

INTERESTING FROM THE GOLD REGION.—Extract of a letter received by Mr. Arnold Buffum, of this city, from his son, Edward Gould Buffum, dated Pueblo de los Angeles, Upper California, July 31:—

"About three months since a gold washing, or placer, as it is here called, was discovered on the banks of the Sacramento river, and which has now been found to extend over a region of about one hundred square miles. The soil, for a foot or two in depth, is filled with particles of pure virgin gold, varying in size from a pin's head up to six and eight ounces in weight. As the news of the discovery spread, the people began to flock there. The merchant left his counting room, the mechanic his shop, and the farmer his grain; all went to make an easy fortune. All California is deserted. There are but few people in San Francisco. Both the newspapers are stopped, and all business suspended. There are now at work on the plain 5000 people, and more are flocking there every day. The amount of gold procured by each one daily varies from sixteen to two hundred dollars. None get less than the former, and many have got the latter amount for days in succession.

Persons who have been there say that there is ample room for fifty thousand people to work fifty years. It is doubtless the richest place in the world. Within a week or two past, diamonds and platina have also been found. These stories strange as they may seem are *strictly true*. I know then to be so. There will probably be a great emigration to the country as soon as the news get spread at home, and I wish you would show — this letter, and recommend to him to *come by all means*. There is no humbug about this. New places are being discovered every day, and Peru and Mexico, will ere long sink into insignificance compared with California. Every thing connected with mining as well as all goods and provisions, are selling in the mining region at most exorbitant prices. Pick axes are worth fifty dollars a piece. Shovels twenty five dollars. Hoes ten dollars. Flour \$100 a barrel. Cotton cloth \$1.50 a yard, and everything else in proportion.

Mr. Buffum is one of the oldest and most respectable citizens of New York, and he assures us that the statements of his son may be implicitly relied upon.—*N. Y. Sun*.

WALKING THE WATERS.—*Excursion Extraordinary*.—Ferry boats and bridges are likely to become articles of unnecessary expense. A celebrated india rubber firm of the City of New York have recently "fixed up" a contrivance which will enable a man to fling himself into the river with perfect impunity, and float there too as pleasantly as he likes, and as long as he chooses, only using his digits for propulsion whithersoever he lists. The thing was practically tested on Monday last, about noon, when a young gentleman named Lowell, leaping from a steam boat at the South Ferry, went out with the current and returned with the flood tide to Castle Garden, about five o'clock, having been about four hours in the waters. He came out perfectly dry and warm, to the astonishment and satisfaction of a number of gentlemen who witnessed the commencement and close of the excursion. He regretted that he did not take along with him a newspaper or a book, to while away the time! We expect now to see the North River full of floating bipeds, furnished with those *rubbers*, going to and coming from Hoboken.—*N. Y. Express*.

The Park Theatre in New York was discovered to be on fire about six o'clock on Saturday evening last, and the building was soon afterwards reduced to ashes. Earl's Hotel, and several adjacent buildings were partially consumed. The loss of Mr. Hamblin, manager of the Theatre, is estimated at \$25,000, and there was but a small amount of insurance upon it. The total loss is supposed to be sixty thousand dollars.

A sad casualty occurred at Tatamagouche, (N. S.) on the 8th inst., by which Peter Tidd, Esquire, lost his life. It appears that Mr. T. was thrashing in his barn by candle light, when some of the chaff having caught fire, he threw some hay from the mow upon the flame to smother it, but instead of doing so it added to the blaze, and so suddenly too, that he was surrounded by the flame before he could make his escape. Mr. Tidd was greatly esteemed by his acquaintances. There were upwards of fifteen head of cattle, and a quantity of grain, hay, &c., burned in the barn.

THE ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH LINE is now completed. The wire was thrown across the Falls yesterday, and the men have been sent along the line to see that everything is in its place. We understand that it will be in operation next week, in time to enable us to wish our Yankee brethren "a happy new year."—*Courier*.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—We regret to learn that on Monday morning last, Mr. William Kitchen, a respectable farmer, residing at Crock's Point, in the Parish of Douglas, fell before a loaded sled which he was conducting home, when one of the runners passed over his bowels, by which the unfortunate man was so severely injured that he expired about twelve o'clock the same night. Mr. Kitchen was about sixty five years of age, highly respected in the icountry, and has left a family to lament their loss.—*Hd. Quarters*.

We have, indeed, a melancholy duty to perform, in announcing the death of the Honorable Thomas Wier, which sad event took place at his own residence, in Saint Andrews, on Saturday last, at ten o'clock, A. M. The deceased was in the 69th year of his age, and was much and deservedly beloved in the County, in which he had occupied a conspicuous position for many years. By this event the Lieutenant Colonelcy of the 2d Battalion of Charlotte County Militia, a seat on the Bench of the Court of Common Pleas, and at the Board of Directors of the Charlotte County Bank, with several other offices, will become vacant. The hon. gentleman was also a member of the Legislative Council.

This melancholy bereavement will throw a gloom over many a Christmas table, and create a regret in our community as general as it is sincere.—*Char. Gaz.*

#### Married,

At Saint John on the 21st instant, at Saint John's Church, by the Rev. W. Harrison, Rector of the Parish of Portland, R. W. Crookshank, Jr., Esq., to Elizabeth, daughter of R. W. Crookshank, Esq., of that City.

At Saint Andrews, on the 10th instant, by the Rev. J. Alley, D. D., Mr. Thomas Wren, of Saint Andrews, to Elizabeth Rudolph, third daughter of Mr. John DeWolfe, of the same place.

#### Died,

At Nashwaak, on the 13th instant, Mr. Thomas Goodspeed, aged 86 years. He came to this Province in the year 1782, and has been a resident ever since that period.

On Friday the 22d instant, at Alwington Manor, Westfield, K. C., after a short illness, in the 17th year of his age, Mr. Barton Butler Brittain, youngest son of James Brittain, Esquire.

#### NOTICE.

THE following Properties being assessed in the Parish of Fredericton, the parties interested are hereby notified to pay the same, with expenses of Advertising, &c., within three months from date hereof, or so much of said Properties will be sold as will pay the respective Taxes and Costs, as by Law allowed:—

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| Charles J. Peters' Estate, | .. .. | £1 16 0 |
| Andrew O'Connor's Estate,  | .. .. | 0 14 10 |
| Thomas Gilbert, M. P., ..  | .. .. | 0 2 6   |

CHARLES BRANNEN,

Collector of Road Tax.

Fredericton, November 7, 1848.

#### NEW GOODS.

Just arrived per "Cambria" from London.

THE 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. 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.

#### FREDERICTON AUXILIARY OF THE BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY.

Bibles—Plain, 1s. 3d. to 15s.

— Gilt edge, 2s. upwards.

Testaments—Plain, 6d. to 4s.

— Gilt edge, 6d. to 3s. 3d.

By Order of the Committee.

C. SPURDEN, Secretary.