

## Editor's Department.

## MIRAMICHI:

CHATHAM, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1855.

**TERMS.**—New Subscribers Twelve Shillings and Six Pence, per annum, in all cases in advance. Old Subscribers 12s. 6d. in advance, or 17s. 6d. at the end of the year. We prefer the advance price, and as it effects a large saving, we hope soon to see all our subscribers avail themselves of it.

## CENTRAL BANK AGENCY, CHATHAM

Discount days TUESDAYS and FRIDAYS, Hours for business from 10 to 3 o'clock. Notes for Discount to be lodged at the Bank before 3 o'clock, on the day immediately preceding the discount day.

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## MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS.

We are pleased to find that the inhabitants of the different Counties of the Province are beginning to see the advantages of adopting Municipal Incorporations. At a recent meeting in Sunbury the people decided on incorporating the County; Queen's it was expected, would soon follow. We should like to see the inhabitants of this County make another attempt to have the County incorporated, as we feel persuaded many reforms intimately connected with our social well-being, will not, and cannot be brought about, until this takes place. Of this we are certain—if the inhabitants of the County will not stir in the matter, the residents of the Town of Chatham will not remain much longer without having it incorporated. If they would take our advice they would set about the business without delay.

## EDUCATION.

By perusing the following paragraph the reader will be enabled to learn what our neighbours in the United States are doing for the purpose of promoting Education. We should like to see the Legislature in this province manifest a similar spirit.

"The Hon. Henry Barnard, at the last meeting of the Connecticut Historical Society, presented a paper showing that the whole amount of land appropriated by the general government for educational purposes, to the 1st of January, 1854, was 52,970,131 acres, which, at the minimum price of such lands when first brought into market, represented the magnificent sum of \$56,000,000, but which, at this time, could not be worth less than \$200,000,000. The amount of the donations and subscriptions, by individuals, far exceeds all that had been given by state legislature. The same gentleman from a table which he exhibited, showed that the donations and bequests made within the last fifty years by the citizens of Boston alone amounted to upwards of \$4,000,000."

## LOCAL APPOINTMENT.

The St. John papers inform us that Samuel Laphorn, Esq., one of Lloyd's Surveyors at that port, has been appointed by the Committee of that establishment in London, to be their Surveyor for the Ports on the North Shore of New Brunswick, and that he will open an office in Chatham at the commencement of the new year. We are pleased to hear of this appointment, as it will no doubt lead to important improvements in our mode of building.

In alluding to this appointment, the St. John Courier remarks as follows in reference to the character and capabilities of Mr. L.

"We presume the prospect of an increasing ship-building business in that locality, as well as a more general desire on the part of shipbuilders to obtain the benefits of special surveys on their ships, has induced the committee to take this step, and in making the selection for this office, we think they have acted with much judgment, as we believe Mr. Laphorn thoroughly understands his business, and by his agreeable and gentlemanly manners, will tend to make the institution popular in that locality. Mr. L. has been stationed at this port for the last year, during which period he has gained the good opinion and esteem of many of our citizens, shipowners and merchants."

## TO SHIP BUILDERS.

We call the attention of our Ship Builders to the following extract, copied from Messrs. Cunard, Brett & Austen's Circular, dated Liverpool, November 30:

"In the years 1851 and '52, as well as the early part of 1854, the demand for ships of 1000 tons and upwards, became so great that vessels of this class advanced to unusually high prices, whilst vessels from 100 to 600 tons remained comparatively low. The result has been the production in excess of large ships when esti-

mated by the supply of small, whilst the demand for the latter continues good. The models, however, of the great bulk of small vessels now in the market, are exceptionable, and not suited to the present requirements of trade. To make such more marketable, they should not in length be less than five times their width, sharp entrance and clean run, with long flat floors; and in proportion to the increased length they should have keels, keelsons, bilges, and waterways proportionably increased in strength, so that they could combine with sailing, carrying, and light draft, strength and fitness to take the ground if required."

The New Brunswick furnishes the following piece of news to shipbuilders:

"We learn that the practice of using Black Birch for the main piece of Rudder in ships of six years grades having recently been under the Committee of Lloyd's consideration, it is considered by them to be unsuitable for that purpose."

