

## Reminiscences of Dr. Chalmers.

On entering Kimany one Sabbath morning, I was informed that Mrs. Chalmers had during the preceding night, presented the Doctor with his first child. On meeting with him, I adverted to the circumstance, and enquired how Mrs. Chalmers and the child were getting on. He replied, "They are as well as could be expected; but I could not have conceived that an event of this kind would have occasioned such a stir, that so many persons would have been employed about it, that there would have been such a running up and down stairs, and from one apartment to another; and all this bustle about bringing into the world a creature not three feet long." I observed that no bustle would be more cheerfully submitted to than that which takes place at the birth of a child, whose utter helplessness makes so irresistible an appeal to our sympathy and tenderness. And, as to the child not being three feet long, we must estimate its value as we do that of a young tree—not by the smallness of its dimensions, but by the size we expect it to attain. "There may be some truth in that," said the Doctor, smiling, "but really such a bustle as the house was thrown into by this affair, I was quite unprepared to expect."

Stodious persons are sometimes surprisingly ignorant how to act on ordinary occasions. Dr. Chalmers came home one evening on horseback, and, as neither the man who had charge of his horse nor the key of the stable could be found, he was for a time not a little puzzled where to find a temporary residence for the animal. At last he fixed on the garden, as the fittest place he could think of for the purpose; and having led the horse thither, he placed it on the garden walk. When his sister, who had also been from home, returned, and was told that the key of the stable could not be found, she inquired what had been done with the horse. "I took it to the garden," said the Doctor. "To the garden?" she exclaimed; "then all our flower and vegetable beds will be destroyed." "Don't be afraid of that," said the Doctor, "for I took particular care to place the horse on the garden walk." "And do you really imagine," rejoined the sister, "that he would remain there?" "I have no doubt of it," replied the Doctor, "for so sagacious an animal as the horse could not but be aware of the propriety of refraining from injuring the products of the garden." "I am afraid," said Miss Chalmers, "that you will think less favorably of the discretion of the horse when you have seen the garden." To decide the controversy by an appeal to facts, they went to the garden, and found, from the ruthless devastation which the trampling and rolling of the animal had spread over every part of it, that the natural philosophy of the horse was a subject upon which the lady was far more accurately acquainted than her learned brother. "I never could have imagined," said the Doctor, "that horses were such senseless animals."—Hogg's Weekly Instructor.

**YORK GENERAL SESSION.**—On Saturday last Court was occupied in granting Licences for the sale of Spirituous Liquors, which elicited a good deal of discussion among the Magistrates, present and some Licences were refused altogether, while others were suspended for further consideration at the adjourned Court to be held to-morrow.

One person who keeps an excellent House of Entertainment in the upper part of this county had his Licence suspended for refusing to aid one of the Magistrates in arresting a couple of deserters from the 33d Regiment, as they were passing on the highway opposite his house; and another Licence was suspended on the ground that members of the Legislature used the premises for the purpose of gambling! The first charge is a grave one, and should operate as a warning to the parties concerned, and to all tavern-keepers throughout the Province, that an offence of this description will subject them to the immediate loss of their Licence. The parties in this case were not called upon by name to assist the Magistrate, but even their neglect to come to his aid has been held sufficient to suspend their Licence until further investigation.

The other charge was so novel that it excited some surprise and a good deal of merriment in Court. Could the members who indulge in "Whist" or "Specker," be punished in their proper persons, it might be all very well, but it does seem hard to visit their backslidings on the head of the tavern keeper who lets them apartments in his house during the Session, and who can have but little control over the movements of the lessees within the precincts of their own apartments.

Among the Bills read before the Grand Jury, we were gratified to find one for the Incorporation of this City, read by the Hon. L. A. Wilmet. We make no further remark, at present, than this, that should opposition, such as this measure has hitherto met with, be again offered, we think it very doubtful if men will be found willing to contend for the extension of privileges to Fredericton, or defend the few she already possesses.—Head Quarters.

**FROM MEXICO.**—Further accounts received from Mexico, state that the British consul, who left Vera Cruz recently for Queretaro, carried despatches from the British Government to the Government of Mexico, urging authoritatively the necessity of concluding a peace with the United States.

