

that it will lead to the removal of this most obnoxious tax imposed on the publishers of papers in the Colonies, of a penny each, before they can mail their Journals for Britain:

"Our Colonial readers will rejoice to learn, by this day's mail for America, that for the reasons set forth by Mr Wilson, Secretary of the Treasury, in this day's debate, the newspaper Colonial postal rights and privileges contended for by Sir Cusack Roney, in his recent correspondence with the Secretary in the General Post Office, and so unwisely resisted by that functionary, have been conceded or rather restored: To-day and henceforth, the Colonists will receive the journals of the mother country at the postage rates they have been accustomed to. Had it not been for the remonstrance with the post office, and the publicity which that remonstrance obtained, the Colonists would have been most arbitrarily subjected to an impost amounting to a virtual prohibition of English newspapers amongst them. They will know how to appreciate the timely and judicious defence made in their behalf, and the redress so promptly secured to them. The right man has certainly been in the right place on this occasion; but as certainly that man has not been Mr Rowland Hill, nor has the place been St. Martin's-le-Grand."

COUNTY GLOUCESTER.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
Bathurst, August 23, 1855.

THE weather during the past week has been mild and favorable, and for the last two or three days, rather warm. Very heavy rain fell on the 15th, which has been followed at intervals since by copious showers, accompanied by thunder. These rains so far have proved rather beneficial than otherwise to the growing grain, but if they continue much longer, it is apprehended that the crops in the low lands must suffer.

An attempt to launch the large ship built by John Woolner, Esq., at Shippigan, last week, failed in consequence of some oversight on the part of those engaged in the operation, and after moving a few feet she stuck on the ways.—On the return of the tides in a few days, she will doubtless be committed to her proper element, when I shall obtain a description of this fine vessel, which promises to add much to the rising character of the Bay de Chaleur built ships.

Public attention should again be drawn, (as it often has before without any beneficial result) to the gradual but steady decay of the Salmon Fisheries in the rivers of this bay. This decay is not occasioned it is thought, by increased navigation, by the noise of laborers, or the dust and refuse of saw mills, but by the wanton destruction of the fish at their spawning beds; protective measures have been taken at Miramichi and at the Restigouche, by the appointment of wardens, to watch and prevent the improper destruction of these fish. At the Nepisiguit, however, no such prudent precaution has yet been adopted, and complaints are continually being made, which it is feared are too well founded, of the wholesale destruction of the salmon, by nets and all other kind of devices far up the river, in places visited only by an occasional fly fisher, who, being a stranger, is naturally indifferent to the offence, and rarely informs on the offender. Doubtless, if spirited measures are not very soon adopted to prevent the annihilation of these fine fish, their existence here, will in a few years, become mere matter of history, as is already the case in the Kennebec, Penobscot, and other rivers in the Eastern States.

My report of the eccentric improprieties at the late Levee here, has not been left alone to the objections of "Vindex," but has called forth the powers of another, a writer in a late number of the New Brunswick, of a much more vicious cast. My opinion of the duty of a special correspondent to a public journal is this, that while he strictly abstains from making his letters a channel for propagating private malice, attacking private characters, or of obtruding opinions or questions in which the community at large is not interested, he should report and comment upon all public men and measures fearlessly and faithfully, in accordance with the political views of the journal he acts for. This law has hitherto governed "Your Correspondent," and it shall continue to do so; it was under its admonitions that I reported what seemed a matter of general complaint—what few justified then, and what none would now attempt to justify but to gratify a malignant party spirit.

The writer referred to, in attacking "Your Correspondent" has thought fit to identify him with a resident individual here, whom he denounces and threatens with great rigour and much pomposity of language: as "Your Correspondent" is an *anonyme*, perhaps a *myth*? I shall confine myself in a few words to the attack on the real individual indicated.

That individual then, is *not* one whom the writer in the New Brunswick with his most gifted powers, can either ridicule or intimidate.

