

NEWS FROM INDIA.

LAST week we had the pleasure of informing our readers, by a short telegram received from New York, that the forces under the command of Sir Colin Campbell, had succeeded in relieving Lucknow. By the mail on Wednesday last we obtained our files of British papers, which furnish some particulars of this glorious event; and in another page we have copied a succinct report of the proceedings of the British forces in India during the fortnight which elapsed since the previous news was obtained from that country.

It appears the relief of our countrymen was a work of peril and difficulty, and was not accomplished without much bloodshed, and after numerous and well contested conflicts.—The enemy was numerous and well prepared to meet their opponents, but they lacked that daring courage, physical prowess, and indomitable perseverance, which has sustained the British soldier, and we trust ever will sustain him, on the battle field. The odds were great, it is reported ten to one, but this only animated them to persevere, and after repeated engagements, in all of which they succeeded in driving the enemy before them, they had the gratification of at length relieving their countrymen who had been so long pent up, and had to struggle against the assaults of a numerous, cruel, and blood-thirsty enemy.

A London paper thus graphically speaks of the feelings of the besieged when they found themselves relieved, and the women and children, the sick and the wounded sent under escort to Cawnpore.

"What terrors, what anxieties, what sickening apprehensions must have tortured wives, mothers, and maidens through the long months that they were shut in under the protection of a few hundred resolute men, but surrounded by tens of thousands of ruffians thirsting to make them their prey. How their hearts must have faint within them as days, weeks and months passed, and no relief, while their small store of provisions and ammunition dwindled away. What despair, when they learned that Havelock had twice advanced to their rescue, and had twice been forced to retire. What deep gloom on that dreadful day when they knew that their position was undermined and that they could only hold out for a few hours, when within the British entrenchment there was but one prayer from the women, but one stern resolve amongst the men, that none should fall alive into the hands of the enemy! At that supreme moment, when all had committed themselves to the mercy of Heaven, the pibroch of the Highlanders piercing through the roar of cannon and the rattle of musketry, told them that succour was near. Imagination can scarcely conceive the rebound—the joy, the gratitude, the exultation of the beleaguered community who were lifted out of the valley of the shadow of death. And scarcely less must have been the delight of the women and children at finding themselves free to go forth, to leave the scene of their long trial, and to feel that once again they were safe under the protection of their country. The story of the siege of Lucknow has yet to be told, but we can anticipate that it will surpass in lofty interest any previous narrative of fortitude and heroism."

UNITED STATES.

THE Boston Journal acknowledges the receipt of a telegram from Washington, announcing that the Senate Committee on Commerce had agreed upon a Bill to abolish the Fishing Bounties after the year 1860. The measure is considered a severe blow to the interest of the New England States.

CENTRAL BANK.

At the Secretary's Office last month, according to law, a statement of the affairs of this institution was filed.

STATEMENT SWORN TO IN THE SECRETARY'S OFFICE, DECEMBER, 1857.

Am't capital stock,	£35,000	0	0
Bills in circulation,	58,722	0	0
Am't due other Banks,	2,894	19	3
Do. deposited without interest,	11,866	18	4
Due from other Banks,	9,024	15	4
Profits,	14,576	18	10
	£132,085	11	9
Specie,	£5,617	6	1
Bills of other Banks,	1,280	5	0
Due from other Banks,	2,414	12	9
Notes, Bill, &c.,	118,558	10	8
Estate,	4,214	17	8
	£132,085	11	9

Last dividend,	£1,400	0	0
Am't reserved,	16,286	10	0
Doubtful debts,	7,000	0	0

CANADA.

THE Elections in this Province are nearly completed, and we gather from our exchanges

that while the Ministerial party in the Upper Province have lost considerably, they have gained in the Lower. The balance struck is decidedly in favour of the Ministry, but several of them have lost their seats.

LOCAL.

