

allowing an increase of 35 per cent. on every ten years, which has been the rate of increase heretofore.—*N. Y. Morning Courier.*

THE ROYAL GAZETTE.

FREDERICTON, JUNE 30, 1829.

ALMS HOUSE AND WORK HOUSE.

COMMISSIONER FOR THE WEEK, D. L. ROBINSON, ESQ.

SAVINGS BANK.

TRUSTEES NEXT WEEK.

HENRY G. CLOPPER, ESQ.

JAMES TAYLOR, ESQ.

GEORGE MINCHIN, ESQ.

We have received no later dates than those contained in our last number.

We have copied a concise account of the proceedings in the House of Commons on the 15th ult., on the occasion of Mr. O'Connell's presenting himself to be sworn in a member for the County of Clare. These proceedings are, for their peculiar nature, somewhat interesting. The event was one which excited great curiosity: it had drawn together an unusual body of members, and had attracted, it is said, the attendance of more peers from the upper House than were ever before seen, at one time, assembled in the House of Commons. The House, as might have been expected, was crowded by strangers to as full an extent as on any night during the discussion of the Roman Catholic Question. We have seen several accounts of these proceedings, and they have left no other impression on our minds, (we may fairly crave a due allowance for our inability to decide on the merits of the question, as respects the right of Parliament in this matter, when we see no less a person than Mr. Brougham at fault upon the subject,) than that the House acted with consistency; the Speaker with becoming dignity; and the Honorable Member for Clare, looking to the strange and formidable preparation he had made "to commence his case *instantly*," not exactly in the way in which he was certainly expected to act, from his reported assertion, that if he saw the House was not disposed to admit him under the protection of the recent emancipation Act, he would bow to its decision and get returned again. The discussion of the subject was, however, very properly adjourned, to give some members time, we suppose, to prepare themselves for a more regular attack upon the "old oaths" which the Chief Clerk of the House of Commons had the nerve to tender to Mr. O'Connell on the occasion alluded to; and Mr. Brougham, in particular, an opportunity to bethink himself upon the subject. The result of the postponed discussion will no doubt be looked for with a certain degree of interest.

JUSTICE WILLIS.

The British Parliament, as will be seen, appears to entertain very just views of the "alleged grievances" in Upper Canada. The decision it has come to on the case of this Gentleman is of great importance. "He had thought proper to declare," when Puisne Judge of the Court of King's Bench in Upper Canada, "all proceedings in the Court for thirty years, null and void, when the Chief Justice had not been on the Bench; and had refused to hold a Court without him." Independent of the Chief Justice being, at that time, we believe, in England, it seems to be evident, let the circumstance be regarded in almost any way, that had the alarming position of the Chief Justice been established, a field of confusion would thereby have been opened throughout that Colony, at least, whose limits it would have been extremely difficult to set bounds to. His Majesty's Government, however, after giving Mr. Justice Willis an ample hearing, approved of the conduct of Sir Peregrine Maitland, the Lieutenant-Governor of Upper Canada at that time, in the decision His Excellency came to upon the question.

SAINT JOHN, June 24.

The Navy List of Great Britain, for January, 1829, contains the names of 15 Admirals of the Red, 17 of the White, 16 of the Blue—48 in all. Vice Admirals of the Red 22, of the White 21, of the Blue 24—70. Superannuated Red Admirals 25. Grand total of Admirals, 208. Superannuated Captains 17, Captains 247. Commanders 996. Lieutenants superannuated with the rank of Commanders 100, Lieutenants 3,629. Masters superannuated 22, for service 534. Physicians 12. Surgeons retired 52. Do. for service 764. Assistant Surgeons 562. Dispensers of Hospitals 13. Hospital Mates 3. Purser 651. Of the foregoing there are of the most Honorable Order of the Bath 19. Knights Commanders 58. Companions Admirals 14. Captains 112. Commanders 1. Chaplains retired 23. Active 46.

Vessels of all sizes in the Royal Navy, 600.—*Gazette.*

There are on the River Clyde, 56 Steam Boats.—*Id.*

CITY IMPROVEMENTS.—Mr. Minnitte, and Mr. Foulis, under the direction of the Corporation, are now engaged in taking a survey of the several Streets throughout the City, for the purpose of ascertaining the proper level, to which all the inequalities of the Streets may be reduced; so as to combine the most pleasing effect, with the greatest general convenience. This design meets with general approbation; and operations upon a bold scale have already commenced in different parts of the City.—*Id.*

CORONER'S INQUESTS.

On the 10th inst., at the house of Fanny —, an Inquest was held on view of the body of Peter Emerson, a man of colour.—Verdict—Died by the visitation of God.

On Monday, at the House of Mr. Robert Irwin, Duke-street, an inquest was held on view of the body of William Waddle, mariner.—Verdict—Died in a convulsion fit.—*Id.*

CLOSING OF THE COURT.—The Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Gaol Delivery was finally closed on Wednesday last.—JOHN HICKSON who was tried upon a charge of Grand Larceny, and found Guilty, was sentenced to six months imprisonment and hard labour, and to be publicly whipped:—this part of his punishment he underwent on Thursday last.

His Honor the Judge, with his usual clearness and apparent watchfulness over the morals of the community, recommended strongly to the prisoner, a strict adherence to the path of rectitude in future.—*Courier.*

New-Post Office.—We are glad to announce that a Post Office has been established at the Portage, Magaguadavick, and that Mr. Gideon Knight has been appointed Post Master. The great necessity there existed for a public place of deposit for letters and papers at Magaguadavick, has long been severely felt by all persons transacting business with the settlers on the banks of that extensive and important River.—*St. Andrews Herald.*

HALIFAX, June 19.

