

is communicated. The attention of Congress is invited to the state of the laws in regard to foreign ambassadors, ministers and consuls, with a view to further legislation on the subject.

Allusion is made to the orders issued by the British and French governments to their naval commanders, to prevent by force, if necessary, the landing of adventurers from any nation on the island of Cuba, with hostile intent. The correspondence on these subjects with the representatives of the British and French governments has been communicated to Congress, and the principle sustained therein by the government, is succinctly but clearly stated in the message. The British charge d'affaires by authority of his government assured the Secretary of State, that every care would be taken, that in executing the preventive measures against the expeditions which the United States government had itself denounced, as not entitled to the protection of any government, there should be no interference with the lawful commerce of any nation. Similar assurances were given by the French government.

Attention is again invited to the subject of reciprocal trade between the United States and Canada. The President remarks:—

"Your attention is again invited to the question of reciprocal trade between the United States and Canada and other British possessions near our frontier. Overtures for a convention upon this subject have been received from her Britannic Majesty's Minister Plenipotentiary, but it seems to be in many respects preferable that the matter should be regulated by reciprocal legislation. Documents are laid before you showing the terms which the British government is willing to offer, and the measures which it may adopt, if some arrangement upon this subject shall not be made."

The returns of the value of imports and exports of merchandise and specie, during the last fiscal year, show a surplus of the latter, compared with the former, of \$1,891,135; the imports amounting to \$215,725,995, and the exports to \$217,517,130. The excess in the aggregate value of the latter year is attributed to the high value of cotton during the year, compared with its present price. It is computed that should the cotton crop now going forward to market prove to be equal to that of last year, and he sold at present prices, it will exhibit a falling off in the value of the exports of this article during the present fiscal year, of at least \$40,000,000, compared with that of the same article exported during the last year, and will consequently require a greatly increased export of specie. The exports of specie during the last fiscal year amounted to \$24,263,979, and in the past quarter of the present year to \$14,651,827. Should this rate of export of specie continue through the current year, it will cause a drain upon the metallic currency of \$58,607,808.

The value of breadstuffs and provisions exported have fallen off from \$68,701,921, exported in 1847, the year after the adoption of the present tariff, to \$26,051,873 in 1850, and \$21,948,653, in the year ending on the 30th June last, with a probability amounting almost to a certainty, of a still greater falling off of the present year. These facts are cited in the message for the purpose of showing, that the anticipation of an augmented export of these products of American industry would be produced by the incentive of low duties and large exports from abroad has not been realized, and the natural consequences of excessive imports, which have been in part averted by accidental causes hitherto, threaten to be severely felt by the industry of the country. The immense imports of gold from California, while they have enabled the commerce of the country thus far to supply the drain of specie, have a tendency to increase speculation and over trading, to enhance prices, to encourage imports beyond the wants of the country, and beyond its ability to pay, and consequently threaten to cause a sudden drain of the precious metals from the country, and to "bring with it as it has done in former times the most disastrous consequences to the business and capital of the American people."

The prosperous state of the finances is alluded to, exhibiting receipts of revenue during the fiscal year ending on the 30th June last, to the amount of \$52,312,079, against a total expenditure of \$48,005,663. In the latter amount are included \$7,501,456 paid in cash on account of the public debt, exclusive of interest.

The President repeats the recommendation in his last annual message, of a modification of the present Tariff, by substituting specific duties for those which are *ad valorem*, in all cases in which the character of the articles will admit of it, for the purpose of putting an end to the flagrant abuses, which are practised under the existing law, and of affording protection to certain branches of industry which are now in a languishing condition, by encouraging home production, without excluding foreign competition.

The young men at New Orleans are preparing a present of silver plate for Mr. Smith, the secretary of the British Consul at Havana, for his kind attention to the American prisoners of the Lopez expedition.

INTERESTING INCIDENT.—Jenny Lind attended the Seamen's Bethel in Boston last Sabbath and listened attentively to a discourse from father Taylor. The day following the venerable preacher received a note from the good Jenny, containing words of sympathy for the cause of religion among seamen, and the sum of \$100 in cash. The Boston Times says:—"This benevolent hearted woman never tires in her works of charity. She is the goddess of song and the angel of goodness. Heaven bless her!"