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.—The Annual Meeting of this Society was held at the Mechanics' Institute, in Chatham, on Tuesday last. The attendance of Members was very slim, much less than should have been, considering the important benefits the Agricultural portion of our population have reaped from its operation. Notwithstanding the meeting was small, we were glad to hear from the Treasurer, that a larger amount of subscriptions had been paid in than in any previous year, and the affairs of the Society, with respect to its finances, were in a very thriving condition. The Report of the Board was adopted, and ordered to be printed in the Gleaner and in pamphlet form. This will be shortly done. Mr Stapledon, one of a committee appointed to visit a Limestone deposit which it was currently stated existed on the Sevoile, a branch of the North-west, reported that he had attended to that duty, and succeeded in finding it. He brought away a quantity of the stone, had burnt a portion of it, and produced a sample of the Lime. He laid before the meeting several pieces of the Limestone as burnt by him, and on water being applied, it crumbled away, giving unmistakable evidence—which has long been doubted—that Limestone of a very superior description exists in the County, and only requires capital and enterprise to bring it into use. A very lively and interesting conversation then ensued on the subject, and we have no doubt the new board of directors will adopt some method to make this deposit available.

From the information collected from the parties who visited the deposit, and from others who have a knowledge of the country, it was very generally admitted that the farmers residing in the lower districts of the County could not reap any advantage from it at present, even were it opened and worked; but there was a large farming district in its neighbourhood, the settlers residing therein, could easily avail themselves of it. The Board, in our opinion, should therefore hold out some inducement to have it worked at once, that those persons should participate in the benefit. Let it be once opened, and be known that good lime can be procured at a reasonable price, and we have no fears that ways and means will soon be devised to make it more accessible than appears at present.

With respect to the supplying of lime, to persons residing in the parishes of Nelson, Newcastle, Chatham, and their neighbourhoods, we think the Board could easily accomplish this at an early period. Let them advertise for the delivery of a certain quantity of Lime to be ready at a certain time, to be delivered in Newcastle, Douglastown, or Chatham, and we feel persuaded there are persons among us who would willingly enter into the speculation. The Limestone could be procured from Britain, and if they failed in obtaining it from that quarter, there is no difficulty in procuring such quantities as may be necessary, from the County of Gaspe. We hurried throw out these hints, and hope the Board, which is to meet on Tuesday next, will take some action on them.

We shall refer to this interesting subject at an early day, and furnish our readers with more particulars.

The business of the Society being brought to a close, the President was requested to vacate the Chair; and James A. Pierce being called thereunto—thanks were voted to the President, Treasurer, Secretary and Board of Directors, for the efficient manner in which they had discharged their duties the past season. The following Office-bearers were then appointed for the present year.

President—John M. Johnson, Esq.
Vice Presidents—George Johnston; Alex. Jessamin, Esqrs.
Treasurer—George Kerr.
Secretary—James Caie, Esq.
Directors—Peter Mitchell; Dr. J. Pallen; Richard Sutton; Bartholomew Stapledon; R. Coultard; D. McKay; Daniel Wetherall; M. Searle; George Dick; Robinson Crocker; H. Wyse; John McDonald, (Barnaby's River); John Porter, Esqrs.

FISHERY SOCIETY.—The Annual Meeting of this Society was held at Bowser's Hotel, on Tuesday evening last.

The Report of the Board was read and adopted, the office-bearers appointed, and all other matters connected with the Society attended to. The report will be published next week. The following office-bearers were appointed for the present year.

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Vice President—John Mackie, Esq.
Treasurer—George Kerr, Esq.
Secretary—James Caie, Esq.
Directors—Henry Bowser; W. J. Fraser; David Ritchie; Rod. McLeod; Wm. Morrison, (Burnt Church); Alexander Loudoun; Robinson Crocker; George E. Letson; W. F. McLaughlan; John McLeod; Alex. Fraser,

(3rd); George H. Russell; Charles C. Watt, Esqrs.

