

SUMMARY OF NEWS.

The London Times speaking of the elevation of Lord Metcalfe to the Peerage says—

His elevation to the peerage is, no doubt, a reward, and a grateful reward to the successful statesman, as embodying the highest possible testimony of his countrymen to the reality of his services, and to the truth and importance of the principles which he has maintained and carried out; but, in point of actual fact, Lord Metcalfe is now enjoying a testimony to the soundness of his policy more decisive and convincing than even the united voice of the British Empire, receiving, in two words, the testimony of success. Honour is something, and the honour of the British Peerage is much; but to win it more is to win the reality of the highest possible testimony of his countrymen to the reality of his services, and to the truth and importance of the principles which he has maintained and carried out; but, in point of actual fact, Lord Metcalfe is now enjoying a testimony to the soundness of his policy more decisive and convincing than even the united voice of the British Empire, receiving, in two words, the testimony of success.

Military Discipline in the Tower.—The extent to which the regulations of the service are carried in this ancient fortress is but imperfectly known to the public. One of the customs is most singular, and calculated rather to excite the laughter of the spectator than to strike him with feelings of approbation at the regulations observed. The ceremony alluded to is that of securing the gates at night, on which occasion a sergeant, corporal, and twelve men, accompany the warder whose duty it may be to perform the office. As the guard passes each sentry, the usual challenge of "Who comes there?" is given, to which the warder replies "Keys." "What keys?" continues the sentry. "Queen Victoria's keys," says the sentry, and onward the escort passes. On arriving at the Spur-gate the officer on duty and the main guard turn out, and immediately salute the "keys," by presenting arms. The warder then takes off his bonnet and reverently exclaims, "God bless Queen Victoria's keys," to which the whole guard responds "Amen!" A few weeks only have passed since a schismatic Scotch grenadier was consigned to the black-hole for three days, for refusing to join in this extraordinary benediction. In justification, the man said he would bless the Queen with all his heart, but that his conscience would not allow him to bless the Tower keys.

ENCOURAGING.—The Provincial Parliament has made a grant of £250 for each district in Upper Canada, for the encouragement of Agriculture and Agricultural Societies. —*St. Thomas Standard.*

BARBADOS.—By the arrival of a vessel at Georgetown, S. C. on the 31st ult., advices have been received to the 31st of March inclusive, from Bridgetown. We notice in them that the Governor, Hon. Edward Grey, offers a reward, in connection with the local authorities of Bridgetown, of nearly \$1000 for the apprehension of the incendiaries who have on several occasions endeavoured to set fire to the town of Bridgetown, since the late destructive fire of the 3d and 4th February. These incendiary efforts have been made to such an extent as to cause general alarm.

Speaking of the Sugar crop of that island, the editor of the Standard states that a highly gratifying proof of the progress of the present year's Sugar crop, the activity of the planter in getting it to town, and the despatch which has been given to the home merchant vessels, may be gathered from the fact, that over 5000 hhds. besides several hundred tierces and barrels, have been shipped, down to yesterday.

Stationery for the Congress men.—The Clerk of the House of Representatives has advertised for proposals, for supplying the annual quantity of stationery for the members at the next session of Congress. There are wanted 690 reams of letter paper, 130 of note paper, 1000 reams of foolscap, 400 of card paper, 500 4-bladed and 150 2-bladed English penknives, and every small steel pen, ivory folders, lead pencils, letter stamps, Morocco portfolios, memorandum books, pen-holders, &c., &c., all to be of the very best—the paper extra superfine, satin finish, gilt edged, &c., and the knives of the best Pearl handles and highest finish. How such luxuries would excite an editor, who nibs his pen with a single-bladed American knife, and writes his lucubrations upon the back of old letters or upon outside quires of six and nine-penny pot paper. —*Boston Traveller.*

ST. CROIX.—The consul at this Port writes under date of March 12th, that a large quantity of staves and shingles has been found drifting about St. Bart's, St. Eustatia, and St. Martin, also about St. Croix, which is supposed to have come from a vessel, named Elizabeth Foster, as one of the head boards was found, having that name upon it. It is supposed that she was lost on the island of Barbadoes, near Antigua. The lumber appears to be the growth of North Carolina.

