

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, by Proclamation in the Royal Gazette, has summoned the General Assembly to meet for the Despatch of business on Thursday the 31st January 1856.

CHRISTMAS DAY.—There was Divine Service morning and afternoon at St. Paul's and St. Luke's on Christmas Day. At St. George's in the morning. These Churches according to old English custom, and Scriptural sanction, were dressed with evergreen. St. Luke's especially showed much taste in the arrangement. At Dartmouth also, Divine Service was celebrated, and the Rector and Curate were assisted in the Christmas decoration by the zeal of many of the people. The Lord Bishop preached in St. Paul's in the morning, and administered the Holy Communion.

FIRE.—Piquetah, 20th Dec. 1855.—On Thursday the 20th inst., at 3 1/2 o'clock, p. m., a fire took place in Mr. R. P. Bent's store, situated in Water Street; the inside of the upper story of which was partly consumed, a portion of the goods totally burnt up, the remainder destroyed by smoke and water. Cause of the fire unknown.

ERRATA in our last number C. T.—page 403, second column, for ay, read a point; third column 4th line from top, for luxative read sinatus; and in line 19th, for separate read separable.

DR. M'LANE'S VERMIFUGE ALWAYS RESORTED TO WHEN EVERY OTHER REMEDY FAILS. New York, September 15, 1855.

This is to certify that my child, three years old, was troubled with worms some six months. I had tried several kinds of medicine, but none of them done any good; and it was not until I tried Dr. M'Lane's celebrated Vermifuge that she found any relief. I gave her the contents of one bottle, which brought from her a large quantity of worms, but they were so completely cut to pieces it was impossible to count them. My daughter is now doing well; indeed she is completely restored to health. I therefore take pleasure in recommending it to parents. I would say, by all means keep a supply of this valuable medicine constantly in your houses. I have known many children to die suddenly from the effects of worms. It is so not unfrequently happens that children are treated for croup, when the choking and coughing is caused altogether by the irritation of worms. Therefore, we say again, keep it always in the house; it costs but little, and may be the means of saving life; and at any rate it will save physicians' bills. MRS. LANE, No 333 Eighth St. P.S. The above valuable preparation, also Dr. M'Lane's Celebrated Liver Pills, can now be had at all respectable Drug Stores in this city.

Purchasers will please be careful to ask for and take none but Dr. M'LANE'S VERMIFUGE. All others, in comparison, are worthless. Sold in Halifax by Wm. Langley and John Naylor.

A NOVELTY IN MEDICINE.—Mr. Gerry the well known Operative Chemist and Apothecary, has succeeded in making his Pectoral Tablets the most certain and agreeable remedy for consumption and Lung Diseases, ever known. Instead of wasting their energies in the stomach, the active principles of the Tablets go direct to the diseased organs, and in all curable cases, never fail. A more efficacious and elegant remedy we do not know. Price one shilling sterling at the Medical Warehouse of G. E. MORTON & CO.

A GREAT FAMILY MEDICINE!! It is of the utmost importance that Households, especially such as are at a distance from Medical Advertisers, should keep by them a medicine that will control and cure the various ailments common to domestic life. Such a Remedy is GERRY'S CASIOMILE PILLS, which are a certain cure for all disorders of the Stomach and Liver, and those disturbances of the bowels that are produced by improper food, or changes of weather or climate. In the diseases of Children they are very efficacious and perfectly safe. A bottle of these Pills may save many a Physician's fee, for taken in time they prevent dangerous and fatal complaints. In bottles, 1s. sterling each. Sold wholesale, in Halifax, at the Medical Warehouse of G. E. MORTON & CO.

A certain remedy for sick headache and Bile.—The most prevalent disorders to which the human frame is subject are perhaps, sick headache and bile, suffered by both sexes and all ages, and which are the ground work, nay, the very foundation of some of the worst of disorders. Amongst the many remedies brought before the public, there is nothing that can equal Holloway's Pills for the cure of these distressing complaints, their efforts are prompt and certain, and as they strike at the very root of the disease, they leave the sufferer in the enjoyment of health, after every other means have failed.—These pills will also cure all liver and stomach complaints.

LETTERS RECEIVED.

Rev. W. G. T. Jarvis, with rem. £6.—credited as directed—and now subscriber with payment in advance; Rev. Mr. Gathercole—rem. duly received £1.—the papers go regularly from our office, and the postage is always prepaid; Rev. H. Stamer—will be attended to; Rev. Mr. Alexander; Rev. H. L. Yewens—the telegraphic message was forwarded as directed immediately on receipt—other directions have been attended to; Rev. J. Ambrose, with new-sub. have written and sent parcel of Bibles.

Married.

At St. Paul's Church on Wednesday the 26th inst., by the Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia, assisted by the Venble. Archdeacon Willis, ROBERT P. HOWARD, Esq. M. D., of Montreal, C. E. to MARY FRANCIS, second daughter of the late Judge Chipman.