If the "Souveniers" which he threatens, mean a faithful review of his acts and deeds during upwards of Twenty Years public service, "Rogers" could not do him a greater favor, or perform a more acceptable service, than by giving

it to the public, and if he fails to do it, the task will yet be performed by others unconnected with the party assailed. But if "J. R." means dragging from oblivion, incidents of a private or domestic nature, of the merit of which he cannot be cognisant, and distorting and defaming them, to gratify the depraved taste of a few malignant spirits, then it would be a pity he should be denied the pleasure if he deems it such, of doing so: at the same time he may rest assured, that he will utterly fail in the object he wishes to accomplish, and the attempt would recoil upon himself, for he would by such means arouse the indignation of a whole community, who are as well acquainted with the individual attacked as "J. R." is, and consider themselves quite as competent to judge of his merits and demerits.

The individual "J. R." attempts fruitlessly to ridicule and defame, after many years of labour and changing fortunes, may console himself, that with all his shortcomings, his frailties, and his failures, his life has not been an useless or unprofitable one. He has not lived for himself alone as his "old grey coat" and empty pockets can amply testify: and those he has lived for, and their name is LEGION, "J. R." may know from the King of—no, not of the Cannibal Islands—but of Jerusalem's "Rock of Defence."

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT.

"The English Mail left Halifax on Wednesday evening last about 6 o'clock, and did not arrive in St. John until near 8 o'clock on Friday night. At a fair rate of travelling it might have arrived at 8 o'clock on Friday morning.—It is high time that the mercantile community and indeed the whole people of St. John should insist on having the English Mail when brought overland, conveyed in a proper manner. We know it will be said that the delay occurred chiefly on the Nova Scotia roads, but surely even that could be prevented. It will be disgraceful if we can do no better than we have done in this respect."

The above paragraph is copied from the St. John Freeman. We wonder what our contemporary would say, if he had to wait, as the inhabitants of this County have when the British mails arrives at Halifax one or two hours after the Courier leaves with our mails at 6 o'clock on Wednesday morning—which occurs twice out of three times during the season—until SUNDAY afternoon, for the receipt of his letters and papers. What would our neighbours in St. John say, if they had to submit as we have, to the following delays in the receipt of their mails. Say during the summer months while no excuse can be offered for bad roads—from five in the morning until twelve at noon; and during the winter not be able to form any conception when the Courier will make his appearance. Twelve, fifteen or twenty hours, being a delay of frequent occurrence. This is an evil we have had to endure ever since the Province has had the management of our Postal affairs.—We are tired of remonstrating as the complaints remain unheeded.

THE JUDGESHIP.

THE papers confirm our telegraph report of the appointment of the Hon. W. J. Ritchie to the vacant seat on the Bench of the Supreme Court of this Province. It appears that Mr Fisher, to whom by right of his political position, the office belonged, with a disinterestedness seldom witnessed among politicians, declined accepting the office, which would have snugly shelved him for life, preferring to fill the high and important position he now occupies as Attorney General and Leader of the Government.

There is a diversity of opinion according to the different shades of politics they advocate, among the conductors of the Press, respecting Mr Ritchie's appointment; all agree, however in admitting, that he possesses the necessary requisites to fill the office in a highly satisfactory manner. We have read over all the opinions advanced but we have not been able to ascertain upon what *principle* the Hon. Gentleman received his appointment.

A correspondent at Fredericton writing to us on Tuesday last, says—

"Next Gazette, it is reported, will contain the provisional appointment of Mr W. J. Ritchie to the Bench. Strange things occur in our time. The Attorney General is not asleep.—Measures will be introduced next Session by him which would not be, had he accepted the Judgeship. You may depend upon it he has something else in view. His non-acceptance has met with great applause from the County. A public meeting is to be called to present him with an address. His reply may possibly let out something as to his future intentions."

OUR RAILWAY.

THERE seems to be a fatality attending the Railway enterprises of this Province. The St. John Freeman reports—

"A quantity of Railway Material, Plant, &c., the property of Messrs. Sykes & Co., will be sold under execution by the Sheriff of Charlotte, on the 6th of next month. The value of the property to be sold, is said to be £8,000; but it will sell for much less, and there will be plenty of bargains for speculators and others."

LOCK-UP HOUSE, CHATHAM.

At a meeting of Freeholders and Householders, held in the Temperance Hall, Chatham, in accordance with public notice given, to take into consideration, the propriety of applying to the General Sessions to levy a Tax for building a Lock-up House in Chatham, in accordance with an Act, passed 14th April 1853, Cap. 20.—John M. Johnson, Esq., being called to the Chair, and Mr Richard Hocken, being requested to act as Secretary:

It was proposed, and seconded, that the question be put, if there be a "Lock-up House?"—When it was decided in the negative.

