

MAGNETIC CLOCKS.—Professor Locke, of Cincinnati, has been at Boston superintending the construction of one of his newly-invented magnetic clocks for the National Observatory at Washington. Congress appropriated \$10,000 to purchase and set it up. It is one of the most important of modern discoveries. It divides seconds into hundredths with as much precision as the machinist divides inches on a scale. And by its use, in connection with the electrical telegraph, the astronomical observer in one place, say at Cambridge, can communicate the exact time of a transit to the observer at Washington, New-Orleans, and every other place where there is a transit instrument in communication. The others report in their turn, and thus the great problem of exact longitude is solved at once, the geography of the country can be perfected, maps made accurate, the traveller or mariner may know exactly his point of departure.—Independent.

THE POPULATION OF THE WORLD.—Nine hundred and sixty millions of human beings are supposed to be on the earth; of which Europe is said to contain one hundred and fifty-three millions; Africa, one hundred and fifty-six millions; Asia, five hundred millions; America one hundred and fifty millions; and the islands in the Pacific, seven millions. If divided into thirty equal parts, five of them will be Christians, six Mahometans, one part Jews, and eighteen pagans. Christians are numerous in Europe and America, some in the south of Africa, and the south east of Europe. Pagans abound in Africa, and in the interior of America, some in Asia, and a small number in the north of Europe.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14th.—I understand that Mr. Calhoun will resist the admission of California as a State into the Union, with a restriction of slavery, as a part of its organic law: I do not think he will obtain the vote of all the Southern Senators in the course which he has marked out. He takes the ground that California has no right to exclude slaves, and therefore exclude slave-holders from her soil, the sovereignty over which belonged to every citizen of the U. S., and must be exercised by their representatives in Congress.—He contends that the people in California have no more right to exclude slavery than Congress has.

QUEBEC, Nov. 16th.—There are only 3 or 4 square rigged vessels remaining in port.—The weather is mild and beautiful, and sailors who have not yet shipped seemingly imagine that the winter will never come, for they ask the most extraordinary wages, and can hardly be induced to ship. Last night the St. Andrew sailed with a crew receiving each £12 a month. This morning we hear that seamen are asking even higher wages—it is said £15 a month! There are yet more sailors than there are ships to man, and it is probable many of those who now refuse extraordinary wages will be begging in our streets during the winter.—Morning Chronicle.

GROWTH OF CANADA.—A writer in a late Montreal paper, combats successfully the cry of the Annexationists that Canada is a non-progressive country, and ever will be, under British rule:—And, strange to say, this cry is heard in a land that has made progress as wonderful as to be almost incredible to the gazer. Why, Sir, I am not an old man, yet I remember the time when Montreal contained only 10,000 souls,—when the population of Canada West barely exceeded 50,000 souls,—when there was not a steamer on the St. Lawrence,—when the Indian's canoe disturbed the waters of the Ottawa, and the old-fashioned Jean Baptiste bateau was the only conveyance from Montreal westward—and the Far-West of Canada was "Little York."

Ten years have not passed since public gratulation was demanded, because 120,000 barrels of flour, in one summer, passed through the Lachine canal. Wonderful progress! was then the exclamation. Well, five or six years after, (in the Irish famine year) 700,000 barrels of flour passed through the Canal, and this year, notwithstanding bad markets in Europe, and the purchases of wheat by the Yankees in Canada West, half a million barrels will have been brought down the river to Montreal. Upper Canada that, in 1812, contained but 70,000 souls, now treads close upon its million. Toronto that, so late as the year 1828, was scarcely better than a second-rate Yankee village, (and not half so clean,) is now a populous, well built city, with splendid shops, rich commerce, numerous banks, and Colleges, and Churches. In 1826, where Bytown now stands, no human foot had ever trod but that of the Indian or the fur-trader; in fact, sir, the progress of Canada West has been astonishing, and yet, your Annexation Address depicts a country sinking rapidly into decay!

The Quebec Gazette says:—Mr. Rubidge, of the Board of Works, is now at Quebec, preparing

plans for the completion of the Parliament House, by the addition of a wing, and for the requisite buildings for the other public offices. The Minister says that the re-building of the Castle of St. Louis, the former residence of the Governors of Canada is also talked of.

The steam-ships Ohio and Crescent City, sailed from New York on Tuesday last for Chagres. The California fever continues to prevail with unmitigated intensity, if we may judge from the numbers going out in them to the gold regions. The Ohio takes out about 500 passengers, in all, of whom some 150 are for New Orleans, 50 for Havana, and 300 for Chagres. The Crescent City has about 300, of whom a large proportion are for California, via Chagres.

