

INFLUENCE OF RAILROADS ON THE VALUE OF LAND.

The Boston Railway Times, in an article headed as above, says that the experience of Massachusetts, New York, and Ohio, affords ample illustration of the great addition imparted to the value of lands and other property by the construction of Railroads. In Massachusetts, they have more than doubled the value of property, and have reduced the average rate of taxation one half. The Railway Times says that increase of value is not confined to the immediate vicinity of the lines, though of course greatest in those localities.

The May number of De Bow's Review contains a statement prepared by the promoters of the New Orleans and Opelousas Railroad which embodies similar facts which it says are little known. Georgia lands which were worth from 10 to 50 cents an acre in 1840, commanded from \$10 to \$20 when the Chattahoochee Railroad was in operation. In Mobile and Ohio, lands which had been in the market without a purchaser for 20 years, have since the line of the Mobile and Ohio Railroad has been surveyed, advanced from \$3 to \$5 per acre. In South Carolina the value of real property has increased 500 to 5,000 per cent.

WESTERN COMMUNICATION.—A direct railroad communication between New Orleans and Saint Louis, is the latest great scheme that has attracted attention at the West. The proposed plan is for Missouri and Arkansas to build a road to Helena, that point being some forty miles from Holly Springs; a branch of the required length to be constructed, connecting with a point on the Mississippi opposite Helena. The remainder of the distance can be accomplished by the extension of the Southwestern Railroad from New Orleans to Jackson, Miss., and thence to Holly Springs. By this route it is urged, a saving in distance of 650 or 700 miles may be made in two days, and the route is believed to be feasible; particularly as the road enters Missouri in the heart of the mineral region.

TRADE OF BOSTON.

The Boston Courier, in an article concerning the trade and prospects of the city, has the following observations:—

Boston, by her matchless railroad enterprises, has placed herself in such close proximity to Canada and the Western States that they cannot choose but make her the grand medium of communication with the commercial world—their buyer and seller of commodities.

Boston, with a population (including the business men who reside in the suburbs) of 250,000, now furnishes not only the nearest market for the export of Canadian and Western produce, but is the most available point for supplying the interior with all foreign productions.

Commanding, as she does, by her position and facilities of communication, of the entire trade of the North and West, it is not too much to say that she constitutes the Commercial Emporium of a more extensive and prosperous territory than any other city of North America.

There is no doubt that Boston can increase her trade in a very remarkable degree; but it must be by doing what she can to knock away all those protections which bristle upon her tariff, and to promote a full and fair reciprocity in trade with the Northern Provinces of this continent. Without that free, open field, to the North and West, Boston and Massachusetts will not go ahead so rapidly as people suppose.—[International Journal.]

FATAL OCCURRENCE.—As the 6 o'clock train from Fitchburg to Boston on Monday evening was nearing Watertown, it came in contact with the carriage of Wm. Sawyer, Esq., of Charlestown, containing himself, his wife, daughter, and infant child, and his driver. Mr. Sawyer and the driver were instantly killed. The daughter, a fine-looking young lady, about eighteen years of age, lived a few minutes only. Mrs. Sawyer was carried some distance on the cowcatcher, with her infant in her arms. The babe seemed to be uninjured, but the mother received a blow on the head which it is feared will be fatal. Every exertion was used by the conductor to stop the train. The whistle had been blown, but ineffectually. Mr. Sawyer, we understand, was partially deaf, but why his driver did not avoid the danger we do not know. The Rev. Mr. Frisk, of Fitchburg, was among the passengers, and the scene presented after the train was stopped, as described by him, was most affecting. Our readers would hardly wish us to portray it. Suffice it to say that he laid a part of Mrs. Sawyer's brain back into her head with his hand, and found the gasping heart of the driver thrown out of the breast and lying several feet from the body.—[Ibid.]

THE LIQUOR DEALERS IN BOSTON declare that they have been humbugged in the election of Mr. Parris as Mayor of Portland. He turns out too good a Maine Law man for their use, and they already look upon the \$14,000 which they subscribed to elect him, as a dead loss.

THE MINIE RIFLE BEATEN BLOW.—The Hartford (Conn.) Excelsior describes a Rifle—the invention of a Mr. Sharpe—which with a charge of 55 grains of powder, sent a ball of 1 oz. weight a distance of one mile and a quarter or 2200 yards. The Minie Rifle is said to throw a ball about 1720 yards at farthest, point blank range—being less than 1000 yards. Surely there must be some exaggeration here.

NEW YORK, May 30.—Thomas Francis Meagher held a levee yesterday afternoon, at the office of Perce & Brooks, Nassau st.

