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LEGISLATIVE PROCEEDINGS .- Monday Evening, March 10th .- The House in Committee today, after a long discussion, passed a Bill to re-duce the fees of Registrars of Deeds and Wills, auce the lees of Registrars of Deeds and Wills, and to exclude Lawyers from being Registrars. After the first ten folios, for which they are to receive 5s., the charge is to be 6d. per folio. The Bill is to go into immediate operation. The Trade Committee reported to day.— Among other things, they refused to grant a sum for the wharf at Reed's Point. The Committee reported in furner of maxing back the duty on

reported in favour of paying back the duty on goods destroyed at the Fredericton fire.

Mr. Gilbert moved that King's College be converted into an Agricultural School and Model Farm. Mr. Cutler moved an Address for minute returns from all Magistrates, to be laid before the House at the next Session. Carried.

Tuesday, March 11th .- To-day the Bill brought in by the Hon. Attorney General for the purpose of authorising the appointment of a commission to require and report on the practicability of reform in the practice of the law, came up for discussion, and a debate of more than ordinary inte-rest ensued. Mr. Ritchie lead the opposition; the Attorney General the supporters of the Government; and when the question was taken on reporting progress on the bill, the Government succeeded in carrying that question by a majority of one.

The Revenue Bill Committee have recommended a duty of 3s. per barrel on Flour; 18s. 8d. on Pork; 1s. 3d, per barrel on Rye Flour and Corn Meal; 1s. per gallon on Rum; and 3s. 4d.

per gallon on Brandy. The Light House Committee reported in fa-your of an appropriation of £500 for the erection of a Fog. Bell Buoy off the Harbour of Saint John.

Wednesday, March 12th .- Not much of importance done to day. All the day has been spent in discussing Mr. Steve's Bill to lower light dues on coasting vessels. The Speaker moved an amendment in addition, that five Commission. ers be appointed and get five per cent. commission, the whole not to exceed $\pounds 100$. Mr. Wilmot moved an amendment to this, that one of the five be appointed Superintendent, and he to receive the proceeds of the Commission, not to exceed £150. The last amendment was finally carried, but the sum fixed at £100.

Thursday, March 13th .- Mr. Ritchie presented a petition signed by most of the Printers and Publishers in the city of St. John, praying that the postage on newspapers may be abolished.

The House went into Committee and passed a Bill in reference to the phraseology of Law Bills. This Bill is a copy of one introduced into the House of Lords by Lord Brougham, and now a law in England.

FREDERICTON, 15th March-12 o'clock .- The European and North American Railway Charter was signed by the Governor yesterday, and received formal assent to-day. The consideration of the Elective Legislative

Council Bill has been fixed for the 24th instant, and every member has been summoned to attend on that day.

The Revenue Bill will create a warm discussion in the Assembly, if, as is likely, an attempt is made to increase the existing rate of Duties.

It is not at all likely that the Legislative Sessions will close before the first of May, unless a great number of measures are abandoned altoge-ther.

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE .- Robert Parker, Jun . Esq, made his debut last evening as a lecturer, at the Mechanics' Institute. His subject was the Fine Arts. He treated it with a special reference to the wants of this Province, and the are happy to learn from others who were present, St John in particular. He recommended an Annual Pictorial Exhibition, similar to that which took place in the Hall of the Institute in 1849, and the establishment of a Gallery of Statuary. Neither of these excellent objects, we believe, will be lost sight of. We know the Di-rectors of the Institute only require a hint to set them a working. The lecture was very good .-It was a specimen of what lectures ought to be, both in matter and manner. We congratalat the members of the Institute upon this accession to their continually increasing forces .- St. John, N. B. Observer, 11th.

of its being a very profitable undertaking. This lecture has been a good deal talked about, and has had a strong tendency to awaken a new and lively interest among our people, in connexion with this short line. If Canadian produce and manufactures are to be exempted from duty, only in the event of their coming direct from Canada, then hurra for the Bend and Shediac line. It will be a safe experiment at all events, and one which could be soon and easily accomplished, and when built you in the lower part of the Province would be stimulated to accomplish the gigantic work which you have before you. Little boys must swim near shore, &c. But, still we claim the privilege of putting in an oar, in the great line Let us all embark together ; and, in the language of the old bills of lading, "may God speed the good ship to her port of destina-tion."-Ib., 15th.

out in a very satisfactory manner the certainty

The officers of the Provincial Revenue recent y seized at Chaincook a large quantity of smuggled articles, including 402 kegs powder, valued altogether at upwards of £300, together with the American schooner boat, of 13 tons, in which they were brought from Eastport.-Ib.

