

The wind is at present blowing a heavy gale, and it is feared that the fire department will not be able to conquer the flames, until the fire shall have reached the river.

From 15 to 20 houses are now on fire.—These are worth probably about \$5000 each. They will no doubt be wholly destroyed even if the firemen succeed in preventing the further spread of the destructive element.

Half past 1 o'clock.—The fire, we have just learned, has crossed to Lewis street, and two or three blocks are said to be on fire.—*New York Commercial Advertiser, Jan. 20.*

We learn from a passenger in the steambat that the fire was supposed to be subdued before the departure of the boat.—*Boston Daily Advertiser, Jan. 31.*

T W E E E .

WEDNESDAY MORNING, FEB. 14, 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.

LEGISLATIVE PROCEEDINGS.—Printing for the House of Assembly.—The Province is much indebted to Mr Goudge, for bringing this subject before the House. It has not only been made a monopoly of for many years, but a great annual expence has been incurred, without any adequate benefit being derived. For example, some 80 or 100 copies of the Journals of the House of Assembly have been printed for the use of the Members and officials; but the public are as thoroughly kept in the dark with regard to their contents, as they are with the Koran. Last year we had orders from the Freeholders of this County, to procure about a dozen copies of the Journals for their use. We wrote to Mr Howe, enquiring if they could be had, and at what price; but that gentleman never descended to reply, from which we concluded that they could not be got.

In Upper Canada, we observe a much more commendable practice prevails: almost every matter of public importance, which comes before the House in the shape of Petition or Resolution, is immediately sent to the Printer, and one or two thousand copies ordered for the use of Members, who immediately disseminate them among their constituents; and no action is had on the measure until the people get time to consider it.

Again, at the end of each Session, not less than 2000 copies of the Journals are printed for circulation, which gives the people an opportunity of judging of the conduct of their Representatives. All this, we believe, is afforded at very little more expence than our system of monopoly and darkness costs. Indeed, we feel satisfied that if the printing of the House was laid open to competition, as many hundred copies of the Journals, as there are now dozens, will be got for the same money, and other work proportionably low.

In discussing this subject again, after the Committee have reported, we hope Members will keep in view the two objects we have noticed, namely, cheapness, and a much more extended dissemination over the Province, of the Journals and other Public Documents; and we would recommend to the several Counties to have petitions got up and sent to the Legislature, praying for a due consideration of these valuable objects.

THE LEGISLATURE OF NEW BRUNSWICK have passed a Bill, 16 to 12, authorising the Governor to raise a Volunteer Force by bounty, of 1600 men, to serve in Canada; for which purpose they have voted £3000. Something of the same kind, we believe, is

in contemplation in this Province; but we hope our Representatives will take the precaution to consult their Constituents before they dissipate our small resources in a manner so unnecessary.

PICTOU COUNTY ELECTION.—On Thursday last, at half past ten o'clock, the Poll was opened here for the election of one County Member, in the room of the honorable George Smith (promoted to the Legislative Council), when, after the Election Law and the Writ being read by Mr Sheriff Harris, THOMAS DICKSON, Esquire, was nominated by William Matheson, Esquire, seconded by Robert McKay, Esquire. The Reverend KENNETH J. MCKENZIE was next nominated by James Fraser Esquire, seconded by Doctor Martin; and no other Candidates appearing, they then addressed the Freeholders in neat, appropriate speeches,—after which the Polling commenced, and was carried on with great spirit for four days, Mr Dickson being all that time ahead of Mr McKenzie. At the close for this Township on Monday, the numbers were, for Dickson, 577, McKenzie 531.

Great credit is due to J. W. Harris, Esquire, for the excellent arrangements he had made for the protection and comfort of the Freeholders; and it is to this,—together with the peaceful admonitions of the Candidates, and the other speakers on the hustings—and the returning good feeling between the parties, that so much good order has happily prevailed throughout. The Poll will be re-opened at New Glasgow this day.

CLEANINGS FROM THE LATE PAPERS.

THE city of Acepulo, in Mexico, has lately been destroyed by a succession of earthquakes.

Texas, it is said, is again the theatre of War.

The Russian armies in Circassia, have been defeated with great loss, and all the last advices were evacuating that country in great disorder and precipitation.

