

SUMMARY OF NEWS.

PUBLIC RECREATION.—On Saturday evening last, just as the steamer left the wharf for St. John, having on board many of the members, splendid fireworks were set off in front of the Provincial Buildings, and lower down on the bank of the river, consisting of a balloon, rockets, &c. Thousands were present of both sexes and all ages. Never before did we see such a spontaneous exhibition of public feeling in Fredericton. The people felt that a load was lifted from their shoulders, and that their liberties were once more secured, and they rejoiced accordingly. [Head Quarters.]

THE RAILWAY.—July 31st.—A very satisfactory contract with Mr. Charles Walker of Quebec, for finishing Scudovac Bridge on the line of the E. & N. American Railroad has been concluded this day. [Freeman.]

DEATH BY LIGHTNING.—On the 18th inst. Mrs. Jane Wilbur, wife of Mr. James Wilbur, of New Horton, Albert, went into the fields to pick strawberries. About 4 o'clock, p. m., there arose a terrific storm of thunder and lightning. Night came on, yet the wife and the mother did not return to her husband and family. At length the neighbors went in search of her, and there beneath some apple trees where she had gone for shelter from the storm, by the lightning's glare they discovered her body horribly disfigured by the destructive element. The tin vessel she carried was partially transmutated, the part remaining was riddled with holes, as though a charge of shot had been fired through it. Her bones were found in tatters at one of the trees which was rent in pieces. Her clothes were literally burned to a cinder, and the ground around the spot bore evident marks of the terrific force of this subtle agent. [Christian Visitor.]

MELANCHOLY CIRCUMSTANCE.—We learn by telegraph, that about 1 o'clock yesterday a house in Chockfish, in the County of Kent, was struck by lightning, and two young girls were killed. One a French girl aged about 14 years, and a daughter of the owner of the house, and the other a grand daughter of Mr. Luke Fitzpatrick of this town, aged 12 years. The father of the former was up stairs at the time the house was struck, and discovered that a barrel of flour was on fire. This he threw out of the window. He then went down stairs where he found his wife crying and the two girls standing by her. She pointed to the children. She then fainted away. He took her out, and laid her on the ground. On coming too, he asked her what was the matter, when she replied that both the girls were dead. He went in and saw them standing at a table. He laid his hands on them when they both fell down. They were dead, as the woman had stated.

It appears that when the storm commenced, the eldest girl was churning, who said to her mother, that it was not right to be at that hour while it was thundering. She then stopped and went to the table and commenced washing dishes, at which she was engaged, when the lightning struck the house. The woman was severely injured in the arm and leg.

The squall passed over Chatham, and the thunder and lightning extremely heavy accompanied with torrents of rain. It was, however, of short duration. [Miramichi Gleaner.]

Steam from London to Montreal.—It has always been a disadvantage to London the want of steam communication direct between the Metropolis and the British American Colonies, as well as the want of punctuality in the time of sailing of the regular lines.

Alfred Hill has the honor to intimate to his friends in Canada that he has at last succeeded in the laying on of a first class screw steamer, to leave London on the 23d of July for Montreal direct, and if sufficient encouragement be given other Screw Steamers will follow at stated times. A. H. is so impressed with the importance of vessels sailing to the day, which is the real essence of the undertaking, that the public may rest assured that these vessels will be dispatched on the days named.

It is reported here that the hon. Amos E. Botsford is already or will be, appointed Chief Commissioner of the Board of Works. By the way it is a most singular circumstance that this Office has not been filled several months ago. [Reporter.]

The Bazaar and Tea Meeting to be held in the Hon. Judge Wilnot's Grounds on the 21st, will it is believed be one of the most elegant and interesting of its kind hitherto known in the Province. Rich and rare articles both of foreign and domestic manufacture have been received for the occasion, and still they come. The Refreshment Tables will be furnished with every delicacy of the season;—and the Tea Tables—but of them we will not enlarge, for every body knows the Ladies of Fredericton cannot be surpassed in the process of Tea making.

