

COMMUNICATION.

Mr. Editor,
I invite the attention of the reading Public to an article in the St. John Courier of the 21 inst., signed "LEX," on the Reciprocity Treaty with the United States. The writer deserves the thanks of the community for such clear statements of the many advantages of this treaty to our Province; and I also request our Members of the Assembly to read it with attention. I differ however with Lex in one view,—that we should obtain Reciprocity in Ship-building.

It would appear, that twenty years past, the tonnage of New Brunswick was very small in proportion to the number of inhabitants. How is it now? Why, our tonnage is larger in proportion to its inhabitants, than any part of the known world. This may reasonably be accounted for, as our ship building timber, such as Larch, White Pine, Black Birch and Spruce, are superior in quality and abundance, than in any part of the known commercial world. We import our iron, copper, sails and rigging, free of duty, or nearly so, from England; while the United States pay a duty of 30 per cent., and their timber costs nearly double that of ours. Then is it not clear, if our men are as good ship builders and artisans, (which I contend they are, and as good seamen, and hence our Colonial ships can be built one-third cheaper than American ships,) will we not continue to be the largest ship owners in the world, and we will, if not disturbed in our present happy position, be the great carriers of all the cotton, sugar, flour, and wealth of the Southern United States. But rely on it, Brother Jonathan, with his keen and sharp eye, will soon sue for Reciprocity of Ships and free Coasting Trade, or, I am greatly mistaken.

I consider the Reciprocity Treaty, when confirmed by Great Britain, one of the most important measures for the British North American Colonies, that have taken place since the peace of 1814. U. S. States. It will cause a school of revolution in commerce, peace with our neighbour, and prosperity and happiness to ourselves.

ST. ANDREWS.

THE NEW GOVERNOR.—Colonel Hayne, A. D. C. to His Excellency Sir Edmund Head, has arrived in town from New Brunswick, and is at present sojourning at Spencer Wood. We understand that Lord Elgin will proceed to England immediately on the meeting of Parliament.

Further we hear from New Brunswick that Sir Edmund Head will assume the reins of power with special power from Downing-street to forward an immediate union of all the Provinces. This is a move in the right direction, unhappily a little late, but entrusted to able and honest hands, and a measure which it is to be hoped will not be behind the requirements of the age; at least it is the duty of every good subject to support it. (Quebec Mercury.)

DEATH OF JUDGE POWELL.—It becomes our painful duty to announce the sudden death of William Dummer Powell, Esquire, Judge of the County and Surrogate Courts of this County. We are not acquainted with the particulars, but understand that he was in town on Saturday evening in apparently his usual state of health, and at ten o'clock yesterday (Sunday) morning he was found dead in his bed.—Guelph Advertiser, Aug. 21.

NICHOLAS A. HIGHLANDER.—A correspondent of the Edinburgh Scotsman gives the following proof that the Emperor of Russia is of Highland extraction:—"The Emperor Paul was in London, and when one day driving in his carriage through Hyde Park, he observed a lady, in the bloom of youth and beauty, riding past him on a Highland sheltie. He stopped his carriage, made enquiry about her, found out who she was, got introduced to her father, and finally to herself, paid frequent visits to her at her father's house, was so much captivated by her beauty, accomplishments, and unassuming manner, that he offered her marriage, was accepted, and after all preliminaries were settled, was some time after privately married to her. She went with him to Russia, and in time became the mother of the present Emperor of all the Russias. The reader will wonder who this lady was; in answer I have to say that she was no other than the beautiful daughter of M. Gregor, the Highland farmer of Bridge of Turk."

PROJECT FOR SPAIN.—AN EMPEROR OF IBERIA.—The New York Courier & Enquirer is able to surmise from reliable information, that the remarkably hasty journey lately made by Lord Howden, from France to Madrid, was committed with some mutual understanding between the French and British Governments, respecting the intended proclamation of Don Pedro III. of Portugal, as head of a new united peninsular empire.

We learn that Mr. Morton is now engaged in locating the remainder of the railway line between St. John and the Bend.

