which are so requisite in the treatment of these cases.

CAUTION.—In consequence of the extensive sale of this work, which has now attained its sixteenth edition, several spurious and imperfect copies are in circulation. The genuine edition can be had only from the Author or his advertised agents.

The work may be had in St. John, of H. Chubb & Co., price 2s. 6d. stg.; Halifax, Messrs. Morton & Co.; Quebec, at the Gazette Office; Montreal, Mr. Dawson bookseller. Nov. 12, 1853.