

It is not for a moment to be supposed that the Provinces would have assented to the treaty had such a construction been anticipated or deemed at all probable.

The construction favors too much of "sharp practice" to meet favor in the eyes of those who believe in acting up fairly to a fair bargain; and for the credit of the United States it is to be hoped it will be reconsidered at an early day.

LEGISLATIVE NEWS.

The Legislature is progressing rapidly with its work, and it is reported its labours will terminate about the 12th of the month.

Thus far, the new Administration has given unmistakable signs that they are not only able, but willing to work, and we congratulate the country on the happy change that has taken place in the men on whom the responsibility of governing the Province now rests. We hope the same vigour and judgment they have displayed in the Legislature will characterize their conduct at the Council board, when they are called on to correct local abuses, and fill offices either of honor or emolument, in the different Counties. Let them repudiate entirely the *old qualifications*, and in their stead substitute, worth, intelligence, head, and independence of mind, and they will deserve, and will receive the lasting gratitude of the people, whose interests heretofore, have been shamefully sacrificed for political and private purposes.

Much anxiety prevails at present on this subject, in this and the neighbouring Counties to the north, and the members of government may rest assured their motives in any appointments they may make, will be narrowly scrutinized and closely canvassed by friends and opponents. Changes are imperatively called for in various quarters—but not changes merely of men, but in the character of the men who now fill some of the most important public offices. In this matter much tact, judgment and resolution will be required, and we hope the government will be found equal to the task.

In another page will be found some extracts from the Journals, which are to the 26th of March, and a letter from the Correspondent of the New Brunswicker. From these, and the telegraph reports, our readers will be able to glean a pretty fair knowledge of what is doing in the Legislature.

THE SEASON.

The Weather still continues cold, and every thing out of doors has a wintry aspect. The roads are in a most wretched condition, and as yet there has been but slight diminution in the large body of snow that has covered the ground for some time. We console ourselves with the comfortable thought, that all previous springs of a similar character have been succeeded by fruitful seasons; and never, perhaps, was our County in more need of such a blessing than at present.

We are sorry to hear that much distress exists in the rural districts from the want of the necessaries of life. The French settlers about Shippigan, Caraquet, Pugmouche, and in that district of country, have for some time past been suffering to a very great extent. Some effort should be made to introduce Seed Potatoes, Oats, &c. into the County, otherwise much land will be untilled the approaching season, a circumstance that should be avoided if possible.—This is a matter of serious moment, and should receive prompt attention.

PATRIOTIC FUND.

We have been handed the following list of subscriptions to the Patriotic Fund, for publication:—

John Cochran,	£0	5	0
Alexander Ferguson,	0	10	0
Christopher Parker,	0	5	0
William Parker,	0	10	0
William Wilson,	1	0	0
David Crocker,	0	10	0
Benjamin Vye,	0	5	0
James Moatt, Jr.,	0	5	0
James McKie,	0	10	0
John Hartt,	0	5	0
Edward Mullan,	0	5	0
Martin Fauchin,	0	5	0
Hugh Ferguson,	0	10	0
Rowland Crocker,	1	0	0
Thomas Parker,	0	5	0
Alexander Cowden,	0	5	0
William Allison,	0	5	0
William Crocker,	0	5	0
Henry Clouston,	0	5	0
John Moatt,	0	5	0
William Hartt,	0	5	0
Daniel Hartt,	0	5	0
John Esson,	0	7	0

Jared Betts,	0	10	0
George Johnson,	0	5	0
Thomas Willoughby,	0	7	6
Alexander Saunders,	0	7	6
Isaac Cushman,	0	7	0
Jonathon Carmalt,	0	5	0
Isaac Flett,	0	5	0
Denais Kirk, Jr.,	0	5	0
Laughlin Monaghan,	0	5	0
James Moatt,	0	10	0
Magnus Clouston,	0	2	6

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WILLIAM PARKER.

Nelson, 20th March, 1855.

BOWSER'S HOTEL.

ARRIVALS DURING THE PAST WEEK.

