SUMMARY OF NEWS.

Fall of Part of the Horse Shoe Fall.—On Tuesday evening last our citizens were startled on hearing a loud and terrific noise, resembling, as near as we can describe it, the heavy boomsig of artillery, in quick succession; which shook the earth around us very sensibly.

Part of the Horse Shoe Fall on the Canada side had fallen, carrying away about ten rods of the rock in length by four in width.—The canal boat, which had been lodged for the last few months on the brink of the rock which has fallen, and which has excited the admiration of all who beheld it, was also carried over with the rock. It is now in the whirpool, two miles down the river, dashing attendance to the freaks of that great maelström.

The crash occured about 7 o'clock last evening; and it is indeed providential that it fell at such an hour, and at this season of the year. Had it been in the summer, when so many thousands of strangers are here, there undoubtedly would have been persons crushed to death; for it is precisely the spot where so many continually passed, and where so many have stood to contemplate the grandeur of nature and behold the waters of the mighty cataract above them rushing terrifically over their heads, that is now filled with the huge masses of rock which have fallen from above.

The loss of this portion of the rock has not in the least diminished in appearance the view of the Falls; but has in our opinion added to the scene, which looks grander and more sublime, if possible, than ever.—*Niagara Falls bis* Dec. 14

THE BENCH AND BAR OF QUEBEC AT LOGGERHEADS.—We learn from the Quebec *Morning Chronicle* that the members of the Bar at Quebec have struck in a body, and refused to practise in the Superior and Circuit Courts, in consequence of the promulgation of a new tariff of fees by the Judges, without their sanction or concurrence. It appears that the lawyers attended the Superior Court in a body, in order to remonstrate against this promulgation of the expected tariff, when the Chief Justice observed, that there was not on the part of the Bench any intention to diminish the fees of the Bar, as would be seen by the tariff; in some trifling instances, such as uncontested oppositions, the fees were reduced, but in other cases they were augmented; and if the Bar in about three or six months hence should find that the fees were not sufficient, the Judges would change them as they had the power to do so; but for the present they would not change them, as they were to be promulgated in so short a period. This explanation did not, however, satisfy the Bar, the members of which to the number of 70, together with three Queen's Counsel present rose up and left the Court, to the seeming amusement of the Chief Justice, who being wittily inclined, remarked:—"I have seen a flight of crows before, but never a flight of lawyers."

Maine State Prison burned.—The State Prison at Thomastown, was discovered to be on fire on the afternoon of the 22d Dec., near a stove pipe, between the Guard room and the hospital. When discovered, the flames had made so much progress that it was deemed hazardous to keep the prisoners confined in their cells, and they were all removed to the machine shop, in which they were secured under a strong guard. Before they were taken from the prison, they rent the air with fearful yells, and implored their keepers to release them from confinement, that they might not perish in the flames. The Thomastown and Rockland fire companies were in attendance, but owing to the cold, it was some time before the engines could be got to work, and one of them became frozen, and was finally broken in working. By persevering exertions, all the shops and the western wing of the main building were saved—the main prison, guard room, and warden's dwelling were entirely destroyed. It is proposed to confine the prisoners in the hospital and other buildings by night, until that portion of the prison which contained the night cells can be re roofed and put in order.

Domestic Manufactures.—The Editor of the Newburyport says:

"We were shown at the store of Messrs. W. Scott & Co., on Saturday last, a lady at Truro, which for beauty of design, durability of material and elegance of finish, has never been surpassed by any imported article. It is intended for the Great Exhibition in London in 1851."

The Lady spoken of in the above paragraph is Mrs Fleming Blanchard, a daughter of Mr George Johnston, of Chatham, Miramichi.

WILLIAM HOFFMAN, ESQ.—A short time since we announced that this gentleman had been appointed to a highly important situation with a large salary, in California. It will be seen by the annexed paragraph copied from the Novascotian, that he has been taken suddenly from the midst of his friends, by that fell disease, Cholera. We deeply sympathise with his parents and amiable family in this dispensation of Providence.

"It is with deep regret that we have to record the death of this much lamented gentleman, our fellow townsman and friend, who, by Electric Telegraph from New York, is reported to have fallen a victim to the Asiatic cholera in San Francisco, California. We have not learned any further particulars.—But most sincrely do we sympathise with his afflicted parents and family, in the untimely decease of one on whom the honors and emoluments of the world were rapidly descending, in his new and distant home. Peace to his memory"

☞The American steamer Baltic, from Liverpool for New York, put into Provincetown on Saturday evening last, short of coal, and sailed on the following day. She was about 17 days in making the passage.

