

"Spruce and Pine Planks, Boards, &c.—These continue to command the attention of consumers, and have again taken the lead both in the quantity imported and consumed. Each successive year has witnessed an astonishing increase in the consumption of Deals: in 1849 it was 19,607 standard, 1850 27,600 standard, 1851 32,333 standard, 1852 39,022 standard, 1853 50,330 standard: considering, then, the vast and rapid increase in consumption hitherto, the high prices current the first half of the year and the general dullness of trade, it is scarcely to be supposed that the consumption of this year could equal that of the previous. It is, therefore, the more gratifying to note a further increase, the consumption having been 52,490 standard or 2,100 standard more than in 1853, and if Quebec Deals be included will show a total increase in consumption of 3,456 standard over any previous year. In the early part of the year, the importation was excessive; but being moderated towards the close, there is a falling off to the extent of 9,699 standard for the year, being 43,851 standard, against 57,630 in 1853. The stock is also much reduced, being 22,935 standard, including 267 standard Boards, and 286 standard Scantling, against 26,844 standard, and is equal to about five months' consumption, taking last year as the criterion. The fall in the value of Deals has been very great. In February £13 10s to £18 15s was the value of St. John Deals but the import continuing heavy and coming forward to a well stocked and dull market, prices could not be maintained, and gradually receded till the month of June, when several cargoes were sold at £12 per standard; in July the import was more moderate, but a considerable reduction had been made in freights, and there was the prospect of a large import, with much uncertainty as to the effect of the war, dealers demanded further concession, and prices consequently fell to £11, in August £10 was about the value, in September £9 to £9 10s, in October £8, and in November £7 17 6 to £8 2 6 for St. John Deals, which was the lowest point of the season, and from which there has been an improvement of about 7s 6d to 10s per standard; the latest sales have been at £8 5 to £8 7 3 for St. John, £8 2 6 for St. Stephen's, £7 17 6 for Pughwash, and £7 10 for Prince Edward Island Deals. The stock of Deals would be considered moderate with a certainty of last year's consumption, but must not be calculated upon with the continuance of the war. The price, however, is very low, and presents great inducements for consumption.

"Lathwood has been in good demand the whole season, and sided in price by the scarcity of Baltic Wood. The stock is only 180 fathoms, against 597 last year. With cargo, Lathwood sells at 20s to 60s per fathom; separate it is worth £5 to £6 per fathom for 4 feet for St. John's and Quebec, and 58s to 80s per fathom for P. E. Island and lower ports. Spruce Wood, now frequently brought from P. E. Island, is very useless, and sells at 20s per fathom—it should not be shipped."

THE SEASON.

We have experienced one of the severest snow storms ever witnessed in this county. Our memory runs back about 29 years, and we have conversed with persons who have resided here ten years longer, and they do not recollect a parallel.

It commenced snowing on Friday night about 9 o'clock, and it continued so to do until about the same hour on Saturday night. On Monday and Tuesday we had occasional showers of snow and rain. Wednesday was soft, with indications of falling weather. Thursday was fine, and yesterday morning it threatened another storm, when about noon, it cleared up, and the afternoon was clear, with a bright Sun.

Saturday and Sunday, it blew fiercely from the eastward, which piled up the snow in many places to the depth of twelve and fifteen feet. We have witnessed many snow storms, and seen frequently our streets in a sad plight, from drift, but never saw them in such a condition as they were on Monday, at the termination of this war of the elements. Many houses were literally buried, and the inmates compelled to dig themselves out. Many of the stores and work shops were in a similar condition, and the owners had to cut passages to enable them to effect entrances, as well as to procure light.

All communication was cut off with Newcastle and Douglastown for some days, and a journey thither, even now, is a matter of serious consideration. The Southern Mail due on Sunday morning, we learn by Telegraph, reached Richibucto only at four o'clock on Tuesday, and has not yet made its appearance. The Fredericton Mail, due on Wednesday, is still on the road. The Northern Courier arrived with the mail due on Monday morning on Wednesday, on snow shoes, but brought only the Bathurst mail.

