

At a Court of Common Council, holden at the City Hall of the City of Saint John, on Saturday the fifteenth day of July, Anno Domini 1848:

The Committee appointed, in April last to examine and report upon the charter of the City, with a view to its amendment, submit a Report which is read, and is as follows, *videlicet*:

The Committee appointed to enquire into the necessity of obtaining a New Charter, beg to Report as follows:—

Your Committee, after a thorough investigation of the Old Charter, are satisfied that its provisions are wholly inconsistent with the spirit of the times, and that in order to keep pace with the age it is necessary that the City of Saint John should have a New Charter. Your Committee are unanimous in recommending that means be adopted by the Common Council to effect that purpose without any loss of time.—Your Committee beg to recommend that the following changes, among others, shall be embraced in this New Charter, viz:—

That each Ward be represented by one alderman and one Councillor.

That the Mayor shall be elected from the Common Council by the Citizens and Freeholders, annually, after the election of Alderman and Councillors.

That the selection of Recorder, Common Clerk, Chamberlain, High Constable, Marshals and all other charter officers, and all appointments, shall be in the Common Council.

That the appointment of all Charter-Officers shall be in the Common Council elect, and that the Common Council elect shall be sworn in on the third Tuesday in April, in each and every year, the said appointments to be made immediately after and on the same day the said New Common Council shall be sworn in.

That there shall be an Assessor to each Ward who shall act under oath.

Your Committee beg to remark that they consider it necessary and expedient to alter the franchise by extending the same, the details of which they are not yet prepared to submit; and that they have also had under their consideration the necessity and propriety of the appointment of a Stipendiary Magistrate; and that your committee will be prepared in a short time to submit to the Common Council a complete draft of a New Charter, embracing the changes they consider best adapted to the present wants of this increasing City. The subject is one of magnitude, and one that requires both time and research to enable your Committee to do justice to themselves and to their constituents. Your Committee ask leave to sit again. All which is respectfully submitted.

W. H. NEEDHAM,  
GEO. A. LOCKHART  
J. FAIRWEATHER,  
W. H. A. KEANS,  
THOMAS HARDING,  
Committee.

St. John, 14th July, 1848.  
And thereupon it is RESOLVED that the same be received, and that the Committee have leave to sit again as requested; and, furthermore, it is ORDERED, that the Common Clerk cause the foregoing to be published in all the City Newspapers, for the information of the citizens.

Extract from the Minutes,  
J. WILLIAM BOYD.

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READ AND RE-ENACTED.

"A Law regulating a Ferry called the Short Ferry."—and

"An Ordinance to establish a Public Pound within the City of St. John."

J. WILLIAM BOYD.

**ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH.**—The Boston Post contains the following:—We learn from J. R. Darrow, Esq., one of the agents of the enterprise, that the construction of the Telegraph from Portland to the boundary of New-Brunswick, at Calais, to connect there with a line to Halifax, is to be commenced forthwith. The following intermediate towns have arranged for stations: Bath, Damariscotta, Waldoboro', East Thomaston, Belfast and Bangor. The line will be completed the present fall, and before the opening of winter. The Provincial lines to Halifax are to be constructed simultaneously with that in Maine. This will bring intercourse with Liverpool, on an average, two days and a half nearer Boston than at present.

By a letter in the *Journal de Quebec* of Saturday last, it appears that the storm which was experienced here on Monday last was felt with still greater severity at St. Paul's Bay. It appears that a very heavy rain fell during the space of twenty-four hours, by which the river Gouffre was swelled up to at least twelve feet above its usual level; and the current becoming so strong that all the mills, bridges, wharves, trees in fact, everything which could stop its free course was carried away. Several buildings on the banks of the river, fences, fire-wood, boards, and the boats used in crossing over the river, as also a schooner, have been carried down the river and with no prospects of anything being saved. Several fields of potatoes have been deeply ploughed by the current, and will be totally lost. Some *chantiers*, full of building timber and boards, have also been completely destroyed.—*Quebec Morning Chronicle*.

**FROM YUCATAN.**—The Indians had approached near Campeachy and burned seventeen estates and villages. Popmaxum, Piche, and another village were also reported burned. The troops sent against them had mutinied and returned. In the province of Merida, the troops had gained some advantages on the 14th ult. Fourteen thousand Indians had entered a village nine leagues from Merida.

There had been an engagement at Maricao between the fleets of Monagas and Paez; the latter was successful, one of Monaga's vessels was taken and three arrived at Porto Cabello.

