

SUMMARY OF NEWS.

Melancholy Accident in Williamsburg.—*Six Children Killed.*—We have seldom been called upon to record a more effecting disaster, than one that occurred in Williamsburg last evening about half-past six o'clock. While a number of interesting children were amusing themselves in an excavation made for building purposes, in North Second street, the overhanging earth caved in and buried seven of them, and only one, who happened to be near the surface, was extricated alive. The intelligence of the disaster spread rapidly throughout the village, and in a short time the bodies of the six were dug out, but the vital spark had fled.—The scene that followed, the lamentations of fathers and mothers over the dead bodies of their beloved little ones, we cannot describe.—The stoutest heart gave way, and found relief in tears. Mr. Lewis Jones, carpenter, lost three children; Mary, Harriet and Abigail; Mr. Paul, druggist, lost one daughter, aged nine; Mr. Darlington lost a daughter aged four or five; and Mr. Sheme, a laborer, lost a daughter, Delia, aged fourteen. The friend who witnessed the scene, and favoured us with these particulars, says he never saw a more heart-rending occurrence, or one that called forth the sympathies of a whole community as this did. The people of all ages and conditions, seemed actuated by the same spirit of benevolence, each vying with the other in efforts to save the children, or to console the afflicted relatives.

Philadelphia.—The Country Board have appropriated \$30,000 to pay the military for services during the late riots, and for the necessary expenses incurred for ammunition, provisions, &c. They likewise resolved that the amount of money to be raised by taxation for the year 1844, shall be six hundred and twenty-three thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars.

Railroad from Boston to Montreal.—We find in the *Sherbrooke Gazette*, an account of a meeting held in that town, for the purpose of taking into consideration a projected line of railroad from Montreal to Boston. John Moore, Esq. M. P., was in the chair and G. R. Robertson, Esq., acted as secretary. Several resolutions were passed, declaring the determination of the meeting to exert every effort to obtain a railroad from Montreal through the eastern townships, to meet a line of railroad now contemplated from Boston to the Province line in Stanstead, which they consider of the highest importance, not only to the township but to the Province generally. A deputation was appointed to proceed immediately to a railroad meeting to be held at Haverhill, New Hampshire, on the 30th May, to communicate the views of the inhabitants of the eastern townships on the subject; and the deputation was also empowered to engage competent engineers, in order to survey and estimate the route from the Province line to Montreal, through the townships. A subscription list was opened to pay the expenses of the survey.

The Strange Disease at Full River.—The *Monitor* of Wednesday says:—"Another child in the family of Mr. Macomber, died a few days since—being one of the five first attacked by the singular and yet undiscovered disease of which we spoke in our last. Three of the family have died. Mr. Macomber and one child still languish. They are not exercised with acute pain. They eat, drink, and sleep as usual—and the organs of the body are for the most part regular in their operations. But they are motionless as logs of wood—being completely prostrated. This, to us, appears a subject claiming the minutest investigation by the medical faculty.

The Mississippi was again rising fast on the 23rd ult., and was already within thirteen inches of the highest point it reached a week or two since. Disastrous results were feared.

Resignation of Bishop Onderdonk.—The *Philadelphia Gazette* says:—"We learn that Bishop H. U. Onderdonk, on Wednesday last tendered his resignation to the standing Committee of the Protestant Episcopal Church of this Diocese, as Bishop thereof. The resignation will be laid before a Special Convention of the Diocese, which will assemble in September next, for their action."

The increase of Mormons during the past year amounts to six or eight hundred from foreign countries, and three or four hundred from the United States, (principally from Pennsylvania, Connecticut and Massachusetts.) Fifty or sixty missionaries arrived at St. Louis, on the 23rd ult., on their way to preach Mormonism in different parts of the country.

The West.—Upwards of 5,000 emigrants have landed at Milwaukee since the commencement of navigation this season, and the presumption is that the population of Wisconsin will increase the present year at least 25,000.

The New Orleans Picayune states, that during the afternoon of the 30th ult., about 600 feet of the levee caved in at Algiers, carrying with it Harrington's warehouse, containing a lot of wool and some western produce. There were many fissures in the levee, and further damage was expected.

