The Courier.

SATURDAY, MAY 11, 1850.

The English Mail of the 27th April arrived in this City on Wednesday afternoon at six o'clock, by Express from Halifax—the *Niagara* Steamer, which brought it to Halifax having arrived there on Tuesday morning, after a fine run of only 9¾ days from Liverpool. The Express made excellent time from Halifax, considering the season of the year and the state of the roads.

During the week there had not been any symtom of improvement in commercial affairs; but as the arrivals of commodities had been less numerous, the prices of most articles were better sustained in the markets.

A large business had again been done in Cotton—the trade taking a large proportion of the quantity sold, which, during the week, amounted to 56,830 bales—the prices being nearly one-eighth of a penny above those last quoted.

The Grain trade exhibited a little more firmness, but no change in prices, and as the stock of American Flour was getting reduced full terms were demanded—viz: Philadelphia and Baltimore; 22s. 6d. to 23s.; Western Canal, 18s. to 21s., and Canada, 21s.—Indian Corn had been in good demand during the week, and some prime yellow had changed hands at 28s. 10d. per quarter.

The demand for American cured Provisions had fallen off, and there was a slight decline in prices.

The Iron market was still depressed, with not much prospect of improvement at present.

The Consol market had been steady during the week, and prices pretty well sustained—varying from 95⅜ to 96¼.

The published reports of the Timber trade at Liverpool, give sales of a cargo of excellent St. John Pine, 19 inches average, of three years' standing, at 16½d. per foot, and two cargoes of 18 and 19 inches average, at a shade under 17d. and 18d. respectively, and from yards, upwards of 100 logs, in lots, at 18½d. to 20½d. per foot. A parcel of St. John Birch, comprising 106 logs, had been divided at 17d. to 20d. per foot, and with cargo a parcel at 12½d. per foot.

St. John Deals brought £7 15s. per standard by the cargo, and in parcels as high as £8 10s. —Spruce Palings, with cargo, had been sold at 30s. per M., and apart at 57s. 6d. to 60s. Some parcels of Railway Sleepers sold at 2s. 6d. to 2s. 7d. for 9x10x5, and 2s. for 9x10x4½ each.

The court remains at Buckingham Palace until after the accouchment of the Queen. Her Majesty felt indisposed on Sunday, and the Archbishop of Canterbury and others were sent for, but she recovered and walked next day in the royal gardens.

The daily rumours of ministerial changes give significance to the conference now being held in London of the friends of the National Parliamentary and Financial Reform Association. Of still greater significance is the presence among them of Mr. Cobden and Mr. Bright.

The Pope is safe in the Vatican; the British fleet repose in their own shadows off the Pireus; Paris is agitated by a new election; and the Erfurt parliament, after accomplishing an incipient constitution, have sought the relaxation of a week's adjournment. These are the materials of history; but the incidents of history, apart from battles, attract very little contemporary interest, and, except among a few, the events of the day pass unheeded as so much common place.

The utter absence of exciting news lends some importance to the election in Paris which is to take place to-morrow. It is made to afford occasion for a trial of strength, but is still nothing more than an indication of the madness of Louis Napoleon and his ministry. The feeling of the army is positively adverse to re-action; it is purely democratic and social, so far as socialism is identified with democracy. The people desire repose, and care nothing about either Bourbon or Orleans. Louis Napoleon has done nothing to prompt them into the folly of crowning him emperor; and the Communists would be impotent if not dignified by legal and political hatred. Under these circumstances the government are running a muck against the press, and denying to assemblies the privilege of speech. To such an extent is this vexatious policy carried, that an explosion is not impossible. The result would be the ejection of the present President, but not the restoration of a King. There would be confusion, but the nation is too well acquainted now with the rationale of revolutions to permit anarchy.

The Spanish question is not yet settled, but Spain cannot afford to be longer at enmity with the court of St. James's, and we may, therefore, anticipate a speedy reconciliation. In Greece affairs look less promising, but the accounts are contradictory. On one hand we hear that the mediation of Baron Gros has terminated without having effected any thing; on the other, that King Otho is prepared to satisfy England in the conviction that Great Britain is the only power in which he can safely place confidence. His Majesty suspects Russia of covert designs, and the presence, therefore, of Admiral Parker is not entirely disagreeable to him. The British fleet certainly forbids relief, for it would laugh to scorn the whole naval strength of all other European nations. The money must, therefore, be paid.

In Ireland, one or two small agitations survive. The Repeal Association has been reprieved from death by a promising weekly collection of rent; and the Tenant Right movement looks formidable, because it is tangible in its object. The country has been already reconciled to the abolition of vice-royalty, for the provinces rejoice in its destruction, and Dublin tires of petitioning against the removal of the Lord-Lieutenant. It derives comfort from the assurance that the castle is to be retained in all its beauty—as the occasional residence of royalty. The Encumbered Estates Act is doing its duty well, and the low prices now obtained are not expected to rule when the Solicitor-General's bill, now before parliament, becomes law.