**ATTEMPTED REVOLUTION IN MEXICO.**—By the steamer Portland, from Vera Cruz, at New Orleans, on the 1st instant, advices have been received of the progress of the revolution in Mexico the news is of much importance, showing that no Mexican administration could survive, which should dare to make peace with the United States. The revolution which at first appeared contemptible, has now, by the adhesion of Paredes, assumed a more serious character. The *pronunciamento* of the insurgents openly advocates a continuation of the war and a violation of the treaty which has just been concluded with the United States. Paredes is seconded by Padre Jarauta. The Mexican Government had for warded to the scene of insurrection all its disposable force, under Gens. Bustamante, Yanez, Minon and Cortazar, which will be insufficient to put down the movement. On the 20th ult. dispatches had been received from those officers, intimating that they had so disposed their forces as to compel Paredes to risk a battle which would be definite in its issue.

**THE MACKEREL FISHERY.**—The mackerel fishery of New England has not for many years presented so gloomy a prospect at this season, as it does the present year. For a number of years the business has not been so good as formerly, and now that our fishermen have the British provinces to contend with in their own markets, the business looks despairing enough. The low rate of duty which the present tariff imposes, and the advantages which the people of Nova Scotia have over our fishermen to take the mackerel which food their shores, enable them to bring to this country large quantities, at a great deal less expense than our fishermen can procure them—thus supplying the market and reducing the price to a very low standard. Last year they began to import mackerel from Nova Scotia about the first of September, and about fifty thousand barrels were imported. Those that are imported now, we understand, are of this year's catch.

Twenty-two hundred and seventeen barrels have arrived at Boston this week from the provinces and should they continue to arrive through the season in such numbers, we do not see but that the business, so far as our fishermen are concerned, will be entirely prostrated. Under the tariff of 1842, the duty on mackerel was one dollar and fifty cents per barrel; now it is less than fifty cents per barrel. We hope that those who voted in favour of placing the Polk administration in power will not find much fault if their business is entirely ruined.—*Gloucester Telegraph*.

**THE FLAG OF THE NEW REPUBLIC.**—When the American flag was lowered by Col. Gates from the lofty staff which was erected in the Plaza of Tampico to the honor of Santa Anna, two opposite parties of Mexicans rushed forward with two different flags to run up in its place. One party had the old flag of the Republic of Mexico, and the other the flag of the new Republic of Sierra Madre. These two parties commenced a very animated and belligerent struggle which became so serious, that Col. Gates had to interfere and stop the quarrel, by cutting down the flag staff. The party in favour of the new republic then offered him three, five hundred, or even a thousand dollars for the staff, but he refused, and ordered it to be cut up. The party of the old Republic however, having gained the pedestal, rigged up a staff, and hauled up the eagle of Aztec, whilst the Sierra Madre Republicans betook themselves to some prominent public building, and threw out the new banner from the loftiest turret. We further learn that the party of the new republic offered to purchase all the munitions of war at Tampico belonging to the United States; but the Colonel, having no authority to sell, had to decline the offer. They have, however, raised a large sum of money, which has been placed at the disposal of a distinguished American, for the purpose of procuring the necessary means for carrying out their plans. Look out for some decided and stirring events which must soon occur on the line of the Sierra Madre.—*New Orleans Delta*, July 1.

**FIRE.**—On Monday evening last, a little before twelve o'clock the alarm of Fire was sounded in our streets, and the troops and many of the inhabitants proceeded in the direction of the light, which was found to come from a barn belonging to the estate of the late Attorney General, at Ethiopæa, about a mile and a half below this City.—The barn was completely consumed, with its contents before any assistance could be rendered.—The origin of the fire is not known, but the alacrity which the military evinced in dragging their engine so far up the steep hill which they had to encounter, before it was ascertained that their services could not be rendered available, is deserving of much commendation.—*Head Quarters*.

#### LATER FROM MEXICO.

New York, July 16, 1848.

Advices from the City of Mexico to the 24th ult have been received.

The revolution under Paredes is progressing. The troops sent against him are deserting.

Orders have been issued by Gen. Arista, Minister of War, to shoot every superior officer taken in arms.

The pronunciamento of Paredes was signed by three hundred officers. He had taken possession of the Mint at Guanaguato, and drawn \$600,000 for the support of the army.

The advance guard under Jarauta had entered Queretaro.

There had been some fighting between the Government troops and the insurgents. The latter were successful.

Strong fears are entertained that Paredes will overthrow the Government.

A large conducta reached Mexico safely.

The American troops had all left Tampico.

**GREASING CARRIAGE WHEELS.**—The best composition that can be prepared to relieve carriage wheels and machinery from friction is composed of hog's lard, wheat flour, and black lead (plumbago.) The lard is to be melted over a gentle fire and the other ingredients—equal in weight—may be added, till the composition is brought to a consistence of common paste, without raising the heat to boiling point. One trial of the paste will satisfy any one of its superior quality.

