

It is with much satisfaction, we state to our readers that the Lachine Canal will be opened to the use of the public, as far down as the excavations have extended, near to the St. Joseph Suburbs, early in the month of June next.—This Canal is 48 feet in breadth, and will admit vessels drawing 5 feet of water; the locks are 100 feet long and 20 feet broad, their solidity as well as the judicious arrangement and management of the whole undertaking, redounds much to the credit of the Commissioners and to the superior abilities of Mr. Burnitt, the Engineer. These locks are allowed by all who have inspected them to be fully equal to any in Great Britain. We understand that quays are to be built, and inspection and other Stores erected at the present extremity, near the St. Joseph Suburbs; the facility which this will afford to business, by the hoisting from the boats loading, direct into the stores where the produce may be inspected and from thence carted to Montreal, will be evinced in not only a saving of time, but in full 50 per cent, on the rates of cartage now paid from the port of Montreal, to the present inspection Stores, and back to the port for re-shipping.

QUEBEC,  
Jan. 1st, 1824.

On comparing the Imports of dutiable merchandise, we find them somewhat greater this year than last, and in reality, from the depreciation in value of most of the articles, they must have exceeded in quantity those of last year. This increase may be attributed to the progress of our population, which doubles, in every twenty years. The Revenue, owing to the operation of the 3d Geo. IV. Chap. 119, or Canada Trade Act, must have been materially increased.

The value of all imported merchandise, however, was greater last year than this, by £523 2s—this year's amounting to £737,596 74 and last year's being £742,919 9 4.

Of Wines,—the importation of such as are in greatest demand, exceeds that of last year by 84,316 gallons, a very unusual thing, we suppose, being more than double that of last year. The 3d Geo. IV. Chap. 45, permitting the importation of Wines direct from foreign ports, under much more favorable circumstances than heretofore, may account for this, which however, is not a fair criterion of the consumption, but may be the consequence of speculation on a new channel. As a corroboration of this, the last year's importation of French wines was only 4925 gallons—that of this year is 27,160 gallons.

In Brandy,—probably from the same cause the increase has been as marked; the importation of last year being 14,304 gallons only, and that of this year 59,308 gallons, an increase of about 275 per cent.

In Rum,—the decrease is 317,273 gallons, or about 25 per cent. this year's importation amounting to 970,265 gallons, and last year's to 1,287,543 gallons.

In Sugars,—the difference is not worthy of notice. In Tea.—The importation of last year was 134,379 lbs. of this year it is only 70,925 lbs. forming but an inconceivably small portion of the actual consumption of the country. This subject, we are glad to see, has attracted the attention of the Legislature of both Provinces, and some remedy to an evil equally detrimental to the interests of the Mother Country and the Colony, may be looked for in consequence.

In Molasses,—there is about 300 per cent in favor of last year's importation.—Dec. 31st.

A comparative statement, similar to this, of the Exports of both years, will be given in our next.

Notice is hereby given,

THAT the term of Copartnership subsisting between the subscribers, under the firm of JAMES RATCHFORD & Co. is this day expired; they therefore, request all persons having demands on the said firm, to present their accounts for payment; and all persons indebted to the firm, to make immediate payment, or give satisfactory security.

James Ratchford,  
Thomas Ratchford,  
James Ratchford, junior.

Parrsborough, June 24, 1823.—Gw.

THE Business heretofore carried on by James Ratchford, Thomas Ratchford, and James Ratchford, jun. under the firm of James Ratchford & Co. will, in future, be conducted under the same firm, by the subscribers; who have this day entered into Copartnership for that purpose, and have received by the recent arrivals from England via St. John, N. B. an extensive assortment of BRITISH MERCHANDIZE (adapted to trade,) which they offer for sale, cheap for Cash, or in Barter for Dimension Deals, Boards, Staves, or any kind of country produce.

James Ratchford,  
James Ratchford, junior,  
Elisha De W. Ratchford.

Parrsborough, June 28, 1823.