THE STANDARD.

ST. ANDREWS, WEDNESDAY, JAN. 8, 1851.

St. Andrews & Quebec Railroad Company.

John Wilson, Esq., *President.*
Julius Thompson, Esq., *Manager.*
S. H. Whitlock, Esq., *Secretary.*
The Board of Directors meet every Thursday for the transaction of business.

Charlotte County Bank.

Hon. Harris Hatch, President.
T. B. Wilson, Esq., Solicitor.
Discount Day—TUESDAY.
Hours of Business, from 10 to 2.
☞Bills and Notes for Discount must be lodged with the Cashier, on or before MONDAY otherwise they must lie over until next week.

Alms and Work House.

Commissioners—Robert Ker, C. Dimock John Lochary, D. Bradley, Henry O'Nea

Saint Stephens Bank.

Wm. Todd, Esq., *President.*
Discount Day—SATURDAY.
Hours of business, from 10 to 1.
☞Bills and Notes for Discount must be lodged with the Cashier, on or before FRIDAY, otherwise they must remain in his hands until the following discount day

PUBLIC MEETING.—We beg leave to direct Public attention to an advertisement in this day's paper, signed by the High Sheriff, calling a Public Meeting at the Court House on Saturday next, "to consider the propriety of selling the Commons at the West end of the Town of St. Andrews." We understand that the Requisition to the Sheriff to call the Meeting, is signed by a number of persons resident on the Commons and in this Town. We hope that there will be a general meeting of persons residing in this Parish, and that this important subject will be fully and fairly discussed, and that the opinions of those interested will be elicited, as the question is an open one.

OUR RAILROAD.—The *Courier*, in its leader of the 1th inst., on the State of the Province, its past works and future prospects, thus notices the St. Andrews and Quebec Railroad:—

"The St. Andrews and Quebec Railroad Company, during the past season, entered into a contract for the grading of the first section of their Road to Woodstock, in length about 15 miles.—This grading is now nearly completed; on a portion of the line (about five miles.) the wooden superstructure has been laid, ready for receiving the iron rails, which are now on their way from England. The great energy and extraordinary perseverance of the Company, are worthy of all praise, for they have steadily advanced against the most discouraging circumstances, and in the face of public opinion. Such courage and perseverance well merit the fullest success, if they do not attain it. The application of the Company to the Legislature of Maine for leave to carry their railway, across that State, from Woodstock to Quebec, was not treated quite so courteously as it might have been, but will probably be viewed more favourably when the application is renewed."

Yes, if it is renewed; but the truth is, the Americans wish to cut the Provinces off altogether from participating in their legitimate trade with the Canada, and the great Lakes, and have, for this purpose, constructed Railways from Boston to Albany; and to ensure success, they built the Railway from Ogdensburgh, opposite Prescott to Lake Champlain. New-York has also its Railroads direct to the Lakes, and the great one now building from Lake Erie to New-York, which is to be completed this year, will be the largest on this Continent.—Portland determined not to be out-done by her larger sister Cities, has made considerable progress with their Atlantic and Saint Lawrence Railroad. All these roads operate powerfully against the trade of this Province. Is it not incumbent then on all who wish prosperity to New Brunswick, to aid, by every possible means in their power, the St. Andrews and Quebec Railroad, which is the most direct through British territory ever yet named, and with the brightest prospects of being one of the best paying lines in America.

NOT YET!—The New-Brunswicker says, "We stated a short time ago, on the authority of a telegraph message, that the Hon. Mr. Howe had succeeded in securing the money for the construction of the Nova-Scotia portion of the European and North American Railway. This information was premature, as we learn by the last steamer from England, that although very favorably received, he has not yet been able to accomplish the object of his mission."

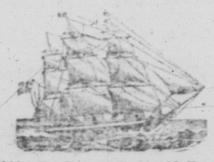
☞MR. DODGE the celebrated comic singer, will give an Entertainment at the Town Hall, on Friday Evening. Look out for a rich treat.

THE NEW JUDGE.—We learn from the Fredericton Reporter, that a rumour is current, and bears the semblance of truth, that the Hon. Atty. General (Wilmot,) has been elevated to the position of a Puisne Judgship, his appointment having emanated from the Colonial Office. This we suppose involves the elevation of the present Solicitor General (Kinnear,) to the Attorney Generalship, leaving the former office vacant. The Chief Justiceship will most likely be conferred on the present senior Judge (Carter.)