The question of the legal capacity of priests to contract marriage has been brought before the Belgian courts and decided in the affirmative.

The Gorham Case.—In the Court of Queen's Bench, on Thursday, Lord Campbell delivered judgment in this long-vexed case. The Court was thronged. Lord Campbell said this was a motion for a rule to show cause why a writ of prohibition should not issue to the Dean of the Arches Court and to his Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury, to prohibit them from requiring the Lord Bishop of Exeter to institute the Rev. George Cornelius Gorham to the vicarage of Bampford Speke, in the Diocese of Exeter. The objection was, that Mr. Gorham had no right by law to appeal to the Queen in Council for the purpose of bringing the case before the Judicial Committee of Privy Council, and that he could only appeal from the Court of Arches to the Upper House of Convocation. But, after a very attentive and anxious consideration of the statutes bearing on the point, his learned brethren and himself were all of the opinion that the objection was unfounded, and that the course taken by Mr. Gorham upon the judgment being given against him in the Court of Arches was a course which it was perfectly competent for him to take for the purpose of having the judgment in that court reversed. His (Lord Campbell's) learned brethren and himself all thought that no reason had been alleged to invalidate the sentence in this case, on the ground that the Queen in Council and the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council had no jurisdiction, and, therefore, they felt bound to say that a rule to show cause why a prohibition should not be granted to stay the execution of the seatence ought not to go.—Rule refused accordingly.

Shipwreck of a Passenger Vessel.—The barque *Cushla Machree*, Capt. Thomas, from Galway for New-York, having on board 170 persons, including her crew, was struck by a heavy sea and thrown on her beam ends on the 30th March, when 1600 miles from Cape Clear. When she was lying on her beam ends, apparently sinking, with the main hatch at the water's edge, the masts were cut away and measures taken to keep the vessel afloat. While in this state, to add to the indescribable horror of the passengers, their water fell short. Three barques passed the wreck without taking any notice [illegible] and it was not until the 15th of April that the ship *Nova*, Capt. Henry Purdy, from Mobile, descried the wreck, and laid by it for thirty hours, ultimately taking off every one from the wreck, and landing them at Liverpool on the 25th. The passengers are unanimous in the same sentiment, and in return for his intrepid and praiseworthy efforts in affording them help in the hour of need, Capt. Purdy receives the unbounded blessings of 169 of his fellow creatures who are indebted to him for their present existence. The whole of the passengers, with the exception of one family in the cabin were in so destitute a condition, that they were sent to the Workhouse until measures could be adopted for their relief.

The Executive Council.—A full meeting of this body will take place at Fredericton, on Thursday next, the 16th instant, when business of much importance will be transacted. The period at which the general election shall take place will probably then be decided: and the Mayoralty of this City will also come under discussion. The question whether the present Mayor has one or two votes on the question of electing a Mayor for the coming year, will probably be referred to the Crown Officers for their opinion; but if we are correctly informed, the prevailing legal opinion is, that the presiding officer of a Corporation can in no case have two votes, unless such right is conferred upon him by express words in the statute or charter which incorporates the body. The opinion of His Honor the Recorder is in accordance with this view of the case: and if this be adopted, a Mayor will be appointed by the Governor and Council as heretofore.

The subject of retrenchment in all its branches is one which agitates the public mind more than any other, at the present time, when the Province is so ill able to bear the burthens which were imposed upon it in more prosperous, and under very different circumstances. A good beginning was made in the Assembly, but the measures were rendered abortive by the Legislative Council; yet we trust that those members of the Government who so strenuously advocated retrenchment during the late Session, will urge those measures in their Executive capacity, as they can effect much in that way, before another Session, and clear the path of many difficulties. The country expects this of them, and we trust it may not be disappointed.

County and Parish Law.—We have received a copy of the new Act which consolidates and amends the laws relating to the local government of Counties, Towns, and Parishes in this Province, printed by the Queen's Printer, in pamphlet form, for the use of Magistrates and Parish officers.

This Act was prepared with great pains, and an immense amount of labour, by H. M. Attorney General, prior to the late Session of the Legislature; and it was watched by him with unremitting care and attention during its progress through both branches. The law is now so simplified and consolidated, that every Justice and Parish Officer may conveniently carry it with him, while the language is so plain, and so entirely divested of legal jargon, that every school-boy may readily understand it. The most obtuse constable in the land can scarcely mistake the law as it now stands, and need be at no loss for forms in every sort of proceeding, as the forms necessary in every case are appended to the Act.

The most beneficial reforms in Parish affairs will undoubtedly be effected by this law, which we propose to review more in detail next week, as it is one of the greatest importance to every person in this Province. Meantime, we are bound to say, that the unwearied exertions of the Attorney General in this matter reflect upon him the greatest amount of credit, and well entitle him to public gratitude for this great and lasting benefit to his country.