N. B. J. R. & Co. have on hand Rum, Sugar, and Molasses for sale, as above, by puncheon, so quantity.—Gw.

NEW AUCTION MART, AND COMMIS-  
SION STORE.

THE Subscriber begs to inform his Friends and the Public, that he has rented the STORE lately occupied by Joseph Hamilton, head of BAUERS (late RUDOLPH'S) Wharf, where he intends transacting business in the

GENERAL COMMISSION LINE;

And the Sale of Goods by Auction. Intending to confine himself solely to the Commission Business, he assures his Friends that no exertions shall be wanted to give such satisfaction as may merit a continuance of favours.

A part of the Store is fitted up in a neat manner for Dry Goods, to which every attention will be given to keep them in good order.

West India produce, and other heavy Goods stored free.

Regular days of Sale at the Room, will be on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, at 11 o'clock precisely. B. HACKETT.

Halifax, Sept. 5, 1823.

Hides

JUST received per brig Irene, (John Findlay master) from Bahia—

700 dry salted HIDES—for sale by  
Nov. 7. GEORGE P. LAWSON.

HALIFAX,  
FRIDAY, JANUARY 30, 1824.

CUSTOM HOUSE.—Entered, brigs John, Freeman, Demerara; Margaret, M'Curdy, Jamaica; schr. Billow, Barker, Boston; Cleared, brigs Sir James Kempt, Marshall, Gibraltar; Mary Ann, Stairs, B. W. Indies; George, Dougherty, Jamaica; Four Brothers, Copeland, Boston; schr. Newfoundland Packet, Allen, St. John's Newfld.; Charlotte, M'Vicar, B. W. Indies;

SHUBENACADIE CANAL.

Yesterday, this important subject, which has so often engaged the attention and excited the hopes of the well-wishers of the Town and Province, was again brought forward, by CHARLES R. FAIRBANKS, Esq; one of our Representatives in the General Assembly.

Mr. Fairbanks expatiated largely on the great and numerous advantages which had arisen from internal communications of this kind, in Great Britain, France, and the neighbouring States—particularly, in the State of New York. He adverted to the survey which had been taken, under the authority of the House, so early as 1797; and to that recommended by his Excellency the Earl of DALHOUSIE in his Speech on opening the Session of our Provincial Assembly in 1820. The first estimate of the probable expence, amounted only to £24,000—the last, made under direction of the Surveyor General, arose to £58,000—the medium, might be a fair calculation.—

The advantages which might be expected from such a Water Communication, were it once effected, were innumerable—on either side of the line of direction through which the Canal might pass, were extensive forests of excellent timber—lime, coal, gypsum, and many other valuable articles might be procured in great plenty; and, could only a small part of the numerous Shipping from Great Britain, which resort twice, or oftener, in every year, to this and the other sister Provinces for lumber, &c. find cargoes ready prepared for them in this port, our Fisheries would no longer suffer, as they frequently have done, for that indispensable article SALT—our Commerce would be rapidly extended, and every part of the Province would soon enjoy all the benefits of a wealthy capital and a ready market for all the varied produce that might be sent to it. Mr. F. concluded a long and very interesting speech by submitting the following Resolutions to the House; which after some few remarks, and observations from different Members, were ordered to lie on the Table; and will be taken into further consideration, we believe, on Monday next:

1st.—RESOLVED, That the opening of a navigable Canal, or water Communication between the harbor of Halifax and the Basin of Minas; by the river Shubenacadie and the lakes connected therewith, will greatly increase and facilitate the Interchange between the Interior of the Province and its Capital; and materially promote its Trade and Agriculture.

2d. That, from the Surveys heretofore made, under the authority of the General Assembly, upon the line of the proposed communication, the execution of this important work appears practicable, and at a moderate expence.

3d. That this undertaking will be more speedily and effectually completed, if committed to the enterprise, and conducted at the expence of a Company, or private Association, with a joint stock or capital raised for the purpose; in which a Right should, nevertheless, be reserved on behalf of the Public, to a limited number of Shares to be subscribed for, in case it should hereafter be deemed proper to authorize the taking the same for the Account of the Province.

