

as it was contemplated and even talked of, is very true, but everybody at all conversant with the state of the money, material, and labor market during the last two years, will be at no loss to account for why this was so.

There was at least a fair chance that in the latter portion of the term provided in the contract, materials, freight and labor, might be cheaper; and it would be only very unreasonable people who would expect contractors not to avail themselves of the latitude they had bargained for, when the contingency arose which they had contemplated, but would grumble, misrepresent and say harsh things because they did not choose to go on in spite of adverse circumstance and lose a great deal of money.

But our contractors are not liable even to the charge of having intentionally delayed the work for the purpose of preventing a loss of money. It is patent to every one that they have gone on faithfully and vigorously in their endeavours to get the road built, and the delay is entirely owing to circumstances beyond their control. It is well known that large importations of navvies and artisans were made at a great expense, but it was soon found that it was impossible to get such men to go on with the work. With every farmer and lumberer round them offering double wages, and the States in the neighbourhood as a "land of promise" to tempt them away, engagements were only regarded as chains that ought to be snapped asunder, and soon the navvies took themselves off.

So soon as it was ascertained that the contractors could not get the work done within a reasonable time by their own agents, a large portion of the work was sub-let to responsible American contractors, and although, owing to scarcity of labor, the cholera, and some slight difficulties and misunderstandings which are incidental to all such undertakings, the work has not gone on so fast as we all could have wished, yet still a great deal of work has been done, and we believe that early next summer the cars will be running from Shediac to the Bend.

Of course until the line from St. John to the Bend was finally located, it was impossible that it could be sub-let, or that much work could be done upon it. Mr. Morton we believe, was here in July, but as some deviation were necessary, it was not located until this week. To those who do not understand such things, such delays seem irksome, but as railroads once laid down cannot be altered, it is necessary that before beginning, the best line possible should be found. As the cost of all this surveying is borne by the Contractors, it would seem to argue anything else than a desire to slight the work, that they spend so much time and money in trying to get the best road, and we who will get the benefit of it should be the last to grumble.

We understand that the difficulty with Messrs. Black, Harris & Co. to which some of our contemporaries have alluded, arose only out of a temporary misunderstanding, and that it is probable that those gentlemen will not only immediately resume work at the Bend, but also contract for the whole line. We hope that it may be so, as from their deservedly high character and energy we may in that case rely upon having a good road and in good time.

We understand that the branch line to Miramichi and Fredericton will be proceeded with in due season.

Our friends in Nova-Scotia may rest assured that we shall be at the border as soon as they will.—St. John Currier.

BRIDGE OVER THE ST. JOHN AT THE GRAND FALLS.—We learn from the Woodstock Journal, that Alexander Light, Esq., Civil Engineer, has taken a contract for the erection of a bridge over the St. John just below the Grand Falls. It is gratifying to know that a gentleman whose skill and experience as an Engineer are generally acknowledged has undertaken this task, which has hitherto been regarded as presenting great, if not insuperable difficulties. We feel satisfied that Mr. Light will allow no obstacles to prevent the successful completion of his undertaking, and that he will succeed in erecting the bridge undeterred by the great depth of the gorge over which it is to pass and by the rapidity of the current or rather torrent in this portion of the river. The height of the bridge above the bed of the stream will be about 120 feet. The Hon. Col. Hayward, the commissioner appointed by the Government who has had much practical experience in works of this description, is, we are informed fully satisfied in the practicability of the undertaking, and with the means and appliances which the engineer intends to employ.—Head Quarters.

OUR NEW GOVERNOR.—It is understood that the newly-appointed Lieut. Governor of this Province, the Hon. John Henry Thomas Manners Sutton, will sail from Liverpool in the steamer that leaves on Saturday next, the 16th instant, for Boston. He will be met at that place by Sir Edmund Head, and after a conference, the one will proceed to Canada, and the other come here. The Fredericton Reporter states that Sir Edmund will leave this province about the 25th inst. The Executive Council met at Fredericton

yesterday and the sitting will be continued to-day. It is probable that this will be the last meeting of the Council in our hands, in the opinion of Sir Edmund Head, who will carry with him the best wishes of its constituents.

