

SOUTHERN MAIL.

This mail reached Chatham about four o'clock yesterday afternoon. Not content with filing the whole of our London Illustrated News the last three mails, a parcel containing copies of three London Journals of the latest date by the last mail, has also been detained on its way. Fortunately a copy of Wilhner & Smith's European Times of the 22d December came to hand, from which we have made a few selections.

Peace or War.—Although the fall of Kars is now placed beyond doubt, the intelligence which has been received of another victory gained over the Russians by Omar Pacha at Khoni, a considerable town of Georgia, about twenty miles from Kutais, atones to some slight extent for the disaster. Some time must elapse before the details of this victory can come to hand; and in the meantime it is to be hoped that the Turkish Generalissimo will possess himself during the present campaign of Kutais, which is the capital of Imeritia.

The details of the fall of Kars cannot be read without agony. We learn that when the place surrendered the garrison consisted of 8000 brave and determined men, who were literally starved into submission. It seems that when, on the 14th of November, the Russian general summoned the place to surrender, a council of war was held under the presidency of General Williams, a delay of ten days was demanded and conceded, in order to send Col. Thomson to Erzeroum, for it was believed that Selim Pacha, with 10,000 men was marching to the relief of Kars. He found, however, that Selim Pacha had not left Erzeroum, and that snow had closed the roads. On the 24th of November Colonel Thompson had an interview with Gen. Mouravieff, and obtained what is called an "honorable capitulation;" but the garrison are now prisoners of war, together with the gallant General Williams and nine Pachas. If Omar Pacha can secure Kutais, in which it is said there are only 10,000 Russians, it will counterbalance the loss of Kars; but the moment that General Mouravieff had secured the prize for which he had so long and laboriously struggled, he despatched a portion of his army against Omar Pacha.

We are now in a position to judge of the nature of the convention which has been formed between the Western Powers and Sweden and Norway. The Scandinavian kingdoms engage that they will not cede any portion of their territory to Russia, and the Western Powers, on their part, guarantee to those kingdoms their present boundaries, the object of which is to prevent Russia from obtaining possession of the large and important island of Gothland. This treaty is important because it secures the integrity of the Swedish territory, and foils the great object of Russian ambition, that of obtaining possession of the Bay of Varanger, by which she would have an Atlantic port open the whole year, and might become, in the course of time, a formidable naval power. We can readily conceive that this treaty has produced considerable uneasiness at St. Petersburg, for nothing has occurred since the commencement of hostilities which is more fatal to those projects of aggression and absorption which have constituted the policy of the Czars since the time of Peter the Great. This treaty declares emphatically, "Thus far shalt thou go and no farther!"

The War in the East.—Advices from Omar Pacha's headquarters state that his army had forced the pass of Chopi, and was encamped on the banks of the Rhion, before Kutais. It was rumoured that the Russian force in Kutais did not exceed 10,000 men.

Camp before Sebastopol, Dec. 7.—Heavy rains have fallen and the roads are severely tried, but on the whole they stand the test uncommonly well. The railway is nearly useless owing to the destruction of trucks. Tracts have still to be traversed by thousands of animals belonging to the land transport corps, and many fall exhausted and die; thus renewing the horrors of last winter. The siege artillery is ordered home. The reports from Kertch favour the opinion that the enemy mean to attack it. The Turkish contingent is assuming shape and form every day, and will be able to give a good account of the Russians should they indeed assail such a formidable position as the Allies occupy.

The letter of the Times correspondent, dated Constantinople, Dec. 10th, contains some references to Kars. A number of men had died of hunger. Three months ago General Williams is reported to have said that the capitulation was but a question of time and stomach. The circumstances attending this event ought to produce a great sensation in France and England on account of the gross neglect of mismanagement in some quarter or other. Kars has been quietly blockaded ever since midsummer, yet large bodies of troops were kept idle and useless on the Bosphorus and elsewhere; and the formation of an army in Asia was delayed till winter was at hand.

Prince Gortschakoff reports (December 10) that everything was going on satisfactorily in the Crimea.

The Peace Rumours.—The Paris correspondent of the Post says:—I am assured that the Emperor of Russia has written to the King of Prussia, stating that if he wished he could not agree to the demands of the Western Powers—the nature of which he was perfectly familiar with, although they had not reached him in an official form.

Hamburg, Dec. 19.—The Borsenhalle states that the treaty just ratified at Stockholm confers to France and England the privileges of

establishing depots and hospitals on Swedish territory. In return, the western powers undertake to maintain the integrity of Sweden against Russia, should the latter treat the conduct of the Swedes as a breach of neutrality, and declare war.