## THE LIQUOR BILL.

In a portion of last week's edition of our paper, we published a telegraph despatch, stating that the Queen had given her assent to the Liquor Bill passed by the Legislature at its last session. Since then we have obtained a copy of an extra Gazette, officially announcing the fact.

We were opposed to the passing of this bill, because we thought its provisions could not be carried out with effect, and that it would lead to much difficulty. As it is now the law of the land, we hope the proper authorities will make every effort to give the law a fair trial. Of this we feel persuaded, if the importation and sale of all kinds of Spirituous Liquors, could be prohibited, it would produce a wonderful change for the better in the community. It would put a stop to much misery and squalid wretchedness; check crime and licentiousness; diminish our pauper list; restore peace and quiet to many a domestic hearth; and bring many other blessings—both spiritual and temporal—in its train. Give the law then, we repeat, a fair trial, and if it cannot be successfully carried out, let it be laid aside, until the friends of temperance and total abstinence, devise some other more practical method for carrying out their laudable desire of checking the many evils which all must admit, flow from the unrestricted use of intoxicating drinks.

## EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCE.

A late American paper puts us in possession of the following most extraordinary circumstance. Well may it be said that facts are stranger than fiction.

"Mr. Walters, a passenger in the steamer Anthony Wayne, was taking from Chicago back to Philadelphia the remains of a fond and loving wife, to be buried among her relations and friends. During the trip the ill-fated boat exploded all her boilers, killing nearly every one on board. Mr. W. was lifted several hundred feet in the air, and fell into the water almost lifeless. The night was dark and dreary, and in his struggles to keep himself afloat he accidentally struck against a box, to which he clung all night with desperation. When daylight appeared he discovered that the box which had saved his life contained the corpse of his wife."

## UNITED STATES.

LATE New York papers inform us that Senator Toucey it was expected, would receive the appointment of Minister to Great Britain in the room of Mr. Buchanan.

The House of Representatives was without a Speaker up to the 20th inst., notwithstanding strenuous efforts had been made by the different parties, to put in their candidate. It was expected Mr. Banks would ultimately succeed, he having made a speech which had won for him many friends. The house has been seventeen days in session.

## GOLD AND GRAIN.

THE Baltimore American has the following statistics from a reliable source:—

The gold in the United was, previous to California's discoveries \$36,000,000  
Found in California in the years  
1849 to 1854, 291,000,000  
To date in 1855, 45,000,000  
Imported in 6 years from elsewhere 33,900,000

Total, \$455,000,000  
Remitted in 6 years and 10 months 214,000,000

Left in the country \$241,000,000  
Total estimate of harvest in 1855—  
Wheat, bushels, 168,000,000 & 185,000,000  
Indian Corn, 1,000,000,000  
Oats, 400,000,000  
Rice, pounds, 200,000,000  
Rye, barrels, 16,000,000 & 18,000,000  
Barley, 7,500,000  
Potatoes, 115,000,000  
Peas and Beans, 2,400,000

Sugar, pounds, 645,000,000  
Cotton, bales, 3,200,000 & 3,500,000  
Hay, tons, 15,000,000

Now, comparing the above products of the soil with the yield of California gold above presented the result is not a little remarkable. It will be seen that our crop of Indian Corn, if we value it at but half the present market price, amounts to more than all the gold from California, and that our wheat crop, at the most moderate estimate, is worth as much as all the gold now in the country; whilst the moderate allowance for exaggeration, more than equals any two years' product of the California mines.

## NOVASCOTIA.

THE Halifax papers inform us that a meeting of the subscribers to erect a monument to the memory of the late Major Welsford, of the 97th regiment, and Captain Parker, of the 77th regiment, both Novascotians, who fell in the attack made on the Redan, was held at the Mayor's office. The Chairman reported that the subscriptions raised amounted to £350, when it was unanimously Resolved, that the same be expended in erecting a monument in some conspicuous part of the city, as a mark of esteem and respect for the memory of these two brave men, who had so nobly fallen in the discharge of their duty.