DRAINING LAND.—By the last Mail from England we received an interesting letter on the benefits resulting to land from a thorough system of drainage, from our respected friend John McDonald, Esq., dated Strathair, Dec. 19, 1850.—The late hour at which we received the letter, obliges us to defer its publication until next week.

SUDDEN DEATH.—Capt. Alexander Irving aged 52 years, formerly of Prince Edward's Island, died at the Marine Hospital yesterday. He had just returned from Sacramento in quite feeble health, and died soon after his admission into the Hospital. Some features of his disease having resemblance to the Asiatic cholera, particular attention was paid to it; but the physician pronounced it cholera morbus.—San Francisco Herald.

Arrival of the Steamship



NIAGARA AT HALIFAX.

The Niagara, Capt. Leitch, from Liverpool arrived at Halifax on the 31 inst., completely encased in ice, on some parts nearly one foot thick. She brought thirty-three through passengers, and eight for Halifax—among the latter are the Hon. John Robertson, and Messrs. Wm. Parks, James Kirk, and Thomas Gilbert, of St. John.

The general and political news possesses no features of special importance.

Cotton has advanced from ⅛d. to ¼d. per lb. Sales of the week, 65,660 bales, of which speculators took about 14,000.

Flour market dull at previous rates.—Corn has receded 6d.; the holders generally declined to sell at the reduction.—Wheat is 1d. to 2d. cheaper.

Money is abundant.—Consols for account closed on Friday at 96⅞.

Freights.—Dead weight slightly better to Northern ports—measurement goods lower.

The state of trade at Manchester and other manufacturing districts is exceedingly good—the late news from India and the Continent having given a decided impetus to trade in woollen and cotton fabrics.

It is reported on good authority that the Chancellor of the Exchequer will propose a considerable reduction in the Coffee duties. The returns of the Board of Trade will, it is said, also enable the Chancellor to make many other reductions in the present Tariff.

An extensive system of enlistment gives weight to the report, that the Duke of Wellington has recommended an addition of 50,000 men to the Army!!

Public no-Property meetings are becoming less frequent, the tone and temper of the majority of such demonstrations appear to be more mild and forbearing.

The Queen's answer to the Corporation of London and to the Colleges of Oxford and Cambridge is not considered satisfactory. Ey the ultras, who are displeased because Parliament is not to meet until the 4th of February.

President Fillmore's Message attracted more than usual attention from the press—Nearly every paper of note printed the document entire.

Accounts from Australia state that Smith O'Brien had made an unsuccessful attempt to escape to California.

The German question begins to assume a new aspect, inasmuch as it is now suspected that the conference to be held at Dresden on the 23d of this month between Austria and Prussia, bodes no good to the smaller German States, who, it is said, are now using energetic measures to form a league of their own.—It is stated confidently at Paris that Gen. LaHitte and Lord Palmerston have estimated that if the approaching conference at Dresden attempts to make any territorial changes affecting the agreements made by the Treaty of Vienna, their Governments will interpose and prevent them.

The Emperor of Austria has issued a Proclamation to the Army, thanking them for their warlike preparations and assuring them that their services will not now be required.

The American Protestant Chapel at Rome has been closed by order of the Government—This want of toleration has caused much irritation at Rome.

From Turkey it is stated that Aleppo is entirely in possession of the rebels.

The Cholera was raging fearfully at Mecca on the 7th Dec.

Her Majesty's Replies to the Anti-Papal Addresses.—The address agreed by the Corporation of the City of London was, on Tuesday, presented to her Majesty, at Windsor Castle, in the usual form. Her Majesty, in a firm voice, delivered the following reply:

"My Lord Mayor and Gentlemen,—I receive, with much satisfaction, your loyal and affectionate address. I heartily concur with you in your grateful acknowledgement of the many blessings conferred upon this favoured nation, and in your attachment to the Protestant faith, and to the great principles of civil and religious liberty, in defence of which the city of London has ever been conspicuous.—That faith and those principles are so justly dear to the people of this country, that I confidently rely on their cordial support in upholding and maintaining them against any danger with which they may be threatened from whatever quarter it may proceed."

The deputation from the Court and Common Council were next introduced, and Mr Wood having presented the address, her Majesty replied as follows:—

"Gentlemen—I sincerely thank you for your renewed assurances of unaltered attachment to my person and throne, and to the constitution of this country. Your tried and consistent advocacy of the equal enjoyment of civil rights by all classes of your fellow subjects, entitles the expression of your sentiments on the present occasion to peculiar consideration. You may be assured of my earnest desire, and firm determination, under God's blessing, to maintain unimpaired the religious liberty which is justly prized by the people of this country, and to uphold, as its surest safeguard the pure and spiritual worship of the Protestant faith, which has long been happily established in this land."

