The Courier.

SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 1853.

RAILWAY PROSPECTS.—We learn that preparations were being made in England for sending to Canada and New-Brunswick, early in the season, fifteen thousand railway labourers; that two ships had been taken up for Shediac, and two for the Bend; and that Mr. Beatty, as Chief Engineer, with a staff of assistants, would embark in the steamer of 10th April. We understand that operations will be concentrated on the line between Shediac and the Bend, which it is intended to finish this season, and that a complete re-survey of the line between St. John and Miramichi will be required, which will probably occupy much of the summer.

We understand that Mr. Stephenson, the projector of the Menai Bridge, is now on his way to Canada, and that on his return he will visit Saint John, to determine the site of the Tubular Bridge across our Falls.

We learn that an accurate survey is now being made of the islands and cliffs in the vicinity of the Falls, to facilitate Mr. Stephenson in his operations on his arrival.

BANK EXTENSION.—We understand that the Central Bank of Fredericton intend to establish an Agency at the Bend, next week, under the charge of Mr. Evans, and that a branch of the Commercial Bank of this City will be established at Shediac.

During the last few weeks a great deal of property has changed hands in this City and the neighbourhood, at prices which show much faith in a continuation of the present prosperous times. We will endeavour to chronicle a few of the transactions. The Roman Catholic community have, in the first place, purchased thirty acres from Mr. McLean, on the Botsford Mill Road, for a rural cemetery, and the small field on Vinegar-hill, where the fairs used to be held, from Mr. R. F. Hazen, as a site for a cathedral. The price of the latter is said to be £2000. The property belonging to the heirs of the late Attorney General, known as the Stone House, but without the lot fronting on Union-street, was sold at auction on Wednesday, to Mr. Crosby, for £3900.—We understand that this property was offered for sale two years ago, and that £2000 only could be got for it. The lots on Union and Prince William-streets—150 by 154 feet—occupied by Mr. Harris as a garden, have been bought, it is said, by Messrs. R. Armstrong and A. Hastings, for £3000. The lot immediately above the Coffee House Corner property, owned by Mr. James Robertson, (formerly Miss Thompson's,) has been bought by Messrs. Doherty & McTavish, for about £3500. The house and lot at the corner of Prince William and Duke-streets, belonging to the heirs of the late Mr. W. Gilbert, was purchased at public sale, last week, by Mr. James Garrett, for £1000. These are only a few of the more public sales which have transpired; but we understand that in all parts of the City vacant lots have been taken up for building purposes at prices ranging far above what could have been anticipated a few years ago.

Our contemporary of the *Morning News*, sharing in the general prosperity, proposes to erect a printing-office of brick, on quite a large scale, on the lot in Princess-street, immediately above Mr. Donnelly's.

CORPORATION REVENUES.—The revenues derivable for one year from 1st April next, from the undermentioned sources, were put up on Wednesday to public competition, by Geo. A. Lockhart, Esq., Auctioneer, and brought, in the aggregate, £87 10s. over the amount realized in 1852. We subjoin the respective sums for the two years:—

	1852.	1853.
Wharfage and Slippage, Market Wharves,	£512	£513
Breakwater,	215	230
Rodney Wharf,	61	81
Slippage at Union Slip,	17 10	19
Lower Cove Slip,	55	70
Sheffield Street Slip,	15	16
North Slip,	21 10	24
Carleton Slip,	3 5	3 10
Anchorage,	477 5	465
Weighing Machine, Union-st.,	140	145
Ditto, North Slip,	35	73
Ditto, Sydney Ward,	5 5	5 15
Ditto, Carleton,	1	1
	£1558 15	£1646 5

The revenues of the Corporation Ferry Steamers for the ensuing year, were disposed of in a similar manner on Thursday, and were bid off for £2125—being £485 less than they brought in 1852. This decrease is no doubt attributable to the expectation that a considerable portion of the travel across the harbour will in future be diverted from the Ferry to the Suspension Bridge.

NOVA-SCOTIA RAILWAY BILL.—We learn from Halifax that the Railway Bill has been slightly amended in Committee, but that the amendments are considered favourable, and the Bill is now out of danger.

We have since learned by Telegraph from Halifax that the Railway Bill has passed a third reading. As there is a suspending clause, it will not go into operation until it receives the Royal assent, of which, however, there can be no doubt.

ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH.—We learn that the Bill for the Incorporation of the opposition Electric Telegraph Company, brought forward by F. O. J. Smith, in the Legislature of Maine, was thrown out by a large majority of the representatives. We understand that this was to be a branch of Mr. Gisborne's celebrated scheme for connecting Newfoundland "and all the rest of the world" with the twenty-four millions of sovereigns in the great Republic. Mr. Gisborne having failed to receive a Charter in Nova-Scotia as well as Maine, no doubt will meet no better fate in this Province.—*News.*

At the public commencement of the Pennsylvania Medical College, held in the Musical Fund Hall of Philadelphia, on the 5th inst., the decree of Doctor of Medicine was conferred on Messrs. H. T. Gilbert, of Sunbury County, N. B., and John H. Wilson, of Springfield, King's County, N. B.

