

COUNTY GLOUCESTER.

FISHERMEN'S RELIEF FUND.

The Committee at Bathurst, of the Fund for the relief of the distressed Widows and Orphans of the Fishermen lost in the Great Storm of July last, beg most thankfully to acknowledge the receipt of the following contributions, collected and transmitted by the Rev. Messieurs William Donald and William Scovil, of St John, in aid of this Fund, viz:—

Table listing donors and amounts for the Fishermen's Relief Fund, including names like Hon. Judge Ritchie, F. A. Wiggins, and various other individuals and organizations.

DIOCESAN CHURCH SOCIETY.

WITHIN the past four months Contributions as follows have been remitted to the Treasurer of the Church Society from the under-mentioned Churches and Stations in this County, towards promoting the objects now embraced by that Society, viz:—

Table listing contributions to the Diocesan Church Society from various churches and stations, including Sundry offerings, Point Escuminac, and others.

BANK OF ENGLAND.

THE important position this Bank occupies among the monied institutions of the world, more particularly at the present time, any information respecting it, we feel assured, will be interesting to our readers, we therefore publish the annexed brief history of its rise and progress from a late number of the Albion Evening Journal:

"So late as the time of the Restoration every merchant kept a strong box in his own house; and when an acceptance was presented to him, told down the crowns and Caroluses on his own counter. Gentlemen locked up their gold in their country houses, or travelled with it in their coaches. Those were the halcyon days of thieves, when a burglar would often be able, after a single night's work, to retire with a fortune; and highway robbery was a lucrative profession, whose adepts were styled 'Gentlemen of the road.'"

"By the end of Charles II's reign it was discovered that it was both safer and more convenient to have agents to keep the cash of commercial houses. This new branch of business fell naturally into the hands of the Goldsmiths, who were accustomed to traffic largely in the precious metals, and who had vaults where masses of bullion could lie secure from fire and robbers. It was at the shops of the goldsmiths of Lombard-street that all the payments in coin were made. Other traders gave and received nothing but paper."

"Of course the goldsmiths, from being the treasurers, soon became masters of the city. Goldsmiths furnished the funds for all new enterprises. A goldsmith's note passed current on 'Change for cash. The nobility had to court the favor of the goldsmiths, and Royalty itself, when a Government Loan was needed, privately summoned some of the wealthy goldsmiths to its audience chamber."

"The same reasons which led the community to gather their cash into fifty vaults, instead of leaving it scattered among a thousand, soon led them to see that it would be still better to keep it in one, instead of fifty. In William the Third's time the matter was freely discussed, and in 1694 it took the definite shape of a plan for a National Bank."

"Of course so great a change was not effected without bitter opposition. A large class denounced the 'Bank of England' with much violence and vindictiveness. Tories declared that Banks were Republican Institutions, and predicted the ruin of the monarchy. Whigs declared it would be an instrument of Royal tyranny worse than the Star Chamber, and predicted the ruin of English Liberty. The Nobility suspected it to be a scheme to elevate Traders above the Peerage, and the poor were made to believe it a new device to grind them to dust. Nevertheless, the Bank was established, and gained popular favor, less by arguments than by its manifest convenience and utility. It lived and grew and prospered, and for a hundred and fifty years, the wealth of England has lived and grown and prospered with it."

COUNTY BONAVENTURE.

WE have much pleasure in publishing the annexed articles received from our attentive Correspondent in this County:

AMERICANS IN THE BAY CHALEUR.

"A man's good name is his best monument." "In 1856 we had the pleasure of directing public attention to the heroic conduct of Mr George W. Savage, of New York, in rescuing two fellow beings from a watery grave; and now, with equal gratification we claim a space in the columns of the Gleaner, to speak of his Father, Mr Andrew D. Savage."

"That gentleman came, to the Bay in 1855 as agent for the Firm of Messrs. W. W. Merriam & Co. During his residence among us, Mr Savage has won for himself golden opinions, and has eminently succeeded in accomplishing that which falls to the lot of few who are placed in responsible situations—to do good service for his employers, and still be the man of the people—the poor man's friend."

"The accompanying Address speaks for itself, and we shall only add, that the departure of such a man as Mr Savage is a public loss, and we shall ever be proud to have him on our list of friends."