The latest advices from Queretaro state that the council of Mexican Governors which had assembled at that place, to deliberate on the condition of the national affairs, had broken up.—They left the question of peace or war entirely to Congress, promising to sustain the Government with means to meet its expenditures.

Col. Wright, of the Massachusetts regiment, remained at Puebla, as Governor. Lieut. Abbot was also at Puebla, sick.

Another *emule* was on foot at Guadalupe, headed by Gen. Yanes, in favor of a Dictatorship.

**CENTRAL AMERICA.**—The New York Courier & Enquirer learns from good authority, that a British man of war had arrived at San Juan, Central America; with the king of the Mosquito Shore on board. The commanding officer gave formal notice of an intention to take possession of the place on the 1st of January, in the name of the Mosquito king.

**FROM PUEBLA.**—A letter from Puebla to the New York Tribune, dated Dec. 4, has some particulars of the late engagement between Gen. Lane and the guerrillas. The writer says:

The Indiana, 4th Ohio, a portion of the 5th Ohio Regiment, and a company of Louisiana cavalry remain here. Gen. Butler is expected here in a few days with a large force from the United States. Mr. Trist is hourly expected here on his way home.

Gen. Lane has been here over a month, and has had numerous skirmishes with guerrilla parties, which are plenty enough around the city. Last week he took a portion of Hay's rangers, two companies of Louisiana cavalry, and a battery of artillery, and went to Metamoros, distant about thirty miles, where he had quite a spirited engagement with Gen. Rea. He returned victorious, having killed about 100 men, captured two pieces of artillery, and released a number of American prisoners. Acting Assistant Adjutant General Henderson Ridgley, of the 4th U. S. Infantry, and one of Colonel Hay's men were killed.

**THE PANIC.**—The panic, mischievously fermented by dishonest men for dishonest purposes, is fast subsiding. But it will result disastrously. Many of the Free Banks are sending in their bills to the Comptroller, and withdrawing their stocks. Some \$70,000 or \$80,000 were sent in yesterday. It is, of course, unknown to what extent this will be carried; but the withdrawal of any very considerable amount from circulation at this time, would result disastrously.—Albany Evening Journal.

**LATER FROM MEXICO.**—By an arrival at New Orleans, Vera Cruz dates to Dec. 24 have been received. No news of importance.

At Matamoros a large train was preparing to start for the interior, and more activity was expected in the operations on the Rio Grande.

**A NEW LINE OF STEAMBOATS.**—A project is on foot in Philadelphia to establish a line of steamships between that port and Charleston, S. C. similar to the line between N. Y. and the latter city. The necessary investigations have been made, which have resulted in the obtaining of convincing evidence that such a line may be established with profit to its owners, and incalculable advantage to the city.

May we not anticipate that at no distant day, a line may be established between this city and Charleston. The carrying trade between the two cities already employs several fine packets, and there can be no doubt that the business with greater facilities would be proportionably increased.—Boston Journal.

**Mr. Stanton of Tennessee, and Mr. Hannegan of Indiana, openly and avowedly advocated the conquest and complete subjugation of Mexico, in the House of Representatives on Monday last. The plot thickens. The speech of Mr. Cass, and the extraordinary and inconsistent views of Reverdy Johnson, will give strength to the war party, and induce the members to throw off the mask, and boldly proclaim their real views—war, conquest, and slavery! Now is the time for wise and just men, real patriots, friends to the honor, permanency, and true interests of the Union to come forward, and with all the courage and power of truth, arrest the fall of the avalanche of evils which is impending over us.—B.**

**STEAMBOAT EXPLOSION.**—On Saturday last the Steamboat *Blue Ridge* was lost on the Ohio River by an explosion, owing to defective boilers. The accident occurred during a severe snow storm, and the boilers having burst, the vessel became a perfect wreck, and the hull sunk.

A portion of the cabin, to which all of the passengers who were saved, clung, floated down the river 8 miles. Out of 70 passengers 20 or 30 are supposed to have perished. The persons saved escaped, with nothing but their night clothes.

