

the yield of gold, but the temporary stoppage is expected only to lead to new explorations.

RUSSIA.—St. Petersburg journals announce another victory over the Circassians.

GERMANY.—Hanover has declared in favour of a commercial and customs union with Austria.

Professor Wilson, the Christopher North of Blackwood's Magazine, has resigned his chair of Philosophy, in consequence of age and infirmity.

An order from the Government officials orders the Crystal Palace to be immediately closed against the public, on the ground that the assemblages of cheap promenaders which it attracted were prejudicial to the peace and quiet of the vicinity.

The Arctic expedition sailed on Thursday. The ships are, the Assistance, Capt. Belcher; Resolute, Capt. Killett; North Star, Capt. Pullen; Propeller Intrepid, Capt. McClintock, and Propeller Pioneer, Capt. Osborne. The expedition is supplied with every requisite.

Letters just received in England from the African squadron say that the efforts of the cruisers have quite extinguished the slave trade in the Bight of Benin.

Arrived from St. John, 12th, instant, Majestic, at Belfast.

Sailed for St. John, 13th inst., Ellen and Margaret from Queenstown. For St. Andrews, 13th, Queen Victoria, from Sunderland.

Loading at Liverpool, Sarah Louisa, for St. John.

Passengers in the Niagara for St. John—Messrs. George Young, John McLaughlan, Wm. Olive, and Captain R. G. Moran.

HIGHLY IMPORTANT FROM CHINA.

Destructive Conflagration in Hong Kong—\$4,000,000 Property Destroyed—Melancholy Loss of Life.

We are indebted to one of the passengers by the ship William Watson, which arrived at this port yesterday, sixty-one days from Hong Kong, China, for an account of a destructive conflagration with which that place was visited on the 29th of December last. The whole of the Chinese portion of the place, including the newspaper offices, was completely destroyed before the fire was subdued. The loss of property destroyed is estimated at \$4,000,000.

The fire originated in the store of an opium dealer, who fell asleep and knocked down a burning lamp. The military were called out as soon as it was discovered and used the greatest exertions to suppress the flames, but to little purpose.

Col. Matthews of the Sappers, whilst in the act of laying a train to blow up a building, a Lieutenant in the Navy belonging to the English ship Hastings, and a Sergeant of the Sappers, lost their lives. The loss of Chinese life was unknown at the time of the sailing of the William Watson, but it was supposed to be very great.

Sir Wm. Bormer called a special meeting of the City Council immediately after the fire, at which it was unanimously resolved that no building should be erected of wood or bamboo thereafter, and that the Chinese streets should be of the same width as that of the Victoria Road.

When the Watson sailed business was dull and freights were low. The clipper ships Shooting Star and Flying Cloud were loading with tea for London at £2 per ton. The Game Cock sailed for Bombay, and the Mermaid was coasting.

The following ships sailed for this port with Chinese passengers, male and female, viz: the John Mayo and Louisa; the latter under a Chinese flag.—*San Francisco Herald.*

Rev. Ira Steward, Pastor of the Baptist Seamen's Bethel, New York, has the past year been soliciting funds, by appeals in the papers, to relieve their chapel from debt. The following is one of the anonymous letters received in reply, with cash enclosed:—

REV. IRA R. STEWARD:—

Sir:—Through the means of your paper, I learn that you have built a receiving-ship, and moored her in Cherry street, for the purpose of shipping sailors for the port of Glory; and now that she is complete, you can't pay her bills, and you kindly ask some assistance. Well, that is right. If you are in distress, set your signal, and I am always ready to help a shipmate anywhere between the royal truck and kelson. I have some desire, at least, to see you prosper. I know your Captain well. He and I have sailed together round the world. He saved me once in the bunt of the mizen-topsail, or I should have been drowned, and at various other times he has saved my life, when other captains would have said, let him go by the board. Another thing I like him for: I never knew him asleep; and if the watch went to sleep on the foreyard, he was always on the lookout; and while others trem-

bled at the storm, he smiled; and I, having confidence in him, smiled also, knowing the articles I had shipped under were signed and sealed by the God of heaven, and that he would protect his crew and save them, let the circumstances be what they would. This, sir, is the reason why I want others to leave the old boat—she ain't seaworthy—and ship with you as an under-captain, spread your canvas to the wind, and try a new voyage to the haven of eternal blessedness. So, after you get this, you can square in your yards a little more, shove out your topmast stud'n'sails, and keep your ship on her course. Haul your long-nines into the waist and keep them double-shotted; for there are privateers around the capes, and if they interfere, let them have a round or two, and, my word for it, they will either surrender or run.