MERCATOR.

New Carlisle, 24th November, 1857.

ADDRESS

To A. D. SAVAGE, Esq., Bonaventure.

"Dear Sir,—We, the Undersigned, Inhabitants of the County of Bonaventure, and District of Gaspé, Canada East, learning with regret, that you are about to return to the United States, cannot allow you to depart without some slight memorial of our kindly feeling towards you as a Gentleman and Business man. Your residence among us, has won you the general esteem and regard of all who have the pleasure of your acquaintance. And we beg to assure you, that you will carry with you to the bosom of your Family, our best wishes for your future health and happiness."

"Permit us, at the same time, to express a hope that you will return to the scene of your labours and usefulness in this quarter. Wishing you a safe and prosperous jour-

ney, we are, Dear Sir, your sincere friends and well wishers."

Bonaventure, Nov. 6, 1857.

- List of names and titles: John Meagher, M.P.P., J. L. Alain, R. C. Cumartin Sheppard, High Sheriff, District of M. Fortin, R. C. Curate Gaspé, J. G. Le Bel, Registrar and Coroner, Joseph Meagher, Inspector of Schools, John Wilkie, Prothonotary, E. Martel, Barrister, Wm. Meagher, H. M. Customs, J. M. A. Le Bel, Deputy Registrar, Thos. Rees Kelly, Wm. Langier, Math. Caldwell, Post Master, N. C., Dan. Bisson, Post Master, Paspébiae, Philip Vibert, Assistant Adjutant General, & Agent to Lloyd's.

GENERAL FAST DAY.

THE last number of the Royal Gazette contains a Proclamation setting aside Wednesday next, 9th instant, as a day of Solemn Fast and Humiliation throughout this Province.

"Our Most Gracious Sovereign Queen Victoria, having appointed a day of Fast, Humiliation, and Prayer, in the United Kingdom, for the purpose of imploring the Divine blessing and aid upon our Arms, for the restoration of tranquility, and maintenance of the Royal authority in India; and I deeming it meet that Her Majesty's loyal subjects in New Brunswick should engage in the same solemn services, do, by and with the advice of the Executive Council, appoint Wednesday, the Ninth day of December next, a day of solemn Fast, Humiliation, and Prayer, which I recommend to be observed throughout the Province, so that we may humble ourselves before Almighty God, obtain pardon of our sins, and in the most devout and solemn manner offer our prayers and supplications to the Divine Majesty, imploring His blessing and assistance on our Arms for the suppression of revolt and restoration of tranquility."

By His Excellency's Command.

S. L. TILLEY.

CENTRAL BANK.

THE inhabitants of our town were thrown into a state of considerable excitement on the evening of Monday last, by a telegram that came over the wires, which stated that the Central Bank would on the morrow suspend Specie payments. There is still much uneasiness manifested on the subject. It had a Branch located in this town, which for some years past has transacted a large amount of business, and the liberal manner in which it was conducted rendered it a great benefit to the inhabitants, not only of this County, but of Kent, Gloucester and Restigouche. We hope sincerely the institution will be enabled to pass through the crisis successfully, and that it will speedily assume such a position as will restore to it the confidence of the people, which has been considerably shaken.

The Merchants in Chatham, as far as they are able, are endeavouring to support the Bank. Its notes are freely taken by them in payment of debts and for the purchase of provisions, goods, &c. We perceive by the St. John papers, that the Merchants in that City have adopted a similar course to the one pursued here.

The President issued the following Circular, which was received at the News Room of St. John on the 10th instant:

"A panic and determined run having this day commenced on the Central Bank of New Brunswick, arising from several telegraphic reports from the City of St. John that the paper of this Bank had been generally refused there, the Board of Directors have felt it their duty to announce to the public that they must resort to a temporary suspension of specie payments. This step has been taken upon mature consideration, and with a view to the best interests of all concerned, with the Bank as well as for the public at large; and the Directors feel quite justified in saying that the state of the Bank authorises them to give the fullest assurance to the public, that there is no greater cause for alarm at the present than at any former period of the existence of this institution."