April 3.—Alexander Gordon, Bathurst; J. Campbell, Shippigan. 4th Isaac H. Anderson, Esq., St. John; Dr R. Gordon and Lady, Fredericton; James Young, Esq., Tracadis; A. Anderson and Lady, Beldune; James Parrel, do. 5th James Gourlie, Boston; T. Hannah, Kingston.

NOTICE.—The Annual Public Examination, of Mr. Howe's School, will take place on Thursday, 12th inst., commencing, precisely at 2 o'clock, P. M. Ladies and Gentlemen interested in education, whether they have children attending the school or not, require no special invitation; Mr. Howe's examinations are always public.

The Subscriptions of many of our Subscribers who paid last year in advance, are now due. If they wish to avail themselves of the reduced price, it will be necessary to make prompt payment, as our publishing terms are strictly adhered to.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—A Watchman will please furnish us with his proper signature, as a guarantee for the truth of his statements. As persons are named, he must see the propriety of our request.

We have been kindly furnished with specimens of the Wheat which took the prizes at the Gloucester Agricultural Show. They can be seen at our Office.

The Patriotic Fund, we perceive by our late British papers, has amounted to the enormous sum of £1,000,000.

The annual meeting of the Mechanic's Institute, takes place on Monday evening, when the office bearers will be appointed.

BY TELEGRAPH.

TO THE READING ROOM.

The following Legislative news has been received at the Reading Room during the week. Fredericton, March 31.

This morning progress was made on a bill relating to a Burying Ground in Carleton, St. John; after which the Statute Labour Bill was agreed to. The Hon. Mr Ritchie explained the principle of a bill relating to Fire Insurance Companies upon which progress was also reported. The House at half-past 1 o'clock went into supply, and several long discussions took place. Among the rest a resolution moved by Mr Wilnot, for a grant to Mr Woodrow, for reporting the debates of the short session, was lost 11 to 15. The Sheriff's accounts have passed, and also £1,500 to improve the navigation of the River St. John. At a quarter to 5 o'clock, His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor came down to the Council Chamber and assented to the Export Duty Bill. The Board of Works Bill has passed the Council without opposition. It is reported that both the Scrutinies has been suspended for the session.

April 2.

Mr Cutler's Bill for preventing certain persons from holding seats in the Assembly, is on his motion fixed for the order of the day to-morrow; he also asked for information from the Government respecting the offices of Auditor General and the Receiver General. The House next went into supply, and passed several small grants, and one of £1000 to purchase seed for the poor. The College Report was next taken up, and opposed by Smith and Cutler, and advocated by Brown. The Speeches were long and interesting, but evidently displayed in this particular as of unity in the Government, although upon no Government measure.

April 3.

Gen. Mr Johnson, Chairman of the Victoria Scrutiny committee, have rendered a formal report, stating that investigation for the present season, has been suspended. House went afterwards into supply, and passed a great number of grants—some of them being warmly contested. At three o'clock Cutler gave notice of his moving an enquiry on the subject of the St. Andrew's and Quebec Railway, and Hayward shortly after put a question to the Attorney General on the intention of the Government with respect to the embodiment of the Militia. Attorney General is to give his answer to-morrow. The House afterwards proceeded with Mr Cutler's motion respecting holders of offices "and now 5 o'clock" Mr Cutler, and Hon. Mr Johnson

have spoken on the cause on different sides.— Mr Street now occupies the floor, and will close the debate for the day. The Legislative Council have passed the St. John Board of Health bill, although pretty strongly opposed by Hill, Saunders, and Harrison.

April 4.

The House went into supply this morning, and among a great number of grants passed was one of £100 for opening up a line of roads from Tobique to the Grand Falls and thence to Restigouche—Yeas 22 Nays 11. Progress has been reported in a long bill relating to sewers in the city of St. John. Mr Stevens gave notice of an address to his Excellency in relation to the conduct of the Sheriff of Albert. Hon. Attorney General in reply to Col. Hayward's question of yesterday, said, the Government considered the Militia in as efficient a condition as the circumstances of the country required, and that the Government would be prepared for any emergency without any further law on the subject. The Hon. Attorney General brought in a bill relating to the Post Office. The debate on the college report has been resumed and a speech made by Hatheway in its favour. Johnson has also spoken without committing himself to any special policy, and Street is now, (5 P. M.) speaking for the report. (I had omitted) a motion of Connell's carried yesterday, for making the office of Postmaster General political.

