

LONG SOUNDING-LINE.—The United States Government has in process of construction at Plymouth, a line ten thousand yards long. The object is to sound the Atlantic Ocean, and ascertain its depth and the exact shape of its bottom in every part. This is an important point among scientific men. The deepest spot reached as yet, is off the west coast of the Cape of Good Hope. Capt. Ross, of the British Navy, found the depth a little more than 5 miles. At other places no bottom has been touched at that depth. The line now in construction will probably be too short—5 miles and 1200 yards.—The highest mountains reach upwards 5 miles, and thus we know the inequality of the surface of the earth—the distance between its depths and the loftiest heights—to be 10 miles. Geologists are trying to learn what has caused these elevations and depressions.

A ridge in the bottom of the Atlantic extends eastwardly from the Island of New Foundland, forming the great fishing bank. It is thought to reach all the way across to Ireland, which is in its due direction, for the Gulf stream is there deflected to the East and South. If such a ridge exists, it may be available for laying telegraph wires upon it. Behring's Straits are quite shallow and so are the Straits of Gibraltar. Between Pernambuco, in South America, and Liberia, in Africa, is the narrowest part of the Atlantic, south of Greenland. At the rate of the fastest steamers, it may be crossed in about three days; and probably it is also shoal or forming future telegraph lines.

MISSIONS.

Within fifty years 3,000 schools have been attended by 250,000 scholars. The Scriptures have been rendered into 200 languages, and may be read by six hundred millions of people. The probable number of native converts who have died in the faith is between 150,000 and 200,000. Four thousand churches have been built; and 2,000 ordained ministers, with more than 7,000 lay preachers and catechists have been sent forth among the heathen. The conversions have averaged between three and four hundred to each minister.

TORONTO, May 24.—In the Legislative Assembly this day the Hon. Mr. Merritt, State Commissioner of Public Works, explained the reason of his retiring from the Cabinet, the principal one being the opposition of his colleagues to the establishment of a new fiscal system. He announced his intention to propose a complete arrangement in the Constitution on the principle of the State of New York, and stated that an expenditure of \$60,000 in the removing of obstructions in the St. Lawrence would render our public works as productive as those of the State of New York.

A line of American (propeller) steam ships are to commence running between Boston and Liverpool next July.

THE MUCH-NEEDED PRESS.—We learn from an American paper that Mr. L. P. Guernsey, of Montpelier, Vt. has invented a printing press which will work thirty quires an hour, (720 impressions) and can be sold for \$500! This will entitle him to the \$1,000 reward offered by Mr. G. Buce, type founder, of New York, for such a discovery.

The telegraph line has been extended to Eastport.

MELANCHOLY ACCIDENT.—Last evening Daniel Murray, a man employed in driving timber in the river, fell from a log near Sugar Island, and was drowned. He was a native of Restigouche, and a steady active young man aged about 19 years. His body was recovered in about half an hour, and brought in this City.—*Fred. Reporter, Friday.*

FIRE IN PORTLAND.—On Sunday morning, between the hours of 9 and 10 o'clock, a fire broke out in the roof of the house owned and occupied by Mr. George F. Smith, next to the Wesleyan Methodist Chapel, in Portland, which for a short time threatened the destruction of the Chapel and the adjoining buildings. The inhabitants of Portland were promptly at the scene of danger, and by great and persevering exertions they not only prevented the flames from extending beyond the building on fire, but succeeded in saving the whole of the lower part of the building, the roof of which was however wholly destroyed. The Engine belonging to John Pollok, Esq., was early on the ground, and rendered most effectual service in extinguishing the fire. The conduct of the people of Portland who were at the fire deserves the highest meed of praise, many of whom were exerting themselves on the roof of the house, almost surrounded by the flames, and continued their exertions until they succeeded in saving the building.—*Obs.*

The steam ship America, from Boston for Liverpool carried out \$101,000 in American gold and \$29,319 in sovereigns.—The Cambria arrived at Halifax on Friday morning, and shortly after proceeded on her voyage to Liverpool, with His Excellency Sir John Harvey on board. The Rev. Dr. Riney, Wesleyan Minister, of Canada, was also among the passengers by the Cambria.

