

ATLANTIC STEAMERS.—Halifax line.—As every thing connected with these links between the old and new world is interesting, we give the substance of Mr. Cunard's contract with Government, as furnished by the *London Sun*.—The mails shall be despatched twice every month from Halifax to Liverpool, and from Liverpool to Halifax; a sufficient number of steamers, of not less than 300 horse power each, is to be kept for this service. The mails are also to be carried twice a month between Halifax and Boston, and when the St. Lawrence is navigable, to Quebec from Pictou, in steamers of not less than 150 horse power; provision is made for the proper manning etc. of the vessels, and for the rapid despatch of the mails. The commissioners of the Admiralty may alter the days of sailing by giving three months notice, and may delay a vessel for 24 hours; a naval officer is to go in charge of the mails, and he and his servant are to receive accommodations, free, on board the steamers; this officer may land the mails at ports nearer than Liverpool, in cases of difficulty from weather, etc. The Admiralty may entrust the mails to the captain of any of the steamers, and he is bound to take charge. A suitable boat is to be provided for landing the officer and mails; a delay not sanctioned by the officer will subject to a fine of £100; a delay of 12 hours to a fine of £500, and £500 for every additional 12 hours; similar delays in the smaller vessels to a fine of £200. Not less than four of the Atlantic steamers are to be always kept seaworthy; all improvements are to be adopted by the contractor; the naval officer may cause a survey of the vessel whenever he shall think fit, and repairs which he shall direct are to be made soon as possible, under a penalty of £100. The contractor is to cause improvements, directed by the Admiralty, to be made, under a penalty of £500. He is to carry if required two chief cabin passengers for £30 each, and two fore cabin for £15 each; and seamen, soldiers and marines at £4 each; the passengers just mentioned, are to be conveyed from Halifax to Boston or from Pictou to Quebec respectively, for £5, £3 and £2. Packages directed by the commissioners are to be taken free, and naval stores not exceeding five tons weight, on receiving two days' notice. For these services Mr. Cunard is to be paid £60,000 per annum, in quarterly payments, to commence June 1st 1840, or earlier, and to continue for seven years, and thenceforward until 12 months' notice; Mr. Cunard is bound in a penalty of £15,000 to fulfil his part of the contract.

FIRE AT THE ALBION MINES.—It is very gratifying to observe, by last Mechanic & Farmer, that the fire in the Mines has been subdued, and less damage done than was expected. The new pits escaped,—those burned were soon to be abandoned.

THE HALIGONIAN.—The first number of this Semi-weekly appeared on Tuesday last. It appears a neat, spirited and useful little sheet.

Several items prepared for this part of to-day's number have been crowded out. They will go to next week's summary.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—A couple of poetical favours have been received; more would be acceptable.

In addition to the European items furnished last week, we subjoin some interesting notices. A very extraordinary case of suicide, by precipitation from the London monument, occurred recently; particulars are given on our third page.

A pretender to the Turkish throne has appeared in the person of Nadir Bey, who claims to be a son of Mustapha IV., the elder brother and predecessor of Mahmoud, by one of the ladies of his harem, who escaped when the women of Mustapha's seraglio were put to death. She proceeded to the Crimea, where she died, confiding her son to the care of an old man, named Joannizza, who was charged to take him to Constantinople. Joannizza died before he could perform this mission; and Nadir Bey, when 11 years of age, went with a Greek into the Morea. He subsequently entered the army, and served ultimately in Moldavia, Russia, and Poland, until the war broke out between Russia and Turkey, when he went to Constantinople, and Khosrew Pacha, having conceived an affection for him, gave him the command of a regiment of cavalry. He was appointed inspector of cavalry and aid-de-camp to Ibrahim Pacha. Being unwilling to continue in the service of a man who was making war upon his country, he quitted Egypt and returned to Constantinople, where he was appointed commander of the Troops of Silistria. He returned to Constantinople, and ultimately to Malta, whence he resolved to write to his uncle, and reveal the secret of his birth and claim his rights; but Mahmoud having died, he has written to the reigning Sultan, and is waiting for an answer.