We trust that the progress which will be made from this time henceforth will satisfy those most disposed to grumble, that the eminent firm of gentlemen who have taken our contract cannot afford to break their promises, and that the apparent want of system and vacillation of their employes here, will be succeeded by such a display of energy and business ability as will astonish the natives. (Courier.)

The health of the City and Portland continues greatly to improve. The deaths reported to the Board of Health since Saturday morning were as follows:—In the City on

Sunday, 1; in Portland and Indian Town 2; Monday, in the City, 1; Portland and Indian Town, 2; Tuesday, in the City 1; Portland, none; Wednesday, in the City, 3; Portland, none; Thursday, in the City, 2; Portland, none; Friday, in the City, 2; one of these in Carleton; Portland, none; Saturday, in the City and Portland, none. (Ibid.)

The notorious street-preacher, Orr, better known as the "Argel Gabriel," arrived in this City on Thursday evening, by the steamer Eastern City from Boston. He has made several attempts to get a hearing in the streets, but as yet without much success. (Ibid.)

The R. M. Steamer Curlew, Capt. Sampson, arrived at Halifax on Friday afternoon from St. Thomas and Bermuda. It is mentioned in the latest intelligence she brought from the West Indies that the cholera was subsiding at Barbadoes.

Capt. Sampson left at St. Thomas the mail steamer Conway, lying in quarantine, having arrived from Grenada with several cases of cholera on board. Three thousand deaths had occurred at Grenada up to the time of her sailing.

The Bermuda Royal Gazette of the 15th August says:—"The Cholera, we are much pleased to learn, had almost entirely disappeared from Barbadoes. There were at the latest accounts, however, but a case or two, and these were reported to be in the country." It was perfectly healthy in Demerara.

From the Bridgetown Liberal.
The steamer Conway, came in yesterday afternoon from Grenada, to await the arrival of the English mails, and brings intelligence of the increasing prevalence of Cholera in that island, and the little dependency of Carriacou. The number of deaths reported up to Saturday last was 2,658, being an estimated increase of over 1000 since our last account, up to the previous Saturday, when the number was stated at about 1,650.

The districts that appear to have suffered most are—Sainte Anne (Town) and Parish of St. Patrick, where 1277 deaths are reported out of a population of 6,160, or nearly 25 per cent.; Grandville (Town) and Parish of St. Andrew, where there have been 500 deaths, or nearly 9 per cent. of the population of 5,625; and Charlotte (Town) and Parish of St. John, giving 219, or about 7 per cent. of the population of 3,116. There had been but 480 deaths in the capital Town and Parish of St. George, with a population of 10,000, or less than 5 per cent. The ratio of mortality for the whole Island of Grenada up to the date of these accounts (29th ult.) was 94 per cent. of the population, and for Carriacou less than 12 per cent., the deaths there being stated at 56 with a population of 4461.

The epidemic was making sad ravages in St. Lucia, particularly in the Soufriere quarter.

AN AFRICAN DUEL.—At the appointed time, the duellists appeared upon the field of honor, accompanied by friends who were to witness their victory or sympathize in their defeat. Each stalwart savage leaped into the arena, armed with a cowhide cat, whose sharp and triple thong were capable of inflicting the deadliest blows. They stripped off their tunics to the air to determine which of the two should receive the first lashing. The unfortunate loser immediately took his stand, and received, with the firmness of a martyr, the allotted number of blows. Then came the turn of the whipper, who with equal constancy, offered his back to the scourge of the enraged sufferer. Thus they alternated until one gave in, or until the bystanders decreed victory to him who bore the punishment longest without wincing. The played backs of these "chivalrous men of honor" were ever after displayed in token of their bravery; and, doubtless, their Dailemies devoted to their healing the subtlest ointment and tenderest affection recognized among the Africans.

A CONVENTION ASSESSED FOR DAMAGES TO A CHURCH.—The proceedings of the last Democratic Convention in California, we should judge, from the reports in the papers of that region, were rather of a stormy character. They met in a Baptist Church, and during their quarrels they made such havoc with the pews, that the Trustees of the building ordered them to leave. At the next session of the Convention the sum of \$400 was raised to pay for the damage to the Church.

