

DISTRESS IN THE EASTERN SETTLEMENTS.—Accounts from the Settlements on the Eastern Shore report the suffering of cattle to be exceedingly melancholy. From the failure of the hay last summer, and the rigor of the past and present month, the ground being deeply covered with snow, the cattle could find no subsistence outside the barns, and consequently many have perished through the scarcity of food. The *Pictou Chronicle*, last week, says:—"The daily loss of property in the country, from cattle dying for want of food, is almost incredible. It was calculated that at the beginning of this month there was not more fodder in this county than would keep alive one half of the stock for three weeks. Great numbers have died since then."—*Halifax Recorder*.

CIRCUIT COURT.—The Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Jail delivery and Nisi Prius was opened here on Tuesday last. His Honor Mr. Justice Parker, presiding. In his honor's charge to the Grand Jury, he paid a high compliment to the inhabitants of this County, whom he said were the most peaceable and best conducted people in the Province. He also remarked that there was not a single cause on the Criminal Calendar. Only 8 causes were entered on the docket for trial. What a falling off two years ago there were 31 causes entered for trial, and now just a fourth of that number.—[*St. Andrews Standard*.]

We understand that an Act has passed both branches of the Legislature, limiting the amount of all gold parts of all Silver Coins, other than those of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and the United States of America, to FIVE SHILLINGS in any one payment, unless the same are of full weight.

This act was necessary, owing to the fact that such coins are to be reduced as a legal tender in the United States on and after 1st May ensuing—the Quarter Dollar, now current at 25 cents, to 20 cents—and other fractions of a Dollar in the same proportion. The above act will prevent this country being inundated with light coins, in lieu of those now current and of full weight.—*Courier*.

Towed into the harbour, on Thursday evening, by the steamer *Conqueror*, from St. Martin's, the new Ship, *Robert A. Lewis*, 650 tons, Benjamin Vaughan, master. The R. A. L. is a fine specimen of naval architecture, and will be a credit to the commercial marine of this port. She is owned by Messrs. Alexander Lockhart & Co., of St. Martin's, and was built under the direction of Mr. Henry Smith.—*Chronicle*.

LAUNCHED, on Wednesday last, from Sandall's wharf, Lower Cove, a beautiful little vessel of about 60 tons, named the *Eliza*. She is owned by Mr. Daniel Hatfield, and intended to be employed as a Pilot Boat for the Bay.—*Id.*

The barque *Bethel*, 379 tons, which sailed last week for California, took out a well assorted cargo of various kinds of lumber, four house-frames, doors, and window-sashes, lime, bricks, ladders, wheelbarrows, grind-stones, boats, socks, coats, &c., valued in all at about £900 sterling—shipped by Messrs. Thos. Wallace, William Leavitt, Daniel Leavitt, and T. E. Millidge, and consigned to Mr. Henry Leavitt, who goes out in the vessel.

The *Schr. Algerine*, 38 tons, cleared last week for the Gulf of St. Lawrence, on a fishing voyage.—Several other vessels are fitting out at this port for the same business.

ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH COMPANY.—At a meeting of the Stockholders of the *New-Brunswick Electric Telegraph Company*, held on Thursday last, Mr. Robert Reed, of the firm of Messrs. J. & R. Reed, was duly elected a Director of the Company, in the room of the late Mr. L. R. Darrow.

PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

On Wednesday, Mr. Woodward moved that the Initiation of Money Grants be given up into the hands of the Executive, in order to carry out the principles of responsible Government.

To which Mr. End moved an amendment to the effect that the originating of Money Grants is coherent in the Representatives of the People, who are constitutionally responsible to their constituents.

On the amendment being put, the following division took place: Yeas—Messrs. Read, Gilbert, Thompson, End, Jordan, Taylor, J. Earle, Miles, Baillie, Vail, McLeod, Wark, S. Earle, Brown, Hayward, and Cranney—16. Nays—Hon. Messrs. Wilnot, Fisher, and Partelow; Messrs. Carman, Cannell, R. D. Wilnot, Woodward, Ritchie, Ansley, Barbarie, and Botsford—11.

THURSDAY, April 25.—The Bill to reduce the Salary of the Master of the Rolls was read a 3rd time, and when the question was put to "send the Bill to the Council for concurrence," the following division took place: Yeas—Hon. Messrs. Partelow, Wilnot, and Fisher; Messrs. Vail, Connell, Ritchie, Taylor, Hayward, Woodward, Brown, Gilbert, and McLeod. Nays—Hon. Mr. Rankin, Messrs. Baillie, Carman, and Wark.

A similar division took place on the Bill to reduce the Judicial Salaries. The Bills were sent to the Council.

A Bill relating to the trade between this Province and the United States was read a third time.