Reciprocity.—From the best information we can obtain, we believe it is settled among leading men at Washington, that the measure of reciprocity with the United States, is at present to extend to Canada only, and will not include these Lower Colonies at all. Such a partial proceeding as this will create the most unqualified dissatisfaction here, and should be resisted by every possible means. New-Brunswick and the other North American Colonies ought not to be neglected and sacrificed to propitiate the restlessness and turbulence of Canada, and any attempt to do so will, we doubt not, be most sturdily resisted. We trust the Executive of the Province will send some member of the Government to Washington to remonstrate against any such proceeding, and point out its injustice and impropriety.

Electing a Mayor.—The following is a report of the proceedings which took place in the Common Council on Tuesday last, when the Board met to elect a Mayor, under the amended Charter. The result will show the necessity of this functionary being chosen by the people—a change which is generally desired by the citizens.

Common Council, Tuesday, May 7.

PRESENT:

His Worship the Mayor, in the Chair;

Aldermen—	Councillors—
Needham,	Fairweather,
Smith,	Nowlin,
Harding,	Hagerty,
Vanhorne,	McAvity,
Cougle,	Littlehale,
	Beatteay.

His Worship the Mayor addresses the Board.

Moved by Mr. Fairweather, seconded by Mr. Littlehale,

That Robert Duncan Wilmot, Esquire, the present Mayor, and Alderman for Guy's Ward, be elected Mayor of this City for the ensuing year.

And the question being taken thereon the Board divided as follows:—

Yeas,—The Mayor, Messrs. Fairweather, McAvity, Littlehale, Beatteay, Cougle.

Nays,—Messrs. Needham, Smith, Harding, Vanhorne, Nowlin, Hagerty.

The Mayor states that he claims two votes—one as Alderman for Guy's Ward, and one as Mayor of the City.

On motion of Mr. Needham,

Resolved, That the opinion of His Honor the Recorder, presented to the Board at the last meeting, on the subject of the votes to be given on the election of Mayor, be now read.

The opinion was thereupon read.

Moved by Mr. Needham, seconded by Mr. Vanhorne,

That in the opinion of this Board, the present Mayor, Robert Duncan Wilmot, Esq., by law, has no right to give two votes for the election of Mayor.

And this question being taken thereon, the Board divided as follows:—

Yeas,—Messrs. Needham, Smith, Harding, Vanhorne, Nowlin, Hagerty.

Nays,—The Mayor, Messrs. Fairweather, McAvity, Littlehale, Beatteay, Cougle.

Moved by Mr. Needham, seconded by Mr. Vanhorne,

That His Worship the Mayor be requested to state to the Board in what capacity he voted on the last resolution.

And on the question, the Board divided as follows:—

Yeas,—Messrs. Needham, Smith, Harding, Vanhorne, Fairweather, Nowlin, Hagerty, McAvity.

Nays,—Messrs. Littlehale, Beatteay, Cougle.

And it was carried in the affirmative.

His Worship stated, that he voted as Mayor.

Moved by Mr. Needham, seconded by Mr. Vanhorne.

Resolved, That this Board do now proceed to the election of a Mayor.

Moved by Mr. Littlehale, seconded by Mr. Beatteay,

That Robert Duncan Wilmot, Esquire, be nominated as Mayor for the present year.

And on the question, the Board divided as follows:—

Yeas,—The Mayor, Messrs. Fairweather, McAvity, Littlehale, Beatteay, Cougle.

Nays,—Messrs. Needham, Smith, Harding, Vanhorne, Nowlin, Hagerty.

Moved by Mr. Needham, seconded by Mr. Vanhorne,

That Thomas Harding, Esquire, Alderman for Duke's Ward, be elected Mayor for the present year.

And on the question, the Board divided, as follows:

Yeas,—Messrs. Needham, Smith, Harding, Vanhorne, Nowlin, Hagerty.

Nays.—The Mayor, Messrs. Fairweather, McAvity, Littlehale, Beatteay, Cougle.

Alderman Vanhorne lays before the Board an affidavit, sworn before him, by Thomas Harding, Esquire, as to his qualification.

Moved by Mr. Vanhorne, seconded by Mr. Littlehale,

Resolved, That James Stockford be appointed High Constable of this City for the ensuing year.

On motion of Mr. Needham,

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to define the duties of the High Constable, and report to this Board; and that the Committee consist of Messrs. Needham, Smith, and Fairweather.

Moved by Mr. Vanhorne, seconded by Mr. Littlehale,

Resolved, That the Board do now proceed to the election of a Mayor.

Moved by Mr. Littlehale, seconded by Mr. Vanhorne,

That Joseph Fairweather, Esq., Councillor of King's Ward, be elected Mayor for the ensuing year.

The question being taken thereon, the Board divided, as follows:—

Yeas,—Messrs. Needham, Smith, Vanhorne, Fairweather.

Nays.—The Mayor, Messrs Harding, Cougle, Nowlin, Hagerty, McAvity, Littlehale, Beatteay.

It was decided in the negative.