Meeting of the New Board to take place at Bowser's Hotel, Chatham, on Tuesday, 2nd February next, at 7 o'clock in the evening.
JAMES CAIE, Secretary.

OUR ELECTION.—The Editors in other parts of the Province, and writers in this County to papers in St. John, are assigning reasons for the defeat of one party and the victory achieved by the other; and we have come in for a share of censure. Several of the writers have built up a very pretty fabric of causes, and displayed much craft and ingenuity in their erection, while others again, are palpably absurd and ridiculous. The cause assigned by this Journal for the result of the Election, was the true one; and anonymous correspondents may write on the subject until dooms-day, and party papers may continue to make political capital of it, but they will not be able to remove from the minds of the people of Northumberland, the common-sense view we took of the subject—which many of them personally know to be correct. Better far to let the matter rest. Both parties may gather much that is instructive and profitable to them from the occurrence.

COUNTY AFFAIRS.—The Magistrates have been in Sessions from day to day, attending to the business of the Court. The Grand Jury was dismissed from their labours on Saturday last. We expect to have a portion of their Presentment ready for publication next week.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—The letter of our Bathurst Agent came to hand. We thank him for his attention. The Agricultural Report will be in type on Monday, and we shall forward a proof. The letter from our Restigouche Correspondent came safely to hand.—All right.

Those of our Subscribers who have been in the habit of supplying our establishment with Firewood will oblige by paying us an early call, as our stock is quite exhausted, and the weather is not now of such a temperature as to enable us to dispense with so necessary an article of consumption.

TO THE HON. JOHN M. JOHNSON.

Dear Sir—

You will perceive in the Colonial Times of yesterday, which I mail for your perusal, that a Correspondent accuses me of endeavouring to procure from you the office of Postmaster of Chatham. This is the third time this matter has been brought up against me in that Journal, twice by Correspondents and once by the Proprietor. Last spring when the Editor made his charge, I wrote you from the neighbouring County of Kent, (as you were in Fredericton at the time), requesting you to publish my letter in reference to this subject, as well as the one I then sent you. You promised me you would do so, but up to the present time you have not done any thing in the matter. I again request you to publish those documents, as a simple matter of justice to me; and in doing so, you will oblige me if you will further state, whether I ever made application to you, or any of the Liberal party, for any Office of honor or emolument. If you persist in remaining silent, I shall then be compelled to publish a report of the transaction to rebut the vile, slanderous charges which the Proprietor of the Times has brought up against me from time to time. The acts of public men in their public capacity, are public property, and the people have a right to pass judgment on them; but I cannot conceive that there is any justice in constantly pouring out the vilest slanders, and the lowest scurrilous abuse on me, simply because I have as one of the Proprietors of the Gleaner, allowed Correspondents to review the tortuous course pursued by the Publisher of the Col. Times during the brief period his Journal has been in existence. I seek for no favours, but ask only for simple justice. Yours,
JAMES A. PIERCE.

Chatham, January 22, 1858.

TO THE HON. POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

A Correspondent requests us to inform you that a Letter, containing a sum of money, was mailed at the Post Office in Douglastown, on the 16th December, and directed to Horton, Nova Scotia, and that said Letter had not reached its destination on the 8th January. The same correspondent desires us to state that a Letter dated at Horton on the 26th December, did not reach Miramichi until the 14th January. He wishes that some enquiries should be made into those transactions.

BOWSER'S HOTEL.

ARRIVALS DURING THE PAST WEEK.

Mr Slawson, Fredericton; John Meagher and son, Bathurst; George A. Shannon, Toronto, C. W.; L. P. DesBrisay, Richibucto; Capt. Browne, do.; W. Mills, do.; John Doncaster, New Bandon.

MARRIAGES.

At St. Paul's Church, Chatham, on the 31st December, by the Rev. Samuel Bacon, Rector,

Mr WILLIAM BALDWIN, to Miss MARGARET ORR, both of the Parish of Chatham.

DEATHS.

