SUMMARY OF NEWS.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

MECHANICS' IMSTITUTE .-- Dr. Kennedy, who is at present practising in this city, lectured on Monday evening last, to a well filled house, on the subject of the Preservation, of Health. Although the Doctor's voice is scarcely strong enough to be distinctly heard in the back seats of the Hall, yet the lecture was good, and will probably have a tendency to keep people out of the Doctors' hands. He alluded to the causes of so much disease existing in Ireland, viz. poor diet, and want of comfortable dwelling houses, for the labouring classes; want of ventilation and cleanlimess being also the principal causes of ship fever. He also alluded to the use of stoves, instead of open grates, in this country, as being very unhealthy; and strongly recommended exercise in the open air, plain living and frequent ablutions, as the best means of preserving health. On the whole the lecture was very well received ..

Next Monday evening, Mr. Duval will lecture en the " Common School system of the North Eastean United States." --- Neso Bkr. Jan. 21;

REDUCTION OF JUDICIAL SALABIES .-- It gives we great pleasure to state, that the Act which pasand the Assembly last winter for the reduction of Judicial salaries, has received the Royal Assent, and is published in the Royal Gazette of Wednesday last. By this Act, after the demise of the present incumbents, the Chief Justice will receive \$700 currency, and the Master of the Rolls and the Puisne Judges £600 currency each, per annum, in place of the salaries now paid. This is a beginning of retrenchment, and although it is prospective, we rejoice at it as the commencement of other reductions which are absolutely necessary, and which should be followed up without delay .---Ib, 2d inst.

The business of the Courts of Nisi Prius and Over and Terminer was brought to a close on Tuesday evening last. The latter Court is adjourned to the First Tuesday in March next, for the express purpose of trying the Keeper of the Gao! on a bill of indictment, which has been found against him, deheequent on the escape of Dunbar from prison. The general insecurity of the Gaol will then be made a subject of inquiry .-- Chronicle.

A Meeting of the Directors of the St. John Agricultural Society was held at the Secretary's Office on Thursday last, which was very fully attended. The President reported, that the Subscriptions for the year 1849 amounted to £63, which ht be able to covernence thore u the next monthly meeting; and this committee was instructed to make all the premiums for the present year consist of Agricultural Books of proper value. A committee was also appointed, to examine the Out-Mill recently erected by Mr. Land. on the Golden Grove Road, and to report it in their Oat Mills in this county.

The Secretary was directed to prepare a Petivegetables may hereafter be sold in this Province 291h. by weight as in England, and not by measure as at and a Tile Machine, both to be put into operation at that establishment for the public benefit.

From these proceedings it will be seen that the St. John Agricultural Society is in a prosperous state, and in vigorous activity. We shall be happy to publish similar reports from other Societies in this Province ... St. John , A. B. Cour. 2d inst.

THE WATER QUESTION .-- We learn that a pehition, numerously and respectably signed, addressed to the Common Council, praying that measures may be taken to enable the City to subscribe for new stock to the extent of £3000 in the Water Company, will be presented at a meeting of the Council Board on Monday. As there is little chance of any loss becruing to the City on this account, and as it winds be a dangerons expedient to stop the supply of water (as contemplated by the Company, unless the new stock is subscribed As,) we hope the measure proposed by Councillor although tenderly attached to him, in answer the Reserve of the 20.h to Montreal; and the

carrying out so desirable an object as the affording Rev. John Guddie, that he might carry the of an abundant supply of water in the City for all glad to lings of salvation far hence unto the Branch, Capt Fourth, Boston papers of Salvation with-

and Savings' Fund .- Another loan meeting of this most useful institution was held at the Society's office last night, at which one share (£120) was advanced to a member. We are satisfied that i the closest enquiry into the Benefit System would create for it the most extensive patronage.- Ib.

HARBOUR OF REFUGE .- A petition to the Lesons favorable to the construction of so useful a work. We have repeatedly urged upon our Representatives the value of a Breakwater at the place named, and as the trade of the Bay of Fundy more desirable.- 1b.

