

DOMESTIC.

Most Important Decision.—In a cause of *Salts vs. Furlong*, on demurrer argued in November, the Supreme Court here have this day decided that the English Bankrupt Laws are not in force in the Colonies. The Court were divided. The Chief Justice, Judge Haliburton, and Judge Desbarres, deciding in the negative; Judge Bliss and Judge Dodd dissenting. It appears the Supreme Court of New Brunswick have held the reverse doctrine, and that these laws are in force, whilst in P. E. Island, it has, as here, been held they are not. This is, perhaps, one of the most momentous decisions to merchants and traders ever delivered in this Province. It may be doubtful how far this, under such circumstances, is a settled question.—*Recorder 10th.*

Supreme Court.—**Important Decision.**—The Court was occupied yesterday in hearing an argument in the cause *Bolton vs. Wier*; but before the Counsel for the defendant had proceeded far their Lordships put an end to the argument, by stating their convictions that the verdict had been a proper one—that His Lordship Mr. Justice Haliburton had charged the Jury in accordance with the law and the facts, and the Jury had returned a verdict in agreement to the evidence. The Court further remarked that the Captain, not being the agent of necessity, and the goods not being perishable, he was not justified in selling, without first notifying and obtaining the consent of the consignees, and that under the terms of his bill of Lading, he was bound to carry the goods to the place of destination. The learned Counsel for the defendant abandoned his argument, and the Court confirmed the verdict.

This is an important decision, as it sets at rest the first question of the kind that has been decided in this Province, in conformity to both English and American practice.—*B. N. American.*

Brig Elenora, from Philadelphia reports—experienced heavy weather—on Sunday last, lost the carpenter, Joseph Wisswell, a native of Halifax, overboard.

On Wednesday night last we had very heavy rain, attended with thunder. The weather has now become more spring-like, and we hope the season will prove favourable for agricultural pursuits.

COLONIAL.

New Brunswick.

NEW BRUNSWICK PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION.—The Executive Committee of the N. B. Society for the encouragement of Agriculture, Home-Manufactures, Commerce, &c., are actively engaged in preparing for the Exhibition, which will be opened at Fredericton, by His Excellency, the Lieut. Governor, in person, on Tuesday, Oct. 5th, next. The Exhibition will be open to all the natural productions, both mineral and vegetable, of the Province; to all kinds of Agricultural produce; to all articles of Home Manufacture of every description; to cattle, horses, sheep, pigs, poultry, and cured meats of all kinds, and to specimens of all the different branches of the Fine Arts. All descriptions of mechanics, artisans, and artists are strongly invited to come forward with the respective productions of their industry, labour, skill, ingenuity and ability in their different callings, for a generous competition with each other for excellence, and thus shew what the resources of the Province of N. B. are, and what the people in it can do. The Ladies of N. B. are also invited to exert their talents and ingenuity in fancy and ornamental works for the show. Liberal Prizes will be awarded to the victors.—*Condensed from the Circular of the President of the Society, published in the St. John Observer.*

Messrs. R. K. Gilbert, J. Chapman, A. J. Smith, S. Pinney, and others, are in the field as Candidates for the vacant seat in the representation of Westmorland County, in the N. B. House of Assembly.

The Steamer *Fairy Queen* has commenced plying between St. John and Sackville, N. B.

Charles Johnston, Esq., has been appointed High Sheriff, and Wm. Bayard, Esq., M. D., Coroner, of the City and County of St. John, N. B., for the ensuing year.

The ship *Venelia*, which sailed from St. Stephen, N. B., for California some two months ago, is reported in the *Calais Advertiser* to be lost.—When nine days out, it appears she was fallen in with by the ship *Riero*, of and for Antwerp, which took off the passengers and crew, part of which she put on board the *Itaska*, for Boston, and the remainder she carried to Antwerp. The *Venelia* was owned by Mr. Estman, and had on board some forty passengers from St. Stephen and Calais.—*N. Bkr.*

Canada.

