

SHIP NEWS.

PORT OF CHATHAM—MIRAMICHI.

ENTERED.—May 17.—schr. Mary Ann, M'Lean P. E. Island, produce, J. M'Donald; schr. Union, LaVache, do, do, M'Graw; schr. Lady, LaVache, Arichat, master; schr. Elizabeth Ann, M'Leod, P. E. Island, produce, M'Millan; schr. Alexander, Shelnut, Halifax, general cargo, D. & J. Ritchie, &c.; schr. Susan, Lang, do, do, W. J. Fraser, &c.

19.—schr. Lucia, Fournier, Quebec, flour, &c., T. Vondy &c.; schr. St. Croix, LaVoie, do, D. & J. Ritchie, &c.

20.—schr. Amie Marie, Joyce, Boston, general cargo, W. J. Fraser, &c.

CLEARED.—May 19.—schr. Jasper, Pillman, P. E. Island, master; schr. Phantom, Ellis, Pictou, shingles, W. J. Fraser.

23.—schr. Perseverance, Wilson, Dalhousie, general cargo, Gilmour, Rankin & Co. &c.

PORT OF NEWCASTLE—MIRAMICHI.

ENTERED.—May 10.—schr. Mermaid, Galant, P. E. Island, Oats and Meal, Gilmour, Rankin, & Co.

17.—schr. Villager, Watt, Halifax, general cargo, Gilmour, Rankin, & Co., and others.

19.—barque M. J. Colcord, Colcord, New York, ballast, Robinson Crocker.

21.—brig D. B. Boudrot, Pictou, ballast, R. Crocker; schr. May Flower, McDonald, P. E. Island, oats, master.

CLEARED.—May 9.—schr. Ensign, McGougan, P. E. Island, salt and lumber, R. Crocker.

23.—Villager, Watt, Halifax, shingles, R. Davidson.

PORT OF BATHURST.

ENTERED.—May 16.—schr. Aurora, Hume, P. E. Island, oats, Ferguson, Rankin & Co.

18.—schr. Unity, Smith New Carlisle, T. H. Forbes.

19.—schr. New Messenger, Sitemen, Halifax, molasses and sugar, Ferguson, Rankin & Co.; schr. Rising Sun, Landry, Arichat.

21.—schr. Catharine Elizabeth, LeBlanc, P. E. Island, oats, Ferguson, Rankin & Co.

22.—schr. Providence, Menard, Quebec, flour, &c., G. & A. Smith and others.

CLEARED.—May 19.—schr. Unity, Smith, Halifax, shingles, T. H. Forbes.

20.—schr. Rising Sun, Landry, Halifax, shingles, H. Hache.

21.—schr. New Messenger, Siteman, Halifax, shingles, Ferguson, Rankin & Co.

PORT OF SHEDIAC.

ENTERED.—May 11.—Norwegian bark Martha, Oulsew, Kragero, Norway, 35 days, W. H. & R. C. Seovil.

13.—Norwegian bark Glangero, Evenson, Kragero, Norway, 37 days, W. H. & R. C. Seovil.

PORT OF HALIFAX.—May 9, arrived—brig Zendale, Bay Chaleur.

New Advertisements.

NOTICE.

The Subscriber thankful for the liberal patronage extended to him in his Professional capacity, by his numerous friends, and the community generally, begs to state, that he is about leaving the place on business, for a short time. He will be ready to attend to their PROFESSIONAL WANTS on his return, of which due notice will be given.

SAMUEL THOMSON, Attorney at Law. Chatham, May 23, 1856.

CASH

Received in exchange for COATS, PANTS, AND VESTS, made in any approved mode, adapted not only to

SELL BUT TO WEAR. A GOOD FIT WARRANTED, and prices as low as GOOD WORK will admit of.

DANIEL ENGLISH. Chatham, 24th May, 1856.

FLOUR & MEAL.

Just Received per Schooner LUCIA from Quebec: 25 barrels Extra Superior FLOUR, 10 do OATMEAL, 10 do CORN MEAL, For Sale at the Lowest Rates.

DAVID CASSADY. Chatham, 23rd May, 1856—3wpd.

List of Letters for APRIL.

Received at the Post Office Chatham and Newcastle &c., and remaining for delivery 15th May, 1856.

