COLONIAL.

New Brunswick.

LEGISLATIVE PROCEEDINGS -Mr. Ritchie's Resolution, expressing " want of confidence" in the present Administration, has been negatived. The address of Mr. Street, Her Majesty's At-torney General, to the Electors of Northumberland, as enunciating the views and principles of the Administration hereafter, appears to have given very great satisfaction.

Mr. Street will be returned for Northumber-

The Address in reply to His Excellency's Speech, was presented at Government House on Wednesday, the 12th inst, and the time of the Assembly has since been chiefly occupied with the reception of petitions. Among these, was the petition of James Boyd, Esquire, praying a accuting of the votes poiled for B. R. Fitzgerald, Esq., a Member for Charlotte, which was ordered to be taken up on the 8th March next. Another election petition was presented on behalf of R. K. Gilbert, Esquire, praying a scrutiny of the votes polled for R. B. Chapman, Esquire, a Member for Westmoreland, the hearing of which was fixed for the 12th March next. Both of these scrutinies, it is understood, are to be commenced without further delay, on the several days na-med; but it is not at all likely that a decision will take place, in either case, during the present

Among the rules which have been established induct of the business of the House, is one which limits the duration of each Member's speech, on any particular question, to half anlour. This is a new rule, and it appeared to be the almost unanimous opinion of the House, (Alderman Needham dissenting,) that its adoption would tend to facilitate the transaction of public business, and in all probability shorten the Ses-

Until the 20th instant, the House will be alnost exclusively occupied in receiving Petitions; of these, there appears an almost endless number, on every variety of subject, but all concluding

with praying a grant of money. Several bills affecting the City and County of St. John have been introduced by Alderman Needham, and read a first time. Among these are-a Bill to alter and regulate the mode of electing the Mayor of Soint John-a Bill relating to Common Sewers in this City-a Bill to authorise the sale of a portion of the Corporation Lands-a Bill to amend the law relating to the Alms House and Work House of this City and County-and a Bill to facilitate the negociation of a Loan, to enable the Corporation to pay off, the City Debt. Mr. Tilley has introduced a Bill to extend the Gaol Limits to the whole County

On Thursday, Mr. Earle and others presented Petitions from bodies of Orangemen in different Counties, praying the Incorporation of all Orange Lodges in this Province. A Bill to provide for the pay of Members of the Legislature was also introduced on Thursday, and notice was given by Mr. Tilley, of his intention to pro-

A Bill to Incorporate the Richibucto and Miramichi Electric Telegraph Company, passed the House on Thursday. This Company is Incor-porated for the purpose of extending the Tele-graph from the Bend to Chatham, through She-diac, Cocaigne, Buctouche, and Richibucto; and we are happy to state that the posts are already contracted for, and that an agent has gone to the United States to purchase the necessary materials and fittings for the line, which it is expected will be completed and in operation early in the coming summer.

Yesterday, the flood of Petitions continued to pour in all day, almost without intermission .-Mr. Barbarie obtained leave to bring in a bill to permit religious newspapers, and agricultural books and pamphlets, to be sent by Post, within this Province, free of postage. Mr. Bliss Bots ford introduced a Bill, to provide that after the dissolution of the present Assembly, neither the Provincial Treasurer, nor any Deputy Treasurer. nor any Officer of the Castoms, shall sit or vote in the House of Assembly, but shall be altogether ineligible to a seat in that body.

The Hon, W. H. Odell has taken the onthe and his seat as a Member of the Legislative Council.

Many important Despatches from the Colonial Office were laid before both Houses yesterday .-The reading of the Despatch relative to an Elective Legislative Council, caused, a sensation in the Upper Bouse, and drew down some strong semarks in opposition to the principle, from the Mon. Mr. Hatch, who el quired what action the Covernment intended taking on the subject, Hon. Mr. Chandler replied, that the matter was under consideration Hon. Mr. Botsford claims that whatever change was proposed to be made to the Upper House, should originate in that bodr .- Abridged from the St John, N. B. Courier. 15th inst.

EMPORTANT DESPATCH .- An important Des patch, relative to the Civil List Bill and the reduction of Salaries, has just been presented to both Houses. Earl Grey declines at present to yield the surplus of the Civil List to the Province, conceiving that as yet there are no good reasons for reconsidering the solemn agreement entered into upon the settlement of the Civil List. If the House will surrender the initiation of money votes to the Executive, Earl Grey would not then object to placing the salary of the Master of the Rolls upon the surplus of the Civil List -at also compensation to the Judges in lieu of tees, to be paid out of the same surplus, the fees They gave a famous demonstration of their tion .- Patriot,

being either abolished or applied to other pur-

poses, as the House might decide.

