

News of the Week.

P. E. ISLAND.

The task that devolves upon us this day is a sad and distressing one. We gave notice, in our last, that one of the Mail Boats was missing, but were unable to give any further information with respect to the fate of either the crew or the passengers. On Monday evening, however, the melancholy intelligence which we are about to communicate reached us. We have been kindly favoured with the use of a letter from A. M. Parlant, Esq., of the Hon. Edward Palmer, the greatest part of which we insert, preferring this mode of giving the sad details, which, for obvious reasons, will be more acceptable from the pen of a disinterested person than anything which might emanate from our own.

Wallace, N. S., 14th March, 1855.

Dear Sir,—Yesterday morning, I received information that the Ice Boat, from Cape Tormentine to the Island, in charge of McRae's, with the Mails and Passengers, had succeeded in getting on shore at the rear of Fox Harbour, about five miles from Wallace, in an exhausted and perishing condition. I immediately hurried to where the poor people on the shore had succeeded in getting them to shelter, and found the scene awful in extreme. The Boat left the Cape on Saturday, with the crew of four men, and three passengers: young Mr. Hazard, and Mr. Johnston, son of Dr. Johnston, both of Charlotte-town, Medical Students, on their way from the United States, and an old gentleman, Joseph Wier, of Bangor. After crossing without accident to within half a mile of the Island shore, the storm of sleet and snow grew violent, and the lolly lay so deep, that they could not force the Boat through it. After repeated attempts, and being in danger of swamping the Boat, they were forced to return, and drawing the Boat on the ice, turned her up to form a shelter from the raging storm and intense cold, and thus, drifted helplessly in the Gulf throughout Friday night, Saturday and Saturday night. On Sunday morning—having drifted about midway in the Gulf, and the flow of drift ice making it utterly impracticable to reach the Island shore—they commenced, with much fatigue, drawing their Boat towards the Mainland, the three passengers being then considerably frost-bitten: they toiled on throughout Sunday, and until about mid-day on Monday, when the Boatmen being utterly exhausted, neither they nor the Passengers having tasted food for three days, were about giving up in despair. Fortunately, Mr. Wier had with him a small spaniel, which they killed, drank its blood, and Passengers and Crew eat the flesh, raw! this revived them, and being then, as they supposed, within 4 to 5 miles off the land, they lightened the Boat by throwing away Trunks and Baggage, put Mr. Hazard, who had become unable to walk, in the Boat, and Mr. Wier also, occasionally, he being much exhausted, and thus crawled on towards the shore. Monday evening, Mr. Hazard died from exhaustion; they toiled on through this night, and just after daylight on Tuesday morning, reached the shore, and unfortunately, two miles from any dwelling. Two of the Boatmen succeeded in reaching a house, gave the alarm, and the Inhabitants carried them to their houses. The surviving Passengers are both badly frozen, Mr. Wier I had brought to my own house, where he now is. His hands and feet are frozen, the latter so badly, that I fear the toes will be lost, the old man is in good spirits. * * * Mr. Johnston's hands and person are safe, but Dr. Creed, of Pugwash, who has examined them, thinks they are not dangerous. He remained last night at the house where they landed, I have just learned that he slept well, and feels quite refreshed. A friend of mine, Mr. Judson, has just gone to take him to his house, where his friends may feel assured, he will receive every care and comfort required. The Boatmen, with the exception of one, who has almost entirely escaped, are badly frost-bitten in the feet, and so exhausted that some time must elapse ere they can be recovered. In the mean time, they will be suitably treated and taken care of. The surviving Passengers entirely clear them from blame, and say they did all that men could do. The Mails are all saved, and I had them placed in charge of the Postmaster here, to be forwarded on. The loss of Mr. Hazard is to be deeply lamented; I wish you would inform his friends that I have had every decent attention paid to his remains, and will have the body so interred, that it can be removed if they wish so to do.

Any comments upon the above heartrending tale would be just now superfluous and out of place.—Hazard's Gazette.

UNITED STATES.

Shocking Tragedy in Missouri—Seven Persons Killed. The Gazette, published at Troy, Mo., relates a shocking tragedy, said to have occurred in Monroe County, in that state recently. According to the Gazette's story—which reads as if it might be true—a gentleman sold his farm for \$2,000, deposited it in the house with his family, and left

home on business. During his absence he stepped a night at a house three miles from his own, and while asleep, dreamed twice that his family were supplicating for help. He got up, dressed himself, and in company with a German, started for his own house.

The two in a short time came to the house, in which a light was discovered. This unfavourable omen at that hour of the night, (it being about 3 o'clock) confirmed the husband's worst suspicions. They approached the house and looking through a window saw five men all surrounding a table busily engaged in counting and dividing the money which they had secured. The first impulse of the enraged husband was to give an alarm, but the German, who deserves unbounded appreciation for the very successful manner in which he managed the affair, bade the man be silent. He then instructed him to go to the back door and knock, upon which the robbers would attempt to make their escape out of the one at which he (the German) was stationed.