Portland, April 4.—Neal Dow, elected Mayor of Portland, Maine, by 40 votes over Mc Codd.

April 5.

The House remained in supply until 3 o'clock, and several exciting debates took place. During the time there was a long discussion on the motion to pay Hon. Mr Kinnear and the Secretary of the law commission for their service in preparing the reports and furnishing them with an index. At length £400 was sustained for the general service, and £18 for incidental expenses. Mr English gave notice of his moving the surrender of the limitation of money grants to the Executive. The bill to authorize commissioners to expend the By-road money, was agreed to; also a bill relating to the St. Stephen's Railway. Progress was reported on the St. John Sewerage bill. Adjourned until Saturday.

POSTSCRIPT.

Gleaner Office, 1 o'clock, P. M.

We stop the press to publish the following despatch of British news.

Saint John, April 7.

Seven days later from Europe.—The steamer Baltic arrived at New York yesterday, with Liverpool dates to the 24th March.

Vicaria Conference.—The first point of the four points of guarantee, namely, that the Danubian Principalities be placed under joint protectorate of the five powers—has been agreed to. Second point is under discussion.

The Czar Alexander made a speech to his army, which is interpreted to be pacific.

The siege of Sebastopol unchanged. Lord Raglan officially admits that the Russians are making their fortifications stronger.

The general news is unimportant. Western Canal flour 42s.; wheat 12s. 6d.; yellow corn 43s.; Consuls 92½.

DEATHS.

In this city, at the residence of Mr. John Rue, Yonge street, on Monday last, 12th inst., of rapid consumption, Miss AGNES PORTEOUS, formerly of Miramichi, Province of New Brunswick, in the 22nd year of her age.—Toronto Catholic Citizen.

At Richibucto, on Monday morning, the 2nd inst. HERBERT L., youngest son of Dr. Pallen, aged 1 year and 11 months.

Holloway's Pills, an unparalleled Remedy for Female Complaints.—The Daughter of Mrs Henderson, of St. John, N. B., was for a long time in a very peculiar and delicate state of health, the mother tried a variety of remedies, but without the young lady deriving any benefit. As a final recourse she tried Holloway's Pills, which she used three weeks, and found they considerably improved her; by continuing with these wonderful Pills for ten days more, all obstructions were quickly removed, and she has since enjoyed the best of health.

J. S. MACLEAN,

TEA AND COMMISSION MERCHANT, HALIFAX.

Office in C. B. Hunter's Building—Hollis Street.

NOTICE.

Messrs Phillips Henderson & Sinclair, of Chatham, Ship Builders, have this day assigned to the Subscribers, all their PROPERTY AND EFFECTS for the benefit of their creditors, and by the terms of the assignment, creditors are required to execute the same within three months, or be debarred from any benefits thereunder. The creditors are therefore required to render their claims to Mr. William J. Fraser, and sign the trust deed within the said term, and all persons indebted to the said firm are required to make immediate payment.

RICHARD HUTCHISON,

WM. J. FRASER,

WM. M. S. EVANS.

Chatham, 29th January, 1855.

New Advertisements.

STEAM FERRY BOAT.

The Subscribers having been appointed by the Sessions of the County of Northumberland, a committee to enter into arrangements for running a STEAM FERRY BOAT, for a term of 5 years, between the Public Landing in Chatham, and the landing opposite at Dickson's, Newcastle, hereby give Notice that proposals for effecting this will be received by them at the Office of John T. Williston, Esq., Chatham. An annual sum of £00 will be allowed in aid of a Steam Ferry Boat.

JOHN PORTER, } Committee.
J. T. WILLISTON, }
JOHN MACDOUGALL } Sessions.
Miramichi, 31st March, 1855.

NOTICE.

