

plained, was unanimously confirmed by the present assembly.

Not Antoine was unanimously presented as Chief of the Richibucto Tribe of Micmacs, Peter Paul, as Vice-Chief, and John Athenaise, as Captain, who severally received their commissions.

John Athenaise, the Captain, officiated as Interpreter, for which he appeared well qualified. At the conclusion of every sentence, the interpreter repeated the signification in Micmac, or in English, as the case might require, and all the Indians expressed their assent by the utterance of a peculiar sound, which was very generally amusing to the Richibucto ladies who were present in an outer tent. A cynic of the Diogenes cast, *did* observe, (but of course he was instantly and very properly silenced,) that the importunate gravity of the assembled council, was not only highly commendable, but that the fairer portion of the auditory might profit by the exhibition.

Business was succeeded by a *Gala*, at which, of course, all the Squaws assisted, and as it was necessarily a *bal champêtre*, the arena was planted with trees and lighted with torches. The ball was opened by Mr. Perley, who chose for his partner, Marguerite, the daughter of John Francis, and a scene of the utmost hilarity was immediately displayed. Several gentlemen were honored by the fair (?) hands of some handsome squaws, who certainly were most tastefully dressed for the occasion. A great many *pas sals* and *pas dedans* were well performed by well dressed Indian boys and girls, as well as contre dances and Scotch reels, which were made more amusing by the grotesque figures, and the whimsical wry faces assumed by these juvenile dancers.

Mr. Perley was dressed in a *l'Indienne* in a splendid coat and vest, with leggings and moccasins wrought with ribbon and tasteful porcupine quill embroidery. He wore a handsome pouch of mink's fur, a knife set in a handle of deer's foot, and over all, a silver medal and a scarlet sash. The Chiefs and Captains were also well dressed, but the garb of the squaws elicited universal applause and admiration, and were really most beautiful. They consisted of a silk bodice and cloth skirt richly embroidered with porcupine quills and a profusion of ribbons, and the caps partaking somewhat of an eastern character, blended with their own native style. There was more variety among the caps than in the other articles of their apparel; but the material was either silk or cloth, most curiously adorned with a great profusion of beads, quills, and ribbons. Their hair was tastefully turned up beneath the cap, and braided prettily over their heads. The Indians behaved remarkably well, but the squaws were quite lady-like in their conduct, with much, however, of the natural cheerfulness of their character. The whole passed off remarkably well, the pleasure of all parties was unalloyed by a single instance of bad conduct, and the hilarity of the evening was extended to an unprecedented late hour.

#### INDIAN AFFAIRS.

By the last mail, we received the following interesting letter from Moses H. Perley, Esq. We trust that the tour of this gentleman along our sea board, will be the means of drawing the attention of our Lieutenant Governor and the Legislature to this neglected portion of the Province, and that some measures may be resorted to by them, to bring into notice these truly valuable branches of trade—the shore and deep sea Fisheries.

St. John, Oct. 26, 1841.

To the Editor of the *Miramichi Gleaner*,  
Sir,—As many applications have been made to me by persons desirous of ascertaining the number of Indians in the eastern part of the Province, I take the liberty of sending you a copy of my return for publication, by way of answer to all enquiries:—

	Men.	Women.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
Renous Settlement,	11	15	10	7	43
The Eel Ground, (North West.)	28	32	12	10	82
Red Bank, (Little South West.)	14	14	12	14	54
Burnt Church Point,	51	58	46	26	201
Pokemouche,	21	17	1	6	45
Pokemouche,	2	3	1	4	10
Bathurst,	9	10	4	4	27
Richibucto,	48	53	46	41	192
Buctouche,	20	22	19	32	93
	204	222	169	202	797
Canada Side, Bay Chaleur,	33	28	12	16	89
Cascapedia,	107	114	75	59	355
Mission Point, (Restigouche.)	107	114	75	59	355
	344	364	256	277	1241

The small number of children, in proportion to the number of adults, shows most clearly that the Micmacs are rapidly passing away, and in a few more generations, must become extinct, unless some measures are taken to improve their condition, and prevent the frightful mortality which now takes place among their children.