Important Decision.—A decision appears in the Quebec papers of great importance to squatters. A person named Sharpe had settled upon a half lot of 100 acres in the Township of Thetford, making improvements and having it surveyed, and the lines drawn. His occupancy also exceeded a year and a day, which gave him a right to the land against every body except the actual owner. Some neighbors, however, felled trees upon this half lot, and otherwise trespassed upon it, for which damage Sharpe sued them.—The defendants maintained that a squatter, having no title to the land, could not claim any interest in it beyond his actual occupancy, and that they had not interfered with any portion actually occupied or enclosed by the plaintiff. This view was sustained by the Court, the following being the conclusion of the judgment. Had the plaintiff fenced the whole hundred acres the decision might, however, have been different.

"The principle of the English law in this respect is, that 'where one enters into land having title, his seisin is not bounded by his actual possession, but is co-extensive with his title; but where he enters without title, his seisin is confined to his possession by metes and bounds' and this is in accordance with the French law."—*Montreal Witness, 29th ult.*

Fire.—There was a destructive fire this morning in Hanover street, near the High School, by which six fine dwelling houses were destroyed, and at least as many families turned out, in one of the most stormy and inclement nights of the winter. These houses were on the outer extremity of the city and the wind blew strongly from it. Had the fire occurred at the other end of the city with such a wind, it might have swept along its whole extent. There was, we understand, no water to be obtained, owing to the height of the ground, being too great for the city waterworks to reach. This should be remedied by local tanks.—*B.*

Arrangements are in contemplation to complete the line of railway from Brantford to Guelph, Canada West, which, when completed, will bring the cities of Buffalo, U. S., and Toronto, C. W., within four or five hours travel of each other, by a direct railway communication.—*Guelph Paper.*

Another Victim.—On the morning of Friday last, the 19th inst., a man named Brown was found dead, covered up in hay, in the cellage of some old rookery in town. The evidence submitted before the inquest warranted the jury in bringing in a verdict of death in consequence of drink and exposure to the weather. This man had been seen on the evening of the day on which he died, having a bottle on his person, and leaning against a post in the street, drunk; he was next found dead in the cellar.—*St. Catharines's Journal, March.*

The Trunk Railway.—**News from England.**—We understand that the last English mail has brought advices from Mr. Hincks, and we are happy to learn that Canadian credit never stood higher in England than it does at present. It affords us additional gratification to be able to state that Mr. Hincks anticipates no difficulty in making such arrangements as will ensure the speedy construction of the Great Trunk Railway from Halifax throughout the entire length of the Province. We have reason to believe that action has been taken by the Canadian Government to ensure the commencement of the survey of the whole line within a very short period.—*Quebec Gazette.*

Provincial Improvement.—A few years ago, says the *St. John New Brunswick*, when the people of Canada commenced borrowing money for the purpose of improving the navigation of their noble river by means of the construction of canals, it was predicted by this class of persons in that Province, that the expense would ruin the country—that the interest could never be paid, and they would become a bankrupt people. What is the result of this system, we need scarcely ask. It is to be seen in cultivated fields, in flourishing villages, in an increasing and prosperous people, and in an extended trade.

Anterior to 1832, there was but one Banking institution in Upper Canada, with a capital of about £10,000! The population was confined to the frontier, and most of the principal towns were not then in existence, while the cities were but villages. Such is the description given by the *Hamilton Journal* of Upper Canada prior to 1832. But the improvement of the navigation of the St. Lawrence created a vast change in a few years, and in 1844, there were no less than 86 steamboats and 794 sailing vessels employed on Lake Ontario and the River.

AMERICA.

United States.

