

to the office of Her Majesty's Solicitor General of this Province; and being informed that your promotion will cause you to relinquish the situation of Recorder of this City, the arduous duties of which have been performed by you for so many years, we cannot allow you to retire from the Board of Session in this City and County, without an expression on behalf of the Magistrates, as to the zeal and attention which have at all times been evinced by you in the discharge of your official duties.

We have also individually to render our thanks for the kind and gentlemanlike manner in which your advice and assistance have from time to time been afforded us in the performance of our duties as Justices of the Peace.

And in taking our leave of you, as Recorder of the City, and one of the presiding Justices of the Court of Sessions, and of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas of this City and County, we most respectfully offer you our best wishes for your future prosperity, health and happiness.

We have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient servants,

L. DONALDSON, Mayor,

John Ward,
Benjamin L. Peters,
Robert Keltie,
Walker Tisdale,
James Brown,
James Moran,
William Hawks,
A. Menzies,
George Anderson,
James Gallagher,
G. C. Carman,
John Gillies,

L. H. Deveber,
Henry Porter,
Moses Vernon,
G. Vanhorne,
Thomas Harding,
Charles Ward,
Henry Gilbert,
Daniel Leavitt,
R. W. Crookshank,
William Scovil,
John Wishart,
John Kerr.

Saint John, 28th March, 1846.

To Lauchlan Donaldson, Esquire, Mayor of the City of Saint John, and to Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the City and County of Saint John.

GENTLEMEN,—The communication I have just received, conveying the kind and cordial expression of your feelings on my appointment to the office of Solicitor General of this Province, and on my expected retirement from the situation as Recorder of the City of Saint John, has afforded me the most unfeigned satisfaction.

The arduous duties connected with the office of Recorder, to which you allude, and which, with the exception of a short interval, I have performed for the last sixteen years, have been greatly assisted and alleviated, by the uniform kindness I have experienced from the Gentlemen who have at different periods filled the office of Chief Magistrate of the City, from the Magistracy, and from the learned and indefatigable Clerk of the Peace.

To you Gentlemen, in particular, who have so kindly tendered me your congratulations on my recent appointment, and your individual thanks for advice and assistance rendered you in the performance of duties,—often the most laborious, and at all times the least remunerated of any other public officer in the Province,—I beg to return my warmest thanks, and to assure you that, although I am no longer to reside among you, it will ever give me the sincerest pleasure, in the several official situations which I fill, to do justice to the motives by which I know you to be actuated, and to assist you when in my power, in the performance of those onerous and responsible duties.

I have the honor to be, Gentlemen,

Your very obedient servant,

W. B. KINNEAR.

THE FRESHET.

This week we have the melancholy duty of recording an unprecedented destruction of property on the St. John, occasioned by the late rains breaking up the streams, and carrying out the ice, which has resulted in losses to such an extent as were never before witnessed in this country. Last week we prepared an article describing the progress of the ice on the Arestook, its destruction of the Bridge on that stream, and the probable causes why such a bridge could not resist such an accumulated force of ice impelled by a rapidly rising current. By some means it was omitted. The following are all the particulars that have yet reached us:—Above Woodstock, the Arestook Bridge—the Bridges over the Big Presque Isle, the Little Presque Isle—Bridges in the neighbourhood of Kearney's, Shaw's and Boyd's—the latter five within the distance of six miles, so that travelling is very much impeded. The Supervisor, James Ketchum, Esq., who, immediately on the receipt of the intelligence of such losses, repaired to the scenes of destruction, has, we understand, made arrangements for the speedy repair of the Bridge over the Big Presque Isle. This is a very judicious measure, as from the acclivity of both banks of that river, it would be almost impossible to travel in that direction with carriages, and in the summer season the stream is generally too low for ferrying.

The ice made several halts on its way down without doing any serious injury until Friday week last, when it jammed on the Little Presque Isle, and dammed up the water so that it raised twenty feet in a short time, submerging houses, and obliging the inhabitants to escape for their lives.—A family by the name of Sewell were obliged to flee in the same manner. After having left, Mr. Sewell it appears recollected that he had some valuable papers that he was afraid might be lost, started with four others in a canoe, with the purpose of securing them. Getting into the canoe from a window, the only means of admission, it overturned, and melancholy to say, Mr. Sewell and a young man of the name of Campbell were drowned—the other three having a narrow escape for their lives. It is said that had the party remained at the house but ten minutes longer they could have walked out, such was the rapid manner in which the water fell when the ice gave way. This is the only loss of human life that we have yet heard of. There was no dwelling house removed that we know of. Three small barns were seen floating down the stream, who they belong to has not been ascertained. The ice came in contact with a wharf belonging to Mr. John Beardsley of this place, knocked out a number of the logs, and a building occupied as a store was only prevented from being precipitated into the river by the falling of the water.

Below Woodstock five important bridges are gone, namely, those over Bull's, Kelly's, Miles's, Garden's and Long's Creeks. Gibson's saw mill is destroyed, the same gentleman had a barn overturned, and another moved from its foundation.—The dwelling house of Mr. Guio, Naakawick, is destroyed. Further down we hear that the houses and barns of the following gentlemen have been swept away with the mighty current, viz: Mr. McElroy, on Long Island, Mr. Kelley, and Mr. Murserall, 16 miles above Fredericton. —Woodstock Telegraph, April 4.

MORE DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY.—We learn from a gentleman recently from Bangor, that it was estimated before he left (last Tuesday,) the Freshet had destroyed property to the amount of \$500,000 in that vicinity. Whole streets were submerged—buildings destroyed—and others removed. The large Market House in the neighbourhood of the Kenduskeag was carried off—Mills carrying 40 runs of Saws, shared the same fate. All the Bridges of note from Lincoln to Bangor were swept away.—*Id.*



BY AUTHORITY.

PROVINCIAL APPOINTMENTS.

J. W. HOLDERNESS and Wm. FITZGERALD, to be Commissioners to examine and report on a site for a Bridge across the Richibucto River, at or near the establishment of Messrs. J. W. Holderness and Chilton.

JAMES BROWN, Junior, Esquire, to be a Commissioner to examine and report upon the proposed sites for a Bridge across the South-west Branch of the Miramichi.

By His Excellency's Command.

JOHN S. SAUNDERS.

Secretary's Office, 7th April, 1846.

FOREST LODGE FOR SALE.

AN opportunity is now offered for the purchase, on most reasonable terms, of that valuable property known as Forest Lodge, on the River Nashwaaksis, about five miles from Fredericton.

The property comprises two distinct Farms, containing in all about 875 acres of Land, nearly 200 of which are cleared and prepared for cultivation, a very large proportion of it being Interval Land on both sides of the Nashwaaksis Stream.

The Buildings are commodious, and have been erected at considerable expense; those on the front or River Farm, having alone cost nearly £700, and are admirably adapted for a Gentleman's Country residence. The House on the Royal Road Farm is a comfortable Dwelling House, finished in a plain and substantial manner.

The local advantages of the property are too numerous to be described in this Advertisement, and intending Purchasers are invited to examine the Land and Premises, when those advantages will be at once apparent.

The terms of Sale (which are peculiarly liberal) will be ascertained by application to William Wright, Esquire, Barrister at Law, in Saint John, or to Robert Gowan, in Fredericton.

All Letters must be Post-paid.

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