

## OUR STEAM FERRY.

We are sorry to learn from Mr. Bell, that he has decided on withdrawing his Steamer and giving up the Ferry. The reason he assigns is, that it will not pay, and as the rules of the Sessions do not admit of his employing the boat in any other way, under heavy penalties, he is prevented earning anything by towing, which might help him to pay his way.

We would call the attention of the public to this matter, as it is one in which all classes are interested:—not only the inhabitants of this County, but those residing in Gloucester and Restigouche; in fact, we may say, on the whole line of communication from the city of St. John to the Restigouche; on the one side, and on the other, to Fredericton, by way of the South West.

The question then arises—what is to be done. Is the Ferry to be abandoned, after a large expenditure has been made in erecting slips, &c., and we were beginning to reap the advantages of a safe, speedy, and comfortable communication with the opposite side of the river? Are we to fall back on the old, slow, and dangerous mode of scowling, by which the mails were frequently delayed for hours? We hope not.

To remedy the evil, we would recommend that the Grand Jury lay the matter before the Session, requesting that body to memorialise the Government on the subject; that Petitions be circulated in this County, Gloucester, and Restigouche, soliciting the Legislature to apply a yearly grant from the Provincial Revenue, towards keeping up the Ferry. There is nothing unreasonable in this request. All the Rivers on the post route have been bridged except the Miramichi, at the public expense, and kept by the revenue in repairs, and if the width of our river precludes the possibility, at present, of erecting a permanent structure, is it unjust, that we should ask for assistance in keeping up what may be called a floating bridge? We think not—and we feel satisfied that it only requires the matter to be subjected to the consideration of the Legislature, to ensure its success.

If this were done, and a certain sum for a fixed period guaranteed to Mr. Bell or any other person, who would keep an efficient boat on the ferry, we feel persuaded some person would be induced to embark in the undertaking. Let no effort be made, and the evils we anticipate, will surely follow.

## ENGLAND AND THE UNITED STATES.

THE Washington correspondent of the New York Journal of Commerce, thus writes to that paper, giving his views why the Americans sympathise with Russia in the present struggle in which the Allies are engaged, to maintain the balance of power in Europe, and prevent the iron hoof of Russia from crushing the weaker states, and stopping the progress of civil and religious liberty in the old world.

"The intelligence from the Crimea, as was expected, is discouraging to the Allies, and if as asserted, the majority of the people of the U. States sympathize with Russia in the conflicts they have reason to be content with the result, so far. The chief interest which the United States have in the matter, is a commercial, not a political character, and those events which are best calculated to secure an early peace ought to be most acceptable to them; for the continuance of the war deranges and depresses business all over the world; and the diversion of so much capital and industry from ordinary pursuits to war, will injuriously affect our commerce, as well as that of the nations who are parties to the strife. The losses and ill-success of the first campaign in the Crimea, and the consequent hesitation or hostility of Austria and Prussia, may incline the Allied Powers to peace, and that they can probably obtain this winter, upon the status ante bellum. The results of the naval and military operations of the Allies, so far, are much more favourable to an early peace, than if they had been more triumphant.

"It is urged also by some, as a reason why Americans should desire the success of Russia in this war, that Russia has always been on friendly terms with the United States and that her alliance with us in support of the freedom of the seas, against the policy of the gigantic naval powers, is to be relied upon in the event of the re-assertion by Great Britain of the right of search, and impressment,—which would place us, at once, in war with her. Again it is urged by some, while England and France would not consent to the acquisition of Cuba and the Sandwich Islands by the United States, and might make it a cause of war, Russia would not oppose our course, and might in case of a war be-

tween England and France against the United States, after they shall humble Russia, is held up in terror over us, and this baggage has induced many to wish for the Czar a deliverance from his allied adversaries.

"It is admitted that the cause of civilization and civil liberty is not to be promoted by strengthening and extending the government of the knout. But it is not the part of the United States to indulge in any undue national antipathies or partialities; but rather, by a policy of well reasoned justice towards all nations, to maintain relations of peace, commerce and friendship with all.