It is most gratifying to be able to state, that through the exertions of the Rev. Mr. Egan, and the Rev. Mr. Paquet, the Micmacs have all taken the Total Abstinence Pledge, with the exception of those at Bathurst, who are the most dirty and degraded set I have ever seen in New Brunswick. This great moral reformation will undoubtedly improve their condition in every way, and render it comparatively easy to carry out any plans which may be proposed or adopted for their future welfare.

I was much struck with the extent and excellent quality of the vacant Crown Land on the banks of several of the Rivers on the coast, and surprised that in many situations, easily accessible by water, the finest tracts yet remain

in a state of nature. The want of roads and bridges were said to be the great reason for this state of things, and if that be the true cause, then active and energetic measures should immediately be adopted for remedying the evil, and opening to the industrious settler some of the best Land in the Province, possessing also, peculiar advantages, as regards water communication, and the sea and river Fisheries. In the report of my mission, some description of the country over which I passed will necessarily form a part, and I shall not fail to advert strongly to its great capabilities and neglected condition.

I feel it a duty, as well as a pleasure, on behalf of the friends who accompanied me, as also on my own account, to return the most sincere thanks for the kindness, hospitality, and attention we every where met with during our journey, for which I shall always feel deeply grateful; and to many who I may not have the pleasure of meeting again very soon, I beg to offer this public acknowledgment of favours received, and which will not easily be forgotten.

Your very obedient servant,

M. H. PERLEY,  
Commissioner for Indian Affairs.

The *Quebec Mercury* states that Captain Boxer, C. B., of the Royal Navy, who lately arrived in the Province, and has since been appointed Captain of the Port and Harbour Master of Quebec, was a few days since sworn into office, and had relieved from the duties of that situation. Mr. Lambly, who, after long and honourable service, retires from office on a liberal allowance. We believe that Captain Boxer owes this appointment to the friendship of the late Lord Sydenham, whom, as well as the present Administrator and Commander of the Forces, Sir Richard Jackson, he brought into the Province in October, 1839, in the *Pique* frigate, which he then, and for a long time before, commanded; though he did not arrive in time to receive the appointment from the hands of his Lordship. No one can be more adequate to the duties of his new office than Captain Boxer, whose high merits as a Naval Commander, on many trying occasions, are well known in our maritime annals, and more recently at the bombardment of Saint Jean d'Acre, where, we believe, he stood next in rank to Sir Charles Napier, then second in command. In 1835, Captain Boxer commanded the *Pique*, in which Lord Gosford and the other Royal Commissioners came out, upon the retirement of Lord Aylmer. The voyage homewards with that nobleman, Lady Aylmer and suite, is rendered memorable by the almost miraculous manner in which the *Pique* was brought into port, after having struck on a rock, in passing through the Straits of Belle Isle, by which accident she was so much injured as to be rendered unmanageable, except by a resort to those ingenious means which brave and good commanders often discover in the moment of the utmost need. A very interesting account of this unprecedentedly perilous voyage, was published by Lady Aylmer, which reflected as much credit on her Ladyship's literary taste as the heroic qualities displayed by herself and her noble husband—in deed by every one on board—during the dangers of this extraordinary voyage across the whole of the Atlantic. Captain Boxer was, of course, subjected to the ordeal of a Naval Court Martial; but he came out of it with untarnished honour; and his sword was returned to him by the President, with a compliment as deserved as it could not fail to be agreeable to the brave commander of the *Pique*. Indeed, His late Majesty—our Sailor King—was pleased, in the most gracious manner, to compliment Captain Boxer on the skill and seamanship which he displayed in bringing his ship to port, under such trying circumstances. His appointment, therefore, to his new office, cannot fail, we should hope, to be as gratifying to the public, as it will undoubtedly tend to the interests of the port of Quebec.—*Montreal Gaz.*

Boston, October 30.

JAMAICA.—The Jamaica papers of the 28th ult., complain of the shortness of the crops, hard times, &c. The Kingston Morning Journal says, the present state of things is enough to make the most patient and enduring complain. And what makes matters worse, there is scarcely any expectation of an immediate change. There is, quoth the same paper, and has been no complaint against the labourers for some time past. We are in hopes also, from the change which has taken place in the seasons, and the fine rains we have been favoured with, in various, if not in all parts of the Island, that our crops will considerably increase.