In the evening there will be a most beautiful exhibition of variegated lamps, imported expressly for the occasion; and we have no doubt that the delightful flower gardens of the Judge will be laid under extensive contributions. The public may rarely find such an excellent opportunity of uniting two of the great objects of life, legitimate pleasure and true benevolence, at the same time. [Ibid.]

FURTHER REINFORCEMENTS FOR CANADA. In addition to the troops on their passage, or under orders for Canada, it is intended by the government to augment the army in that

Province by 5000. This number will include two regiments of cavalry each 350 strong, 4 batteries of field artillery, and the remainder, infantry regiments; and a battalion of 60th Rifles; a detachment of the Land Transport Corps numbering 400 drivers and 129 artificers are held in readiness to embark for the same destination.

FORGE AND WELDING IRON.—In the manufacture of iron sheds, steam and other boilers, girder and tubular bridges, where numerous sheets of iron are used, it has been usual to fix the edges of such iron together by rivets, and when ribs or angle irons have been used to give additional strength to these structures, the sheets have also been fixed by rivets, by which mode of construction the parts are greatly weakened from the quantity of metal which is cut away by perforation to receive the rivets, and weight has been further increased by the overlapping of the joints. An inventor, Mr. Berthrom, has discovered a mode of remedying these difficulties by causing the sheets of iron to be suitably formed at the edges to allow them to be welded together.

NEWFOUNDLAND.—Newfoundland papers are to the 23d ult. From the Express we gather the following items:—

A fire broke out at St. John's on the night of the 15th ult., whereby about twenty houses were destroyed. The Rectory and old Rectory were saved with some difficulty. The Express says, if there had been a proper supply of water the destruction might easily have been stopped at once.

The gale in the early part of last month did considerable damage to property, and occasioned some loss of life.

Mr. Boland, the clergyman who perished in a snow storm some time ago while on a visit to a parishioner, has left a widow and three children in a land of strangers quite unprovided for. An appeal is made "to the liberality of Christian people, and particularly to members of the Church of England, in behalf of the destitute widow and children of a faithful and devoted Minister, so suddenly and unexpectedly taken away in the midst of his career of duty and usefulness. Subscriptions will be received at the Banks or by the clergy of St. John's."

The fishery in the neighbourhood of St. John's had been somewhat better in the week ending July 23d, but the accounts from all parts of the island were still anything but encouraging. Nothing had yet been heard from Labrador. Weather fine at last date; crops looking well, but backward.

Disastrous Gale on the Coast of Labrador.—PROVINCETOWN, July 30.—Letters from Capt. Henry Cook, master of schooner Louisa of Provincetown, state that a severe hurricane was experienced at Green Island on the 1st of July, in which his vessel and the brig Samuel Cook, Tilsontown, of Provincetown, went ashore and were lost, together with many other vessels whose names are not given. Twenty-nine vessels out of a fleet of thirty went ashore and were lost, and at the date of the letter there were three hundred and fifty-four wrecked seamen on the island, sheltered in tents. At Dog Island three vessels were lost, and the crews all perished. There was insurance for eight thousand dollars at the Atlantic Mutual office in Provincetown, on the Samuel Cook and Louisa. Probably a vessel will be sent to the assistance of the shipwrecked men. [Boston Jour.]

LARGE FIRE IN BOSTON.—Several lives lost.—BOSTON, July 29.—A destructive fire occurred in North street this afternoon, destroying Jefferson block and several tenements in the rear, and at the corner of North and Clark streets; also, a stable owned by John Seaver. Jefferson block was occupied as a grocery and clothing store, and by several families, and was owned by Cornelius Doherty. The buildings destroyed were mostly occupied by Irish families and as sailor boarding houses. By falling walls, Charles A. Warren, a fireman, was killed, and three others badly injured. The bodies of a man, woman and five children, were taken from the ruins so defaced as to defy recognition. It is rumoured, that several other lives have been lost. The loss is estimated at \$75,000.

PROVINCIAL APPOINTMENT.—His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor has been pleased to appoint, provisionally, the Hon. John Montgomery to be a Member of Her Majesty's Executive Council in this Province, and also to be Surveyor General of the same.

