

the year, and very high prices current. The market opened at £10 10s, and eventually in November £17 per standard was obtained; later, however, not more than £15 per standard could be realized. The price of Deals is now much higher than for many years past, but with Quebec Pine at 2s 1d to 2s 2d per foot, they must, at £12 to £13 10s per standard, which is equal to 18d to 20d per cubic foot, be considered as comparatively cheap. We may therefore conclude that they will continue to form the prominent article of consumption.

WHOLESALE PRICES OF AMERICAN TIMBER.—Yellow Pine Timber—Quebec, per cubic foot 1s. 10d to 2s. 2d. St. John's, eighteen inches average 2s. 3d. Miramichi, 1s. 10d. to 2s. 2d. Bay Chaleur, 1s. 9d. to 1s. 11d. Richibucto, 1s. 9d. Planks, Spruce, per standard hundred—St. John's, &c. £13 to £13 10. Lathwood, per fathom 4 feet £5 10.

POST OFFICE NOVA SCOTIA.

We have much satisfaction in being enabled to lay the following decision which the Government of Nova Scotia have come to, respecting the transmission, by mails, of pamphlets, magazines, &c. The sum taxed, we consider reasonable, and such as subscribers and purchasers will cheerfully pay for the privilege:

"An Order in Council, published in the official Gazette this week, and transferred to our columns on Thursday, provides that Printed Circulars, Prices Current, Handbills, and other printed matter of like description, may be forwarded through the mails of Nova Scotia at one penny per ounce; also, Pamphlets, Periodical and Magazines, the ends or sides being left open, for a half-penny per ounce."

The Assembly of this Province has sustained the principle of Universal Suffrage by a majority of 22. It will be seen by an article under the Politician head, that Mr Johnson has brought in his long promised Resolution on the subject of a Union of the Colonies. His speech on the occasion occupied three hours in delivery. He was followed by Mr Howe in a speech of great power.

P. E. ISLAND.

Last week we announced that the Members of the Government of this Island had tendered their resignations to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, and that he had accepted them. The papers by yesterday's mail inform us that a new Government has been formed, consisting of the following Gentlemen, who have been sworn in:

Hon. John M. Holl,
Edward Palmer,
Donald Montgomery,
Francis Longworth,
James H. Conroy,
Roderick McAuley,
Emanuel McEachen.

Haszard's Gazette says—that the Hon. Mr Palmer has accepted the office of Attorney General, and the Hon. Mr Longworth that of Colonial Secretary.

The Editor thus speaks of the recent changes:

"The new administration were yesterday sworn in, and took their seat at the Council Board. Their political bark may be now said to have been launched, and it will take some few days to put her into sailing trim; and after that it will altogether depend upon the conduct of the officers and crew whether she performs her voyage prosperously and gains her appointed haven,—or whether she becomes a wreck, as others have before her. To drop metaphor: The party who has just succeeded to power have an arduous task before them, to the performance of which they must bring, in addition to the exertion of all the talent they may possess, an unswerving rectitude of conduct. They must not only be pure, but avoid even the suspicion of being otherwise; and as every measure will be strictly scrutinized, so every measure should be founded on such principles as to enable it to bear the severest scrutiny. It would be useless to speculate as to what will be the line of policy adopted, and as a few days will put us in possession of the intentions of the new administration, we will patiently wait. In the mean time, we bid them 'God speed.'"

FRAUDS IN FLOUR.

Now that flour is high in price, the unprincipled dealers are imposing on the public by adulteration.

The New York Express advise purchasers of flour to have every barrel weighed, many frauds in the weight having lately come to light. In some cases the weight has been found to fall some twenty pounds below the standard. Just now, when prices are so extravagantly high, this is a consideration not to be overlooked.

CHILD'S IDEA.

Under this head, a late New York paper relates the following laughable circumstance:

"One of the ladies connected with the 'Methodist Five Points Mission,' who has under her charge some thirty little boys, called them together on the

morning of Thanksgiving Day, to perfect them in their answers to questions she intended asking them when before the visitors during the afternoon. After arranging them properly, the first on the right, in answer to the question—'who made you?' was to say 'God.' The next—'of what were you made?' reply, 'the dust of the earth,' and so on through the catechism. The all-important moment having arrived, the little 'shavers' were told to stand up. The little head boy, it seems, was missing, but the fact being unnoticed by the teacher, she proceeded with the question—'who made you?' which elicited the following laughable answer. 'I was made out of the dust of de 'ert; but the little feller what God made has got the belly-ache, and gone home.'

LEGISLATIVE PROCEEDINGS.

HAVING failed in receiving sufficient support from the public to procure daily reports by telegraph, of the proceedings of our Legislature, we have to be content to obtain our information by the slow process of the mails. From the documents that may thus come into our hands, we shall from time to time, as the business of the Session advances, endeavour to furnish our readers with a brief account of the doings of that body; but for their sayings they must look to the debates published by order of the house.