ROBBERY EXTRAORDINARY.—On Friday night last, some sacrilegious miscreant entered St. Ann's Chapel, in Fredericton, by an opening which leads to the fuel cellar, and from thence by a trap-door to the Vestry, by which means access was obtained to the body of the Church. The Alms Chest, which is situated near the principal door, was forced open, and the poor's money and other funds abstracted therefrom, and carried away by the robber.

We are ashamed to be compelled to admit that a wretch capable of perpetrating a crime of this description can be found in this community, and sincerely hope that a clue may yet be found which will lead to his detection. The Lord Bishop of Fredericton has offered a reward of £10 for the discovery of the abandoned offender.—Had Quar

FIRE.—About one o'clock on Saturday morning the upper part of a three-story Dwelling House in Portland, near the Ship yards, was discovered to be on fire, the flames gained headway so fast, that it was found impossible to save the building, but by great exertions of the firemen and others, the surrounding valuable properties were preserved. The house was occupied by some eight or ten families, who must have lost a considerable portion of their effects. It was owned, we are informed, by Mr. Hughes, Blacksmith, and was insured.—Courier

CORPORATION LEASES.—At a meeting of the Common Council, held yesterday, the following resolution was moved by Alderman Needham, and passed unanimously:—

Whereas His Honor the Recorder having, at the request of this Board, given his opinion that the Leases that expire in 1850 do not contain a covenant making it obligatory on the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty to renew the said Leases for more than one term, and that this Board are led to believe from said opinion that at the expiration of such renewed term, the improvements will become the property of the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty, without paying for the same. And whereas this Board, believing that such a course would be in direct opposition to the original intention of Lessor and Lessees, and an act of gross injustice—

Therefore Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to take the above into consideration, and report to this Board the best method of preventing such an act of injustice being done to the Lessees.

We are glad that the Council have taken action on this important subject. The Committee are Aldermen Needham and Vanhorne, and Assistant Keans.—New-Brunswick.

Our friends may be curious to know what has become of Professor Johnston, of whom so much has been said. The Professor came to town week before last, and proceeded to Charlotte County, thence he was, as we understand, to pass through Sunbury to Fredericton; where he now is, preparing, doubtless, a report of what he has seen and learnt since he came amongst us. This report will be printed and published by government; and we trust every farmer in the province will procure a copy, as without a question it will be most interesting and instructive, as all is which comes from his pen. We have ourselves published a great deal of agricultural matter from his Lectures in the old country.—Colonial Watchman.

SAINT ANDREWS AND QUEBEC RAIL ROAD.—We learn Mr. Neale has been recruiting his Engineer Staff, on his recent visit to the United States, and that he is determined to push through his present operations as fast as possible to Woodstock. Already Mr. Garden and his party, we understand, are well on to the Howard Settlement, which is about 20 miles from Woodstock, and brings them into the cleared land.

The weather had been much in favour of the work.—Charlotte Gazette.

RABBIT SKINS, which were selling some months ago at two shillings, are now, it is said, eight shillings per lb. They are used in making the soft felt hats now so fashionable.

The Overland Friend of China brings intelligence of the assassination of the Portuguese Governor of Macao, on the 23d Aug., by a party of Chinese.

Just Received from the Shakers' Village.—Gent's: UNDER SHIRTS, superior to English. PANTECHNETHECA, Corner of King and Cross Streets. Nov. 23.—[usual papers.]

MARRIED. On Saturday morning, at Trinity Church, by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, the Rev. Charles Parke Bliss, A. M., Missionary of Hopewell, and fourth son of the late George P. Bliss, Esq., Receiver General of the Province of New Brunswick, to Dorothy Anne, only daughter of C. V. Forster, Esq., of H. M. Customs at this port.

On Tuesday evening, by the Rev. S. Robinson, Pastor of the first Baptist Church, Mr. E. B. A. G. Blaklee, of this City, to Mary A., only daughter of Mr. James Brayley, Merchant, and formerly of Bedford, Devonshire, England.

On Tuesday, the 6th instant, by the Rev. James Reid Lawson, Mr. John Floyd, of the Parish of St. Martin's, to Miss Sarah A. Floyd, of the same Parish.

At Dorchester, County of Westmorland, on Tuesday evening, the 13th inst., by the Rev. J. N. DeWolf, Rector, Mr. Otho R. Sayre, Merchant, to Mary S., third daughter of William Carter, Esquire, Deputy Treasurer, all of that place.

At Moncton, on the 30th ult., by the Rev. D. Crandal, Mr. Henry Cook, to Miss Sarah Rankin, both of that place.

At Halifax, on the 12th inst., by the Rev. George Wm Hill, A. B., Curate of St. George's, James C. Cogswell, Esq., A. B., Barrister at Law, son of the Hon. H. H. Cogswell, to Sophia Louisa, daughter of the Hon. M. B. Almon.

