

## By Telegraph.

**NEW-YORK, 22d April.**  
The Nashville has arrived with London and Liverpool dates to the 7th inst.  
The Vienna Conference had adjourned till April 9th, when the ultimatum of Russia is expected.  
All sources of information agree that there is no prospect of peace.  
A succession of sanguinary engagements had occurred before Sebastopol. One encounter on the night of the 23d 3,000 men were killed and wounded. No details given.  
Indications growing stronger, that Prussia will join Russia.  
Cotton active. No change in breadstuffs. Markets generally quiet and unchanged.  
Consuls 92 to 92.

### PROVINCIAL APPOINTMENTS.

The Honorable William H. Steves, to be Chief Commissioner of the Board of Works, and the Hon. James Brown, and the Hon. Samuel L. Tilley to be Members of the Board, under the Act of Assembly, 18 Victoria, Cap. 7.

By His Excellency's Command,  
S. L. TILLEY,  
Secretary's Office, 16th April, 1855.

The following persons are appointed Supervisors of the several Great Roads undermentioned, for the ensuing year:

**PRUDENT GAGNON & AUGUSTIN WEBSTER**—From Edmundson to St. Francis.

**LEONARD R. COOMBS**—From Grand Falls to the Canada Line.

From the Lower Landing at the Grand Falls to the American Boundary.

**STUART SEELYE**—From Lepreau to Saint Andrews.

**JOSIAH MOORE**—From Oak Bay to Little Didgash.

**DAVID DOW**—From Little Didgash to Eel River.

**THOMAS GOTTFRIEL**—From Waweg to the Lower Bridge over the River St. Croix.

**L. BRADSHAW RAINSFORD**—From Fredericton to the Magaguadavic River, near Vail's.

**WILLIAM H. MOWATT**—From the Magaguadavic River to St. Andrews.

From Roix's Farm to the Great Road from Waweg to St. Stephen.

**CLAUDUS MESSINNETT & REUBEN BROCKWAY, Jr.**—From Lower Trout Brook Bridge to town of Magaguadavic.

**GEORGE MOORE**—From Dead Water Brook Bridge to St. Stephen.

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Secretary's Office, 31st March, 1855.

**CURIOUS APPARITION IN BALTIMORE.**—We recently heard a gentleman from Baltimore relate the following particulars, at a conference at 555 Broadway, in this city:

The gentleman's wife was a medium, and they had had various emphatic manifestations in the house, such as opening and closing of the door, etc., without visible agency. On one evening a friend of the family was present. They went out into the back yard for some purpose, but immediately he rushed in the house again, manifesting some alarm, and requested them not to send him in that yard again, as he had seen a sight which he cared not to behold a second time.

The gentleman of the house—he narrator—battered him, and the two finally concluded to go out and explore the yard together. They went, and both saw the figure of a man standing upon a box or some such elevation, two or three feet from the ground.

As they, in some interposition, approached the figure, a stick lying upon the box began to move apparently without hands, striking the box and making a noise; and about the same time the narrator's companion was violently repelled or thrown from the figure.

The figure itself, presently, and while the narrator was looking steadily upon it, suddenly disappeared.

Had it been a man, there would have been no way for him to escape, except over the fence, and through the yard of the next door neighbor, in which case, he would have been seen by some of that neighbor's family, who had been attracted to the yard by the usual noise and conversation which were occurring on the premises of our informant. Presently the narrator's wife came out, and at the same time a piece of coal was thrown violently and mysteriously against the window-shutter.

The wife, who had recently lost a brother, then said, "If spirits do appear, I wish my brother would now appear to me." The figure then re-appeared, as it had been seen before, and spoke audibly, and said: "Fear not, it is I, and spirits do appear!" and vanished.—[N. Y. Spiritual Telegraph]

The *Faris Monitor* of 22d March announces that Queen Victoria has invited the Emperor and Empress to visit England, and that their Majesties will proceed to London about the middle of April.

**Suicide.**—Richard Wilson, a carpenter, was found lying dead on the steps of Trinity Church at half-past six o'clock, on Friday morning. By his side was a small phial of laudanum, half full.

In the course of the day Messrs. Smith and Keane, in the absence of the Coroner, held an inquest. It appears that the unfortunate man was given to drink, and it is supposed that he had reduced him to a state bordering on insanity. He purchased the laudanum and some strychnine at Mr. Tilley's Drug Store, on Wednesday, and the phial found by him was the same he had then obtained. No post mortem examination

was made, the Justices and Jury being satisfied, to judge from appearances, that the deceased had committed suicide by drinking laudanum.—[Freeman.]