HORRIBLE TRAGEDY.—Four persons killed and several wounded by a Lunatic.—A frightful tragedy was enacted on last Sunday morning, at the Long Reach, King's County, where a lunatic named Corrigan killed his wife and two children and his aunt, and wounded several others dangerously. The particulars as far as we could learn, are as follows:—Corrigan who has long been a resident on the Reach, has, for many years, been subject to periodical fits of insanity. He it was who was committed to the Penitentiary towards the close of last summer, by Mr. Allen, of Portland, and conveyed thence after some trouble to the Lunatic Asylum, from which he was soon after discharged. On Sunday morning he invited his father-in-law and several others to his house, and soon after they were assembled proposed that they should have prayer. While the rest were so engaged Corrigan suddenly laying hold of a shingle-maker's drawing-knife—a dreadful weapon—struck his wife on the head, killing her at a single blow, and then with a second blow killed one of his children. The others terrified rushed from the house and were pursued by the madman. A second of his children was killed as he was scrambling over the fence, the head being cut from the body. The old man was dreadfully wounded on the head and arm, and a school-master who had accompanied him to Corrigan's house, was also wounded. The madman next rushed on his aunt (Mrs. McCloskey, if we mistake not) and shot her a victim to his frenzy, the dreadful weapon wielded by the maniac doing its fearful work rapidly and unrelentingly. A son of Mrs. McCloskey's had armed himself with a gun from the house, and tried to save his mother by shooting down the murderer, but the gun misfired. He then, using the butt end, broke his arm and so put a stop to the slaughter. Corrigan finding himself powerless fled to the woods where he was found shortly after. He is said to be much frost bitten.

He was observed, on the previous day, sharpening the knife, and on being asked why he did so, said he wanted it to prepare an axe-handle.

Such are the particulars of this sad occurrence as we have been able to gather them. There are, probably, many inaccuracies and additions, as it is hard to separate the truth from the many rumours and exaggerations about; but we believe that in the main this account may be relied on.—*Freeman.*

DEATH OF THE MURDERER.—The lunatic who committed the frightful murders, at M. L. K. ish, a few days ago, has since died.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAGISTRATES' COURT.

—At a meeting of the County Magistrates, Tuesday, G. A. Lockhart, Esq., brought up the question of petitioning the Legislature, and praying that body to pass a bill similar to one which he submitted—which was read by the Recorder—and to make it the law of the land; the purport of which was that the authorities should be instructed to destroy liquors wherever they might be found, and annulling all laws which should be of a different nature to the law in question, allowing, however, parties authorized by the authorities to import and sell it for medicinal purposes. After the bill to be sent to the Legislature was read, Mr. Lockhart briefly stated that he did not bring it forward on his own responsibility; neither was it a whim of a few individuals; but that it was the wish of a large body of the people. He then presented two petitions—numerously signed, one of which was from the ladies of the County. The principal opponent of the motion was Mr. Keltie, who stated that he was not opposed to the passage of the law, but believed that the Magistrates Court was not the proper one before which to bring the subject. Mr. Simonds was in favor of such a law being adopted, but did not believe such a bill should go before the House of Assembly without stating the laws which should be annulled by it. Mr. Needham thought it unnecessary to speak in favor of the motion as he believed that it would pass; if it should be lost, he would move its re-consideration. After a little discussion, which was but of short duration, the question was taken, with the following result:—

YEAS—Messrs. G. A. Lockhart, Alex. Lockhart, Travis, Haws, Needham, Fairweather, Simonds, Dunham, Payne, and Olive—10.

NAYS—Messrs. Keltie, Gallagher, Parks, Beateay, Leavitt, Henderson, and Hawks—7.—*Morning Times.*

MEETING OF THE LEGISLATURE.—We learned by telegraph last evening, that at the meeting of the Executive Council yesterday, it was ordered that the Legislature should assemble, for the despatch of business, on Wednesday the 7th day of January next. This is an earlier meeting of the Legislature than usual; but we presume it takes place at the period named in order that the question connected with the construction of Railways in this Colony, may be at once discussed and settled, in deference to the proceedings which have already taken place in Canada and Nova Scotia, without calling a special Session for that purpose.—*New-Brun.*

THE SPEAKERSHIP.—We learn from undoubted authority that the Hon. Mr. Crane will be a candidate for the Speaker's Chair, which he formally occupied. There will, in all probability, be a contest for the honour of first Commoner, and the decision of the question will be looked for with a good deal of interest by the public.—*Head Quarters.*

DEATH BY DROWNING.—About 6 o'clock, last evening, Mrs. Boucher, Stewardess of the steamer Fairy Queen, was drowned at Whitney's wharf.