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| Cupland William.                | McCabe John                     |
| Clyne Alex.                     | McClery Peter                   |
| Clerkin Patrick, 2, Black Brook | McKenzie William                |
| Dalton John                     | McKee Thomas                    |
| Davis Eliza Miss                | O'Neil Adrew, carpenter.        |
| Deverix Elizabeth               | Prid Gibbeon, Napan             |
| Forster Sarah                   | Sweezy Ann Mrs. do              |
| Hays Smith, blacksmith          | Towers Margaret Miss            |
| Hallgren Timothy                | Napan                           |
| Henry Mark                      | Triner Peter (care of P. Kelly) |
| Hurley Denis                    | Tranter Charles                 |
| Industry Bark, Capt. Murphy     | Wilson John                     |
| Monarch Brig Capt. Scott        | Wells William, Pilot            |
| Manson Mary Mrs.                | Vanderstine Abraham             |

List of Letters in Newcastle Post Office, 15th May 1856.

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| Baren James       | Simpson Jenet                       |
| Campbell Duncan   | Stewart David S.                    |
| Doucett Tanislans | Sweezy Robert                       |
| Goutier Mitchell  | Tamlyn Richard                      |
| McDonald Peter    | Williams William care of Noble John |
| Noble John        | Lawrence Maddox.                    |
| Ross Stephen D.   |                                     |

P. S. Persons asking for any of the above will please say "Advertised."

JAMES CAIE, P. M.

Editor's Department.

MIRAMICHI:

CHATHAM, SATURDAY, MAY 24, 1856.

TERMS.—New Subscribers Twelve Shillings and Six Pence, per annum, in all cases in advance. Old Subscribers 12s. 6d. in advance, or 17s. 6d. at the end of the year. We prefer the advance price, and as it effects a large saving, we hope soon to see all our subscribers avail themselves of it. To Clubs of five and upwards, to one address, Ten Shillings a year in advance.

CENTRAL BANK AGENCY, CHATHAM. Discount days TUESDAYS and FRIDAYS, Hours for business from 10 to 3 o'clock. Notes for Discount to be lodged at the Bank before 3 o'clock, on the day immediately preceding the discount day.

SAVINGS' BANK.

Deposited 5th May, £332 0 0  
Withdrawn 5th May, 162 4 9

This paper is filed, and may be seen free of charge, at Holloway's Pills and Ointment Establishment, 244 Strand, London, where Advertisements and Subscriptions will be received for this Periodical.

THE RAILWAY.

THE Chatham Debating Club have had under their consideration for the last five nights of meeting, the following interesting and highly important question:

"Whether the present Railway scheme would be a benefit to the Northern part of the Province."

During the debate, which was warmly and ably contested, a large amount of valuable and useful information with respect to the Province, but more particularly to the northern part, was elicited. Some of the members opposed the scheme on the grounds that the Government never intended that the northern portion should be built, but merely put it in the bill to gain the votes of the northern members, and make it popular in this part of the Province; and in support of this supposition, contended that the north had always been sacrificed for the benefit of the South, and they could not understand the motives that would induce them to alter their general policy in this instance. Others contended that the Province was too poor to assume the responsibility of such an extensive Railway Scheme, which would only involve it in debt and universal ruin.

These arguments were ably combatted by the supporters of the Scheme, who clearly proved that the northern section of the Province would receive the lion's share; and that instead of being sacrificed to the south, it would be the very reverse; proving by reference to the map of the Province, that the line from St. John to Shediac would be on the northern route, and that while the Northern Counties reaped all the advantages accruing from it, the up-river Counties on the St. John, up to Fredericton, would not receive the smallest benefit. But allowing that that portion of the scheme which connects Shediac with Miramichi fell through, it was contended, that even then the northern Counties would be gainers to a considerable extent by the portion built, that is by the line from St. John to Shediac, as they would then be enabled to compete in the St. John market with the up-river Counties, (which they at present are unable to do,) as there is not a port upon the whole northern coast but could be connected by steamers or sailing vessels with Shediac. It would then be but the work of a few hours to reach St. John by the cars. This would open up a new and remunerative trade to us, from which we are at present debarred, owing to our peculiar geographical position.

On the question being put, it was decided by a majority, that the present Scheme would be a benefit to the northern part of the Province.

UNITED STATES.