Moved by Mr. Needham, seconded by Mr. Littlehale,

That George V. Nowlin, Esq., Councillor for Queen's Ward, be elected Mayor for the ensuing year.

And on the question, the Board divided as follows:—

Yeas,—Messrs. Needham, Littlehale, Cougle, Harding.

Nays,—The Mayor, Messrs. Fairweather, McAvity, Smith, Beatteay, Hagerty, Vanhorne.

And it was decided in the negative. Mr. Nowlin declining to vote.

Moved by Mr. Littlehale, seconded by Mr. Beatteay,

That Robert Duncan Wilmot, Esq., be elected Mayor for the ensuing year.

And on the question, the Board divided as follows:—

Yeas,—The Mayor, Messrs. Fairweather, McAvity, Littlehale, Beatteay, Cougle.

Nays,—Messrs. Needham, Smith, Harding, Vanhorne, Nowlin, Hagerty.

The Mayor states, that he claims to vote as Alderman for Guy's Ward, and also as Mayor of the City.

Mr. Needham states, that the protests against Robert D. Wilmot, Esq., voting as Alderman of Guy's Ward on the above motion.

Mr. Smith, Mr. Harding, Mr. Vanhorne, Mr. Nowlin, and Mr. Hagerty, severally make the same statement.

Moved by Mr. Vanhorne, seconded by Mr. Hagerty,

That Thomas Harding, Esquire, be elected Mayor of the City for the ensuing year.

And on the question, the Board divided as follows:—

Yeas,—Messrs. Needham, Smith, Harding, Vanhorne, Hagerty, Nowlin.

Nays.—The Mayor, Messrs. Fairweather, McAvity, Littlehale, Beatteay, Cougle.

Moved by Mr. Fairweather, seconded by Mr. Needham,

That William O. Smith, Esq., Alderman for Queen's Ward, be elected Mayor for the ensuing year.

And on the question, the Board divided as follows:—

Yeas.—Messrs. Needham, Smith, Harding, McAvity, Fairweather.

Nays.—The Mayor, Messrs. Vanhorne, Hagerty, Nowlin, Littlehale, Beatteay, Cougle.

And it was decided in the negative.

Moved by Mr. Needham, seconded by Mr. Fairweather,

That the Board do adjourn for one hour, and then resume to business.

To which it is moved in amendment by Mr. Littlehale, seconded by Mr. Beatteay,

That the Board do now adjourn.

And the question being taken on the proposed amendment, the Board divided as follows:—

Yeas, 2. *Nays*, 10.

And, therefore, the said amendment was decided in the negative.

The question being then taken on the original motion, it was carried in the affirmative.

The Board then adjourned accordingly.

After some time, the Board re-assembled.

Moved by Mr. Needham, seconded by Mr. Vanhorne,

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to take into consideration the expediency and propriety of amending the City Charter, and to report to this Board, and that the said Committee consist of Messrs. Needham, Nowlin, Fairweather, Vanhorne, and Littlehale.

Read a petition of Richard M. Longmaid respecting his lease, recently expired, and ordered that the same be received and referred to the Alderman and Councillor of Queen's Ward, to report thereon.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed, whose duty it shall be to suggest such measures as may, by them, be deemed necessary for the preservation of the Harbor, and the security of the rights and interests of the City therein, and that the said Committee consist of Messrs. McAvity, Smith, Beatteay, Vanhorne, and Littlehale.

Moved by Mr. Nowlin,

That His Worship the Mayor pay into the hands of the Chamberlain of the City the sum of £34 19s. 11d., monies retained by him in direct violation of an ordinance of the Corporation.

To which it was moved in amendment, by Mr. Fairweather, seconded by Mr. Vanhorne,

That the discussion of this subject be postponed till next meeting of the Board.

And the question being taken on the amendment, it was carried in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Vanhorne,

Resolved, that this Board do now adjourn.

The Council adjourned accordingly.

The Gas Company.—The annual meeting of the St. John Gas Light Company was held on Monday last, when it was found that the affairs of the Company were in a healthy state. We understand that they have now made up the capital stock to £30,000, which has been all expended on the works—the shareholders having never yet received any of the profits during the four years the company has been in operation, as they were from time to time appropriated to extend the pipes, in order that the numerous applications from parties wishing to be supplied might be attended to. The money thus appropriated for an extension of the works has not exceeded simple interest on the amount of capital invested, owing, no doubt, to the extreme depression in all branches of business; and should any improvement take place in the trade of our City, so as their profits would be increased, the community might very naturally expect a reduction in the price of gas charged here, but until some such improvement takes place, we cannot see, under the circumstances, how any reduction could consistently be made, unless the quality was to be deteriorated, and inferior coal made use of. We have inquired into the matter, and now make these remarks as the impression has gone abroad that the Company's profits are larger than they really are. Those parties who think that the charge is too high ought to bear in mind that the quality of the gas supplied to the City of St. John, is admitted by all who have had an opportunity of comparing, to be superior to any thing manufactured on this side of the Atlantic.

