

number brought to St. John at any time during this season.

We are indebted to O. P. Treat, Esq., and to the Expresses of Messrs. Gunnison and Valentine, for late American papers.

The principal intelligence consists in the accounts of the Celebration of the Fourth of July. The usual number of accidents happened on the 4th; in New York, Boston, and other cities, a number of lives were lost.

A heavy thunder shower visited Boston on Sunday afternoon.—St. John Morning News.

#### P. E. ISLAND.

**Alarming and Destructive Fire.**—Between two and three o'clock this morning, a fire broke out in the premises owned and occupied by Mr James Scantlebury, which has totally consumed the whole of the buildings used as Sawing Mill, Blacksmith's forge, Wheelwright and Gig-maker's shop, and other erections, together with a Dwelling House occupied by Mr Pollard. A Dwelling House and Blacksmith's Shop occupied by Mr John Scott, were also burned. A house, also the property of Mr Scantlebury, took fire, but was partially preserved by the exertions of the Fire Department, and the adjoining house to the eastward, was in the act of being pulled down when the fire was got under.

The fire, as we have been informed, originated in that part of the building where the furnace was situated. The workmen had been using the Mill till a late hour that night, or as some say, this morning, and would have left the premises but a very short time before the fire took place. Considering the nature and contiguity of the buildings, and the large piles of lumber, boards, chips, shavings, and other combustible matter that was about, we were surprised as well as gratified, to see a stop put to it in so short a time. Providentially the wind was not high, had it been otherwise, there is no telling where it would have ended.

Mr Scantlebury's loss in Buildings, Machinery, Stock, &c. is necessarily great, and he has we are sorry to say, not above £800 currency insured.—*Hazard's Gazette.*

## Editor's Department.

### MIRAMICHI:

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### CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES.

THE Reciprocity Act so loudly applauded, and which it was predicted, would confer such important benefits on Canada, turns out to be any thing but a boon to that Province. If we are to believe the Hon. Mr Young, who is considered to be good authority on all matters of trade, our neighbours over the line have the lion's share of the bargain, as they generally manage to get in all matters of negotiation with the Parent State. We give that gentleman's views on the subject, and he certainly makes out a case any thing but favourable to Canada.

"It is also a fact which admits of no controversy, that the Reciprocity Treaty, by which the St. Lawrence was made free to American vessels, has failed to attract any of the American vessels on the upper lakes through the St. Lawrence to the ocean. Not a ton of American shipping in so far as I am aware, has as yet chosen this route, which it was contended it could not fail to take, were the river St. Lawrence thrown open to American vessels. Reciprocity has given increased facilities to American traders to deal with us. We admit Americans to the free navigation of the St. Lawrence and of our canals; we have not the privilege of navigating the canals of New York or the Hudson river. All foreign goods coming from the United States are admitted into Canada on the same terms as from the place of growth. But if a Canadian merchant imports more tea or coffee than he can dispose of in Canada, he cannot send it to the United States, for there he would be charged with a twenty per cent duty, whilst from the places of growth tea and coffee are admitted free. It may be also mentioned that our tariff throws additional difficulties in the way of Canadian trade. It is based on false principles, and directly tends to divert trade from the St. Lawrence to the United States Atlantic ports."

### THE NEW HOUSE.

ALL the returns have been made, and the result is—that the House will be composed of twenty-four old members, and seventeen new ones. The names of the latter we attach. Messrs. Simonds, Lawrence, Botsford, Desbrisay, Read, J. Earle, Street, S. Z. Earle, McMonagle, Scovil, Tapley, W. E. Perley, Gilbert, Mitchell, C. Perley, Lewis, Barbarie. In speaking of the political character of the House, the Morning News says:

"Out of the seventeen members of the late House who either declined being candidates or was rejected, nine were opponents of the late Government, and two of these were members of the former Tory Administration. Of the twenty four members of the late house returned, fifteen supported the late Government on the Want of Confidence motion at the early part of the last Session. Several sterling Liberals are among the new members. Who will be Speaker of the new House is yet a matter of speculation. No less than four of the new members are spoken of as probable candidates for the office. We do not imagine that this will be made a test of the relative strength of the contending parties.

