

News Department.

The Provincial Parliament was prorogued on Wednesday last, the Members having previously voted themselves £100 each for attendance. In our next we shall give a list of the remainder of the Bills passed.

* Merely substituting 'Mortgagor' for 'Mortgagee.'

THE TARIFF.

The following changes were made in the Tariff before it passed. The duty on treacle and molasses was reduced from 5s. to 4s. per cwt.

Table with columns: Date, Vessels, Tonnage. Rows: 12th July, 1846; 15th July, 1847; Less this year.

COMMERCIAL BANK.—The following gentlemen compose the Board of Directors of the Commercial Bank for the present year, commencing July 6th:—Joseph Bruce, John Fraser, Hon. John Hamilton, John Henderson, Wm. Logic, Hon. J. Macanlay, Hon. J. A. Macdonald, John Macpherson, Nickalls, and D. Prentiss.

CHAP POSTAGE.—His Excellency the Governor General, has presented to the House of Assembly a communication of a despatch, addressed to him by the Lieut. Governor of Nova Scotia concerning postage. The Legislature of that Province has adopted resolutions recommending a uniform charge of three pence on each letter sent by post throughout the island.

OREGON.—The Oregon Legislature, which adjourned Dec. 20, passed a bill to authorize the manufacture and sale of spirituous liquors. Gov. Abernethy vetoed it—but they passed it again by the constitution of majority.

Office of H. M. Chief Agent for the Superintendence of Emigration in Canada.

Table showing Number of Emigrants arrived at the Ports of Quebec and Montreal, during the week ending this date. Columns: From England, From Ireland, From Scotland, From Germany, From Lower Ports, Total, Previously reported, Total, To same period last year, Increase.

Number of Emigrants arrived at the Port of Toronto, ending 19th July, 1847... 16,786

Emigrant Office, Toronto, 19th July, 1847.

The Chatham Gleaner says:—

THE CROPS IN THE DISTRICT OF KENT.—Our friends at a distance will learn with pleasure, that, during no period for the last ten years, have the prospects of a good and great harvest been more evident than this year.

THE WEATHER.—A Rochester paper states that deaths have occurred in consequence of too free a use of cold water.

WHEAT CROPS IN THE NEWCASTLE DISTRICT.—We are glad to hear that the wheat looks better than was anticipated it would, a few weeks ago.

THE PROSPECTS OF THE WHEAT HARVEST.—From the very best reports made to us, we are compelled to acknowledge, that Wheat, both Spring and Fall, in the Midland District will prove but a very indifferent crop.

HARVEST.—The Wheat harvest in this neighbourhood has commenced in good earnest, we hear of some being cut as early as Monday last, several fields have since been cut, and there is every likelihood of its becoming pretty general.

WASTE LANDS OF IRELAND.—There are 2 millions of people subsisting by daily public relief in Ireland, and five millions of acres lying waste which they do not till, and the holders will not improve.

NEW ASSESSMENT LAW.—This measure is based upon the principle that all real estate should be taxed according to its annual value or rental. The Bill provides that instead of the present method of assessment, the District Councils of the several Districts shall appoint three Inspectors to make a valuation of all real property in the District once every 5 years.

the Inspectors. The annual value of wild lands—that is, such lands as are unoccupied and uncultivated—shall be taken to be a sum equal to the interest of the sum which such lands are considered to be worth in the market.

Assessors of townships to be governed by the valuation Roll, which the Clerk of the Peace is to furnish them. Property to be assessed either in the name of the occupier or owner (if the owner lives in the District) at the discretion of the Assessor.

The following are the rates at which the different kinds of personal property are to be assessed:—

Table showing valuation rates for various property types: Entire Horses, Other horses, Oxen, Milch cows, Close carriage, Phaeton, Pleasure Wagon, 2 horse sleigh, 1 horse do.

The above is to be understood as the annual value.

The Bill also provides that if District Councils neglect to impose any tax for defraying the expenses of the Administration of Justice, for the support of Schools, or for the Lunatic Asylum, the Clerk of the Peace may do so.

NAVIGATION OF THE ST. LAWRENCE.—It is stated by authority in the House of Commons, that the privilege lately conceded by the proclamation of the Governor of Canada, relaxing the laws affecting the navigation of the St. Lawrence, by which American vessels, small river craft, are permitted to bring their flour and corn into this country, is but temporary, and would cease, as a matter of course, when the navigation laws ceased to be suspended.

GERMAN EMIGRATION.—Emigration to America, on a wholesale scale, is still going on. The United States get the majority of the emigrants, and nearly all the best.