MURDER.—We are sorry to be obliged to record another instance of crime and misery, arising from the indulgence of a vice, unhappily but too prevalent in the Province. A man by the name of Burns, a shoemaker by trade, had been working in the house of Robert Barry, who had kept a public house on the Cohequid Road. On Thursday, one Cummings, and subsequently three other men from Shubenacadie went into the house of the deceased and spent some time in drinking, which led to altercations between Barry, Cummings, and Burns, who were all partially intoxicated. Cummings at length went away, and Burns went up stairs, and returned with a knife, which, after some further words with Barry, he plunged into his side, exclaiming "you vagabond, are you done for?" The deceased lingered till Wednesday forenoon, when he expired. Burns, after giving the wound, defended himself with the knife, when the other men attempted to take him, and succeeded in making his escape. He was pursued, and yesterday taken near the Shubenacadie, and safely lodged in Gaol. The men from Shubenacadie, took no part in the affray.

The following Letter and Affidavit relates to a very distressing shipwreck, which has recently occurred at the Island of Anticosti. We hope the marks enumerated will lead to the discovery of the name and destination of the vessel, and the number of hands on board. The affidavit will afford matter for close, and we trust, successful investigation, on the part of the proper authorities.—*Novascotian.*

Pictou, June 12, 1829.

Dear Sir,

I take the liberty of sending you the inclosed affidavit for publication, showing the melancholy fate of a number of human beings, (supposed to be 16 or 18 in all.) I have just returned from the Magdalen Islands, where I saw a number of articles belonging to the unfortunate sufferers, but not one of the ship's papers, or any thing to shew what she was, or where she was owned. By publishing the annexed marks, which appeared on some of the articles, the parties concerned will be able to ascertain what vessel she was.

I cannot close this account, without noticing the circumstance of the occupiers of the Post on Anticosti being absent. I have been informed that this and two other Posts have been kept up for a number of years, during the winter, by the Government of Lower Canada, for the purpose of affording aid

in the many cases of shipwreck which happen on the Island; and they also posted up a certain distance along the coast. Signal posts, with suitable labels, directing the reader in what direction the houses were, the distance, &c.

It remains to be shown for what reason these houses were abandoned by their keepers, without notice being given publicly,—and I trust it will point out, most forcibly, the necessity of having them in future well supplied and attended.

I am yours, truly,

JAMES DAWSON,
Lloyd's Agent.

Marks on a part of the Property.—A Table Cloth A. B. 3, a pair of Stockings R. M., a cotton Shirt I. N., a ladies Pocket A. B., a trunk made by A. Broxholm, Soho, London, a pair of stockings I. H. F., some silver tea spoons J. S., 2 Quebec papers, latest dated 23rd October, Gazette; a Shirt, P. Vaughan, I do. Wm. Nash, No. 8, Sept. 17, 1827, a finger ring engraved inside "married J. S. to A. S., 16th April, 1822." On a blank leaf in Blunt's American Coasting Pilot, was written "J. Stickney, Esq.," "J. S. Campbell, Esq., Quebec," on another leaf of the same book, was written, "Ship Granicus, Cook," on the African coast pilot and two other nautical books, appears "Robert Martin, Barnmouth, by Ayton, near Berwick, N. B.," below two lines of Poetry in the Seaman's Daily Assistant "Adam Willis."

The Frenchmen have a deal of other property in their custody, belonging to these unfortunate people, a part of which I did not see; among them were 3 Quadrants, 4 Watches, £52 sterling in cash, 20 packs of cards, a number of ladies dresses, such as silk and poplin gowns, lace caps, &c. Also, some very neat dresses for boys and girls, of the age apparently of from 3 to 6 years. All the ship's Nautical Books and instruments, a boat which I saw, but could trace on name on her, I think she is Colonial built.

The property is now divided among the Salvors, but P. F. Colbeck, Esq., Collector, authorised me to say, that he would try to get the valuable part of it collected together, and keep it in trust for the owners, until property be proved, and salvage, and expence of interment paid.

On a small piece of paper found with some money, was written in pencil,

Sir,—You will find 48 sovereigns in a belt in my hammock, send them home to Mary Harrington, Barrack-street Cove, as they are the property of her son.
B. HARRINGTON.

COPY OF AFFIDAVIT.

To all whom it may concern, be it known that Jaques Bourgois, Joseph Boudroit, Joseph Boudroit, and John Chesson, all of the Shallop Victory, of the Magdalen Islands, have personally appeared before me, P. F. Colbeck, Esq., one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, for the district of Gaspé; and made oath, that on Thursday, the 12th May, instant, they landed on the North side of the Island of Anticosti, about 6 leagues from the East point, and visited a fur station there which they had previously known, that they found the door of the house shut and tied inside with a rope; that on forcing the door, they perceived the carcasses of 4 human beings with the heads, legs, and arms cut off, and the bowels extracted, hanging by the thighs in the room, and two others on the floor cut up in the same manner, that they found a human body in a hammock, who appeared to have died there; the body was habited like a sailor, that there were two trunks in the room with human flesh in them, cut up in small pieces, that there was also a pot with human flesh in it, round the house pieces of human flesh and bones strewn about, there was no appearance of bread, flour, or animal food in the house. Two Brands of fire were in the fire place, and some ashes; in the house were two axes and an adze, on the shore was a Jolly Boat, but the name was defaced. From the clothing, there appeared to have been both women and children of the party. The Frenchmen interred the bodies.

In testimony whereof, they have hereunto set their hands and seals, this 29th day of May, 1829 at Magdalen Islands.

Witness,
GEORGE IRVING,
J. T. MUNCY.

JOSEPH BOURGOIS,
JAQUES BOURGOIS,
JOHN CHESSEON,
JOSEPH BOUDROIT.