"We think we have enough Liberals and talents, if not to overturn the Government, quite enough to make the most formidable opposition party that this Province has ever had. Johnson, Fisher, Mitchell, Smith, (to say nothing of others) either of whom would be more than a match for them, are the men with whom the Government folks will have to do battle; so that if the snake is not killed it will get a terrible scorching. The Governor himself will be a debatable subject during the short session."

### STATE OF THE POLL.

In the report we gave last Saturday, the names of the different polling places were put by the compositor in wrong positions, with the exception of the first line. We give a correct copy below.

STATE OF THE POLL.												
Tolson	71	23	6	20	60	59	49	11	30	40	43	3
Mitchell	192	88	145	50	53	83	85	30	44	47	83	4
Kerr	170	209	334	79	43	59	54	83	10	40	47	83
Johnson	83	33	46	102	165	43	59	54	83	10	40	47
Sutton	177	291	74	75	47	39	77	75	54	83	10	40
Street	168	131	145	82	48	36	63	131	109	106	85	53
Court House, Newcastle,	177	291	74	75	47	39	77	75	54	83	10	40
Goodfellow's	145	82	48	36	63	131	109	106	85	53	30	44
Negrae, Aluwick	145	82	48	36	63	131	109	106	85	53	30	44
Hutchison's, Northesk	145	82	48	36	63	131	109	106	85	53	30	44
Cuppage's, Northesk	145	82	48	36	63	131	109	106	85	53	30	44
McGie's, Nelson	145	82	48	36	63	131	109	106	85	53	30	44
Ellis's Cove, Nelson	145	82	48	36	63	131	109	106	85	53	30	44
Barth Mills, Blackville	145	82	48	36	63	131	109	106	85	53	30	44
Decentillon's, Blissfield	145	82	48	36	63	131	109	106	85	53	30	44
Wilson's, Ludlow	145	82	48	36	63	131	109	106	85	53	30	44
Noble's, Hardwick	145	82	48	36	63	131	109	106	85	53	30	44
McKay's, Gleney	145	82	48	36	63	131	109	106	85	53	30	44
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### CANADA.

THE two branches of the Legislature have been at loggerhead, the upper House refused to give its assent to the supply bill because it embraced the appropriation of £50,000 for the erection of public buildings at Quebec. The Ministers there introduced a supply bill, denuded of this objectionable clause, which passed both Houses without discussion. On the 10th instant the Governor General prorogued the Legislature until the 9th August. On this subject the Montreal Herald remarks:

"If there be a real antagonism, and if the parties on both sides be resolute, the probability is that the Legislative Council will find that it has assumed a position from which it will have to retire as speedily and quietly as possible. Money Bills cannot be amended by the Upper House of Parliament. They must either be passed or rejected; and the country has too much faith in the conservatism of the wealthy veterans who fill the seats of the Council Chamber, to be under any apprehension of resorting to a revolutionary method of testifying their displeasure. Unless they can prevail, then, upon the Legislative Assembly to adopt that view, as to their right to exert a co-ordinate influence in the settlement of this question, we suspect that their Honours will have to swallow the pill which has been presented to them. Our imagination refuses the task of picturing the Council following the example of 1837 and refusing supplies."

In speaking of the speech of the Governor General in proroguing the Legislature the Quebec Chronicle remarks:

"The Governor General's speech on the prorogation of the Provincial Parliament is more than usually curt and meaningless. It was perhaps quite as well, in the critical position of political parties, and of the Ministry itself, to avoid lengthy comments on the past, and to omit brilliant anticipations and promises for the future. His Excellency must have felt himself rather peculiarly situated with his new advisers, in their relations and dealings with both branches of the Legislature. The first paragraph of the speech alludes significantly to the Act passed for altering the constitution of the Legislative Council. Most persons, we maintain will now be reconciled to any attempt for the improvement of this body, after their

frantic conduct with regard to the £50,000 appropriation in the Supply Bill. When twelve elderly gentlemen can, in their opinionative restiveness, deliberately upset the decision of the Legislative Assembly on a money bill, and refuse the supplies through feelings of indignant self importance, it is time for all constitutional politicians to desire a change.

"While we may congratulate the Government upon the successful passage of the measures for the relief of the Grand Trunk Railway company, and for the construction of the Railroad from Quebec to Lake Huron, we will look in vain for the promised Police Bill, the Prison Reform Bill, and the Religious Incorporations Bill. The Session has been a troubled one; the stunning effect produced by the conduct of the late Ministry with regard to the Duval affair was never got over; and should be regarded as a memorable warning to Provincial statesmen in future."