QUARANTINE.—The Brig "Field Marshal Radetzky," with 98 passengers, arrived at the Island on Sunday, after a passage of 26 days from

Cork. One passenger died on the voyage, and some four or five others that exhibited symptoms of fever, were landed on the Island yesterday, and the vessel will probably come into port to-day.

The seaman belonging to the "Integrity," from New York, who was landed at the Island with small pox, died on Sunday. No symptoms of the disease have yet appeared among the rest of the crew, who are at the Marine Hospital on the Island. The Pilot, Mr. Mulherrin, is detained with the crew.—*New Bruns.*

THE EUROPEAN AND NORTH AMERICAN RAILWAY.—We learn from Halifax, that the Hon. Mr. Uniacke has resigned as a member of the Executive Committee of this proposed railway.—*Id.*

ACADIA COLLEGE.

The Anniversary exercises of Acadia College will take place on Friday, the 20th day of June, commencing at 11 o'clock, A. M. In addition to the usual assignments to Candidates for Degrees, and Undergraduates, an inaugural Address will be delivered by the Rev. Dr. Cramp, now about to take the Presidential Chair. It is hoped that all the friends of the College who can make it at all convenient, will give their attendance at this time. The public generally are respectfully invited.

The Governors of the College are requested to meet at 10 o'clock, A. M., as usual, for the transaction of business.

The usual Quarterly Examination of the College Classes will take place on Wednesday, the 18th day of June, commencing at 9 o'clock, A. M. This examination is open to all who may feel disposed to attend it. The Governors of the College, especially, are requested to give their countenance by their presence.

On Tuesday, the 17th, Examinations for Degrees will be conducted, commencing at 10 o'clock, A. M.

In behalf of the Board of Governors,
J. R. FITCH,
Recording Secretary.

Wolfville, May 29, 1851.

NOTICE.

The next QUARTERLY MEETING of the Northern District will be held at Margerville, commencing on Saturday the twenty-eighth of June. The Ministers are expected to attend, and the brethren and friends in general are invited.

R. H. EMERSON.
Margerville June 2d, 1851.

NOTICE.

The new BAPTIST CHAPEL recently erected in Nashuaak, will be dedicated to the service of God by Public Religious Services on the 15th of June next, being the third Sabbath in the month. Ministering brethren are invited to attend, and we hope they will accede to our request.

JOHN MAGEE, Pastor.
St. Mary's, May 5th, 1851.

MARRIED.

On the 26th ult., by the Rev. Robert Irvine, Mr. George A. Fowler, to Miss Hannah Elizabeth Hutchinson, both of this City.

On Monday evening the 26th ult., by the Rev. William Harrison, Mr. Frederick Welch, Printer, of Fredericton, to Miss Margaret H. Hickson, of the City of St. John.

On the 21st ult., by the Rev. Samuel Robinson, Mr. Thomas Davis, to Miss Elizabeth Howlar, both of the Parish of Simonds.

At Studholm, King's County, on Tuesday, the 27th ult., by the Rev. Meritt Keith, Mr. Stephen Perry, to Miss Lucy Allward, second daughter of Mr. Jesse Allward, all of that place.

At Woodybank Cottage, Wallace, N. S., on the 22d ult., by the Rev. Mr. Avery, Mr. H. G. Pinedo, of Peggwash, to Charlotte Amelia, second daughter of Joseph N. B. Kerr, Esq., of Wallace.

DIED.

This morning, in the hope of Eternal life, Elizabeth, widow of the late Joseph McPherson, aged 52 years.

On Tuesday morning, after a short illness, Mr. Charles W. Cox, aged 31 years.

On Tuesday morning, Mr. Ezekiel C. Wilson, a native of Londonderry, Ireland, aged 70 years.