DIED. On Wednesday last, Maria, wife of Mr. Robert Summers, in the 63d year of her age.

On Friday morning, after a painful illness, Mr. John Flood, aged 56 years, a native of the County Tyrone, Ireland.

Suddenly, on Saturday afternoon, after a short illness, Mr. P. J. Craig, aged 47 years, leaving a wife and five children to mourn the loss of a kind husband and tender parent.

In Portland, on Saturday the 3d inst., Margaret, wife of Mr. William Albee, aged 65 years, leaving a husband and three children.

At St. Andrews, on the 11th inst., Andrew, youngest son of Mr. Andrew McMaster, aged 21 years.—On the 12th, Jane, fourth daughter of Capt. Peter Smith, aged 25 years.

At Moncton, on the 25th ult., Mr. Charles Harris, in the 29th year of his age.

At Sheffield, on the 31st ult., Mr. Jarvis S. Verner, in the 59th year of his age.

At Kent, County of Carleton, on the 31st ult., Mr. Stephen Currie, in the 59th year of his age, leaving a numerous family to lament their loss.

At Woodstock, on the 4th inst., Mr. William Upham, an old and respectable inhabitant, in his 75d year.

At Wallace, County of Cumberland, on the 13th instant, after a short illness, aged 69 years, the Hon. Daniel McFarlane, Custos Rotulorum of that County, and recently a member of the Legislative Council of Nova Scotia.

At Yarmouth, N. S., on Saturday evening, 10th instant, in the 42d year of her age, Sophia M., wife of the Rev. William Burton. She has left her husband and eleven children to deplore her death. In the community she was much beloved; and a very great circle of friends feel that they have sustained an irreparable loss. During her last illness, the consolations of religion imparted peace to her soul, and the prospect before her was brightened by that living faith which can look beyond the darkness of the grave, and inspire a confidence that cannot be shaken by the King of Terrors.

In Salem, Mass., on the 13th instant, Mr. John C. Very, aged 65 years, father of Rev. E. D. Very, of this City.

At New York, on the 11th inst., Mr. Matthew Trimble, aged 47 years.

In London, on the 13th September last, after a brief illness of eight days, aged 31 years, Captain Charles Henry Jouett, eldest son of C. H. Jouett, Esq.

On board Ship York, of Boston, in San Francisco Bay, on the 26th Sept., of cholera morbus, Mr. Thos. R. Campbell, of Weymouth, Nova Scotia, a much esteemed and valuable member of the Pacific Company.

PORT OF SAINT JOHN.

ARRIVED.

Friday—Brigt. Portland, Scott, Boston, 2—F. Clerke, rum, sugar, and molasses. Steamer Commodore, Browne, Portland, 23 hours—James Whitney, passengers, and molasses, &c.

Sunday—Schr. E. D. Peters, Doyle, Machines—ballast.

Monday—Brigt. Lion, Wright, New-York, 7—L. Waterhouse, flour, pork and barley.

CLEARED.

17th—Barque Prince of Wales, Fahey, Gloucester, timber and deals—John Robertson; brig Village Belle, Michner, Fredericksburg, plaster, lumber, &c.—J. M. Hamilton.

19th—Brigt. Watchman, Bagley, Boston, lumber—E. D. Jewett; Brigt. P. J. Nevins, Boldie, Alexandria, scantling and potatoes—S. Hersey; Schr. Dolphin, Holder, New York, lumber—Alison & Spurr.

20th—Ship Earl, Gardner, Liverpool, timber and deals—W. Carvill.

Schr. La Reine Narscape, Morrisey, from St. John, N. B., for Halifax, was totally lost near Liverpool, N. S., 8th inst.; crew saved.

ARRIVALS FROM ST. JOHN.—October 17th, Joanna, at Longhope; 22d, Rolla, at do.; 24th, Lydia, at Grimby; 26th, Isabella Stewart, at Gravesend; Emerald, at Kinsale; 27th, Carron, and Margaret, at Shields; Siloam, and Native, at Gloucester; Fairy, at Queestown; Exporter, off Peterhead; 28th, Jessie, in the Clyde; Isabella, at Gloucester; Forager, at Hull; Granville, and Heather Bell, at Limerick; 29th, John Wilson, at Dumfries; Candee, at Liverpool; The Duke, in the Clyde; Hercules, at Queestown; Alfred, at Leith; 31st, Corsair, at Bristol; Wilmington, at Southerness; Nov. 1st, Tusket, at Gloucester.

SAILINGS.—From Clyde, 27th, Pilgrim, Richardson, Savannah.—From Penarth Roads, 28th, Speed, Grudell, do.—From Deal, 28th, Sarah, Cook, and Jane Hammond, Vaughan, St. John.—From Liverpool, Nov. 2d, Mary Caroline, Delaney, Mobile.