### NEW LINE OF STEAMERS.

We clip the annexed paragraph from a late Halifax paper.

"A new line of steamers to Halifax via St. John's Newfoundland, has been organised and is about to be brought into active operation. The first vessel of the line, a powerful screw steamer, is advertised to sail on the 20th August, and will be followed by others each succeeding month. We have only room this week to simply refer to this new undertaking but may take an early opportunity of pointing out the peculiarities and advantages of the route in greater detail. The Government of Nova Scotia will have the line of railway between Halifax and Windsor completed next spring. Passengers and freight can then be conveyed from Halifax to St. John, New Brunswick in a few hours. Arrangements are also being made in Canada with the Grand Trunk Railway Company to ticket passengers and freight both ways between Liverpool and Canada."

### UNITED STATES.

THE Republican party have put in nomination for President, Colonel Fremont, of California, and William L. Dayton, of New Jersey for Vice President. The Slaver Extensionist party have set up for President Mr Buchanan, late Minister at the British Court.

Brooks, who assaulted Sumner on the floor of the House of Representatives, has been expelled by that body.

Herbert, member of Congress for California, has been sent to prison to await his trial for the murder of Keating, Hotel waiter.

The accounts of the crops from all parts of the union, are of the most cheering nature.—Wheat will be a most bountiful harvest.

### LOCAL.

Yesterday the Sons of Temperance in Chatham celebrated the Anniversary of their formation, by a Pic Nic. They left Chatham in the morning on board the steamer W. M. Kelly accompanied by the Amateur Band. We presume they had a pleasant time of it as the day was exceedingly fine.

**LAUNCH.**—On Wednesday last, from the building yard of Mr George Parker, a handsome Brigantine named the FIRE FLY, of the burthen of 233 tons old measurement, and 134 tons new. She was built under the direction of Mr Elijah Parsons and the inspection of Lloyd's Agent, and is owned by William J. Fraser & Co.

Large quantities of Strawberries have been in market during the last fortnight.

**COUNTY GLOUCESTER.**—We understand the Sheriff has returned Messrs. Read and End as the members duly elected to represent the County. Mr McNaughton protests against the return of Mr End. The matter, therefore, will be decided by the House.

We are indebted for the following items of news from the Morning News. They bear date Bathurst, June 28.

"Launched from the Building Yard of Messrs. G. & A. Smith, of Bathurst, the fine copper fastened Barque *Belle Poule*, of the burthen of 411 Tons. Also, from the Building Yard of John Meahan, Esq., the superior Barque *Omagh*, of 405 Tons, copper fastened. Both these vessels are built of the very best material under the inspection of Samuel Laphorn, Esq., Lloyd's agent, and will class seven years. They reflect much credit on the master builders, Mr. Adam Boyd, and Mr. Samuel White."

**FREDERICTON.**—The ladies of Dr. Brook's congregation have presented him with a Silk Gown as a mark of respect.

**ERRATUM.**—The speech of Mr Ferguson as reported in our last impression, was given at Dalhousie on the declaration day, not the nomination day, as stated. His speech on that occasion, as well as of the other Candidates was published in a previous paper.

We thank the Editor of the Head Quarters for his complimentary notice of our remarks on Mr Street. In penning them we simply performed an act of justice which was due to that Gentleman. Our Political opinions nor our individual feelings have not heretofore prevented us from performing our duty to an opponent, and we hope that they never will.

A large portion of our subscribers have not paid their subscriptions for the past year, and a number of others are also in arrears.—As we wish to have all outstanding debts liquidated, we inform them that we will give a discharge to all persons in arrears at the rate of FIFTEEN SHILLINGS a year for all amounts due, provided the money be paid to us or any of our Agents, before the 1st of September, the time at which a very large number of our subscriptions terminate. Prompt attention to this notice will confer a favor.

### BY TELEGRAPH.

TO MIRAMICHI GLEANER OFFICE.

New York, July 11.

Africa arrived. No general news worth telegraphing.

Weather in England fine and Agricultural prospect never better.

Cotton market inactive. Breadstuffs very dull, with declining tendency. Nothing doing in Provisions.

The Bank of England has reduced its discount to 4 1-2 per cent. Consols 95 1-8 to 95 1-4.

Another Battalion of Riflemen has been ordered to Canada.