But I must close; and if you get short again, make the signal, and I am there.

Yours respectfully,

SOMETIMES ALOFT AND SOMETIMES BELOW.

NOVA SCOTIA ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH COMPANY.—We are glad to learn that the business transactions on the line from Liverpool, via Lunenburg to Halifax, since the date of its opening in December, has exceeded the expectations of the managers. We further learn, that the line to Windsor and Kentville, was yesterday put in working condition by an efficient operator, and that offices will be immediately opened at other stations on the line terminating at Yarmouth.—*Halifax Colonist.*

The New York Tribune says that 40 fugitive slaves passed through that city on the 12th, on their way to Canada.

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS.—The value, in sterling, of the imports at this Port, during the Quarter ending the 5th April last, amounted to £48,532. Of this amount, £29,573 was the value of goods from the United States, and £13,029 from the United Kingdom.

The value of the Exports from this Port, last Quarter, amounted to £50,965. Of this amount, £38,615 was the value of goods exported to the United Kingdom, and £2856 to the United States.—*Courier.*

TESTIMONIAL.—We have much pleasure in stating that, on the recent retirement of Dr. Fitch from the Medical Superintendence of the Alms House for this City and County, a resolution was passed by the Commissioners of that Institution, expressing their satisfaction at the highly efficient manner in which the Doctor performed the duties of the office which he has held during the last year; and in furnishing him with a copy of the resolution, the Chairman of the board presented him, in the name of the Commissioners, with a handsome gold pencil case, and a silver lancet case—a complimentary inscription, explanatory of the object, being engraved on the latter.

It must be very gratifying to Dr. Fitch to know that, not only have the Commissioners taken this opportunity of recording their approval of his kind and attentive treatment to the poor creatures placed under his charge—the remuneration for which was merely nominal—but the Grand Jury, as well as other persons who have visited the Institution last year, have all agreed in the opinion that everything was done for the relief and comfort of the sick, that medical skill and care could suggest.—*Id.*

EMIGRANTS.—The first emigrant ship of the season, the Mary Ann, from Londonderry, with 193 passengers, arrived on Sunday, all well.

We regret to announce that intelligence of the death of the Honorable ALEXANDER RANKIN, was received in this city on Saturday last. He expired at the residence of his Brother, in Liverpool, on Saturday, the 3d instant. The Liverpool Standard of the 6th pays a just tribute to the memory of Mr. Rankin, whose death will cause general and deep regret throughout the Province.—*Obs.*

APPOINTMENT.—We understand that J. E. Carmichael, Esq., has been appointed Landing Surveyor for the Port of Miramichi.—*Gleaner.*

GREAT DAMAGE.—Fredericton April 29.—The ice jammed below Fredericton, gave way at 2 o'clock yesterday morning. It carried away the Oromocto Bridge, Mr. Wilmot's barn on Oromocto Island, and did much other damage.—*Telegraph to Reading Room.*

NOTICE.

A Dedication of the New Baptist Meeting House in the locality of Butternut Ridge, will take place on Sunday the 13th day of June next. Elder Joseph Crandal is hereby solicited to attend and preach at the opening.—Ministering Brethren and friends are respectfully invited to attend. The Service to commence at 11 o'clock.

MELANCTHON THORN, Clerk.

April 13th, 1852.

LIKENESS OF REV. EDWARD MANNING.—We have received from Rev. John Chase, forty copies of this Engraving, and they will be found on sale at the Depository. Price 2s. 6d. per copy. The likeness is well executed, and considered remarkably correct.

MARRIED.

At Fredericton, on Wednesday, the 21st inst., at Christ Church Cathedral, by the Venerable Archdeacon Coster, Mr. John Thomas, Merchant, to Kate, second daughter of Charles Brannen, Esq.

At Moncton, on Thursday, the 8th inst., at the house of the bride's father, by the Rev. Wm. Allen, Wesleyan Minister, Mr. John Arthur Stiles, of Coverdale, Albert, to Miss Jane, eldest daughter of Mr. Jacob Wortman, of Moncton.

At Moncton, April 26th, by Rev. David Crandal, Mr. Edward Wood to Miss Rebecca Taylor, all of Moncton.

DIED.

On Thursday morning, Leonard J., son of Mr. William Peters, aged 1 year and 8 months.—Funeral on Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

On Monday, after an illness of seven weeks, Edward C. Waddington, in the 52d year of his age.

On Sunday morning, Mr. George W. Potter, in the 47th year of his age, formerly a merchant of this city.

In this City, on the 25th inst., Margaret, youngest child of Mr. Thomas Plummer, aged thirteen months.

