

GREAT BRITAIN.

NEW POSTAGE REGULATION.—The following are the principal provisions of the new Bill, for regulating the conveyance of newspapers.

The Bill to Consolidate and Amend the Laws relating to the Conveyance of Newspapers by the Post, enacts:—

1. That all newspapers sent by the general post within the United Kingdom shall go free.

2. That all newspapers, sent through the general post, and delivered by the penny or twopenny post, and *vice versa*, go free.

3. That newspapers sent by the twopenny post, only be ld, and may be sent within post towns at the like rate.

4. That papers sent from the United Kingdom by packets to the Colonies, shall go free; as also newspapers sent by packets from the Colonies to the United Kingdom.

5. That newspapers may be sent from any Colony to another Colony, and the United Kingdom, by packet boat, free of postage.

6. That newspapers sent from the United Kingdom to the Colonies by private ships, shall pay 1d.

7. That newspapers brought into the United Kingdom from the Colonies by private ships shall pay 1d.

8. That newspapers to or from foreign countries shall pay 2d; but that if any foreign state receives or reads newspapers to or from the United Kingdom free of duty, then no duty shall be charged on newspapers to or from such state, if by packet boat, or if by other vessels, then only 1d.

9. That 1d be paid masters of private ships for each newspaper.

10. That newspapers be sent without a cover, or with a cover open at the sides, without writing or marks.

11. That they be put into the post office within seven days after date, if going out of the United Kingdom.

12. That the Postmaster-General shall be authorised to search and to charge treble postage, &c. The sender to be liable to duty, on attempt to evade the duty of postage.

By this act it is not compulsory to send newspapers through the post, and newspapers re-directed are to be forwarded free of postage, if not opened.

THE WEEK.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, SEPT. 21, 1836

SUPREME COURT.—The business of the term was brought to a close on Friday last, and we have to congratulate the inhabitants on the entire absence of any tang in the shape of a criminal action.

There were a variety of civil causes, some of them of a very interesting description, and these were decided in a manner that has given general satisfaction to the public; indeed the whole conduct of his Honor Justice BLISS, while on this circuit, was such as to reflect the highest honor on his legal acquirements, and discriminating judgment.

It has been remarked of late by many, that the number of suits at our Supreme Courts has been on the increase, and that a corresponding decrease has taken place on the docket of the Inferior Court. While the cause of this is perfectly obvious to every one, we would take the opportunity of repeating what we stated on former occasions, that the sooner the Inferior Courts are abolished altogether, the better. As far as the moral and pecuniary interests of this County and the adjoining ones are concerned, they are not only utterly useless, but they are positively injurious. It is no small drawback to the prosperity of a country, to have the sinews of its strength withdrawn from honest and arduous pursuits, to compose the material of a Court four times a year, and that for nearly a whole week at a time. We will venture to assert that were it practicable to balance the amount of positive evil that is thus inflicted on the community, with the trifling good that may result from the decision of a few paltry suits, some of them not involving pecuniary interests to the amount of twenty shillings, exclusive of costs, every honest man would blush for the result. If the qualifications, of our Magistracy were raised, and better defined by law, and a new commission issued, the half yearly sittings of the Supreme Court would be quite sufficient to go through the business in

the same time they now occupy. This result would be facilitated were the jurisdiction of the new Magistracy extended to £10 or £20, and placed under wholesome regulations.

We believe a large majority of the people go with us in the opinion we have expressed; we would therefore remind them to let their wants and grievances be made known by petition, to the different branches of the legislature, and if they are not heard and redressed by the present house of Assembly, let them persevere and they will be more successful in the next.

TEMPERANCE IN BERMUDA.—A large and respectable public Meeting was held last month in Hamilton, Bermuda, for the purpose of forming a Temperance Society in these Islands, for the first time, and we are glad to observe it succeeded. The principles are entire abstinence.

The report of a pirate being captured off the coast of Newfoundland, by a British man of war, as stated in the Halifax papers wants confirmation.

The Editor of the Novascotian continues to press upon the attention of capitalists, his favorite scheme of a rail road to Windsor; we wish his success might equal his ardor, but we fear the result of the Shubenacadie canal will deter many from venturing their gold and silver into iron rails. We think his ulterior scheme of establishing a good hotel in Halifax is at once practicable and necessary, and would remunerate the proprietors, whether a rail road be made or not.

We are glad to observe by a letter from Windsor, addressed to the Editor of the Novascotian, that the long projected bridge across the Avon is in a fair way of being accomplished. Its entire length, the writer states, will be 1150 feet;—5 spaces of 159 feet each, 4 piers 40 by 20 feet, and two long abutments. It is expected to be open to the public by the 1st November next.

RACES.—On Monday last, agreeably to previous notice, seven Indian Canoes, manned by three Indians each, started at 2 o'clock from the Mining Company's wharf. This race was well contested; the Indians entered into the sport with good spirit, they striped naked to the waist, and struck out the paddle in gallant style; but it appeared they spent their energy in the outset, as they could not be persuaded to engage in a second race. The prizes were awarded in the following order: 1st, Sapier Paul; 2d, Peter Paul; 3d, Francis Sapier.

Eight Squaws then started in four canoes; after pulling round the ballast buoy, they arrived in the following order, and the prizes were awarded accordingly—1st, Madeline Paul; 2d, Sally Tonne; 3d, Nelly Tonne; 4th, Sally Wilmot.