Fruits.—We do not recollect, for many years, to have experienced so many cold days, at this season of the year. In warm situations, peach trees were in full bloom, and the fruit all killed. Very few live buds were left on the apricot, but a large majority of the

peach and nectarine trees, had not more than one-third of the buds killed, though there is danger that the fruit may suffer in quality and size. But few of the plum and cherry trees were so far advanced as to be injured. A few miles back from the river, vegetation is some days later than on the Ohio, and fruit, back from the river, it is presumed, has not been injured, in situations where the weather has been dry. —*Cincinnati Gaz.*

Later from Bermuda.—We have received dates from Bermuda to the 25th March, but find no news of importance. A piratical looking brig was seen off Turks Island on the 15th ult., in chase of a topsail schooner.

The Legislature of Antigua has granted £10,000 toward the restoration of the cathedral, injured by the earthquake of February, 1843.

The Colonial Council of Martinique has granted 20,000 francs, and the Legislature of Barbadoes 10,000 dollars, towards the relief of sufferers by the late fire at Bridgetown. Renewed attempts have been made to destroy that city by fire.

A joint stock company has been formed at Demerara, to construct a railroad from Georgetown to the River Mahaica. Capital £100,000.

On the 6th February, a slave was brought in at Demerara, captured on the coast of Africa. A short time before she left Sierra Leone three slaves were brought in there, one of which had some 350 negroes on board.

A severe shock of earthquake was felt at St. Thomas on the 24th February. Sir Charles Fitzroy and Sir Henry Molod had returned from Jamaica to their Governments, without effecting the object for which the island governors assembled—the selection of a penal settlement for the West Indies.

Four Children Burnt to Death.—We regret to learn that on the night of the 19th or 20th instant, the house of Mr. McCarty of Beauharnois, took fire, and before the inmates were aware of the danger which they were in, four children were burnt to death; and the father and mother, had a narrow escape from the same dreadful fate; they were however considerably injured. They lost every thing the house contained. —*Montreal Transcript, March 29.*

WRECK OF THE BARQUE HIBERNIA.—A letter received by Messrs. Chubb & Co. from Brier Island, we regret to say, announces that the ship Hibernia, Capt. Lyon, from Liverpool, bound to this port, with a valuable cargo of merchandise, went ashore on the North West side of Long Island, near Brier Island, Nova Scotia, on Tuesday night last, 1st inst., in a thick fog and storm, and is a total wreck, only a small portion of her cargo being saved. Crew saved.—The Hibernia was a fine new vessel, being only on her first voyage, and was owned by Christopher Boultonhouse, Esq. of Sackville, Westmorland County, in this Province.

Since the above was in type we have been favored with the letter, from which we extract the following additional particulars:

"The ship went ashore on the N West side of Long Island, on the night of the 1st inst., in a dense fog, and I regret to say, she has since broken up, and yesterday, when last I visited the wreck, scarcely a vestige of her remained together. The sails, a small part of the running rigging, and a very small proportion of her valuable cargo has been saved, none of which was landed until after the vessel commenced breaking up, and in consequence of a number of barrels of coal tar bursting. The little that is saved is completely saturated with it and salt water, which consequently renders it of little value. The crew are all saved."

Dispatches from Lord Stanley, relative to the interruption of the Post Office Packet Service between Nova Scotia and Canada, have been laid before the Assembly, in which it has been stated that arrangements have been made with the Postmaster General of the United States, for the conveyance, throughout that country, of the British Mails to and from Canada. The letters will be forwarded through the in iron-boxes, and placed under the charge of an officer appointed by the Postmaster General.—The first homeward Mail by the new route, will be despatched by the steamer to leave Boston on the 1st of May. The Contractors for the North American Mail Steamers make a considerable deduction in the sum they receive from Her Majesty's Government, in consequence of the discontinuance of the *Unicors* between Pictou and Quebec. Lord Stanley states that if the Legislators of Canada should be desirous of keeping up the Post Communication between Pictou and Quebec, by steam, there is now no other mode for accomplishing that object except by arrangements between the Province and the owners of the *Unicors*. We presume the steamers will still continue to land the Mails for Nova Scotia and New Brunswick at Halifax, as nothing to the contrary is stated in the despatches.

We observe by an official letter from the Post Office department at Montreal, that in future newspapers to and from England will be charged with a postage of one half-penny each, to be collected on delivery.