The following gentlemen were chosen Directors of the Company for the ensuing year:—Geo. Carvill, John Duncan, Robert Jardine, William G. Lawton, Daniel J. McLaughlin, Wm. Parks, Wm. J. Ritchie, John M. Walker, and John Wishart, Esquires.

And at a subsequent meeting, Robert Jardine, Esquire, was re-elected President.

Bank of New-Brunswick.—The annual meeting of the Stockholders in this Bank took place on Monday last, when I. L. Bedell, John Boyd, M. D., L. H. DeVeber, Thomas Leavitt, Thomas E. Millidge, H. Bowyer Smith, Benjamin Smith, Frederick A. Wiggins, and William Wright, Esquires, were elected Directors for the ensuing year; and at a meeting of the Board on Tuesday morning, Thomas Leavitt, Esquire, was re-elected President.

Commercial Bank of New-Brunswick.—On Tuesday the annual meeting of the Stockholders in this Institution was held at the Banking House, and Mark Dole, John Duncan, Stephen Gerow, Hon. R. L. Hazen, Wm. Jack, George L. Lovett, Daniel J. McLaughlin, Chas. Merritt, William Park's, Edward Sears, John M. Walker, Charles Ward, and John Wishart, Esquires, were elected Directors for the year.

At a meeting of the Board on Wednesday, D. J. McLaughlin, Esq. was re-elected President.

At the Annual Meeting of the Shareholders and Proprietors of the Saint John Rural Cemetery Company, held on Monday the 6th day of May, instant, the following Gentlemen were elected Directors:—

Mr. J. M. Walker,	Dr. Geo. P. Peters,
" J. Pettingell,	Dr. L. B. Botsford,
" William Parks,	Hon. R. L. Hazen,
" W. G. Lawton,	Mr. B. Robinson,
" C. Drury,	" S. Hersey,
" W. J. Ritchie,	" A. Jack.

At a subsequent meeting of the Directors, Mr. J. M. Walker was elected President.

Fatal Casualty.—Mr. Thomas Halsall, of this City, was accidentally drowned out of a small boat, on Wednesday night last, while attempting to land at Gagetown from the Steamer Reindeer. Mr. H. was eldest son of the late Henry Halsall, Esquire, formerly a Captain in the 40th Regiment.

The Brazilian brig Encanto, having got slaves on board, arrived at St. Helena on the 14th March last, in charge of Mr. W. C. Hare, Master's Assistant of H. M. Sloop Waterwitch, by whom she had been captured on the 3d of the same month. Mr. H. is son of Captain Charles Hare of this City, and his success will, doubtless, be highly gratifying to his many friends in this Province.

Steam Boat Race!—The Fredericton *Amaranth* states that the Steamers *Reindeer* and *Forest Queen* started from Fredericton on Monday morning last, for Woodstock, on what was understood to be a trial of speed. The *Reindeer* performed the passage in eight hours, against a current running about eight miles an hour—being the quickest upward run that has yet been made between the two places—beating her opponent some forty or fifty minutes. It is asserted by those on board the Forest Queen that she was delayed some twenty minutes to adjust her machinery, which had been accidentally displaced.

The *Amaranth* congratulates the public on the acquisition of two boats of such speed, built in the County of York; and adds—Mr. Benjamin Tibbets, the inventor and builder of the Reindeer's engine—the high and low pressure combined, by which a saving of steam is effected—will be highly gratified when he learns the success of his exertions.

We are requested to mention, for the information of Immigrants and others, intending to proceed from these lower Provinces to Canada West during the current season, that the Canada Company's *Catechism of Information for Emigrants to upper Canada*," and other statistical papers on the subject, can always be had *gratuitously* at the office of G. Blatch, Esq., Barrister at Law in this City; who will also give information respecting an arrangement lately effected, for conveying Emigrants to Canada West, from New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, at a *remarkably low rate*.

Movements of the British American League.—*Toronto, May 7.*—The Central Committee of the British American League have issued an address to the people, in which they represent the duty of Canadians to be to urge our Legislature, by petitions, to pass an address to our Gracious Sovereign and both Houses of Parliament, praying them to authorize, by an Imperial act, to the people to whom they profess to have already granted self-government, to hold a general convention of delegates, for the purpose of considering and preparing a constitution for the government of this Province, and with power to act in concert with delegates from such of the other British Provinces in North America as may be desirous of forming a federal union with Canada—such a constitution to be afterwards submitted to the people for ratification.

Buffalo, May 7.—*Another Steamboat disaster, and great loss of life.*—The British steamers, Dispatch and Commerce, came in collision last night, near Port Maitland, on the Canada side of Lake Erie. The Commerce sunk in eight fathoms of water. She was transporting a portion of the 23d Regiment of British troops, twenty-four of whom were drowned—also one officer and eleven passengers—thirty-eight in all.