JOHN M. JOHNSON, Chairman.

It was unanimously Resolved,

That the thanks of the Meeting be given to the Chairman and Secretary.

R. HOCKEN, Secretary.

COMING DOWN.

THE Boston Post heads the accompanying paragraph as above. We hope his words will speedily come to pass, for the price of all the necessities of life are far beyond the reach of the working classes. Times are hard and money difficult to procure, and if there be not a speedy decline in prices, we are apprehensive much distress will be felt among our population during the approaching winter.

"A heavy provision dealer of this city, just returned from an extensive business tour at the West, says there are "no two ways about it; prices have got to come down; not only flour, but provisions of all kinds will soon be lower than they have been for several years."

BOWSERS HOTEL.

ARRIVALS DURING THE PAST WEEK.

John Tucker, Esq., Lloyd's Inspector of Colonial ships, and wife, St. John, N. B.; Mrs L. Barbare, P. E. Island; Mrs W. End, Bathurst; C. C. Read, do: E. Outram, do; Thomas O'Donnell, St. John; Charles Murry, Esq. and wife, Campbellton; John Pots, Richibucto; James Young, Esq., Tracadie.

REMARKABLE PASSAGE.—The "Ocean Bride," one of Messrs. Harley & Burchill's ships, made her last passage from Miramichi to Liverpool in sixteen days, or twelve days from land to land! Considering that the "Ocean Bride" was deeply laden, this must be regarded as a remarkably short passage.

We understand that a Telegraph Office has been opened at Buctouche.

PROVINCIAL APPOINTMENT.—Francis Rice member for Victoria, has been called to the Legislative Council.

DIOCESAN CHURCH SOCIETY.—A Contribution as follows, has been lately remitted to the Diocesan Church Society, towards promoting the many benevolent objects embraced by that institution.

S. Peter's Church, Nelson, £1 11 3

A large number of subscriptions are due next month. We are desirous of enlarging our sheet, and making other improvements in our Journal, but whether this will be done or not will depend on the success we meet with in collecting our outstanding debts.

MARRIAGES.

On the 20th inst., by the Revd. James Hudson, B. A. in the Church of the Holy Trinity, at Blackville, Mr PETER GRATTAN, to Miss ELIZABETH PORTER, all of the same place.

At the Manse, on the 15th inst., by the Rev James Law, A. M., Mr JAMES SHAND, to Miss MARY BELL, both of the Parish of Richibucto.

SHIP NEWS

PORT OF CHATHAM, MIRAMICHI.

ENTERED.—Aug 17.—schr Independence, McIntosh, P. E. Island, fish, &c., D. & J. Ritchie; Caroline, Barnard, do, John Mackie; Barbard, Bell, do, master.

18.—ship Mattapan, Collier, New York, Wm. McInnis.

21.—schr Phantom, Palmer, P. E. Island, lime &c., Samuel Burdock.

24.—schr Marie Priscella, Langlade, Quebec, flour, &c., Marshall & Co., and others; brig Villa de St. Sene, Refour, St. Pierre, Wm. J. Fraser.

CLEARED.—Aug. 18.—schr Barbard, Bell, P. E. Island, lumber, master; schr Grayhound, Banett, do, do, Thomas Lynch.

20.—schr Independence, McIntosh, P. E. Island, salt and mackerell, D. & J. Ritchie; Caroline, Barnard, Boston, alewives, Marshall & Co.; Trial, LeBlanc, St. Pierre, lumber, W.

M'Rae; brig Alzear, Ploutier, Cape Britton, lumber, master.

21.—schr Phantom, Palmer, P. E. Island, shingles, W. J. Fraser; schr Blossom, Mason, Pictou, lumber and shingles.

22.—schr Lady Smith, Burdeaux, Pictou, lumber and shingles, R. Johnston.

PORT OF NEWCASTLE, MIRAMICHI.

CLEARED.—August 11, ship Euxine, Mahony, Liverpool, timber, John Haws & Co.

15.—bark Hymen, Henderson, Cork, deals, Fowler & Estey; ship Express, Patterson, Liverpool, do., Gilmour, Rankin & Co.