☞ Mr. FOULIS requests us to state, that if the person who left the Mineral Specimen in Mr. Murphy's Shop, at the head of Merritt's Wharf, in Water-street, some time ago, will call on him, he may hear of something to his advantage.

FOR AUSTRALIA.—Persons about proceeding to Australia, will find an excellent opportunity of doing so in a comfortable and expeditious manner, by availing themselves of the Packet Ship *Texas*, advertised in our columns to-day.—Mr. J. McGrath is agent in this City for the *Texas*.

THE NORTH BRITISH REVIEW for February, reprinted by Messrs. Leonard Scott & Co., of New-York, has been forwarded to us, per Messrs. McMillan, of this City. It comprises some particularly interesting and vigorous articles, as may be supposed from the following list of contents:—The Prospects of France and England; Scottish Philosophy; Sunday in the 19th Century; European Navigators in Early Times; Litton on the Church; Progressive Aspects of Literature: Recent Essays; The Universe and its Laws; The Government of the East India Company; The Legal Profession and the County Courts.

BLACKWOOD FOR MARCH.—Leonard Scott & Co., of New-York, re-print of this Magazine is received, and we may add is a very agreeable and interesting Number—the contents are:

Clubs and Clubbists;
Lady Lee's Widowhood—Part 3;
The Vegetable Kingdom;
Rambles in Southern Sclavonia;
John Rintoul, or the Fragment of the Wreck;
A Trio of French Tourists;
Peace and War;
The Malt Tax;
Note to Article on Slavery in January Number.

For sale by the Messrs. McMILLAN.

We have to acknowledge the receipt of a copy of the Annual Discourse delivered before the Fredericton Athenæum on 21st of February, by the Rev. Dr. Jacob, in retiring from the Presidential Chair. The Discourse is every way worthy of its talented author.

We have also to thank Mr. Seymour for a copy of his Report on Reciprocal Trade with the British North American Colonies, recently laid before Congress.

It is stated that the annual cost of the Army and Navy of the United States per head for the population is 67 cents. The expense of the same establishments to Great Britain and Ireland per head is $2 56. To France, $2 10. To Germany, $2 28.

THE ENGLISH MAIL of the 5th March, per Steamer *Canada*, arrived on Monday morning last from Halifax, having been two days and three nights on the road, in consequence of a heavy snow-storm. The mercantile letters give accounts of great activity in every department of trade in Britain, especially in the manufacturing districts, where the prices of most articles had been advanced considerably.

Timber and Deals continued in request at advancing rates, the demand for Ships was unabated. The *Cresent City*, a first class ship, built at this port about two years ago by Messrs. F. & J. Ruddock, had been sold at Liverpool for £12 sterling per ton, as she arrived from a voyage to New Orleans.

It has been notified that the directors of the proposed Nova-scotia Mining Company have remedied a defect in their original agreement for the purchase of the mines, by obtaining the consent of the vendors to a stipulation that the whole of the shares to be given as the consideration for the property are to be kept back by the company until a full report shall have been received of its actual value. For this purpose, it is said, that Mr. Petherick, the mineralogist, and Mr. Sewell, the Company's solicitor, will proceed to Nova-Scotia on the 18th inst.

At the half-yearly meeting of the Liguanea and General Mining Company, of Jamaica, held yesterday, the report was adopted. The principal point of operations was stated to be at Riverhead, where five Europeans and 50 natives were engaged, a promising lode of copper having been found in that place. No other important discoveries had been made. From the cash account it appears that the total receipts were £21,622, and that the balance at the bankers' was £1,068.

The Rev. John Jackson, Rector of St. James', Piccadilly, London, has been selected to fill the vacant see of Lincoln. Dr. Jackson is rather neutral in politics, has been a hard-working parish clergyman, and had numbered in the last of his congregation both the Ex-Prime Minister and the present Premier.

The Earl of Carlisle was, on Tuesday last, elected Lord Rector of Marischal College, Aberdeen, by a majority of 140 votes in all the nations, over Lord Mansfield. Mr. Disraeli was withdrawn.

The snow-storms in Scotland have been unusually severe. The snow is ten or twelve feet deep in the northern districts. The rail cars are all out of time.

AUSTRALIA.—The India mail brought Australia advices of Dec. 6th. The news of that date is thus stated:—"The *Sun* states that most startling information has come to hand from Australia, by the Overland India Mail, under date December 6th. Gold circulars state that the productions at the Ovens and Bendigo Diggings, and indeed at Mount Alexander generally, were materially falling off, and that only 5000 to 8000 ounces daily were brought by the escort to Melbourne. Considerable despondency is said to exist among the miners, who were out prospecting in all directions; and 80,000 persons being employed, many parties feared the diggings were exhausted. No doubt, says the *Sun*, there is great exaggeration; but as it appears in the gold circulars, we give it as it stands, leaving the rest for future explanation."