His Lordship alludes to the proposed Lines of Railway in this Province, and the difficulty of obtaining funds in England, if by any proceeding of the Legislative a doubt should arise as to the fulfilment of any of its engagements. A single instance of such disregard, Earl Grey says, would deprive the Legislature of all hope of obtaining the confidence of capitalists, so as to induce then to advance money for works connected with the improvement of the Colony. In the event of any vacancy Earl Grey has no objection to reducing the Salary of the Surveyor General to Six Hundred pounds Currency, and abolishing the office of Receiver General altogether, on proper arrangements being made for the receipt of pub-

The Despatch is summed up by stating that Her Majesty's Government considers the Civil List us a permanent arrangement-but if the financial system of the Colony be placed on a sound footing it will be anxious to meet in a practicable manner the wishes of the people of New-Brunswick, expressed by their Representatives

POST-OFFICE AGRANGEMENTS .- We are happy o learn, that besides assenting to the Bills for transferring the Post Offices in British North America to the several Colonies, and establishing an uniform. Three-penny rate of Postage, to take effection the 6th July next, Her Majesty's Go vernment have announced another most important concession in our favour. When the new arrangements take place, all printed books, magazines, reviews, or pamphlets, whether British, Colonial, or Foreign, may be sent through the Post, from this Colony to the United Kingdom, at the following rates of postage ;- For a single volume, not exceeding half-a-pound in weight Six Pence Sterling ; exceeding half-a-pound, and not exceeding 1 lb. weight, One Shilling Sterling; exceeding I lb., and not exceeding 2 lbs. weight, Two Shillings Sterling; and so on, increasing One Shilling Sterling for every additional pound or fraction of a pound,

At present, no printed book or pamphlet can be sent to England, or received from thence, except on payment of full letter postage, which amounts to a prohibition. The value of the con-cession will soon be felt; as soon as the new arrangements come into operation, new publications may be sent out to us by post at a trifling charge, and pamphlets and publications of every kind may be sent to every part of the United Kingdom by post; and we predict that this conession will soon lead to these Colonies being hetter known to the people of Great Britain and Ireland than they have been heretofore - Ib.

CONTRIBUTION FOR THE EXHIBITION IN LONDON v 1851.-The ship ' Pomona,' D. W Cronk, naster, which sailed from this port on Thursday morning last, for Liverpool, has on board a full figure, eight feet high, carved by Mitchell, of this City. It is intended to represent a South American Indian Chief. A large number of entlemen, many of whom are connoisseurs in this branch of the Arts, inspected the figure be-fore shipment, and all concluded that the Artist has succeeded in bringing out a most perfect like ness of the human face and form. New Brunswick will stand indebted to Wm. Olive, Esq , the builder and owner of the Pomona, for thus bringing under notice this specimen of New Bruns wick genius and talent, at the Great Industrial Exhibation.

We have recently seen a very fine specimen of alabaster or gypsum out out of the mines at Hillsborough and intended for the exhibition of 1851 .- 15.

A Long Passage .- The Ship Lesmahagore, Capt. Gaskin, of this Port, which arrived here yesterday morning, has been 94 days out from he Clyde. We learn that during the pass the crew mutinied, and the Captain was under the necessity of running for Barbados, where the mutineers were shipped on board a man-of-war vessel. They would have been brought to trial in the Admiralty. Court, if the Captuin could have waited, but as the detention to the vessel would have been serious, it was thought advisable to leave them on board one of Her Majesty's ships .- Ib.

We have been requested to state, that the Rev Mr. Wiggins' Statement of some of the causes which have led to the late dissention in the Episcopal Church in this City, is in the press, and will be published early next week .- Ib.

Charles Connell, Esq., has taken a seat in the Legislative Council. This step on the part of Mr. Connell is, we are assured, the result of a very numerous requisition signed by the Hon. Gentleman's constituents, and approving of the measure, while yet under his consideration .-Fredericton Reporter.

Newfoundland.

RUM IN NEWFOUNDLAND - Seventy thousand pounds worth of RUM alone was consumed in Newfoundland last year, on the lowest calcula-

What food for reflection for elitors of Papersfor merchants, who live by the horney hands of the industrial classes-for venders, fattening on the bring tears of the famished orphan-for ministers of Religion, having an eye to the souls of their congregations as well as their purse-strings -- for Rulers -- for Legislators -- for Philanthropists-for ALL .- Harbour Grace Herald.