WE are indebted to the New Brunswicker for the following important news received at St. John by steamer from Boston. We can scarcely believe that President Pierce will be so unwise as to force measures to such a position as we must conclude he proposes doing, from the intelligence furnished by the American Journals:

"Important from Washington.—We learn by a telegraph despatch from Washington, that the United States Government have resolved to dismiss Mr Crampton, the British Minister, and that he will receive notification to this effect to-day. It is reported that Mr. Crampton will immediately leave Washington, close up his house, and proceed with his Attaches to Canada, and will probably take up his residence at Toronto, thus leaving no direct communication between the two Governments.

"It is also understood that Mr Dallas, the U. S. Minister at London, will receive his passports and retire to Paris.

"Meantime we learn that Mr Perley, the British Fishery Commissioner has orders to proceed to the United States for the purpose of continuing the coast survey commenced last year until further notice.

"It is difficult to predict what will be the result of this state of things. If President Pierce is determined to carry matters to extremes, the sooner this determination is known the better. Great Britain was never so well prepared for war, and perhaps the United States could not provoke hostilities at a more unfavourable moment for themselves. A war between the two nations would be most unpopular on both sides of the Atlantic, but it would be most disastrous for the Americans.

"We shall wait with much interest for further developments."

CANADA.

It appears that the Financial affairs of Canada are in a very unsatisfactory condition. In this all the Canadian Journals agree, and Ministers have been compelled to levy Import Duties to meet the liabilities of the Province.—A Letter from Toronto thus notices the matter:

"The most important subject that has occupied the attention of the House during the past week has been the financial statement of the Inspector General—a statement which is, unfortunately of a very different character from that we have had the pleasure of listening to for some years past. A change has come over the spirit of our dream. Canada just now is in the position of a young man who has been living a little too fast; and extravagant expectations are fading away before the soberest of all realities, viz., the presentation of interest coupons."

LIVERPOOL TIMBER MARKET.

THE following extracts are taken from Farnworth & Jardine's Timber Circular of the 8th May.

"The tonnage employed to the present time shows a large decrease compared with former years, but as there is now every probability of moderate freights from the Colonies, we may soon expect fair supplies.

"Pine Timber.—Having no arrivals, the sales are chiefly in small quantities to consumers. The stock is ample for the demand. A parcel ex "Merchant Prince," 16-inch, sold at 19 1-2 per foot.

"Spruce and Pine Deals.—St. John, in cargo, are worth £8 15 to £9 per standard, St. Stephens £8 10 to £8 12 6, and Nova Scotia £8 to £8 5 per standard. Consumers are able to supply themselves at these rates, so that the dealers' business in this article is unsatisfactory.

"Lathwood.—Hemlock Lathwood is scarce and wanted. St John and Quebec wood sells at £6 10 to £7 per fathom.

"Railway Sleepers.—The market is almost cleared of Hackmatack and Yellow Pine Sleepers."

EUROPEAN NEWS.

THE British Mail by the steamer Canada, which vessel arrived at Halifax on the evening of Tuesday last, reached Chatham yesterday morning. The dates are to the 10th of May, and we refer our readers to the telegraph despatch, and to selections culled from the papers, for a summary of the news.

LOCAL.

INQUEST.—An Inquest was held before M. Cranney, Esq., Coroner, on view of the body of a man picked up at the Cunard Ship Yard shore, on the 21st instant, apparently a Seaman. He had when found, a boot on the right leg, drawers, but no trousers, a white flannel and striped shirt, with a blue flannel shirt over, and a belt round his waist. No evidence appearing to identify the man, the Jury returned a verdict—Found drowned.

BIBLE SOCIETY.—The Meeting of the British and Foreign Bible Society, advertised to take place on Tuesday last, at the Sons of Temperance Hall, was postponed until Tuesday evening next, the 27th instant, at 8 o'clock.

RICHIBUCTO.—We understand a large quantity of Spirituous Liquor was seized at this port on Wednesday last, and placed in the warehouse for safe-keeping. On the following night four casks were conveyed away, and Thursday night the balance. Nothing, as far as we can learn, has transpired to lead to the detection of the guilty party.

KENNETH BIGGER.—Last week we announced that this person, suspected of breaking into the stores of Messrs. Marshall and Taylor, at Douglstown, had been apprehended, and lodged in Jail for examination. Among the money taken from him was one piece peculiarly marked, which Mr Taylor swore was with the change which had been stolen from his store.