He was waited upon by an immense number of persons, both Americans and Irishmen.

SAD EXPLOSION AND LOSS OF LIFE.—New York, May 29.—The new steamer Eastern City, built to run between Boston, Eastport and St. John, while lying at the foot of Grand street, preparing for her trial trip burst one of her boilers, at 2 1/2 o'clock, P. M., seriously injuring several of the hands, two of whom have since died, and three more, it is said, cannot survive till morning. The vessel was not materially injured.

NEW YORK, May 3.—Further particulars of the Eastern City. Six men were scalded fatally, one of whom was killed instantly, and another is since dead. The others were taken from the boat in a terrible condition, and conveyed to the city hospital for medical assistance.

THE DEATHS OF THE IRISHMEN AND TWO ARE ALIVE.—Wm. H. Stearns, Capt. of the boat badly scalded and not expected to recover. Chas. Gorman, engineer, scalded—no hopes of recovery. John H. Curtis, engine-helper and acting engineer, trying to extinguish the fire, scalded—died at 6 o'clock evening. James Smith scalded; Capt. Stearns has a family residing in Maine. John B. Curtis, dead—no family. Francis May belongs to Lowell, Me. Chas. Hall, dead, a native of Maine. The 3 men who up to 6 o'clock, last evening, were yet alive, will survive. Capt. Stearns and Gorman were expected to die before morning, and very slight hopes entertained of May's.

INTERESTING MARTAL REMAINS.—Early last week the workmen employed in digging a drain at the west end of the new wing of the Parliament buildings, (a few yards below the Prescott Gate Guard House) came upon the skeleton of a man lying with the head towards the east. Round the skull were pieces of red and green cloth, and on the chest were two brass vases, or caskets, rather of different sizes. The larger of the two contained plans or some such fruit, apparently in a good state of preservation, but which, on being touched, crumbled into dust leaving nothing visible but the kernels; in the smaller one which has been hermetically sealed, there were found some copper coins one of which is now before us. On the reverse side it has this inscription:—DIXIE. TOWN OF 15 60, round the edge, and in the centre a fleur-de-lis, and the letter A; on the obverse, which is much defaced by time, there is a man's head some letters which cannot be easily deciphered, and these letters very plainly visible.—STO. There was also upon the bed as if it had been round the neck, a string of glass beads, some as large and in shape resembling the eggs of a very small bird, the others like the beads used by Indians in ornamenting moccasins. The skull and the thigh bones were comparatively large. The large vase, or rather what remains of it, is tastefully fashioned of sheet brass or some such metal and bears no inscription, but on the belly of the vessel, and bordering as it were the top, which is wider than the belly, there is an ornament resembling somewhat the fleur-de-lis which has been struck with a die into the brass; and around the rim there are exactly similar ornaments. A thigh bone, and three ribs are in the possession of Mr. Cardinal, the messenger of the Legislative Assembly. The skull and the bones were carried off by bystanders, and unfortunately the workmen had thrown some of the remains into the rubbish carts before Mr. Cardinal was aware of what had been found. The ground on which the old Bishop's Palace stood, and on which the new wing of the Parliament House is situated, was once a burial ground, and though the workmanship of the larger vase, the coins, in the ether, and the large bones denote civilization, the prevailing opinion is that the remains are those of an Indian Chief.—[Quebec Chronicle.]

THE FAIRMONT VIRGINIAN says:—Colonel Hammond has discovered, opposite that place, on the banks of the river where the soil had been washed away, the remains of a regularly McAdams road, 16 feet wide and well graded.

A telegraphic despatch from New Orleans reports that a conspiracy against the Mexican government has been detected, and several arrests were made. The people of the city of Mexico were arming themselves for self-defence.

MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS.—In Carleton County, the Municipal Council has had its first meeting, and elected Samuel Dickson, Esq., of Bridgton, Warburton of the Council, and H. B. Boardley, Esq., Secretary-Treasurer. The proceedings are highly interesting.

THE MEETING FOR THE INCORPORATION OF NORTHERN BRITAIN takes place next week; we trust the rate payers of that County will not allow themselves to be cajoled and deceived, as was recently the case in Charlotte County.

The rate payers of Sanbury are also in the field to be incorporated, the meeting has been called for the 14th August. The leading Magistrate of this County, we hear, are in favour of its being incorporated, and the movement.—[St. John New Brunswick.]