By way of the Cape, advices are to Dec. 1st, inclusive:—"Fresh deposits of gold have been discovered on the Korrong River, which seem likely to eclipse previous discoveries. The metal is chiefly found in the form of nuggets. From Schuana, it seems, the accounts are still more favourable, pounds' weight of gold being spoken of as freely as were ounces formerly. It is still a lottery, however—heavy prizes, and very frequent blanks. The market was well supplied with provisions. The demand for working men was increasing, and farm labourers were much wanted; very high rates of wages were offered for the latter; unless the former were supplied, it was feared the clip of wool would be short.

The receipts from the mines during the month of November had been 427,296 oz., and the total shipments to the 22d of November were to the extent of 91 tons, 14 cwt., 2 qrs., 9 lbs., 8 oz., valued in the colony at £7,705,366."

The Diggins.—The Hibernia, McMahon, has arrived from Melbourne, at Madras; she sailed on the 16th December. The Colombo sailed on the same day; and several other vessels, which have been detained for seamen, have been able to get away, the seamen having become tired of the diggins, and returned to their legitimate occupations.—The Severn has also arrived from Melbourne at Colombo, manned by the whole of her original crew.

The Collins steamer *Atlantic* arrived at New-York on Tuesday evening. She left Liverpool on the 9th, and brings 42 passengers. The *Niagara* arrived out on the morning of the 8th.

The departures for Australia are still as numerous as ever. Considerable shipments continue to be made of manufactured goods and general merchandise, but freights for the moment have experienced a decline.

But a small business had been done in Flour, and few sales. Indian Corn, at 32s. Large arrivals of Breadstuffs have slackened the demand. Wheat is quoted 1d. and Flour 6d. to 1s. lower than on Friday. Cotton closed with a declining tendency. Consols closed at 99½ to 99¾.

In the House of Lords, on Monday, in reply to an enquiry, it was stated that Government had no information of the escape of Mazzini from Genoa, in the Frigate "Retribution." Lord Malmesbury said if it were true, it was an act of the most ill judged humanity of the captain of the ship, to receive this political agitator on board.

The subject of Education in Ireland has been under debate in the House of Lords.

The establishment of a Mint in Australia has been left to the Colony to do as it pleases.

Parliament was to adjourn over on 18th March, for the Easter holidays.

The West India mail steamers Thames and Oronoco had arrived at Southampton with a large amount of specie.

The Board of Trade returns for February show an increase of 30 per cent. on the value of exports over the same month of last year.

Postage between England and all the British Colonies is to be reduced to the uniform rate of 6d. the half-ounce.

Mazzini was generally believed to have got on board the Retribution, as she was leaving Malta.

A conspiracy has been discovered among the political prisoners in the fortress of Comorn. The Provost, who had connived at the plot, was hanged immediately on his guilt being discovered. He had allowed himself to be led by the state prisoners into a conspiracy, the object of which was to deliver up the place to the Magyars. One of the prisoners disclosed the plot, which, when discovered, was also ripe for execution. No less than five hundred prisoners are said to have been arrested in Pesth, through this affair

THE MARCO POLO.—This famous New-Brunswick ship is becoming every day more celebrated, and will soon rival in notoriety the Venetian traveller and historian after whom she has been named. We notice by Liverpool papers, received by the last Mail, that a number of merchants of that city recently determined to present an *epergne*, or other piece of plate, to Captain Forbes, who commanded her during her unprecedented voyage of five months and twenty-two days to Australia, and back to the Mersey.

The articles having been procured, a handsome *dejeuner* was given on board the *Marco Polo*, lying in the Salthouse Dock, on the 28th February, and a very numerous party, including the Mayor of Liverpool, with other public functionaries, and the builder of the ship, James Smith, Esq., partook of an elegant repast, at which Mr. Mackay, one of the owners of the vessel, presided. The usual loyal toasts having been given, the Hon. Joseph Cunard presented the magnificent *epergne*, in the name of the merchants of Liverpool, and took occasion to pay a well merited compliment to the skill and enterprise of Captain Forbes, which was duly acknowledged. The Chairman, afterwards, in the name of the owners, presented a gold chronometer to the mate, Mr. Macdonald; and Mr. Baines said, that on the return of the Marco Polo, after another voyage, Mr. Macdonald should have the command: they would find some suitable employ for Capt. Forbes, in a ship to be built in Liverpool.

Mr. Smith remarked, that as the chairman had promised a ship to be built in Liverpool to beat the Colonial tub, he would only say, as the builder of the Marco Polo, that if the owners got a Liverpool builder to beat her, he would engage to keep pace with her. Their ship had beat all the world, and they meant to keep their pre-eminence; and if any gentleman had the spirit he would risk the value of the ship, to sail ship for ship. Some ran down Colonial-built vessels, but he had then in his pocket orders for six two-thousand ton ships, a proof that they were appreciated in some quarters.