In St. Peter's Church, St. Margaret's Bay, on the 18th inst. by the Rev. J. Stannage, Mr. JAMES TROOP, to MARY, second daughter of Mr. John Moore.

Also, on the 20th ult., at the same place, Mr. GEORGE MUNGO, to MARGARET, daughter of Mr. James Redman.

At Liscomb, by Rev. J. Alexander, on Thursday, 13th inst. Mr. JOSEPH CARTER, of Bristol, United States, Mariner, to Miss SARAH JANE CROOKS, of Crooks' Island, of Liscomb.

At Trinity Church, Hamilton, Bermuda, Dec 13th, by the Rev. J. B. Freer, Rev. F. F. W. Evans, Chaplain of H. M. S. Boscowen, 70, to CATHERINE STOWK, fourth daughter of W. B. Perot, Esq., of Hamilton.

At Dartmouth, on Tuesday, 18th inst., by Rev. Jas. Stewart, Mr. GEO. CONROD, to Miss CATHERINE GAETZ.

At Preston, on 20th inst by the same, Mr. JAMES NEAL, to AMELIA, third daughter of Mr. Sampson Carter.

On the 24th inst., by the Rev. Henry Stamer, Mr. WM DENNING, to Miss MARY McKENZIE, both of Piquetah.

On the 23rd Dec. by the Revd. Henry Stamer, Gro. BERGMAN, Esq., to Mrs. MARTHA HITCHENS, both of Piquetah.

At the Church of St. John, Cornwallis, on the 11th inst., by the Rev. Mr. Storrs, Mr GEORGE BORDERS, to Miss LY-CR ANN, daughter of M. Ephraim Terry.

At Dartmouth, by Rev. Dr. Shreve, Rector, on Monday 27th, Mr. JOSEPH FROST, to Miss ELIZABETH J. GIBBS.

Also, at the same place, by the same, on the 28th inst. Mr. FREDERICK MARRIOTT, to Miss MARY ELLEN DAULD.

DIED.

On Tuesday last, at 3 1/2 o'clock, Mr. JAMES KELLY. On Sunday the 10th inst. at Liscomb, Mrs. MARY McKENZIE, aged 71 years.

At Indian Harbour Lot., on the 20th ult. EDWARD, infant son of George and Mary Holmes, aged 2 years.

At Sherbrooke, St. Mary's East, on the 13th inst., of fever, ANNE, fourth daughter of Alexr. and Margaret Sinclair, in the 17th year of her age.

At sea, on the 10th of Nov., on board the brig Rob Roy, Capt. Geo. Conroun, aged 17 years, a native of Salsbury, England.

At his residence in Meagher's Grant, on the 15th of Dec, JOHN O'NEILL, At the advanced age of 101 years. Mr. O'Neill came from Georgia at the peace of 1763, and was one of the earliest settlers in the valley of Musquodoboit.

Shipping List.

ARRIVED

Saturday, Dec. 22.—Schns. Active, and Rising Sun, P. E. Island.

Sunday, Dec. 23.—Brigs. Louisa, Lifesaver, Porco, P. R.; Maria, Thomas, St. John, P. E.

Tuesday, December 25.—R. M. Steamship Curlew, Hunter, from Bermuda; Ed. Ed. Allen, Merchant, Boston; Brig Martha, Weston, New York; Schn. Mazarpa, O'Dell, Burlin, Nfld. Schn. Favorite, Boston, P. E. Island.

Wednesday, December 26.—P.M. Schn. Isabella, Hadley, Guysborough; Schn. Topse, Ready, Canada.

Friday, Dec. 27.—Brig Grand Turk, Leadle, London; schns. Electric, Sydney; Leah, O'Brien, P. E. Island.

CLEARED.

Dec. 22.—Steamer Osprey, Sampson, Bermuda; brig America, O'Brien, Boston; brig Maule, Johnson, F. W. Indies.

December 24.—Vulcan, Card, Matanzas; Speculator, Bond, Newfoundland; Avocaada, Turro, St. Johns Nfld. Champlon, White, Ch' Town, P. E. Island, Ocean Bride, Campbell, Liverpool.

Dec. 27.—Schns. Ariel, P. E. Island; Joseph, Arlwood do; Gold Hunter, Kenner, Boston.

MEMORANDA.

The brig Speed with a cargo of Molasses, Sugar, &c., from Halifax for Hull, England, sprang a leak when 3 days at sea, and, on making Sydney, was stranded on the Northern Head of Bridgeport, 17th—vessel has been got afloat—cargo damaged.

The Curlew experienced three severe gales on her passage to Bermuda, in which her machinery was so damaged as to prevent her proceeding to St. Thomas. She was detained at Bermuda for repairs.