At Bathurst, on the 11th January, at the residence of Doctor Bishop, Mr WILLIAM PALLEN, in the 90th year of his age.

At his residence in Douglastown, on Thursday, 21st inst, WILLIAM LORRAINE SCOTT, in the 63rd year of his age. The Funeral will take place on Monday next at 12 o'clock, A. M.

COMMUNICATION.

To the Editor of the Gleaner.

SIR,—In my communication to the Editor of the Colonial Times,—however absurd may be his way of viewing politics—I certainly thought I was addressing a gentleman, and now beg to apologise to the said Editor for having made such a mistake.

I did think that the Editor of the Col. Times would—for his own reputation as a *Politician* and *Leader* (save the mark) of public opinion—have taken up those opinions which I extracted from his Editorials, and proved to his readers how they were at all reconcilable without clashing; and at the same time convince them of the truth and soundness of his reasoning.—But No! the Editor of that notorious Journal discovered what a mass of incongruous views he had penned, and in attempting to sustain them, knew, that "two wrongs won't make a right;" discretion (is sometimes) the better part of valour.

I sincerely regret that I have been the cause of calling down on you, and others, through the columns of that paper, such a tirade of abuse and scurrillity. The writer masked under the fictitious name of "*A True Liberal*," attacks you in language the most low and ungentlemanly, the only weapons by which he has ever achieved notoriety. But I shall leave it to the subscribers and readers of that Journal to form their own opinion of its Proprietor,—who, to deal his venomous shafts of slander—becomes his own Correspondent.

A LIBERAL.

Newcastle, January 22.

FREDERICTON MAIL.

By this mail we obtained our Quebec Papers to the 15th inst. They furnish the Election returns, and report the result as follows:—Ministerialists 78; Opposition 49. Three places only are not heard from. The majority it was expected would be 30.

There was no Telegram of British news from New York to report.

STRAYED.

From DALHOUSIE, about Two Months ago, a LARGE BLACK DOG, with a white spot on the Nose, answering to the name of "HECROK," any person giving such information as may lead to his recovery to Mr James Scott, Dalhousie, will be suitably rewarded.
Dalhousie, December 22, 1857.

NOTICE.

All Persons having any claims against the Estate of the late JOHN STORACH, late of the Parish of Newcastle, in the County of Northumberland, Farmer, deceased, are requested to render the same within three months to the Subscribers, to whom all Persons indebted to the said Estate are requested to make immediate payment.

RICHARD HUTCHISON, } Administrators.
JAMES BROWN, }
Newcastle, November 7, 1857.

NOTICE.

All persons having any legal claims against the Estate of SOPHIA JOSEPH, late of Chatham, in the County of Northumberland, Widow, deceased, are requested to present the same duly attested to GEORGE KERR, of the same place, Esquire, to whom all persons indebted to the same Estate are requested to make immediate payment.

GEORGE KERR, } Executors.
GEORGE H. RUSSELL, }
RICHARD HOCKEN, }
Chatham, 23rd October, 1857.—3m

Notice.

All Persons having any claims against the Estate of the late JAMES WETHERALL, deceased, of the Parish of Bathurst, and County of Gloucester, are requested to render the same to the Subscriber within 8 months; to whom all person indebted to the said Estate are requested to make immediate payment.

ELSPETH WETHERALL, } Sole Administratrix.
Bathurst, November 7, 1857.

Mr ARCHER, Dentist,

(Late of Edinburgh) intends being in Chatham at BOWSER'S HOTEL, on TUESDAY, the 12th inst., where he will remain a week or two, when he may be consulted in all the branches of his Profession. As Mr A's stay will be short, he solicits an early call from those more especially who may require his services in the Mechanical Department.
Mr A. will be in Newcastle, at Mr Fish's, on the 10th and 23rd.
Miramichi, January 9, 1858.

Writing Ink and Copy Books.

The Subscribers have just obtained a supply of COPY BOOKS, Blue and Black WRITING INK, JAMES A. PIERCE & SON.