Surgical Operation.—We saw a wen yesterday that had been taken from the back of a man near Kingston, a few days since, by Dr. Dunn. It weighed two and three quarter pounds, and measured over two feet in circumference. The operation lasted eight minutes, and the person from whom it was taken is doing well.—*Princeton, N. J., Waig.*

Texas Treaty Rejected.—The *N. Y. Express* says:—"The Texas Treaty has just been rejected in a full Senate, by a vote of 35 to 16. Fifty-two Senators were present, and fifty one voted. Mr. Hannegan of Ia.

Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, Louisiana, Kentucky, among the Slave States were unanimously against the treaty, and North Carolina, Georgia and Missouri had a divided vote.

Annexation proposed in a new form.—As soon as the vote of the treaty was announced, and the injunction of secrecy removed, Mr. Benton gave notice that on Monday he would introduce a bill to annex Texas to the Union.

New Magnetic Telegraph.—The Magnetic Telegraph between Washington and Baltimore has been completed, and it is stated that the experiment has proved highly successful. The manner in which the communications are made is as follows:—The operator at either end communicates a shock to the wire which he holds in his hand, by striking it in a cup of mercury; which acting upon a little hammer at the other end, makes a dot or mark upon a sheet of paper, arranged for the purpose—each character indicating a letter. Of course the system of stenography used will have considerable bearing on the speed with which intelligence is communicated by this telegraph.

The Washington correspondent of the *Philadelphia United States Gazette* writes as follows:—"The members of Congress are delighted with the operations of the telegraph, and will require little persuading to vote to extend it to Boston, with branches to Philadelphia, New York, &c. south to New Orleans, and west to Saint Louis. Professor Morse thinks he can erect it at a cost of about \$200 a mile, or \$100,000 to Boston. Here we are, in one part of the capital corresponding with a city forty miles distant, by means of the lightning, and in another part taking minutes with the sun.—What shall we not compel the elements to do for us yet?"

The St. Louis *Revue* thinks it a fact especially interesting in the history of our Government, that while the United States Senate was reading the Texas Treaty with closed doors, the news boys of New York were hawking it about the city at a cent a piece!

Tremendous Explosion.—The boiler of an engine in the Ohio foundry, at Cincinnati on Saturday evening last, exploded which tore the boiler into pieces, and completely levelled the frame house, with a large chimney, and the adjoining fixtures and fences. No injury was sustained.

At Portland.—Palmo's Concert Company, have been drawing crowded and fashionable audiences at the City Hall in Portland.

Another Printer Mayor.—We a day or two ago published the fact that London, Edinburgh, Perth, Glasgow, Washington, and New York, had at present, Printers for Mayors. We since learn that the Mayor of Savannah, Wm. T. Williams, is a printer.

On Sunday last, says the *Mobile Herald* of the 30th ult. eight slaves belonging to the Association of Pilots at Balize, stole a schooner called the *Lafayette*. It is supposed that they shaped their course for Nassau, New Providence. A revenue cutter has been despatched in pursuit.

Joe Smith, the Mormon prophet, has petitioned Congress for permission to raise 100,000 men, and arm and equip them, for the propagation of Christianity, and the arts and refinements of civilized society in the western wilderness.—*Am. Paper.*

Canada.—Mr. Cochrane, Queen's counsel, brought an action lately in the Queen's name. The defence was that Messrs. Lafontaine and Aylwin are at this day, the one her Majesty's attorney, and the other the solicitor general, and the action not being brought by either, all the proceedings are null and void. The court maintained the objection, and no proof being brought, that their commissions had been cancelled, or successors appointed, this decision establishes Messrs. Lafontaine and Aylwin to be at this day the attorney and the solicitor general.

Cast Iron Lighthouse for Bermuda.—One morning, last month, many of the inhabitants of London were surprised at the sight of a prodigious black-looking fabric which had been erected in the course of the previous night. On enquiry it was learned that the object was a Light House composed of cast iron plates, intended for Bermuda, and built by Messrs. Cottam & Hallen, iron founders of the Cornwall-road, Lambeth. It is 137 feet in height, and will be placed on one of the Bermuda Islands, on a rock 250 feet high, so that its total altitude from the sea to the top of the lantern will be 387 feet. It is composed of 130 iron plates, averaging eight feet by six, and an inch and a quarter thick. These plates, ten of which make a circumference, are connected together by wrought iron bolts, screws, and sheet iron, the interstices being filled up with cement. Its diameter at the base is 24 feet, gradually decreasing to a width of 14 at the top, where it is surmounted by a gallery 20 feet wide, which is encircled by iron railings, 4 feet high. In the centre of this gallery is the lantern, surmounted by a cone eight feet high, and which is also made of cast iron. The top of the building is gained by a staircase of iron fixed to the sides. The structure is divided into nine chambers, the floors and ceilings of which are made of sheet iron fastened to the sides and to a cast iron pillar, which goes to the top of the building. It is lighted by windows 18 inches square, and glazed with strong plate glass. Its total weight is about 300 tons.—The London correspondent of the *Edinburgh Weekly Register*, and other writers, assert that this is the first cast iron light house that has been constructed in England for the colonies, but