On Wednesday morning, Alexander, only child of Mr. John A. Morrison.

On Wednesday, after a short illness, Alexander, sixth son of Mr. James Kennedy, aged three years and seven months.

On Saturday morning, at the Straight Shore, Parish of Portland, Mr. Hugh Gallagher, aged 67 years. The deceased was much respected by all who knew him.

On the 23d ult., on board the Ship Alexander Edmond, after four days' illness, Mr. Thomas Smith, aged 45 years, Steward of that vessel, and a native of Howth, England.

On the 12th ult., at the Village Road, Parish of Hampton, Sarah, wife of Mr. Darby Fox, a native of the County Fermanagh, Ireland, aged 67 years.

PORT OF SAINT JOHN.

ARRIVED.

Tuesday—Brig Janet, Brown, Liverpool, 38—G. & J. Salter, general cargo.

Schr. Kedron, Layton, Fredericksburgh, 6—J. & R. Reed, corn.

Wednesday—Steamer Admiral, Wood, Boston, via Eastport—Geo. Thomas, passengers, &c.

Thursday—Ship Sunbeam, Winsor, Boston, 2—Allison & Spurr, ballast.

Barque Fame, Moses, Boston, 5—Charles McLaughlan, ballast.

Brig Integrity, McKellar, New York, 10—Allison & Spurr, general cargo.—(At Quarantine, one of the crew having small pox.)

Friday—Steamer Maid of Erin, Belyea, Portland—Thos. Parks, passengers, &c.

Schr. Mary Elizabeth, Benjamin, Eastport—H. Walsh, run.

Sunday—Ship Ellen Thompson, Gray, Philadelphia, 11—R. Rankin & Co., coals.

Harmony, Jameson, New York, 10—S. Wiggins & Son, salt and coals.

Brig. British Queen, Brown, New York, 6—Wm. Thomson, flour.

This Day—Ship Ulverston, Broderick, New York, 9—ballast.

Barque Joseph, England, New York, 8—S. Wiggins & Son, ballast.

Industry, McNally, New York, 9—R. Rankin & Co., do.

CLEARED.

May 28th—Brig. Portland, Scott, Portland, boards and shingles; schr. Richmond, Pangbourn, Boston, oats, potash and shingles.

29th—Ship Belmont, Grant, Penarth Roads, timber and deals—S. Wiggins & Son; Forest King, Hawthorn, Liverpool, deals and scantling—John Robertson; Lorena, Urquhart, Dublin, deals—S. Wiggins & Son; Barque Nova Scotia, Corning, Greenock, timber, deals, herrings, &c.—John Robertson; Sarsine, Zanzar, London, deals; Brig John Wilson, Coupland, Dumfries, timber, deals, &c.; Schr. Tadousac, Bernier, Halifax, oakum and limestone—Allison & Spurr.

30th—Barque Faside, Walker, Cork, timber and deals—R. Rankin & Co.; John S. DeWolfe, Bradshaw, Liverpool, timber and deals—S. Wiggins & Son; Actress, Murphy, London, deals—John Robertson; Brig. Virginie, Boucher, Portsmouth (N. H.) salt.

31st—Ship Caratacus, Marks, Liverpool, timber and deals; Barque Glasgow, Ritchie, Hull, do; Briton, Cochran, Fleetwood, do; Brig William, Key, Westport, do; Brig. Elizabeth Hastings, Fitzgerald, Boston, fish; Schr. Mary Jane, Elkin, Bath, chalk; Bee, Wodin, Halifax, limestone; Emerald, Purdy, Boston, clapboards.

June 2d—Ship Olive, Olive, Liverpool, timber and deals; Schr. Harp, Mosher, Eastport, gypsum.

Brig Alexander, from New York, for this port, in ballast, went ashore on the S. W. side of Nantucket, in a fog, on the morning of the 22d inst.—was expected to be got off after discharging ballast.