**IMPORTANT DISCOVERY.**—The Leeds Mercury informs us that Colonel Rawlinson has just discovered among the ruins of ancient Babylon, an extensive and varied library—not indeed painted on paper, but impressed on baked bricks—containing many and voluminous treatises on astronomy, mathematics, ethnology, and several other most important branches of knowledge.—These treatises contain facts and arguments which, in his opinion, will have no small effect on the study of the sciences to which they relate, and, indeed, on almost every branch of learning, and which throw great light upon Biblical history and criticism, and the history of our race.

**THE SEASON.**—The long looked for and predicted change in the weather, has at length come. Old winter has at last aroused himself, and given us palpable evidence that he is still in existence, and been merely indulging in an unusually long nap. On Christmas night an old fashioned winter storm commenced, which continued the whole of Wednesday, during which time a large quantity of snow fell, with some hail and rain. Since then the frost has been most intense, with a cold wind from the north and north-west, which at times on Wednesday and early on Thursday morning, blew fiercely. The weather experienced during the past week, has afforded a most marked contrast to that which we had been favoured with up to that period. We understand from the telegraph operator, that the storm was very heavy to the southward.

**CLOSE OF THE VOLUME.**—This number closes the Fourteenth volume of the new series, and including the old series, the 27th volume of the Gleaner. We close it with many thanks for the favours and amount of support received for this long period of time, and hope that the approaching year, will bring in its train, to each and all our patrons, health, happiness, and prosperity.

**PORT OF HALIFAX.**—Arrived, December 21, Lord Raglan, Miramichi: Curlew, Bay Chaleur.

Our volume will close with the present year. There are very many subscribers in arrears for the past year, and a long array owing from two years and upwards. We know that times are hard and money difficult to procure, but they should recollect we have our establishment to keep up, and material to procure, which incurs a heavy outlay, particularly at present, when all the necessities of life have advanced in price. While this has occurred, we have not increased our charges, but on the contrary, the price of the paper has been considerably reduced.

We cannot afford to give so long a credit, or furnish our Journal for nothing; any subscriber, therefore, seeing that his paper is discontinued at the close of the volume, may rest assured we intend to make an effort, through the agency of the law, to recover what he has improperly withheld from us; and if he is put to trouble and expense he will have himself to blame.

## MARRIAGES.

On the 20th December, at St. Paul's Church, by the Revd. Samuel Bacon, Mr. JOHN W. FLAGGER, to Miss ELIZA INGRAM.

By the Revd. Wm. Stewart, on the 24th December, Mr. GEORGE JOHNSTON, to Miss JANET DIXON.

[We acknowledge from each an ample slice of the bridal cake.]

## BOWSER'S HOTEL.

ARRIVALS DURING THE PAST WEEK.

Andrew D. Savage, New York; Captain P. Atkins, Boston; Joseph Head, Buctouche; John Miller, Bend; Charles Lloyd, Dalhousie; Edmund Stewart, do.; David McTaggart, do.

## FALL &amp; WINTER GOODS

The Subscribers have received by recent arrivals, a large STOCK OF

## DRY GOODS, GROCERIES, LIQUORS, &amp;c.

which they offer for Sale, (for cash only) at a small advance over cost, and which consist in part of—  
BROAD CLOTHS, in black, blue, drab, &c.  
Mhair do do do  
Beaver, Pilot and Whitney, in black, blue & brown, Cassimores, Doeshkins, Tweeds and Satinets, Scarlet, blue, white, green, and yellow Flannels, Whitney, Medium and Point Blankets, Long and square Wool SHAWLS, Plain and figured Circassians, Orleans and Coburgs, Printed Cashmores and Delance, Black and coloured Alpaca and Lustres, Gingham, Hungarians, and Dairy Robes, Gait Plaid, and Ermine Cloakings, Regattas, and Jean Stripes, Madder, and Navy blue Prints, Polka Jackets, Hoods, &c.  
White and grey Shirtings, Rolled Jaconets, Casbans, Selicias, &c., Jaconet, mull, book, and other Muslins, Silk and Cotton Velvets, Drab and printed Molesters, Brillings, Deminings, and Towellings, Carpets, Onaburgs, and Counterpanes, Ribbons, Hosiery and Gloves, Fringes, Trimmings, Smallwares, &c.  
Ladies Fur Boas, Victorines, Cuffs and Muffs, in Squirrel, Musk, and British Sable.