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,

Monday, March 21.—The Attorney General brought in the Election Bill, and the Bills relating to Coast Fisheries and the prevention of Illicit Trade. The Election Bill does not embrace the ballot.

Mr. Harding brought in a Bill relating to the City Debt.

Mr. Williston brought in a Bill to commute Judges' Fees.

Bills to amend the Charter of the St. John Hotel Company; to amend the Charter of the St. John Gas Company; to Incorporate the Courtenay Bay Bridge Company; to erect the Parish of St. Mark in the City of St. John; and the Bill to confirm the conveyance of the estate of lunatics in St. John, all passed in Committee. There was considerable discussion on the last.

Mr. Kerr gave notice that he would move for a return of Mining Licences, the amount paid for Royalties, &c.

Tuesday, March 22.—Bill to amend the Charter of the Commercial Bank passed in Committee.

Bill to amend the Charter of the City of St. John was committed—a long discussion. Messrs. Wilmot, Gray, Jordan, Partelow and Street and others opposed the election of two Aldermen for each Ward.—Mr. Gray's amendment for keeping matters as at present passed by a large majority.—The election of the Coroner and Sheriff was proposed, but not passed. The election of the members of the Council, without regard to Wards, on either side of the harbour, was opposed by the same parties, and not passed.—The Ballot was adopted without discussion, by a majority of 16 to 2.—Got to the 17th section, and progress reported.

Mr. Gray wished the Bill relative to the Presbyterian Church to be read a second time.—Mr. Partelow opposed it as irregular—the Committee had reported adverse to the Bill; and if Mr. Gray desired to press it, he should move the House into Committee on the report.

Mr. Gray said he would; he intended to press the Bill. The objections on which the Bill was based are now removed; notice had been given to all the congregation interested, &c.

Hon. Mr. Partelow handed in a financial statement—the liabilities of the Province are £156,— assets, about £70,000. He promised a statement.

Mr. Kerr complained of serious alterations and mutilations in the Treasurer's Accounts since first submitted—pages cut out, and others altered. A difference of £4,000 on one item in consequence, and yet the accounts balanced—said it was strange, extraordinary connection.—Mr. Partelow denied all knowledge of the matter.—Mr. Johnson thought it was done in the Audit Office.—Messrs. Harding and McFarlane spoke severely of what was done.—Mr. Smith thought it was criminal, and should be treated accordingly.—Messrs. Partelow and Cutler strove to excuse it.—No action taken.

Mr. Kerr gave notice that he would move for returns of all outstanding bonds and warrants bearing interest, and various accounts.

The Scrutiny Committee reported—Mr. Boyd has a majority of two over Mr. Fitzgerald—Mr. Boyd declared the Member.

Wednesday, March 23.—Mr. Boyd took his seat to-day.

The Bill relating to the St. John City Debt and Law Suit passed without discussion; also the Bill to extend the capital of the Shediac Grindstone Company.

The Bill to amend the Charter of the City of St. John was again committed, and occupied nearly all day. Several minor amendments were made.—The Attorney General determinedly opposed that part of the 31st section imposing a Road Tax on real property; he contended that the property of non-residents should be exempt.—Hours were spent in the discussion.—Mr. Gray took a different view of it.—The Attorney General's amendment was lost; but a reconsideration was moved, and the amendment finally carried.—The poll tax is reduced to half a dollar, and persons under eighteen years of age are exempt.—The Bill was then got through to the end, and progress reported, to allow provision to be made for registration, which had been overlooked. Police sections are not yet taken up.

Mr. Harding presented a petition from the Roman Catholic Corporation and Cathedral Committee, praying power to dispose of certain lands, &c.

There has been nothing more about the mutilated accounts. The Road Committee have been sitting all day.

Thursday, March 24.—On motion of Mr. Hayward, the House resolved to go into mourning one week, as a mark of respect to the memory of Mr. Beardsley, a Member for the County of Carleton, who died last night.

There was a warm discussion on the suspension clause added by the Council to the Bill suspending the Militia Law—the third reading was postponed at the request of the Attorney General.

The Bill to continue the Aroostook Boom Company Charter was committed, on motion of Mr. Rice. Messrs. Partelow, Street, and Smith opposed its continuation. Messrs. Montgomery, Hatheway, McPherson, Botsford, and others, supported it. Warm words passed between the Attorney General and Mr. Hatheway—the latter asserting that the former acted unfairly towards the River Counties. The Attorney General said it was false and unfounded. Mr. Hatheway said the Attorney General acted in the capacity of counsel. The Attorney General repeated the expressions, false, unfounded, &c.

The Speaker was called to the chair—the House cleared, and explanations given with closed doors. The public having been again admitted—the Bill passed. A motion to add the fifth section of the original Charter as an additional section to the Bill, was discussed—on a division, only Messrs. Partelow, Street, Smith, and Taylor voted for this. Much was said about the grounds of opposition being personal, &c.