Trial for Murder.—Patty Wilson, for whose apprehension, Hue and Cry issued by the Sheriff of the County of Queens in October last, on the finding by a Coroner's Jury for the murder of her child, having voluntarily surrendered herself for Trial, was, at the last Court of Oyer and Terminer for Queens tried for such murder. After a painful investigation, occupying the whole day, the Jury

remaining but a short time from their box, returned a verdict of Not Guilty. —*Loyalist.*

The Boston Robber.—William Baird, who was arrested in this City, and delivered up under the Ashburton Treaty, was brought up for trial in the Municipal Court at Boston on the 29th ult., on an indictment charging him with burglary and robbery, in the House of Mrs. Blake on the 9th of February last. He pleaded guilty to the indictment, and was thereupon sentenced to four years imprisonment, with hard labour, in the State Prison of Massachusetts. —*Courier.*

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S SALARY.

Mr. Simonds gave his explanation of this affair on Tuesday last, and although there was a strong disposition manifested to doubt his sincerity, yet he could not be gainsayed. The explanation amounted to this:—that it was the Governor's intention to have drawn for Mr. Reade £150, and for Mr. W. H. Odell the sum of £50; but that those gentlemen did not wish to receive any part of their salaries until the decision of Her Majesty's Government was received, and the amount fixed; that it was necessary to draw the sum to pay the Clerks (Messrs. Reade and Odell) the money was drawn, and the balance placed in the Central Bank, to the credit of Mr. Reade, with the understanding, however, that it should not be touched until the decision of the Home Government is known. Now on listening to this explanation the following questions immediately presented themselves to our mind:—First, as the Clerks' salaries do not exceed £400 per annum, or £100 per quarter, why was not the draft confined to that sum, and the residue left in the Treasury until Her Majesty's pleasure is known? Second, why was the balance placed in the bank to the credit of Mr. Reade? Third, is not the sum thus placed to his credit in fact paid to him, or placed under his control as effectually as though it was at this moment in his own pocket? Fourth, what guarantee has His Excellency that Mr. Reade will ever pay back into the Treasury any part of the sum thus placed in his hands? Fifth, was not the whole explanation an after thought? —We should be sorry to charge His Excellency with intending anything unfair or dishonourable in this matter, but to say the least of it, it is an irregular transaction, and must give rise to suspicion. —*Loyalist.*

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY.

On Wednesday the House was engaged in passing several Bills. Mr. Hill offered a Resolution to the effect that the services of the Province Agent should be discontinued; this was opposed by Messrs. Partelow, Boyd and Connell; and it was lost on a division. Mr. Hill then moved another Resolution which went to reduce the salary to £100 after the present year, this was supported by Messrs. Brown, Boyd and J. A. Street; and opposed by Messrs. Simonds and Wilnot, and was finely negatived.

Yesterday we were engaged during the greater part of the day, in Reporting two Debates, which took place in the Legislative Council. The first was on the subject of a sum of £150 granted by the Lower House to the Hon. Thomas Baillie, as a reward for his services in connection with the exploration of the Canadian Boundary, and a Map and a Report which he published thereon. The other was on the subject of the Incorporation of the Roman Catholic Bishop of New Brunswick, and which was deemed of sufficient importance to warrant a call of the House; the Hon. Messrs. Chandler, Johnston and Hatch having returned from their homes in obedience thereto. The object of the call was to discuss the above Bill and it was after a long Debate which we intend publishing hereafter, postponed till the next Session of the General Assembly.

Mr. Partelow presented a Petition to incorporate a Gas Company in St. John, and an accompanying Bill on the subject. Both of the above Bills passed with little opposition. The Capital of the Gas Company is £30,000. Mr. Partelow stated, that the Common Council had assented to the principles of this Bill, and that the whole of the Stock would be disposed of without any difficulty; as a great part of it would be taken by English Capitalists. Mr. Wilnot reported the Address to the Queen on the subject of the Post Office Establishment, and at 5 o'clock the House adjourned. —*Fredericton Reporter, of Friday.*

Provincial Appointments.—The following Persons to be Supervisors of the several Great Roads undermentioned for the ensuing year:—

George Anderson, St. John to St. Andrews; and Curry's Inn, Nerepis Road; to Yorkshire Tavern.

L. B. Rainsford, Fredericton to St. Andrews; Waweig to St. Stephen. Oak Bay to Eel River.

QUEBEC, April 2.