The man accordingly made an alarm at the back door, upon which the midnight robbers endeavoured to make their escape. Right manfully did the German maintain his position, while with a revolver he killed four of the robbers and wounded the fifth, who was afterwards secured. Would that this were the only bloody spectacle which presented itself at that dead hour of the night. The most heart-rending part remains untold. A wife and two or three children had been butchered and lay weltering in pools of blood. The feelings of a husband and father can better be imagined than described, as he beheld this horrid spectacle. The wounded man having been secured, made a full confession, in which he stated that an organized band of robbers was in the county, and that the ringleader lived in Lincoln or Pike Counties.

NEW-BRUNSWICK.

Lynch Law.—On Friday night a body of men with faces masked and otherwise disguised, went into Ramsay's tavern, in Carleton, where the man Spencer was beaten, and demolished the windows, furniture, &c.; destroyed all the liquors and did all the damage they could to the premises. It is said that after Spencer was beaten he was dragged out of the house and left to lie all night outside, Ramsay taken no trouble about him, and doing nothing to acquit the injured man's friends with what had happened.

The men who beat Spencer remained in Carleton, it is said, until after the man died, on Monday night, and no attempt was made to arrest them. They then crossed over to this side in a small boat and landed in the Market Slip. They were afterwards seen by the Police in Church Street, but no information had been lodged against them, and it was only next day (Tuesday) the police learned that these men were charged with felony. After they had escaped, great fuss was made, and on Thursday Constable Pidgeon and one of the City Police was sent down to Eastport in the steamer Governor. Thence they proceeded to St. Andrews, and crossing the river they learned that three men answering the description of the fugitives, had passed that way some days before apparently on their way to Boston.

After a fruitless hunt of some days the Constables returned as they went.

A capital mode, it must be admitted, of preventing the commission of crime. It is high time they had an efficient Police in Carleton.—Freeman.

CANADA.

The "Journal" mentions that some nights ago about 40 shutter and signs were taken down and removed in St. Roch, and deposited in the yard of the presbytery of that suburb. The doors and windows of the Catholic Institute, and also of the houses of several of its members, were likewise daubed with tar and immoral inscriptions. The "Journal" asks whether the persons concerned in these disgraceful proceedings have any connection with those who broke the windows of Sir Alan MacNab's residence, on Thursday evening, and insulted him as he was leaving Parliament House.

Legislative News.

Extracts from the Journals.

FREDERICTON, March 14.

Mr. End, from the Committee appointed on the 2nd day of February last, to take into consideration a petition from the New York, Newfoundland, and London Telegraph Company, for authority to construct and maintain a telegraph line in or through this Province, in connection with their line between the United States and Newfoundland, submitted their Report; and he having read the same, it was handed in at the clerk's table, where it was again read, and is as follows:—

"The Committee to whom was referred the petition of the New York, Newfoundland and London Telegraph Company, praying that an Act may be passed authorizing them to carry into effect, in this Province, the undertaking in which they are engaged, the establishment of a submarine telegraph communication between Great Britain and America, report—that they find a number of persons associated together, with a capital of £312,500 sterling, having for their object the establishment of telegraph communication

between Europe and America, by way of Newfoundland and the British Isles; that this Association has been duly incorporated by the Legislature of Newfoundland with all the legal rights and privileges incident to a corporation, and with full power to do all acts and things within the scope of or for the purpose contemplated; your committee regard the project which the petitioners have in view as one of vast importance, not merely to this Province, but to the whole of those continents which it is the stupendous object of the petitioners thus to unite, and they deem it not the least of those advantages which her geographical position has given to New Brunswick, that her territory is within this great line of international telegraph communication. Your committee cannot deem it necessary to advance reasons for granting to the petitioners the authority which they ask. They think it would be most discreditable to oppose any obstacle to an undertaking of such incalculable utility. They have therefore prepared a bill embracing, as they believe, all usual clauses for the protection of private rights, and granting to the petitioners such legal authority as is necessary, which they respectfully submit.

W. END, J. M. JOHNSON, Jun. CRO. HAYWARD.

Committee Room, March 6, 1855.

Ordered, that the Report be accepted.

March 18.

To His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor &c.—to discharge certain claims on the County Charlottee under the Act for the destruction of boats and wolves. Upon the question for sustaining this resolution, it was decided in the negative.

Mr. McClean from the Committee appointed on the 2nd day of February last, to take under consideration matters relative to the Post Office Department, submitted their report; and he having read the same handed it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read. Following are extracts:—

Petition of James S. Morse, Postmaster at Campbellton, Restigouche, praying for an increase of salary: Your committee recommend that Mr. Morse's salary be increased to £45.

Petition of J. S. Moore, praying compensation for ferrying Her Majesty's Mails over Restigouche River the past year: your committee recommend the sum of £20 be granted him for that purpose.

