

NOVA SCOTIA.

The Legislature of this Province has been called together for the Despatch of Business on Thursday the 31st of January.

THEATRICAL PERFORMANCE—This performance came off at the Hall of the Sons of Temperance on the evening of Wednesday. The manner in which the Amateurs acquitted themselves was highly creditable to them, particularly in the Comedy. The parts throughout were well sustained, and some of the principal ones, in a very superior manner. The audience was large, and all present appeared well pleased with their evening's amusement. The Amateur Band was in attendance, and their music added much to the entertainment. The performance was repeated last evening. We understand the amount collected is to be appropriated in finishing the hall and putting a fence round the building.

THE SEASON. On Sunday and Sunday night last we had another heavy snow storm. More snow fell on New-year's day and Thursday night. Yesterday we had a high wind from the west and north-west, which caused a heavy drift, which has completely blocked up the roads. Winter was tardy in coming, but during its brief existence we have been amply supplied with frost, high winds, snow storms and execrable roads.

GENERAL CANROBERT.—The French papers report that Gen. Canrobert is about to marry the daughter of one of the physicians of the Emperor, a beautiful lady, thirty-two years of age, who has hitherto rejected all proposals of marriage, and who will bring him as a dowry, an income of 150,000 francs. This is a match of the Emperor's making.

THE RUSSIAN NAVY.—According to the report of the *Courier des etats Unis*, the Russian flag counted at Sebastopol, in the month of September 1854, seventeen ships, five of 120 guns, the remainder of 84 guns, four courvettes or brigs; twelve steamships, and eighty-two of inferior rank; in all 108 ships, carrying 2,200 guns. This colossal armament was destroyed by the Russians themselves to prevent them from falling into the hands of their enemies.

TELEGRAPH COMPANY.—The following Office Bearers were appointed for the present year, at the Annual Meeting on Tuesday last. President—A. Londoun, Esq. Directors—George H. Russell, S. Benson, P. Mitchell and Wm. McRae.

This number commences the volume. We have no professions to make, beyond a promise that we shall use every endeavour to make our sheet both useful and interesting to the reader.

We would remind our Farmers that the Agricultural Show, will take place in the Hall of the Sons of Temperance, in Chatham, on THURSDAY next, the 10th January.

The Annual Meeting of the Miramichi Religious Tract Society, will be held in the Room over Mr Kerr's Office, in Chatham, on TUESDAY, the 15th instant, at 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Letter from our Bathurst Agent was duly received.

The Mail Steamer had not arrived at Halifax yesterday afternoon. The wires are now down between Buctouche and Shediac, we have therefore no report this morning.

BOWSER'S HOTEL.

ARRIVALS DURING THE PAST WEEK.

Mrs Abraham Mores Carrol, S. M.; Wm. Taylor, Halifax, N. S.; James Power, Bathurst; James Hollerin, do; Cornelius Hochkies, do; Michael Flannery, do; James Flannery, do.

SOUTHERN MAIL.

This mail arrived at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon. From the papers received we copy the following selections.

Discovery of the Grave of Sir John Franklin.—A few days ago we announced the discovery of the locality where the ill-fated Sir John Franklin and his companions passed the last moments of their lives ere the rigors of the frigid zone had overpowered them, and the spot where some of them laid down to "sleep their last sleep." It would appear from the accounts given by the Esquimaux, that Sir John and his party died a lingering death from that most terrible of all causes—hunger—their ships having been crushed by icebergs, and themselves forced to wander, cold, hungry, and weary, upon a desolate shore, where, one after another, they perished. It was a terrible fate, which it makes us shudder to think of.

From the St. Paul (Minnesota) Pioneer we learn some particulars in regard to this interesting discovery, additional to those given by telegraph.

The expedition which brings the present intelligence, was sent out by the Hudson's Bay Company, by direction of the British government, to ascertain whether, as Dr Rae reported on his return from the Arctic regions in the summer of 1854, the Esquimaux were not in

possession of any relics of Sir John Franklin, or information in regard to his fate. The expedition consisted of a party of sixteen Red River men, of the north, three Indians, and Messrs. James Green Stewart and James Anderson as joint commanders. The party started on the 7th of February, 1855, and proceeded to Fort Chipewyan, at the head of Lake Athabasca, where they arrived on the 5th of March, and remained until the 26th May, busily engaged in constructing boats, in which to prosecute their dreary journey. At that date the party journeyed by canoe through Peace River to Fort Resolution, in Slave Lake, where another halt was made to complete the last preparations before attempting to penetrate the icy regions of the North. On the 22nd day of June they started again for the head of Great Fish or Black River, in latitude 64°, and followed the stream to the Arctic Ocean in their birch canoes, arriving on the 20th of July. At this point, according to the Pioneer, they obtained a clue to the object of their search, and subsequent proceedings and discoveries are thus reported: Here they met with Esquimaux, who corroborated the reports of Dr Rae, and directed them to Montreal Island, a short distance from the mouth of Black river, as the spot where, according to their instructions, they were to commence minute exploration. From this time until the 6th of August, the party were industriously engaged in searches on the Island and on the main land, between 67 deg. and 69 deg. north latitude. We cannot recapitulate the perils escaped, and privation endured by the brave band while seeking to find traces of their countrymen, who had perished on those desolate shores.