The Law Commission Report is in, accompanied by over fifty Bills. The Attorney General spoke of the appointment of a joint committee of both Houses to take up the whole and report. More accounts moved for.—The House adjourned till Saturday.—*Tel. to News Room.*

After a contest of two Sessions, and thus far of the third, Mr. Boyd has taken the seat occupied by Mr. Fitzgerald in the House of Assembly. Both the Gentlemen concerned, being, we fear, much injured in their pecuniary circumstances.

What an exemplification does the whole affair give us of our present wretched Election Law; and how forcibly does it press upon us the necessity for its being forever abrogated in the Province.

By the way, the new Bill on this subject, said to be drawn by M. H. Perley Esq., will stand little chance of acceptance in the House of Assembly; and if we may judge from all the indications which we have hitherto seen, a new Bill containing a proper amendment of the Franchise and Vote by Ballot—neither of which are in Mr. Perley's Bill—will be introduced in the House of Assembly.—*Fredericton Reporter.*

BRIDGING THE ST. LAWRENCE.—The magnificent project of spanning the St. Lawrence river by a tubular bridge, similar to that erected over the Menai Straits by Stephenson, is likely to be one of the triumphs of modern science and mechanics. The following particulars in relation to the proposed bridge are furnished by a Canada paper:

The bridge it is calculated will cost £1,250,000: its greatest span, over the deep channel of the river, is to be 360 feet in length, and the carriage-way will be 100 feet above high water level. As the far-famed Britannia Bridge, over the Menai Straits, consisting of four spans—two in the centre being 460 feet each in length, and those next the shores 230 feet each—its carriage way being 102 feet above the high water line—only cost £601,865 sterling, we take it for granted the much increased estimated cost of the proposed bridge across the St. Lawrence is attributable to the great expense of constructing, over the land and shallow-water, the approaches to what may be called the bridge proper. It will be observed that the Britannia Bridge, from land to land, is only 1380 feet in length—or little over a quarter of a mile—while the St. Lawrence opposite Montreal is nowhere less than two miles, from shore to shore. It must also be borne in mind that, from the character of both shores of the St. Lawrence, immense embankments will be required, at either end of the bridge, to afford sufficiently gradual approaches, for railroad purposes, to the level of the bridge-track, 100 feet above that of the water. If our information prove correct respecting this projected bridge, when completed, it will not fail to act as an irresistible point of attraction to all intelligent travellers. As an object of interest, it will be inferior only to the mighty Falls of Niagara, in so far as Art must yield in grandeur to Nature; for it will very far exceed, as a triumph of engineering, enterprise and skill, any work now existing.

It is reported that Government have refused to grant a charter to the London and Liverpool American Steamship Company.

QUEBEC, March 24.—The Canada Representation Bill was carried last night by a large majority, amidst great cheering and clapping of hands. The votes were—yeas, 61; nays, 16.

The weather to-day is fine and mild for the season.—*Tel. to News Room.*

SHIP CARPENTERS AND CAULKERS IN BOSTON.—On and after to-day, the pay of the ship carpenters and caulkers in this City, as we are informed, is to be three dollars per day; their working hours to commence at 8 o'clock, A. M., and to close at 5½, P. M.—*Boston Journal, March* 21.

Among the passengers by the Mail Steamer *Canada*, from Liverpool to Halifax, were the Hon. John Robertson, and Messrs. Geo. Thomas, J. L. Inches, and S. Neill, of this City.

NO HUMBUG!—A Humbug is that which is not what it professes to be, and hence deceives the people. *Morse's Compound Syrup of Yellow Dock Root is just what it professes to be*, the best medicine now in use for curing those diseases for which it is recommended. All know this who have tried it, and thousands more, who are sorely afflicted, may know it in the same way. Only try it and you will be satisfied. Sold by CHALONER & HUNT—also by FELLOWS & Co, King-street, St. John.

MARRIED,

On the 20th inst, by the Rev. B. Scott, Mr. Benjamin Fish, to Mrs. Elizabeth Jane Waring, both of the Parish of Portland.

At Long Island, (Q. C.) on Thursday, 17th inst., by the Rev. Benjamin Morritt, Mr. James Robinson, Jun., of St. John, to Miss Anna Maria, only daughter of the late Isaac Merritt, of the former place.

At Niagara, on Thursday, the 17th I[illegible] the Rev. T. Green, Military Chaplain, Henry Eliot, 72nd Highlanders, youngest B. Eliot, formerly Major in the 40th Reg[illegible] Sarah Caroline Lyons, eldest daughter of William Lyons, Staff Surgeon.

DIED,

This morning, after a long illne[illegible] Mr. William Reynolds, aged 66[illegible] deservedly regretted. Mr. Rey[illegible] of Kidderminster, (England,) a[illegible] thirty years Bookseller and St[illegible] Funeral on Tuesday next, at [illegible] residence of his son-in-l[illegible] street, when friends [illegible] tfully invited to attend.