Mehemet Ali was fortifying the whole line of coast down to Aboukir. He seems determined to resist any attempts of the English and French fleets to cut the Turkish ships out of Alexandria. The British fleet, August 28th, was still at the Dardanelles. Mehemet Ali persists in demanding more territory than the Sultan is willing to give. Revolts are reported in Asia Minor, in Albania, etc.

The Tournament at Eglinton Castle, after all, ended brilliantly.

The sun in the week succeeding the rains, came out bright, and the pageant was attended by about 10,000 spectators. In the sword fights on foot, Prince Louis Napoleon exhibited great skill. About 400 sat down to the banquet. The Marquis of Waterford, it is said, will give the next tournament.

The Liverpool brought out to N. York, besides her full complement of 94 passengers, 60 cases of figured silks, each valued at 1,000—a total of 60,000*l.* in silks alone.

The Emperor of Russia reviewed his troops at Borodino, Aug. 29. The camp is ten miles long. The second corps of infantry alone, counted 50,000 men.

The Antarctic Exploring expedition had started from England. It consists of the Terror, 340 tons, and the Erebus, 370, six guns each, finished and furnished in the most complete style under the eye of the Royal Society, at the Admiralty's expense. The ships are in three compartments below, for greater safety. Double decks, spare rudders, two sets of all imaginable needed instruments, the most perfect arrangement for warmth and ventilation etc. Fresh provisions for three years are on board, with plenty of pemmican etc. The expedition is to establish observatories at St. Helena, the Cape and Van Diemen's Land; thence to make for the Antarctic pole as far as possible. The highest latitude yet reached is 73 degrees, by Captain Weddell in 1823. The relatives of the party had put on board all sorts of niceties, including a *twelfth cake*, to be opened next January 6th. Captain Ross is commander.

The N. York Gazette, in reference to the monetary crisis, declares that New York is ready for all emergencies, that she will not be moved from her proud position, that the utmost confidence prevails in her commercial circles, and treats the Pennsylvania difficulties with contempt. Even at the Savings' Bank at New York, it is said, not a shadow of excitement prevailed.

The late and present season are represented as unusually sickly in the Western States. In Mobile, on account of flight from the epidemic, in one of the principal streets, only two families remain. Considerable improvement appeared in public health at last accounts.

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE. The session of the Halifax Mechanics' Institute, will open on the first Wednesday in November.

Tickets for the Course can be had at Messrs. McKinlay's stationary store, at the following rates: Members and Session, 7s. 6d., Ladies, 5s., Youths, 5s.

The following is a list of Lecturers, as arranged by the Committee.

Nov. 6.	Joseph Howe, Esq.	Introductory Address
13.	Dr. Grigor.	Phrenology.
20.	Do.	Do.
27.	Dr. Teulon,	Saline Substances.
Dec. 3.	Do.	General Knowledge.
10.	P. Lynch, junr, Esq.	Antient Art.
17.	Jas. Forman, junr, Esq.	Magnetism.
24.	Do.	Do.
31.	Dr. Creed.	Light.
Jan. 7.	Do.	Do.
14.	G. R. Young, Esq.	Steam Navigation
21.	Mr. Geo. Smithers.	Drawing.
28.	Mr. A. McKenzie.	Hydraulics.

The following gentlemen are also expected to lecture during the session: Messrs. McKinlay, W. Gossip, senr, Rev. J. McIntosh, Dr. Sawers, Dr. McCulloch, &c.

Vacancies will be made for occasional lecturers, in any part of the course where they may offer.

J. S. THOMPSON, Sec'y.

MARRIED.

On Monday evening, by the Rev. C. Churchill, Mr. Joseph E. Corkum of Chester, to Miss Dorothy Ann Pence of Windsor Road.