The Navigation of the St Lawrence. Sir Henry L. Bulwer, the British minister has addressed a letter to Mr. Clayton, in reply to inquiries transmitted through him from the Committee on Commerce of the House of Representatives, respecting the free navigation of the St Lawrence. He says that should a bill corresponding to that which has received the sanction of the Legislature in Canada, be passed by Congress, Her Majesty's government will be ready to respond to the application which the United States government may then address to it on the subject, by at once consenting to open the navigation of the river St. Lawrence, and of the canals thereto adjoining, (and which would be duly specified,) to the shipping and the citizens of the United States. * * *

We believe that a much better bargain may be made with Great Britain, and one which will be more reciprocal," if reciprocal free trade is desirable. We believe that the free navigation of the St. John, as well as that of the St. Lawrence, might be obtained—a concession which would prove of much value to our Eastern lumbermen. There are also some privileges which would be of value to our fishermen, which might be thrown in as a "make weight" to the bargain—without subjecting us to the imputation of being more than ordinarily sharp in driving a trade. Of course, if these concessions are obtained, the privilege of reciprocal free trade would be extended to New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, both of which provinces consume considerable American flour, though producing a surplus of many other agricultural products.

We trust that Congress will not act hastily in this matter, but will investigate the subject in all its bearings. It would be better for various weighty reasons that this matter should be made the subject of diplomatic negotiation, rather than of legislation. At any rate, there are no urgent reasons requiring immediate legislation, and it is to be hoped that more light will be thrown upon the subject by those interested, before any bill is passed committing the United States in favor of reciprocity.—*Boston Journal.*

From the United States.—The Steamer *Maid of Erin*, this morning, brought us Boston files to Thursday morning, and New-York of Wednesday.

The Niagara's news had no effect on the Cotton market at New-York, and sales of 2000 bales were made on Wednesday at previous rates. Flour, 6d. easier on common grades. Wheat steady—sales 3000 bushels Genesee at $1,35; Corn firmer—30,000 bushels sold at 61 to 63 c. for prime yellow. Provisions unchanged. Sterling bills closed dull, at 9¼ to 9½. prem.

The Wheat crop in Maryland, Virginia, Ohio, and Georgia, in general, promises well. So also of the fruit.

Later from California!—No less than three steamships arrived at New-York, on Tuesday, with passengers and gold dust from California—the Empire City, the Georgia, and the Cherokee.

The Steamship California arrived at Panama on the 23d of April, with 223 passengers, and two millions and a half of gold dust, bringing dates from San Francisco to the 1st ult. The California mails for the month were brought to New-York by the Georgia. By the arrivals San Francisco papers have been received to the 1st of April. Passengers report that gold is more plentiful than ever, and that property has somewhat fallen in price. Provisions and even luxuries were very abundant at San Francisco.

The total consignments of gold dust by the Georgia amount to $874,760, and by the Cherokee to $1,381,580, besides about 300,000 in the hands of the passengers.

The San Francisco market report of the 30th March, states that business continued to improve. Among the quotations of leading articles, were—Pilot Bread, 4½ to 6 cents per lb.; Chili Flour, 200 lb. sacks, $7,50 to $8,50; Mess Pork, $27 to $30 per brl.; Bricks, $12 to $20 per M.; Lime, $3 to $5 per barrel; Coal, Anthracite, $20 to $30 per ton; soft do. $20 to $25; good American Lumber, $50 to $60 per M. feet; common do. $25 to $30.

At Stockton, American planed Lumber was quoted at $150 per M. and rough at $100.

Very little lumber has been taken on speculation: the market at San Francisco is overstocked, and holders vary in price. The time for high rates has gone by. Sales have been made by auction as low as $27 per M.; and shingles have been disposed of for less than $3.

Houses 12 by 15, 20 by 30, and other sizes, are dull of sale at any price, thousands are held without any prospects of sales, from the little disposition existing to erect buildings while many are vacant.

The Legislature continued in Session at San Jose, and as the time for adjournment approached, the proceedings became more and more interesting.

The most important step which the Legislature has taken is the passage of a resolution requiring the Collector of San Francisco to pay over the money collected for duties, to the State government, *steps having been taken to form an Independent Government.* This notice was served on the Collector the day previous to the sailing of the steamer California. Commodore Jones, it is said, was taking measures to prevent this movement. A law has also passed the Legislature, imposing a tax of twenty five dollars a month on every foreigner who works in the mines.

Trade in real estate was becoming dull, and but little disposition was shewn to invest. Rents had fallen off very materially. A large room held two months since at $2000 was let for $800, and on the square held at £4000, was let for $1200.

A severe hurricane was experienced at the Sandwich Islands on the 17th Feb. which caused much destruction. An entire village at Oahu was laid level and hundreds of acres of sugar cane destroyed in the different Islands.

Oregon.—Advices from the Columbia River to the 21st February, state that business was at a stand still, on account of the low price of lumber at San Francisco, and the high price of labour, caused by emigration to the mining region. Provisions were very high—butter was selling at $1,50 per pound.