Three times they providentially escaped being nipped, as Mr Stewart expressed it, or crushed between moving mountains of ice. At last on Montreal Island, where their explorations commenced, they found snow shoes known to be of English make, with the name of Dr Stanley who was the surgeon of Sir John Franklin's ship, the Erebus, cut in them by a knife. Afterwards they found on the same Island a boat belonging to the Franklin expedition with the name Terror still distinctly visible. A piece of this boat containing this name was brought along with him by Mr Stewart.

Among the Esquimaux were found iron kettles, corresponding in shape and size with those furnished the Franklin expedition, and bearing the marks of the British Government. Other articles, known to have belonged to the expedition were obtained from the Esquimaux, and brought by the party for deposit with the British government. No bodies, however, were found, or traces of any. The report of the Esquimaux was, that one man died on Montreal Island, and that the balance of the party wandered on the beach of the main land opposite, until, worn out by fatigue and starvation, they, one by one, laid themselves down and died too.

The Esquimaux reported further that Indians far to the north of them, who had seen the ships of Franklin's party, and visited them, stated that they had both been crushed between the icebergs. Mr Stewart took especial pains to ascertain whether the party had come to their death by fair means or foul. But to every inquiry the Esquimaux protested that they had died of starvation.

Gathering together the relics found, the party set out on their return on the 9th of August last. The return route did not vary materially from that taken on their way north. Mr Stewart has occupied the whole time since in reaching our city—having come by the way of the Red River country, and having been absent in all about ten months.

The Esquimaux, from whom their information was obtained by signs, pressed their fingers into their cheeks, and placing their hands on their stomachs, endeavoured to indicate the manner of the horrible death of Sir John Franklin and his companions. They were charged with killing them, but merely answered with their signs.—*Boston Journal.*

FURTHER NEWS BY THE PACIFIC.

The Steamship Pacific, (of the Collins' line,) which left Liverpool on Saturday, the 15th, arrived at her dock at New York, about four o'clock on the afternoon of the 28th.

Kars has fallen from famine. Particulars not known, but is believed the garrison surrendered. The garrison was only 8000 strong, and too weak to cut its way through the Russians. The Austrian army is reduced to a peace footing.

Naples publishes a convention with the United States, defining the rights of neutrals. Preparations for war do not slacken.

Considerable misunderstanding exists between Lord Palmerston and his colleagues.—Lords Palmerston and Panmure continue to urge the war, while the remainder of the cabinet are desirous of embracing the present opportunity for peace; and to their peace views Napoleon is said to incline. The Premier holds the threat of a dissolution of Parliament over the head of his colleagues.

The Paris correspondent continues to repeat that a treaty of adhesion to the alliance has actually been signed between France and Sweden, and only awaits the exchange of ratifications.

The same correspondent asserts that the mission of the new Russian envoy to the Court of Denmark is essentially political. The subject of the Sound Dues a mere pretext.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

How far the Liquor Law be successful is a question which time will have to determine; but we think it would be hard to find a place where it has been better observed so far than the Town of Moncton.

New Year's day having brought the bill into

operation, the Town Council immediately appointed their Agent, and took other necessary steps duly to enforce its requirements, but we have not up to this time heard of a single instance where the least disposition has been manifested either to evade or break through the regulations.

We have some anxiety to hear from other parts of the Country, where we understand, Agencies have not yet been appointed; in the meantime it gives us pleasure to be able to say that the Town of Moncton has been prompt in meeting the change with becoming spirit, and we believe its operation will be freely and fairly tested while it is in existence.—*Westmorland Times.*

Tannery for Sale.

TO be sold by Public Auction, on TUESDAY, the 22nd day of JANUARY next, at 12 o'clock, noon, on the premises.

ALL THAT Commodious Establishment.

Situate in Douglstown, known as Alexander's Tannery, now occupied by Mr George Porter. It contains 20 Vats for different purposes; a Bark Mill; a Rowling Machine and Pump, all in excellent working order. Also—3 Square Stoves and Pipes. It is in a good situation to suit the business of the Country and possessing every convenience; is well adapted for carrying on the Tannery and Currying business in all its branches.