It appears the prisoner, together with two others, had made his escape lately from the Jail at St. John, and the authorities here were requested to keep him in safe keeping until arrangements were made for conveying him back to that city.

GODEY'S LADY'S BOOK.—To E. G. Fuller of the American Book Store, at Halifax, we are indebted for the May number of this Magazine. It fully sustains the high character it has gained for itself, and we advise all, particularly the ladies who wish to be posted up in the ebb and flow of the fashions, to subscribe. It can be seen at the Book Store adjoining our Office.

IMPORTANT NEWS.

THE inhabitants of our town were thrown into excitement on Thursday afternoon last, by intelligence obtained from Fredericton, that the Lieutenant Governor had taken upon himself the responsibility of dissolving the House of Assembly, and that the Executive Council had unanimously tendered their resignation, which had been accepted.

We have long had a suspicion that the Executive Council was not composed of men after the Governor's own heart, or such as he would choose if he had the power of making a selection; and knowing that the present Prohibitory Law is very unpalatable to a large majority of the people of the Province, he has availed himself of it to give his Friends another chance of resuming the reins of Government, which they so long held and still ardently covet.

We trust the people will see through the shallow artifice, and convince the Governor by their votes at the hustings, that they consider his present act both premature and high handed, and however loath they may be to submit to an unjust and arbitrary law, they do not feel disposed to allow it to be made an instrument to enable him to accomplish a desirable object, or to ride rough-shod over their rights and privileges.

By next week we expect to receive more information on this exciting question. In the meantime we would advise the freeholders to think the matter over, select their men, and make preparations for a speedy contest.

Too much credit cannot be given to the Council for the prompt manner in which they acted in the affair, and we feel assured the country will sustain them.

MURDER.—We learn by Telegraph from St. John, that between the hours of nine and ten o'clock, on Wednesday evening, Patrick Cotter, a shoemaker, living in Mill Street, was murdered by Timothy O'Neil, a labourer. Some dispute, it is said arose, and Cotter ordered O'Neil out of his shop, whereupon O'Neil drew a jack knife and stabbed Cotter in the left breast, causing almost instant death. O'Neil was arrested and is now in custody.

We learn by telegraph, that the brig Eagle, with a general cargo, sailed from Boston on the 10th instant.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—We shall comply with the request of a Correspondent and publish the divisions of the Assembly on the Railway question next week.

We are again compelled to issue a half sheet.

BOWSER'S HOTEL.

ARRIVALS DURING THE PAST WEEK.

John E. O'Brien, Bathurst; Donald Robinson, Kouchibouguac; Rev. James Murray, Bathurst; Charles Lloyd, Dalhousie; Dr. Carter, do; Julia Desbrisay, P. E. Island; William Lord do; George Moffat, Campbelltown; J. W. Merriam, and Lady, New York; Mr Dyker, St. John, N. B.

New Advertisements.

VICTORIA HOUSE.

NEW GOODS.

Bargains! Bargains! Bargains!

Spring and Summer Goods,

In great variety, and for Sale at EXTRAORDINARY LOW PRICES, just received at the above Establishment.

E. DALEY. Water Street, Chatham, 24th May, 1856.

FURNITURE SALE.

TO be Sold by Public Auction, at the Residence of WILLIAM McLEOD, Esq., on TUESDAY, the 3rd day of JUNE, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

The Whole of the Furniture

Contained in the said Residence. Consisting of—Mahogany Tables, Chairs, Sofas, Bedroom Furniture, Stoves, Kitchen Utensils, Crockery, &c., &c., with various other Articles too numerous to mention. Also, A PIANO-FORTE in excellent order, of Delmain & Co.'s make, London.

Terms—Under Forty Shillings Cash, above that sum three months credit.

JOHN J. GIFFORD, Auctioneer. Richibucto, 20th May, 1856.—2w.

RICHIBUCTO.

(Near the Sailor's Home.)

DUKE AND HANOVER STREETS,

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FLOUR AND CORN MEAL,

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THE SUBSCRIBERS expects by first arrivals

1,000 Barrels SUPERFINE FLOUR.

500 Barrels CORN MEAL. Which they will sell low on arrival.

WM. J. FRASER & Co. Chatham, May 16, 1856.—2w