Every exertion has been made to despatch the mails to the southward, but it has proved unavailing. This morning a large number of men with horses and sleds proceeded towards Richibucto to break the roads, but it is slow and difficult work.

The inhabitants of the town have been out every day since Tuesday, and passages have been made through the streets by shovelling, which enables us now to get along with some degree of comfort.

From the heavy drift it is impossible to say what depth of snow fell. A person from the country informs us that it measures two feet in the green woods. By telegraph we learn that the storm extended as far as Sack-

ville, and that in the vicinity of Richibucto the snow is three feet deep.

Some time must elapse before the roads can be made passable and we question if their will be any comfortable travelling thereon during the remainder of the season.

LEGISLATIVE NEWS.

In the absence of more extended information from the Legislature, we publish below the telegraphic dispatches received during the week at the Reading Room:

February 14.

Hosts of petitions to-day, among them, one from over 300 Frenchmen of Madawasca, praying that Tibbits may be allowed to retain his seat. Motion made through Partelow for scrutiny of Rice's votes on behalf of Tibbits. In Legislative Council some strong remarks by Hazen, Hatch, Gordon and others, respecting pamphlet reports of short session. Steves denied its paternity on the part of the government; supposed the Queen's printer had orders from somebody; truthfulness of reports generally disclaimed by the members. Swarms of Bills and petitions. House in mourning for Mr Gilbert.

February 16.

Several Bills most definitely local has occupied the house to-day, among the rest the annual bear and wolf one. It is said that the interesting part of the session will commence in the early part of the next week. Several members from both houses were at the funeral of the Hon. Mr Gilbert.

February 19.

Mr Boyd introduced his motion for withholding public support from sectarian schools was introduced this morning, and referred for further consideration. Hon. Mr Ritchie introduced a bill to establish a new Savings Bank at St. John. The road committee sat for several hours. The Speaker is driving routine but shrewd, and enforcing order as well as possible. Street, Cutler, End, and others have complained bitterly of incorrect reports. Mr Harding's usury bill discussed the great part of the P. M., and amendment of, postponed for three months, carried by a large majority. Bear bounty bill lost by a majority of one. House adjourned at half past four o'clock.

February 20.

In the House yesterday, a motion was made by Tibbits, that there was no recognition from petitioning party to the Victoria election: subject not disposed of. A scrutiny committee was afterwards struck, consisting of Cutler, Johnson, A. G. Smith, Kerr, Gilmour, and Wilmot; Gilmour and Wilmot nominees for sitting members, Hatheway for petitioner. Another scrutiny committee was subsequently struck for Albert election, consisting of Purdy, Harding, Ferris, McLeod, Connell, Steadman, nominee for sitting member, Hayward for petitioner. A long debate took place afterwards on an alien bill, upon which progress was reported. House adjourned. A long debate in the Council on matters connected with the Government.

Feb. 21.

A bill for erecting a Saving's Bank in St. John, passed in the house this morning, after which the house went into committee on ways and means, when one of the most splendid expositions ever promulgated in the house was made by the Hon. Provincial Secretary. Duties on brandy, gin, whiskey and tobacco to be raised: Tariff it appears will be half protectionist, non-estimate articles to be taxed ten per cent. Stimulating from imports £102,000. Speeches by Boyd, Wilmot, Harding, Ryan, Cutler, Speaker, Montgomery, Ritchie, Hatheway, McPheelim and Johnson. 200 copies of Schedule to be printed with the figures, and the subject to be taken up again on Monday.

February, 22.