Yesterday we were enabled to furnish our readers with His Excellency's Speech on the prorogation, and a list of the Acts passed and sanctioned during the session, together with those reserved for the consideration of the Royal pleasure. This number of Bills passed and sanctioned amount to 107; the number reserved, 7; making in all 114 Bills. It will thus be seen that if we have not quantity, we have quality, in all conscience. The *Courier* alludes to a new feature in the prorogation, to the following effect:—

"The Speaker of the Assembly in presenting the Money Bills for the Governor's sanction prefaced the act by an address praying His Excellency's assent to these Bills. The Hon. Speaker at the same time took occasion

to say that he had the gratification to announce to His Excellency that the House had voted a sum to indemnify certain of Her Majesty's subjects in Upper Canada who had incurred losses during the late Rebellion and that the appropriation had been carried by the votes of members differing in origin as well as politics. He also stated that in voting the supplies, the House fully adhered to "Responsible Government," which had been so graciously conceded by Her Majesty's Government, and that it was upon that principle that the Civil List had been granted."

Important to Bankrupts.—We are informed that by the Bill to amend the Laws relating to Bankruptcy, which has now passed the two branches of the Legislature, and will shortly become part of the Law of this Province, it is provided that all Certificates of conformity, to be allowed by any Commissioner, shall be considered as refused, unless the same be presented to the Court of Chancery for confirmation, within six months after the order of such allowance; and in case the six months shall have expired before the enactment of the contemplated amendment, within three months after the passing of the Act. So that, should the six months expire the day after the passing of the Act, the Bankrupt will be left remediless. —*Head Quarters.*

THE STANDARD.

St. Andrews, Wednesday, April 16, 1845.

Charlotte County Bank.
Hon. HARRIS HATCH, President.
T. B. WILSON, Esq., Solicitor.
Director next week—W. Fisher Esq.
Discount Day—TUESDAY.

Hours of business, from 10 to 2.
Bills and Notes for Discount must be lodged with the Cashier, on or before Monday, otherwise they must lie over until next week.

SALES AND MORTGAGE HOUSE.
Commissioners—R. M. Andrews, R. Walton, C. A. Babcock, Thos. Turner, John Bailey.

SAINT STEPHENS BANK.
G. D. KING Esq., President.
Director next week—Geo. M. Porter.
Discount Day—SATURDAY.

Hours of business, from 10 to 1.
Bills and Notes for Discount must be lodged with the Cashier, on or before Friday, otherwise they must remain in his hands until the following discount day.

LATEST DATES.

Liverpool, Mar. 4 Montreal, March 31
London, Mar. 3 Quebec, March 31
Edinburgh, Mar. 1 Halifax, April 9
Paris, Mar. 1 New York, April 9
Toronto, March 31 Boston, April 9

THE WEATHER during the past week has been variable, occasional sunning with showers. The mornings were chilly which reminded us, that "Winter still lingers in the lap of Spring," the snow has disappeared and the frost is leaving the ground—and preparations are being made to commence gardening.

COLLECTORS OF RATES.—In the Assembly on the 10th inst. Mr. Boyd brought in a Bill requiring Collectors of County and Parish Rates to give security for the proper discharge of their duties. The bill is an important one, and we trust will become a law. At present there is no law to authorize the Magistrates to take bonds from the Collectors for the faithful performance of their duty.

DROWNED.—We are informed, that on the 5th inst., two men belonging to H. M. S. Columbia, named Hutchings and Wheeler, were crossing the harbour at Camp Bello, in an open boat, which capsized, and melancholy to add the men were drowned.

We learn that McNall, was apprehended in Boston, and placed in safe keeping; and that after some time he was induced to give up a part of the amount he absconded with.

ERRATA.—In Mr. Justice Abbotts charge to the Grand Jury, published on our first page the following errors occur:—First, line 32d line after taxation read "to meet" 33d paragraph 10th line for amounts read "accounts." 3d Column 3d paragraph after the words "for the year, when the read "bill was first asked for, was one of prosperity when the?"

Prorogation of the Canadian Parliament.

On Saturday the 29th March, at 10 o'clock p. m., His Excellency the Governor General, proceeded in state to the Chamber of the Legislative Council in the Parliament buildings, and having given his assent to a number of Bills, closed the first Session of the second Canadian Parliament. After the Speech had been delivered, the honourable Speaker of the Legislative Council declared, that it was the pleasure of His Excellency the Governor General, that the Parliament should stand prorogued to Thursday, the 8th day of May next.

The first Cotton Yarn ever spun in Canada was at the Chambly Cotton Factory, on the 18th ult. The building is a wooden frame, 80 by 45 feet, three stories high. It can work upwards of 1000 spindles and 40 looms, driven by a cast iron re-acting wheel of only six feet in diameter, and 174 feet in circumference, connected with the factory by a cast iron shaft five inches thick.