### BOWSER'S HOTEL.

ARRIVALS DURING THE PAST WEEK.

Rev. Mr Murphy, P. P., Fredericton; Mr Lilly, New York; Mr Emmet, do.; Mr Deblois, Halifax; Thomas Clay, Leeds, England; Alexander Scott, Halifax; Hiram Smith, Dalhousie; A. C. DesBrisey, do.; George Smith, Bathurst; John Ferguson, do.; J. T. Carter, do.; Dennis Reddin, P. E. Island; James Plackall, Caraque; George Graham, wife and child, Boston.

### MARRIAGES.

On the 9th inst., at the Wesleyan Chapel, Bathurst, by the Rev. R. A. Temple, Wesleyan Minister, Mr. CHARLES BOLTONHOUSE, to SOPHIA, youngest daughter of Mr. John Harris, of Halifax, N. S.

### DEATHS.

At Woodstock, on Saturday evening last, SOPHIA ELIZABETH, wife of Mr John T. Allan, Merchant, and only daughter of the late Stephen Peabody, of this place, aged 22 years.

### SHIP NEWS.

PORT OF CHATHAM—MIRAMICHI.

ENTERED—July 3, schr Falcon, Grant, Canoe, Master.

7—schr Providence, Bouting, Pictou, Wm. Munroe, coals.

8—schr Elizabeth Ann, McLeod, P. E. I., livestock, master; Volant, Ellis, Dalhousie, flour, &c., H. Smith; F. R. Goodman, Allan, Halifax.

CLEARED—July 4, schr Lady Smith, Boudro, Boston, fish, W. J. Fraser & Co.; brig Queen, Sawyers, Chepstow, timber and deals, do.; schr Sylph, Landry, Bay De Chaleur, D. & J. Ritchie.

9—schr F. R. Goodman, Allan, Boston, fish, Gilmour, Rankin & Co.

PORT OF NEWCASTLE—MIRAMICHI.

ENTERED—July 5, brigs Equity, Downie, Gibraltar, Gilmour Rankin & Co.; Monarch, Scott, Vallaricos, Executors of Duncan & Loch.

8—schr Columbine, Reed, P. E. I., master; bark Lanarkshin, Sampson, Bordeaux, Robinson Crocker; brig Auchland, Long, do. R. Crocker; bark Native, Trank, New York, R. Crocker; brig A. B. Van Olinda, Joyce, Newfoundland, do.

9—brig Anne, Cruikshank, New Haven, do; Melona, Overman, Gibraltar, Gilmour Rankin & Co.

10—brig Indus, Rodney, Yarnouth, N. S., R. Crocker; bark St. John Blyth, London, Gilmour Rankin & Co.

CLEARED—July 4, schr Responsible, Dunn, Nfld., lumber.

7—brig Aurelie, Michon, do do., Gilmour Rankin & Co.

8—brig Netrisa, Masters, Limerick, deals, J. H. & J. Harding.

10—brig Victoria Ursula, Lenoir, Harbour Grace, lumber, Gilmour Rankin & Co.

11—brig Alcedo, McCarty, Youghal, deals, J. H. & J. Harding; schr Columbine, Reed, Boston, herrings, Gilmour Rankin & Co.

PORT OF DALHOUSIE.

ENTERED—July 4—Barque James Johnston, Johnston, Gibraltar, W. S. Smith.

6—Schr. Sea Boat, Talbot, Quebec, A. Ritchie & Co.

9—Sylph, Landry, Miramichi, Ballast.

10—brig Caroline, Hodge, Gibraltar, W. Hamilton.

2 square rigged vessels, entering the harbour.

CLEARED—July 9—schr Sylph, Landry, Richibucto, Salmon D. Henderson.

PORT OF HALIFAX.—Cleared, July 2—Goodwin, Miramichi; Two Brothers, Bay Chaleur; Arrived, July 7—Crimea, Bay Chaleur; Villager, Miramichi; Mary, Miramichi. By the 9th instant, it was expected there would be in port upwards of twenty sail of men of war.

PORT OF QUEBEC.—Number of passengers arrived to July 4, 11,046. Same date last year, 3,697. Comparative statement of arrivals up to July 4—1855, 250 vessels, 123,865 tons; 1853, 377 vessels, 197,335 tons. More this year 127 vessels, 70,470 tons.