To-day we have devoted considerable space to Legislative matters, and we call the attention of our readers to the interesting Letter of our Fredericton Correspondent, in another page, as it furnishes some very peculiar and novel ideas "enunciated" by the Attorney General, the "Leader of the Government," and one of the Representatives of this County with regard to the duties of the Government. While such opinions are entertained by him and his colleagues, we see but little prospect of their originating any measure beneficial to the Province.

Below we copy a Report from the Auditor General, of the Financial State of the Province, up to the 31st of December last. This may be a very faithful and correct statement of the assets and liabilities of the Province, but after last year's exposé of the loose and imperfect—to say the least of it—manner in which the business of that office is conducted, what reliance can be placed in any statement its head may put forth.

We shall wait with some impatience the report of the Finance Committee on this document, as we feel assured it will undergo a minute and searching investigation. It is a sign of improvement, however, to see it so early laid on the table of the Legislature.

LIABILITIES OF THE PROVINCE, DEC. 31, 1853.
Savings' Bank Deposits, including Interest to the close of 1853—
St. John, £66,797 15 6
St. Andrews, 3,606 15 9
Northumberland, 4,416 14 8
Shediac, 356 11 3
Kent, 504 9 9

Copyright duty held for British authors, 152 1 10
Canada Timber Fund—
Receiver General, £762 8 2
Treasurer, 1216 3 2

Treasury Warrants outstanding at date, 10,768 9 6
Parliamentary Grants not issued, 4,627 17 11
Debentures issued for St. Andrew and Quebec Railway Company, £24,000 sterling, 28,800 0 0
Debentures for Fredericton Fire Loan, 12,000 0 0
Fishery Fund, 166 2 1
Indian Fund, 808 6 4

£134,977 15 11

PROVINCIAL ASSETS DEC 31, 1853.

Cash in Bank of New Brunswick, £8,359 1 8
" " Prov. Treasury, 156 14 2

£8515 15 10

Held by the Receiver General—
Casual Revenue, £2573 14 1
Surplus Civil List, 5065 11 9
Fishery Fund, 166 2 1
Timber cut on Canada borders, 762 8 2

£8,567 16 1

Trustees for managing Surplus Civil List, 14,360 0 0

Balances held by Deputy Treasurers, 3,125 13 1

Installments due and becoming due on Crown Lands sold, 27,044 6 3

Stock in St. Andrews & Quebec Railway Company, £24,000 sterling, 28,800 0 0

Bonds for Fredericton Fire Loan, 12,000 0 0

Balance of Interest do. do, 564 0 0

Do. in hands of Messrs. Baring Bros, 42 1 5

Do. of James Lockwood, in suit, 1050 0 0

Do. due from estate late W. Tyng Peters, 100 0 0

Do. Hon. J. Cunard & B. Wolhaupter, 1000 0 0

Do. of the St. John Bridges Company, 6000 0 0

£111,169 12 8

Balance—being indebtedness of the Province 31st December, 1853, 23,808 3 3

£134,977 15 11

NEW WORKS.

To the attention of Mr Fuller proprietor of the American Book Store, at Halifax, we are indebted for copies of the following works: *Graham's Magazine, for February.*

This work is beautifully got up, having a splendid copper plate engraving, with nu-

merous wood cuts, fashion plates, and a page of caricatures. Its literary articles are numerous, and among them the continuation of the Life of Washington, by G. T. Headley; Aunt Ester's Downy; Thomas Warbeck, a tale of Mercantile vicissitudes; Life and Services of General Lacey; the Regulator's Daughter: a Review of New Works; and an interesting summary of the news of the month.

The Wheel of Misfortune, or the Victims of Lottery and Policy Dealers, a yarn from the Web of New York Life. By Ned Butline.

Henrietta Temple, a Love Story, by Benjamin D'Israeli.

Venetia, or Lord Byron and his Daughter, by the same Author.

We have not had time to peruse these works, but from the well-known fame of the author of the two last named, we have no doubt they are well worth the attention of such as are fond of light reading. They are on sale at Mr Howe's Book Store, in Chatham.

BY TELEGRAPH.

TO MIRAMICHI GLEANER OFFICE.

EUROPEAN NEWS.

St. John, February 25.

New York, February 25.—Europa arrived this morning.

No change in Eastern question. Another talk of arbitration.

Wheat declined 4d. Flour 1s 6d. Consuls 91 1-2 to 91 3-8.

Fighting continues on the Danube, no great results. Large Russian force preparing to attack Kalafat.

France and England continue armaments on a large scale.

Boston, March 1.

Propeller Andes, from Liverpool, Feb. 14, arrived this morning at 8 o'clock.

Corn unchanged. Cunard & Co. advertises in consequence of steamship Niagara, being required for special service, Propeller Alps will be detained till Saturday, Feb. 18, to take mails and passengers to Boston instead of Niagara.

London Corn Markets.—Supply of English Wheat larger, but trade opens steady, at decline of this day week. Foreign held firmly, rates unaltered. English 1s. to 2s. per quarter cheaper. Foreign sold steadily, at full prices.