At the residence of Mr. W. H. Harrison, in this City, on Sunday the 20th inst., after a few days' illness, John Slocomb, Esq., of Wilmot, N. S., in the 72d year of his age, in certain hope of a joyful resurrection. His remains were conveyed to Nova-Scotia on Monday, in the Steamer *Conqueror*, for interment.

On Sunday last, after a long and painful illness of two years, which he bore with Christian patience, Mr. Daniel O'Neil, aged 21 years.

On Wednesday morning, John Henry, youngest son of Mr. Forsyth, aged two years and four months.

On Thursday the 24th March, Ada Eliza, infant daughter of Mr. James S. Marshall, aged 13 months and 8 days.

At Carleton, on Tuesday evening, Mr. Henry Kingston, aged 23 years.

At Carleton, on Friday morning, 25th instant, Mary Jane, second daughter of Mr. Samuel Brittain, aged three years and two months. Funeral from her father's residence, in Duke Street, on Sunday at two o'clock.

At Indian Town, on Saturday the 19th inst., after a lingering illness, Diadama, wife of Mr. William Beard, and daughter of Captain John Davis, of Springfield, King's County, aged 38 years—leaving a husband, and four children to mourn their loss.

At St. Martins, on the 23d inst., George Kierstead, in the 16th year of his age. The deceased came to his death from injuries received by coming in contact with the stanchion of a bridge, while coasting down hill on a hand-sled, on the Monday evening previous.

At Sussex Vale, on the 17th inst., Mr. Alexander McLeod, in the 78th year of his age—leaving a widow and four children to lament the loss of an affectionate husband and fond father.

At Springfield, on the 10th Feb. Mrs. Mary Jenkins, aged 88 years.—Mrs. J., was a member of the Baptist Church, and died in the faith of Christ.—On the 7th Jan., Herbert, J., infant son of Mr. Edward Jenkins, aged 6 months.—On the 7th inst., Hiram C., second son of Mr. Isaac Wetmore, aged 6 years.

At the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. Malcolm McLeod, at Woodstock, on Thursday morning the 17th inst., Mrs. Mary G. McIntosh Hill, third daughter of the late Chistopher Smiler, of St. John, aged 54 years.

At Digby, on the 20th inst., Miss Margaret Eleanor Crowley, in the 41st year of her age. Her end was peace.

At Wither Grange, on the 4th instant, the Hon. Joseph Holroyd, a member of the Legislative Council of Prince Edward Island.

At Williamsburg, New-York, on the 16th inst., Mr. William Gilbert, formerly of this City, aged 58 years.—The body was brought on in the Steamer *Admiral*, on Thursday, and interred yesterday, from his mother's residence, Germain-street.

MARINE JOURNAL.

PORT OF SAINT JOHN—ARRIVED,

Monday—Barque Prince of Wales, Sampson, Boston, 2 days—Chas. McLauchlan, ballast.
Schr. Lucy Ann, Cole, New-York, 7—Edward Allison, general cargo.
Mecca, Gorum, New-York, 7—L. H. Waterhouse, general cargo.
Tuesday—Barque Actress, McMullin, Boston, 4—Chas. McLauchlan, ballast.
Wednesday—Brigt. Eliza Goddard, Henneberry, Matanzas, 19—Flewwelling & Reading and Wm. Thomson, molasses.
Thursday—Brig Phœnix, Stewart, Machias—R. Rankin & Co., ballast.
Brigt. P. I. Nevius, Boddie, Alexandria, 15—S. Hersey, wheat.
Steamer Admiral, Wood, Boston, via Portland, &c.—Geo. Thomas, passengers, &c.
Friday—Schr. Oliver Frost, Smith, Matanzas, 18—Crane & Co., molasses.
This Morning—Barque Atlantic, Robertson, Boston, 2—Chas. McLauchlan, ballast.
Schr. Triad, Soley, Rockland, 3—Master, ballast.

COASTWISE.

Monday—Schr. Favorite, Helms, St. Andrews, ballast.
Tuesday—Str. Conqueror, Donehey, Annapolis, pass.
Fair Queen, Belyea, Annapolis, cattle.
Wednesday—Schr. Sarah, Parker, Annapolis, eggs, &c.
Brunswick Lyon, McCaffery, Lepreaux, boards.
Thursday—Schr. William, Ingalls, Grand Manan, fish.
Digby Packet, Turnbull, Digby, barley, apples, &c.
Reindeer, Stevens, Quaco, ballast.
Messenger, Woodworth, Cornwallis, potatoes.
Friday—Schr. Dove, Simmons, Cornwallis, butter, &c.
Madaline, Burden, Cornwallis, oats, butter, &c.
Hero, Flewelling, Salmon River, deals, &c.
Doe, Baker, Yarmouth, hay.
Lioness, Matthews, Point Wolf, cordwood.