November 1.

THE SLAVE TRADE.—Ship Howard, at this port on Saturday, from Calcutta, left at Saint Helena, September 8, brig Gabriel, a slave, which had been captured when 15 days from Havana, by H. M. brig of war Acorn. She had a crew of 65 Spaniards, had exchanged several shots with the Acorn; and her cargo consisted of bale goods, lumber, and rice. In one of the bags of rice were found papers which gave information that 23 slave vessels were fitted out from Havana. The Gabriel's crew were put on board the Acorn, which sailed for the coast of Africa, to land them on a desolate and uninhabited part of the coast. Seven other slave vessels previously captured were breaking up at St. Helena, and there was 1,600 slaves on the Island.

His Excellency Sir Charles Bagot, was to leave Portsmouth on the 20th ult., in the *Styx*, which vessel was to proceed direct to Quebec. The Unicorn, after landing the mails at Quebec, is to receive on board Pilots immediately—await the arrival of the *Styx* at the mouth of the St. Lawrence, and put them on board of her.—*Halifax Royal Gazette.*

#### POSTSCRIPT.

ANOTHER EXTENSIVE AND DESTRUCTIVE FIRE IN THE CITY OF SAINT JOHN!!

We have once more the painful task of recording another disastrous and extensive conflagration, which took place in the City of Saint John, on the night of Monday last, where a

vast amount of property has again been destroyed. The accounts reached us by the Steamer, yesterday evening, since which, the following particulars have been related to us:—The fire originated in the Store occupied by Mr. Timothy Collins, on the outer end of the South Market Wharf, and extended along the whole range of buildings to the Market Square—passing through Ward Street, destroying all the buildings on the West side, and crossing that Street, consumed the extensive premises of Mr. Gilbert and Mr. Tilton, through to Water Street—thence returning again to the corner of the Market Wharf, crossing Water Street, the whole Block of Buildings fronting on the South side of the Square, and extending as far as Messrs. M'Avity's, in Water Street, were (including M'A's.) destroyed, and also the Buildings on the East side of Prince William Street, till it reached Messrs. Parks & Hegans', where the fire was happily arrested in its progress. We regret, however, to add the destruction of the new and spacious Market House, lately erected in the Square. Three Schooners we learn were burnt in the Slip.

The next English Mail to meet the sailing of the Steamer from Halifax, will be closed at the Post Office on Saturday, the 27th instant, at half-past 11 in the forenoon.

#### Harried.

On the 11th inst., at Saint Mary's, by the Rev. Mr. Bushy, Mr. Samuel Kidder, to Charity E., daughter of James Harrison, Esquire, all that place, at Gagetown, on Monday the 8th inst., by the Rev. A. Wood, Rector of Waterborough, R. K. Gilbert, Esquire, of Dorchester, Barrister, to Deborah, eldest daughter of Thomas Gilbert, Esquire, Member of Provincial Parliament for the County of Queen's.

#### Dead.

On the 8th inst., at his residence in Queensbury, Mr. James Guion, aged 72 years, after a long and painful illness, which he bore with Christian resignation to his Blessed Redeemer.

#### SHERIFF'S SALES.

To be sold by Public Auction on Wednesday the 18th day of May, at the Market House, in Fredericton, between the hours of two and four, p. m.:

ALL the right, title and interest which Enoch A. Currier had on the third day of September last, to the Land now occupied by him and one William Dow, situated in the Parish of Kingsclear: The same having been taken by virtue of an Execution issued out of the Supreme Court, at the suit of John A. and Francis E. Beckwith.

E. W. MILLER, SHERIFF.

To be sold at Public Auction at the House of Samuel Mays, Inn-keeper, in Gagetown, on the third Saturday in May next, between the hours of twelve and five of the afternoon:

ALL the right, title, interest, property, claim and demand of Edward Owen, in and to that certain Lot of Land, situate, lying and being on the North side of the Salmon River, in the Parish of Chipman, in Queen's County, and bounded as follows:—on the one side by Lands granted to Nathaniel Burpe, and on the other side by ungranted Lands, fronting on the Salmon River aforesaid, being twenty chains in front, and containing one hundred acres, more or less, with all and singular the improvements thereon, formerly the Property of Francis Cunningham, and conveyed by him to the said Edward Owen: The same having been taken in and by virtue of an Execution issued out of the Supreme Court, at the suit of Andrew Hamilton. Dated at Gagetown, the 4th day of November, 1841.