☞ The Rev. Mr. Furlong, Missionary of the Free Church at Bermuda, will preach in St. Stephen's Hall to-morrow, at the usual hours, —11, a. m. and 6, p. m.

☞ The Mail for England, next week, will be closed at the General Post Office in this City on Tuesday evening at eight o'clock.

Government Emigration Office,
May 10th, 1850.

The *Londonderry*, Hattrick, Master, sailed from Londonderry on the 15th April, with 170 passengers, a list of whom has been received.—This vessel has a Surgeon on board.

The Brig *Mary*, Lewis, Master, sailed from Cork on the 22d April for this port, with 96 passengers; list received.

The Government Emigration Officer at Queenstown states that the quantity of land sown, and the appearance of the potatoe crop, will keep numbers at home, who would otherwise have emigrated this season.

M. H. PERLEY, *H. M. Emigration Officer.*

SAINT JOHN SAVINGS' BANK.

Deposited in April,	- - -	£890	15 0
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Acting Trustee for May—Charles C. Stewart, Esq.

MARRIED.

On Sunday evening, by the Rev. Mr. Robinson, Mr. Thomas Sharp, of the Parish of Portland, to Miss Mary Ann McFarlane, of the same place.

At Simonds, on the 9th instant, by the Rev. T. W. Dishrow, Mr. Israel Patchell to Miss Susan Moody.

DIED.

On Tuesday morning, Mr. Thomas McAfee, senior, a native of Co craine, Ireland, in the 67th year of his age.

Yesterday morning, Mr. Michael Hoban, a native of Westport, (Ireland,) in the 37th year of his age.—Funeral to-morrow, (Sunday,) at four o'clock, from Orange-street.

At the Provincial Lunatic Asylum, on the 7th inst., Mr. John Johnstone, aged 57 years, a native of Cumberland, England.

At Perth Amboy, (N. J.) on the 5th instant, Theodore King, aged three months, infant son of George Merritt, Esquire, of that place.

At Woodstock, on the 15th ult. after a protracted illness, which he bore with Christian fortitude, Ambrose S. Carman, Esquire, leaving a wife and four children to lament their loss.

At Kingsclear, on the 18th ult., Mr. Richard E. Barker, in the 46th year of his age, leaving a wife and five children to lament their loss.

At Deer Island, on the 21st ult. George, son of Capt. George Leonard, aged 21 years, leaving a large circle of relatives and friends to mourn their premature bereavement.

In Gray, Maine, on the 25th ult. after a short but painful illness, Mr. Thomas Clark, formerly of this City, in the 59th year of his age.

At Windham, Canada, on the 4th instant, aged 66 years, Sarah Brittain, widow of the late Mr. John Tisdale. Mrs. T. was a native of New-Brunswick, but had been for forty-two years a resident of that District.—Her energy in the discharge of those duties devolving on her as a wife, and mother of a family, her great kindness in administering to the sick and the suffering, her sincere attachment to the Church in which she had been brought up, and her devoted loyalty to her Sovereign, rendered her conspicuous among her children, her friends and her neighbours, who sincerely deplore their loss.—She died rejoicing in the promises of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

MARINE JOURNAL.

PORT OF SAINT JOHN—Arrived,

Sunday—Barque Nova-Scotian, Corning, Liverpool, via Yarmouth, (N.S.)—Chas. McLauchlan, salt and coal.

Monday—Schooner Relief, Johnston, Halifax, 3—J. V. Troop, ballast.

Wednesday—Steamer Maid of Erin, Belyea, Easiport—Thos. Parks, passengers and merchandize.

Thursday—Barque Aurora, Hunter, Hull, 37—Chas. Brown, coals.

Brig Pilgrim, Baxter, New-York, 7—John Hammond, ballast.

Brigt. Perseverance, Crowell, Weymouth, (N. S.) 1—Chas. McLauchlan, ballast.

Steamer Commodore, Browne, Portland, 30 hours—Jas. Whitney, passengers, &c.

Friday—Ship Amazon, Roberts, Hull, 35—John Robertson, coals and earthenware.

George Thatcher, Freeman, Boston, 6—Allison & Spurr, ballast.

Barque Olive, Olive, Liverpool, 48—George Thomas, general cargo.

Joanna, Riddock, Allon. 51—R. Rankin & Co., coals.

Renfrewshire, MNeil, Bristol, 54—R. Rankin & Co. ballast.

Brig Masonic, Heckman, Boston, 5—C. McLauchlan, ballast.

Retreat, Kerr, Allon, 33—R. Rankin & Co. coals.

Southampton, Flint, New-York, 4—C. McLauchlan, ballast.

Sally, Ditchburn, Harrington, 31—Robt. Rankin & Co. ballast.

Brigt. British Queen, Brown, New-York, 8—William Thomson, flour, tobacco, &c.