they are misinformed; for a cast iron light house was sent from England upwards of a year ago, to Jamaica, and erected on Morant Point, where it is now in operation; and rendered important service to the commerce of the Island.—*Halifax paper.*

Tropical Fruit growing in Halifax.—At McKenzie's Confectionary, yesterday morning, we saw a tub of pine apples growing. There were about a dozen of them in various degrees of maturity—some of them just forming, and one or two perfectly ripe, and emitting a most delicious fragrance. They, who have hot-houses, ought to make an experiment upon these exotics.—*Chronicle.*

Mortality on the Coast of Africa.—The barque *Roderick Dhu*, of Providence, U. S. from Accra, reports that the British brig *Sullivan*, from Sierra Leone for the leeward was at Cape Coast, March 25, with the loss of all hands, except captain and second officer.—*Journal.*

Improvement.—Notwithstanding the dullness of the times, the town of Sydney is improving steadily and rapidly. Within a distance of half a mile from this Office, upwards of fifteen buildings are in course of construction. The new building near the parade, built for Mr. Oliver, is by far the largest and most ornamented edifice ever erected in town. *Ibid.*

THE STANDARD.

ST. ANDREWS, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 1844.

Charlotte County Bank.
Hon. HARRIS HATCH, President.
T. B. WALTON, Esq., Solicitor.
Director next week—G. Gilchrist.
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.
Commissioner next week—Thomas Turner.

Saint Stephens Bank.
G. D. KING, Esq., President.
Director next week—Geo. S. Hill.
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.

LATEST DATES.
London, May 19 Montreal, June 7
Liverpool, May 18 Quebec, June 7
Edinburgh, May 15 Halifax, June 7
Paris, May 14 New York, June 14
Toronto, June 7 Boston, June 15

Baraga Saladin.—On our first page we have copied from Halifax papers, the confession of the cook and steward of the Bge. Saladin—made before the hon. M. Tobin and the Attorney General by which it appears to have been one of the most horrible acts of piracy and murder ever committed on the high seas.

The Crops.—We learn from the *London (Canada) Inquirer*, the farming operations in that quarter are pretty well brought to a conclusion for the present. The fall wheat is looking strong and healthy, and promises well. The ground is in good order, and a little warmer weather will soon bring things forward. Grass has grown well and is likely to be more than average crop. The farmers are in good spirits, anticipating a successful issue to their experimental sowing of wheat.

The Hon. Mr. Viger, the leading member of Sir Charles Metcalfe's provisional Cabinet, has been called on by his constituents to resign his seat for the County of Richelieu as being no longer a representative of their political opinions.

The Canadian *Loyalist* states that His Excellency has a majority in his favour in the present Council.

The English Baptist Missionary Society have built an iron schooner of seventy tons burden, at an expense of \$10,000, to be employed in the service of the African mission.

The following may be of service to some of our Delinquent Subscribers.

"THE LAW OF NEWSPAPERS."
1. Subscribers who do not give express notice to the contrary, are considered as wishing to continue their subscriptions.
2. If subscribers order the discontinuance of their papers; the publisher may continue to send them till all the arrears are paid.
3. If subscribers neglect or refuse to take their newspaper from the offices to which they are directed, they are held responsible till they have settled their bill, and ordered their papers discontinued.
4. If subscribers remove to other places, without informing the publishers, and their paper is sent to the former directions they are held responsible.
5. The courts have decided that refusing to take a newspaper or periodical from the office, or removing, and leaving it uncalled for, is prima facie evidence of *Intentional Fraud.*

Quick Travelling.—Two gentlemen registered their names at the Tremont House, (Boston) at 5 minutes of 7 o'clock on Wednesday evening, having left Montreal the day previous at 9 o'clock, A.M. They came via Burlington and Concord, performing the run in thirty-three hours and forty-three minutes.

This may well be called "through by day-light." The distance is 340 miles.