Members were absent in the morning on two scrutiny committees. The election bill was introduced by Hon. Attorney General. It was decided that it should stand as the order of the day for to-morrow: a bill relating to the Commissioners of sewers in Westmorland—read a first time. Victoria scrutiny committee brought in a report, requesting to adjourn to the 20th March, from a satisfactory request of M. Tibbits. A bill for Incorporation of the Protestant Orphan Assylum discussed, and progress reported. A bridge bill at St. Stephens was afterwards debated with some spirit. In the Council some tart observations from Col. Hatch on Mr Haemz reading a letter from Mr King reflecting on the St. Andrews Railroad Board of Directors.

PATRIOTIC FUND.

The subscriber acknowledges the receipt of the following subscriptions in Chatham, paid to him, on account of the above Fund, viz:

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Mr C. McCulley,	5 0 0
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Any further donations will be thankfully received by JNO. M. JOHNSON. Chatham, 23rd February, 1855.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

OUR stock of material to cater from during the week, has been very limited. Fortunately we obtained our British papers on Friday, and to these we resorted, and have succeeded in culing therefrom much that is new and interesting.

On Thursday we obtained a telegraph despatch of the news received by the Baltic, which vessel arrived at New York on Wednesday.—The intelligence is a week older, and furnishes a list of the parties who compose the new British Ministry. We refer our readers to the despatch for particulars. A late number of the London Morning Post, points to Lord Palmerston as the only man fitted at the present crisis, to fill the situation of Premier—and the Editor says, if he be placed at the head of the Ministry it will be the severest blow yet given to the Emperor of Russia. He has received that appointment, and we sincerely hope the opinion of our London contemporary will be fully realized.

We are indebted this morning to the Telegraph Operator, for the following items of news:

The Mail which left here on Tuesday morning, arrived at Richibucto last evening at 8 o'clock.

Wednesday's mail for Chatham, left Shediac yesterday morning.

The telegraph wires between St. John and the Bend have been down since yesterday afternoon.

A Barn in the occupation of John Fraser, Esq., at Newcastle, was partially destroyed by fire on Thursday morning.

BOSTON.—We notice a telegraph despatch in the Halifax Sun, stating that Boston Harbour was frozen over on the 13th February.

NEWFOUNDLAND.—In St. John's, the handsome sum of £1,568 had been raised for the Patriotic Fund. In Brigus Village £106.—212 patients had been admitted into the Cholera Hospital, 88 of whom died. The proportion of the whole deaths to the cases was 44 per cent.

CAUTION.—We are informed that spurious Nine Penny Pieces, or as they are commonly called, "Smoothers," are in circulation. The public should be on their guard.

ERRATA.—In the report of the Tea Party, which appeared in last week's Gleaner, at the 4th paragraph from the end, instead of "the Widows and the Orphans," read, "the Widow and Orphan." At next paragraph, instead of "unusual sights," read "sights," and near the end of last paragraph, instead of "but even Women," read "but even Woman."

MARRIAGES.

On Monday the 19th inst., at S. Mary's Chapel, Chatham, by the Rev. Samuel Bacon, Rector, Mr. CHARLES GREMLEY, to Miss MARY FENETY, both of the Parish of Chatham.

On the 16th February, by the Rev. William Stewart, Mr. ALEX. FRASER McDONALD, to Miss ELIZABETH BAIN.

DEATHS.

At his father's residence, in Napan, on the 20th January, ANDREW, son of Mr. James Edger, aged 19 years, very much respected by all who knew him.

At Salmon Beach, on the 4th inst., JEREMIAH DEMPSEY, aged 20 years, much regretted by his friends and neighbours.

At Chatham, on the 13th instant, MARGARET PHILLIPS, infant daughter of Mr Samuel Burdick, aged 1 year.

SPECIAL NOTICE

We would refer our readers to the advertisements in this paper of Constock & Brother's Celebrated Medicines. The Cherry & Longwort is the best remedy ever used for all consumptive affections—Azor's Turkish Balm, a beautiful hair restorative Turkish Wine, better than any alternative or blood purer in existence. TRY THEM, and you will be convinced of their real worth. For sale only in Chatham by Wm. Forbes, and Wm. Muirhead.