An Address has been prepared for transmission to Her Majesty in accordance with Dr. Earl's resolution relative to an elective Legislative Council.

In the Legislative Council on Thursday, the Bill sent up from the House of Assembly that morning to abolish the fees of the Judges, was discussed. The Hon. Mr. Robertson opposed the Bill on the ground, that any reduction of Salaries should be a general measure and not made applicable to particular cases. Beyond all, the emoluments of the Judges of the land should not be trifled with unless the scale of Salaries underwent a thorough revision. The Bill was lost by a large majority, but no division was taken. Thus ended the "state of the Province;" neither Bill nor Address to be sent to the Home Government. Verily, verily, "a mountain has been in labour and has brought forth a mouse." There is much to be said about this electing piece of business, and much will be said about it.—*N. Bruns.*

A Bill for the construction of a Rail Road from Shediac to the Bend of Petitcodiac, and a Bill for the erection of a Suspension Bridge over the Falls at St. John have passed the Council.

The labours of our Provincial Legislature terminated on Friday last, after a Session of 78 days.

With the termination of the Session, the House of Assembly have also terminated their political existence, and a new election may be expected in the course of the year.

The following is the Speech of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor at the close of the Session:—

Mr. President and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Assembly:

I congratulate you on having brought to a close the labours of the Session. The measures which have occupied your attention, are of great importance in themselves, more especially those relating to the Post Office, the consideration and amendment of the Laws, and the Audit of Accounts.

The organization of the new County of Victoria is also a motive to which you have contributed by your Legislation in the present Session.

I have by Proclamation done my best to carry out your wishes with regard to intercolonial Trade.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Assembly:

I thank you for the Supplies you have granted. By continuing the Revenue Act of last year, you have, at any rate, avoided the serious evil of sudden and unexpected changes in the import duties.

Mr. President and Hon. Gentlemen of the Legislative Council:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Assembly:

I trust that the lateness of the period to which you have been detained by your Legislative duties will not interfere seriously with your private affairs, and I entertain no doubt that the Province will properly appreciate the services which you have rendered the public during the present Session.

The following Address to the Queen, on the subjects of Trade and the Halifax and Quebec Railway, founded on Resolutions brought forward by Mr. Partelow, was adopted by the House of Assembly a short time previous to adjournment:—

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY,—

The Humble and Dutiful Address of the House of Assembly of New Brunswick—

We, your Majesty's faithful and devoted subjects, beg leave again to approach your Majesty with renewed assurances of our attachment to the Throne of the Empire.

The Commercial policy recently adopted by your Majesty's Government has already occasioned such disastrous consequences to the trade of this Province, that unless some relief be immediately afforded, we are satisfied the ultimate result will prove destructive to the interests of Your Majesty's subjects in this Colony. We cannot, therefore, too strongly press upon your Majesty's consideration the great importance of obtaining a more extended market for the staple productions of this Province.

It must be obvious to your Majesty, that as we are now driven from the Markets of England, the nature of our productions and the geographical position of our Country point to the United States of America as our natural market, and that for the commercial prosperity of this Province, it is essential we should obtain the open Ports and the unrestricted coasting trade of the American Union.

There is another measure, however, which if promptly undertaken and vigorously prosecuted under the auspices of your Majesty's Government, would tend more than any other to restore the prosperity of the British Colonies on this Continent, to cement their union, and preserve their integrity as portions of the Empire, and that measure is the construction of a Railway from Halifax to Quebec. Although we have on a former occasion brought this subject to your Majesty's notice, yet on such a momentous question, involving, as we sincerely believe it does, the stability and permanency of British interests on this continent, it is our duty to be importunate, and not to let the subject rest while there remains any prospect of success.

We have already afforded the best possible proof of our own sincerity, by pledging ourselves to grant a sum of £20,000 a-year for 20 years, together with at least 2,000,000 of acres of superior land, available for settlement and colonization. Looking at our prostrate trade and diminished resources, it must be admitted that we have offered to do more than could reasonably be expected from us—and if our

resources were equal to our desire for the permanency of British connexion, we would at once apply them to the accomplishment of this great national project.

Believing your Majesty's Government sincere in the declaration that these Colonies will be remained at all hazards, and that they are viewed as part of the strength of the Empire, it is surely a question worthy of the best consideration of your Majesty's Government—"What can be done for the North American Colonies to prevent their declension, to give them strength and consistency, and thereby to restore confidence in the Imperial Government?"

To this important question, we are prepared to answer, that no other measure will so certainly produce the desired effects as the Railway from Halifax to Quebec.

The sum of £60,000 a-year being already guaranteed by Canada, Nova Scotia and this Province, we are led to hope that if your Majesty's Government would procure from the Imperial Parliament a grant of £1,000,000 *arg.*, in aid of the undertaking, the work would shortly be commenced and successfully prosecuted.