The "Head Quarters" complained, some days ago, that the Legislature, in its late Session, did very little business. We find by the "Gazette" that they passed in all 76 Acts. Besides this, they discussed many Bills which were rejected, and some which owing to their being introduced late in the Session, or to other causes, were not disposed of. We think some effort should be made to check this great propensity to private legislation. As things are now managed, the most important interests are interfered with, and rights destroyed or created, often without the knowledge of the parties immediately interested, and for such legislation no one is accountable.—[Id.]

**New Brunswick Ship.**—In the general depression of all business, it is gratifying to find that New Brunswick is maintaining the character she has acquired for building ships equal in all respects to the best built anywhere. Amongst the many splendid specimens of naval architecture, sent last year from St. John, to establish the superiority of its ship builders, the "British Trident," built by the Messrs. Ruddick, on the Strait Shore, was one of the strongest and most beautiful.—[Id.]

**A NOVA SCOTIA BEFORE SEBASTOPOL.**—It is said that our fellow-townman Mr. Geo. Cassidy, successful exhibitor of a Panorama of the Mississippi River, well remembered in this City, has been for some time past engaged in sketching views of the scenery, &c., at Sebastopol and vicinity, for the purpose of getting up a mammoth panorama of that renowned locality. From Mr. Cassidy's known abilities in the Panorama Line, the public may expect a splendid work of art, and such is the world wide interest attached to the operations before Sebastopol, that the spirited proprietor of the expected Panorama cannot fail to realize an independent fortune by exhibiting it.—[Nova Scotian.]

**THE EUROPEAN AND NORTH AMERICAN RAILWAY.** We understand that the Directors of this railway have received a communication from Messrs. Jackson & Co., stating that in consequence of certain dealings of the Directors, and of the Executive Government of this Province, they feel that there are sufficient grounds for abandoning their contract in this Province. It is not stated that they will do so, neither is it stated that they intend proceeding with the works at present. In the absence of any official announcement on this important subject (to which the public are clearly entitled) we can only say that we feel Messrs. Jackson & Co. have strong grounds for declining to proceed with their contract without incurring the slightest discredit.—[New Brunswick.]

**LUMBER IN CANADA.**—The Ottawa Citizen says: "We understand that the enterprising proprietors of one of our great Mill Establishments here have contracted for 1,000,000 feet of lumber at fair paying prices, to be delivered during the coming season. This lumber will pass over the Bytown and Prescott Railway, for the St. Lawrence."

**PREPARATIONS FOR DODGING THE NEW LIQUOR LAW.**—New York, April 15.—The leading hotel proprietors, importers, and wholesale dealers, held a meeting at the Astor House last night, for the purpose of taking into consideration the best means to nullify the liquor law recently passed by the New York Legislature. It was decided to raise a fund to fee the most eminent lawyers in the city, in order to obtain their opinion as to the constitutionality of the law. Over \$8,000 were subscribed.

**AUSTRALIA.**—A correspondent of the New York Journal of Commerce, writing from Melbourne, Australia, Jan. 6th says, that more than 500 individuals and firms have, within the last four months, yielded to the pressure of time, and gone into insolvency. Some have assigned their effects, but by far the greater number have left the colony without attending to formalities. The cause assigned is over-trading—\$17,000,000 imports for 270,000 people. The imports still continue excessive, amounting to \$4,235,000 for the last four weeks.

Property in Melbourne has depreciated to an alarming extent. Stores that rented for \$9,000 per annum, may now be had for \$2,500. The resources of the Colony are all expended for government. The Departments last year expended \$17,500,000. The revenue did not meet the expenditures, and to make up the deficit the government seized a moiety of \$1,380,000 belonging to the Land Fund.

**MINISTERS MURDERED.**—Zion's Advocate, says: We find in the papers a horrible story of the murder of a minister at Port Gibson Miss. It seems that a suspended member of the Methodist church in that place, had made application to be reinstated, and all the members consented except Dr Woodward the pastor. The excommunicated member became indignant; and while the trial was in progress he rushed upon Dr. Woodward and stabbed him to the heart in front of the pulpit of the church. Dr. W. expired instantly.

Another paper has an account of the death of Rev. J. J. Scott, an esteemed Presbyterian minister residing near Lewistown, Ind., by the hand of an assassin. Mr. Scott was at the barn attending to the feeding of his cattle, when Benj. Hickman a neighbor came up and stabbed him with a butcher's knife in the abdomen. He died in a few hours. Hickman went immediately to a creek near by, and deliberately drowned himself. No cause is assigned for the act.