Dickens, is going to France, Switzerland, and Italy, to pick up subjects for new works.

Growth of Potatoes.—An experienced Agriculturist in England has recently declared that potatoes should in all cases be planted in dry weather, and the sets previously dried in the sun.—He says that where this is attended to, there would be comparatively few failures. The sprouts from the wet seed never grow well. And the failures which occur in the same field with others that are productive is often occasioned by a shower of rain while planting.

Whale Ship Margaret Rait.—The safe return of this vessel with a full cargo of Sperm Oil valued at \$25,000, affords another gratifying evidence of the advantage arising from the whale fishing business out of this port. We cordially congratulate the owner, our spirited citizen, Charles C. Stewart, Esq. on his continued good luck; and we have been much pleased to learn that no ardent spirits are ever allowed in his ship.

The Master of the Margaret Rait, Captain Coffin, and the Chief mate, Mr. Kinney, belong to Barrington, N. S.—*Tem. Telegraph.*

Father Mathew has postponed his intended visit to America until next year.

GUANO.—As a small quantity of this highly prized manure is now offered for sale here, and as many of our farmers may be ignorant of the mode of applying it to the soil, we have inserted an article under the head, which will give them some valuable information on the subject.—*Miramichi Gleaner.*

Things as they Should Be.—We have to-day the gratification of publishing an Address, signed by the *Inhabitants of Miramichi*. This is a promise of better things to come; it shows that the banks of the Miramichi are beginning to approximate—and we hope ere long the noble river will not be like a great gulf, fixed between the inhabitants on its banks—but that we shall as in days gone by, meet not only for our common benefit, but with social and friendly feeling—as men we should do so—as Christians we are bound to do so.

We are happy to announce that a number of Ladies in Glasgow have expressed their readiness to raise a sum of £50 or £60 a-year for the support of one of the *unendowed* brethren in Canada, and that it is intended that Ladies' Associations auxiliary to the Colonial Scheme shall shortly be organized both in Edinburgh and Glasgow, and we have no doubt that they will be warmly seconded by the female friends of the Church throughout the Country.—*Church of Scotland Home and Foreign Missionary Record.*

A well regulated PRINTING OFFICE is the highest school of learning, and the best seminary of literary experience in the world. Graduates from this college—with minds well disciplined, and judgments well matured—are among the best practical men in any community.

Markets.—At Antigua, 16th ult.—Pine Lumber, \$21 1-2; Spruce do., \$16; Shingles, \$5 1-4.
At Barbadoes, 18th—Pine Lumber, \$18; Shingles, \$3 5-8.

MARRIED.
At the Chapel of Ease, Chamcook, on Sunday last, by the Rev. Dr. Allen, Mr. NATHAN TREADWELL, to Mrs. ELIZABETH FLAHERTY, both of this town.

At St. George, on the 11th inst, by the Rev. Saml. Thomson, A.M. Rector, Mr. I. Thorn to Miss Mary Dunlop, both of the parish of St. George.

At Fredericton, on the 12th inst, by the Rev. John M. Brooke, the Rev. Andrew Hallett, Minister of St. Andrew's Church, St. John, to Frances Ann, eldest daughter of the late William Taylor, Esq.

In Lubec 6th inst by the Rev. Mr. Peckham, Mr. J. Judson Ames, of Calais, to Miss Emily, daughter of Dr. Balch of L.

DIED.
At Eastport, on the 11th inst. Mr. Justus Pike, aged 78 years. Mr. P. came to that place from Shepody, N. B. 40 years ago, and has ever sustained a good reputation.

SHIPPING JOURNAL.
PORT OF ST. ANDREWS.
—ARRIVED—
June 17, bqs. Joseph Porter, Wilson, Liverpool, Mdze to Wm. Porter and others.
—17, bqs. Margaret, Pettigell, London, Ballast, E. & J. Wilson.
—" brig George, Keffen, Newfoundland, ballast, T. Wier.
—" brig Caledonia, Vincent, Liverpool, Mdze, to Dimock & Wilson, and others.

—CLEARED—
June 15, scmr. Prince Albert, Fitzgerald, Windsor, Salt and Fish.
—" brig Eleanor, Souter, Hull, Deals, by J. Wilson.
—17, scmr. Mary Jane, McMaster, Eastport.

CLEARED AT ST. GEORGE.
June 17, brig Virgil, Wilson, Hull, Timber and Deals, by George McKenzie.