On Saturday, 17th inst., John Albert, youngest son of Mr. Samuel Gillespie, aged one year and six months.

On Monday evening, 19th inst., Joseph, youngest son of James Ruddick, M. D., aged one year and twenty-one days.

On the 20th inst., of measles, William M., the youngest son of Mr. William Groom, of this City, aged one year, eight months and seven days.

On the 10th instant, at Weymouth, N. S., Isabella Kate, only daughter of Thomas Boyne, aged 2 years and 6 months.

At Dorchester, April 1st, Mr. William Cochran aged 89 years. His end was peace.

On Thursday last, Sarah, wife of Mr. William Bay, in the 24th year of her age, a native of Shelburne, Nova-Scotia.

At Musquash, on Friday the 16th of April, Mary, wife of Mr. William Clements, in the 47th year of her age.

At St. Martins, on the 13th inst., in the 70th year of her age, Eleanor Ann, wife of the Rev. John Masters. She was a native of Chester, N. S.

At Fredericton, on Saturday, 17th inst., Ann Jane, youngest daughter of George Ritchie, Esq., aged 9 months.

At Kingston, (K. C.) on Thursday, 22d instant, after a long and painful illness, which she bore with Christian fortitude, Caroline, wife of the late Mr. James Riley, and second daughter of Mr. J. Emery, in the 23d year of her age.

At Sheffield, on the 19th inst., after a protracted illness, borne with Christian fortitude, Hannah, wife of Mr. Abraham N. Tupper, and second daughter of the late Mr. Benjamin Barker, aged 26 years.

At South Richmond, County of Carleton, on the 7th inst., Jessie, wife of Mr. James McLean, formerly of St. John, aged 26 years.

PORT OF SAINT JOHN.

ARRIVED.

Saturday—Ship Sir Harry Smith, Hawes, London, 31—John Hawes, general cargo.

Alcioppe, Tilley, Liverpool, 34—G. Thomas, do. Barque May, Ritchie, Boston, 14—Charles McLaughlan, ballast.

Faside, Walker, London, 33—R. Rankin & Co., general cargo.

Ant, Williams, Hull, 54—R. Rankin & Co., ballast. Henry Porcher, Greig, Grangemouth, 49—R. Rankin & Co., coals.

Sunday—Barque Palander, Lovett, Boston, 2—Chas. McLaughlan, ballast.

Mary, Scott, Boston, 15—Chas. McLaughlan, do. Odessa, Selley, New York, 15—S. Wiggins & Son, do.

Mary Ann, Hattrick, Londonderry, 23—W. & G. Carvill, 193 passengers.

Alfred, Graham, Shields, 50—J. W. Cudlip, coals.

Brig Masonic, Hickman, Boston, 2—Charles McLaughlan, ballast.

Messenger, Cain, Boston, 10—Chas. McLaughlan, ditto.

Brig Bream, Partelow, Matanzas, 22—J. & T. Robinson, molasses.

Hantsport, Holmes, New York, 16—W. H. Harrison & Co., general cargo.

Schr. Daring, Fought, Porto Rico, 28—Crane & Co., sugar and molasses.

N. Noyes, Holmes, Boston, 10—master, gen. cargo.

Mary Jane, Elkin, Boston, 3—master, do.

Cuba, Kavanagh, Boston, 14—M. Kavanagh, do.

Monday—Barque Argyle, Burton, Boston, 3—Chas. McLaughlan, ballast.

Ship Cambria, McCulloch, 26 days from Liverpool, is reported outside.

Wednesday—Ship Samuel, Morris, Liverpool, 24—S. Wiggins & Son, general cargo.

Barque Sarah Millidge, —, Shelburne—C. McLaughlan, ballast.

Blanche, Salter, Castine—G. & J. Salter, ballast.

Brig Daring, Bingay, Halifax—R. Rankin & Co., sugar.

Minerva, Shank, Troon, 24—Jardine & Co., coals and passengers.

Standard, Crosby, New York, 4—C. McLaughlan, ballast.

Brig Grenada, Robinson, Cienfuegos—J. & T. Robinson, molasses and sugar.

Schr. Wm. Wallace, Baxter, Philadelphia—G. Bent, general cargo.

Charles, Simpson, Halifax, 3—G. & J. Salter, assorted cargo.

Chebucto, Nickerson, Halifax, via Brier Island—W. H. Harrison & Co., sugar.

Thursday—Ship Devon, Stickney, Liverpool, 38—J. D. Purdy, general cargo. Was struck by a heavy sea on the 9th April, while lying to under a close-reefed topsail, carried away stanchions and caboose house, split covering board, &c.,—hove overboard chains and anchors and a quantity of goods, to lighten the ship, as the accident caused her to leak badly.

