Editor's Department.

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THE PATRIOTIC FUND.

EFFORTS are being made in almost every direction in the British North American Colonies, to increase this philanthropic fund.

In Canada the Legislature voted £20,000, and subscriptions to the amount of £10,000 have been collected from private individuals and societies.

In Nova Scotia the Legislature granted £2,000; at a Bazaar recently held in Halifax £360 was realized. The officers in garrison purpose getting up a theatrical performance to aid the good work; and by the Journal we perceive that a public meeting was to be held in the Temperance Hall on the 15th instant, for the same purpose. Twenty-seven members of the St. George's society, Halifax, subscribed £25.

The Miners at Cape Breton have given £100.

In this Province the good work is progressing. Last week we announced that the Division of the Sons of Temperance in Chatham, unanimously voted £20. The several Divisions in St. John have contributed handsome sums—Temple of Honour £25; Albion £25; St. Andrew's Society at St. John, £250; Carleton Royal Arch Chapter of Masons, £25; Albion Lodge, £50; and York Division of Sons of Temperance in Fredericton, £20. The Amateurs of St. Andrews purpose getting up a theatrical performance for the same purpose.

When the Legislature meets, we have no doubt a liberal grant will pass. Some of the St. John papers have suggested £10,000, but when we take into consideration the state of the Province, the amount given by the Legislatures of Canada (£20,000,) and Nova Scotia (£2,000,) we consider £5,000 would be a generous gift from the Province chest. We would sooner see the money raised from societies and private individuals throughout the Province, than taken from the revenue, as it will shew the British Government and People, that the voice and feelings of the inhabitants of these Colonies are with them in their heroic endeavours to maintain unimpaired, the civil and religious liberties of Europe, and to curb the grasping propensity of the Czar, to appropriate to himself the territories of his weaker neighbours; and that we are willing to contribute of our substance to maintain the widows and orphans of those who fall fighting her battles.

FIRE IN CHATHAM.

LAST Sunday was a bitter cold day, with a gale from the Northwest, which somewhat abated at sun down. It is fortunate it did so, for a short time after the different congregations assembled in their respective places of worship, about seven in the evening, the startling cry of fire resounded through the town.

The dwelling house owned and occupied by Martin Cranney, Esq., was discovered to be on fire, which was speedily consumed, together with a small dwelling occupied by Mr Gaynor; another house, owned by Mr Moses Connors, and occupied by W. Crane, was partially injured.

Here the flames were providentially arrested, through great exertions, to the manifest surprise and joy of the inhabitants of our town. Some of the buildings on the opposite side of the street were on fire from the falling embers, which were carried to a considerable distance by the high wind. We have had a very narrow escape from an extensive conflagration, for which we should feel grateful to an all-wise and kind Providence.

Too much praise cannot be given to the inhabitants of Doughstown, for the prompt manner in which they brought over their engine, and assembled to assist in quelling the flames. The engines of the town worked well, notwithstanding the intense coldness of the night, and did good service. The thanks of the public are due to the officers and firemen for the efficient manner in which the engines are kept, and the willingness they display at all times, to make themselves useful. Scarcely had the fire been got under when the wind blew a gale.

We are sorry to hear that Mr Cranney was not insured, and that he lost considerable in furniture, flour, and goods in his shop. Mr Gaynor also saved but little. It is impossible to say positively, how the fire originated, but it is presumed from a spark from the chimney.

CIRCULARS IN SAW MILLS.

WE have had frequent occasion in our Editorial career, to notice accidents in our mills, occasioned by Circular Saws; and when we recall to mind the long list of parties who have been maimed for life, and the number that have lost their lives from the desperate wounds thus received, many of whom have left wives and families behind them, it is surprising that the common feeling of humanity, if not a higher or nobler motive, has not induced the proprietors of these establishments, to use means by which those sad casualities may be avoided, particularly, when it can be done at so little expense.

The Legislature of Nova Scotia have displayed much good sense in taking this matter under their consideration. They have passed a law making it imperative on all Mill owners to have their Circular Saws covered, under heavy penalties. We publish this law, in the hope that it will meet the eye of some humane Legislator in our Province, and induce him to bring a similar bill before the Legislature at its approaching session. As to the propriety of passing such a law, there cannot be a difference of opinion; and we hope the subject—too long delayed already—will receive that attention to which it is justly entitled.

"An act to prevent accidents by the running of circular saws.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Assembly as follows:—

"1 After the first day of May next, it shall not be lawful to run any Circular Saw without having a cover let down over it by the aid of hinges or otherwise, so low as to prevent persons from falling thereon, but not so near the Saw as to prevent the free working thereof, under a penalty of two pounds for each offence, besides being liable for any damage that may be sustained by any person in consequence of such omission."

UNITED STATES.