4th. That it is therefore expedient to promote and encourage the immediate adoption of those measures, which will be most effectual for the attainment of an object of such general utility; and to extend the aid and sanction of the Legislature to those persons who may engage therein.

5th. That a Committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to authorize the Incorporation by Letters Patent, under the Great Seal of the Province, of any Company, or Association, which shall be formed for making such navigable Canal, or water communication as aforesaid; and to confer on such Company all such rights, privileges, powers and authorities, as have been usually granted to similar Associations; or which shall be required for the execution of their enterprise.

6th. That it is also expedient to procure an accurate Survey and Examination to be made of the proper line and direction for such Canal; and of the heights of the land, distances, soils and obstructions, in its intended course; as also, an Estimate of the probable cost and expence necessary for its completion; and that this House will provide forthwith for the charges attending such Survey and Estimate.

NOTICE. A Bill is before the House of Assembly for consideration, entitled "An Act to Repeal the various Acts of the General Assembly passed to prevent Forestalling, Regrading and Monopolizing."

JAMES B. FRANCKLIN.

Jan. 28, 1824.

Communicated.—The Annual Meeting of the Poor Man's Friend Society was held last night in the Acadia School, which was respectfully attended. The Hon. Judge Halliburton took the chair; and Mr. Martin Barry, in absence of Mr. John A. Barry, the worthy Secretary, read the report of the Committee, the details of which with the extent of relief afforded last winter, and the plans recommended for the future, were very gratifying to the meeting.—Several resolutions were passed, and a new committee appointed. The advantage and necessity of finding some employment for the poor, by which they might help to maintain themselves, and exercise an honest industry, was admitted on all hands; and the committee were instructed to devise some scheme for the advancement of that object, and submit it to the next meeting. It is hoped that the subscriptions to this excellent Institution will be fully kept up—as the scarcity and high price of fuel this season, subject the poor to great and unusual sufferings. No man who does not himself require relief, should withhold his contribution, however small; when the

object is to alleviate the wants and necessities of his fellow men.—A. Rec.

SUPREME COURT.

Sitting at Halifax—HILARY TERM, 1824.

On Saturday, the 17th inst. CHARLES D. ARCHIBALD, of Halifax, Esq. having taken the usual Oaths, was duly admitted and enrolled an Attorney of His Majesty's Supreme Court.

On Saturday, the 24th inst. GEORGE WM. CLEARY, of the City of St. John, in the Province of New Brunswick, Esq. having taken the usual oaths, was duly admitted and enrolled an Attorney of His Majesty's Supreme Court.

On Wednesday, the 28th inst. JOHN JAMES SAWYER, of Halifax, Esq. having taken the usual oaths, was duly admitted and enrolled an Attorney of His Majesty's Supreme Court.

CORONER'S INQUESTS.

The following list of Coroner's Inquests for ten years past, has been handed to us for publication.

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Amounting, at the rate of £1 10 each, to the sum of £473 10, exclusive of other charges.

BRIDEWELL. At the last session of the Supreme Court in this town, John Carr, William Shelden and Daniel Lee, convicted of Larceny, were sentenced to confinement and hard labor for three years.

THERMOMETER. Average temperature of the present month, (January, 1824,) to yesterday at 12 o'clock—22 above zero.

MARRIED. On Tuesday Evening, by the Rev. Mr. Twining, Mr. ALEX. GARDEN to Miss HENRIETTA COUS, both of this place.

At St. Peter's Church, Friday, by the Rev. Mr. Dunphy, Mr. MATTHEW LYONS, to Miss MARY PERREL, all of Cornwallis.

At Cornwallis, on Thursday Evening last, by the Rev. Robert Norris, JOSEPH ALLISON, Esq. Merchant of this Town, to ANN ELIZABETH O'BRIEN, daughter of Charles R. Prescott, Esq. of the former place.