CLEARED.

March 21st—Schr. Jason, Morrison, New Haven, boards and plank—E. D. Jewett.
22d—Schr. Bolivar, Marshall, New Haven, lumber—E. D. Jewett; William Wallace, Hull, Alexandria, lumber, plaster and bark—J. V. Troop and G. Bent.
23d—Brig Zetland, Hatfield, Glasgow, deals, flour, herrings, &c.—Chas. McLauchlan; Schr. Coral, Purdy, Halifax, liquors, smoked herrings, lime, &c.—Berton Brothers.
24th—Brigt. Kendall, Cathrin, New-York, deals, ship timber, &c.—T. McHenry; Bream, Cameron, Antigua, fish and lumber—J. & T. Robinson; Schr. Defiance, Wood, Dutch Guiana, boards—E. Allison.
26th—Barque Perseverance, Stephenson, Liverpool, timber, deals, &c.—N. S. Demill.

Arrived at Matanzas, March 9th, brigt. Laleah, Fraser, St. John.—At New Orleans, 6th, ship Themis, Brewer, Liverpool; 11th, brig Zephyr, Whipple, Belize, (Honduras.)—At New-York, 16th, barque Princess, Lovett, Newport; 20th, brig Comet, Leavitt, Sierra Leone; J. W. Johnston, Morrison, and Commodore, Hall, Mayaguez; 21st, brig Conductor, Griswold, Guayama.

Cleared at New Orleans, March 7th, barque Olive, Olive, Liverpool.—At Mobile, 11th, ship David Cannon, Robertson, Liverpool.—At Halifax, 21st, schr. Lark, Masters, St. John.

Sailed from Havana, March 10th, brig Charlotte, for Cardenas, to load for St. John.—From Charleston, 14th, brig Albert, Robinson, St. John.—From Holmes' Hole, 19th, brig Leni, from Philadelphia, for St. John.

Loading at Cienfuegos, 12th inst., brig Ætna, McKellar, of this port, for New-York.

Ship E. A. Soullard, Thomas, of this port, was at Callao 12th Feb., to sail for London on the 14th.

Arrivals in Britain from St. John.—Feb. 27th—Caros, Corning, at Gravesend; Ann Mills, Kay, at Deal; Messenger, Cain, at Queenstown; March 1st Rocroy, Robinson, at Liverpool, via Cork; 2d—Berlin, Litt, at Carlisle; 4th—Star of the East, Wright, and Wansfell, Baxter, at Liverpool; 8th—Gold Finder, Miles, do.

Arrived at Gravesend, Feb. 27th, barque William Carson, Vaughan, Wilmington.—At Liverpool, 8th March, ship Imperial, Bannerman, Mobile; Mersey, Armstrong, Charleston.

Sailed for St. John.—Feb. 19th—brig Czar, from Longhope; 26th—barque St. John, from the Clyde; March 1st—ship Liberia, from Liverpool; 3d—barque Retriever, from Deal; 5th—brig Clarence, Morris, from Greenock.

Sailed from Liverpool, March 4th, ship Mary Caroline, Fox, Mobile.—From the Clyde, 2d, the Fame, for Boston and St. John.

Cleared at Newport, 4th, barque Laconic, Miller, Providence.

Loading at Liverpool—the Speed, Siam, and Bellcarrig, for St. John; at London—the Miramichi, and Caros, for do.; in the Clyde—the Henry Holland, do.

The Wansfell boarded the wreck of the ship Vanguard, of St. John, (before reported abandoned,) in lat. 44 13, long. 40 10.

Lowestoffe, March 3.—The Ann Mills, Kay, of Sunderland, from St. John to Grimsby, has been abandoned at Kessingland—is expected to become a wreck—cargo will be saved.

Destruction of a Ship by Lightning.—The new clipper ship Golden Light, which sailed from Boston on the 12th Feb. for San Francisco, was struck by lightning on the night of the 22d, in lat. 22 23 N., long. 47 45 W., and set on fire. The passengers and crew, numbering thirty-five persons, took to the boats, and the ship was shortly afterwards enveloped in flames, and burnt to the water's edge. The boats, five in number, were abundantly supplied with provisions and water: one of them was missing on the morning of the 24th, and another parted company on the fourth night after leaving the ship. After five days' exposure, the remaining three boats were picked up by the British ship Shand, from Calcutta, for Boston, where she arrived on the 20th inst. The persons in the missing boats were all seamen, fifteen in number, and it is believed they would all reach land in safety, as when last seen they were only three days' sail, or about 400 miles, from land. The nearest point was the Island of Barbuda, one of the Windward Islands, in gaining which they would be favored by the trade winds. The insurance in Boston offices, on the ship and cargo, amount to within a fraction of $300,000.

The brig Sea Bird, of Pictou, from Arichat, for Boston, coal laden, was wrecked on the 10th inst., near Little Arichat, and the captain, mate and two seamen, one of whom was brother to the captain, perished: the remainder, three in number, got on shore on part of the deck.—The vessel and cargo were totally lost.