**RECALL OF GEN. SCOTT.**—A despatch to the Herald states that in a Cabinet Council yesterday, it was finally determined to recall Gen. Scott.

**STEAMBOAT EXPLOSION.**—The steamer *Sea Bird* from Cincinnati, bound to St. Louis, freighted with 1000 kegs gunpowder, took fire on Wednesday 6th inst., near Cape Girardeau. When the fire reached the gunpowder, it exploded, with a report that was heard forty miles. The boat was blown to atoms. The passengers and crew had previously escaped unharmed.

**EARTHQUAKE.**—A severe shock of an earthquake was experienced at St. Jago, Cuba, on the 10th of December.

## COMMERCIAL.

## Saint John Wholesale Prices Current.

Corrected Weekly, by the Chamber of Commerce.

SAINT JOHN, SATURDAY, JAN. 15.	
Anchors, cwt.	30 6 @ 35
chain cables, cwt.	25 @ 35
Bacon, fresh, lb.	8 @
Barley, pot, cwt.	20 @ 25
pearl, (scarce),	33 9 @
Bread, pilot, bbl.	20 @ 22 6
"fine,"	21 3 @
"navy,"	20 @
"St. John, cwt.	20 @
"pilot,"	22 6 @ 25
Beef, mess, in bond, bbl.	60 @ 65
"prime,"	50 @ 55
"fresh,"	2 @ 3
Butter, firkin, lb.	@ 11
"roll,"	1 @
Candles, London sperm, lb.	2 6 @
"tallow,"	2 6 @ 3
"American sperm, lb.	1 6 @ 1 9
"wax, lb.	2 3 @
St. John moulds, lb.	8 1/2 @ 9
"dipts, lb.	7 1/2 @ 8
Canvass, No. 1, Gourock, yd.	18 @ 1 1/2
"each No. down, 3d less.	
"No. 1, Navy,"	1 5 @ 1 6
"each No. down, 3d less.	
"No. 1, Brown,"	1 @ 1 1/2
Cheese, American, lb.	6 @ 8
"Nova Scotia,"	5 @ 6
Coal, Orrel, & chald.	(none)
Scotch, out of Yard, scarce,	22 6 @
"Common English,"	25 0 @
Coffee, St. Domingo, lb.	6 @
"Laguayra, and Java, lb.	7 @ 10
"Mocha, lb.	1 3 @
Cordage, tarred, cwt.	55 @ 57 6
"white, Manila, cwt.	62 6 @ 65
Cotton Warp, bundle, grey,	4 1/2 @ 4 6
"Indigo blue,"	7 @ 8
Copper, bar and bolt, lb.	1 3 @ 1 3
Composition Nails, lb.	1 2 1/2 @ 1 3 1/2
Dyewood, logwood, cwt.	4 6 @ 5 6
Flour, Genesee, bbl.	40 0 @ 41 3
"Philadelphia,"	38 9 @
"Mill, superfine,"	35 0 @ 36 3
"Rye,"	30 @
"Corn Meal,"	25 @ 26 3
Oatmeal, cwt.	22 6 @ 25
Fish, Herrings, pickled, bbl.	13 9 @ 15
"Gasperaux," bbl.	16 3 @ 17 6
"Dry Cod, cwt.	17 6 @
"Pollock, & qntl. scarce	12 6 @
"Shad, & bbl.	30 @ 40
Fruit, Raisins, bloom, box,	10 @
"Muscatel, box,	12 6 @
"Oranges, box,	25 @
Hay, ton,	70 @ 80
Iron, common, cwt.	15 @ 16 6
"refined, cwt.	17 6 @ 20
"nails, lb.	2 1/2 @ 4
"spikes, cwt.	23 9 @ 26 3
Indigo, lb.	3 9 @ 6
Lumber, Lathwood, cord,	17 6 @ 20
"boards, clear, gang sawed, #M120	@
"laths, & M."	4 @
"merchantable"	80 @
"ship's refuse or W. In. g'ng saw'd	60 @
"apiece flooring,"	45 @
"scantling,"	30 @
"refuse, & M."	25 @
deals, M. ft. deal measure, all	@
"round, for brights,"	90 @
"for dark,"	75 @
"staves, ash, & 1200 pieces,"	80 @
"hardwood,"	50 @ 60
Molasses, Clayed, gal.	1 5 @ 1 6
"Muscovado,"	1 7 @ 1 10
Oils, Porpoise, gal.	@
"Pale Seal, gal.	3 3 @
"Linseed, raw, gal.	3 3 @
"boiled, gal.	3 4 @ 3 6
"Refined Whale, gal.	3 6 @ 3 9
"S. Elephant, gal.	4 @ 4 6
"Lard, gal.	4 @ 4 6
Pork, duty 6s 9d @ 7s & bbl.	@
"mess, in bond,"	90 @
"prime, in bond,"	65 @ 70
Rice, cwt.	25 @ 26 3
Salt, in store, bush, by retail.	10 @
"fine in bags,"	5 @ 5 6
Soap, Liverpool, common, lb.	24 @ 32
"brown, lb.	5 @
Sugar, bright, cwt. [duty paid],	37 6 @ 38 9
"loaf, lb.	8 @ 8 1/2
Tar, bbl. Wilmington,	15 @ 16 3
"coal, bbl.	15 @ 17 6
"pitch,"	10 @
Timber, White Pine, cannot be sold at any price so it would be useless to quote it.	
"Red Pine,"	7 6 @ 10
Teas, Congo, common, lb.	1 4 @ 1 6
"fine, lb.	1 8 @ 2 3
"Fine Souchong, lb.	3 6 @ 5

