

mand your immediate approval; but you will not at the same time forget the necessity for mature and anxious deliberation in such momentous questions.

I now leave you to the discharge of your public duties, with an earnest hope that God may bless your exertions, and promote thereby the happiness and prosperity of this Province.

News of the Week.

CANADA.

THE BURNED PARLIAMENT BUILDING.—It is burned. A building on a site the most magnificent conceivable, is in ruins. Like a skull, with the eye-holes picked clean by the worms, stands the Parliament building in Quebec. The skeleton of one of the most substantial buildings in the province seems to rock to and fro while the winds of heaven whistle through it. That building on which a dome rested that would have done credit to Christopher Wren, is only now a grand spectacle of emptiness—all the glitter and tinsel of the interior having vanished into carbon or crumbled into ashes. Dust to dust, £150,000 is pulverized within those black walls, the perishable remains, we trust, of a not noble but substantial structure. Nor are we, nor the ministry, nor the people generally, sorry. To us the building was an eyesore, it resembled a Lancashire cotton factory, badly ornamented with a colonnaded front. The windows were disagreeably small. The style of architecture was neither Grecian, Roman, nor Gothic, but Canadian—a poker and tongs style of architecture similar to the new front of the French Cathedral, or rather, parish Church of Notre Dame. On a magnificent site, a spinning mill had been placed which contained neither the evidences of scientific skill which a factory contains in its machinery, nor the versatility of talent in its proper occupant which a spinning mill exhibits in the almost countless numbers who toil therein twelve hours a-day, the Ciceros of Parliament and of a Lancashire cotton factory admitting of no comparison. The ministry are not sorry, because it affords some excuse for not meeting Parliament immediately, and will justify a short do-nothing session when the meeting does take place; and the people, generally, care nothing for the mishap, because they reasonably expect the speedy reconstruction of the Parliament House, involving a considerable cash expenditure. The spinning mill, now in ruins—for in truth it was a spinning mill in reality as in appearance—more yards having been spun there than could be told in one newspaper article—has only been destroyed to make way for an edifice worthy of a country fast rising into commercial and national importance. One thing only is to be wished, that—as at Cologne an architect arose, “for the glory of the saints and honor of Germany,” even though his name should be unknown—some architect may be found with conceptions infinitely more glorious, beautiful, and harmonious, than Quebec hitherto has discovered.

All our public buildings, with one or two exceptions,—the Episcopal, the Methodist, and the Free Churches—are paltry hovels, so much so, indeed, that it would be no great misfortune were the French Cathedral, Scotch Kirk, Court House, and Post Office reduced to ashes to-morrow, were the paintings in the former saved as have been some of those in the Parliament building. There is a tasteless smallness in the doors and windows, and a barbaric mixture in the style of architecture of public buildings in Quebec, which is particularly offensive to an architecturally educated eye. A similarly nipped unshapeliness is exhibited in Quebec buildings as is exhibited in home-made trousers. There is not the finish nor cut of the educated tradesman, but the substantiality of the country tailor or mason. The houses are massive and comfortable, but wanting in harmoniousness of parts, and therefore in beauty; and interiorly the clumsiness corresponds with the exterior, relieved by the tawdriest of upholstery. That which is necessary in style of architecture for a Parliament House is severe simplicity in the decorations, richness, and harmony in every part. Gilt and upholstery are miserable covers for a want of internal proportion. The miserable walls which yet remain of the Parliament building in Quebec should at once be thrown down, and the erection of a new building instantly proceeded with. The ministry might safely assume that responsibility. There is no suitable building in Montreal nor Toronto at present, and, indeed, no building now more suitable for Parliamentary business than the Music Hall. It is then the duty of the Government, and we trust the French Canadians will have spirit enough to compel them, if they do not do their duty, to raise an edifice which will not give strangers a poor opinion of the people of this part of the Province of Canada. The Hon. Jean Chabot will surely never think of building up, with brick, the interior of, or re-roofing, the present ruins.—*Quebec Gazette.*

Next season Canada will have three lines of ocean steamers running between British ports and Quebec and Montreal. First there is the Canadian Steam Navigation Company's line already established. Next Messrs. Edmoustone, Allan & Co., British ship owners

are to place a line of first-class screw steamers between Glasgow and Liverpool and Quebec, consisting of vessels of 2,000 tons and 400 horse power each. Then the Canada Ocean Steamship Navigation Company is to place two steamers of from 1,700 to 2,000 tons each on the same route. This company's stock is all subscribed. These latter two companies will establish independent lines without any bounties from the Government.