KING'S COLLEGE, FREDERICTON.—We are informed that the Rev. Egerton Ryerson, D. D., Superintendent of Education in Upper Canada; J. W. Dawson, Esq., late Superintendent of Education in Nova Scotia; with Honorable J. H. Gray, John Saunders, and James Brown of this Province, have been appointed Commissioners, to enquire into the present condition and management of King's College, Fredericton, with the view of such changes being effected, as will render that expensive institution more generally useful. Dr. Ryerson and Mr. Dawson are expected to arrive here to-morrow; in such case the labors of the Commissioners will commence this week. The acknowledged ability and high-standing of the Commissioners we fully expect that such judicious changes will be made in the system heretofore pursued in the College, as will render it really beneficial to the youth of this Province, instead of being, as heretofore, a dead weight upon its revenues, with the least possible amount of good.—New Brunswick.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE AT ST. STEPHENS.—Calais, Sept. 12.—A fire broke out about one o'clock this morning in a barn, rear of Wm. Campbell's, which consumed the entire block, front and rear, from Watson's corner, to the Store of Upton Hills, which was the only building saved. The buildings on the opposite side of the street caught fire several times, but were promptly extinguished.—Loss cannot be less than 35 or \$40,000—about \$15,000 insured.—Morning News.

THE PACIFIC.—Just previous to the sailing of the steamship from San Francisco, the British clipper ship North Fleet arrived from China in forty days, bringing intelligence of Canton having been surrounded by the rebels and that the foreign residents have all left the city.

The most important feature of the news by this arrival is the report that the American Commissioner has concluded a treaty for the annexation of the Sandwich Islands to the United States, and that the treaty is coming forward in the mail steamer, via Panama. No details are given, but it is known that all the King's Council are strongly in favour of annexation, and the King was one of the most active promoters of the treaty.

The mining news from California was never more favorably than at present. FURTHER FROM CHINA.—The Friend of China of July 1st, per Star of the West, states that another insurrection had broken out around Canton. The large town of Toon Koon was in possession of the rebels, and there were rumors that Canton would be invested. The Governor General had decapitated 300 persons within a fortnight, with a view to terrify the insurgents.

NEWFOUNDLAND.—The Times understands there has been a great falling off in the Fisheries on the French Shore of the Island.

A correspondent of the Public Ledger writing from Ola Perlican (Trinity Bay) says "while the potato disease" ravages our gardens, the Government must provide £10,000 a year for wants of the poor!

The Fishery in Fogo is reputed almost a failure, although it is considered the best station in the district.

A very serious loss of fishing-boats had occurred in the neighbourhood of Torbay during a furious gale on the 26th ult. At Pouch Cove alone 54 fishing-boats were entirely destroyed. At Flat-Rock 18. M. Biscam Cove every boat except two, was either destroyed or carried away to sea; so also the Fish Stages. The amount of the loss, in money, is said to be over 1600.

A deal of excitement has prevailed the community for some time past, arising from the deaths, one after the other, of several persons, who, a few hours before, were apparently in the enjoyment of robust health. The Health officer says that they are cases of cholera.—Patriot.

South West Boom Company. Notice is hereby given, that a third call is ordered to be paid by the Stock Holders of the above Company, to Richard Hutchison, Esq., Treasurer, on or before the Fifth day of October next. ROWLAND CROCKER, President. EDWARD WILLISTON, Secretary. Newcastle, September 15, 1854.

NOW OPENING! GOLD VEST CHAINS, and another selected assortment of GOLD and SILVER WATCHES, as good as the last. D. P. HOWE. Chatham, 26th August, 1854.

HARDWARE. The Subscribers have just received by late arrivals, a large assortment of HARDWARE, consisting of:—Hinges, Locks, Screws, Table Cutlery, Tea Pots, Tea Kettles, &c., &c. Also, an assortment of China Furniture. FORBES & Co.

Rare Chance for Speculators. And Persons desirous of making a Safe and Profitable Investment.

The Subscriber is desirous of selling at Public Auction, at the Residence, at 12 o'clock, on the second TUESDAY in OCTOBER next. All his

Valuable, Real, and Personal Property, situated in the Town of Fredericton, consisting of:—

About Ten Acres of LAND, with a front of 16 Rods on the main street, and about 120 yards from the Harbour, on which are two good Dwelling Houses, well finished with Bars, Out Houses, and every other necessary and useful appendage attached to the premises.