THE RECIPROCITY TREATY.—A telegraphic despatch from Washington states that official information was received there from Lord Elgin, that, pending the action of the Imperial and Provincial Legislatures, on the Reciprocity Treaty, the free navigation of the St. Lawrence will be granted to American vessels.

The coal produce of the world in the year 1853 is estimated at 75,000,000 tons, of which amount 40,000,000 tons were produced by Great Britain, and 9,000,000 tons by the United States.

Last of the Old Loyalists in Canada.—Col. Joseph Ryerson, supposed to be the last of the old United Empire Loyalists in Canada, died near Victoria, Norfolk County, Upper Canada, on the 9th inst., aged 94 years. He was a native of New Jersey, and at the breaking out of the revolutionary war, he and his brother Samuel joined the royal standard. Samuel raised a company of 60 men. Paterson, N. J., and Joseph was one of 550 volunteers sent south to besiege Charleston, 196 miles into the interior, in the course of which he experienced several hair breadth escapes. He was in six battles besides several skirmishes, and was once wounded. At the

close of the war he, with his brother went to New Brunswick, and subsequently to Upper Canada, where he afterwards held a number of offices. During the war with the United States in 1812, Colonel Ryerson and his three eldest sons took an active part in the defence of Canada.

Bridge across the St. John, at Grand Falls.—The building of the above was let at Grand Falls on Monday last, by the Honorable George Hayward the Government Commissioner. The contract was taken by Alexander Light, Esq., the chief Engineer of the St. Andrews and Quebec Railway, for the sum of £1875. The high standing the contractor has acquired as an Engineer, together with his well known abilities, will insure to the public a structure of the first class, at this hitherto impassable barrier.—Woodstock Journal.

THE STANDARD.

WEDNESDAY, SEP. 6, 1854.

Arrival of the "Pacific."

The Steamer Pacific arrived at New York on the 3d inst.

The capture of Bomarsund is confirmed. The Austrians have entered the Principality; no other movements of importance.

The London Times has a strong article on delay of Troops at Varna, where Cholera is raging frightfully, and thinks it better to lose 10,000 men in attacking Sebastopol than confining them to a malignant camp. The Times intimates the loss by cholera at from 10,000 to 15,000 men.

MARKETS.

Flour, declining from 6d. to 9d since sailing of Europe. Wheat also slightly declined. Speculative demand for Indian Corn. Yellow quoted 35 to 36 shillings per quarter. Other Markets generally depressed.

LEGISLATIVE EXPENSE.—Much has been said and written on the "Contingent Bill" of the House of Assembly, but a more important item and greater amount, has been overlooked, viz: the increased expense which has been entailed on the country, by the division of Counties and the consequent increase of members, who of course must have their fifteen shillings per diem, and their travelling expenses, in addition to which large sums are voted to members as was the case last Session, and paid without the slightest hesitation. The expenses of the Legislature are becoming enormous and are paid out of the pockets of the people. We do not suppose that men can reasonably be expected to give their time and labor for nothing—but the allowance should be limited to a fair compensation for the expenses incurred. Men of principle and independence will not ask any more. We do not advocate a stingy economy in public business, but the liberal rate of compensation to the members is liable to great abuse. Formerly the members of the Imperial Parliament received compensation for their attendance, this however was not paid out of the public purse but by their constituents; which is, we believe the proper practice, while such payments are made. Why not pass a law making the constituents liable and bound to pay their own Representatives? And as has been observed—"If a member could afford to attend to his Legislative duties without pay so much the better; if he could not afford this, let the City or County for which he is elected, tax themselves to pay him directly from those who employ him." Such a course would save a burden which begins to press heavily on the public revenue and might procure perhaps the return of a more able and independent class of Representatives. It might also tend to give the Constituencies a more correct and impressive notion of the responsibility, which the privilege and duty of Parliamentary electors involved.

TOUR OF ST. GEORGE.—We were much pleased on a recent visit to this pretty little Town, to observe the great improvements, which have been made within a short space of time. Several large and modern finished houses, and stores have been erected. An air of business, activity and bustle, pervade the place, a number of vessels have been loaded there this season by its enterprising merchants. The mills have been kept going notwithstanding the drought, and a large quantity of deals manufactured, the character of which, stand high in the English market. In truth the inhabitants are a progressive people—generous and hospitable, as could be found in any part of the globe.

