

with the consent of Government to measure the ground necessary and to make an estimate of the cost of the work.—The *Journal* has seen Mr. Rubidge's plan of a bridge, which will be 380 feet in length and is intended to be placed almost perpendicularly over the edge of the Falls, and about six feet from the surface of the river. The spectacle, says our contemporary, will be sublime. It is said further that Mr. Hall the proprietor of the land on both sides of the Falls has promised to give, without any consideration whatever, the land necessary for the bridge and for a road leading from the present highway to it. The cost of the bridge is estimated at £5,500.

We learn, says the *Montreal Herald*, that Dr. Mauritz Maquer, a very distinguished German naturalist, is now making a tour in Canada.

**THE FIRE IN MONTREAL.**—The *Montreal Gazette* gives the following returns of the number of houses, &c. burnt in that city on the 8th and 9th of July; Houses, 1,108; number of families made houseless, 2,886; estimated value of property destroyed, £340,816, or \$1,363,264.

#### CAPE BRETON.

The *C. B. News* of the 28th ult. says:—"We understand that a gentleman from Toronto, Upper Canada, has recently visited Sydney.—It appears that one of the purposes for which he came among us, was to examine the capabilities of the country, and the nature and character of our productions. The chief object of his visit, however, was,—and it is a matter of great interest to us all,—to examine into the possibility of a Rail-road from Petitcodiac, New Brunswick, to Louisburg, as the great Rail-road Terminus of this Continent. Of this possibility we have never entertained a doubt, and we entered upon the consideration of the question at much length, about the time of the meeting of the Railway Delegates at Portland, in the United States, as will be

seen by reference to the '*Cape Breton News*,' of August 3rd, 1850.

#### NEW BRUNSWICK.

We are informed that our Government have concluded to appropriate One Thousand Pounds towards the relief of the sufferers by the late great fire at Montreal. We have no doubt that the Legislature will cheerfully confirm this grant.—

Three years ago a man purchased a Farm in the lower part of Woodstock for £700,—shortly after he sold off one lot for £200, and last week he disposed of the remainder for £1050—clearing by the transaction, besides his living for the three years, £550.

#### BERMUDA AND THE WEST INDIES.

The Bermuda Legislature was prorogued on the 26th July. The business transacted during the 24 days the House actually met, is said to be unprecedented in the annals of the Island. Governor Elliot congratulates the Colony on its growing prosperity thus:

The continued increase of the produce of the soil, the remunerative prices abroad, and the striking improvement in the industry and skill of the people are gratifying subjects of reflection. And when we consider that the attention of so many highly intelligent and practical persons is devoted to the close observation and better development of the natural resources of the islands, we may, I think, look forward to the future most encouragingly. If it should please God to prosper the colony for the next few years with a succession of favourable crops, such as that which has just been gathered, it is manifest that all branches of business throughout the Islands must be steadily stimulated, to the great advantage of the body of the people, and with the happiest effects upon that continued course of improvement in the towns and over the whole face of the country which already meets our notice in every direction.



The English news is singularly unimportant, for we already knew the uncertain results of the General Election, and late arrivals but confirm that uncertainty to its fullest extent. We shall not weary our readers by second-hand speculations as to what the Ministry will or will not