Prussia, Hanover, Belgium, and Holland, are at present in a state of great excitement; and the general peace of Europe is in some danger of being disturbed from that quarter.

A new plot has just been discovered, against Louis Philippe, King of France. One Hubert, and many other suspected persons have, in consequence, been arrested.

Don Carlos has again got at the head of so large a force, as to meditate a descent upon Madrid, and the adjacent forts and cities in the plains.

Many of the leading journals, both in England and America, are denouncing the conduct of Lord Glenelg in appointing Colonel Arthur as Governor of Upper Canada. The London Sun compares it to "throwing a firebrand into a barrel of powder."

We request the particular attention of our readers to the "Despatches" in this day's paper. They are every way important. Next week, we will call attention to some others, for which we had not room to day.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—"Vox Populi" is too personal, aside from this, were it published, the effect would be to injure the cause it proposes to forward. "Piscator," for similar reasons, is also inadmissible.

DIED,

On Sunday evening, in the 11th year of her age, Margaret Helen, only child of Mr Donald Sutherland, of this town.

2 TONS OATMEAL WANTED by the Subscriber. J. DAWSON. February 14. u-w

70 BBLs. of prime fall Mackerel, for sale by A. P. ROSS. January 1, 1838.

ADMINISTRATION NOTICES.

ALL persons having any just demands against the estate of the late JOHN RUSSELL, chain manufacturer and blacksmith, of Pictou, deceased, are hereby requested to render the same within eighteen calendar months from the date hereof, and all persons indebted to said estate, are requested to make immediate payment to Peter Grant, at the residence of the deceased, who is fully authorised to adjust the concern. JOHN RUSSELL, Jun'r, } Es'r. JAMES SCINTYRE, } PETER GRANT, } Pictou, Dec. 7, 1836 ca-m

ALL persons having any demands against the estate of JAMES SMITH, late of Pictou, Merchant, deceased, are hereby requested to render the same, duly attested, within eighteen calendar months from the date hereof; and all persons in any manner indebted to said estate, are requested to make immediate payment to JAMES SMITH, Administrator. Pictou, 13th December, 1837. m-m

ALL persons having any demands against the Estate of the late ALEXANDER MCKENZIE, Island, East River, deceased, are hereby required to render the same duly attested to, within eighteen Calendar months from the date hereof, to either of the subscribers; and all persons in any manner indebted to the said deceased, are requested to make immediate payment to JANE MCKENZIE Es'r. ALEX FRASER, Jr. Forks, } Extr's ROBERT GRANT, } East River, 29th November, 1837. ca-m

ALL persons having any legal demands against the estate of the late DAVID P. PATTERSON, of Pictou, deceased, are requested to render the same duly attested, within eighteen months from the date hereof; and all persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the subscribers. R. S. PATTERSON, } Admrs. ABRAM PATTERSON, } Pictou, 28th July, 1837. if

ALL persons having any demands against the Estate of JOHN DOULL, late of Point Breuly, Merchant, deceased, are hereby requested to render the same duly attested to, at the office of Henry Blackadar, Esquire, Barrister at Law, Pictou, within eighteen calendar months from the date hereof; and all persons in any manner indebted to said Estate are requested to make immediate payment. JANE DOULL, Administratrix Point Breuly, 20th October, 1836. if

ALL persons having any demands against the Estate of the late WILLIAM CAMPBELL, of Pictou, in the County of Pictou, deceased, are requested to render the same duly attested, within eighteen calendar months from the date hereof; and all persons indebted to the said estate, are requested to make immediate payment to the subscribers. ALEXANDER CAMPBELL, } Admrs THOMAS CAMPBELL, } ANDREW MILLAR, } Pictou, 2d May, 1837. if

ALL persons having any legal demands against the estate of the late DONALD CHISHOLM, East River, farmer, deceased, are requested to render the same duly attested, within eighteen calendar months from this date; and all persons indebted to said estate, are requested to make immediate payment to ELIZABETH CHISHOLM, Adm'r. HUGH CHISHOLM, } WILLIAM ROBERTSON } Adm'r's. East River, Sept. 4, 1837.

ALMANACS FOR 1838, For sale for 7½d each, by J. Dawson.