From all quarters our exchange papers give accounts of fires raging in the woods. A large amount of hay and grain have been destroyed, and also much valuable timber.

Our own County is suffering from this awful scourge.

FOOD FOR THE BRITISH FLEET IN THE BALTIC.—From the calculation which we have seen, it is stated that 80 oxen costing £1000 makes only one meal for the crews of the British fleet in the Baltic. At this ratio it would require 250 oxen per diem for the Anglo French Army in Turkey.

FALL IN THE PRICE OF DEALS.—From A. & D. Mackay's Circular we learn that St. John Spruce deals have been sold for £9 15s per standard.

The parched earth was refreshed yesterday morning by a most welcome shower of rain—the first which has fallen here for several weeks. During last night we are happy to add, a large quantity of rain fell, accompanied by heavy peals of thunder.

We have been handed the following extract of a letter from a gentleman in the U. S. to a friend in this town:—

"There is a rumour that negotiations are in progress for the transfer of Vancouver Island to (the United States Government). It is one of the most valuable portions of British America, having greater advantages for a Naval Station than any place on the N. West Coast, it is larger than the Province of New Brunswick, has a fertile soil, is heavily timbered, and though but little explored is known to contain abundance of coal and iron, and in parting with it, for any consideration, the British Government would pay little attention to the interest of their American colonies."

We take leave to direct attention, to the advertisement of Prof. Beyer, in our columns. He is, we are informed a competent and successful teacher of music, possessing the faculty of imparting the knowledge necessary to an accomplished performer on the organ, piano or other musical instruments. We trust he will be liberally patronized.

WESLEYAN MISSIONARY MEETING.—We are requested to state that a Missionary Meeting will be held in the Wesleyan Chapel on Friday Evening next. The Chair will be taken at 7 o'clock. Several Rev. gentlemen from various parts of the Province are expected to be present. The Public are invited to attend.

How to Distinguish Cholera.—Dr. M. L. North of Saratoga, in the last number of the Boston Medical Journal says:

The distinction between Asiatic cholera and common domestic diarrhoea is palpable and easy, and every man can carry the distinction in his memory. Cannot an uneducated man tell certainly if he has an evacuation which is copious, watery, colorless, painless and inodorous? Any man of ordinary talents can ascertain in two minutes that something has happened to him which he never experienced before. I said painless. It is this quality of the evacuation which leads men to the amazing apathy so common, and permit them to let hours and even days elapse, before the physician is called.

As this Asiatic destroyer has now become Americanized our people must be able to make an early discrimination, and our profession must learn how to prevent the fatal collapse. Why will not editors instruct their readers that they can better afford to lose a pint of red blood than a pint of colorless blood of cholera? How hopeless is the state of the patient from whom gallons of liquid, colorless nutriment, have escaped, and now forlorn and writhed the medical man called at the last hour!

The Passengers from Montreal were detained on Wednesday night at Rouse's Point by the non arrival of the steamer Canada from Whitehall, which would not leave in consequence of the dense smoke from the burning forests. Fifty thousand dollars worth of timber has already been destroyed in that vicinity. The forest about the sources of the Hudson is said to be on fire for fifteen miles around.

On Sunday night a man named Thos. Nixon, said to belong to Wilmot, N. S., in a drunken fit jumped off one of the wharves in Water street, to swim off to some schooner in the harbor. An alarm was raised and a boat put out as soon as possible to the rescue, but after a search of nearly three quarters of an hour he was given up as lost by nearly all who had been looking for him. One man persevered in the search and at length he was found inside the Ballast Wharf holding on with desperate tenacity to one of the beams. He was rescued, and as soon as he was sober was shipped on board a Nova Scotia schooner, the master of which engaged to take him home.—Freeman.

The cholera is making dreadful ravages in some portions of the Southern States. A writer in the Nashville Union says of the effects of cholera in Fayetteville, Tennessee: "I am within ten miles of Fayetteville with my family. I sent to town this morning, and out of a population of 1,200 persons, there are no more than 60 or 70 persons left in the town. The citizens have left in all directions. I was in town on Monday myself, and found the place almost deserted. I do

not suppose there is a single family in town but what some of it are sick, or else they would all leave. Taverns are closed, no place for a traveller to stop at."