#### COMMERCIAL.

SAINT JOHN, JULY 19.

**FLOUR.**—Genesee 37s. 6d.; Philadelphia Superfine 36s. 3d.; Mill 36s. 3d.; Rye 23s. 9d.; Corn Meal 16s. 3d. to 17s. 6d. and scarce. The market is now well supplied with breadstuffs.

**MOLASSES** 1s. 3d. per gal., large stock, demand small, sales only by retail.

**SUGAR** 27s. 6d. to 28s. 9d. per cwt., sales dull with large supply.

**Timber and Deals.**—Deals have been sold at £3 10s to £4. Logs, 15s.

**COALS.**—Scotch at 15s., per chaldron. Newcastle from 15s to 20s. Liverpool 14s.

**SALT.**—Bags 3s.

**FREIGHTS.**—Late engagements for Timber to Liverpool at 27s. 6d. per load.

Sterling bills, 60 days, 11 per cent. premium; Drafts on New York and Boston, 1½ per cent. premium. Money is very scarce, and business altogether very dull; no sales to any extent could be effected at present.

#### NOTICE.

The "Minutes of the Eastern New-Brunswick Association" are already in a state of forwardness, and will be ready for distribution next week. If any of the friends are in town after Wednesday, they can call for them at the *Albion Office*, Prince William Street, over Vaughans & Lockhart's Store.

The Baptist Meeting House recently erected at Newcastle, Grand Lake, will be opened for the first time, for divine service (God willing) on Sunday, July 23rd.

Ministers and Christian friends who can make it convenient to attend are kindly invited.

G. W. MILES.

NEWCASTLE, July 4, 1848.

#### HYMENIAL.

On the 14th inst., by the Rev. J. Porter, of Sheffield, Mr. Wm. C. Flemming, of this city, to Miss Eliza Robb, of Coatbridge, Scotland.

On Tuesday morning, by the Rev. Robert Irvine, Mr. John D. Robertson, to Margaret Ann, only daughter of Mr. Andrew Reed, all of this city.

On Tuesday afternoon, by the Rev. Mr. Wiggins, Capt. Isaac Hoyt, of the ship *Oriental*, to Sarah, daughter of Mr. Jessie Raymond, of Norton.

On Thursday evening last, by the Rev. S. Busby, Mr. William H. Bell, to Miss Mary A. Storm, both of the Parish of Portland.

At Mount Allison, Sackville, New Brunswick, on the 6th inst., by the Rev. Albert Des Brisay, Chaplain, Joseph R. Hea, Esq., Classical and French Master of the Wesleyan Academy, to Miriam A. N., second daughter of Mr. John Eedson, of Niagara, Canada West.

At Fredericton, on the 13th inst., by the Rev. Mr. McDade, Mr. Wm. Martin, to Miss Elizabeth Hawks, both of that city.

#### OBITUARY.

On Tuesday morning at 5 o'clock, after a long and painful illness, Charles, youngest son of Mr. George Turnbull, aged 15 years. Funeral to-morrow Thursday at 3 o'clock, from his father's residence, Richmond Street, Vinegar Hill, a few doors above Mrs. Waterbury's.

At Wickham, Q. C., on the 4th inst., Mr. John Clark, aged 80 years and two months. Mr. Clark was born in East New Jersey, U. S., and was one of the Loyalists who came to this country in 1783. In the youthful part of his life, Mr. Clark was a member of the Episcopal church, but in about 1825, made a public profession of faith in Christ, and was baptized with several others, who united in a Baptist church, and continued in the same principles. He endured his dissolution with Christian fortitude and resignation, trusting in the faithfulness and promises of God.

At Sussex, King's County, on the 17th inst., Mr. Edwin Hazen, aged 36 years.

#### MARINE JOURNAL.

PORT OF SAINT JOHN N. B.

#### ARRIVED.

**Tuesday.**—Brig Brothers, Nowell, Newfoundland, 10—master, oil and coals.

**Thursday.**—Ship Belmont, Grant, Liverpool, 30—S. Wiggins & Son, salt and coals.

Brig. Amelia Clark, Eastport, master—ballast.

**Friday.**—Schr. Martha Greenow, Robbins, Newburyport—master, flour.

**Saturday.**—Whale Ship Peruvian, Jackson, Pacific Ocean, 85—Mechanics' W. F. Company, oil.

Thomas, Brewer, Liverpool, 45—D. & T. Vaughan, general cargo.

Brig John Wishart, Saunders, Digby,—J. Wishart, ballast.