She had been ashore and was returning on board the vessel, when, as is supposed, the gangway upset and she fell into the water—the tide being low at the time and running rapidly.

WE understand that the Anniversary of the New-Brunswick Auxiliary Bible Society is appointed by the Committee to take place on Tuesday evening, the 6th January next.

To prevent Sore throat and Hoarseness. which are generally produced by the action of cold air on the throat when the body is in a state of perspiration, keep a piece of root ginger in your mouth.

ST. ANDREWS AND WOODSTOCK RAIL ROAD.—We learn that a letter was received this morning by the Province Treasurer, from W. D. Jack, Esq., Deputy Treasurer at St. Andrews, informing him that a contract had been closed by the Company with a Mr. Shaw, for completing the St. Andrews Rail Road to Woodstock.

RICH GOODS.—The latest fashionable London and Paris Vestings, for Fall and Winter wear, are now exhibited in the magnificent windows of J. Garrett & Co., Merchant Tailors; they even surpass in design the Exhibition Vests, so much admired. Wiggins' Brick Building, opposite H. Chubb & Co., Prince William Street.

NOTICE.

A GENERAL COUNTY CONVENTION of the Friends of Temperance will be held at the Hill Meeting House, in Hopewell, on Friday the 19th day of December, at 2 o'clock, P. M., to devise ways and means for receiving the assistance of the Provincial and Local Governments in suppressing the vice of Intemperance. A universal attendance is requested.

WILLIAM SEARS.

ROBERT A. CHESLEY.

County of Albert, December 1, 1851.

MARRIED.

On the 2d inst., by the Rev. Robert Irvine, Mr. Robert Logan, to Miss Margaret Ann Wark, both of the Parish of Portland.

In Greenwich, King's Co., Nov. 27, by the Rev. Ebenezer Webb, Mr. William Crabb to Miss Elizabeth J. Wallace.

On the 27th ult. by the Rev. E. F. Foshey, Mr. Milledge West to Miss Emily Cannon.

By the same, on the same day, Mr. Andrew Martin, to Miss Elizabeth Martin, both of the Parish of Albert County.

On the 9th inst. by the Rev. D. Cranial, Mr. Thomas Steadman, to Miss Rebecca Horseman, all of the Parish of Moncton.

On the 2d of October, by the Rev. James Newcomb, Mr. Howard Crossman, to Miss Rosanna Rodgers, both of the Parish of Hillsborough, in the County of Albert.—By the same, on the 27th of November, Mr. Hiram Wilson, of the Parish of Moncton, to Miss Catharine B. Herit, second daughter of the Rev. James Herit, of the Parish of Studholm.

In Wicklow, on the 4th inst., by the Rev. Wm. Harris, Mr. William West, to Miss Esther Miller.

DIED.

On Sunday morning, after a severe illness, Alexander, eldest son of Alexander Yeats, in the 31st year of his age.

Monday morning, Capt. Lawrence Halloway, aged 56 years.

On Thursday morning, 4th inst., Mr. Richard C. Sherwood, in the 77th year of his age, deeply lamented by all his friends and acquaintances.

On Thursday, the 4th inst., Mr. Joseph Hinds Smith, aged 33 years.

On Thursday, 4th inst., Ann, widow of the late Mr. Thos. Gibson, in the 60th year of her age.

At Portland, on Tuesday last, Eliza, wife of Mr. John Robinson, aged 83 years.

In New Canaan, on the 23d ult., Dea Daniel Perry, after a long illness, leaving a numerous family and a large circle of friends to mourn their loss. Elder J. Herit attended the funeral on Tuesday the 25th, and though he underwent great fatigue to reach the place the day previous, he preached with great earnestness and solemnity upon "The treasure in earthen vessels." A day of mourning was thus made a time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord.

At Greenwich, Nov. 24, Mrs. John Crabb, aged 60, leaving a large circle of relations to mourn their loss. Mrs. C. was a member of the Baptist Church, in this place.

At Dumfries, York County, on the 27th ult., Mary Woodbridge Allan, widow of the late Adam Allan, Esquire, Lieutenant of the Queen's American Rangers, in the 86th year of her age, leaving a large circle of relatives and friends to mourn their bereavement. The deceased came to this Province in the memorable year 1793 with her father, the late Dr. Jos. Clarke, of Margerville.