The Court of Lieutenancy of the City of London were next introduced; and having presented their address, her Majesty acknowledged the same in a very gracious manner. The Universities of Oxford and Cambridge followed with their respective addresses, and it was after two o'clock before the ceremony of presentation had concluded.

Liverpool Timber Report, Dec. 14.—We confirm the previous advices we so fully gave in detail, showing the important falling off in the importation of Colonial Wood to this port, and the active demand continuing, we see no reason to alter the opinion we have already expressed, that prices will be fully maintained, notwithstanding the advance that has recently taken place. Sales of three cargoes of St John Pine, two at 4d. and one of small size at 4¼ under the average inches; Birch, 14½d. to 15d. per foot; Deals, £7 to £7 10s. per standard; Lathwood, 40s. per fathom; Palings, 30s. and 35s. per M.; and Sawn Laths, 30s per M.

ARRIVAL OF A CALIFORNIAN.—On Tuesday morning last, Capt. Betts, who left here last winter in the schr. Claremont, for California, returned in the steamer *Creole*, from Portland, having sold his vessel and cargo in San Francisco. We regret to learn that Capt. B. met with an accident while descending Chagres river, on his passage across the isthmus, from Panama to Chagres, by which he lost much valuable property, and, worse than all, three of those on board the boat were drowned, including Captain Vroom, of Nova Scotia, who went out Master of the Brigt. Arabian. We understand that ten passengers left in a large keel boat to descend the river, (under the guidance of three boatmen,) among whom were Captain Betts and Vroom, and while on their passage down, they struck a snag, which upset the boat and precipitated them all into the water. Capt. B. succeeded in saving one trunk—his other trunk containing $1500 belonging to himself, and a large quantity of letters and other articles of value for persons in this City, was lost. Capt. Vroom and two other passengers were drowned, owing to the quantity of gold on their persons, notwithstanding every effort was made to save them.—[New Brunswicker.

Woodstock Dec. 31.

ATROCIOUS MURDER.—We have this week to perform the painful duty of recording the murder of Mr. William N. Montgomery of Andover, by Daniel Finnemore, of Green Field. The particulars of the case as we have received them, are, that Mr. Montgomery was stopping for a few days at the house of his son in Simonds, and on Sunday evening the 22d inst. Finnemore came in and called for liquor, it was refused him; and he proceeded to break the decanters and tumblers in the room; a scuffle then ensued between him and one of the persons present; Finnemore went out to the yard and deliberately unhooked a whiffle-tree, which he brought with him into the house, and before any one present was aware of his intention he struck Mr. Montgomery with it on the back of the head, and would have repeated the blow had he not been prevented by a bystander; his unfortunate victim lived about 48 hours after he received the fatal blow. The Coroners jury returned a verdict of willful murder against Finnemore who is now in jail here to await his trial.

The deceased was a native of Ireland, and was in the 59th year of his age. He came to this country when quite young, and has resided in the County of Carleton about 15 years; he was a remarkably quiet, peaceable man, "slow to take offence, and offering none." He has left a large circle of relatives and friends to mourn his untimely end.

If a Special Court is not appointed in this instance it will be rather a costly affair for the people of Carleton, as Finnemore cannot receive his trial until next September, and must be maintained at the Public expense until that time, we have no hope however that any thing of the kind will be done, as great difficulty was experienced in obtaining one for the trial of the Rioters in 1847, when nearly one hundred persons were charged with crime.—[Sentinel.

COLD WEATHER, AND SNOW STORM.—Sunday the 22d was decidedly a cold day. The Thermometer in the morning stood at 28 degrees below zero. Some time during the night of Sunday it commenced snowing, and for about 30 hours it came down in a good old fashioned style, the wind blowing a gale from the N. E. all the time. The roads were so badly drifted that travelling was for a time completely stopped. The mail from Fredericton which should have arrived at 9 o'clock on Tuesday evening, did not get in until half past 4 on Wednesday afternoon, and the American Mail due at 7 o'clock on Tuesday evening, arrived at 4 on Thursday afternoon. The weather was pleasant on Christmas day and has continued mild ever since.—[Bid.