Monetary and Commercial Review.—The ratification of the treaty between the Western Powers and Sweden has been the leading event of the week, and is fraught with the utmost importance, not only to France and England, but to Europe generally. This treaty binds the King of Sweden, in the most solemn manner, not to allow, under any pretence whatever, Russia to occupy any part or portion of the territory of Sweden and Norway—England and France in state of any aggression on the part of Russia, engaging to provide a sufficient force both by land and sea to co-operate with Sweden in resisting it. Although there is nothing in the treaty calling upon Sweden to join the Allied Powers in the war with Russia, it is believed that when the Baltic opens next year the Swedish fleet will be found with those of England and France, engaged in an attack upon the Russian strongholds in that sea. The mission of Count Esterhazy to St. Petersburg has given rise to much speculation, but the general impression is that it will be attended with no satisfactory result.

The money market continues to manifest a very stringent aspect owing to the activity of the demand for accommodation. The supply out of doors has been exceedingly scarce—so much so that the rates have advanced, and the consequence is that many parties have been obliged to take their bills to the Bank of England for discount. At the banks and discount houses 5 per cent. is freely given for Money on deposit. At the Bank of England discounts vary from 6 to 7 per cent., and fully 6 1/4 to 8 per cent. out of doors.

The grain trade has been quiet without feature. The accounts from the United States advise lower prices and all the orders transmitted hence were at much too low limits to admit of their being executed. Buyers have found much greater advantage in purchasing on passage, or after arrival on this side. The business transacted during the week has been on a very limited scale. Millers have been careless buyers of Wheat, and also dealers of Flour, but where a holder of Wheat would abate 1d to 2d per bushel, on last week's rates he found speculative purchasers. Indian Corn declined 6d to 1s per quarter, and found a fair sale. In no other article was any other change of price observable.

The Produce markets have been very dull, and a general decline has taken place.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

The Enforcement of the Liquor Law.—On the afternoon of Wednesday, the 2nd inst., the practical effect of the Prohibitory Act, was fairly tested. Information and complaint were duly made to His Worship, the Mayor, against Mr. Jas. Harris, keeper of the Moncton Hotel, for an infringement of the Law. His Worship accordingly issued his warrant, which was put into the hands of the Town Marshall, who, with the assistance of officer Lockhart proceeded to its execution. In the cellar of the premises above mentioned, the officers found fifteen casks and kegs of various sizes and descriptions, and containing each, more or less of the liquids formerly kept in Hotels, but now declared prohibited under the Act, the seizure was made and the packages forthwith removed.—*Westmorland Times.*

The Mail Steamer, now due at New York, had not arrived when we went to press.

BALL.

A PUBLIC BALL will take place in the Temperance Hall, on WEDNESDAY, the 23rd instant. Doors to be open at 7 o'clock. Dancing to commence at 8 o'clock. Tickets 6s. to be had at the following Stores—W. McInch, R. Johnston, J. & D. Ritchie, and J. Bryon, Chatham; S. Adams, Douglastown; Burke & Noonan, Newcastle; John Cain, Nelson, and at the Hall. Chatham, January 12, 1855.

NOTICE.

THE Annual Meeting of the Northumberland Agricultural Society will take place at Bowser's Hotel, Chatham, on the morning of THURSDAY, the 24th inst., at 11 o'clock. At this Meeting, the Report of the Society's operations during the past year will be read, the Treasurer's Account will be submitted, and a new Board of Directors will be chosen for next year. A full attendance is desirable. JAMES CAIE, Secretary. Chatham, 12th January, 1855.

NOTICE.

The General Annual Meeting of the "Highland Society of New Brunswick, at Miramichi," will be held in WITHERALL'S HOTEL, Newcastle, on MONDAY, 14th JANUARY, 1855 at 11 o'clock, A. M. ALEX. MORRISON, Secretary. Miramichi, 27th 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.

NOTICE.

ANY Person found trespassing on that TRACT OF LAND, lying between Simon Hamilton's and Wm. Ritchie's properties, on the second and third tier of lots, will be prosecuted according to law. J. & W. STUART. Douglastown, December 21, 1855.

New Advertisements.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

The following was adopted as a standing rule in the Sessions of October, 1854:—

26th.—That no Bill of a private nature, or Petition for money and relief, shall be received by the House after the fourteenth day from the opening of the Session, both inclusive; and that the Clerk of this House do, one month previous to the meeting of the Legislature, cause fifty printed copies of this Rule to be sent to each of the Clerks of the Peace in the several counties, for distribution, and cause the same to be inserted in the Royal Gazette, and two Newspapers in such County where Newspapers are published.

CHAS. P. WETMORE, Clerk.

NOTICE.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER.

21st April, 1854.

Resolved, unanimously, That from and after the close of the present Session, no Grant of Money to any Parish School Teacher will be assented to by this House, unless the same be recommended by the Board of Education, whether the service be performed before or since the passing of the Act 15 Victoria, Chapter 40.