TEMPERANCE - The vital spark of Temperance, thanks to the exertions of a few staunch and stirring advocates, is still kept alive in Carbonear strength there last week in a procession which went off with even more than the accustomed eclat. We wish some of our cotemporaries had been there to witness the exhibition .- Ib.

Late advices from Placentia inform us of a most melancholy accident which occurred there about ten days ago. A decent poor man, named Choney and his wife, were walking on the ice between the harbours of Great and Little Placentia, when the former unfortunately fell through, The wife, in the endeavour to help the struggling husband, slipped, and was drawn down with him in a watery grave! They have left two very young children, who were found, in their house almost starved and frozen to death, having been without food or fice for more than two days .--Newfoundlander, 9th.

The Legislature has only just stepped over the threshold of its sessional proceedings, and offers therefore but little scope for observation. The address in answer to the opening speech of his Excellency the Governor has been passed in the House of Assembly as well as that in the Coun. cil, and both were presented on Wednesday .-The Education and the Road questions are likely to be among the earliest topics of considera-

West Indies.

In an election riot at Jamaica on the 27th ult. David McLean, Esq, the coroner, was killed and several of the police were wounded, one, it was believed fatally.

The cholera was still lingering, with fatal delay, at Lucea, Hanover. Elsewhere it was nearly extinct.

Canada.

Lower Canapa,-Persons residing at Labrador the past summer were struck with the immense multitudes of field mice which made their appearance almost simultaneously in almost every manner. Every hillock and grass plot seemed covered with them, and on rocks several yards from the shore, droves of those diminutive creatures were frequently met with. They are about 4 inches long, exclusive of the tail, the head roundish and blunt, of an iron grey colour on the back, under parts light grey. If this description is correct the little animal will be recognized by naturalists as arricola Pansulvanicus. whose fecundity and destructive liabits are well known .- Quebic Mercury.

New License Law. - The following clause of the new Tavern License Law we insert as worthy of notice, particularly to Tavern Keepers:—"And be it enacted, That whenever any person shall have drunk spirituous liquors, in any Inn or Tayern with the permission or suffrance of the keeper thereof, and shall, while in a state of intoxication or drunkenness arising out of the use of such spirituous liquors, come to his death by committing suicide, or by drowning or perishing from cold, or any other accident such keeper of any such linn or Tovern shall be guilty of a misdemeanour, and being convicted thereof, after having been indicted and tried for such offence in due course of law, shall be liable to be imprisoned in the Common Gaol of the District in Lower Canada, or County in Upper Canada, in which such offence shall have been committed, for a period of time not less than two and not more than six months, and to pay a penalty of not less than Twenty five Pounds or more than One hundred Pounds; the amount of which penalty shall by the Court before such conviction shall take place, be ordered to be paid to such one or more of the heirs, legal representatives or surviving relatives of the deceas ed, as the said Court may consider to be most in need or deserving of the same.'

Another Victim - An inquest was held on the 29th ultimo, on the body of Timothy Mc Combs, a carpenter, who was found on the morn ing of that day, lying dead in the mill race of Messes, Kingsbury and Chamberlain, in North Pelham. He was lying on his back, in water bouteighteen inches deep, and on the bank of the race, which is about three feet high, stood his jug, holding about three quarts, nearly full of whisley .- St. Catherine's Journal

The Hon, F. Hincks returned from Washingmulast week. He does not appear to have been successful in inducing the American Senate to move in the matter of Reciprocity .- Foronto Christian Guardian, 5th.

The Gazette Extra of Saturday contains a proclamation announcing the prorogation of Parliament until the 12th Murch. Parliament is not then to meet for the despatch of business .- Ib.

The County Council of Frontenac, Lennox and Addington, of which D. Roblin, Esq., has again been elected Warden, niet-in Kingston last week. During its sitting it authorised its delegates to the Railroad Convention to subscribe £50,000 of stock in the Great Provincial Railroad .- 16.

The friends of Temperance in Guelph are about to erect a Temperance Hall in that town. This should be done in every Town in the Province. It is proposed that the Hall in Guelph shall cost £1000. - Ib.