NARROW ESCAPE OF JENNY LIND.—Accounts from Charleston state that Jenny Lind has had a narrow escape from shipwreck. She left Wilmington on board a steamer for Charleston, and arrived after much peril, the boat nearly swamping during a gale.

Amputation of the Toes Prevented, by Holloway's Ointment and Pills.—Mr. Oliver Smith Jenkins, of Falkirk, when superintending the erection of a railway bridge, had his foot severely bruised by the falling of a heavy stone.—Apprehending that serious consequences would result from it, he consulted some of the most eminent surgeons in Edinburgh, who informed him that to effect a cure two of his toes must be amputated. Refusing to submit to this, he returned to Falkirk, and commenced using Holloway's Ointment and Pills; and, miraculous as it may appear, these invaluable medicines healed his foot, and in three weeks he was enabled to resume his employment.

MARRIAGES.

At St. John, on Wednesday last, by the Rev. Dr. I. W. D. Gray, Henry P. Otty, Esq., to Hetty, fourth daughter of the late John Howe, Esq., of Halifax, Nova Scotia.

SHIPPING JOURNAL.

PORT OF ST. ANDREWS

—ARRIVED.—

Jan. 4th.—Packet Matilda, McMaster, Eastport—provisions.

Schr. Utica, Meloney, Boston,—assorted cargo.

Arrived at Europe from St. Andrews, Dec. 16th, Yorkshire, at Pill; 18th, Isabella Stewart, in the Clyde.

Sailed from Newport, Dec. 6th, Avon, for St. Andrews.

Arrived at New York, Jan. 2d, ship Home, Muir, from Liverpool, bound to Charleston.

WRECKS.—It will be seen by the following report of disasters, that the coasting craft in the Bay suffered severely in the late gales.—The schr. Margaret, from Hilsboro, for St. John, having lost sails, anchor and cable, and become water-logged in the gale of the 23d, finally drifted into Gulliver's Hole, nine miles below Digby Gut, where she became a wreck.—The schr. Spitfire, from Wilmot, was also wrecked at Gulliver's Hole.—The schr. Chancellor, of Hillsboro lost boat and deck load of deals, but got into Digby on the 24th.—The schr. Wilmot Packet, for St. John, was driven on the Nova Scotia shore, and is expected to become a wreck.—The schr. Copy, of Digby, with a cargo of coal, was driven ashore at Quaco, and badly injured; and the schr. Columbine, of this port, from the Bend of Petticodiac, was driven ashore and bilged, and it was feared would be a wreck. The crews of these vessels escaped with their lives, but some of them were badly frostbitten.—Courier

ST. ANDREWS & QUEBEC RAILROAD.

NOTICE is hereby given to all Merchants, Tradesmen, and others, that from the date hereof, no claims will be allowed for any Goods delivered for or on account of this Company, unless upon a regular official order from either the Manager or Engineer.

By order,
JULIUS THOMPSON,
Manager.

Railroad Rooms, St. Andrews,
Jany. 2nd, 1851.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER

A Meeting of Hibernian Royal Arch Chapter No. 318, will be held on FRIDAY evening, next, 10th inst, at 5 o'clock. A punctual attendance is requested

By order of the three Principals.
Jany. 8, 1851.

Musical Entertainment!

MR. OSSIAN E. DODGE,
Will have the honor of giving one of his
Chaste, Unique, and Fashionable
ENTERTAINMENTS at the TOWN HALL,
ON FRIDAY EVENING, JAN. 10,
On which occasion he will sing his unequalled humorous, descriptive $50 prize song, written by J. G. SAXE, Esq., Editor of the BURLINGTON (VT.) SENTINEL, entitled
"JENNY LINDIANA."
Tickets 1s. 3d. Children half price.
To be had at the Door.
☞Positively but ONE Entertainment will be given during the present year.
☞No Postponement.☜
Doors open at 6½ o'clock. Concert to commence at 7½.
☞Mr. D. has a collection of the best of Sheet Music, with Piano Forte accompaniments, which can be procured between the parts, or at the close of the Concert.

PUBLIC MEETING.

HAVING received a *requisition* to do so; I hereby call a Public Meeting at the Court House, for SATURDAY, the 11th day of January, at ½ past 10 o'clock, "to consider the propriety of selling the COMMONS, at the west end of the town of St. Andrews."
Sheriff's Office } THOS. JONES.
30th Dec. 1850 } Sheriff of Charlotte.

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PICKED up between Nigger Point and Partridge Island, a small ANCHOR and CHAIN.
Apply at the STANDARD OFFICE.
November 19, 1850.

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