We most humbly and dutifully beg to urge this subject upon the favorable consideration of your Majesty, from the fact, that while the recent changes in the Commercial Policy of the Empire have been adopted for the benefit of your Majesty's subjects in the United Kingdom, those changes have produced the most disastrous effects upon the trade and resources of your Majesty's North American Colonies.

We therefore humbly and earnestly pray your Majesty to take the premises into your Royal consideration, and to grant to your Majesty's devoted subjects in these Provinces such timely and effective aid towards the extension of their trade and the construction of the Railway from Halifax to Quebec, as will assure them that their loyalty is duly appreciated, and that their present condition of feebleness and prostration is not viewed with indifference by your Majesty's Government.

The friends of Temperance in Fredericton will have a visit next week from Mr. B. Goss, a gentleman from New-England, who has been lecturing with acceptance in this City. He will then visit Halifax. We would bespeak for him a cordial reception.

MARRIED.

On the 20th instant, by the Rev. Samuel Robinson, Mr. John Campbell, of the Parish of Lancaster, to Miss Sarah Murray, of this City.

On the 22d instant, by the Rev. R. Knight, Mr. William Baker, to Miss Elizabeth Black, both of this City.

DIED.

On Saturday, 20th instant, John, son of Mr. Matthew Dobson, of this City, in the 8th year of his age.

In the Parish of Portland, on Saturday, 20th inst., Robert, infant son of Mr. Alexander McNaughton.

On Saturday the 27th instant, Mrs. Phoebe Bookhout, in the 41st year of her age, widow of the late John Bookhout, of this City.

On the 28th ult., in the 49th year of his age, Mr. Peter Parlee, of Norton, King's County, leaving a wife and eight children to mourn their bereavement.

At Sussex Vale, on the 22d inst., after an illness of nine days only, Albert, eldest son of Mr. William McLeod, Junr., in the 16th year of his age. He "died in faith."

At Gagetown, on the 19th April, Mr. George Knox, in his 67th year.

At Woodstock, on Wednesday, after an illness of only three days, Charles Peabody, Esquire, in the 51st year of his age, leaving a wife and three children to mourn their sudden bereavement.

At New Orleans, suddenly, of Cholera, on the 26th of March last, Mr. W. H. Hall, a native of St. John, N. B., in the 29th year of his age, leaving a wife and large circle of friends to lament their loss.

At Apalachicola, on the 10th inst., Mr. William Strang, Carpenter of the ship John Fielden.

PORT OF SAINT JOHN.

ARRIVED.

Thursday—Steamer Commodore, Browne, Portland, 22 hours—James Whitney, passengers, &c. Schr. Alabama, Wall, New Haven, 4—E. D. Jewitt, bay. Ring-Dove, Holmes, Eastport—Master, ballast.

Friday—Barque Oromocto, Crisp, Savannah, 9—John Robertson, ballast.

Saturday—Schr. Samuel Campbell, Malanson, New-York, 4—Garrison & Masters, sugar, pork, &c.

Olive Branch, Fought, Boston, 3—molasses, &c.

Sunday—Schr. Pandora, Whippley, Boston, 2—sundries.

Monday—Brig Lois, Cracker, Yarmouth—C. McLauchlan, ballast.

Ann, Miller, Kircudbright, 42—W. Thomson, ballast.

Caroline, Morehouse, Boston—C. McLauchlan, ballast.

This Morning—Barque Industry, Stephens, New-York, 6—order.

Schr. Mariner, Hoyt, Cienfuegos, 31—J. & T. Robinson, sugar.

Steamer S. B. Wheeler, Michner, Eastport—L. H. Waterhouse.

Schr. Postboy, Smith, Yarmouth, molasses.

CLEARED.

April 24th—Brig Euphrates, Cox, Porto Rico, boards and fish—Allison & Spurr; Schr. Algerine, Banks, Magdalen Islands, fishing stores—Allison & Spurr; Francis, Logan, New York, scantling and pickets—Allison & Spurr.

25th—Schr. Columbine, Tilley, New York, scantling—Allison & Spurr; Hero, Eaton, Providence, (R. I.) deals, —W. D. Pickup; Mary, Mahony, Portland, (Me.) boards —J. Nelson.

27th—Schr. Annie, Baker, Lubec, lumber, &c.—John Robertson; Chronometer, Pearson, New York; do; Charles Whipple, Halifax, assorted cargo; Amelia, Wells, Hallowell, chalk.

20th—Brig Victoria, Dwyer, New York, deals and plaster; schr. Kosciuszko, Hierup, Philadelphia, lumber.

Brig Velocity, for this Port, sailed from Boston before the Caroline arrived yesterday.

Ship Perseverance, Garrison, sailed from Apalachicola, on the 8th inst., for this Port.