The Curlew's mails were forwarded by a sailing vessel from Bermuda to St. Thomas.

COUNTRY MARKET.

PRICES ON SATURDAY, DEC. 29.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Items include Bacon, Beef, Butter, Cheese, Eggs, Hams, Hay, Homespun, Oatmeal, Potatoes, Socks, Veal, Yarn, Canada Flour, Am., Rye, Corn Meal, Wood, Coal.

AT THE WHARVES.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Items include Wood, Coal.

TO PRINTERS.

THE SUBSCRIBER conceiving that it would be beneficial to his brother Printers to be able to purchase in Halifax such materials as they may be occasionally in want of, will always keep on hand—

- Brass Rule of all patterns, in lengths of 2 feet. Leads, 8vo. and 12mo. per lb. Space Rules. Quotations, Bodkins. Points. Ley Brushes. Newspaper and Book Printing Ink.

—All of which will be sold at a small advance to cover freight &c. for CASH only.

WM. GOSSIP, May 19.

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RAISINS!

A FEW Half Boxes, &c., of those Prime FF Raisins—Purchased at Creighton & Grant's Sale, put up for the English Market, for sale by WM. GOSSIP, Dec. 22. 31 Granville Street.

NOTICE.

At a Meeting of Persons desirous of promoting the Trade and Commerce of Nova Scotia, held on the 17th instant. It was resolved to establish a Bank in the Capital of the Province, to be entitled

THE UNION BANK OF HALIFAX.

With a subscribed capital of £250,000 in Shares of Twenty Five Pounds, Share holders Liability limited to the amount of their Subscription, and that on obtaining a Charter of an Act of Incorporation, from the Provincial Legislature and on the Subscription list being complete, a call be made on the vote of the Share holders, of Twenty per cent on the subscribed Capital, thirty days notice of such call to be given in two or more of the City Papers; and that when the said Twenty per cent, amounting to £50,000, be collected or paid in, the Banking Company to commence business, under the management of a Board of Directors, to be chosen by the Stockholders; and, if deemed requisite a further call of twenty per cent, on a vote of the Directors, may be made, payable at a period not earlier than the 1st January, 1857. No subsequent instalment to be called for but on a vote of the shareholders, at a special meeting to be held for that purpose.

Notice is hereby given that a Stock Book is now open, which will remain so, till the 1st February next, when all individuals can subscribe for the number of shares they may desire to have. Parties not residing in Halifax can subscribe through their respective Agents.

The Book open for subscription lies at the Office of JOHN HUNTON, Esq., Secretary to the Nova Scotia Building Society Bedford Row, to which access can be had any day prior to 1st February, (Sundays and Holidays excepted,) between the hour of 10 o'clock, A. M., and 2 o'clock, P. M.

WILLIAM STAIRS, Chairman.

JOHN GIBSON,

JOHN DUFFUS,

EDW. KENNY,

J. W. RITCHIE,

BENJAMIN WIER,

JAMES A. MOREN.

Committee.

Halifax, Dec. 29th. 1855

11th 1st Feb.

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Halifax, Dec. 1855.

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THE SHIP ALLIANCE, just arrived from Liverpool, has brought the Subscriber a large and varied assortment of Stationery—in Envelopes, Post, Foolscap, and Post Papers, Music Paper, Children's TOY Books, amusing and instructive; Red and Black Sewing Wax, Bottle do, Newest Prints, Inkstands, Violin Strings, &c. &c. which he will sell wholesale and retail, at lowest rates.

Valentines by wholesale—a selling article in the country—at all prices WM. GOSSIP.

Dec. 15, 1855.

Also, daily expected from the United States, a Christmas Supply of Annuals and Books, adapted for Presents.



NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.

As much inconvenience is felt when the Mails for Boston, &c., are made up on the arrival of the Steamer at night, owing to their limited stay at Halifax, and the anxiety of the Mail officer to procure the Mail at once:

Notice is hereby given, that for the future (commencing with Tuesday next the 18th inst.) and until further notice, the mails for the United States, and Canada, via Boston, per Cunard Steamers, will be closed at this Office at 9 p. m. on the Tuesday of the week in which the Packet from England issues at this Port. Should the Steamer, however, not arrive by six o'clock the following morning, supplementary mails will be made up for the above named places.

Also, commencing with THURSDAY, the 20th inst., the Mails for the United Kingdom, Bermuda, and the West Indies, and Newfoundland, will be finally closed at this Office at 9 p. m. of the THURSDAY of the week in which the Royal Mail Steamer is expected to arrive from Boston.

Should the Steamer from Liverpool arrive previous to Tuesday night, the Mails, as at present, will close immediately on her arrival.

A. WOODGATE, P. M. General. General Post Office, Halifax 15th Decr. 1855. 2p.