Resolved, That no Bill, Resolution, or other proceedings founded upon any application addressed to the House of Assembly, be sustained by the Council, unless an application to the same effect, with such documents as may accompany the same, be also presented to the Council in General Assembly.

G. BOTSFORD, Clerk Leg. Council.



CROWN LAND NOTICE.

CROWN LAND NOTICE, December 29, 1855.

The undermentioned Lots of Crown Lands will be offered for sale by Public Auction on TUESDAY, the fifth day of FEBRUARY next, at noon, by the respective Deputies, at their Offices, agreeable to the Regulations of 11th May, 1843, and no sale or 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, block 6, Hardwick, John Donalds. 50 acres, lot 40, block O, Nelson, Henry Gratton. 100 acres, lot —, block O, Nelson, Alex. Clarke.

By Deputy Davidson, at Oak Point.

50 acres, lot 42, block 2, Alnwick, Rd. Taubrid, improved. 88 acres, lot 43, block 2, Alnwick, P. Morrison. 100 acres, lot 49, block 2, Alnwick, Allan Johnston. 100 acres, lot 50, block 2, Alnwick, Edw. Barry, improved. 100 acres, lot 22, block 8, near River du Cashe, A Savoy. 50 acres, lot X, Tracadi Beach, R. Young.

KENT.

By Deputy Douglas, at Buclouche.

142 acres, lot 93, block 5, Black River, Alexander White. 100 acres, lot 116, block O, Black River, Des. Richard. 35 acres, lot 121, block O, Wellington, Dos. Myres. 100 acres, lot 112, block O, Wellington, O. Mol-lot. 71 acres, lot 67, block Z, Richibucto, J. Little, improved.

By Deputy Muzerall, at Richibucto.

67 acres, lot M, block F, Palmerston, Sam. Mail lot. 36 acres, lot P, block F, Palmerston, P. Poirier. 50 acres, lot S, block F, Palmerston, Jos. Richard. 47 acres, lot T, block F, Palmerston, Jos. Thebeault. 50 acres, lot —, on Trout Brook, Amb. Richard. 61 acres, lot — on Trout Brook, Sam. Johnson. JAMES BROWN, Sur. Gen.

Newcastle and Douglastown Mechanics' Institute.

The Opening Lectures for the Season will be delivered in Douglastown on MONDAY Evening, the 14th, at 7 o'clock, and in Newcastle, on FRIDAY Evening, the 18th, at the same hour. WM. J. MILLAR, Secretary. Newcastle, 4th January, 1856.

List of Letters for November.

Received at the Post Office Chatham and Newcastle & Co., and remaining for delivery 15th Decem-1855.

Alexander Mr Lower	Marshall James
Ayleyard John	Mooney Mrs
Best Capt. W J	McAfee James
bourdage Peter	McGinnis John
Clarke Henry	McEwen Mrs
Cross Charles	McRae Thomas
Cross Charles	McDonald Mary Miss
Dutton John	Miller Jane
Davis Charles	Niel Daniel Wellfield
Hotel	Power John
Flood James	Ryan Patrick
Graham Isabella	Smallwood Joseph
Graham James	Straw W H Dr
Hanna Ellen	Thomas James F
King Mathias	White Robert care of
Jug am Margaret	Auburn McDonald
	Walsh Peter

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

JAMES CAIE, P. M.

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 Napau 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 160 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 Escumidas 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 160 feet, and running back 130 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 advantageous Terms, and good title deeds given to purchasers.

GEORGE J. PARKER.

Chatham, 27th December, 1855.

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 Douglastown, 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. Douglastown, 30th December, 1855.

For Sale or to Lease.

That Commodious Little SAW MILL, (only two years old) situated at Salmon Beach, Parish of Bathurst, County of Gloucester, working one Saw, capable of being enlarged. Together with about Sixty acres of LAND if required. Terms moderate and accommodating. Enquire of

THOMAS MILLER, Bathurst.

Bathurst, 26th December, 1855.

North West Bridge Company.

THE Annual Meeting of the above Company will be held at the Clerk's Office, in the town of Newcastle, on the third TUESDAY in JANUARY next, at 12 o'clock, noon, for the purpose of choosing Seven Directors and transacting other business connected with the Company, agreeable to the Act of Incorporation, when a good attendance of the Stockholders are requested. The Board of Directors of the present year will meet at the same place two hours previously, to wind up their proceedings preparatory to laying the same before the Company at the Annual Meeting.

RICHARD HUTCHISON, 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 license.

JAMES BROWN, Sur. Gen.

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.

NOTICE.

The Annual Meeting of the Miramichi Fishery Society, will take place at BOWSER'S HOTEL, Chatham, on the morning of TUESDAY, the 16th day of JANUARY next, at 11 o'clock.

JAMES CAIE, Secretary.

Miramichi, 27th December, 1855. N. B. The Board of Directors will please meet at a hour previously.