Wm. Hinch, Sheridan, Newfoundland, 15—order, do.

**Monday.**—Ship David, Vaughan, Liverpool, 33—D. & T. Vaughan, general cargo.

Brig Ann, Blair, Bermuda, 13—R. Rankin & Co., ballast.

Sarah Rawel, Brew, Newfoundland, 16—Jas. Kirk, do.

Marcia, Backhouse, Gloucester, 35—order, do.

Brig. Emeline, Clifford, Boston, 6—master, do.

Lewis Bean, Noyes, Boston, 6—master, beef and oil.

Ocean Queen, McFadden, Philadelphia—flour.

Toledo, Grant, Providence, master, ballast.

Boundary, Eastport, do.

Schr. Peruvian, Flemming, Boston, 5—master, assorted cargo.

**Tuesday.**—Ship Chancellor, Dudno, New York, Jas. Kirk, salt and coals.

Barque Magna Charta, Tate, New York—R. Rankin & Co., ballast.

Brig Hippocampi, Davis, Waterford—James Kirk, ballast.

Margaret, Gambles, New York—Master, ballast.

Schr. Valeria, Golding, New York—Master, goods.

Lord Fitzgerald & Vescei, Yorke, New York—Allison & Spurr, ballast.

#### CLEARED.

12th—Ship Zetland, Bannerman, Liverpool, timber, deals and sleepers; Barque Kingston, Robinson, London, deals, boards, &c.; Lord Elgin, Manson, Peterhead, timber and deals; Brig Pilgrim, Clark, Glasgow, deals; Sally Ditchburn, Carlisle, timber and deals; Brig. Stella, Maris, Bernier, Halifax, salt; Schr. Dolphin, Holder, Baltimore, salt.

13th—Ship Edinburgh, Dowlin, London, timber and deals; Brig General Taylor, Havener, Newport, R. I., timber, &c.; Schr. Mariner, James, Boston, scantling.

14th—Brig Adeline Cann, Carr, Cork, deals.

July 15th—Brig Corsair, Michener, Liverpool, deals and sleepers; Io, Morrison, Grimby, deals; Brig. Amelia, Clark, Philadelphia, salt; Juvena, Reed, Boston, scantling, &c.

17th—Barque Kate Kearney, Huo, Dundalk, deals; Maria, Rees, Milford, timber and deals; Schr. Seaman, Ayer, Boston, grindstones.

18th—Barque Edina, Ytle, London, timber and deals—Allison & Spurr; Linden, Yorke, Cork, deals—James Kirk; Brig. Blanch, Green, Donegal, deals—S. Wiggins & Son.

Cleared at Boston, 11th inst., barque Britain, this port. At New York, 11th, brig Champion, do;

13th, brig Mary Bush, do. At Philadelphia, schr. Gen. Foster, Eastport.

Arrived at Philadelphia, 11th, schr. Relief, hence; 12th, brig. Ellis, do.

Brig Ann, from Bermuda, reports barque J. Anderson, for this port in 2 or 3 days.

Spoken, July 3d, lat. 42, long. 59, ship Argo, for Liverpool, 5th, lat. 42, long. 63, ship New Zealand, for do.

Arrived at Boston 7th, Schr. Olive, hence, 8th, Schr. Eliza Jane, do. At New-York 8th, Schr. Lená, hence.

Cleared at Boston 8th, Brig. Emeline, and Schr. Peruvian, this port. At New-York 8th, Ship Speed, Quebec; Schr. Valeria, this port.

At Philadelphia 6th, Brig Ocean Queen, do.

Spoken 17th ult. Ship Osceola, from this port for Liverpool.

Steamer Buena Vista, arrived at Boston at 1 P. M. on Saturday, and the Caledonia, at New-York at 4 A. M. on Sunday.

Arrived at New York 9th, Barque Brothers, Newry. At Castine 5th, Brig. Jane Allison, hence.

At Providence 8th, Schr. North Carolina, ditto. 9th, Brig Druid, ditto. At Lewis [Del.] 8th, Brig. Ida, ditto.

At Lancaster, [Eng.] 20th June, Barque Sarah Ann, this port. At Liverpool, 28th, Ship Douglas, Mobile.

Cleared at New York, 7th, ship Chancellor, this port. 10th, bark Mary Harrington, and brig Margaret, do. At Philadelphia, 8th, brig Quincy, do.

At Boston, 10th, brig. Lewis Bean, do.

Loading at London, 30th June, ship Delta, for New York. Spoken, 22nd June, lat. 49 lon. 37, a brig from this port for Liverpool.

Cleared at Boston, 12th, brig Thomas Hanford, this port.

#### FLOUR, &c.

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