EMIGRATION.—The brig Garland, Reidman, master, which arrived on Monday last, from Berehaven, had on board 123 passengers, who all landed in good health. There were only twenty seven men among these passengers, all the rest being women and children. The men, with one or two exceptions, are all from the south west of Ireland.—[New Brunswick.]

MELANCHOLY.—A young man, 21 years of age, son of Mr. Samuel Brown of Chatham, was almost instantly killed at the Tobique on Saturday last. He was running on the river, when a log started from the brow and rolled over him. Another son of Mr. Brown's was drowned last Spring, and his body never recovered.—[Carleton Sentinel.]

THE STANDARD.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2, 1852

ST. ANDREWS & QUEBEC RAILROAD.

"TURNING THE FIRST SOD."

It is with much pleasure we announce, that it has been determined to celebrate the commencement of the works under the contract lately entered into with Messrs. Sykes & Co., for the completion of the whole Railroad to Woodstock, and that the ceremony of "TURNING THE FIRST SOD," will take place near Bartlett's Pond, on the Frye Road, on Friday next, the 4th instant, at 12 (noon,) when a goodly company of the friends of this great undertaking will be present.

We sincerely hope that the day will be fine, and that it will be kept as a "holiday," in order that all desirous of witnessing the interesting ceremony, may be present on the joyful occasion. The ceremony of "turning the sod" will be the prelude to the further prosecution of the work, which cannot now be much longer delayed, for we learn that vessels have sailed from Great Britain with the men, and materials required in the construction of the road, and Mr. Brockfield is resolved to carry it on with spirit.

FOUR DAYS LATER FROM ENGLAND.

The steamship Arctic arrived at New York on Sunday morning. Flour and Wheat active at full rates of last week. Corn drooping, price not quoted. Money abundant. Consols closed at 99 3/4 to 99 7/8. The Bullion in the Bank of England amounted to £20,200,000.

The House of Lords have passed, through committee the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Bill; the Protestant Dissenters Bill; and the Colonial Bishops Bill. The Commons have still the Militia Bill before them.

On the 13th, the Queen held a Drawing Room in St. James's Palace, in celebration of Her Majesty's Birthday, which was most numerous and brilliantly attended.

In the general circle—the Right Hon. Sir John Pakington, the Queen's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, presented to Her Majesty the Hon. Francis Hincks, Inspector-General of Canada; and the Hon. E. B. Chandler, Member of the Executive and Legislative Councils of New-Brunswick.

In the evening, the leading members of the Government celebrated Her Majesty's Birthday by full dress banquets, at which large parties of noblemen and gentlemen, supporters of the present administration, assembled. Sir J. Pakington, as head of the War and Colonial Department, had the honour of entertaining, among other distinguished noblemen and gentlemen, His Grace the Duke of Wellington, Commander-in-Chief; Viscount Hardinge, Master-General of the Ordnance; Lord F. Somerset, Military Secretary; Sir J. Burgoyne, Inspector-General of Fortifications; the Earl of Desart, Under Secretary for the Colonies; Sir W. Colebrooke; the Hon. F. Hincks, from Canada; the Hon. B. Chandler, from New-Brunswick; and Mr. Pakington, Private Secretary to the Colonial Minister.

His Honor, Lt. Col. MURRAY, Administrator of the Government, accompanied by his Lady, arrived here on Monday last.—We understand they will remain in town for a few days.

THOMAS F. MEAGHER, who escaped from Van Diemen's Land, arrived at New York last week. He was waited on by a large number of American and Irish citizens. Arrangements are being made at Boston to invite him to that city.

A Meeting was recently held at Salmon River, Queen's County, at which resolutions were passed to the effect, that a railroad from Halifax to Quebec was necessary, and should be built on the Eastern side of the river St. John; the Meeting deprecated the idea of the line running near the American frontier. Well, well, these people remind us of some others, who are labouring under the impression that they carry the power, as well as the will, to plant railroads anywhere where they please to suit their local and narrow ideas.

Three of the Boston Banks were defrauded on Tuesday 11th, of \$2500 by forged checks presented by a negro, in behalf of a person who is unknown.

Ten new Roman Catholic churches have been built at Buffalo within a few years, and a great Cathedral which will cost \$220,000; is now in process of erection. Gov. Calhoun has sent official despatches to Washington, stating that he was raising

volunteers to resist the threatened revolution in New Mexico.

SCHOOL INSPECTOR.—We learn from the Fredericton Reporter, that Patrick Clinch, Esq., has been appointed Inspector of Schools for the County of Charlotte.