The Government have come to the conclusion of turning out judges, lawyers, and suitors of the Court House, and occupying it for legislative purposes until a new house is built. Apart from the impropriety of disturbing the law business of the Courts, the rooms are too small to afford the necessary accommodation. One room in the City Hall is to be given up for all the Courts. Now, although the Corporation have offered their Hall to the Government to be used by the legislature, it is not quite certain they will allow it to be used as a Court room.

The weather has been extraordinarily cold for the past day or two, and, indeed, extreme cold has been more continuous this winter than it has ever before been within our recollection. On Sunday the thermometer marked 23 deg. below zero, and the river was frozen completely across, the bridge remaining until evening tide when it moved off. The cold, however, increased, and during the night the thermometer having fallen to 28 deg. the pont was again formed. Yesterday forenoon the river was covered with an unbroken sheet of ice so far as could be seen from Durham Terrace, and hundreds of persons crossed in the forenoon to Point Levi and back. The pont still holds.—Thermometer this morning 18 deg. below zero.

NOVA SCOTIA.

We have heard it hinted that a final stand, in opposition to the Elective Franchise Bill, will be made upon its coming up for a “third reading.” We hope not. The false position assumed by several of our friends may now be abandoned without dishonour.—With its several more than sufficient guards and checks, the Bill will work, as every true Liberal must desire smoothly, safely, satisfactorily. We “go” for Vote by Ballot; and shall be delighted to find Mr Howe lending his strength—not *vis inertia*, but active strength to carry it.—*Halifax Sun, Feb. 15.*

The Barque Envoy, Hegarty, master, of and for Londonderry, Ireland with a cargo of timber and deals from St. John, N. B., was lost on the night of the 28th ult., on the north shore of Brier Island. The greater part of the materials were saved in a damaged state; deals between decks also saved. Hull and timber a total loss.

Owing to the House meeting 3 days last week at 12 o'clock, the regular reports have been thrown back. As committees will now, however meet in the morning, and the House at three, the early appearance of the debates will not be impeded. Friday's proceedings have been delayed to procure full extracts of Mr Johnston's Railway explanations. From these it appears that early last summer, Messrs. Jackson, Peto, Brassy, and Betts forwarded to Mr Johnston a power of Attorney to subscribe, in their names, the Stock required by the act of last Session, and to pay in the £5000 required to organize the Company; but her Majesty's confirmation of the act not being received, he (Mr Johnston) did not feel authorised to proceed. When that sanction had come, the aspect of affairs had so altered in Europe that Messrs. Jackson & Co., withdrew their authority.

The House had a short sitting on Saturday, occupied with routine business; and will meet at 12 to-day to dispose of the Elective Franchise Bill.

Sir Allan McNab's health is in a very precarious state.

The Wesleyan Methodists of Hamilton, held a Soiree for the benefit of one of their Churches lately—when the company had left, a party of miscreants broke into the room, and after regaling themselves on what was left, broke or otherwise destroyed every dish and plate on the table, and rendered other furniture in the room entirely useless. The perpetrators of the deed had not been discovered.

WEST INDIES.

FROM TURKS ISLAND.—We are indebted to Captain Dutze, of brig Atlantic, for the Royal Gazette of January 11. It represents the cholera as raging at St. Thomas, Nevis, St. Kitts, and the Islands generally. An extract from the Bahama Herald of December, described a terrific hurricane which destroyed a great amount of salt. The sea rose fifteen feet. The sloop Butterfly was driven ashore and seven lives lost. The Antelope was driven out and not since heard of. Crops were destroyed, and many were houseless.—[*New Haven Polladium.*]

By schooner Flash, Capt. McKinnon, from St. John's, P. R., Jan. 20, we learn that the cholera at St. Thomas continued to rage fiercely. From the 1st of January to the 15th, fifteen hundred persons died, mostly blacks.