The schr. Hero bound for Halifax, and loaded with hay, was destroyed by fire at La Have on the night of the [illegible] inst., and Mr. Daniel Parks, one [illegible] who was asleep in the cabin when [illegible] discovered, perished. His brother, [illegible]rks, and another of the crew, were so [illegible]ed in attempting to save the deceased, [illegible] not expected to live.

CITY ELECTIONS.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, that the El[illegible] for one Alderman, one Councillor, [illegible] one Constable for each of the several Wards, in the City of Saint John, will be held in the several Wards on TUESDAY the 5th day of April next, at eight o'clock in the forenoon, at the places hereinafter specified, and by the Commissioners hereinafter named, who have been duly appointed to hold such Elections, viz:—

King's Ward.—At or near the Office in the North-west corner of the Market House.—Before William Leavitt, Esq., Commissioner.

Queen's Ward.—At or near the City Court Room in the Court House.—Before George A. Lockhart, Esq., Commissioner.

Duke's Ward.—In or near the house on the South side of Duke Street, occupied by Michael Hogan.—Before William Hutchinson, Jr., Esq., Commissioner.

Sydney Ward.—In or near the Market House in Sydney Ward.—Before William Mackay, Esquire, Commissioner.

Guy's Ward.—In or near the Market House in Guy's Ward.—Before Peter Stubs, Esq., Commissioner.

Brook's Ward.—In or near the School Room at Sand Point.—Before Samuel Clarke, Esq., Commissioner.

W. O. SMITH,
Dated 22d day of March, 1853. *Mayor.*

To the Electors of Guy's Ward.

GENTLEMEN—

THROUGH the solicitations of many Individuals, I shall offer for ALDERMAN at the coming Election for Charter Officers for the City. Should the Electors of Guy's Ward return me as their Representative, I shall endeavour to perform the duties of Alderman to the best of my judgment and abilities.

I remain, Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,
JAMES OLIVE, 3RD.,
Councillor for Guy's Ward.
Carleton, March 24, 1853.

To the Electors of Guy's Ward.

GENTLEMEN—

AT the request of a number of the Freemen and Freeholders of the Ward, I shall appear before you at the Hustings on the first TUESDAY in April, as a Candidate for the Office of COUNCILLOR. Should you think my humble abilities such as will warrant you to give me your support and votes on that day, I can only promise to do all that I can for the benefit of the Ward and City generally.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,
WILLIAM C. DUNHAM.
Carleton, March 24, 1853.

Notice to the Public.

COMMENCING with FRIDAY, the 1st April next, the MAILS between St. John, Digby and Annapolis will be conveyed twice a week each way, and will be closed at this Office on MONDAYS and FRIDAYS at 7 A. M. The return Mails will be due at St. John on Tuesdays and Saturdays at 3 P. M.

J. HOWE.
General Post Office, St. John, March 24, 1853.

Contract for STRAW.

SEALED Tenders (the rates to be expressed in Sterling) will be received at the Commissariat Office, Saint John, until THURSDAY the 31st March, at 12 o'clock, noon, for supplying the Ordnance Barrack Department with such quantities of OATEN or BARLEY STRAW, as may be required at the following Stations, between the 1st April, 1853, and the 31st March, 1854:—

SAINT JOHN, not exceeding 24 Tons;
SAINT ANDREWS, do. do. 2 do.

Payment will be made quarterly, in Specie, at the Army rate, by Draft of the Deputy Ordnance Storekeeper on the Commissariat Chest.

Blank Forms of Tender, and any information required will be given on application at the Commissariat Office.

W. H. DRAKE,
COMMISSARIAT, St. John, N. B., 18th March, 1853. *A. C. G.*

EDUCATION.

THE SCHOOL conducted by Miss FOULIS, for the Education of Young Ladies, will reopen after the Easter recess, on Monday the 4th of April, when a few Pupils can be received, to fill up the vacancies that have occurred during the winter months. *South-East Corner Queen's Square.*
[2†] March 26th, 1853.

1853.
OLD COLONY NURSERY,
PLYMOUTH, (MASS)

CATALOGUES are now ready for distribution by WM. GARNETT, *Agent.*
Mar. 26.—[Nws&Nbkr.]

Oats, Barley, and Fish.

To arrive ex "Lark," from Halifax—

342 BAGS OATS;
199 bags BARLEY;
10 quintals Dun CODFISH—suitable for family use. [March 26.] GEORGE THOMAS.

WANTED,

At the GOLDEN FLEECE, Prince William Street, *FOUR YOUNG MEN.*
March 26. GILCHRIST & INCHES.

Situation Wanted.

THE Subscriber is desirous of obtaining an engagement as Cutter in a Tailoring Establishment, from the 1st May next. He is at present in the Establishment of Mr. W. P. Fowler, King Street, where he has given thorough satisfaction for the last twelve months.