At Oromocto, County of Sunbury, on the 8th September last, Mr. Abner Seely, aged 31 years; also, at Blissville, in the same County, on the 12th, Mr. Linus Seely, aged 51 years 1 month and 12 days; on the 13th October, Mr. Jacob Seely, aged 21 years and 2 days; on the 4th Nov., Miss Mary Ann Seely, aged 18 years 2 months and 10 days; and on the 18th, Mrs. Elizabeth Seely, aged 56 years 4 months and 18 days.—The father, mother, and three children of one family, have thus been taken away by a malignant fever in the short space of ten weeks; the lives of two other members of the same family are despaired of—verily,—"In the midst of life we are in death."

On the 30th ult., at his residence in Sheffield, after a short but severe illness, Mr. Isaac Simmons, in the 76th year of his age. He was born in the United States, and stood among the earliest settlers of this country.

At Fredericton, on the 3d inst., at the residence of her son, Robert Wiley, Ann, the wife of Mr. John Wiley, in the 79th year of her age.

SAW AND BELTING.—Hoe & S. Co. Patent Premium GANG SAWS—5, 5½, 6, and 6½ feet; Circular Saws of all sizes.

Boston Belting Company's India Rubber BELTING and HOSE—all sizes. For sale by THOMAS M'HENRY, Union-street Wharf.

PRICES CURRENT.

SAINT JOHN MARKET.

FRIDAY, December 12, 1851.

BEEF, on foot,	25s. to 30s.
Country Market,	2d. to 3d.
Butchers' do.	4d. to 6d.
BUTTER, per lb., Roll,	9d. to 10d.
" " Packed,	8d. to 9d.
CHEESE, per lb.	4½d. to 5½d.
CHICKENS, per pair,	1s. 3d. to 1s. 6d.
COAL, per Chaldron,	20s. to 27s. 6d.
CORN, per Bushel,	3s. 9d. to 4s.
CANDLES, per lb., Dipped,	7½d.
" " Mould,	8½d.
EGGS, per Dozen,	7½d.
FLOUR, Mill, in Bags,	12s. 6d.
" " per Brl.	25s.
" Canada Sup'fine, Brl.	23s. 9d. to 25s.
" Middlings, in Bags,	7s. 6d.
" Rye, per Brl.	20s. to 22s.
" Buckwheat, 100 lbs. (rough)	6s. to 7s.
" " (gray)	8s. 9d. to 9s.
FISH, Cod, per Quintal,	15s. to 16s.
" Pollock, "	8s. to 9s.
" Alewives, per brl.	16s. 3d. to 17s.
" Herrings, Spring,	12s. 6d.
" " Labrador,	17s. 6d. to 20s.
GEESE, per piece,	1s. 6d. to 1s. 9d.
HAY, per Ton,	50s.
LAMB, per lb.	3d. to 3½d.
LARD, per lb.	7½d.
MEAL, Corn, per barrel,	17s. to 18s. 9d.
" " in Bags,	8s.
" Oat,	12s. 6d.
MOLASSES, per gallon,	1s. 5d. to 1s. 8d.
MUTTON, per lb.	2½d. to 3d.
OATS, per bushel,	1s. 8d. to 1s. 9d.
PORK, Salt, per barrel, Mess,	£5 0s. 0d.
" Fresh, per lb.	3½d. to 4d.
POTATOES, per bushel,	2s. 6d. to 3s.
SALT, "	1s. 2d.
SUGAR, per lb.	4d. to 4½d.
TURKEYS, per lb.	4½d. to 5d.
VEAL, "	2½d. to 3d.
CORD WOOD, per Cord,	17s. 6d. to 24s.

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WOLF AND BEAR SKIN TOP COATS, HEAVY LINED, so much admired last winter;

Tweed Pilot	TOP COATS;
Labrador, new fabric,	" "
Harringtons, mottled and plain,	" "
Witney, brown, drab, & grey,	" "
Duffie Cloth, blue & black,	" "
Newfoundland, blue pilot,	" "
Canada Greys,	" "
Petershams, napped & plain,	" "
Devon Kerseys,	" "
Beaver Cloths, smooth finish,	" "
Black Cloths,	" "
Blue Cloths,	" "
Brown Cloths,	" "
Steel Mixtures,	" "
Invisible Green,	" "
Clouded Pressed, dark shades,	" "

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