One very gratifying characteristic of the citizens of Woodstock is the desire that their town should keep pace with other places in public improvement. We have had many instances recently of this, one of which we feel called upon to refer to this week. The large store in the brick building erected by Charles Connell, Esq., has just been opened by Mr. Robert Brown. We have had an opportunity of inspecting some of the first establishments in New York, Boston and St. John, and candidly affirm that we have seen few stores to surpass it in elegance and convenience, for the size. [Woodstock Sentinel.]

Rev. Mr. Martin's connection with St. Andrew's Church, Halifax, dissolved on the 13th inst., after extending over a period of nearly if not quite thirty years. The Rev. gentleman is deservedly a favorite with all classes and creeds in Halifax and it is gratifying to be assured that he has been appointed "Overseer of Missions," throughout this Province, and is to be paid by the Scotch Establishment. In common with his numerous friends we

heartily wish the Rev. John Martin long life and unimpaired usefulness in his day and generation. [Chronicle.]

To our Subscribers.—As we are about to purchase a supply of type, &c. for our Office, we respectfully request those indebted to us to pay the amounts of our bills without delay. Money may be sent by mail at our risk.

The Standard.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 6, 1856.

ST. ANDREWS & QUEBEC RAILROAD.—We observe by London papers received by the last English Mail, that the shares of the New Company, are quoted at from 1½ to 2 per cent premium. From this, we infer, that the stock is being taken up rapidly—and congratulate the people of this County on the favorable prospects of having the amount of stock required by the Prospectus to complete the Line to Woodstock taken up soon. This augurs well for the road; and we hope soon to be in a position to state that the works on the Road are resumed.

"THE VERDICT OF THE PEOPLE."—Under this appropriate head—the Woodstock Journal of the 31st ult., reviews the debate on the Address in answer to his Excellency's Speech, and after giving the division, makes the following judicious remarks:—

"And thus has the momentous question which has created a political agitation unprecedented, we believe, in New Brunswick, been decided by the Representatives of the people. For nearly two months has Governor Manners-Sutton had to endure the rabid abuse of a radical press and an unscrupulous faction. Vocabularies have been ransacked for epithets to fling at him, and brains have been cudgelled, not unsuccessfully, for new forms of vituperation. For venturing to use a power vested in him by the Constitution, for endeavoring to perform a duty incumbent upon him as the highest executive officer in the State, for daring to appeal to the people in a matter which affected their dearest interests and most cherished privileges, he has been branded as a schemer, an obstructive, a tyrant, a partizan, and if we remember rightly, as a sot and a madman. But the votes of last week have honorably acquitted him. He has been accused of violating the Constitution; the people through their representatives, affirm that he only employed a 'power entrusted to him by the Constitution.' He has been charged with making an improper use of his prerogative; the people say that the 'exercise' in question was 'judicious.' He has been charged with doing that which is calculated to have an injurious influence upon the interests of the Province; the people say with confidence they do believe the act 'will not fail to be attended with the most beneficial effects.' He has been accused of using his power for the advancement of a party; the people 'feel assured that that he has had no wish but to consult the general welfare.' In fine, not only has the Governor been honorably acquitted, but he has received the hearty and undoubtedly heartfelt thanks of an intelligent and grateful people."

But the Governor apart, we warmly congratulate the people of New Brunswick upon the result of this contest, and upon the noble stand which they have made for the integrity of British institutions and principles. The Constitution has been preserved unimpaired, and the exercise of a useful prerogative vindicated. The people have shown themselves well worthy of the privilege of self-government conceded to them by the benignant policy of the mother country. They have not allowed themselves to be misled by the mistaken zeal and sophistical effusions of a radical press. They have defeated the schemes of a disappointed and unscrupulous faction. They have asserted the principle that the public interest should be sacrificed to the selfishness of no official, or body of officials. They have affirmed the principle that he only is the true representative who represents truly the opinions and interests of his constituency. Even the so-called liberal party will come, we trust, to own that the decision of the Legislature was a wise and judicious decision. The victory gained last week in both branches of our Parliament, was not a party, but a national victory.