Two boat races were then contested, in one of which John and Robert Powell were the winners; and in the other R. Bone and J. Kessedy.

The day being very fine, a large concourse of spectators were attracted to the spot.

According to a notice just issued from the Nova-scotian Office, the writings of the Clockmaker will be published in 5 or 6 weeks, in a neat volume of 200 pages, price 5s. Subscriptions received at this office.

TRAVELLERS' MEMORANDA.

Arrivals during the past week.

At the Royal Oak,—Deputy Commissioner Gen. Hewetson, and Miss Hewetson, Rev. John Grant, late of Quebec, Mr. Hugh McGivray, Mr. J. McGivray, from Quebec, Henry Cunard, Lady and Child, and servant, J. Bam, Esq. and Lady, Mr. Doyle, Lady and Child, and servant, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Trent.

At Mr. Lorrain's,—Captain Thomas, John McLeod, Esq., Captain Solby, Mr. Brown.

At Mr. Harper's,—Rev. Mr. McDonald, Captain McDonald, Messrs McLane Henderson, Dolton, Murdoch, and Henderson.

At Mrs. Davison's,—Dr. Kirkwood, Messrs McGregor.

DIED,

On Tuesday last, after a severe illness, James Skinner, Esq. M. D. in the 56th year of his age. The deceased was son of the Rev. Donald Skinner, formerly minister of the parish of Ardsnachurch, and grand son of the late Hugh McLean, Esq. of Kingloch, Argyleshire. Dr. Skinner's high merits as a Physician and Surgeon, are appreciated not only in this District, but among the profession throughout the Province; while his integrity and attention, in the public and local offices which he held, have received the testimony of the Bench, the Bar and the people. In his personal relations there was much to admire, for in society he was social and liberal, steadfast in his friendships, true to his engagements, and his family uniformly found in him a kind, provident and affectionate parent. The Magistracy lost in him a decided and enlightened judge, and the District generally an officer who, while in public employment, had its best interests uniformly at heart.

His funeral will take place on Friday first, the 23d inst. at 12 o'clock, noon; of which his friends and acquaintances in town and country are hereby notified.

SHIP NEWS.

CUSTOM-HOUSE—PICTOU.

ENTERED.

Thursday, 16th.—Schr. Cousins, Lawless, Dalhousie—ballast; Margaret, Delorey, Antigonish—herring, &c.; Brig Caroline, Pratt, Fall River—ballast; Schrs. Brothers, McDonald, Dalhousie—ballast; Messenger, Siteman, Halifax—candies.

Friday—Brig Virginia, Murray, New York—bal; Trim, Humphrey, Portland—do.

Saturday—Shal. Lucy, O'Brien, St. John—ballast; Schr. Eliza, Hubbard, P. E. Island—do.

Monday—Schr. Isabella, Sutherland, Miramichi. Tuesday—Am. Schr. Altorf, Hopkins, fishing ground—put in here for repairs.

Arrived at Tatmagouche, on the 13th—Barquo Fairfield, Slack, Liverpool—goods to A. Campbell.

CLEAR'D.

Wednesday 14th—Brig Leonard, Crocker, Providence—ballast.

Friday—Brig Pavo, Reid, Philadelphia—coal; Schr. Sarah, Mattail, fishing voyage—dry goods, salt, tobacco, &c.; Mary Ann, Luncheon, P. E. Island—coal; Sloop George, Wood, do.—do.

Saturday—Schr. Boston, Drinkwater, Boston—coal; Brig Granite, Coggus, Boston—do; Shal. Lucy, O'Brien, Halifax—codfish pork, butter, &c.; Schr. Bee, Graham, Miramichi—coal, herrings, and butter.

Tuesday—Schooner Perseverance, Skinner, Arichat.

ARRIVALS.

At Miramichi on the 10th, Brig Abordeenshire, Martin, Aberdeen—15 days.

At Quebec, 31st August—Schr. Glasgow, Graham, Guysboro'; on the 4th inst. Schooner Messenger, Baker, do.

CLEAR'D at Boston, on the 1st, for Pictou—Brig Coral, Doughty.

DR. KIRKWOOD

HAVING returned from Canada, again offers his services to his old friends, and the public generally, of Pictou and its vicinity; and hopes to deserve a continuance of their favour.

Residence at Mrs. Davison's.

N. B. Advice to the poor gratis.

[Pictou, 21st September, 1836.]

JUST RECEIVED,

And for sale by the subscriber:

CARBOY'S OIL OF VITRIOL, Casks, Blue Vitriol, Salt Petre, Soda, Ivory black, Emery, No's 1, 2, & 3, boxes sugar candy, liquorice, Zinc, Chrome Yellow, Crucibles, Arrowroot, Isinglass, Carrhene Moss.

JAMES D. B. FRASER.

September 21.

if

ALE AND PORTER,

For Sale.

A FEW Casks, 4 dozen each, bottled ALE and PORTER, ex "Emeline," from London, for sale at the subscriber's wharf.

Sept 7.

if GEORGE SMITH.

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Chemical preparations, Dye Stuffs, oil and water Colours, Apothecaries' Glass-ware, Perfumery, &c. Every article usually kept for sale by Druggists may be had at his shop, WHOLESALE AND RETAIL.

JAMES D. B. FRASER.

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