"The true policy of the belligerents is peace; and the sooner they reach it, the better for the United States. There is no ground for the belief that, in that event, England and France will join in a crusade against the United States, unless we provoke it by some act of wanton aggression."

## NEW WORKS.

To Mr. Fuller, of the American Book Store at Halifax, we are indebted for copies of BLACKWOOD'S MAGAZINE for November, and GODY'S LADY'S BOOK for December. The first is an admirable number, and contains several interesting and instructive articles on the War. GODY'S is rich in embellishment, and in addition to some light and pleasing matter, contains much that is useful and beneficial to his fair readers.

These periodicals can be seen at the Stationary Store, adjoining this office.

We have received a copy of Vol. 2, part 1, of the Journal of the NEW BRUNSWICK SOCIETY for the encouragement of Agriculture, Home Manufactures, and Commerce, throughout the Province. It contains many excellent hints to the Farmer, and much valuable statistical information relative to those branches of industry which it is the special object of the Society to promote. At a future day, we shall make some selections from its pages.

## THE SPIRIT TRAFFIC.

WE understand that the enormous quantity of Thirty-two thousand gallons of Wine and Spirituous Liquors, were imported into this port during the past season. For a population of about 16,000, we consider, we have had our share. No wonder drunkenness and disorder prevailed in our community, and that we hear of distress among that class of operatives who reaped nearly all the advantages—in enhanced wages—from the brief period of prosperity in trade, which the Province enjoyed.

## BOWSER'S HOTEL.

## ARRIVALS DURING THE PAST WEEK.

Dec. 16—Mr. Robert, New Bandon; J. Travis, Restigouche; H. Pride, do.; R. Blackal, Robinstown; Wm. McKay, Boiestown; J. McAusland, Fredericton; J. Haviland, do.; James Blackal, Caraquet; Edward Nixon, Bathurst; J. Butimore, do.

## MARRIAGES.

At New Galloway, on the 15th inst., by the Rev. James Law, A. M., Mr. NATHANIEL HUTCHISON, to Miss MARGARET B. TURNBULL, both of the Parish of Richibucto.

## DEATHS.

At his residence, in the Parish of Blackville, Miramichi, Mr. JAMES CRAWFORD, a native of Carlyle, Cumberland, England, aged 84 years, leaving a large circle of friends and relations to mourn their loss.

In Dumfries, at his mother's residence, Mr. JOHN MURRAY, aged 42 years, late of Richibucto, leaving a wife and three children to lament their loss.

The Rev. George Sutherland of Musquodobb's will preach in the Wesleyan Chapel, in Chatham, Tomorrow evening, at half past six o'clock.

We should like to know how it is that there is a mail still due from St. John. The latest papers received by us for some time past, by Friday's post, are dated on the previous Saturday. There is a good deal of grumbling about the delay.

The weather for three or four days and nights, has been intensely cold.

Persons receiving Periodicals from Mr. Fuller, of the American Book Store, at Halifax, and wishing to continue the same, are requested to leave their names at the Stationary Store, adjoining the Gleaner Office.

The Gleaner Office is Removed to the new building opposite Messrs. Johnson & Mackie's Ship Yard.

The Steamer America, arrived at Halifax at half-past twelve this morning.

## New Advertisements.

## MORE NEW GOODS.

R. HOCKEN,

Has received his Fall and Winter Stock of GOODS, selected from the manufacturers in Britain, consisting of a large assortment of LADIES' DRESSES, in Robes, Crapes, Cloth, Coburgs, Lustres, Alpaca, Crossanes, and Delaines.

Wool Plaid and Shawls, Cloaking, Blankets and Flannels, Stays, Prints, White and Gray Cottons, Hosiery and a variety of other Dry Goods.

Ladies' Snow Boots, Cloth and Prunella Boots and Shoes, Patent Leather, Carpet and Fancy Slip pers.

Paints, Hardware, Cutlery and Groceries.

At the lowest Cash price.

27 Opposite BOWSER'S HOTEL.

Chatham, 23rd December.

## INSURANCE.

Provincial Insurance Company.

CAPITAL £100,000 INCORPORATED BY ACT OF PARLIAMENT.