Shipping Lumber.
300 M. feet Merchantable PINE BOARDS and PLANK, piled on a Wharf, in this Harbour, apply to
WM. WHITLOCK.
St. Andrews, April 8, 1843.

Coach and Horses, HOTEL.

By B. DOUGLAS, ST. GEORGE, N. B.

THE Subscriber Respectfully intimates to the inhabitants of St. George, St. Andrews, St. Stephen, St. John, and Eastport, that he has taken the house owned by Moses Vernon Esq., at the Lower Falls, St. George, which has been fitted up in a comfortable manner as a

HOUSE OF ENTERTAINMENT.
Boarders, both permanent and transient will meet with good accommodation, and Travellers will find every attention paid to their comfort. There is an excellent Stable connected with the Establishment, and a good Coach, always in attendance.

The Subscriber avails himself of this opportunity of returning his grateful thanks for the liberal patronage he received, and also for the kind assistance rendered him since his property was destroyed by fire—and trusts the accommodation he can now offer to the public will induce them to give him a call.

BERWICK DOUGLAS.
St. George, June 18, 1844

BANKRUPT SALE.

ON WEDNESDAY the 26th June instant, at 12 o'clock at the

TANNERY AT WAWEIG, will be sold at Public Auction, By order of the Commissioner of Bankrupts, The Estate and Effects of Samuel Watts, VIZ:

1 Grey Horse,
1 Waggon,
1 Sled,
1 Sett Harness,
1 Chaise,
1 Wheelbarrow,
1 Large Tub,
Shop Tools and Furniture,
A Quantity of Leather Cuttings
A Quantity of Hides
70 Cords Hemlock Bark
19 pairs Women's Shoes
10 do Mens do
10 do do boots
Part of Cask Lamplack
3 Second hand Stoves
Lot Stove pipe
Sides—damaged sole leather
Parts Sides do do
Sides good do do
Sides do upper do
&c &c &c.

TERMS—made known at the time of Sale.

H. H. HATCH.
Proc. Assignee.
St. Andrews, 18th June, 1844.

AUCTION.

ON THURSDAY.

The 20th inst., at 11 o'clock, the undersigned will sell by Auction at his Sales Room,

2 HHDS. 12 Qr Casks, Cognac Brandy,
2 Qr Casks Superior Old Port Wine,
2 HHds. (70 Galls.) Superior flavoured High Proof Rum,
20 Doz London D. B. Stout,
10 Doz London Pale Ale,
6 doz best "Martell" Brandy,
12 Doz Maderia Wine,
6 doz Brown Sherry,
20 Boxes Liverpool Yellow Soap,
3 doz best Blue Starch,
4 doz London dip Candles,
10 Tins Yellow Paint, 2 1/2 lbs. each,
4 Cwt. White Paint, 56 and 28 lb. Kegs,
2 Cwt Putty, &c. &c.
ALSO—A Lot Pots, Bake Ovens, Jars &c.

JAMES W. STREET.
St. Andrews, June 17, 1844

Rum, Sugar, and Molasses.

Just Received and for Sale, by the Subscriber:

9 HHDS. Bright SUGAR,
6 Pans. High Proof Rum,
ALSO IN STORE,
20 HHds. good Retailing MOLASSES.
J. W. STREET.
June 18, 1844.

New Provision Store.

ST. ANDREWS, MAY 21 1844.

J. P. COLDWELL, respectfully announces, that he has opened an Establishment for the sale of Provisions &c., in the Store recently occupied by Mr. B. R. Fitzgerald, at the head of Jones's Wharf, and now has on Sale,

Wheat and Rye Flour, Corn Meal, Beef, Pork, Hams, Toss, Sugar, Molasses, Soap, Candles, Spices, Coffee, Cocoa, Vinegar, Cheese, Pilot and Navy Bread, Tobacco, Cigars, Snuff, and numerous other articles suitable for a retail Provision Store.

Pitch, Tar, Spirits Turpentine, Copal and Bright Varnish, Sperma and Boiled Oils, Nails, &c. &c.
Men's Light and Strong Boots, Morocco Pumps, Ladies Kid Shoes, and a variety of Childrens Shoes, &c. &c.

The Sales will be for Cash, the smallest possible profit will be asked, and no second prices made.

IN BOND,
100 Barrels Superfine Flour, —Also, 30 barrels Clear and Moss Pork, and Prime Beef, for Ship use, or the use of the British Fisheries.

Given under June 4, 1844.

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