Our thanks are due to the Hon. Col. Andrew, for Legislative documents during the Session.

The Executive Council of Newfoundland, have withheld the grant of £1000 voted by the Assembly to the steamship North America, on the plea that the Steamer does not proceed direct to Newfoundland. They also express opinions of her unfitness for a packet in which opinion the Governor Sir John Harvey coincides. The North America has been examined by competent persons, and pronounced safe, and good enough for a Newfoundland Packet.

On the night of the 19th ult. the driver of a stage in Tennessee, was knocked from his seat on the box, stunned by the effects of lightning, which had struck near him, the horses were frightened and ran down an embankment, upsetting the stage and severely wounding several of the passengers.

The 23d of the present month has now been fixed upon by the Milleries for "this world to be caught up in the air to meet the Lord"—we quote their own words. Many deluded votaries of this belief in the Eastern States still continue idle, anxiously awaiting "the coming" and disposing of their property recklessly for the means of subsistence.

Holloways Pills and Ointment.—Professor Holloway, the discoverer and sole proprietor of these wonderful and extraordinary medicines, has, in consequence of their infallible efficacy, in healing, in the space of a very short time (when they are used together) the most dangerous wounds, ulcers, and likewise, King's evil, or scrofula, instructed all his Agents to return in future to persons whatever they may pay for these remedies, whenever they may fail in any of the cases, however desperate they may be, when properly tested, and found to fail.

MARRIED.
At Nashua, on the 3d inst., by the Rev. William Harris, Mr. Charles Estabrooks, to Miss Lydia Goodspeed, both of Saint Mary's.

DIED.
On the 7th inst. aged one year and 20 days, Charlotte Elizabeth, youngest child of John McKean, Esq. of this place.

Saturday 29th day of March, A. D. 1845.

By His Honor the Master of the Rolls.
ON Reading the Petition of Edward Hutchings of St. Stephen, in the County of Charlotte, Lumberer setting forth a statement of his affairs under oath as therein particularly detailed and declaring that he is in insolvent circumstances and praying that an Order may be made for calling a meeting of his Creditors pursuant to the Act of the General Assembly intitled "An Act to afford relief to persons unfortunate in business in certain cases." It is hereby ordered that the Clerk of the Peace for the County of Charlotte, do call a Public Meeting of the Creditors of the Petitioner to be holden at the office of the said Clerk on Thursday the twenty seventh day of May next, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of enabling the Petitioner to offer a composition to or make terms with his Creditors and render an exposition of his affairs.

(Signed) N. PARKER, M. R.
In Pursuance of the Order of His Honor the Master of the Rolls whereupon the foregoing is a true Copy. Notice is hereby given that a Public Meeting of the Creditors of the said Edward Hutchings will be held at my office in St. Andrews in the County of Charlotte, at the time and for the purposes mentioned in the said order. Dated 12th day of April 1845.

W. HATCH,
Clerk of the Peace for the County of Charlotte.

Tuesday the first day of April, A. D. 1845.

By His Honor the Master of the Rolls.
ON Reading the Petition and affidavit of William Carson of Saint Patrick, in the County of Charlotte, Farmer, referring to an order heretofore made on the Petition of the said William Carson, of the Parish and County aforesaid setting forth a statement of his affairs as therein particularly detailed, and declaring that he is insolvent and unable to meet his engagements with his Creditors, and praying that an order may be granted according to the Act of the General Assembly, intitled "An Act to afford relief to persons unfortunate in business in certain cases." It is hereby ordered that the Clerk of the Peace of the County of Charlotte, do call a Public Meeting of the Creditors of the said Petitioner to be holden at the office of the said Clerk of the Peace, in the Town of Saint Andrews, on Tuesday the twentieth day of May next, at noon, for the purpose of enabling the said Petitioner to offer a composition to, or to make terms with his Creditors, and to render an exposition of his affairs.

(Signed) N. PARKER, M. R.
In pursuance of the order of His Honor the Master of the Rolls whereof the foregoing is a true copy. Notice is hereby given that a Public Meeting of the Creditors of the said William Carson, will be held at my office in Saint Andrews, in the County of Charlotte, at the time and for the purposes mentioned in the said order.

W. HATCH,
Clerk of the Peace for Charlotte.
Dated 12th April, 1845.

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