Petition of Thomas Barry, of Saumarac, in Gloucester, praying remuneration for extra services performed as mail carrier between Chatham and Shipagan: the committee concur in the opinion of the Postmaster General, that no appropriation be made in this case.

Petition of John Robichaud, of Tracadie, praying compensation, for ferrying Her Majesty's Mails over the Big Tracadie River the past year: the committee recommend the sum of £5 be granted the petitioner.

Petition of Michael Ferguson, praying compensation for having ferried Her Majesty's Mails over the Little Tracadie River the past year: the committee recommend the sum of £5 be granted the petitioner.

Petition of Lawrence Brideau, praying compensation for ferrying Her Majesty's Mails over the Pokemouche River for the year 1854: the committee recommend the sum of £5 be granted the petitioner.

Petition of John Frizzle, of New Brandon, in Gloucester, praying increased remuneration as carrier between Bathurst and the Quarries, in that parish: the committee cannot recommend the prayer of this petition.

Petition of John Wilson, praying compensation for ferrying Her Majesty's Mails over the North and South West Miramichi for the year 1854: the committee recommend the sum of £20 be granted to this petitioner for this service.

The committee beg to remark in respect to the way office keepers, that they are fully sensible that these officers are not sufficiently remunerated for their services, yet the committee conceive the subject is peculiarly for the consideration of the Executive Government.

In submitting this report, your committee feel that an improved system is much required with regard to the postal arrangements of this Province, whereby a more accurate and satisfactory mode may be provided for establishing and regulating from time to time, the salaries of the different officers, in order to insure the efficient working of the financial and other affairs of this important department.

The committee cannot close without impressing upon the Assembly the increasing necessity of making some Legislative regulation with respect to ferrying Her Majesty's Mails in this Province.

These claims are becoming increasingly numerous and the great difficulty of determining their correctness induces the belief that they should in future be entirely repudiated, or that some more definite arrangement be made to confine these applications within proper limits.

March 17.

Mr. Boyd, from the Committee appointed on the 1st day of February last, to take into consideration all matters relating to the Fisheries, submitted their Report; and he having read the same, handed it in at the Clerk's table, where it was again read, and is as follows:—

"The Committee to whom was referred all matters relating to the Fisheries of the Province, having had under their consideration several Petitions, submit the following Report:—

The Petition of James Morse, one of the Fishery Wardens for the County of Restigouche, praying that the same amount may be granted him for his services in that capacity for 1853 as was granted to other Fishery Wardens in the Province, and also for the same amount in 1854: The Committee recommend that a Grant pass to him in Supply for services in 1853 of fifteen pounds, and also the like sum of fifteen pounds for the year 1854.

The Petition of Alexander Cook, another of the Fishery Wardens for the same County, praying compensation for his services in that capacity for the year 1854: The Committee recommend that fifteen pounds be granted him in Supply for that service.

Holloway's Ointment and Pills, an infallible Remedy for Blotches on the Skin.—Edgar Mortimer, aged 25, of Arapolo, N. S., was for five years a severe sufferer with blotches on the skin, the whole of his face, neck, arms, and hands, being disfigured with them like small pox; he consulted several very clever medical men, who told him it was the pre-dicating symptoms of some disease, which alarmed him exceedingly; however, he took Holloway's Pills immediately, and rubbed the Ointment on the parts affected, and in two weeks the whole of the blotches disappeared, and his health was considerably improved.

BY TELEGRAPH.

TO MIRAMICHI GLEANER OFFICE.

St. John, March 27.

Atlantic arrived at New York this morning, with dates to the 19th inst.

Emperor of Russia died March 2. Alexander has succeeded to the Throne—his brothers and all other high officers have taken the oath of allegiance.

Allies have ordered their Generals to press forward the war.

Some severe fighting at Sebastopol, but no changes.

Breadstuffs dull—Wheat 2d. lower: Flour 1s. lower; Corn 1s. lower. Consols 93.

Further news by the Atlantic.

Alexander II. has issued a manifesto stating, that he will adhere to the policy of his late father, Nicholas.

Alexander has confirmed Gortschikoff's previous instructions, to negotiate. The first preliminary Conference has been held at Vienna.

Nicholas had recalled Menschikoff and had appointed General Gortschikoff to chief command.

The French had stormed a redoubt, skillfully erected by the Russians during the night, and several hundred were killed.

The Belgian crisis still continued.

The King of Denmark is very ill.

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HENRY CUNARD.

Chatham, 31st March, 1855.

MERCHANTS ATTEND.

The REVENUE LAW passed at the present session of the Legislature, printed on a sheet, for the accommodation of the commercial public if for sale at the Stationary Store, adjoining the Gleaner Office.

Chatham, 30th March.

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.

The Annual Meeting of the Members of this Institute, will be held at the Room, on WEDNESDAY 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.

Chatham, 25th March, 1855.

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JOHN WRIGHT.

Chatham, 6th March, 1855.

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A. FRASER.

Miramichi, March 24, 1855.

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