BANK OF BRITISH NORTH AMERICA vs. CHESNUT.—This cause, which, at the Court in Fredericton last February, was referred to the arbitration of Jas. W. Chandler, Esq., appointed by the Court, and F. W. Hatheway and W. D. Haffet, Esquires, chosen by the parties, has been brought to a close. The plaintiffs claimed £1600, (including interest,) which the defendant alleged he had paid in full. The transactions extended over a period of five years, and involved heavy amounts. The arbitrators met this week in Fredericton, and after a laborious investigation, unanimously awarded in favour of the plaintiffs the sum of £1066, with costs. For the plaintiffs, the Attorney-General and Mrs. Wheeler; for defendant, Mr. Fisher and Mr. E. H. Wilmer.—[Courier.]

ANOTHER FIRE!—On Monday, about 1 o'clock, a fire broke out in a building, opposite Pomeroy's Mill, at the Straight Shore, occupied by the workmen in the Mill, consuming the range of buildings. Four engines from the city were hastened to the place as soon as possible, and the firemen exerted themselves in a praise worthy manner, and by their exertions the Mill was saved.—[St. John New Brunswick.]

STILL ANOTHER FIRE!—At the time the bells were ringing for the fire at the Straight Shore, a house in Queen's street owned by Mr. Reilly caught fire. Only one Engine was called out to it—Wellington No. 1—the others having gone to Portland. The roof was burnt. We did not hear of any other damage.—[Ibid.]

EMIGRATION TO MINNESOTA.—The fame of our promising territory has not only penetrated the farthest extremities of our own broad Union, but has spread beyond the distant shores of Europe, and Minnesota has become the exposure of emigrants from every land.

Our own observation in the East, leads us to the conclusion—which is strengthened by the reports of the newspapers in every quarter—that the emigration hither, during the present year, will be immense and unprecedented.

All the boats which have visited our wharves this season thus far, have come crowded with passengers—two-thirds of whom are immigrants, who intend to make the territory their home. When the treaties shall have been ratified, the rush will be inconceivable.

The vast tract of fertile lands which this will open for settlement, has been for a long time, and still is, an object of attraction to thousands in the States, who stand ready at a moment's notice, to strike their tents and come over and possess this goodly land.—[St. Anthony Falls Express.]

BUFFALO, MAY 27.—Disasters on the Lakes.—The steamer Southerner, on Sunday morning, off Trout Island, passed the tow steamer Telegraph on fire. The Southerner ran up to her as near as possible, but saw no one on board, and it is supposed, that her crew, eight in number, have all perished. The Chicago papers report a wreck of a schooner off Waukegan; the wreck was capsized, and the crew were clinging to her bottom. A severe gale at the time prevented any assistance being rendered, and the men undoubtedly perished.

GERMAN EMIGRANTS AT QUEBEC, BOUND TO NEW YORK.—We learn from the Quebec Chronicle of the 22d inst., that a vessel has arrived at that port from Antwerp, consigned to Ryan & Brothers, with sixty passengers bound to New York. This is an entirely new feature in emigration, and proves what may be effected by the dissemination of accurate information abroad. As large contracts have been made for the conveyance of passengers by this route, it is clear the contractors have seen some advantage in adopting it, more especially as there are already numerous vessels at Antwerp bound direct to New York.

Eleven vessels are now on the voyage from Hamburg to Quebec, with an average of 200 passengers each. The Hamburg houses by which these emigrants were shipped, have started a Newspaper for the express purpose of spreading correct information through the interior of Germany, as to the advantages of the St. Lawrence route. The Canadian papers recommend that the publication of this respectable firm should be sanctioned by the authorities of Canada, and that they should be furnished officially with statements of the prices of government lands, and statistical and other information as to the character of the Colony, and its fitness for settlement.

THE LATE STEAMBOAT ACCIDENT.—On Thursday night, the Coroner's Jury, summoned to investigate this matter, returned a verdict of Manslaughter against the Captain and the helmsman of the tug-steamers Transit, and Manslaughter, in a lesser degree, against the helmsman and the man on the look-out on board of the steamer Anna Augusta.—The Captain of the latter boat was acquitted, as he was attending to his duties below at the time of the collision. The main cause of the accident appears to be attributable to the want of a good and sufficient light, on board of the Transit; but as the parties implicated will have to stand their trial at the sitting of the Supreme Court, which will be held in this City in August next, we refrain from no-

ticing this unfortunate affair any further at present.—[New Brunswick.]

PROVINCIAL APPOINTMENTS.—Stipendiary Magistrate. At the recent meeting of the Executive Council, John Johnston, Esquire, was appointed Stipendiary Magistrate for this City. This appointment creates a vacancy in the representation of the County of Saint John.