THE Treasurer of the United States estimates the bullion in the Bank at Sixty millions of dollars, and in the possession of the subtreasurers, and the people generally, one hundred and eighty one millions; being an aggregate of $211,000,000. In 1848, before the gold of California was discovered, the amount was calculated at $112,000,000.

The Washington correspondent of the New York Courier and Enquirer says "the objections to the Annexation of the Sandwich Islands offered by Great Britain, are not endorsed by the French minister. The same party writes to the Courier under date December 23.

"The editorial exposition of the state of the Eastern war in the Courier and Enquirer of the 21st inst., has given great satisfaction to the friends of the Allies, and of their policy in the European system.

"The facts stated relieve in a very sensible degree, the anxiety beginning to be felt here for the fate of the gallant army who are contending in the Crimea for the cause of civilization, regulated liberty, and religious toleration against tyranny, fanaticism, and rapacity. To the same extent your statement of the case has discouraged the Russian party, the leaders of which are the members of our Executive Government. By what singular fatality the Administration has ranged itself on that side the farthest removed from the sympathies, and it is safe to say, the interests of the American people, it appears hardly while to enquire; but the fact is confessed, that among the warmest partizans of Russia in her present crusade against Turkey and the rest of Europe, are the closest and most intimate associates of the President, and to judge from the course of their newspaper organ, the President and Cabinet themselves."

Meetings of unemployed workmen continue to be held in New York, at which many banners appear with imflammatory inscriptions on them, and the speeches of many of the operators are very violent.

OUR RAILROAD.

The men employed on the road leading to the Bend and Shediac have been discharged. On the subject of our railways the Fredericton Reporter remarks:

"The fact we believe, can be no longer concealed, that the immaculate firm of Jackson & Co., do not intend to fulfil their Railway contract with New Brunswick, but as their can be no doubt of the solvency of the Company, there are two important questions which naturally press themselves upon us for consideration.

"First is the Province accountable for the work already done?—we believe it is."

"Secondly, is our contract—our celebrated contract, worth a single leaf of cabbage?—we believe it is not!

PRINCE EDWARD'S ISLAND.

THE weather has been unusually mild in the Island, and the harbour of Charlottetown was open on the 8th January, a circumstance the Editor of Haszard's Gazette remarks, that has not occurred during a period of upwards of thirty years, the time he has resided in that place.

THE SEASON.

THE present season has been a very peculiar one, being marked by frequent and sudden extreme changes. We have had a few mild days, and in the course of a few hours the frost has been most intense, with a keen cutting wind from the north or northwest. These cold snaps, however, do not fortunately last long. On the whole, the weather up to the present period, has been unusually mild. Yesterday we had our first heavy drift, with the wind from the eastward, and southeast. This morning the roads are blocked up.

EUROPEAN NEWS.

It will be seen by the telegraph despatch in another column, that the steamer Canada arrived at Halifax at two o'clock on the afternoon of Wednesday last. Our courier was detained at the Bend until the express going to St. John with the mail, came up. Owing to the heavy storm he had not arrived here at 1 o'clock, when we were compelled to go to press, a circumstance we regret, as we should have been better pleased had we been enabled to lay before our readers more copious extracts.

The despatch no doubt, contains a faithful summary of the news. The intelligence from the seat of war is not important. The dates are to the 6th of the month.

BOWSER'S HOTEL.

ARRIVALS DURING THE PAST WEEK.

January 14.—Rev Mr Goslin, Caraquet; Mr R. Gordon and Lady, Bathurst; Alexander Scott, Glasgow. 18.—Charles Dawson, New Carlisle, C. E.; Thomas Clay, Leeds, England; Thomas Wathen, Richibucto; Alexander McGrigor, Dalhousie; Mr Bent and Wife, Derham, Restigouche.

PAY YOUR POSTAGE.—Letters are still sent to us with the postage unpaid. Corresponents should remember that all letters are required to be post paid.

☞ The Report of the Highland Society of New Brunswick at Miramichi, is received, and will receive attention next week.

READING ROOM.

A Meeting of the Subscribers to this Institution will take place at the above Room, on TUESDAY, the 23rd instant, at 3 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of considering the Propriety of its Continuance, when a Statement of the Affairs will be shown.

The Annual Meeting will be held on TUESDAY, the 30th JANUARY, at 3 o'clock, P. M.

Chatham, 13th January.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

The REVISED STATUTES of this Province are offered for Sale.

Booksellers and others can learn the terms, and will be supplied with copies, on application to Mr. Henry S. Beck, Bookseller and Stationer, Fredericton.

By Command.

S. L. TILLEY.

Secretary's Office, 2nd January, 1855.

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Reduced the prices of his Goods so very low, that all parties about to purchase any Goods in his line of business, will find it their interest to call and examine his Goods and Prices, before making their selections elsewhere. His Stock is all of recent importations, and a very superior class of Goods, and as he is fully determined to effect his purpose, in order that he may resume business in the new Shop with a new Stock, purchasers may expect, and will obtain *Bargains*, far surpassing their expectations.