Arrived at Halifax, April 24th, schr. Relief, Johnston, Philadelphia.—At St. Ann's, (Brazil,) Feb 4th, brig Eclipse, from Windsor for California.

Spoken by the Ann at this port, April 12th, lat. 42, lon. 54, packet-ship Parliament, from Boston for Liverpool.

Ship Grant, from Baltimore, for Panama, put back on the 18th, the crew having mutinied.

Cleared at New Orleans, April 11th, ship Montrose, Hue, London.—At Savannah, 16th, ship Ben Nevis, Turner, St. John.—At Alexandria, 16th, brig, Gem, McCready, Saint John.—At Philadelphia, 18th, barque Eagle, Matthews, do.—At New York, 19th, brig Samuel Campbell, McLanson, St. John.

Loading at Trinidad de Cuba, April 1st, brig Iole, Jones, for St. John.

Entered for Loading at Liverpool, April 6th, barque Hercules, Newton, and Eliza Ann, Smith, Staten Island and St. John.

Sailed from Deal, 24th, Actress, Murray, for Havre, Staten Island and St. John.

ARRIVED FROM ST. JOHN.—April 7th, barque Edward Hughes, at Liverpool; 9th, barque Ashley, Clarke, at do.; 10th, barque Allan Brown, Harris, do.

WANTED.

A First rate FEMALE TEACHER for a small School in the Parish of Lancaster, opposite Indiantown. If a person of suitable qualifications can be obtained, beside the government allowance, £20 will be paid for the year. No one need apply but such as have had experience and can furnish good credentials. Reference to the Editor of this paper. May 3d, 1850.

Temperance BAZAAR.

A BAZAAR will be held in the City of Saint John, in the early part of the month of July, to raise funds for the purpose of employing a competent person to lecture on Temperance throughout the Province, for one year.

The assistance of all is respectfully solicited.

Donations may be left with any of the following Committee of Ladies:—

City of Saint John—Miss Bentley, Miss Hazen, Miss S. E. Davidson, Mrs. W. H. A. Keans, Mrs. Jas. Gerow, Jr., Mrs. G. A. Garrison, Mrs. Joseph Lordy, Mrs. J. R. Marshall, Mrs. R. C. Frost, Carleton—Mrs. J. Wetmore, Mrs. S. W. Olive, Mrs. J. Christopher, Jr.

Portland—Mrs. S. L. Tilley, Mrs. James Harris, Mrs. John Owens, Mrs. Richard Seely, Mrs. J. L. Woodworth.

Indian Town—Mrs. Moses Tuck, Mrs. James Flewelling, Mrs. Robert Stevens, Mrs. Richard Dalton. April 30.

Field, Garden, and Flower SEEDS.

The Subscribers have just received and offer for Sale, the following SEEDS, all warranted fresh and of first quality:

HOPETON, Potato, and Polish SEED OATS, Black Sea and North Shore WHEAT, Chevalier and Common BARLEY, Indian Corn, and Timothy Seed, growth of N. B., Red and White CLOVER SEED, Summer Rye, Horse Beans, Field PEAS, Flax, Hemp, and Millet Seed.

TURNIP SEED.

Sweetish, Hybrid, Skirving's, Aberdeen, Globe,

Dutch, Stone and Malta.

CARROT SEED.

Early Horn, White Belgian, Long Red Surrey, Altringham, Large Foreign Red, MANGUL WURTZEL, Beet, Kohl Rabi, Garden PEAS, of all varieties.

BEANS.

Kidney, Windsor, Scarlet-Runners, China, Marrow and American Pea-Bean.

ONION SEED.

Straburgh, Portugal, Yellow Dutch, and Blood Red.

CABBAGE SEED.

Early and Large York, Red Dutch, Cape Savoy, Early Dwarf, Early Vanack, Early Spotsboro.

RADISH.

Early Frame and Salmon.

LEEKs, CAULIFLOWERS,

Celery, Lettuce, Parsley, Parsnip, Cress, Canary Cucumber, Pumpkin, Lupins, Sweet Pea, Lavender, Rhubarb, Rosemary, Savory, Thyme, Sage, Hyssop, &c., &c. Annual and Perennial FLOWER SEED.

JARDINE & CO.

St. John, 24th April, 1850.

GREAT SALE.

THE well-known BREWSTER-FARM, with Thirty Acres of MARSH; Oxen and Cows, Young Cattle and Sheep; Farming Utensils; LIBRARY of 140 volumes. Also, a part of the Household Furniture, will be sold at PUBLIC AUCTION, on TUESDAY, May 21, 1850.

This Property is situated near the heart of the beautiful HOPEWELL, County of Albert. S. ce at 9 o'clock, A. M.

Particulars in bills. ISAAC TUCKER, Auctioneer. April 26th, 1850.