MELANCHOLY ACCIDENT .- A correspondent account of a most distressing accident which occured at Big Tracadie :-

On the night of the 22nd January, the house occupied by Mr. George Drysdale, with all its contents, was burnt to the ground, and distressing to relate, his eldest son, 19 years of age, another son, 6 years old, a daughter, 3 years, and a grand charged in the indictment with the wilful daughter aged 2 years, all perished in the flames. The eldest got safely out of the building, but hearing the screams of the children, rushed in again but never returned. Mrs. D. in endeavouring to rescue one of the children through a window, lost her balance, and got her face and breast dreadfully burnt. Her sight is much injured and it is feared she will ultimately lose it. A daughter broke in a window, and at considerable hazard sareached a place of shelter. The bones of the four children who thus perished were collected together on the following day and interred in the burial ground. A large concourse of persons assembled to witness the ceremony, who expressed deep sympathy for the family, who have thus been so severely visited. Mr. D. was from home during the time the accident occurred.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

FIRE. - On the morning of Wednesday last, the new and comfortable Daelling of Mr. Donald M' Neill, (son of the late Roderick M'Nuill, E.q.,) of Vernon River, was agant. It was resolved, that the Society should lives affect by the true to save their lives after the alarm was first given. The beightening them if regarded in a proper import 20,000 draining tiles, to be here early in origin of the misfortune is supposed to be manner. the Spring, and to be furnished to Members at cost quite accidental—and to have arisen in the and charges, in order that such as felt disposed following manner:—On the previous evencoming season. A committee was appointed to rest of the family had retired to bed, for the which made it to consist of immaterial waves prepare a list of premiums to be awarded at the built 10 olders when the faithed the built 10 olders when the faithed the built 10 olders when the faithed the in-Agricultural Show in October next, to report at cautiously, after sweeping the hearth with a the varied emotions of pleasure or pain in dently waking about five o'clock, felt a sense of suffication from the smoke in which the opinion it was deserving of one of the premiums room was enveloped -she gave the alarm, of £25, offered by the Society for the erection of and in a few minutes the inmates were saved, but the fire bad already obtained too great an ascendancy to enable them to get anything out of the house, save a few chairs and a set of tion to the Legislature, praying that all grain and Harness. - Charlottetown, Royal Guzette, Jan.

THE WEATHER. - The extraordinary mildpresent; and another Petition, praying a legislative ness and fineness of the weather since the first lief of his audience. Some of these were to grant to the Commissioners of the Provincial Pen- setting in of the winter, calls for a passing re- the effect, that it might yet be discovered that itentiary, to mable them to procure a Bone Mill mark. The cold has been just sufficient to the looking-glass retained the expression of form good ice-and no more-enough snow our countenance; the prison walls the form has fallen to make passable roads, but with- of Howard; and that they might be brought out a surplus to drift; and the welcome sun out. -shining brightly almost every day, makes us almost forget that we are not enjoying the mild season of spring. - 16.

On Wednesday, the 16th instant, Mr. Isaac Murray was ordained to the pastoral charge of the Presbyterian Congregation of Cavendish and New London. The introductory Sermon was preached by the Rev. Robert S. Patterson, from 2d Tim iii, 17 first superstitions, as tony might yet be elucidated clause-" That the man of God may be perfect." The steps were narrated, the questione were proposed, and the ordination prayer offered up by the Rev. Professor Knir, who also addressed the Minister. The Rev. John C. Sinchir gave the charge to the people. Regiments will, in the spring, come to this The whole of the services were solemn and deeply affecting. We could perceive many treal; the Reserve Battalion Rifle Brigade cheeks suffused with tears. It will be remembered, that this Congregation, some time ago, Kingston ; the 20th Regiment to Toronto ; Keens will be assented to by the Council, and that to what they considered the call of Providence, 71st from St. John's to London .- 1b.

no further difficulty will be put in the way of surrendered up their late esteemed Pastor, the out the labors of a fixed Pastor. We trust, New Brunswick Benefit Building Society that through divine ble-sing, the labors of Mr. Murray may be eminently successful .- | - New Bkr., 2nd. Cons. to Ditto.