The Pearl, Morris, from Newcastle, for St. John, passed the Downs on the 25th October.

Cleared at London, Oct. 31st, ship William Vail, Wishart, Mobile; Nov. 2d, Belmont, Grant, New Orleans.

Loading at Liverpool, Nov. 3d, ship Avon, Johnston, New Orleans; Cambria, Warbler, and Traut, do.; Commodore, and Harmony, Mobile; Montezuma, for Charleston; Olive Branch, Duke, Boston.

LOCHMADY.—ISLAND OF NORTH UIST.—Oct. 21.—The ship St. John, Burns, of St. John, N. B., from Quebec for Greenock, came in yesterday in a thick fog, close to the north coast of this Island, where she let go her anchors, but struck hard on a reef of rocks at low water, and shipped her rudder and is now full of water, and in danger of becoming a total wreck if it blows hard on the coast,—master and crew all safe.

DEPART. Oct. 25.—The Frederick, for St. John, N. B., has put back, with loss of foretop-gal, and yard.

Notice to the Public. GENERAL POST OFFICE, St. John, November 12, 1849. MAILS will in future be received at, and despatched from this Office, for Saint George, Saint Andrews, Saint Stephens, and the United States, daily, Sundays excepted. Hour of closing, 7, 30, A. M.—Hour of arrival, 4, 15, P. M. J. HOWE, D. P. M. G.

FARE REDUCED! IN the New and Fast Steamer S. B. WHEELER, from ST. JOHN to BOSTON, PORTLAND and EASTPORT. Fare from St. John to Boston, Cabin, \$7.50. " " St. John to Portland, " 6.00. Deck passage to either of above places 5.00. Fare from St. John to Eastport, Cabin, 1.50. " " " " Deck, .00.

All persons who take Tickets by the Steamer "S. B. Wheeler" for Boston or Portland, will be put on board the Steamer Admiral at Eastport, earlier than by any other steamer on the route. N. B. This arrangement is for every WEDNESDAY, to meet the Steamer "Admiral" at Eastport for Boston. This Steamer will return to St. John immediately after arrival of the Admiral from Boston, and will leave for Eastport every Friday morning at 9 o'clock. Apply to Capt. Pine on board, or to L. H. WATERHOUSE, AGENT, South Market Wharf, St. John, Nov. 13.

MEDICINES. THE Subscriber begs to offer his services to his friends and the public, and assures them that no Drug or preparation shall be suffered to leave the shop, unless good and serviceable.—Also, all PATENT MEDICINES warranted strictly genuine. Prescriptions solicited and faithfully prepared. JOHN CHALONER, August 10, 1849.

True Swedish Leeches. TUB Superior HEALTHY LEECHES, just received and for sale by FELLOWS & CO. Nov. 2.

A HISTORY OF THE BAPTIST DENOMINATION IN AMERICA AND OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD. By DAVID BENEDICT—1,000 pages royal octavo, with engravings. Sheep, 17s. 6d. Cloth, 15s. From Edward B. Underhill, Esq., Cor. Sec. of the Hanserd Knollys Society, England.—The volume is indeed an Encyclopedia of Baptist Literature and Baptist history a book for perpetual reference in everything relating to our external affairs.

The Christian Reflector and Watchman.—What days and nights must have been given to tedious reading, to hard study, to the collection of documents, the examination of dry details and extensive correspondence, very few can fully understand. The New-York Baptist Register.—It presents an astonishing amount of statistical information, and excites the wonder of the reader, how, in all its detail, it could have been collected.

THE BAPTIST LIBRARY. Three volumes in one, royal octavo, bound in a style uniform with the History, consisting of more than 1,300 pages. The Library has been before the public sufficiently long to be known as containing a large amount of valuable reading, and a number of excellent and distinct works nowhere else to be found. If what it contains were published in separate books, TWENTY DOLLARS would not purchase them. The above Works are for sale at the Colporteur Depository, GARRISON & MARSTERS' Office, Custom House Building, Saint John, N. B. August 10.

Colporteur Depository. JUST RECEIVED.—THE BAPTIST ALMANAC and ANNUAL REGISTER, for 1849, price 4d. A new lot of the Illustrated Family Christian Almanac, the beautiful Almanac of the American Tract Society, price 4d.; The Boston ALMANAC, (18 mo. bound,) containing a Map of the City, and also a complete Business Directory, price 1s. 3d.; THE PEARL OF DAYS, by the Laborer's Daughter, price 1s. 10d.; Memoirs of Mrs. Ann H. Judson, price 2s. 6d.; Do. of Mrs. Sarah B. Judson, price 3s. 2d. E. D. VERY, Chairman of Committee. April 20.