## COUNTRY MARKET.

St. John, Jan. 19, 1848.

Everything scarce in market except Beef, of which there is a large supply, and sales dull at 2 1/2 a 3d; Pork, 4d; Mutton, 3 1/2d; Fowls, 2s 6d; Geese, 2s 6d; Turkey, 8d per lb; Potatoes, 5s per bushel, and very scarce. Owing to the state of the roads for some time past, but few waggons or sleds have come in from the country.

## COMMERCIAL EXCHANGE.

St. John, Jan. 13, 1848.

Business in all departments still dull, and likely to continue so for some time.

**FLOUR.**—Genesee, 40s; Philadelphia superfine, 38s 9d; Mill Flour, 38s 9d; Rye do, 30s; Corn Meal, 25s; Indian Corn, 4s 3d; Oats, 2s 6d to 3s. Market easy; small sales of rye flour have been made at 30s a 31s 3d. Since our last part cargo corn meal has arrived, which has been sold at 25s.

**TIMBER AND DEALS.**—Timber, no sales to notice. Deals, 24 to 24 10s per M. Laths, 3s 9d to 4s per M. No sales of timber have been effected for some time, and the market is in a very depressed state. Some few sales of deals at quoted prices, but the demand is small. Laths quick at above prices.

**SUGAR.**—Good Bright, 36s 3d a 37s 6d; Middling, 33s 9d a 35s; Loaf Sugar, 8d a 8 1/2d. The article is dull, with few sales, and principally for retail. Stock small, but equal to the demand. At auction a very fair article was sold at 32s 6d.

**TEA.**—Congo 1s 4d a 1s 6d; Souchong, 1s 6d a 1s 8d; Young Hyson, 2s 6d a 3s 6d. Market is well supplied, with few sales.

**MOLASSES.**—1s 5d a 1s 6d. Stock small, with a very moderate demand; some few sales have been made for retail at prices quoted.

**OILS.**—Linseed boiled, 3s 3d; Raw, 3s, Pale Seal, 3s; Brown do, 2s 3d; Oil of Rosin, 2s 6d. The stock of Linseed Oil is small, but equal to the demand. Seal Oil, large stock, with dull sales.

**SALT.**—Liverpool coarse, per bushel, 1s; do do per bag, 4s; do, fine, per bag, 5s 3d. Stock small; none afloat; a few cargoes would sell readily.

