

Great Britain. She is now in London receiving her machinery. Having accomplished the object of his present voyage, Lieut. Hosken will immediately return and assume the command of this vessel, in which he expects to arrive at the port in the course of the month of April next.—Her points of departure are Bristol and New York.—She is about 1350 tons burden, and it is calculated will carry about 600 tons of coal.—*N. Y. Courier & Enq.*

CANADA.

Some idea of the importance attached to the Canadian news in England may be judged by the following paragraph:—

Express to London.—The papers by the Shakespeare, from New York, reached Liverpool at a quarter to 6 o'clock on Thursday evening, the 21st December. A messenger, bearing the important Canadian news which these papers contained, proceeded by the Grand Junction Railway train at half past six. Owing to the floods, the train did not reach Birmingham till midnight. From that town the messenger proceeded, in a post chaise, to London, a distance of a hundred and ten miles.—The roads were in a dreadful state, yet the express, by the occasional aid of four horses, performed the journey in eleven and a half hours, having reached the Times office at noon on Friday. The news was immediately published in a second edition. The Government, on ascertaining the tenor of the intelligence, promptly resolved to shorten the Parliamentary recess.

It is stated as not unlikely that Upper and Lower Canada would be consolidated into one principality, and that a Prince of the Blood—the Duke of Cambridge for instance—would be sent out as Viceroy.

A Liverpool correspondent of December 30, writes that

"The result of the enquete in Lower Canada will be this: should, as is anticipated, the loyalists get the upper hand—that the two provinces will be placed under one governor and one system, and that either there will be no House of Assembly, or that there will be two or more representatives in the British Parliament, from Upper Canada, Lower Canada, Newfoundland, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

In such case, there will probably be the same boon extended to each of our West India Islands."—*Providence paper.*

ENGLAND.

It has been decided in England that an Attorney has no right to detain the papers of his client, as he has no lien upon them for costs.

O'Connell has declared at the Dublin Trades' Union that such is the erroneous opinion abroad of his influence with Government, that one gentleman recently solicited him to procure him the command of a 74, and another the Colonelcy of a Regiment!

AMERICAN.

PORTLAND, Jan. 30.

The Government has just received dispatches from Great Britain, touching the question of the North Eastern Boundary. Their contents have not yet transpired, though it is currently reported that they contain a proposition to revert to the boundary fixed by the award of the king of Holland. Should the proposition be accepted, we should certainly be placed in a very ridiculous light. We solemnly determined not to accept the award; the negotiations consequent upon that refusal have been pending for some eight years; and now should we eat our own words, reverse our own solemn declaration and accept the very

award we had refused, the portion of territory we should lose by such a proceeding, would be considerable but the portion of national dignity, much larger. We should be playing the part of a child who cries and pouts for a bigger piece of bread and butter, but finally concludes to take what mother sees fit to give.

This subject of the North Eastern Boundary will no doubt come up for discussion during the present session of Congress, probably at an early day; and considering the interest which Massachusetts has in the question, perhaps it might be expedient that her voice should be heard upon the occasion.

THE NEWS.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, FEB. 21, 1838.

To our SUBSCRIBERS.—As a change in the ownership of this Paper is in contemplation, to take place on the 16th of May next, at the close of the present Volume,—it is expected that all accounts due to this establishment, up to that time, will be paid on or before the first day of June following.

Subscribers beyond the limits of this County, in places where we have no Agents, are informed that unless their papers are paid up at the end of the present Vol. they will then be discontinued. We have to pay the postage regularly on these papers, and without prompt payment, it is unreasonable to expect that we will continue to send them.

ONE of the Despatches we publish to-day, contains the proposed Civil List, and on looking over it, we must confess that the Colonial Secretary has lost sight of the fact, that he is a portion of a reform Ministry, and also of his own previous acknowledgment that Nova Scotia possesses but a scanty Crown Revenue compared with some neighbouring Provinces.

Instead of reductions in the salaries of our officials, which we were led to expect, we observe with regret that many of them are increased; and instead of the wholesome check which the people had over some of them, in their being subjected to annual grant, or affected by local circumstances, they are now wholly to be permanent. Instead of the abolition of Judges' fees which the Province has so long groaned under, and which was paid by the litigants themselves, we are to have their commutation in the shape of £350 sterling additional to the Chief Justice, and £220 to each of the Puisne Judges, and which will come from the pockets of the honest and industrious portion of the people, who are seldom seen in a Court of Law.

The salaries of the Attorney and the Solicitor General are to be increased. That notorious job, the Crown Land Department, is recommended to be kept up as at present, with a £350 commissioner at its head, which usually takes all the proceeds of the Department to pay the Commissioner's salary. Those sinecures of unknown origin, the superintendant of the Coal Mines, Cape Breton; Harbour Master at Sydney, Cape Breton, and Miss Cox's Pension, are to be kept up. The salary of the Provincial Secretary is also out of all proportion to the service he has to perform and the resources of the Province.

We must confess that, looking at the thing as a whole, our Legislature will do well to take some time to consider of it, and if possible, get such reductions made as will prevent these salaries from being a source of grievance for many years to come.

AMONG the public Documents, we see one from the General Post Office at home, denying that the Post Office Department of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick yield any revenue over paying its own expenses. Whether this be the case or not, we

hope our Legislature will not shrink from the proposed investigation, nor from taking it under their own management. We are satisfied from facts that have come to our knowledge, that it is not only capable of yielding a considerable revenue but also an increase of post communications. Next week we intend to publish some documents which will let the public see how certain officials have mismanaged that department in a neighbouring Colony, and from which they can draw their own inference.

We are glad to see that the Legislature has taken up the Judiciary question, and that the Inferior Courts are proposed to be abolished. It will be recollected that several Petitions, numerously signed, went from this County last Session praying for their abolition. We believe the opinion of the inhabitants remains unchanged.

By the western mail we have New York and Quebec papers to the 5th instant. They contain the gratifying news that all was quiet along the frontier. Some of them notice the extraordinary fact that the navigation of the Lakes remained open up to the 28th ultimo—a circumstance which the oldest inhabitant does not recollect ever to have seen before.

PICTOU COUNTY ELECTION.—At the close of the Poll at New Glasgow on Friday last, it stood as follows: Dickson 858, McKenzie 907. The Poll was opened at Maxwelton on Monday, and at the close yesterday, Dickson was 35 a head of McKenzie. We understand the Poll will be finally closed to-morrow, and that there is every probability of Mr Dickson being returned.

MARRIED.

On the 9th instant, by the Rev. John McKinlay, Mr Alexander Kennedy, of Merigomish, to Miss Murdoch McKay, from Stornaway, Scotland.

On the 15th instant, by the same, Mr Adam Fraser, to Miss Agnes Queen, both of Chance Harbour.

On Sunday last, in St. James's Church, by the Rev. Charles Elliott, Mr William Morral, of the Albion Mines, to Miss Ann Priest, of Cariboo.

At St. Peters, P. E. Island, recently, by John Jardine, Esq., J. P., Mr Franklin Sterns, formerly of Pictou, to Elizabeth, eldest daughter of the late Capt. Davidson, of St. Peters.

DIED.

At the Albion Mines, on Wednesday last, Margaret, youngest daughter of Mrs Argo.

At Rogers' Hill, on the 21st ult., Mr John Matheson, aged 66 years, leaving a large circle of relatives and acquaintances, by whom his memory will long be cherished for the exemplary life he led on earth.

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CHARLES YOUNG.

Halifax, N. S. Feb. 14, 1838.

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