Also, a Valuable TANNERY, being a large and commodious building 120 by 24 feet, and 12 feet post containing 19 Vats, Bark Mill, Stoves, &c., &c., in good and complete working order, for carrying on the business.

Likewise, a Blacksmiths' Forge, and Shoe Shop. The above will be sold in Lots to suit purchasers, and terms made moderate.

On the following day at 12 o'clock, noon, will be sold a BUILDING LOT, in Boudoche, situated between Mr. Atkinson and R. D. Cudler, Equires, the same being 50 feet fronting on the River, and to which there is a Wharf attached, where a vessel of 150 tons can lie alongside.

There will be sold at the same time, a great quantity of other Articles. For particulars of which see Handbills. JAMES R. CREELMAN. Richibucto, 1st September, 1854.

VALUABLE PROPERTY, FOR SALE.

The Subscriber offers the following. A GRIST MILL with three run of Stones, OATKILN Three-Dwelling Houses, Barn, Blacksmith Shop, and a SHIP YARD, with about 10 acres of Excellent LAND on the north side of a creek, containing any quantity of the best of Manure. Also, a FAR 9 on the south side of said creek, containing about 80 acres, 20 of which are under cultivation, with an extensive front. The land is of an excellent quality, free from stone, including a good MILL PRIVILEGE, where an overshot of 20 feet can be got with little expense, being already dammed over.

These properties will be sold either together or separate, as may suit, and are well worth the attention of any person, being in the heart of an extensive settlement, and a good Harbour. They are situated about one quarter of a mile from the Cognac Bridge, in the County of Kent, and about six miles from Shediac. Should the above not be sold previous to the 3rd of OCTOBER, they will be offered at Public Auction, on the Premises, on that day. JAMES LONG. Reference—Mr. Cesar Desautel, Charlottetown; Henry Livingston, Esq., Shediac; or Mr. William K. H. Chatham, Cocagne 12th August, 1854.

CARD AND NOTICE.

The subscriber begs to return her best thanks to the Public generally for the handsome manner in which she has been patronized since she commenced business in Richibucto; and also, to announce that she intends to close her present business in the course of the season. She therefore desires all persons to whom she is indebted to render their accounts forthwith; and those who may be indebted to her, to make immediate payment. ELIZABETH FALL. Richibucto, September 9, 1854.

The business hitherto carried on by Mrs E. Fall, will for the future be carried on by the subscriber, and from strict attention to business and integrity in his dealings, hopes to merit the confidence and patronage of the Public. JNO. S. FALL. Richibucto, September 9, 1854.

BY AUCTION. On FRIDAY 16th September next, at 1 o'clock, afternoon, in front of the Court House, Newcastle, will be offered for sale at Public Auction, in One or Two Lots.

The Lot of Land, owned by Thomas Carter, and on which he recently resided, with the HOUSE and BARN thereon, situated between the property of H. Ator Morrison and Thomas Power, about 1 1/2 miles from Wilson's Point. This lot has two fronts of 33 1/2 Rods each, with Fishing Privileges on both, and a clearance of about 8 acres on the South West, and 4 acres on the north West, with two highroads crossing it. Terms:—1/3 down, 1/3 5th June, 1855, and the residue 1/3 September 1855. For further particulars enquire of J. M. JOHNSON, Auctioneer. Miramichi, 24th August, 1854.

HAY SCALES. The Subscriber has taken charge of the HAY SCALES in Chatham, formerly owned by William Lorton, Esq., and will pay the strictest attention to those who may favor him with their custom. R. McNAMARA. Chatham, 2nd September, 1854.

Chatham, N.B. TIVROCK NHOI OFFICE—Adjoining the Store of J. C. & Co. 'ATTORNEY AT LAW' 'NOSMOHL TERNVS' SCHOOLMASTER WANTED. For School No. 1, Township of Hope, County of Bonaventure, C. E., capable of teaching the ordinary branches of Education. There is a comfortable residence, and an acre of land. Salary £30 currency per annum, about £19 cash, and the balance in Produce. Candidates will attend at the School House, on the 14th September next, at 3 P. M. Hope, 15th August, 1854.

NEW STORE. GOLDEN FLEECE.