All Persons having any claims against the Estate of the late WILLIAM LOEH, Esquire, deceased, or the firm of DUNCAN & LOEH, are required to render the same duly attested within Three Months from this date to Thomas C. Allan, Esquire, at the Commercial Branch Bank, Newcastle, and all persons indebted to the said Estate or Firm, are required to pay the same immediately to

THOMAS C. ALLAN, } Executors.
JOHN MACDOUGALL }
ALLAN A. DAVIDSON, }
Newcastle, Miramichi, 4th April, 1855.

BUOYS AND BEACONS.

Tenders for laying down the HARBOUR BUOYS AND MOORINGS, will be received at the Store of C. L. HAWBOLT, until WEDNESDAY, 18th inst., at 12 o'clock, noon.

C. L. HAWBOLT, } Commissioners.
M. CRANNY, }
GEO. J. PARKER }
Miramichi, 5th April, 1855.

FOR SALE

BY THE SUBSCRIBER.

Tea, Congo and Souchong, Hard Bread in Barrels, Oat Meal, Bag and Barrel, Cheese, Annapolis and Canada, Raw Linseed Oil, in hogsheads, White Paint, in Kegs, Black do, do, Leather, Sole, Nails, Kip and Calf, Molasses, Canso Herring, Sugar, Cod Fish, Soap, Cut Nails, Candles, Putty in bladders, Tobacco, Cooking Stoves, Rice, Squares do, B rley—Prail, Stove Pipe, Pease per bushel, Window Glass, Butter, Brandy, Raisins, Gin, Currants, Whisky, Figs, Spirits, Nuts, Port and Sherry Wine, Co. lectionary, London Porter in bottles, Syrups, Canvas, Pickles, Cordage, Salaratus, Sails on Twine, Salt Soda, Chairs and Bedsteads, A large assortment Dry Goods.

—ALSO—
A fine Lot of Scantling, 30 Tons Hay, and a quantity of firm Cedar Laths.
HENRY CUNARD.
Chatham, 31st March, 1855.

VALUABLE PROPERTY, FOR SALE.

The Subscriber offers for Sale her VALUABLE PROPERTY, which consists of one Dwelling House, 28 feet by 26, with Bake House attached, and a never failing Well in the Kitchen. Also, a well finished Stone, well adapted for a Wholesale or Retail Business. The above Property is situated on Water Street, being two story in the rear with a water privilege of about 65, and as a business stand would prove invaluable.

Also, a DWELLING HOUSE, 26 feet by 24, in good repair, situate on Main Street, with one quarter of an acre of Land attached, at present occupied by James Kirkpatrick. Terms made known on application to the Subscriber.

MRS. ELIZABETH FALL, or
JNO. S. FALL,
Richibucto, 9th February 1855

SHERIFF'S SALE.

On the First TUESDAY, in APRIL next, will be Sold by Public Auction, in front of Withersall's Hotel, Newcastle, between the hours of 12 o'clock, noon, and 5 o'clock, P. M. All the

Right, Title, Property, Claim and Demand.

of JOHN ALEXANDER, in and to all that Lot or Tract of LAND, with the Buildings and improvements thereon, situate in the second tier of Lots in rear of Douglastown, in the Parish of Newcastle, fronting on the rear of Lands now occupied by Robert Reaney, being the Lot of Land and Premises at present occupied by the said John Alexander.

Also, to all that Piece of LAND, with the House and Outhouses thereon, fronting on the South side of the Highway, in Douglastown, bounded above by property of Mathew Lament, and below by the premises lately occupied by John Alexander, Junior.

Also, a BUILDING LOT, in Douglastown, north of the Highway, joining land owned by the Heirs of Patrick Sullivan.

The same having been seized and taken by virtue of an Execution, issued out of the Supreme Court, at the suit of Thomas Alexander against John Alexander.

The Sale of the above Property is postponed, until the First TUESDAY, in JUNE next.

W. A. BLACK, Sheriff,
Sheriff's Office, Newcastle, 21st September, 1854.

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.

The Annual Meeting of the Members of this Institute, will be held at the Room, on MONDAY EVENING 9th April next, at 8 o'clock, for the election of Officers for the ensuing year.

The Directors for the present year are requested to meet at 7 o'clock, to wind up the business of the year.

WILLIAM WILKINSON, Secretary.
(Hall), 2nd E. L. 18 5.