On Saturday Evening last, by the Rev. Dr. Inglis, Mr. GEORGE M. JOST, to Miss SARAH AUSTEN, both of this town.

DIED. At Parisborough, on the 16th inst. THOMAS RATCHFORD, Esq. in the 30th year of his age.

Early this morning, in the 67th year of her age, after a severe and tedious illness, which she bore with pious resignation to the Divine Will, ELIZABETH, relict of the late Michael Head, Esq.—By this severe dispensation of Providence, a numerous family will long have to lament the loss a truly kind and affectionate Parent; and her relations and acquaintance that of a sincere and respected friend.

Friday morning, Mr. DAVID RICHARDS, Printer, in the 27th year of his age.

Lost,

YESTERDAY Morning, in Sackville street, a SILVER WATCH (Makers Name ROBERT KNIGHT) with a blue and white Ribbon attached to a common brass Key. Whoever finds the same and Returns it to this Office, will be handsomely Rewarded.—Jan. 23, 1824.

John Dempster  
HAS FOR SALE,

Hollands GIN }  
Cognac BRANDY } By the  
London Particular MADEIRA WINE } Pipe,  
Superior Old PORT do. Hhd. or  
Quebec BEEF first quality, do. 2c. Cask.  
Mould and Dipt CANDLES,  
Irish LARD in half Cakes,  
A few Pieces East India BANDANES, &c. &c.

The above articles are all of the very first quality and will be sold on Moderate Terms, Halifax, 16th January, 1824. H.

Notice,

WHEREAS, the Copartnership existing between the Subscribers will expire on the 31st March next—those to whom they are indebted, will please render their Accounts for adjustment; and all persons indebted, (whose accounts were due on 31st Dec. last,) are requested to make early payment.

H. AUSTEN.  
WM. STAIRS.

Halifax, 16th Jan. 1824.

AUSTEN & STAIRS,

Now offer their extensive stock of BRITISH MERCHANDIZE, at reduced prices for cash, or approved credit.—Traders, and others, will find many articles, remaining on hand well worth their attention. Jan. 16

For Sale,

500 quintals Merchantable Cod fish,  
50 do. Scale do.  
50 Barrels Liver Oil,  
50 do. Canada FLOUR,  
Half barrels Irish mess PORR,  
English SOAP and CANDLES,  
Broad Cloths, Flushings, Flannels, Blankets  
and a variety of other Manufactured Goods apply to  
B. HACKETT.  
Jan. 16, 1824. H.

Halifax Exchange Coffee-  
House.

WILLIAM MILLER respectfully acquaints his friends and the public that the business of the above Establishment will be continued as usual, and in returning his grateful thanks for the liberal patronage he has already experienced, trusts that by a steady and unremitting attention to the comforts of his customers, he will still receive their future favors and support.  
January 5, 1824.

AUCTIONS.

BY DEBLOIS & MITCHELL,  
At their Room On MONDAY next at 12 o'clock.

A variety of Household FURNITURE, Consist-

ing of:—  
A HANDSOME Hair Cloth SOFA, Chairs to match, Chest Drawers, Card and Pembroke TABLES, Cut Glass and Crockery Ware, Feather Beds, Bedstead, Curtains, Mattresses, and some Kitchen Utensils; Ivory handled Knives and Forks, a few TIME PIECES, &c. &c.

—ALSO—

In Front of the Room,

1 Pun. W. I. Shrub  
1 do. Room  
1 hhd. Molasses  
40 boxes Sheet Iron  
4 dozen Shovels  
20 bundles Wire  
3 casks Spikes  
a few blbs. fresh Chessnuts, &c.  
Jan. 30.

BY RICHARD BULGER,

At the King's Stores, adjoining the NORTH BARRACK, On MONDAY next, at 12 o'clock,

Several articles of condemned BARRACK STORES.

Jan. 30.

Notes of Hand.