EUROPE.

The English people, seeing the imminence of war, appear to have made up their minds to the necessity, and quietly accept it.

CHINA AND INDIA.—Dates from Hong Kong are to the 11th December. Bombay 29.

A conspiracy at Rangoon was frustrated Nov. 23rd, by the preparations of the British authorities.

Trade in India was dull. Exchange, 2s. 1d.

The President of Bushire has reported that 60,000 Persians had reached that neighborhood, with the object of invading Bagdad.

A combined naval and military expedition is being rapidly organized by the Bombay government.

The important territory of Bezar, the garden of India, had fallen to the British government, by the death of its ruler without issue.

Russia refuses her assent, and demands that Denmark shall side with one of the parties.

New Advertisements.

MUSIC CLASS.

MR. SCRIBNER begs to return thanks to the Public of Miramichi, for the liberal patronage received, and would mention that in compliance with numerous and urgent solicitations, he will resume his Classes as follows—An ADULT CLASS will be formed in the Mechanic's Institute, on MONDAY evening next, February 20, at 7 o'clock, to continue on MONDAY and WEDNESDAY evenings of each week.

A JUVENILE CLASS will be formed in the Mechanic's Institute, on WEDNESDAY next, February 22, at 4 o'clock, to continue on WEDNESDAY and SATURDAY of each week, at the same hour.—Terms as usual.

A CLASS will be formed in DOUGLSTOWN, on TUESDAY evening, February 21, at 7 o'clock, to continue on TUESDAY and FRIDAY evenings.

The CLASS will continue in the Room occupied by the ST. PATRICK SOCIETY as usual, on THURSDAY and SATURDAY evenings, at 7 o'clock.

A SPLENDID ARTICLE.

A small quantity of very superior BRANDY, For Sale by A. FRASER, Hawbolt's Building, Lower Water Street. February 11, 1854.

S. P. OSGOOD & Co.

MARBLE MANUFACTURERS, KING SQUARE, ST. JOHN, NEW BRUNSWICK.

Persons wishing to procure MARBLE SLABS, HEAD STONES, &c., with inscriptions thereon, can be supplied upon the most correct notice by leaving their orders at the Shop of WM. A. LETSON, Chatham, who is our authorized Agent for Miramichi. Chatham, 15th February 1854.

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The Subscriber is Agent for the following Patent Medicines and Curators

Morse's invigorating Cordial,
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.

Cheapest in Town, and Best yet Offered.

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White, Grey, Striped, Printed, and Fancy Cottons; Ginghams, Moleskins, Muslins, Linings, Velvets, Edgings and Lace, Knitting Cotton, Bed Tickings, Sheets, Waddings, White and Colored Warp, Braces, Tapes, &c., &c.; India Rubber Braces, Black, White, and Fancy Kid Gloves; Fur Caps, &c., &c.; Figured Aprons, Coburgs, Orleans, Plaidings, Braids, Handkerchiefs, Shawls, White Red and Blue Flannels and Serges, Yarn, Hose, Socks and Mittens, Ready made Coats, Jackets, and Trousers; Ribbons, German and Berlin Wools, Bonnet Shapes.

HARDWARE.

Nails, Hinges, Saws, Spoons, Table Knives and Forks, Jack and Open Knives, Razors, Pins, Needles, Thimbles, Powder and Shot, &c. CROCKERY AND GLASSWARE.

PROVISIONS AND GROCERIES.

Pork, Flour, Meal, Herrings, Codfish, Hams, Pickles, Tobacco, Tea, Sugar, Molasses, Butter, Soap, Candles, Barley, Vinegar, Coffee, &c.

DRUGS.

Honey, Arrow Root, Castor Oil, Salts, Senna, Saltpeetre, Oil Peppermint, Cramp and Pain Killer, Vermifuge, &c., Indigo, Whiting, Caperass, Red and Yellow Ochres, Rose and Dutch Paints, Glue, &c., &c.