N. H. DEVEBER, Sheriff of Queen's County.

#### NOTICE

TENDERS will be received at the *Royal Gazette Office*, until 12 o'clock at noon, of Thursday the 18th instant, for supplying, not to exceed 200 Bushels POTATOES, as they may be required by the Ladies' Benevolent Society of this place.

By order of the President.

H. PUTNAM, Secretary.  
Fredericton, Nov. 11, 1841.

#### ALMANACK for 1842.

JUST Published and for sale by the Gross Dozen, or otherwise—The Merchant's and Farmer's ALMANACK for 1842, containing, besides the usual information, a complete List of the OFFICERS of the PROVINCIAL MILITIA; Equation of Time Table; Interest Table; with a MAP of the PROVINCE of NEW BRUNSWICK, (exclusive of the Disputed Territory.)

W. L. AVERY.

Saint John, Nov. 1, 1841.

#### New Brunswick Almanack.

In the Press, and will be ready for delivery at the COURIER OFFICE in a few days:

CHUBB'S

NEW BRUNSWICK

#### ALMANACK,

FAITHFULLY CORRECTED,

For the Year 1842.

St. John, Nov. 6, 1841.

#### NOTICE.

THE Subscribers having taken by Deed of Assignment, all the real Estate, goods, chattels, debts, and effects of JAMES E. PERLEY, of Fredericton, (Merchant,) upon certain Trusts in the said Deed mentioned, require all persons indebted to the said JAMES E. PERLEY, to make immediate payment to either of them, at the Office of B. W. HAMMOND, Esquire, in Fredericton.

GEORGE HAYWARD, } Trustees.  
JAMES HALE,  
B. W. HAMMOND, }

Fredericton, October 25, 1841.—3m.

#### AUCTION.

TO be sold at Auction on Thursday, 27th January, 1842, a Lot of LAND, about 90 acres, in the Settlement of New Maryland, with a few acres cleared, and a good House and Barn on the Premises. For further particulars apply to THOMAS STEWART.  
Fredericton, Oct. 20, 1841.—3m.

#### Commissariat Contract.

SEALED Tenders will be received by Assistant Commissary General GOLDSMITH, at his Office in Saint John, until 12 o'clock on Tuesday the 23d November instant, from persons disposed to perform the TRUCKAGE for the Military Departments in the Garrisons of Saint John and Fredericton, during the year 1842.—The Tenders to state the rate per Cent. less than the subjoined prices for which the parties are willing to undertake the Service.

#### For the Garrison of Saint John.

For each load of Baggage, Stores, or Provisions conveyed between the following places:—

Between the Barracks, Queen's Wharf, or Ordnance Wharf and Indian Town,.....4s. Currency.  
Between the same places and the Commissariat Office, or either of the landing Wharves in the several Wards in the City,.....1s. 9d. do.  
Between the same places and the Magazine or Guard House at Fort Howe,.....4s. 0d. do.  
Between the Commissariat Office and either of the landing Wharves in the several Wards in the City,.....1s. 3d. do.  
Between the Long Wharf or Rankin's Wharf in Portland and the Magazine at Fort Howe,.....2s. 0d. do.  
Between the Magazine at Fort Howe and King's, Queen's, or Duke's Ward,.....2s. 6d. do.  
Between the Magazine at Fort Howe and Indian Town,.....2s. 6d. do.  
Between either of the landing Wharves in the City and Indian Town,.....3s. 0d. do.  
Between King's, Queen's, and Duke's Ward,.....1s. 0d. do.  
Between the Queen's Wharf, Ordnance Wharf, and the Barracks,.....1s. 0d. do.  
Carting Coals to the different Guards,.....5s. Currency per day.

#### For the Garrison of Fredericton.

For each load of Baggage, Stores, or Provisions, of not less than 15 cwt. within the Town Plot of Fredericton,.....1s. 6d. Currency.  
Carting Fuel to the different Guards,.....1s. 6d. Currency per day.