MYSTERIOUS ANNOUNCEMENT.—A rumour very currently prevails in fashionable circles to the effect that ere long something will probably be heard of a matrimonial alliance between a venerable and distinguished commander, high in the favour of his sovereign (Duke of Wellington) and a rich heiress, (Miss Counts) whose munificence is only equalled by the extent of her worldly possessions.

VISIT OF THE QUEEN TO INVERNESS AND SUTHERLAND.—We have received the following information from a source on which we place the utmost reliance:—The Queen has taken Laggan from the Marquis of Abercorn for the shooting season. The Court will remain there from the beginning of August to the beginning of Sept'r.

Toronto, 26th July, 1847. The Treasurer of The Toronto Destitute Immigrant Widow and Orphan Society, acknowledge to have received the following contributions:

Table of contributions: From the Canada Company, per J. Widders, Esq., C. C. Swall, Esq., J. Widders, Esq., Proceeds of an Excursion on the Bay per Mr. J. Privat., The Hon Augustus Wells, Small sums of 5s and under.

A. T. McCORD, Treasurer. The small pox has again broken out in an aggravated form on board the troop ship Apollo, which was to have conveyed the 52nd Regiment now in garrison, to England.

There was a great fire in Rochester on Wednesday morning last, by which the Hydraulic Buildings on the race were destroyed. Estimated loss about \$30,000.

CALIFORNIA.—General Kearney, by Proclamation, "absolves all the inhabitants of any further allegiance to the Republic of Mexico, and regards them as citizens of the United States."

The Canada Gazette contains a Proclamation declaring the village of Edwardsburgh, in the Johnstown District, a Port of Entry and Clearance, under the name and style of Port Edwardsburgh; and Prince Edward's Bay, in the District of Prince Edward, has had like privileges afforded, under the name of Port Milford.

The neighbourhood of Perth was visited by a violent thunder storm, on Saturday, the 17th inst., accompanied by a hurricane of wind, which did much damage to the wheat—laying whole fields level with the ground.

The Bathurst Courier says, the fly is committing great ravages among the wheat in this neighbourhood. Many fields are completely destroyed—not worth cutting.

FIVE MEN KILLED BY LIGHTNING.—The Troy Daily Post says, during the thunder shower on Sunday, a grocery store at Fort Edward, Washington Co., was struck by lightning, instantly killing five men, and severely injuring three others, names unknown. The building was literally torn to pieces.

Farmers have commenced cutting their grain in several parts of Virginia. The harvest will be more than an average. The quality of the wheat is said to be very superior.

GREAT WESTERN RAILROAD.—A union has taken place between the Great Western Railroad and the Bertie Railroad Company.

CAPTURE OF SLAVERS.—The British steam-sloop Devastation captured the Tres Amigos, a Brazilian slave brig of 556 tons, with fifty-five officers and men, on march 16 last in lat. 5° 30' N. long. 31° 10' E. of Greenwich, after the chase of 5 hours and the loss of a man. The Devastation has also taken an American brig under Brazilian colours, with 530 slaves on board, bound to Rio. The Tres Amigos had made several successive trips from the coast. On the last voyage she landed at Bahia 1,400 slaves.

THE MEXICAN WAR.

We publish in this day's Herald the interesting correspondence between Mr. Buchanan, the Secretary of State, and the Mexican Minister of Foreign Affairs, relative to the proposition made to the latter by Mr. Buchanan, on the part of our government, that the two countries should appoint commissioners to meet at Jalapa or Havana, with full power to conclude a treaty of peace.

Such is the purport of Mr. Buchanan's letter, tendering again the offer of peace, on fair and honorable terms but there is not much probability that Mr. Trist's services as commissioner will be called into requisition for some time to come or at least, till the capital shall have been reduced; because, up to the 29th of June last, a quorum of Congress, to whom the letter was referred, could not be procured to act upon it.

LATEST NEWS.

By the arrival of the Washington steamer at N. York yesterday, we have news from London to the 13th July.

Bread Stuffs were firmer. Flour.—37s. Corn, 41s. to 45s. U. S. Wheat 10s. 1d. to 10s. 4d. English, 10s. 6d. to 10s. 8d. Harvest promising well—but little potato rot.

LIVERPOOL AVERAGE PRICE OF GRAIN.

Table with columns: Date, Wht. Rely, Oats, Rye, Bar. Flour.

THE PRICE OF BREADSTUFFS AT LIVERPOOL, JULY 3.

Table with columns: Item, s. d., s. d.

Toronto Market Prices.

Table with columns: Item, s. d., s. d.