HIS STOCK CONSISTS OF—

CLOTHS.

Pilot, Beaver, Whitney and Felt Cloths; superfine blue, black, brown, and olive Broad Cloth; black drab and fancy Cassimeres, and Doeskins, Satinetts, Casinetts, Tweeds, Moleskins, Jeans, cotton and linen Drills, Russel Cords, Lasting and Gambroon. And a large quantity of

VESTINGS.

Plain, black, embossed and brocade Satins, Buff Cassimere, White Quilting, Embroidered Cloth, French Shapes, Mare and Tuck and Fancy Cottons.

CLOAKINGS.

Superfine, black, brown, drab and fancy Cloths, Tweeds, Mohair and Gala Plaids.

SHAWLS.

Fancy, plain, black, brocade and damask satins, plain and embroidered, black and drab indians, rockspun, Thibbet, wool, cashmere, delane and heavy woollen Shawls.

DRESS GOODS.

In Silks, Satins, French Merinos, Coburgs, Cashmeres, Alpachas, Lustres, Delane, Circassian Cloth, and Orleans, Embroidered Muslin, Dutches, Alapacha and Circassian Robes, Printed Muslins, Ginghams, Scotch Homespun, and Printed Cottons.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Gloves, Hosiery, Ribbons, Sewed Muslins, Laces, Edgings, Braids, Buttons, Gimps, Fringes and Trimmings, in great variety; silk and cotton Velvets and Plush, coloured Satins, Silks, pertians, Seleciana, blond, brazs and gauze silk and cotton Umbrellas and Parasoles, black and white corded Petticoats; plain and figured Muslins and Netts, Cap Fronts, Flowers, Bonnet Feathers, black, white and colored Lace Veils, Dress Caps, Mohair Head Dresses, Neck Ribbons, Ribbon Bows and Bracelets, Ladies' Neck Ties, Cambric Handkerchefs, Cloth and Silk Capes, Comforters, Polkas, Fur Capes, Muffs, Cuffs and Boas, Cloth, Cashmere and Silk Lasting Boots, Leather, French Kid, Lasting, Carpet and Felt Shoes, Childrens' cashmere and Berlin Hacles and Hats, Boys' silk Hats, cloth, plush, and seletto Caps; Hearth Rugs, Carpets, crumb cloth, Merines, Furniture Prints and Damnitties: Quilts; Counterpanes; Toilet covers; cradle Quilts; Table cloths and covers; Towelings Linen, Linen Lawns; Duck canvass, Osnaburgh, brown Holland, Sefticias, white, striped and Fancy Regatta Shirtings; twilled and plain grey and white Sheetings, Rolled Jaconetts; Bedtick; Dinnams, cotton yarn, batting and wadding; Blankets Flannels; collar check, green baize, and a large stock of

MENS READY-MADE CLOTHING.

In every style, colour, quality and fabrick, embracing all the prevailing fashions of the day, in a very superior style of workmanship, silk hats, fur, plush and cloth caps, cloth, kid and fur gloves; lambs wool; red flannel; fancy regatto and white cotton shirts, drawers, braces, comforters, mufflers; spring stocks, opera ties, silk, neck and pocket handkerchiefs, hat, hair, tooth and shaving brushes, hair oil, perfumery, toilet soap, port monies, portfolios, albums, writing desks, dressing cases, razors, knives, spoons, and a avariety of small wares.

30 chests and half chests very superior TEA.
20 kegs Tobacco. 20 kegs White Paint.

JOHN BRYSON.

☞ *Call at the Corner Store, opposite Howe's Book Store.*

Chatham, N. B., 7th January.

EMIGRATION.

PERSONS desirous of having their friends in England, Ireland, or Scotland brought out by the St. John and Liverpool Line of Packets, can procure Tickets on application to the Subscribers.

PASSAGE—From Liverpool to St. John £5 currency for Adults; Children under 14 years, half price. Payment in all cases required when the Ticket is furnished, but if not used, and returned, the money will be refunded.

Provisions supplied agreeably to the Passenger Act, as follows:—

For each adult—3 quarts water—*Daily*; 2½ lbs. Bread, 1 lb Wheat Flour, 5 lbs. Oatmeal, 2 lbs. Rice, ½ lb. Sugar, 2 oz Tea; and 2 oz. Salt—*weekly*.

It will be necessary for persons in the country, remitting for passages, to furnish the name, age, and place of residence of the intending emigrant—the Ticket will be forwarded by first mail after receipt of the money.

J. & R. REED.

St. John, N. B., January 13, 1855.

CARD.

M. CRANNEY, begs to return his most sincere thanks to the firewards and firemen of the Douglastown fire-engine. To the firewards and firemen of the Chatham fire-engine and to the public generally, for the strenous exertions made (although without effect) on Sunday night last, to preserve his property from the apoc effects of fire.

Chatham, 18th January.