INTEMPERANCE -The Gazette Extra, of last Siturday, contains a general order, dismissing from the service a militia officer of the 4th Battallion of the Regiment of St. Hyacinthe, for appearing at a Court Martial in a state of intoxica-

SABBATH REPORMATION SOCIETY -At a ting of this secrety, held at the City Hall, Kings. ton, on the 16th ult, the following dealt of a u morial of the Provincial Parliament, on the subject of a proper observance of the Sabbath, was adopted. To the Minourable the Lagislative .95. adopted: Force remourance the Legislative 3. sembly (and Council) of the Province of Canada, in Parliament assembled. The memorial of the undersigned inhabitants of the City of Kingston. convened at a public meeting in the City Hall, on Thursday, the 16th day of January, 1851, Lieut. Col. Lawrence, R. B., in the chair, humbly and respectfully showeth . That your memorial ists regard the Sabbath as an institution divine in its origin, and permaneuton its obligation. That they are deeply convinced of the evils that have flowed from its neglect; and the benefits that have attended its observance; that conscious of the manifold favours Almighty God has bestow. ed upon us as a people, they are anxious to avoid, everything fitted to provoke his frown: that they contemplate with deep regret the wholesale sys-tem of desecration caused by the running of Her-Majesty's mail and the delivery of letters on the Lord's day, &c. Your memorialists therefore implore your Hon, House, that on taking the premises into your serious consideration, you would adopt such measures as to your wisdom may seem meet for the entire abolition of this great and growing evil. And your memorialist, as in duty bound will ever pray,

FROZES-TO DEATH .- We are informed that on the night of Wednesday a poor woman was frozen to death in her bed. The cold at present is intense .- Kingston Herald.

ANOTHER VICTIM .- On Wednesday night a man named Smith, living on Long Island, sas found frozen to death, with a dram bottle in his pocket, in an old stable belonging to Mr. Gilder. sleeve. His cries were heard during the night, but from some cause or other they were not at-tended to. It would seem he died hard for the hair was torn from his head. Sad to tell he leaves a wife and three children -16.

UNITED STATES

ARRIVAL OR THE GEORGIA -The U. S. mail steamer Georgia, with the California mails, arrived at New York on the 8th inst., with 355 pas-

The Georgia left Chagres on the 28th of January, with 575 passengers ; transferred 220 to the Falcon at Havana for New Orleans; arrived at Havana on the night of the 1st, but could not enter until morning—sailed again on night of the 3d, at half-past 8-o'clock, by a special permission, and made her run to New-York in 4 days and 3.

A coin counterfeiting establishment on a large scale has been broken up at Panama On the 5th of January, Mr. Alexander Shireliffs, who was about to leave for the United States, was robbed of seven handred dollars in gold. pecting a fellow lo iger and another person, he had them arrested. Among their effects were found dies, stamps, and all the necessary machinery, acids, &c. for making and stanping Mexi-cun dollars. About two thousand dollars of this. coin, mostly of the dates of 1846 and 1847, and a portion unfinished, were also found. They are made of German silver, neatly plated by a galvanic battery, which was among their machinery. Several silver watches, exceedingly well galvan ised to represent gold, were among the

TREMENDOUS SNOW, STORM IN THE MOUNTAINS. Yuba City, Dec. 18 - From the last reports upon the head waters of Feather River, snow has fallen to the depth of 12 or 14 feet, and cold seintense that eighteen out of a party of ninetees men troze to death in one night, and sixty or se venty mules. The snow fell so rapidly that the wood was covered, and they were obliged to burn their cabin to keep from freezing; but even that did not save them.

WRECK .- The American whaling bark Popmunnett, foundered at sea on the 16th Dec. three days out from San Francisco, and among those lost was Charles Camfield, of Halifax, No va Scotia, cabin boy...

NEW ERA IN NEW YORK .- A new era in New York municipal affairs began on Sunday. Mayor Kingsland had issued an order that the gragfor the future be closed on the Sabbath, and also an order prohibiting the encumbering of Broadway with public hacks on the stand, on the Sabbath. Should the law be fully enforced against the grog-sellers, the fines will be an immense revenue. There are in the city about six thossand groggeries.

THE LAWRENCE MILLS -It requires 3,500 sheep to be kept a whole year to support the Lawrence, Mass. mills with wool for a single day. They produce 1,500 shawls per day, and consume cochineal to the value of \$60,000 per annum. Three years since there were not 500 inhabitants in La wrence, and now there are 10,-000.

WHALERS. - The past season has been one of the most remarkable on record, in the success which has attended whalers in the polar seas -A large number of these vessels were at the Sandwich Islands on the 19th of October, the majority of which were loaded to their utmost capacity. All these vessels, with the exception of three or four, are American. Vessels only 14 months from home, with a six months voyage to the whaling ground, are reported with from 2,700 to upwards of 3,000 barrels of oil, and bone in proportion, while one vessel, the Huntress, only 11 months out, has 3,500 barrels.

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