P. I. Nevins, Boddie, Alexandria, 16—S. Hersey, wheat and corn.

Sch. Messenger, Layton, Fredericksburgh, 15—J. & R. Reed, wheat and corn.

Echo, McMullen, New-York, 7—J. V. Troop, flour, &c.

Albert, Elder, New-York, 7—G. Bent, assorted cargo.

Cuba, Kavanagh, Boston, 3—Master, assorted cargo.

This Morning—Barque John Ker, Taitt, Clyde, 42—C. McLauchlan, general cargo.

Faside, McArthur, London, 47—R. Rankin & Co., general cargo.

Elizabeth Holderness, ——, Hull, 52—R. Rankin & Co. coal.

Brigantine Caros. Seely, Cuba, 26—Jardine & Co. molasses.

Gipsey, Purdy, Boston, 3—C. McLauchlan, ballast.

COASTWISE.

Saturday—Schr. Peeler, Leary, Weymouth, ballast.

Emma Johnston, Howard, Parrsboro, deals, &c.

Sunday—Schr. Exile, Hatfield, Parrsboro, timber

Margaret, Burden, Cornwallis, cordwood.

Union, Benedict, Cornwallis, potatoes and wood.

Dighy Packet, O'Connor, Digby, eggs.

Milton, Doggett, Grand Manan, codfish.

Sophia, Smith, Cornwallis, cordwood.

Monday—Schr. Fidelia, Morris, Kempt, plaster.

Mary B, Graham, Cornwallis, potatoes, beef, &c.

Catharine, Dormand, Corwallis, potatoes & butter.

Leader, Gillatt, Cornwallis, potatoes and beef.

Packet Lily, Peters, Annapolis, ballast.

Adventure, Taylor, Annapolis, apples.

Tuesday—Schr. Rambler, Wood, Shepody, ballast.

Dart, Lamb, Apple River, cordwood.

Black Hawk, Vantassel, Digby, treenails.

Gipsy, Slocomb, Wilmot, oats, eggs, and wood.

Thursday—Schr. Sovereign, Parker, Annapolis.

Geo. Noble, Fowler, Apple River, deals. [eggs.

Spitfire, Harris, Wilmot, dried meat, apples, &c.

Caroline, Hurst, Wilmot, butter, dried meats, &c.

Wilmot Packet, Harris, Wilmot, staves and eggs.

Copy, Turnbull, Digby, straw hats and eggs.

Laurel, Brinton, Wilmot, potatoes, handspikes, &c.

Ellen, Melanson, New Edinburgh, eggs and boards.

ENTERED FOR LOADING.

May 4th—Oromocto, Crisp, Cork.

Sophia, Paschal, Cork.

Corinthian, Davidson, Hull.

6th—Jenny Lind, Card, Hull.

Industry, Stevens, Dublin.

Ant, Williams, Glasgow.

Balmoral, Vaughan, Liverpool.

8th—Catherine, Flett, Greenock.

Jessie, Isbister, Londonderry.

10th—Velocity, ——, Port Rush.

CLEARED.

May 4th—Brig Dahlia, Porter, Glasgow, deals, &c.—Chas. McLauchlan.

6th—Barque Pearl, Morris, London, timber and deals—S. Wiggins & Son; Brig Adeline Cann, Cann, Kingstown, (Ireland,) deals, boards, &c.—Wm. Carvill.

7th—Barque Frederick, Smith, Cork, timber, deals, &c.—S. Wiggins & Son; Brig Sarah, Cann, Kingstown, (Ireland,) deals—Wm. Carvill; Caroline, Morehouse, Westport, timber, deals and pickets—John Robertson.

8th—Barque Hannah, Bartlett, Bridport, timber, deals, &c.—John Robertson.

9th—Ship Samuel Leighton, Liverpool, timber, deals, boards, &c.—S. Wiggins & Son; Barque Susan, Rudolf, Liverpool, timber, deals, scantling, &c.—T. M. Smith; Colony, Weatherburn, Bristol, timber, deals, boards, staves, maple sugar, &c.—S. Wiggins & Son; George Canning, Keay, Dundee, timber, deals, &c.—R. Rankin & Co.; Brig Lois, Crocker, Glasgow, deals—Charles McLauchlan; Schr. Olive Branch, Pought, New-York, scantling—Allison & Spurr.

10th—Schooner Eliza Jane, McLean, Bath, Hacmatack knees, scantling and chalk—Thomas McHenry; Eagle, Vemerow, Richibucto, molasses, tea, &c.—Geo. Sutherland.

The Olive spoke on the 5th inst., lat. 41 33, long. 58 2, ship Devon, 25 days from Liverpool, for Staten Island.

The Renfrenshire spoke on the 17th ult. lat. 42 58 N., long. 44 21 W., ship Charlotte, of this port, from Mobile, for Liverpool—all well.

Warsaw.—Brig Euphrates, of Halifax, Captain Chas. Cox, bound from St. John to the West Indies, with a cargo of lumber, was cast away on the Muir