On Thursday evening last, by the Rev. John Martin, Mr. John T. Smith, of the Bay of Islands, to Miss Sarah Ann Smith, of the same place.

On Saturday evening last, by the Venerable Archdeacon Willis, Mr. Samuel Townley, painter, to Mrs. Ann Davis.

On Tuesday evening last, by the Rev. John Martin, Mr. Ebenezer Smith, of Hammond Plains, to Miss Ann Melvin of that place.

At Piquash, on Thursday, 17th inst. by George Bergman, Esq. Mr. Rufus Black, Merchant, to Ann, only daughter of the late Andrew Forshuer, all of the Parish of St. George.

On Tuesday evening last, by the Rev. the Rector of St. Pauls, Mr. C. H. Reynolds, to Miss Ann, second daughter of the late Mr. Daniel Muirhead.

DIED.

On Sunday morning, Mary, wife of Mr. Wm. Henderson, aged 51 years.

At New York, on the 9th instant, Mr. Wm. Ballard, a native of Halifax.

At Grand Ecore, Louisiana, Aug. 26th, Mr. John P. Tobin, a Native of Halifax.

On Tuesday evening last, Mary Elliot, eldest daughter of the honorable H. H. Cogswell, aged 22 years.

Wednesday evening, after a long and tedious illness, Mr. Thomas Harwood, carpenter, in the 72nd year of his age; an old and respectable inhabitant of this town.

Wednesday evening, in the 76th year of his age, John Albro, Esq. Funeral on Sunday next, at half past one o'clock precisely.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

ARRIVED.

Saturday, 19th. schr True Brothers, Liverpool, N. S.; Fair Trader, Shelburne; Snowball, Brier Island, fish; Mary, Yarmouth, do; brig

Sylph, Wainwright, Barbadoes, 23, and St. Thomas 15 days, rum; spoke 6th inst. Am. schrs Emolument, from Boston, for Barbadoes dismantled. 11th, brig Loyalist, from Demerara, for Halifax.

Sunday, 20th, brig Falcon, Abell, Barbadoes. 25 days, to J. V. F. Bazelgette; schr General Grant, Adams, Bermuda, 9 days, to Frith, Smith & Co.

Monday, 21st, schrs Speculation, Abcona, Folly, Defiance, and Betsy, P. E. I. produce; Nancy, Dolphin and Mary Ann, Sydney, coal; Jolly Tar, Vigneau, Boston, 9 days; New Dartford, Wooden, Bay of Islands; Sarah, Barrington, dry fish; schr Defiance, Curry, Miramichi, alewives, etc. to S. Cunard & Co. and others; brig Transit, Newbold, Bermuda, 10 days; ballast; schr Speculator, Young, Lihénburg; brig Pictou, Peran, Carbonear, N. F. 6 days, dry fish; Richmond, Gerrior, St. John's; N. F. dry fish to W. Pryor & Sons; Waterlily, Sydney, coal; Margaret Ann, Pictou, do.

Tuesday, 22d, schrs Margaret, James and William, Antigonish; Great Britain, Experiment, Mary, and Victoria, Sydney, coal; Lively, Prospect, fish; John Henry, Argyle; do. Ruth, Mabon, beef, etc.; Two Sons, Barrington, fish.

Wednesday, 23d—Schr. Algerine, Crowell, St. John, N.B. 9 days—brig Lady Sarah Maitland, Grant, Demerara, 87 days—rum to J. Fairbanks.