Schr. Franklin, Mussels, Boston, 2—E. & D. Jewett & Co., general cargo.

Barque Wexford, Cadd, Boston, 2—S. Wiggins & Son, ballast.

CLEARED.

20th—Barque Egerton, Souther, Dundee, timber and deals; schr. Eliza Jane, McLean, Boston boards and shingles.

24th—Barque Indus, Climey, Cork, timber and deals; Brig. Emily, Smith, Barbadoes, boards and shingles.

Schr. Richmond, Scott, from St. John, N. B., for Salem, put into Portland, 15th inst. Has been about three months on the passage, having had very heavy weather, causing her to leak badly, &c.

The brig Lydia, Healy, from Boston for St. John, was towed back to Boston on the 23d inst. with the loss of all her spars even with her deck.

The bark Jane Duffus, Thompson, from Ardrossan, for Boston, with pig iron, went down at sea on the 17th inst., about 70 miles E. of Nantucket. The crew were taken off by the brig. Hantsport, Capt. Holmes, and arrived here on Sunday.

NOW LANDING.

M. Francis & Coughlan

ARE receiving per *Faside* from London, and *Admiral* from Boston, their SPRING SUPPLY, consisting of LADIES, GENTS, MISSES, YOUTHS' and CHILDREN'S BOOTS and SHOES, of all descriptions, and of the latest fashion: and feeling truly thankful to their friends and the public generally for the liberal patronage bestowed on them, they hope by strict attention to business to merit a continuance of their favors. Their Stock is comprised of

Ladies' Silk, Prunella, and Cashmere BOOTS.
Do. SLIPPERS, in White Satin, Kid and Morocco, Misses do. do. do.
Gents. Patent Calf Morocco Legs, Prince George's BOOTS, best London make,
Do. Ostrich SHOES; Congress GAITERS,
Calf and Morocco BOOTS and BOOTEES,
Youths and Boys BOOTS, BOOTEES, and SHOES, in great variety.

All of which they offer for Sale Wholesale and Retail at a reduction on their usual low prices—and as their Mr. Francis (a practical man) has made the selection personally, they feel confident that their present Spring supply will give ample satisfaction.

N. B. Purchasers and Country dealers would find it to their advantage to call at No. 13, Prince William Street, before purchasing elsewhere.

April 30.

NOTICE.

THE Subscriber, on retiring from his late Business, (as Proprietor of the Establishment known as READ'S HOTEL,) would beg to return sincere thanks to his numerous friends and the public generally for the very liberal patronage he has received in the above business, and would now with pleasure recommend to their patronage Mr. WESLEY THOMPSON, (his Successor,) who has taken the above Establishment, and intends conducting it on the same principle as it has been conducted heretofore: and he is confident that it will be kept in that decent and respectable manner which will make it at all times a comfortable and respectable Home for all who may favour him with a call. JOSEPH READ.

St. John, 30th April, 1852.—4w.

THOMPSON'S, late Read's HOTEL, King Street, Saint John, N. B.

THE Subscriber having purchased the Effects of Mr. JOSEPH READ, the Proprietor of the Establishment in King Street, known as READ'S HOTEL, (with the good will of the business,) would beg to announce to his friends and the public at large that he intends continuing the same, and is determined to use every exertion to render the Establishment a desirable stopping place for PERMANENT and TRANSIENT BOARDERS; and from its eligibility, and by endeavouring to meet the wants and wishes of customers hopes to receive a continuance of the very liberal support extended to his predecessor.

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St. John, 30th April, 1852.—1f.

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THE Subscriber offers for Sale, a STEAM ENGINE of 10 1/2 inches Bore and 2 feet Stroke, finished in a superior manner.

Also—A BOILER 14 feet long, 32 inches diameter, having 6 7-inch Flues through it, is well stayed and strengthened.

Also—Hot Well, Pipes, Pumps, Governor, Stop Cocks, Furnace Bars, &c.

Also—One of Platt's Patent GRIST MILLS, Leather Belts, Pulleys and Shafts.

The Engine, Boiler, and Machinery are in connection and in good working order, and will be sold to be removed, or the premises they are now on will be rented to parties purchasing.

For terms and further particulars apply at the premises on the corner of Princess and Charlotte Streets.
April 30, 1852. JOHN BERRYMAN.

SAW AND BELTING—Hoe & Co's Patent Premium GANG SAWS—5, 5 1/2, 6, and 6 1/2 feet; Circular Saws of all sizes.

Boston Belting Company's India Rubber BELTING and HOSE—all sizes. For sale by

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Aug. 15

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