The Contractor to furnish Sleds, Drays, or Carts, at the option of the Commissariat, and payment will be made quarterly in Silver Money at the Army rate. Sufficient security will be required.

Commissariat New Brunswick,  
Saint John, 5th November, 1841.

COMMISSARIAT, NEW BRUNSWICK,  
Saint John, 5th Nov., 1841.

SEALED Tenders will be received by Assistant Commissary General GOLDSMITH, at his Office in Saint John, until 12 o'clock on Tuesday the 23d November instant, from persons disposed to Contract for Transport (in case it should be required) of Her Majesty's Troops during the ensuing Winter. The Tenders to specify as follows:—

1st. The rate Sterling for each Sled and Pair of Horses, conveying Eight Soldiers, or Fifteen Hundred Weight of Baggage or Stores, from the Barracks at Saint John to Fredericton.  
2d. The rate Sterling per mile, for each Sled and Pair of Horses, conveying Seven Soldiers, or Fourteen Hundred Weight of Baggage or Stores, from the Barracks at Fredericton to Woodstock, to the Grand Falls, or to the River du Loup, on the Saint Lawrence.

Seven days' notice will be given in the first instance, to prepare for the movement of Troops, and three days' notice on subsequent occasions. Sufficient security will be required for the due performance of such Contract as may be entered into, and payment will be made in Silver Money at the Army Rate or in Bills of Exchange on the Treasury at 14 per Cent. Premium, at the option of the Commissariat. Further particulars made known on application at the Commissariat Offices in Saint John and Fredericton.

#### NOTICE.

ALL Persons having any legal demands against the Estate of THOMAS MURPHY, late of Saint Mary's, in the County of York, deceased, are requested to present the same to the subscriber, duly attested to, within three months from this date; and those indebted to said Estate, are required to make immediate payment to

JANE MURPHY, Executrix.  
St. Mary's, Nov. 6, 1841.

#### CAUTION.

THE Public are hereby cautioned against purchasing a NOTE of HAND, drawn by the Subscriber on or about the 6th of October, 1841, payable in three months after date, in favor of James S. Beek, and indorsed by him and Henry Jackson, for £33; the said Note having been lost in transmitting from this place to Saint John.

WM. N. AKERLEY.  
Fredericton, Nov. 9, 1841.

#### BANK STOCK.

20 SHARES CENTRAL BANK STOCK for Sale by SPAFFORD BARKER.  
Fredericton, Oct. 30, 1841.

#### NOTICE.

ALL Persons who have any demands against the Estate of CATHARINE KNAPP, late of this place, deceased, Widow and Sole Executrix of the late TITUS KNAPP, Esquire, will present their Accounts, duly attested, within eighteen Calendar Months from this date, to the Subscribers; and all Persons who are indebted to the said Estate will please make immediate payment to

JOHN GEO. ALLAN,  
JAMES DICKSON,  
Executors of the said Catharine Knapp.  
Westmorland Point, Westmorland County,  
June 8, 1841.

#### CO-PARTNERSHIP.

THE Subscribers having entered into Co-partnership, the business heretofore conducted by W. P. RANNEY, will, on and after the present date, be continued by the Firm of RANNEY, STURDEE & CO.

W. P. RANNEY,  
H. P. STURDEE.  
St. John, October 1, 1841.

The Subscriber having entered into Co-partnership on the above date referred to, requests all parties indebted to him or having unsettled accounts, will pay to or adjust the same with RANNEY, STURDEE & CO.