Thursday, 24th—Brigt. Jacinth, Kelly, St. de Croix, 24 days—rum to J. Strachan; brig George McLeod, Dickson, Greenock, 42 days—general cargo to J. Leishman; schr. Zenous, Harris, Boston, 8 days—flour, etc. to H. Fay and others; Spanish brig Isabel, Jacinto Arguilo, Trinidad de Cuba, 35 days—molasses etc. to Creighton & Grassie; schr. Louisa, Lorrway, New York—flour etc. to Creighton & Grassie and others; schrs Emily, Hilton, St. John, N. B. 4 days, alewives, to S. Binney; sloop Lady Hunter, McLeod, Liverpool, N. S. schrs Susan, Quillman, St. George's Bay, 4 days, fish; Yarmouth Packet, Tooker, Yarmouth.

AUCTIONS.

Admiralty Sale At One o'clock.

By Virtue of a Decree from the Court of Vice Admiralty to me directed, dated the 19th October instant, in the case of the Queen versus a Vessel, name unknown, found derelict on the High Seas, by Joseph O'Brien and other Salvors,—I will cause to be Sold by Public Auction, on Fairbanks' Wharf, To-morrow, Saturday, at ONE O'CLOCK,

BY DEBLOIS & MERKEL,
AUCTIONEERS,

The Cargo of said vessel, consisting of—

76 barrels Mackerel

- 1 do half full,
- 1 do decayed,
- 2 half barrels Mackerel,
- 1 bbl Cod, decayed,
- 44 bbls Salt, 2½ bbls Bread,
- 100 Empty Barrels, 3 halves and a lot Headings,
- 4 Empty Pouches, ½ box Ten Ullage,
- Barrel Molasses, 5 Horn Combs,
- 7 Indian Baskets, 1 Canoe.—ALSO,

A Lot HARPOONS, Lobster Jigs, Lamp, Compass, Pump Hook, Lot Beef and Fish, Pepper, and Salt, Crockery, Water Casks, Salt Tub, Seamen's Straw Bedding and Clothing, Bake Kettle, Iron Pot, Coffee Pot and Tin Pans. S. W. DEBLOIS, Marshall, C. V. A.

BY DEBLOIS & MERKEL,

To-morrow, Saturday, at 12 o'clock:—at M G Black's Wharf. Landing ex Schooner Lucy, Lorway, master, from New York.

100 barrels Superfine Flour,

30 tierces RICE, 63 kegs manufactured TOBACCO, 16 hands to the pound; 24 boxes Cavendish Tobacco, 15 barrels Spirits of Turpentine.—AT THE SAME TIME, 150 half chests SOUCHONG TEA.

October 25.

Stoves! Stoves!

CANADIAN heavy cast STOVES for Churches, Kitchens, and Halls—For sale by the Subscriber at his Auction Store, near the Ordnance, viz.

Largest size double close Canada Stoves,

for Kitchens, Single Close ditto, 4x2, 3½x2½, 3x2 and 2½ by 1½ feet. ALSO, on hand, from New York and Boston, an assortment of Franklin and Cooking Stoves; a further supply daily expected. Oct. 11.—2m. J. M. CHAMBERLAIN.

WINES, TEAS, SUGARS, &c.

THE SUBSCRIBER offers for sale at his Store in Market square, nearly opposite Messrs. W. A. Black & Son's Hardware Store, a general assortment of Wines and Groceries suitable for the Town and Country, which he will dispose of by wholesale or retail.

Goods sent to any part of the Town free of expense. August 30. 3m R. TREMAIN, Junr.

Keefler's Reading Room,

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A FRESH SUPPLY of CANVAS and CORDAGE received per Acadian direct from the Rope Walk of the Gourcock Company. ALSO, Per Brenda,

Pilot Cloths, Flushings, Flannels, Blankets,

Brown Cloth, Prints, Springfield and Manchester Warp, Mackerel and Herring Nets, Salmon Twine, Nails, Spikes, Paints, Oils, Shot, Gunpowder, and many other articles suitable for the season, all of which the Subscriber offers for sale on moderate terms. Oct. 18.—2w. ROBERT NOBIE.

A Young Man wants a Situation as CLERK in a Counting House. Good reference as to character can be given. Enquire for Z. at this office. Oct. 13.