16.—bark Gilbert, Lewis, Newport, deals, Robinson Crocker.

18.—bark, Standard, Ritchie, Belfast, deals, Gilmour, Rankin & Co.

21.—brig John Hall, Grey, Newcastle on Tyne, timber, Gilmour, Rankin, & Co.

brig Havana, Lewis, oats, deals, J. H. & J. Harding.

PORT OF BATHURST.

ENTERED.—August 10.—schr. Marie Adela, Fournier, Quebec, flour, Ferguson, Rankin & Co., and others; schr. Sophia, Sivrit, Shippigan, master.

18.—schr. Ensign, McGregor, P. E. I., master; schr. Active, Babin, goods, St. John, N. B., H. A. McCullough.

23.—schr. Stranger, Siteman, Pictou, coals, G. & A. Smith; schr. Schmidt, Sears, New York, ballast, Ferguson, Rankin, & Co.

CLEARED.—Aug. 10.—brig Margaret, Thompson, Sunderland, deals and timber, Ferguson, Rankin, & Co.

13.—schr. Belinda, Caldwell, St. John's, Nfld. timber, Ferguson, Rankin, & Co.; schr. John, Wilson, Richibucto; schr. Marie Adela, Fournier, Antigonish.

14.—ship Thessaly, Williams, Cork, for orders, deals, Ferguson, Rankin, & Co.; schr. Sophia, Sivrit, Shippigan, salt.

18.—schr. Ensign, McGregor, P. E. I.

BY TELEGRAPH.

TO MIRAMICHI GLEANER OFFICE.

New York, August 22.

Pacific arrived this morning. Bombardment of Sebastopol was renewed on the 10th of August, but result not yet known.

It is currently reported in Paris that Heligoland was successfully bombarded by the Allied fleet.

Breadstuffs.—Markets dull, and all descriptions exhibit slight decline. Consols 91½.

New Advertisements.

ALEXANDER FRASER.

Auctioneer, Commission Merchant, &c., &c.

Solicits the patronage of the Public, and will endeavour to merit the confidence of all who may favor him with business in the above line. "CONSIGNMENTS requiring Storage or Wharfage promptly attended to." Lower Water Street, Chatham, August 23, 1855.

AUCTION.

The Sale of the Extensive assortment of DRY GOODS, LIQUORS, GROCERIES, EARTHENWARE, HARDWARE, CORDAGE, IRON, SALT &c., &c.

belonging to the ESTATE of the late FIRM of DUNCAN & LOCH, will be continued on TUESDAY, the 28th August, inst., at 10 o'clock, from day to day, until the whole is disposed of.

WILLIAM SALTER, Auctioneer. Newcastle, August 24, 1855.

AUCTION.

To be Sold by Public Auction, at Kingston, Richibucto, on TUESDAY, 28th August, at 12 o'clock, for the benefit of the Underwriters' and all concerned. A large quantity of

HERMETICALLY SEALED SALMON, Also a number of empty 1lb and 2lb TINS AND COVERS. Said property being portion of Cargo saved from wrecked Schooner Raven. Terms Cash.

G. M. JACK. Kingston, Richibucto, 23rd August, 1855.

NOTICE.

A Meeting of the Board of the Northumberland Agricultural Society, will take place at Bowser's Hotel, Chatham, on the morning of SATURDAY, the 1st day of SEPTEMBER, at 11 o'clock, precisely.

By Order of the President, JAMES CAIE, Secretary. Chatham, 23rd August, 1855.

MADRAS SCHOOL.

ON THURSDAY, the 23rd inst., the MADRAS School in Chatham, was re-opened by Mr GEORGE T. SMITH, from Kingsclear, near Fredericton. Mr SMITH brought with him the most satisfactory testimonials of his superior abilities as a Teacher and also of his great moral worth, both from J. H. Davery, Esq., the Chief Superintendent of Schools, and from James Ritchie, Esq., teacher of the Chatham School, and earnest of the future success of our own School, which we trust will prosper under the superintendence of Mr Smith.

SAMUEL BACON, Rector. Signed JOHN WRIGHT, Esq., Church J. M. JOHNSTON, Esq., Wardens. Chatham, August 25, 1855.