Holloway's Pills, Wonderfully Efficacious in the Cure of a disordered Liver.—R. W. Kirkus, chemist, of Prescott street, Liverpool, lately informed Professor Holloway that a customer of his (a lady to whom he is at liberty to refer,) has been cured by the use of these invaluable Pills, of a liver complaint with which she has been troubled for several years; and so virulent was the last attack, that even her life was despaired of. In this alarming state she tried Holloway's Pills, the first dose of which relieved her, and by continuing their use for a short period she has been restored to the enjoyment of perfect health.

MARRIAGES.

At Chatham, on the 26th ult by the Rev. Wm. Milten, Mr. John Orr, of the Parish of St. Patrick, to Miss Henrietta Brown, of St. Andrews.

On the 24th ult., by the Rev. John Ross, Mr. William Ross to Miss Sarah M. McLellan both of the Parish of St. Andrews.

On the 4th inst., Mr. George A. Greenlaw of St. Andrews, to Miss Emma Eliza, youngest daughter of the late W. Greenough of Eastport, Maine.

DEATHS.

On Friday last, Mr. Thomas Steadman, aged 29.

At Turner's Ridge, St. Patricks, on the 12th ult., Mr. Thomas Grant, aged 52 years. He was one of the early settlers of that place, and for sterling integrity and moral worth, he had few equals; his memory will be long cherished by both relatives and neighbours. His end was peace.

A. BEYER,

PROFESSOR OF MUSIC,

RESPECTFULLY informs the Inhabitants of St. Andrews and vicinity, that he is prepared to receive Pupils desirous of being instructed on the Organ, Piano, Flute or Violin, or in Vocal Music, either at his own residence, or the houses of pupils.

From his extensive practice and experience as a Teacher of Music in the Provinces and the United States; he trusts he will receive a liberal share of patronage, from those requiring his professional services.

Mr. Beyer has just received and opened in the shop nearly opposite the British House, a choice selection of the latest

Musical Instruments, Instruction Books Stationery, Mantel Ornaments, & great variety of Toys, Ladies Work Boxes and numerous other articles, all of which will be disposed of at the lowest prices for cash. Organs, Pianos, and other musical instruments tuned.

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Public Notice.

WHEREAS Jesse Christie, of Saint Stephens, Administrator of Aaron Gray, late of the Parish of Saint David, in the County of Charlotte, deceased, has this day filed his Petition duly verified, in the Court of Probate for the said County, for Licence to sell the Real Estate which the said Aaron Gray died seized of, or some part thereof for the payment of the debts due from the said Estate. Notice is hereby given to the heirs of the said Aaron Gray, and all other persons interested, that the said Petition will be taken into consideration at a Court to be holden at the office of the Clerk of the Peace in Saint Andrew, on Tuesday the third day of October next at the hour of eleven o'clock in the forenoon. Dated the 30th day of August 1854. By the Court. GEO. D. STREET, Register.

ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE.

To be sold at Public Auction, on the Premises, on the 3d day of October next, at eleven of the clock in the forenoon:—ALL that certain FARM, or LOT of LAND owned by Henry T. Emery in his life time, containing about four acres and 20 rods.

The above farm is situate at Deer Island, in the County of Charlotte, in Long Creek, opposite the old Grille Mill. There is a good one story HOUSE on the premises, three rooms of which are well finished, and a good suitable Barn. Terms of sale will be made known at the time of sale.

JOHN M'KINNEY, Administrator. Deer Island, Aug. 28, 1854.

Assessor's Notice.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the undersigned Assessor will receive, at the store of John Lochary, until the 10th June next, statements from all who are liable to be assessed for the current year, in the Parish of Saint Andrews, of the real and personal properties and incomes they possess, in order that correct information may be received, and complaints prevented after the assessment is completed. These statements must be sworn to before a Justice of the Peace, as the Law requires.

S. H. WHITLOCK, Assessor. JOHN LOCHARY, of Rates. H. HITCHINGS.

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