MERCANTILE MARINE ACT .- The Lords of the Committee of the Privy Council of Trade have officially announced that they have dispensed with the observance of so much of the Merchant Seamen's Act as requires ships bound to any ports in Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Newfoundland, or Prince Edward Island, to be provided with lime or lemon juice, sugar, or vinegar. This is a concession which was much wanted-as the articles named were not necessary for such short voyages, and the want of them frequently involved the masters of vessels in law suits, and enabled the seamen to obtain. their discharges in Colonial ports, where there was a scarcity of sailors, and the wages consequently high .- St. John, N. B. Courier 15th.

LIGHT HOUSES .- We notice in the Halifax paers, an advertisement from the Commissioners ot Light Houses, soliciting tenders for erecting Light Houses at Horton Bluff, Canso, and Port Medway, (Nova Scotia,) all of which will be very useful, especially to the coasting trade.- A nautical friend wishes us to suggest the giving at least six months' notice of the lighting of these establishments, in order that strangers may be aware of them in time .- 16.

The Barque Avon, Captain Curry, arrived at St. Andrews, on Tuesday last, with a Locomotive and Iron Rails for the St. Andrews and Quebec Railroad Company. The Avon's arrival was hailed with cheers, firing of cannon, and other demonstrations of rejoicing - 16.

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TRIAL FOR LIBEL .- The gentleman who rejoices in the witty cognomen-for brevity is the soul of wit-of Mr. Conrad Bartholomew Augustus Gugy, has obtained a verdict of £25 for libel against Mr. Ferres of the Montreal Gazette. We know not how many libel cases Mr. Gugy has had on hand the last three or four years; but certainly he has had more than all others put together in Canada, during the same period. He must be a sadly maligned individual. Eleven of the jury were Frenchmen, and had to receive the evidence through an interpreter. The remaining juryman was averse to the decision. It is proposed to pay the award by a penny sub-scription throughout the country.—Toronto Christian Guardian.

THE CIVIC DINNER .-- On the 22nd ult., the Dinner given by His Worship the Mayor was, we are informed, well attended, and passed off with great eclat. Although honoured with an invitation, we were unable to be present. We that the entertainment was one which afforded great satisfaction, and did the worthy Mayor much credit. His Excellency and the chief members of the Government were present, as well as the principal gentlemen of the city. We have heard the speech of His Excellency spoken of in glowing terms .- Ib.

steam-navigation has commenced from Detroit to

Silver Creek at the lower end of Lake Erie :-

West Indies.

Quite a sensation was recently created in Jamaica in consequence of a Clerk in the Treasury charging the Receiver General with being a defaulter to the tune of £5,000; The same inti-mation was made to the Assembly, and the writer pointed out the manner in which he conceived the truth of his statement would be made apparent. Subsequently the Chest was inspected, and the money found to be correct. The Legislature had resumed its sitting, and the business of the house was progressing. The Tariff was to be ta-ken in hand soon, and it was thought an additional duty will be levied on British Goods. The British and American Mining Association has been dissolved. The cholera was still raging in some parts of the island, but it had ceased as an epidemic. Disturbances had occurred in Spanish town between two Baptistcongregations, relative to the right of occupying a place of worship. A brown man, a shoemaker, has been chosen as a representative in the Assembly. The weather continued fine.

UNITED STATES.

FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE .- On Friday last a telegraphic despatch was received in this City by Joshua Dunn, Esq., from Fredericton, N. B., giving notice that a young man by the name of George Harper had absconded from Fish River, Aroustook county, Me., with \$200 in Provincial bills, and that he had been-traced to St. John, N B., and had taken passage on board the steamer Admiral, bound for this port. Mr. Dunn obtained the services of Constable Clapp, and they kept watch for the arrival of the heat which ar rived at Comey's wharf, (to day) Saturday, at 11 o'clock, A M. They went on board, and as Harper was in the act of leaving the boat he was taken into custody, and immediately owned up to the amount of \$101-\$35 of which he handed over to the officer, and also a carpet bag and some small articles and a silver watch he had purchased with the stolen money. He was carried be-fore the police court and ordered to find bail in \$400 for his appearance at the Municipal Court at the April term for larceny in this City. Harper had been at work cutting timber in an unincorporated town in the county of Aroostook, said to be about 300 miles north of Bangor, and the money was stolen from Alexander McLeod, a fellow-labourer .- Boston Gaz.

ARREST OF GAMBLERS.—The police court of Boston exhibited a novel sight last Monday morning, it appears that on Saturday night, the Police made a sweep of all the gambling dens in the city, arresting no less than 86 victims of mischance. They were kept locked up until Monday, when they were brought into court and fined \$4 each, with a portion of the costs, and then discharged. The Morning Post says :- As each detechment arrived, they were received with cheers and shouts by about a thousand of Beelzebub's unwashed and uncombed recruits.