The St. John papers allude to an interesting experiment, tried last week, in that city, at Messrs. Fleming & Humbert's Foundry. The object was to test by hydraulic pressure the resisting strength of the main pipe for conveyance of water from Spruce Lake to Carleton. The experiment was mainly constructed under the direction of William M. Smith, Esq., the Provincial Inspector of Steamboats. Mr. Ball of New York, the patentee of this description of pipe, and other gentlemen. The experiment was satisfactory, and proved that the pipe was capable of sustaining nearly ten times the pressure required.

From Canadian papers it appears that the Gov. General, Sir Edmund Head, has got himself into hot water, by receiving and replying to an Address from the Orange Body on the 12th July. From what we can learn, the Catholics of Montreal, held a meeting which was largely attended, and the speak-

ers not only expressed themselves in very strong language upon what they were pleased to term "the improper conduct" of the Governor, but passed a resolution that a Petition be forthwith prepared, signed, and forwarded to one of the Irish members in the House of Commons, demanding the recall of the Governor General. This certainly is a bold step, particularly when it is alleged that the Address was couched in moderate language, merely expressive of loyalty, and his Excellency's reply was cautiously worded, only returning thanks alone. Such attempts to decry a Governor for conforming to the rules of office, by replying in courteous language to an Address from a large and respectable body of people, will prove futile.

The St. Stephens Patriot, is displeased at our characterizing the vote against the repeal of the Liquor Law—a miserable minority; and states that a "glorious minority" would have been a more appropriate term. The Patriot says "all praise is due those two young men who possessed the decision of character and the moral courage to oppose the repeal despite the opposition of 38 fellow-legislators." This appears to us, rather an equivocal compliment to his friend Mr. McAdam, who, however we may differ with him in politics, believe him to be an honest and uncompromising temperance man; and one who wishes to consult the feelings of a large majority of his constituents. Personal pique and selfish motives, are often mistaken for "decision of character" and "moral courage."

LAUNCHED on Saturday last, from the building yard at Indian Point, a first class ship, called the "LADY MILTON" of 900 tons new measurement, 944 O. M., built by Messrs. Townshend & Short, under Lloyd's Inspector, for Messrs. Dimock & Wilson. The day being fine, a large concourse of people witnessed the noble vessel glide from the ways into the water in gallant style, where the steamer Queen, and a large number of boats were sailing about. The Lady Milton is pronounced by judges to be well built, and fastened; and is a fine specimen of naval architecture, adding another laurel to the fame of her builders. We hope soon to see another vessel on the stocks, in the same yard, under Messrs. Townshend & Short's direction, for the same enterprising owners.

LICENSES.—The Town Council of Woodstock have decided, by the casting vote of the Mayor, to tax the vendors of liquor £15 for Wholesale or Tavern Licenses. This is about equal to the late obnoxious "Prohibitory Law;" and no wonder, when it was moved and carried by "Liquor law League" men. Like some others we wot of, these men live too close to the American lines! We look upon this enormous tax as not only an inducement to smuggle, but also as throwing the business into the hands of one or two of the more wealthy, to the loss and injury of the many. We trust their Worshipships, at the Special Sessions to be held on Friday next, will look well to the interests of this County, and not place the License fee too high, and that they will see the License law is faithfully carried out, and punish any violation.

REV. ROBERT IRVINE, D. D.—It affords us much pleasure to inform the numerous friends of this gentleman in this City, that the "University of New York" has lately conferred on him the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity.

Dr. Irvine was for 10 years pastor of the St. John Presbyterian Church, during which time he won the esteem of his congregation, and the good opinion of the public generally. As a scholar and theologian the Rev. Doctor has few equals. We congratulate Mr. Irvine upon the honor just received, especially as it will be most gratifying to his many friends. We trust the Dr. will pay St. John a visit during the course of the season. [New Brunswick.]

Dr. Skinner, of this City, took a piece of steel, about the size of a grain of wheat—flattened and rusty—from the inside of the head through the ear. The patient was a boy about eleven years old, and has complained of strange symptoms in the head since January last, and was becoming quite deaf. We learn that the doctor is having good success in the treatment of deafness and diseases of the ear. [Freeman.]

Thomas Caldwell, Esq., has been elected for the County of Cape Breton, by a majority of 65 over Mr. Ferguson.