It will be apparent to every one that any unnecessary depreciation of the paper of this Bank in the public mind, can only tend to injure the community without effecting the slightest possible good.

(Signed) GEO. BOTSFORD, President Central Bank. Fredericton, 6 P. M., Nov. 30, 1855.

We copy below some remarks on the subject, from the St. John Press.

"The Central Bank.—It was rumored yes-

terday that the Banks in Saint John had refused to take the notes of the Central Bank. On receipt of this news, by telegraph, in Fredericton, there was a great demand for specie; but the notes were redeemed as soon as they were presented at the counter. It is said that specie payments will be suspended to-day.—We are assured, on good authority, that the Banks here did take the notes of the Central Bank yesterday from several parties. A part of the merchants, we believe, will continue to take Central Bank notes."—British Constitution, Dec. 1.

"It was currently reported in town on Monday, that the City Banks had refused to take the notes of the Fredericton Central Bank; and there was much talk in the streets in consequence, every one apprehending trouble at head quarters. Persons went home and examined their Bank notes, to see whether or not they were to be among the victims of an imaginary 'break down.' It was also reported that two of our moneyed men had just returned from Fredericton, whither they had been on business connected with the Central Bank, and to obtain an insight into its affairs. It was also reported that they did not get much satisfaction by going. On Monday afternoon the Central Bank Directors met at Fredericton and resolved to suspend specie payments, commencing next day (Yesterday). It is said in Fredericton that the 'suspension' will only be for a short time, when the business will go on as usual. Of course we have no means of judging of the correctness of this statement, but it may be true."

"The Central Bank was always regarded in Fredericton as one of the Institutions of the world, with a back strong as an elephant's which nothing could break. Its stockholders have ere now divided twelve and fifteen per cent. between them, and it is further said that it was always particularly partial in affording accommodation to those who enjoyed its political confidence. Its capital is £35,000, upon which it has done an immense business, especially at the North. The present embarrassment is attributed to several causes—viz: the recent heavy robbery by which upwards of £6,000 were lost—and to having discounted to a large amount, receiving bills on England which have come back unpaid. The refusal of our Banks to take its notes assisted materially in exciting the panic and causing a run for which it was unprepared—as would have been the case with any other Bank in the Province a few weeks ago, had there been a run upon it."—Morning News, Dec. 2.

CANADA.

THE Canada papers inform us that the Hon. E. P. Taché, Premier, had tendered his resignation, which was accepted by the Governor-General. The retirement of Mr Cauchon from the head of the Crown Land Department, and recently Mr Terrill as Provincial Secretary, so seriously affected the position of the Ministry, as to cause its dissolution. It is reported that the Hon. John A. Macdonald has been charged with the task of forming a new Ministry. We obtained a letter from a Correspondent in Canada, which informs us that the House of Assembly had been dissolved.

FLOUR MARKET.

THE price of all kinds of Bread Stuffs has at length fallen to a somewhat reasonable amount, and large quantities are pouring into the Ports of the United States for shipment.

LOCAL.

THE SEASON.—The weather during the past week has been unusually mild. Some rain and snow have fallen. Yesterday there was a change—the day was extremely cold and frosty with a strong breeze from the North west. To-day is the same. There is much ice in the river.

Wednesday next being set aside as a Day of Fast and Humiliation, Service will be held in St. Andrew's Church, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

BOWSER'S HOTEL.

ARRIVALS DURING THE PAST WEEK. S. E. Guild, Waterville, Me.; Thomas Wetmore, Richibucto; John R. Hamilton, Esq.; Miss Hamilton, New York; George Smith, Esq. Bathurst.

MARRIAGES.

On Friday, 27th November, by the Revd. William Henderson, Mr WILLIAM HILLOCK, of Bathurst, to Miss GRACE SCOTT, of the Parish of Newcastle.

Also on Thursday, 3rd December, by the same, Mr DAVID CREIGHTON, Blacksmith, to Miss CATHARINE GILLIES, both of the Parish of Newcastle.

DEATHS.

At Burnt Church, on the 6th November last, JAMES, son of Mr Francis H. McKnight, aged 5 years and 5 months.

At Napan, on the 27th November last, JOHN, son of Mr James McKnight, in the 13th year of his age.