WHEREAS the subscriber having given 2 Notes of Hand—the one for £5—and the other for £2 15, dated December 22d. 1822, to John Waterson, late a Soldier in H. M. 74th Regt. This is to caution all persons against receiving such Notes, the Subscriber having a set off against both of them, to the full amount, though not endorsed on them.  
Halifax, Jan. 30. JOSEPH NEEDHAM.

FALL GOODS.

The Subscriber has received by the brig Adelphi, from Liverpool:—

120 Ps. Flannels, Baizes, Serges, &c.  
19 hampers Cheese.

Also, in store, from former consignments, by the late arrivals:—

Fine and common printed Cottons and Chintz; Britannias, shawls and handkerchiefs; Cambric, leno, and other Muslins; White Shirting and Sheeting cottons; Homespuns, checks, &c. Chamberlains, fustians and bedticks; Irish Linens, harus and dowlas; Coarse blue cloths, blankets and flushings; Carpetings and hearth rugs; Yellow and blue India bandannoes; Pott and foolscap PAPER; Cordovan leather and roan skin; TEAS, loaf sugar and assorted SLOPS; Indigo; mould candles 6s 8s 10s; GIN and BRANDY in pipes and quarter casks, Brown and bleached canvas and raven duck; Cordage; window glass and paint oil; Bundles sheet Iron, and casks Nails; Small casks assd. HARDWARE (low priced) Coarse, fine and cannister Gunpowder; Liverpool and Newcastle CROCKERY and GLASSWARE; Small dinner sets; coal tar, &c. &c. All which will be sold wholesale, at a very low rate A advance for Cash, or approved Credit.

Alex. Murison.

Water street, }  
Oct. 31, 1823 } 3m.

JUST RECEIVED,

Per the brig MANCHESTER, Capt. Hutchin-son from LEITH, and for sale by the Subscriber—

A FEW pipes & hlds. very superior MADEIRA WINE;  
pipes of Hollands GENEVA & COGNAC BRANDY;  
Bottled LEITH ALE,  
OAP, CANDLES & COALS.

Also—a few kegs first quality pickled LOCH FINE HERRINGS }  
J. FORMAN, Junr. }  
Long Wharf, }  
11th Oct. 1821.

Stationery, Paper Hangings,  
Playing Cards, &c.

Just imported in the brig Industry, from London, by W. MINNS, viz.—

PAPER of various descriptions, from finest hot pressed Drawing paper, to com. Pot.

Very good Foolscap at twenty four shillings per Ream.

Orderly Books, with or without clasps; Account, Receipt and Copy Books; Best and com. Quills, Pens, Pencils, Wax, Wafers, Ink Powder and Japan Ink; Fashionable and com. Paper HANGINGS, with without Borders.

Very best Mogul, Henry VIII and Highland PLAYING CARDS.

BOOKS.

Every Man his Own FARRIER—or, the causes, symptoms, and most approved method of cure for every disease to which the Horse is liable; with a Practical Treatise on the most prevalent diseases of Dogs—by Francis Clater, 24th edition.  
Every Man his Own CATTLE DOCTOR—or, A Practical Treatise on the diseases incident to Oxen, Cows and Sheep, with the most simple and effectual method of curing each disorder in its various stages—by F. Clater.

A Practical Treatise on the Breeding, rearing and fattening all kinds of Domestic Poultry, &c.—by B. Mowbray, Esq.

Park on Marine Insurances—2 vols. 7th edition. Forms of Practical Proceedings; by W. Tidd, Esq. 5th edition.

Blackstone's Commentaries on the Laws of England, 4 vols.  
Burn's Justice—5 vols.

Hutchinson's Xenophon; Simpson's Enclid; Francis's Horace; Ferguson's Astronomy; Davy's Chemistry; Norrie's Navigator; Morrison's Book-Keeping; Bonycastle's Arithmetic; Key to ditto Buchanan's Medicine—Low priced Chap books Dream books, Song books, &c. &c.  
Oct. 10.

BLANK BILLS OF EXCHANGE,

For Sale at this Office.