FIRE.—Between one and two o'clock on Friday morning, a fire broke out near Reed's Point, in a small house occupied by J. Reed handcart man, which communicated to the two story house on either side, occupied by Mr. J. Anderson and Mr. J. S. Garrick, as sailor lodging houses, which were greatly injured all the upper portion being destroyed, the Fire Companies were early on the ground

and worked indefatigably. Had it not been for their exertions a large amount of property would have been destroyed. The buildings were insured. [New Brunswick.]

At Pennfield, on the 23rd ult., by the Rev. J. McGivern, Rector of St. George, Mr. Henry Jack, to Miss Elspit Hunter both of Pennfield. On the 17th ult., at St. Mark's Church, St. George, by the same, Mr. William Ingram Jackson, to Mrs. Jane Campbell, both of St. George.

At Columbia, South Carolina, on the 11th July last, of dysentery, after a painful and distressing illness of three weeks, Mr. JOHN STUBBS, formerly of this town, aged 48 years. The deceased, in conjunction with his father, the late Peter Stubbs, Esquire, and afterwards on his own behalf, conducted the old Saint Andrews Herald, for several years prior to 1834, when he left this Country for South Carolina, where until his decease he was engaged in a similar line of business, respected by all who knew him, for the just and upright discharge of his public and private duties. He died a devout and consistent member of the Methodist Church, leaving a wife and family to mourn their loss. [Communicated.]

Shipping List.

PORT OF ST. ANDREWS.
CLEARED.
July 26.—Schr. John, Donovan, Boston.—Lumber, J. F. Hanson, & Co.
25.—Brig Vincennes, Sawyer, New York.—Laths, Ships Kases, &c.—J. Hanson & Co.
Aug. 2nd.—Schr. Utica, Meloney, Sydney, ballast.

NOTICE.

A Special Sessions will be called at the Court House in Saint Andrews, at ten o'clock in the forenoon on FRIDAY, the eighth day of AUGUST next, to take into consideration the granting of LICENSES, for the sale of Spirituous Liquors until next September Sessions.

All persons desirous of taking out Licenses, will apply on that day.—Dated 29th July, 1856.

By order of the Justices,
W. HATCH, Clerk.
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Notice to the Public.

MAILS FOR ENGLAND, AUGUST, 1856.
Sunday, 10th, 9 A. M., via Halifax.
Tuesday, 12th, 6 A. M., via New York, per U. States packet.
Friday, 15th, 6 A. M., via New York, per British packet.
Tuesday, 19th, at 6 A. M., via New York, per U. States packet.
Sunday, 24th, 9 A. M., via Halifax.
Tuesday, 26th, 6 A. M., via New York, per United States Packet.
Friday, 29th, 6 A. M., via New York, per British Packet.

The Postage for the United Kingdom, via Halifax, is 7½ single rate, via New York by British Packet 10d, and by United States Packet 1s. 5d pre-payment optional.

By Order,
G. F. CAMPBELL, P. M.
Post Office, St. Andrews,
Aug. 6, 1856.

WANTED,

A FIRST CLASS TEACHER to take charge of the St. Andrews Roman Catholic Male School on the first day of August next—or as early afterwards as practicable. Applicant to be well recommended by a Catholic Clergyman. A liberal salary will be given. Application to be made to the
Rev. ANDREW BARRON,
July 22, 1856. St. Andrews.

Notice to Railroad Contractors.

ENGINEER'S OFFICE, E. & N. A. R. R.
Moncton, 11th July, 1856.
SEALED TENDERS will be received at the Chief Engineer's Office of the European and North American Railroad, until FRIDAY, the 1st day of August, for finishing the Grading, Masonry, Bridging, Tracklaying and Ballasting of the 1st Division of this Road, extending from Shediac to the Bend.

Propositions may be made for completing the entire work, or for each part separately, or it may be tendered for in sections, at the option of the Contractors. The Government reserving the right of adopting whichever mode may appear the most advantageous.

Plans, Specifications, and Forms of Tender and Contract may be seen: and the time for the completion of the work, as well as other information, may be obtained at the Engineer's Office at Moncton, after the 16th inst.

ALEX. L. LIGHT,
Chief Engineer of Railways.

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