## MADE CLOTHING.

Whitney, beaver, pilot, and mchair Over Coats, Dress, Frock, Sack and Shooting Coats, Boys and Mens Pants and Vests, (in great variety) Goodyear's India Rubber Coats, Pants & Leggins, Hats, Caps, Shiras, Collars, Socks, Lambawool Shirts, and Drawers, Trunks, Travelling Bags, Umbrellas, Over Socks, 40 cases assorted Boots and Shoes, 40 sides New York Sole Leather, 20 puncheons Muscadave Molasses, 6 hds. Brown Sugar, 1 barrel Currants, 6 barrels Crushed Sugar, 1 do Senna Leaves, 20 chests TEA, 6 boxes Castor Oil, 400 boxes do, 6 barrels Pot Barley, 4 do Ground Coffee, 250 barrels Canada No. 1 S. F. FLOUR, 100 barrels Corn Meal, 24 boxes Tobacco, 10 barrels Oat Meal, 100 do Spanish Cigars, 12 Jars Snuff, 40 Tonnets Butter, 6 casks Holland GIN, 100 gross Byam Matches, 6 quarter casks Hennessy's Brandy, 4 puncheons High Proof RUM, 20 barrels Pale Ale, 60 boxes Ground Ginger, 60 bags Table Salt, 20 do Assorted Confectionary, 70 do Candles, 10 boxes Lemon syrup, 40 boxes Ground Pepper, 60 boxes laratas, 70 do Soap, 20 cans Fluid, 60 boxes Peppermint Lozenges, 1 barrel Caraway Seed, And Sundry other GOODS

BURKE & NOONAN.

Chatham, November 27, 1855.

## GLASGOW HOUSE.

NEW

## Fall and Winter Goods.

All the DESIRABLE GOODS, suitable for the present and coming Season, are now open, and will be sold at unprecedented low prices.

T. WALSH & Co.

COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS.

Chatham, 9th November, 1855.

## NOTICE.

All Persons having any demands against the Estate of the late JOSEPH SAMUEL WATERHOUSE, Surgeon, are requested to present the same to the Subscriber, duly attested, within Three Months from the date thereof; and such as are indebted to the said Estate, are required to make immediate payment to

W. S. SMITH

Sole Administrator Cum Test annexed.

Dated Dalhousie, 2nd October, 1855

## Immigration Society.

The Annual Meeting of the above Society will be held at the Clerk's Office, Newcastle, on the first TUESDAY, in January next, at 2 o'clock, in the afternoon, for the election of Office Bearers in the said society for the next year, and transacting such other business as may be deemed necessary, in accordance with the rules of the Society.

RICHARD HUTCHINSON, President.

EDWARD WILLSTON, Secretary.

15th December, 1855.

## NOTICE.

ANY Person found trespassing on that TRACT OF LAND, lying between Simon Hamilton's and Wm. Ritchie's properties, on the second and third tier of lots, will be prosecuted according to law.

J. & W. STUART.

Douglasstown, December 21, 1855. sig'd.

## TO LEND.

£300 TOGETHER OR IN SUMS OF NOT LESS THAN £200, will be LENT on good Landed Security for a term of years. Interest payable half yearly. The funds of an Estate. Apply at the office of

GEORGE KERR.

Chatham, 17th November, 1855

## MIRAMICHI AND RICHIBUCTO Electric Telegraph Company.

THE Annual Meeting of the STOCKHOLDERS of the above Company will take place at the MECHANICS INSTITUTE, Chatham, on TUESDAY, the 1st day of JANUARY next, at 2 o'clock, P.M., for the purpose of choosing a President and Directors, &c., &c., according to the act of Incorporation.

WM. J. FRASER, President.

Chatham, 14th December, 1855

## STRAY HEIFER.

There has been for the last three months a Stray HEIFER, about the Subscriber's farm, the owner can have it by proving property and paying expenses.

JAMES LARY.

Chatham, 1st December, 18.