STATIONARY.

Blank Books, Writing Paper, Perforated Card and Pastebard, Red and Black Sealingwax, Wafers, Crochet Cases, &c., &c.

Salmon, Trout, and Herring Lines; Shoe Hemp, &c. Just Received. Boxes Muscatel Raisins, One Cask Extra Lard Oil.

The above are being sold off by the Subscriber at great reduced prices for cash or approved credit, to make room for Spring Importations. At his usual stand, Hawbolt's Building, Lower Water Street, immediately below the Steam Ferry Shop.

N. B. Shingles, Fur, and Produce taken in exchange
A. FRASER,
Chatham, February 10, 1854.

Valuable Properties for Sale.

To be sold by Public Auction, on SATURDAY, the 15th 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 no rest 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 Beaubear's Island, containing 250 acres, there is sufficient 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.

Store and Houses to Let.

To Let, that STORE in Chatham, presently rented by Messrs. Forbes & Co. It is situate in the most central part of the Town, and is well adapted either for Wholesale or Retail Business.

ALSO

The DWELLING HOUSES in Queen Street, known as the Dean Cottages. These Houses are in a good state of Repair, situate in a pleasant and airy part of the Town, and very desirable residences.

Entry to the above Premises will be given on the 1st of May next. For further particulars apply to John Macdougall, Esq., Chatham, or to

JOHN WRIGHT.

Studley, Miramichi, February 16th, 1854.

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At the EDUCATIONAL DEPOSITORY, the long looked for large and elegant assortment of Books, and fancy Stationery, comprising the following:—Complete sets of Reynolds's, Marryat's, Lever's, and Bulwer's Works, one hundred and fifty volumes of *British and American Poets*, in Embossed and Antique Binding. A large number of Games, Caskets, Offerings, and Gift Books, richly bound, Uncle Tom's Cabin, profusely illustrated; Pope and Maguire's controversy, Bryant's Poems, Tupper's Philosophy, the Western World, Josephus, Mrs Phelps's Botany, &c., &c., &c.

250 Pieces

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Stationary,

fancy note paper and envelopes, (a beautiful article, mourning and official do.; mathematical instruments, Penknives, of the first quality, &c., &c.

DAVIS P. HOWE.

Chatham, 18th February, 1854.

The attention of the Ladies is particularly requested to the elegant selection of Piano music, nothing like it ever here before.

TENDERS.

Sealed Tenders will be received at the Store of Messrs. Park & Alexander, Douglastown, until Saturday, the 25th February, at noon, for supplying the Overseers of Poor in the Parish of Newcastle, with CASH to the amount of \$15, currency, per Month, for Twelve Months, or till such time as the Money is collected and placed into the hands of the Overseers, at the lowest rate of interest.

JOHN ALEXANDER, } Overseers
MOSES M. SARGENT, } of
WILLIAM GORDON, } Poor.
Douglastown, February 15, 1852.

To Ship Owners and Others.

Two experienced ship Masters, who have lately lost their vessels in the Bay of Chaleur, are desirous of obtaining employment, and would engage to take charge of, and superintend the fitting out of any vessel, proceeding to any part in the United Kingdom, from any part of this Province, on reasonable Terms.—Reference to Mr Henry Bowser, Bowser's Hotel, Chatham.

Bathurst, 5th February, 1854.

NOTICE.

The Meeting of the Board of the Northumberland Agricultural Society, intended for THURSDAY last, is postponed, owing to the severity of the weather till the morning of TUESDAY next, the 21st day of this month at 11 o'clock precisely.

By order of the President
JAMES CAIE, Secretary.
Chatham, February 17, 1854.

For Sale or to Let.

TWO FARMS OF LAND, containing 145 acres, and 163 acres, more or less. One Lot joining the Barribogue Church. The other situate between the farms of Duncan Morrison and John Stronach, at Oak Point. The Lot of 145 acres, has House and Barn thereon. Some Hemlock and Spruce Logs, Juniper and Spruce SPARS on each Lot. Apply to D. MORRISON.
Douglastown, February 13 1854.

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.

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