

house owned by Mr. C. A. Babcock—on the other, to the house owned by Captain Peter Smith, and occupied by Mr. George Pendlebury, the whole of which were entirely consumed.

At this stage serious apprehensions were entertained for the safety of the town; and there cannot be a doubt that had not the fire been prevented stretching itself further in a westerly direction, the greatest difficulty would have been experienced in checking its onward progress to the Steam Mill wharf, from which—had it been allowed to reach that point—it would, with recruited vigour, have pursued its desolating course over nearly the whole place.

It is a fearful picture to contemplate; but fearful as it is, the arresting the course of the fire at the western line of the Ship Yard, and the almost miraculous saving of Mr. John Wilson's house alone prevented it, in our opinion, being realised to an extent that would have rendered homeless and penniless a large portion of the population.

The heat of the day, the direction of the wind, and the ignitable state of the materials which lay in its course, all conspired to favour the opinion that such would have been the fatal issue of this calamitous fire; had the barrier to its further progress not been effectually maintained at the points we have named.

About 6 P. M. the fire was so far subdued that the Engines ceased working, and the people began gradually to disperse. At 8, a strong watch was set—the Engines remaining on the ground,—and next morning it was completely extinguished, excepting in a few places, where some smouldering stuff still lurked.

The loss of property sustained on this disastrous occasion is without a precedent in the history of this town's calamities. Messrs. J. & R. Jarvis, who owned the Ship, Ropewalk and Sail-loft, have had their loss variously stated at from £6,000 to £10,000. We presume it may fairly be stated at £7,000 to £8,000. All the sails and rigging for the new ship were in the Sail-loft, and consumed with it, and all the other materials required to finish her complete, were in the yard.

An attempt to save the books of the concern was made by Mr. Peter Cole, but the attempt placed him in so perilous a position, that to save himself from the flames which rushed upon him, he had to leap from a window, or door, at a height of about 30 feet above the beach. Messrs. Jarvis were insured to the amount of only £1000, on the Ship. Mr. William Jarvis suffers to the extent of £300, having had, with the house, the whole of its contents consumed, and no insurance. Captain Smith's loss is £150—£50 insured. Mr. Babcock's, about £100, no insurance. Mr. Robert Ross lost about £75, in blocks placed in the yard.

We have heard various statements as to the origin of the fire. The statement which, to us, appears the most probable, ascribes it to the ignorance of the lad whose duty it was to attend to the boiling of the tar; and who, seeing the tar boil over, and fancying a bucket of water would cause the boiling to subside, applied the dangerous remedy, and produced the mischief which led to the disastrous results we have narrated.

By this severe calamity forty shipwrights are thrown out of employment, with the loss of tools, and, we fear, from the crushing effect of the disaster upon their employers, with other and severer losses to contend with. Thirty hands, who found nearly constant employment

in the Ropewalk and Sail-loft, are also thrown adrift on the world, with, in some instances, similar occasions for regret.

To the military detachment stationed here, and its Commandant, Lieutenant Wells, too much praise cannot be awarded for their prompt and valuable assistance on the occasion. Neither should we forget the very friendly and complimentary manner in which about forty of our neighbours, on the American shore, hastened to our assistance. These are the green spots in the history of the human family, upon which one loves to dwell, and which are rarely forgotten.—*Charlotte Gaz.*

## NEW GOODS.

*Just arrived per "Cambria" from London.*

**T**HE Subscriber has just received a large assortment of best West of England Broad Cloths, Cassimeres, German and French Doeskins; the best Angola Tweeds; Vestings of the very finest quality, and newest styles; all of which are guaranteed as articles of the most superior description, having been selected by himself during the present Spring.

J. H. would further state to his friends and the Public, that he is prepared to sell cheaper for Cash payments, *for the same description of Goods*, than the same articles can be obtained in any other establishment in the Province.

## READY MADE CLOTHING.

In connection with the usual business, the Subscriber has imported a large assortment of READY MADE CLOTHING of the very latest London fashions. These articles were made up in a first rate London Establishment, expressly under the direction and superintendence of the Subscriber, and will be warranted to give every satisfaction, as regards quality and workmanship: although as cheap as they can be obtained anywhere in Saint John.

In addition to the Ready Made Clothing, there is a large assortment of ready made Shirts, Collars, Braces, Handkerchiefs, Gaiters, Stocks, Opera Ties, &c. &c.

J. H. would expressly invite the attention of his friends to his articles of Ready Made Clothing, which he intends selling *exclusively for Cash*.

J. H. when in London, engaged with Mr. LUPTON, of Mr. Hart's Establishment of Pall Mall, where he had the experience of ten year's cutting. Mr. L. is now in the subscriber's establishment acting as Foreman. To those who know any thing of London, "Hart's Establishment" is recognised as one of the first in Europe; so that the Subscriber is willing to guarantee every satisfaction to customers, feeling such full confidence in his choice.

JAMES HOWARD.

Saint John, May 12, 1848.

## NOTICE.

**W**E hereby authorize THOMAS PICKARD, Esquire, to settle and collect all the Notes and Book Accounts owing to the Estate of said Thomas Pickard. All persons indebted to the Estate, are requested to call at Mr. Pickard's Store, and adjust or pay their respective Accounts without delay, to prevent expense.

JAMES TAYLOR,  
A. T. COBURN,  
R. JARDINE,  
R. REED, } *Trustees.*

Fredericton, June 9, 1848.

## NOTICE.

**T**HE Co-partnership which existed between the Subscriber and Thomas Pickard, Junior, and carried on under the name of Thomas Pickard, &c., expired on the first day of May, 1847.—All persons, therefore, who are interested, will take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

JAMES TIBBITS.

Fredericton, 25th July, 1848.—3w

## Married.

On the 5th instant, at Saint John's Church, by the Reverend the Rector, George Botsford, Esquire, Barrister at Law, son of the Hon. Judge Botsford, to Frances M. Clopper, daughter of the late Henry G. Clopper, Esquire, of Fredericton.