**SOAP.**—Liverpool Pale Yellow, 3d; domestic, 3d to 5d. Stock large, with few sales.

**COALS.**—22s 6d @ 25s from yard. Hull, afloat, 25s. A small supply with quick sales.

**FISH.**—Mackerel, Nos. 1, 2 and 3, 47s 6d, 26s 3d, and 20s; Shad, No. 1, 42s 6d; Herrings, No. 1, 15s a 16s 3d; Alewives, 16s 3d; Digby Herring, 3s 9d a 4s; Quaddy Scaled, 3s; do, No. 2, 17 1/2d; Codfish, 14s. Demand small, with dull sales. Market fully supplied.

**CANDLES.**—Moulds, 8 1/2d; Dipts, 7 1/2d, domestic manufacture. Demand limited.

**TOBACCO.**—Com. 16s, 4d to 6d, ditto 8s, 5d to 10d, ditto 5s, 5d to 8d, lb. lump, good, 10d to 1s. Stock large with dull sales.

**FRUIT.**—Raisins, Muscatel, per box, 10s; half box, 5s 6d; quarter box, 3s. Supply is large, with a limited demand.

**COFFEE.**—St. Domingo, 6d; Havana, 7d; Java, 8d. The market is well supplied; sales limited and hard to effect.

**EXCHANGE.**—The Banks are drawing to a limited extent on London, at 11 per cent. prem.; on New York, 2 per cent. prem.

**FREIGHTS.**—Dull; engagements have been made at 25 for Deals to London; for Irish ports we may quote from 24 10s to 25.

## AMERICAN MARKETS.

**NEW-YORK, Jan. 13.**—There is a demand for flour on the part of exporters, but at lower rates; and the market, with a moderate business, is in favor of the buyer. Sales of good brands Genesee at \$6 12 1/2 @ \$6 25; and Western at \$6 @ \$6 12 1/2.

The demand for wheat and corn is good, but the transactions are not large. Other grains are steady. Sales of new mixed corn—Southern, at 67 @ 68 cts. and old at 72 @ 73 cents per bushel. Sales of oats at 50 @ 52 cents.—No change in the Cotton market.

**BOSTON, Jan. 13.**—**FLOUR AND CORN.**—The market continues steady for Flour, without change in prices. We notice sales of Genesee and Michigan common brands, at \$6 50, extra brands at \$6 62 1/2 @ 6 75, and fancy brands at \$7 & bbl. cash. In Corn there have been sales of new yellow at 73 @ 76c, and white at 68 @ 70c; Oats at 52 @ 53c, & bush, for Northern.

**PROVISIONS.**—In Pork there have been further steady sales at \$13 and \$15 & bbl, 4 mos. In Beef, small sales at \$10 @ \$11 & bbl, 4 mos. for good and extra. Lard, in bbls. and kegs, is selling at 8c & lb, 4 mos.

**SUGAR.**—Sales of 100 boxes Cuba browns and yellows to the trade at 6 @ 6 1/2c; and some Muscovadoes at 4 1/2 @ 5c, 6 mos.

**NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 3.** **COTTON.**—The accounts by the *Hibernia*, received by express, occasioned an animated demand, and sales reach 10 @ 12,000 bales; prices have been irregular, and the bulk of the sales have been at the full prices of last week, and in some instances at an advance of 1 @ 1 1/2c—say, mid. 6 1/2 @ 6 1/2c, good do 7 @ 7 1/2c.

## FREIGHTS.

**PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 11.** Nothing doing, either foreign or coastwise; 2s 6d a bbl. is the asking rate to Liverpool.

**NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 3.**—The large transactions in cotton have caused the engagement of two Br. ships for Liverpool at 15-32d, one Am. ship at 3d for cotton, and 39s & hhd for tobacco, and another Am. ship already loading at 3d to fill up, giving the consignment.

**BARBADOES, Dec. 11.** Subjoined are the retail prices of the principal articles of import: flour \$16, corn meal \$7, crackers \$7, corn \$2 50 @ 3, beef \$7, pork \$16, rice \$6 50, pilot bread \$5 75 @ 6, navy do \$7, and scarce; soap \$5 50, fish \$3 25, candles, 19 @ 20c. Exchange on England nominal at \$480, & £100 sterling.