Head Office, District of Gaspe Agency, Toronto, Gaspe Basin.

The Subscriber having accepted the Agency of this Company, is now prepared to take Marine Risks, Ocean and Inland, on Vessels and Cargoes; also Insurance against Fire, on terms as moderate as other safe offices.

JOHN EDEN.

Gaspe Basin, 25th November, 1854.

## CHEESE, HAMS, &amp;c.

75 Boxes New England Dairy CHEESE; 2 casks Prime Westphalia Sagar Cured HAMs. Choice for family use by

WM. A. LETSON.

Chatham, 23rd December.

## CARD.

The Subscriber being about to resign his late occupation as Steam Ferryman, begs to return thanks to the travelling public, for the support given him these past three years while acting in that capacity.

Being about to rebuild and lengthen the Boat put in a larger Engine and Boiler, and otherwise fit her up for a River and Tow Boat, which he hopes will give greater accommodation to the public, and satisfaction to himself.

GEORGE B. BELL.

Chatham, 22nd December.

## GRIST MILL.

The Grist MILL, belonging to the subscriber on the Post Road to Black River, is in operation, and he will guarantee to perform good work for any person who will favor him with their custom.

JEREMIAH ULLOCK.

Black River, 23rd December, 1854.

## South West Boom Company.

The Annual Meeting of this Company will take place at the Office of the Clerk of the Peace, Newcastle, on the Thursday after the second TUESDAY in January next, at Twelve o'clock, noon, for the purpose of choosing Nine Directors and transacting other business connected with the Company. A large attendance of the Stockholders is urgently requested; the present Directors will be pleased to meet two hours previously, to wind up the affairs of the present year.

ROWLAND CROCKER, President.

EDWARD WILLISTON, Secretary.

Newcastle, 22nd December.

## Miramichi Mechanics' Institute.

## CHATHAM.

The Season's Lectures will commence on THURSDAY EVENING, the 4th January, at half past 7 o'clock, P. M., at the Institute.

The opening Lecture will be delivered by James Calk, Esq. Immediately after the Lecture a meeting of the Directors is requested.

Tickets may be obtained from

W. WILKINSON, Secretary.

Chatham, 23rd December.

## IMMIGRATION SOCIETY.

The Annual Meeting of this Society, will take place at the Office of George Kern, Esq., Chatham, on the 1st TUESDAY, in January next, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of choosing the necessary Office Bearers for the ensuing year, of which the members will please take notice, and give their attendance.

EDWARD WILLISTON, Secretary.

Newcastle, 22nd December.

## CROWN LAND NOTICE.

CROWN LAND OFFICE, December 13, 1854.

The right of Licence to cut and carry away Timber and Lumber until the first day of May, 1855, from Berths applied for by the following persons, in the undermentioned situations, will be offered for sale by Public Auction at this Office, on WEDNESDAY, the 27th Day of December next.—Sale to commence at noon.

(Not to interfere with any Lots of Land located, or which may have been applied for within one year previous to the date of Entry of the application for Licence.)

(In all cases of competition, the purchaser must immediately pay the amount of purchase money, or else the Berth will be again offered for sale, excluding bids from the defaulters.)

All Berths within ten miles of the proposed Line of Rail Road will be subject to the prior right of the European and North American Railway Company to take Timber or other material for the construction of the Railway.

Name Sq. Mile. Situation.

Wm. E. Perley, 2 Harvey Settlement.

Richd. Hutchison, 4 Tabasco.

James E. Webb, 2 S. Branch Oranost.

Samuel Patterson, 2 Shin Creek.

John Smith, 3 North Forks, N. Canon.

JAMES BROWN, Sur. Gen.

## FIRE ENGINE FOR SALE.

No. 4. ENGINE, of the City of St. John, is now offered for sale to the highest bidder, as the company is about to purchase a first-class Engine. She is in good repair at present, and the company will warrant her to throw water 100 feet. Application to be made to ALDERMAN KEAN, Chairman of Fire Committee.

P. MULLIN, Engineer of Company.  
JAMES O'CONNOR, Foreman.  
JAMES T. O'CONNOR, Assistant Foreman.  
St. John, N. B., December 15, 1854.