Inspectors of Schools.—William P. Dole, Esq., was appointed Inspector of Schools for the County of St. John; Mr. Parbel for the County of King's; Samuel J. Scovel, Esq., for the County of Queen's; Mr. Davidson for the County of York; Mr. T. S. Taylor for the County of Sanbury, and Mr. G. A. Connel for the County of Carleton.

NAVAL.—The Resistance, troop-ship, arrived at Halifax on the 18th inst., in thirty days from Devonport, with detachments for several regiments serving in the Colonies.—It is said that she will take home the 42d.

The Devastation, 6, steam sloop, Com. Campbell, sailed from Halifax on the 18th, for a short cruise in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, after which she will return to Halifax, when the Vice Admiral will hoist his flag on board of her, and proceed to Quebec.

The Bermuda, 3, Lieut. Jolly, proceeds to the coast of Newfoundland, for the protection of the Fisheries in that quarter during the present season.

The Netley, tender, will, it is said, be stationed in the Bay of Fundy this summer for the same purpose.—[Halifax Chron.]

FIRE.—The farm house and barn belonging to Mr. John Reid of this City, situate at Short Ferry, about four miles below Fredericton, was destroyed by fire on Sunday last. This calamity was occasioned by the fire coming in upon the building from the burning woods in the rear of the premises, which had been set fire for the purpose of clearing land. Mr. Reid also lost some valuable stock, consisting of the important breed of sheep, pigs, calves, &c., and nearly all the fencing on his farm.

We have also heard of other buildings being destroyed by fires in the woods, and on Monday last some fears were entertained about the safety of this City, as cinders were falling in the street which had been brought in by the wind, from the woods. The wind having changed and a shower of rain yesterday morning, has removed the anxiety that prevailed.—[Head Quarters.]

MARRIED. On Thursday evening, by Rev. Mr. McDevitt, Mr. Cornelius Kean, to Miss Mary Hennessy.

On Saturday evening, by Rev. Dr. Alley, Mr. Robert Shaw to Miss Grace O'Hara.

SHIPPING JOURNAL.

ARRIVED AT ST. STEPHEN.

May 17th.—Barque Sophia, Spicer, Eastport, J. Porter, coals, salt, &c.

20th.—Am. Barque Georgia, Allen, Boston, F. H. Todd, ballast.

22d.—Barque Cleopatra, Dorrans, Castine, J. Chipman, ballast.

Clyde, Mills, Boston, Z. Chipman, ballast.

24th.—Barque Cleopatra, Boston, J. Porter & Co., ballast.

Friedrich, Frick, Portsmouth, H. Eastman, ballast.

Brig Jane Anderson, Watson, New York, F. H. Todd, ballast.

26th.—Ship Lesmahagow, Wester, New York, J. Wilson, ballast.

CLEARED AT ST. STEPHEN.

May 17th.—Barque Unity, Crow, Liverpool, dealer, W. Todd.

18th.—Brig Scotia, Dakin, Liverpool, dealer, J. McDams & Co.

Sailed from Liverpool, May 1st, barque Lacouie Miller, Eastport.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

To be sold by Public Auction, on Saturday the 11th day of December next, at 12 o'clock, noon, at the COURT HOUSE in SAINT ANDREWS:—

ALL the right, title, interest, claim, property, and demand whatsoever, of William E. Reynolds, of, to, and to, all the following lots, piece, tracts, or parcels of land, situate, lying and being on the Explozeux river, in the Parish of Penfield and County of Charlotte; together with the mills, houses, barns, and other erections and improvements thereon, or in anywise appertaining to the same—Viz: Lots Nos. 1, 2 and 3, containing 330 acres, purchased from Augustus W. Whipple.

Lot No. 49, containing about 40 acres. Also, 4 tracts purchased from James H. Bartlett, containing, respectively, 40, 60, 70, and 20 acres each; and also, 4 acres conveyed by Stephen C. Foster to Robert Bartlett, and by him assigned to the said Reynolds.

The same having been seized and taken to satisfy an execution at the suit of David Cannon, John Mc M. Cannon, John Alexander Black, and John Hoese Barry; endorsed to levy £113 10 5, besides Sheriff's fees, &c.

THOS. JONES, Sheriff of Charlotte.

Sheriff's Office, St. Andrews, 26th May, 1852.

REMOVAL.

THE undersigned has removed to the new Building lately erected by Mr. CHARLES KENNEDY, and nearly opposite his former establishment.

J. W. STREET.

May 28, 1852.

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