Arrivals from St. John.—March 16th, Schr. Natal, Roberts, at Port Natal; May 7th, ship Lesmahagow, Gimber, in the Clyde; 10th, Allen Brown, Harris, at Gloucester; 12th, Patricia, Newton, and Industry, Ailee, at Liverpool; Competitor, Goudy, in the Clyde; 16th, Snowdon, Walker, and Revere, Howes, at Liverpool.

Sailed for St. John.—May 3d, Barbara, Hagerly, from Londonderry; 5th, Highlander, Graham, from Belfast; Wolga, Cood, from Carthagena; 9th, Lord Fitzgerald & Vesel, King, from Galway; 12th, Perseverance, Morris, from Queenstown; 13th, British American, Powell, from Liverpool; Charles, Kines, from Youghal.

Arrived from St. John, May 22d, Palendur, at Clyde; 17th, Revere, at Liverpool; Irvine, at Bristol.—From New Orleans, 18th, the Duke.—From Mobile, 16th, the Balmoral.

Cleared, 22d, Delta, for Quebec; Gipsey, St. John.

Loading at Liverpool, the Harriott, Virginia, and Samuel, for St. John.

Sailed from Limerick, 18th, Maranham, Quebec.

Loading at Clyde, Lesmahagow, for St. John.—Passed, May 1st, lat. 47, lon. 44, brig Thistle, Waterford, o Saint John.—13th, lat. 50, lon. 1 br Charles, Youghal, to Saint John.

Arrived at Liverpool, May 12th, ship Samuel, Leighton, Savannah; 15th, Eudocia, Bannerman, New Orleans; 16th, Prince of Wales, Brown, Savannah; 17th, off the port, ship Jane, from Apalachicola.

Sailed from Liverpool, May 13th, barque El Dorado, Thompson, Quebec.—From Deal, 15th, ship Arab, Lewis, Cardiff, to load for Quebec.

Arrived at New York, May 22d, ship Themis Leighton, Liverpool.—At Quebec, 29th, ship Roadicea, Leavitt, New York.

MAIL CONTRACT.

SEALED Tenders, addressed to the Deputy Postmaster General, will be received at this Office, until Saturday, the 14th June next, from such persons as may be willing to enter into a Contract for the conveyance of the Mails twice a week each way between SAINT JOHN and AMHERST, for the whole route, or for certain parts of it, viz:

From Saint John to Sussex Vale:
" Sussex Vale to Bend of Petitcodiac;
" Petitcodiac to Amherst.

The Mails to be conveyed on such days, and at such hours, as may be from time to time appointed by the Deputy Postmaster General, and at a rate of speed not less than seven miles an hour, including stoppages.

Each Tender must be accompanied with the names of two responsible persons to become bound with the party tendering for the due and faithful performance of the service.

N. B.—It is to be distinctly understood that persons tendering for the above service will have no claim whatever upon the Legislature for any, the smallest remuneration, over and above the amount named in the Tender.

J. HOWE, D. P. M. G.
GENERAL POST OFFICE,
St. John, N. B., May 31, 1851.

Notice to the Public.

General Post Office, St. John,
May 31, 1851.

ON and after the 3d June next, Mails will be made up at this Office on TUESDAY and FRIDAY mornings, at Eight o'clock, for Digby, Yarmouth, Liverpool, Shelburne, Annapolis, Kentville, Windsor and Halifax.

21. J. HOWE, D. P. M. G.

M. Francis & Coughlan,

No. 13, PRINCE WILLIAM STREET,

HAVE received per ship Faside, from London, their Spring Supply of Ladies', Gentlemen's, Misses and Children's BOOTS and SHOES, of all descriptions, qualities and sizes, which they will sell at their usual low prices.

On hand, of Domestic Manufacture, a large assortment of Ladies', Misses and Children's BOOTS; also Gentlemen's Boots and Shoes of Gutta Percha and Cork inner soles, various styles. An excellent assortment of Gentlemen's Ladies', and Children's INDIA RUBBERS, which will be sold at their usual low prices for cash.