CANADA.

ing, two cases of murder were tried-the one gers of the Caleb Granshaw. A testimonial Jeob Hill for the murder of his wife. The is in preparation for him, to which more gislature, for a grant to build a Breakwater at Dip. Jury, after the charge from the Judge, retter than \$5000 is already sub-critical. per Harbour, is now in course of signature by per. | ed to their room to consider their verdict, and after remaining in consultation for about an hour, returned into court with a verdict of "Wilful Murder;" but recommended the prisoner to mercy.

The Judge said that the reccommendation is yearly increasing, the work becomes more and would be forwarded to the proper quarter but held out not the elightest hope to the pri soner, - whom he addres-ed in an appropri ate manner, and subsequently sentenced bein, of the Miramichi Gleaner furnishes the following in the usual form, to be hanged at the City Jail, on the 6th of February next.

All through the trial, and even when he received his sentence, the prisoner, who is an athletic man of about 85 years of age, appeared to be quite unmoved and unconcerned.

The other case was that of Richard Develin, a carter, residing in Toronto, who was murder of Andrew Ennce, by striking him on the head with a piece of wood, on Mc-Loun's wharf, on the S.a day of October last. After a little consultation, the Jury returned a verdict of manslaughter, with a strong recommendation to mercy. The prisoner was not sentenced.—Montreal Gazetie, 26th ult.

FIRE AT NIAGARA .- A destructive fire occurred at Niagara on the 11th, very early in the morning, whereby the British Hotel and upon him. ved one of the children. They had nothing on several other buildings were consumed, togethem but their night clothes, and the night being ther with 5 valuable horses, 1000 bushels of stormy, they suffered much from cold before they corn, 12 or 13 sleighs, and other property. It is suspected that some villam stole a horse. which is missing, and then set fire to the prenuse .. - 1b.

> We learn from various sources that the nember of Sancoe, Wm. Robinson, Esq., has been appointed superintendent of Indian affairs .- Iv

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE .- Mr. T. S. Hunt's lecture on "Light," delivered before this Institution, was one of more than usual interest, and showed much research. The genileman commenced with a resume of the progress for entering a house on a titter cold night which ecience had made in general. He remarked on its tendency towards material zation, and its effect in stripping away poetical associations from many subjects, but which entirely consumed by fire with all its contents, he did not consider necessary, and thought that it should have the converse effect of

The common theories of Light he considered unsatisfactory. Equally those, which made it a material substance. bout 10 o'clock, when she fluished, she in- of Light, which enabled us to perceive all hirch broom, put the broom in the norch. It the faces of our friends. He did not, howeis supposed, that a live coal was lucking a- ver, enlarge much on these points, but promong the shrede of the broom, which igniting conded to treat on the transcendental theory. afterwards caused the unfortunate catastro- In this view he said that light might be termphe. One of Mr. M'Neill's sisters provi- ed the spirit of the universe, and the vicegerent of the Almighty. The agent that linked our solar system with other systems.

He showed the different manners in which Light is produced, and its various curious effects on some metals and other substances. He intimated that some startling discoveries might yet be made in this respect, and so startling and curious, that he almost feared to allude to them as be might be thought to be attempting to draw too strongly on the be-

We have not space to go over the different manuers in which he stated that light might be produced. He showed how it was possible for electricity to be applied to the purposes of illumination, and lighting towns. He thought that scientific caution rendered it necessary for us to be chary of our expresions of scepticism, on many of the popular

by scientific discoveries. - lo. We cut the following account of Army

movements from the Quebec Chronicle :-ARMY MOVEMENTS .- The 19th and 23rd garrison; the 79th Regiment goes to Monto St. John's ; the 2nd Buttalion of Rifles to

UNITED STATES.

We received vesterday by the schr Olive turday evening and New York of Friday, from our attentive correspondent at Boston

Gold Box to Capt. Co.k .- The freedom of New York city was publicly presented to this good man by the major on Thursday, in presence of a large assembly of both seres, At the County of York Assizes now hild- for saving the lives of the crew and passes

DEATH FROM DAMP LODGINGS -Edward Peoples, a native of Windsor, N. S., died suddenly at Bosts a on Thursday night, of a disease resembling cholera morbus, supposed to have been induced by sleeping in a dame cellar.