Preparations for War.—Government have chartered the following Steamers: Golden Fleece, Jason, Cape of Good Hope, Propontis, Himalaya, Manila, Ripon, Cambria, Niagara, Victoria, Queen of the South, Hydaspes, Harbinger.

It is reported that Lord Raglan is to have the chief command, and Duke of Cambridge, Earl Cardigan, Generals Evans and Brotherton are to have appointments. The 4th, 11th and the 17th Dragoons are reported to be under orders.

Both in Military and Naval departments extraordinary activity prevails. The period of forty days allowed by the Porte for the Russian acceptance of the terms adopted by the Turkish Cabinet, expired on Thursday February 8.

The Porte or Allies are fully justified in taking any measures they may think necessary.

Bucharest.—The Russians have 65,000 men before Kalafat, bad weather alone having prevented an attack. Active preparations will not be commenced before the first of March.

MARRIAGES.

At the Manse, in Chatham, on the 25th ult., by the Rev. John McCurdy, Mr ANTHONY S. FRASER, of Pictou, N. S., to Miss CHARLOTTE HOWARD, of Miramichi.

At Point de Bute, on the 23rd of February, by the Rev. Mr Smith, Mr JOB OULTON, to Miss ELIZABETH, third daughter of Mr William Trenholm, of that place.

DEATHS.

On Saturday, the 18th ult., at Shippegan, SOPHIA, third daughter of John Doran, Esq., in the 15th year of her age. Long had she been chastened with painful illness, but in her promise was fulfilled—"As thy days so shall thy strength be." Peacefully waiting for her anticipated end, she daily sought more and more to be confirmed to Jesus by the operation of His Holy spirit, and trusting in his merit she yielded up the ghost, and departed as one falling asleep in Christ.

BOWSER'S HOTEL.

ARRIVALS DURING THE PAST WEEK.

Feb. 27.—James Cammeron, Bathurst; Robert Cammeron, do.
28.—William Pallen, St. John, N. B.; J. Travis do.; Georges Deblois, do.; Hon. William Hamilton, Dalhousie.
March 3.—Jared S. Silliker, Bay du Vin.
4.—William McLeod, Esq., Restigouche.

EUROPEAN NEWS.—For some important news, we refer our readers to the Telegraph despatches.

The Propeller Alps, with the British mail, had not arrived at Halifax when we went to press this day at 2 o'clock.

Will some of the Members, or some friend in Fredericton, cause a copy of the debates to be forwarded to us regularly,

New Advertisements.

TENDERS

Will be received at the Store of Mr. WILLIAM MUIRHEAD, on or before the Eleventh of March, for the digging of a *CELLAR*.—For further particulars enquire of the Subscriber.

JAMES PATTERSON.

Chatham, 4th March, 1854.

WANTED

A *TEACHER* for School No. 9, near John Gordon's, comprising the District between Martin Lyons and the Bathurst Road: the School House has lately undergone a thorough Repair, and the inhabitants are anxious to secure the services of an efficient Teacher. None need apply but such as have attended the Training School, and can produce satisfactory Testimonials as to character, &c.—Apply to Mr William Loggie, or to either of the Trustees.

WILLIAM HENDERSON,
RICHARD HUTCHISON,
ALEX. GOODFELLOW.

Newcastle, 2nd March, 1854.

List of Letters for January,

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

CHATHAM.

Brook George,	Gallagher John
Blairfield Philip	May William
Douglas' own	Chatham
Clarke Mary Jane care of	Jardine Samuel
Mr Cate P. M	Napan
Clark Beddy or Margaret	Lore William
Cassedy	Murray Mary care of
Clark Mary care of	Mr Wyse
W. Ward	Norman Michael
Conde Thomas	Willineure John
Costigan William	Purdy John
Clark Flora	Stewart Charles
Curran John	Napan
Dunn James	Wallace
Dickie Catherine	Waters John

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

JAMES CAIE, P. M.

AUCTION.

RESERVE YOUR CASH!

If you want bargains of Books, Flutes, Accordions, Violins, Trunks, Toys, &c., reserve your Cash till the evening of *SATURDAY, the 11th instant*, when you may purchase the above at your own price. The Subscriber in order to make room for his Spring supply will dispose of about

1000 VOLUMES

of Books with a number of musical instruments &c. by auction, and as he is determined to sell, those who feel disposed to purchase will have good bargains.

The sale will commence at 7 o'clock precisely, and will continue each succeeding Saturday evening, till the stock is reduced to the quantity desired.

DAVIS. P. HOWE.

Chatham, March 4, 1854.

EDWARD CASTELL,

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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 team-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, Cordial Drops, Brandy Drops, French Foyes, 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.

CARD.

J. P. STREET, M. D., and M. R. C. S., Edinburgh, may be consulted at his Room, in the House belonging to Mr Alexander Kirk, Druggist, adjoining the Commercial Bank, Newcastle.
10th February, 1854.