NAVIGATION OF THE ST. LAWRENCE .- In the United States Senate, on Saturday last, Mr. Davis, of Massachusetts, submitted the following resolution, which was considered and agreed on

Resolved, That the President be requested, if not incompatible with the public interest, to inform Congress at the earliest date, whether any arrangements are in progress, or likely to be made with Great Britain and the British Provinces of North America for securing to the citizens of the United States the tree navigation of the St Lawrence, St. John, and other large rivers, and the right to enjoy freely, in common with British subjects, the sea and coast fisheries of the British

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MISCELLANEOUS.

DESTRUCTION OF SHIPS BY SPONTANEOUS, COM-BUSTION .- Capt. Bates, of ship Nonanthum, from Baltimore to California, which was destroyed by fire from spontaneous combustion of her cargo of coal, took passage at Palkland Islands in the Scotch ship Hermagoon, Capt: M Kenzie, for Valparaiso, with coal, but when 12 days out, west of Cape Horn, this ship also took fire from spontaneous combustion; and every exertion to smother it proved unavailing. They took to their boats and were picked up soon after by the British ship Symmetry, Capt. John Thompson, of Liverpool, for Acapulco, with coal. Capt. T. would not deviate from his course to land Capt, Bates and wife, or the other ship's company; but Dec. 15, in latitude 47 S. longitude 79 W., they , they fell in with ship Fanchon, of Newbury port, from Baltimore to San Francisco, with coal, which also took fire and was destroyed, making the third ship burnt by that means within a few months while Capt. B. and wife were on board .- Boston Daily Advertiser.

EGYPT -- It would appear by the news from Alexandria, that the Porte has required the Viceroy of Egypt to reduce his army to 20,000 menplace his fleet at the disposal of the Sultan, and comply with many minor arrangements of an equally unsatisfactory character. The practical reply to this has been, that the Viceroy has ordered new levies of 40,000 men for his land forces, and 15,000 for his-navy, and he threatens to resist the Sultan's demands, if necessary, by force of arms.

BRITISH SHIP BURNT AT SEA -On the 11th January, thirty-two persons, the crew of the ship Alfred, 1,073 tons, arrived at Talcahuano, in the ship's launch. The cargo of the Alfred was coal, which ignited, and, after burning three days, caused the entire destruction of the vessel. This occurred only about two miles from the Island of Quiriquana, at the entrance of the harbour .- Vulparaiso Neighbour.

The Rajab of Travancore (Madras presidency,) has sent a splendid present to her Majesty Queen. Victoria. It is a throne, or chair of state, composed of polished ivory, and inlaid or set with. bundance of precious stones.

ROYAL ARTILLERY - Capt. Beresford's and Captain Crawford's companies, 10th battalion, are to relieve Capt. Dalton's company, 1st battalion, at New Brunswick, and Captain Dick's company, 1st battalion, at Halifax, Nova Scotia, in the spring.

EARTHQUAKE IN CARTHAGENA .- The city of Carthagena was visited by an earthquake, on the morning of the 7th of February, which lasted five seconds. Had it lasted two or three seconds longer the whole city would have been in ruins ; as it was there was considerable damage done about the city. Two or three houses were shook down, and several lives lost. The city walls of Carthegena suffered very much. The following night the walls and public squares were filled with people, they being afraid of a second shock, but up to the 15th they had experienced no other. There was no other city in that vicinity which felt the shock.

The town of Peru, in Mexico, was recently captured by a horde of Indians, who committed the greatest atrocities. Several departments of Durangs, Coabuda, and Chihuahua, have been overrun with Indians.

THE BRITISH TAKEN POSSESSION OF YUCATAS ! -New Orleans, March 4th. - Private advices from Yucatan state that the British had taken possession of that country, the Spanish authorities having left the country in charge of the British Government.

VICTORY OF THE GUATEMALIANS !- Late advices from Central America report that a battle had been fought between the States of San Salvado and Guatemala, in which the latter were victorious.

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ELECTION OF PARISH OFFICERS -On Tuesday last the Election for Parish Officers, under the new Act took place, at the several places for which notifications had been previously given -Up to the time of our going to press all the in-formation obtained on the subject, went to shew that the public were well pleased with their new privilege, and that the franchise was exercised with becoming dignity, if we except the Parish of Portland, where owing to some informality in the proceeding, the election is likely to be set paside. We understand that a petition for that purpose to the Sessions is in course of signature. -Chronicle.