A dreadful tornado lately swept over a portion of Adams county, Miss. It was accompanied by heavy peals of thunder, and vivid flashes of lightning. The Natches Courier, snys:

" The tornado was very destructive of timber, fences, bouses, gardens, stocks, &c., on the plantations of Mrs. Cooper, and Col. F. L. Claiborne, Their damages are very theavy, but no lives were lost, although it is miracle how their negroes all escaped, as everal of their houses were blown down. The torondo presed through the lands of Robert McCollough, Esq , and left his dwellings, indeed his entire premises, a perfect wreck.

Mr. McCullough, had risen from his bed o close the door of his shorting spartnent, ust as the storm had attained its most feesul violence, and was immediately killed by falling timber and bricks which were burled

We learn that there has been much destruction of property in various parts of the county, but cannot hear that the hurricane has been as but elsewhere as at Mrs. Conp. er's, Col. Claiborne's and Mr McCullough's.

A man was waylaid night before last on Eighth-st, and seizer by persons supposed tols threves. He fortunately had about him his credentials as a gentleman, viz : three unpaid tailor bills, and an empty purse-and therefore unde a miraculous escape. - Ciazinnali Commercial.

The Detroit Tribune tells of a police offe. cer of that city who was fined \$90 and cross lately, and taking therefrom two young girle, without giving them time even to put on their shoes and stockings, and muching them off to the lock up. The girls proved to be respectable and the only crime shown against them was their poverty.

One half of the steamship Columbus bas been purchased by George Law, Esq., of New York, and will be fitted up with all die patch, so as to start for New York in al ten days, and from thence proceed direct to the Pacific, to ply between Panama and Soo Francisco. - Phil Leager, 21st.

In Vermont, Judges of Probate, Sheriff and High Sheriff's, State Attorneys, and Jutices of the Peace, are henceforth to be eleted by the people.

A remarkable river, called the Waciera, has been discovered in Flori la. It takes in tise from springs of unmense volume; ruse n a stream as large as the P. tomac or James for 14 miles, and then disappears in a solutranean channel, and is no more seen.

MISCELLANEOUS.

HAYBI. - Dates from Junaica mention the occurrence of a fire, supposed to have been the work of an incendiary, which consumed almost every building. Other accounts say that the Dominican squadron had fired the

Letters from the city of Mexico to the 29th, state that the Indiana had made incutsions into Neuvo Leon, committing great atrocities. The Moniteur calls the attention of the government to the extensive smuggling operations going on, particularly on the Rie Grande.

Late advices from Yuentan state that the neurgents had been defeated in several skemishes, and were withdrawing to the Southren portion of the Peniusula.

The Canadian Reciprocity Bill was before the Senate, U.S.

Mr. Savard of the same body, bad offered resolution for rewarding Capt Cook, for his exertions in saving the passengers of the Caleb Grimshaw.

A steamer from New Orleans bound for St. Louis, blew up on the 22nd ult., and was burnt to the waters edge. Fifteen persons were killed and thirty-eight horribly scalded, . many of whom had subsequently died.

Accounts from Jamaica represen gest excitement or vailed there relat the operation of the Navigation Laws. RAILBOAD ACCIDENT. - On Wednes brauou an accident occurred on the Po Sico and Portsmouth Railcoad. One wheels of the hind car broke, discont st from the train, and nearly upsetting gainst an embankment. The stove sel, scattering the hot coals, and setti car on fire. Many of the passenger burned before they could extricate selves from the car, but none very bad Dr. WEBSTER .- I'he Grand Jury bas Bill against Dr. Webster, for the Dr. Parkman. Dr. Webster was n o Court for the purpose of hearing read, after which he was returned He is represented as very much ex and changed in appearance. The trial is to take place next mo

TEBRUARY 9.

THE CARROA left her wharf yeste 18 o'clock, with one hundred pass eight for chalifax, and \$140,000 in She took out the largest mail that ev this country, no less than sixty four t three hundred and sixty one Letters rest 20 000 was mailed between 9 o' lock yesterday .- New York Paper

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