The Purchaser may obtain on the premises a quantity of Bark, and possession will be given when required.

For terms and other particulars apply at the office of George Kerr, Esq., Chatham, or to ALEX. MORRISON, Auctioneer. Douglstown, 30th December, 1855.

AMHERST FEMALE SEMINARY.

PRINCIPALS. Mrs. C. E. RATCHFORD and Miss YATES.

TERMS. BOARD AND WASHING (white dresses excepted,) with instruction in Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, Use of the Globes, Ancient and Modern Geography, Ancient and Modern History, Grammar and Rhetoric, Natural Philosophy, Astronomy, Botany, English Composition, and Embroidery.—£30 per Academic year.

MUSIC.—Piano or Spanish Guitar.—Three lessons per week, £2 per quarter, or half term. Singing.—Five lessons per week, 10s. per quarter or half term.

DRAWING.—Pencil or Crayon.—Five lessons per week, £1 per quarter, or half term. Colored Crayon.—Five lessons per week, £1 per quarter, or half term. Mono-Chromatic plain or blended.—Three lessons per week, £1 10s. per quarter or half term.

FRENCH.—Five lessons per week, £1 10s. per quarter or half term.

ITALIAN.—Three lessons per week, £1 10s. per quarter, or half term.

Bills payable quarterly in advance. There are two terms per year, of 5 months each. The winter term commences 6th January, and ends 5th June. The summer term begins 22nd July, and ends 21st December. The intermediate 'Quarters' or 'Half Terms' commence 6th October and 22nd March. Pupils will also be received at intermediate periods, and charged per rata.

The French Department is under the care of Madame Florine Bringuet, who teaches on the Ollendorf system, and also gives lessons in Music.—Daily conversation in French is insisted on.

Five other ladies are employed in the English Department, Music, Drawing, Italian, Botany, &c. No pains will be spared to promote the health of the boarders, by proper exercise; and those young Ladies whose parents may wish them to ride, are allowed the use of a quiet saddle horse.

There are six Pianos in the establishment, and pupils boarding in the vicinity will be charged five shillings per quarter for the use of an instrument to practice.

The Seminary is situated within a few minutes walk of four different places of Public Worship, and near to the Telegraph Station and Post Office.

Amherst is a remarkably healthy part of the Country, and possesses peculiar advantages for children of delicate constitution.

REFERENCES.

Halifax.—The Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia; the Hon. the Master of the Rolls; Thomas A. S. De Wolf, Esq. Amherst.—Rev. George Townsend, Rev. Alex. Clarke, Rev. E. B. Demill, Aylesford.—Rev. John Francis, Rev. Charles Tupper, Pictou.—Rev. Charles Elliott, E. P. Ross, Esq. Windsor.—Henry King, Esq. D. C. L. St. John.—John Mc Gath, Esq. Fredericton.—Hon. John R. Parrott.

There will be a few vacancies in the above Institute after the ensuing winter vacation, and as it is a number of boarders is limited to thirty, it will be necessary to make early application.

C. E. RATCHFORD. Amherst, N. S., 16th November, 1855.

NOTICE.

All Persons having any demands against the Estate of the late JOSEPH SAMUEL WATERHOUSE Surgeon, are requested to present the same to the Subscriber, duly attested, within Three Months from the date thereof; and such as are indebted to the said Estate, are required to make immediate payment to

W. S. SMITH, Sole Administrator Cum Test annexed. Dated Dalhousie, 2nd October, 1855.

Immigration Society.

The Annual Meeting of the above Society will be held at the Clerk's Office, Newcastle, on the First TUESDAY, in January next, at 2 o'clock, in the afternoon, for the election of Office Bearers in the said society for the next year, and transacting such other business as may be deemed necessary, in accordance with the rules of the Society.

RICHARD HUTCHISON, President. EDWARD WILLISTON, Secretary. 15th December, 1855.

CHEESE, HAMS, & C.

75 Boxes New England Dairy CHEESE; 2 Casks Prime Westphalia Sugar Cured HAMS. Choice for family use by

WM. A. LETSON. Chatham 3rd December, 1854.

Valuable Properties, FOR SALE.

The Subscriber offers at Private Sale the following

VALUABLE PROPERTIES.

The SHIP YARD PROPERTY opposite Saint Andrew's Church, Chatham, with the Buildings and Improvements thereon.

The LOT OF LAND lying in rear of Saint Andrew's Church Grave Yard, on the east side of old Napan Road, and running back to Wellington Road, containing about 15 acres. This Land will be sold in lots to suit purchasers.