FATAL ACCIDENT .- Mr. John Story, of Ward's Creek, Sussex Vale, was drowned on the 25th ult., while crossing the ice near Beatteay's Ferary. He was 37 years of age, and has left a wife and five children. A young man who went to] is assistance also broke through the ice, but was rescued by his father .- New Brunswicker, 11th.

BEND AND SHEDIAC RAILWAY .- Extract from a letter, dated Shediac, 7th instant :-- Your fel-low citizen, Mr. I. T. Cheetham, gave us a capital lecture here to-day on Steam power; in connexion with it, he dwelt on the importance of the Bend and Shediac line of Railway, and pointed

TEMPERANCE -There seems to be a general move in the different municipalities for the suppression of intemperance. We are not inactive here. We see also that the Municipal Council of the Township of Kingston have fixed the rate of beenses on village inns at £8, on country inns at £4.-15.

EXTRAORDINARY YIELD OF WHEAT. -- Wm. Wallace, Esq., township of Cavan, has informed us, that he imported from Rochester, last year, 11 bushels and 40 lbs. of the Souli's wheat, which he sawed on 7 acres, and which yielded the large quantity of 327 bushels of superior wheat and averaging over 46 bushels and 42 lbs. to each This is truly gratifying, and must prove acre. greatly encouraging to our agricultural friends to imitate the laudable example of Mr. Wallace and strive with all their might to get similar results from their well cultivated fields. If Mr. Wallace has not already disposed of his wheat, we would recommend every practical farmer within 25 or even 50 miles of his residence to try and get a few bushels of his celebrated Wheat for seed, and give it a fair trial, and we have no doubt they will be fully and amply rewarded by a rich and abundant harvest .- Port Hope Watch

The agitation against Seignorial tenure is vigo rously carried on at present among the French Canadians .- Montreal Witness.

The river at Quebec is sufficiently clear of ice to allow steamers to run to Point Levi. The United States.

North American colonies.

HEAVY ROBBERT .--- A few evenings ago, a per son called at the house of Mr. F. Newbegin, in Saco, Maine, an extensive dry goods dealer, and informed Mrs. Newbegin that her husband had sent him for his valise, which he wanted at his store Not suspecting any imposition, she gave it to him, and soon alter discovered that it was not as the rogue had stated, who made off with the valise, containing between \$12,000 and \$14,-000, which Mr. N. was to use next day in Boston. The valise was afterwards found about two miles from Biddeford, hidden in some bushes, and rifled of its contents.

A hurricane on the 19th ult., nearly destroyed the town of Shreveport, Louisiana.

General Tom Thumb was convicted at Savan nah, a few days since, and fined \$10, for violating a city ordinance in driving his horses and carriage on the side-walk.

NEW ORLEANS, March 3.-Steamboat Disaster. The magnificent steamor Oregon, bound from Louisville to New Orleans, burst her boiler on Sunday near Vicksburg. The first clerk was kill-ed, the captain severely hurt, and about 30 people are missing. The boat it is supposed will be a total loss.

Boston, March 11th .- Three labourers were killed at Chelsea this morning by a bank of earth caving in.

Several large failures in the cotton trade have occurred in Charleston, one of which is to the extent of \$250,000.

A LETTER FROM KOSSUTH .- Kossuth has sent despatches to the U.S. government asking its interlerence with the Turkish government for his release, and expressing a desire to come to the

PERU.-A letter dated Callao, Feb. 9, mentions a rising of slaves at Truxillo, who, being armed to the number of 500, took possession of the town. This grievance is that the law of 1824, giving freedom to the children of slaves. born thereafter had not been complied with .-Troops had been sept from Callao to queli the novement.

ABSTINENCE IN THE CHURCHES .- We observe, from the Banner of Ulster, that above 30 of the Irish Presbyterian ministers have resolved to form a Society on the same principles as that which was formed only eighteen months ago in the Free Church, and which has now seventyeight ministers. Adherents are said to be rapidly coming in on both sides of the channel. And, we understand, that the excellent lecture of our townsman, the Rev Mr. Arnot of St. Peter's, delivered in Edinburgh a few days ago, and which formed the second of the course now going on there, was attended by a greatly increased number of persons, though the former had been very well attended, and both were most favourably received .- Scottish Guardian.

BREAKERS AHEAD FOR CALIFORNIA .- The Papal power has entered California. A bishop has been sent to El Dorado, who, in addition to his spiritual duties, " is to examine and exhibit the titles of the old Jesuit property in California, and who will, it is thought, lay claim to 150,000,000 dollars worth of land, as the property of the early Jesuit missionaries in that country.

The Supreme Court of Massachusetts has decided that a railroad is not liable for a person, not a passenger, injured or killed, while carelessly on the track.

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