New Advertisements.



NEW MAIL ARRANGEMENT.

The Subscribers beg to inform the public that they have entered into a Contract to carry HER MAJESTY'S MAIL, between Chatham and Fredericton twice a week, as follows:—

The Stage will now leave CHATHAM on MONDAYS AND THURSDAYS, at the hour of 8 o'clock A. M., and Fredericton on the mornings of

TUESDAYS AND FRIDAYS, at the same hour, when they will be prepared to carry passengers as usual.

KELLY & ORR. Chatham, 16th February, 1855.

MR. HOWE'S SECOND CONCERT!

THE RICHEST TREAT YET!

Having the valuable assistance of the Newcastle and the Chatham BRASS BAND, will take place in the HALL of the SONS OF TEMPERANCE, on the EVENING of TUESDAY, the 27th inst.—Doors open at 7 1/2 o'clock.

Come along every one! Admission tickets only 1s 3d. Children 7d. Sold at the Stores of Messrs. Johnson & Mackie, Mr. London, Mr. Russell, Mr. McDougall, and the Chatham Book Store.—Messrs. Gilmour, Rankin & Co., Douglastown.—Mr. Sergeant, Newcastle and at the door of the Hall.

The travelling for Sleights is excellent on the Chapel Road, up to the Hall. Chatham, 17th February, 1855.

VALUABLE PROPERTY, FOR SALE.

The Subscriber offers for Sale her VALUABLE PROPERTY which consists of one Dwelling House, 25 feet by 28, with Bake House attached, and a never failing Well in the Kitchen. Also, a well finished Store, well adapted for a Wholesale or Retail Business. The above Property is situate 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.

NOTICE.

Subscribers to the works of TALLIS & CO., will receive their numbers in future by calling at Mr Howe's Book Store. Chatham, 24th February, 1855.

NOTICE.

The subscriber offers for sale the FARM on which he lives, at St. Andrew's Point, Black Brook, fronting the Miramichi River, containing 200 acres, of which 40 acres are under cultivation, and in good condition. Terms half cash down, and the other half in the 15th day of July next. Should the above property not be sold at private sale before the 17th April, it will then be sold at Public Auction on the premises. For further particulars apply to the subscriber, or to John T. Williston, Esq., who is authorized to treat for the sale of the said property.

DAN. BULMAN. Chatham, 24th January, 1855.

FIRE ENGINE FOR SALE.

No. 4. Engine, of the City of St. John, is now offered for sale to the highest bidder, as the company is about to purchase a first-class Engine. She is in good repair at present, and the company will warrant her to throw water 100 feet. Application to be made to ALDERMAN KEAN'S, Chairman of Fire Committee.

P. MULLIN, Engineer of Company. JAMES O'CONNOR, Foreman. JAMES T. O'CONNOR, Assistant Foreman. St. John, N. B., December 15, 1854.

PIANO FORTE FOR SALE.

AN EXCELLENT LONDON MADE PIANO FORTE, for sale low by the Subscriber. It has been very little used. G. W. SCRIBNER. Chatham, 17th February, 1855.

IN STORE.

8 Hhds. Hennessy's Dark BRANDY, 12 do Holland GIN, 50 Barrels Bottled Porter and Ales. Now Landing from schr. Mary, from Quebec:—200 barrels No. 1, Superfine FLOUR, 22 Tonnets BUTTER. For Sale cheap for Cash. BURKE & NOONAN. Chatham, November 4, 1854.

TOWN LOTS IN RICHIBUCTO.

To be disposed of that pleasantly situated FIELD known as the Layton property, in the upper part of the town of Richibucto, in Lots to suit purchasers. Should a sufficient number be applied for, a road will be opened through the centre, opposite the residence of Dr. McLaren. A plan of the ground can be seen by applying to the subscriber. Terms easy. JOHN PALLEN. Richibucto 10th October, 1854.