W. P. RANNEY.

#### Ranney, Sturdee & Co.

Have received by *Arctusa*, and other recent arrivals:—

PIPES, hhds. & gr. casks Burgundy and double diamond old PORT;  
Pipes, hhds. & gr. casks old Port, [vint. '34.]  
Pipes, hhds. & gr. casks East and West India Madeira;  
Pipes, hhds. & gr. casks South Side Madeira;  
Pipes, hhds. & gr. casks London Particular & London Market Madeira;  
Pipes, hhds. & gr. casks Teneriffe, Bronte, & Cape Madeira;  
Butts, hhds. & gr. casks golden, pale & brown SHERRY;  
Hhds. & gr. casks low priced Sherry;  
Hhds. & gr. casks Lisbon, Catalonia and Tarragona;  
Hhds. Claret, La Rose, La Tour, and Chateaux Margeaux;  
Pons. & hhds. Martell's, Hennessy and Oudart's best BRANDY;  
Poncheons and hogsheds pale GENEVA;  
Pons. Isley, Cambleton, & Irish Malt Whisky;  
Pons. [Pine Apple,] old Jamaica RUM;  
Hhds. Guinness' Dublin BROWN STOUT;  
Hhds. Burton & London FALE ALE;  
Hhds. Barclay & Perkins' Brown Stout and Porter;

50 dozen OLD TOM;  
100 cases pure SCHEIDAM;  
400 casks, each 4 dozen, Abbott's and Dunbar's BROWN STOUT;  
20 cases CHERRY BRANDY;  
8 cases Cluedder and Brick CHEESE;  
50 boxes Sperm, Wax, and Patent Candles;  
50 boxes Mould and Dipt CANDLES;  
100 gross Wine, Ale, and Porter BOTTLES;  
150 boxes CROWN WINDOW GLASS;  
30 casks BLACKING;  
200 barrels ROMAN CEMENT;  
20,000 Company's Manila CHEROOTS;  
100 coils Cordage, 6 thread ratline to 7 in. rope;  
50 coils Manila ROPE, 1 to 4 inches;  
20 HAWSERS, of sizes;  
130 bolts CANVAS;  
1 bale Sewing and Roping TWINE;  
1000 gross best Wine and Beer Corks, Taps and Bunges.

IN STORE,—50 Poncheons Jamaica, Demerara, and Saint Croix RUM.

With an extensive stock of CHOICE BOTTLED WINES, comprising,—Sparkling Burgundy, Hock, Moselle, Sanperay, Revisattes, & Champagne; Still Hock, Hermitage, Burgundy, Barsac and Moselle; Sauterne, Burellas, Calcevellos, Lishon, Vidonia, Marsalla, Claret, Malmsey, Madeira, East & West India and South Side Madeira, London Particular and London Market Madeira, golden, pale & brown Sherry, &c., &c.—Which they offer for sale, at their Establishment in Prince William Street.  
St. John, October 9, 1841.

#### MUSEUM

#### Natural History.

THE Subscriber being about to open a MUSEUM of NATURAL HISTORY at Saint John, begs leave to inform his friends in New Brunswick and the neighbouring Provinces, that he will be happy to receive donations of specimens belonging to the animal, vegetable and mineral kingdoms, fossils, relics, works of art, ancient books, and papers, models, inventions, domestic manufactures, and curiosities of all kinds.

A liberal price will be given for foreign specimens, not intended as donations.

The Museum, which at present consists of upwards of 4000 specimens, will be open free to persons making liberal donations.

A donation of the value of £1 will entitle the donor to free admission for one year. Masters and supercargoes of vessels who make donations, will be entitled to free admission.

Publishers of newspapers who may insert this advertisement four times a year, will be entitled to free admission, by sending one copy of the paper and advertisement yearly to the Museum.

Persons who shall contribute original information in regard to the Natural History of the Provinces, shall be entitled to free admission.

Masters and supercargoes of vessels belonging to the Provinces, and trading to foreign ports, are respectfully requested to aid in this useful and interesting work.

The names of donors will be recorded in the catalogues opposite the names of specimens received from them.

The objects of Natural History of the Provinces will be exchanged for those of Foreign Countries.  
A. GESNER.  
St. John, Oct. 30, 1841.

#### WANTED FOR THE ABOVE MUSEUM.

Wolf, male and female; Lynx or Wild Cat, male and female; Red Fox, male and female; Black Fox, male and female; one male Beaver; Cacomis Glutton or Indian Devil, male and female.—The skins, jaws, legs and paws of the animals must be perfect, and forwarded to the Museum immediately after they are procured.

#### Hard and Soft Wood for Sale.

THE Subscribers have a quantity of DRY HARD and SOFT WOOD, for Sale.  
J. & A. SMITH.  
Fredericton, November 9, 1841.