The subscriber respectfully informs the Inhabitants of this and surrounding Country, that he has rented the Store recently occupied by Mr. F. W. Johnson, and has engaged Messrs. J. Buson and Mackie's, who he shows a large and varied Stock of

Staple and Fancy Dry Goods, (entirely new,) consisting of

SILKS, In Plaids, Stripes, Black and Glaze Silks, Plain and Brocade. SHAWLS, Filled Paisley Laces, and various Colours, Barage, Printed Cashmere, White, Drab, and Black Indian Shawls.

DRESS GOODS. Australian Cloths, Embroidered Dresses, Coburgs, Delaine, Barages, and Muslins.

BONNETS in all the New Styles, with a choice lot of Ribbons to match, Ladies' Collars, Habit Shirts, Corset Rodes, Stays, a large lot of Parasols and black silk Laces, Gloves and Hosiery Combs, Laces of all kinds, Lace Veils, Checked, Jaconet, Book and Mull Muslins, Linens, Handkerchiefs, Huckabacks, Flannels, Table Covers, Prints and Cotton Goods.

READY-MADE CLOTHING. A large and cheap stock of Cloth Frocks, Sacks, Paletots and Sporting Coats, Pants and Vests of every Description, Lambs Wool Shirts and Drawers, Bras, Silk Handkerchiefs, Waterproof Clothing, Kossuth and Leghorn Hats, Cloth Caps, Stocks and Opera Ties.

All these Goods have been bought Cheap, purchasers may rely upon getting a good Article at a very Low Price, call and judge for yourselves. ANDREW ANDERSON. Chatham, June 17 1854.

FAIR. There will be a Public FAIR or MARKET held on the Public Square, in the Town of Newcastle, on the FIRST TUESDAY in October, for the

Exhibition and Disposal OF MANUFACTURES, STOCK of all descriptions, and PRODUCE of every kind. As this Exhibition is calculated to promote Trade and encourage the Farmer, it is hoped that no pains will be spared in bringing forward such a display of Stock, &c., as will prove beneficial to the Proprietors and be the means of leading to a spirit of emulation in the rural operations of the County. EDWARD ARBEL, Keeper. Newcastle, September 9, 1854.

CARD. CHATHAM DISPENSARY.

D. McLAREN & Co., respectfully inform the Public, that they have opened an Apothecary's Establishment, in the office adjoining the residence of J. T. Williston, Esq., where all the standard and patent Medicines of the day, will be constantly kept on hand. Medical prescriptions, carefully prepared.

KEY'S PILLS. They would call the attention of the Public to a PILLS, prepared by them, from a private receipt in the hand of the late Dr. Key. Chatham, 5th August, 1854.

Unrivalled Books! The partnership of

TALLIS & Co., London, can be had at the Educational Depository, at the publishers price. They are well worth the attention of the Public. D. P. HOWE. Chatham, 26th August 1854.

NOTICE. All persons having claims against, or unsettled accounts with the Subscriber, will please render the same for adjustment to either Mr. Wm. S. Caine, or himself within Three Months from the date hereof, as he is desirous of having all his matters closed by that time, and any claims not rendered by that day, he will not consider himself entitled to arrange after. WILLIAM BELL, (Mason.) Kouchibouguac 7th September, 1854.

£5 REWARD. The above Reward will be paid to any person, who will give such information as will lead to the conviction of the person or persons, who cast loose the South West Boom. And do further notify and caution all persons against opening, or in any way injuring the said Boom as they will be prosecuted and fined according to Law. RICHARD SUTTON, Agent S. W. Boom Company. Nelson, 7th September, 1854.

NOTICE. J. PLIMPTON, Dentist, intends to remain for a few days on his return from Bathurst, any person requiring his professional services, by leaving their address at Mr. Bowser's, Mr. P. will be happy to wait upon them. Chatham 9th September 1854.

CORN MEAL, &c. Just received ex Schooner Raven, from Boston, 100 Barrels CORN MEAL, 25 Barrels APPLES.

An assortment of Boots, Shoes, Wool Hats, and numerous other Goods. For sale cheap for Cash. BURKE & NOONAN. Chatham, 9th September, 1854.

CAUTION. The Subscriber hereby cautions all persons from purchasing Two Notes of £5 each, drawn by him in favor of Mr. Joseph Junno, as values has not been obtained for them. PATRICK SULLIVAN. Point Escominas, 3rd September, 1854.