## BURNING FLUID, &amp;c.

700 Gallons superior BURNING FLUID; 40 GROSS PIPE WICKING, and a variety of Table and Shop LAMPS, complete with Globes, Shades, &c., by

WM. A. LETSON, Commercial Buildings.  
Chatham, 29th December.

## NOTICE.

The Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of the Miramichi and Richibucto Electric Telegraph Company, will take place in the Mechanics' Institute, Chatham, at Eleven o'clock, A. M., on TUESDAY, the 2nd day of January next.

JOHN MACKIE, President.

Chatham, 22nd December, 1854.

## CHATHAM PARISH MEETING.

A Meeting of the RATEPAYERS on Property, and who have paid their Rates, will be held in the Temperance Hall, Chatham, on TUESDAY the 2nd day of January, 1855, at Eleven o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of choosing Parish Officers for the ensuing year.

R. HOCKEN, Town Clerk.

Chatham, 19th December.

## North West Bridge Company.

The Annual Meeting of this Company will take place at the Office of the Clerk of the Peace, Newcastle, on the third TUESDAY in January next, at Twelve o'clock, noon, for the purpose of choosing Seven Directors and transacting other business connected with the Company, of which the Stockholders will take Notice and give their attendance; The present Directors will be pleased to meet two hours previously, to wind up the Affairs of the present year.

RICHARD HUTCHISON, President.

EDWARD WILLISTON, Secretary.

Newcastle, 22nd December.

## WATCH LOST.

Lost, this morning, between Ten and Eleven o'clock, a SILVER WATCH, between the Telegraph Office and R. Johnson's shop yard—the finder of the same will be liberally rewarded on leaving it at this Office.

Chatham, 23rd December.

## EDWARD DALEY,

Begs leave to intimate to his friends and the Public that he has just received a large lot of FURS, consisting of

5 Doz. Brown Sable Beas.

4 Do. Dark Do. Do.

2 Do. Light Raccoon Do.

2 White Fox Do. Do.

4 Doz. Fur Cuffs.

Also 20 Boxes of Heavy Doe Tobacco, with sundry other Goods, to be sold at auction.

The above Goods will be sold on

Opposite Bowser's Hotel.

P. S. Auction, Sales extended to in any part of the County, on the most reasonable Terms.

## HELPS WANTED.

If Mr. Gavin Watson, a native of Elie, in the County of Fife, in Scotland, who resided as follows:—in the year 1831 to 1833 at Halifax, in 1834 at Yarmouth, in 1835 at Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, and in 1836 at Pictou, all in British North America, or his heirs if dead, will apply to the subscribers, they will hear of something to their advantage.

T. & R. LANDALE, Solicitors.

Supreme Court, 18 North Street, Edinburgh, Scotland.

## Stoves and Stoves Pipe, &amp;c.

Just received and for sale by the Subscriber, Airo-light Cooking Stoves, Franklin Stoves, Canada Square Stoves, Sweepings, Mould Castings, Saver Castles, Buffed Rybes, Sole Leather, &c.

THOMAS VONDI, Ja.

Chatham, 25th November, 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 Coffin Furniture.

FORBES & Co.

## SPECIAL NOTICE.

We would refer our readers to the advertisements in this paper of Comstock & Brother's Celebrated Medicines. The Cherry & Longwort in the last remedy, we consider all consumptive affections. Azor's Turkish Balm, a beautiful hair restorative. Turkish Wine, better than any alternative or blood purifier extant. TRY THEM, and you will be convinced of their real worth.

For sale only in Chatham by Wm. Forbes, and Wm. Muirhead.

## S. P. OSGOOD &amp; Co.

## MARBLE MANUFACTURERS.

KING SQUARE, ST. JOHN, NEW BRUNSWICK.

Persons wishing to procure MARBLE SLABS, HEAD STONES, &c., &c. with inscriptions thereon, can be supplied upon the shortest notice by leaving their orders at the Shop of Wm. A. Letson, Chatham, he is our authorized Agent for Miramichi.

Chatham, 15th February 1854.