The LOT OF LAND lying on the south side of Black River near the Bridge, fronting on the east side of the post road leading from Chatham to Richibucto, containing 200 acres.

The LOT OF LAND lying on the north side of Black River, about half a mile below the Richibucto Road, occupied by William Murphy, containing 100 acres.

The LOT OF LAND lying on the north side of said Black River, containing 200 acres, lately occupied by William McDonald.

The LOT OF LAND on the south side of said river, opposite the last mentioned Lot, containing 100 acres.

The LOT OF LAND on the north side of said river, on the east side of Sturgeon Cove, adjoining the Mill Property of John McRae, Esquire, and containing 275 acres.

The LOT OF LAND lying on the south side of said River, opposite the Farm occupied by Mr Archibald Cameron, containing 70 acres.

A LOT OF LAND below Fox Island on Essequimaux side, now in the occupation of Hugh and James McLean, and containing about 200 acres.

—ALSO—

THE BUILDING LOT,

Lying on the west side Queen Street, in Chatham, adjoining the property formerly owned by Richard Carman, Esq., fronting on said Street 100 feet, and running back 150 feet.

Also, a SUPERIOR PATENT WINDLASS, suitable for a vessel of 180 tons.

Also a lot of Farming Utensils, Sleighs, Sleds, &c., &c.

The above lands will be sold on the most favorable Terms, and good title deeds given to purchasers.

GEORGE J. PARKER.

Chatham, 27th December, 1855.



CROWN LAND NOTICE.

CROWN LAND NOTICE, December 4, 1855.

The undermentioned Lots of Crown Lands will be offered for sale by Public Auction, on TUESDAY, the eighth day of JANUARY next, at noon, by the respective Deputies, at their Offices, agreeable to the Regulations of 11th May, 1843, and no sale on credit will be made to any person who is indebted to the crown for previous purchases.

(Not to interfere with the right to cut Timber or other Lumber under Licences applied for previous to the applications for the purchase of the Land.) (No person is allowed to hold more than one hundred acres payable by instalments.)

NORTHUMBERLAND.

By Deputy Peters, at Chatham.

50 acres, lot 71, Mann's Brook, Ambrose Holland. 100 acres, lot 17, block 72, Blackville, A. Colford. 92 acres, lot B, Meadow Brook, T. S. Doak; Hinchey to be paid for improvements; allowance to be made on M'Naughton's Grant for variations since 1850.

KENT.

By Deputy Douglas, at Buctouche.

67 acres, lot 48, Saint Anthony's, B. Richard. 95 acres, lot 4, Township three, R. Bysart; improved. 100 acres, lot 135, block O, Wellington, P. Carren. 107 acres, lot 136, block O, Wellington, J. Bures. 107 acres, lot 137, block O, Wellington, C. McDonald. 57 acres, lot 155, block W, Welford, Wm Morten. 64 acres, lot 57, Louisburg, James Cameron; improved by Jos. Robicheau.

By Deputy Muzerall, at Richibucto.

100 acres, lot S, block R, Carleton, B. Gorman. JAMES BROWN, Sur. Gen.

South West Boom Company.

THE Annual Meeting of the above Company will be held at the House of Daniel Witherall, in Newcastle, on the THURSDAY after the second Tuesday in JANUARY next, at 6 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of choosing nine Directors, and transacting other business connected with the Company, agreeable to the Act of Incorporation, when a full attendance of the Stockholders are requested.—The Board of Directors for the present year will meet at the same place two hours previously, to wind up the affairs of the Company preparatory to laying the same before the Company at the Annual Meeting.

ROWLAND CROCKER, President.

EDWARD WILLISTON, Secretary. Newcastle, 15th December, 1855.

GOVERNMENT NOTICE.

All Persons indebted for instalments on Crown Lands are desired to pay the same on or before the first day of MARCH, 1856, to the Local Deputy in the respective Counties for that purpose appointed.

And notice is hereby given to the purchasers of such lands, and to all persons occupying or claiming right to the same, that after the first day of MARCH, 1856, every lot upon which any balance may be due and unpaid, will be considered vacant, and as such will from that time be open for applications for purchase or licence.

JAMES BROWN, Sur. Gen.

Gloucester Agricultural Society.

The Society's Annual Exhibition of FIELD AND DAIRY PRODUCE, and of DOMESTIC MANUFACTURES, will take place at the COURT HOUSE, Bathurst, on TUESDAY, the Eighth day of JANUARY, 1856, at 10 o'clock, A. M. The Committee are requested to meet 9 o'clock.

WILLIAM NAFFER, Secretary.