Philadelphia, April 1.—The State Senate has at length passed a liquor law, not exactly that of Maine, but one of very great stringency as compared with our existing enactments. We do not design to discuss the merits of this or that law, but we wish to urge upon the House of Representatives the necessity for speedy legislation on the subject, so that the present ruinous license system may be superseded by one that has a little more regard for public decency and public morals. The sale of liquor in Philadelphia is increasing to a fearful extent, and saloons, restaurants and other species of the genus grog shop, are multiplying at an alarming rate. In some parts of the city every alternate building is devoted to the sale of liquor.—*Eco. Bulletin.*

The Great Fire in Ohio.—By the fire at Chillicothe, Ohio, 2,000 persons were rendered homeless, and fully one-fourth of the taxable property of the town was destroyed. The total loss is from \$700,000 to \$800,000. Among the insurance losses, it is mentioned that the *Etna*, Hartford, losses \$108,000, and the *Protection*, Hartford, \$75,000.

Savannah, April 13.—Lamar's Cotton warehouse, containing 5000 bales of Cotton, several presses, &c., was destroyed by fire on Sunday. The presses cost \$50,000. The ship *Jane Hammond*, cotton loaded, lying aground in the vicinity of the fire, was nearly consumed. The whole loss is stated at \$300,000—mostly insured.

Hartford, April 13.—The walls of a building in Kingsley-street, occupied by a Hose Company, fell to-day, burying five children beneath the ruins, two of whom have died. Two others lie in a hopeless condition.

New Orleans, April 13.—The Picayune has received advices from Mexico to the 29th ult. The Foreign Minister had protested against the tariff issued by Governor Avalos, at Matamoros, and a large number of merchants had also refused to acknowledge it, or pay the duties imposed. Much excitement prevailed in consequence, and it was feared that trouble would ensue.

A petition is before the U. S. Senate praying Congress to secure a Pittsburgh and St. Louis Company, for a limited period, the privilege of manufacturing polished sheet iron, now altogether imported from Russia. The process of making it has been discovered, and time—free from competition—is only required to put the process so in execution, that it can thereafter sustain itself.

Murder in Adams County, Pa.—The Gettysburg Star states that Mr. George Krebs, residing near Littlestown was killed on Wednesday last by his own son. The father was about attacking his son with a large knife, when the latter seizing a club, inflicted a severe blow upon the father's head, which caused death in a few hours after.—*Baltimore Patriot, 10th.*

The Weather in St. Johnsbury, Vt.—A letter from a gentleman in St. Johnsbury, Vt., dated April 1st, says:—"It commenced snowing last night, and this morning there was some 8 to 10 inches of damp snow—making, on the old bottom, fine sleighing. This is the thirty third snow storm we have had this winter; and to day is the one hundred and forty-first day of good sleighing in St. Johnsbury and vicinity, this season. The thermometers have all 'goin' out,' and are laid up for repairs."

MISCELLANEOUS.

Civilization in Turkey.—Civilization is assimilating Turkey to other European nations.—There are no less than eighteen steamers plying up and down the Bosphorus. A distance of thirteen miles on this estuary, from the Capital in the direction of the Black Sea, presents houses on each side of the stream with, here and there, villages of a thousand inhabitants. The steamers are very busy conveying people from the city to those country residences.

News from Europe in Five Days.—The authorities of Newfoundland have granted to Mr. H. B. Tibbatts and associates of New York, the exclusive right to construct and use the magnetic telegraph across that island for the period of thirty years. The grant is designed to facilitate Mr. Tibbatts in his scheme for the establishment of steam and telegraphic communication between New York and Liverpool or London in five days! The telegraph is to extend from New York to St. John's, from whence a line of steamers is to run to Galway, where another line of telegraph is to commence, extending to London. This latter line will, it is said, be completed during the current year. The distance from St. John's to Galway is 1,647 miles, or about five days' sail.—*Baltimore Patriot.*

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Medical Examiner. Jan. 17th, 1851.

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Nov. 23. JOHN NAYLOR, 152 Granville Street.

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