Saint John, May 9th, 1851.

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.

Provincial Manufactures, AND

PICTORIAL, HORTICULTURAL & FLORAL EXHIBITION.

THE Directors of the ST. JOHN MECHANICS' INSTITUTE are making arrangements for the above Exhibition, which will take place at the Hall of the Institute on Wednesday and Thursday, the 10th and 11th September next.

As the object of the Directors is to carry out the intention of the Institute, by affording an opportunity for the development and display of Artistic and Mechanical Provincial Talent, and at the same time by increasing the funds of the Institute, to enable them to make it more attractive and useful—the Members and friends of the Institute are earnestly requested to aid the undertaking.

This being the first public opportunity our Artists and Mechanics have had of exhibiting their ingenuity and skill in the Fine Arts and Domestic Manufactures, it is earnestly hoped that the scheme will meet with that approval and aid from the great body of the people which its importance deserves, and without which it cannot be successfully carried out.

During the Exhibition there will be a CONCERT of Vocal and Instrumental Music.

With a view to encourage social and friendly feelings among the Members of the Institute, it is proposed to have a PICNIC to the Bellisle, on THURSDAY, the 17th July next, for which a suitable Steamer will be engaged.

Contributions of Domestic Manufactures are solicited from all parts of the Province.

W. HUTCHINSON, Jr.

June 3.



STEAMER "ADMIRAL,"

CAPT. A. WOOD;

For Eastport, Portland, and Boston.

FROM ST. JOHN, THURSDAY'S AT 9 A. M.

" BOSTON, TUESDAY'S AT 11 A. M.

AND will arrive in time for Passengers bound to Halifax to take a Steamer for Windsor on Wednesday night.

CABIN FARE:

To Eastport,	\$1 50	
St. Andrews,	1 75	via Steamer
St. Stephen's,	2 00	Nequasset.
Portland,	5 00	
Boston,	6 00	
DECK—Portland,	\$4 00	
Boston,	4 50	

The accommodations of the Steamer Admiral is not equalled by any Boat on the Route.

For Freight or Passage apply to

GEORGE THOMAS.

May 6.

South Market Wharf.

DOMESTIC MANUFACTURES.

WE have now on hand and are constantly making up, THE SPRING STYLES OF HATS AND CAPS FOR 1851, and are determined to sell them at such low prices as cannot fail to give satisfaction to any reasonable person. Every care is taken that our goods shall not only be cheap but durable, as we are anxious that our friends should continue their patronage.

We expect to receive in a few days a large supply of French Plushes and other raw materials and trimmings; parties in want of a really good and fashionable Hat or Cap will do well to call and get one of our own manufacture.

We have just received per late arrivals—100 dozen English Hats and Caps, which we will dispose of at the lowest possible rates.

Our terms are—Cash on Delivery.
Our Stores—East side of Market Square, and North side of King street.

May 9.

C. D. EVERETT & SON.

LOOKHART & CO.

Brick Building, No. 1, Prince Wm. Street.

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL

Cheap Hat, Cap and Fur Store

NOW OPENING AND TO ARRIVE—

GENTS' French HATS, Rivets real Paris Manufacture, only 20s. Paris price;

40 Dozen Gent's Satin HATS, Spring Style;

40 do. Men's Paris and Plate HATS.

80 do. Men's and Youths' Drab, Brown, Green and Gold Sporting HATS;

40 do. Men's and Youths' Pearl, Tampico, Kossuth, Oriental and Farmer's Hats,

40 do. Men's and Youths' CLOTH CAPS, every style,

60 do. Silk and Lawn Glazed CAPS,

10 do. Silk Plush CAPS, very nice patterns;

10 do. Brussels and Venetian Carpet Bags;

Glazed Hats; OIL CLOTH;

Gents' Furnishing Goods;

TRUNKS, Valises, and UMBRELLAS.

With a large assortment of other Goods.

CASH paid for FURS.

April 8.—61.

LOOKHART & CO.