## The Standard.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 1855.

**THE CONVENTION BILL.** That faithful source for discussion at the close of each Session of the Legislature, is brought up again. Rather a sharp fire has been opened upon it from two or three batteries, and certainly some of the charges are of a very grave nature—and such, that if any part of them is true, will seriously affect the character of the members and officers of the House of Assembly.—but, to censure the Government, for the speculation is taking too wide a range, as these expenses are not under their control. However, the system is bad, and requires an immediate change. Connected with this is the mileage question, and it is broadly asserted that a number of the members of the Executive, voted for paying mileage to members of the Legislature who resided outside the Province; we have good authority for contradicting this assertion; and are happy to state that the hon. Surveyor General and we believe the Provincial Secretary, both of whom represent distant Counties, but reside at present in Fredericton, have refused to take the mileage to which they are entitled according to law. This is a fact which speaks well for the present Government, and contrasts favorably with the conduct of some of their predecessors, who received travelling expenses while they resided in Fredericton!

The Circuit Court was opened here yesterday, Tuesday. His honor, Mr. Justice Wilmut presiding. Several civil causes have been entered for trial.

### FIRE.

On Sunday morning last, about 4 o'clock, the inhabitants of this Town, were aroused from their slumbers by the ringing of bells, and the appalling cry of fire! In a short time "Torrent Engine," and the two old engines were on the spot, and the inhabitants turned out en masse. When first seen, the fire was bursting out of the store occupied by R. Storr & Co. corner of King and Water streets, and in a short time the whole inside of the building was in flames; the upper rooms were occupied by Mr. Andrews; as a Barrister's Office, and the store adjoining in the same building, by Mr. Edward Stinson, as a Confectionary. All efforts to save the house proving fruitless, attention was immediately directed to the next house, occupied by Mr. Michael Faul's as a dwelling, and by Mr. Daley as a Tailoring Establishment. The engines played upon it and checked the fire for a time, but there being a slight southerly wind, the flames spread so rapidly, that it was found impossible to save the house and outbuildings, and it was only by the most resolute exertions, that Bradford's Hotel was saved; as it was in imminent danger, owing to its contiguity to the fire, and the embers being carried on to the roof and stables. At length the fire was stayed, not however until it had consumed the building on the corner together with house and outbuildings adjoining.

Messrs. Bradley, Hatheway, Suckney, and others, had their goods packed up and removed; but we regret to learn they were considerably damaged. Mr. Bradford's furniture was nearly destroyed. The house of G. F. Campbell, Esq. directly opposite the fire, was also injured; the heat being so intense, as to break upwards of 100 panes of glass, and the paint on the house was discoloured.

Great credit is due to the Firewards, Fire Companies, and the inhabitants generally for their unwearying exertions in staying the devouring element.

The houses burned were owned by Mr. Michael Fauls, and insured for £700.—Messrs. Storr & Co. lost all their goods, valued at £2,000; they were partly insured. Mr. Stinson lost about £70; no insurance. Mr. Andrews' law library, papers, &c., valued at upwards of £500, were totally consumed, and were not insured; his loss will be the greatest.

Mr. Storr was absent in St. John. The origin of the fire is a mystery.

Several persons kindly furnished tea, coffee, &c., for the use of the firemen and others, for which they are entitled to the thanks of the people.

**BATHING HOUSE.**—As the season is rapidly approaching, when persons from various parts of the Province will visit St. Andrews, would it not be well for some enterprising person to erect a Bathing House, on some one of the many eligible sites near the Town. Such an establishment having separate rooms, for warm and cold, salt and fresh, shower

and swimming baths—might be erected at a cheap rate, either by one person, or a joint stock company; and it is admitted would be well patronized. It is to be hoped, that the matter will not be suffered to drop, but that all who feel an interest in the Town will assist and carry it through. Any man of liberality and public spirit will readily grant a site free of charge.

### "Spring time of Year is coming, coming."

Old winter has at length departed from us leaving but few traces behind. In the shape of light frosts at night. Already several gardens are in a state of preparation to receive the seed. The apple, pear and plum trees have large buds. Would that we could add, spring business looked promising, however we still look forward to the realization of "the good time coming."

Some editorial matter has been crowded out this week.

### Duties.

The amount of Import Duties received at this port during the first four months of the present fiscal year, viz.—from 1st December, 1854, to 1st April, 1855, was £20,352 17s. 3d., and for the corresponding period of the previous year £18,821 19s. 3d., showing an increase on this year, over last, of £1,530 18s. This is accounted for by the large amount of duties paid on liquors, &c., in March last, in anticipation of the increased duty coming into operation. If this had been the case, the Import Duties would show a decrease of several thousand pounds on the first four months of the present year. The amount of Export Duties received for the same period, this year, is £2,263 7s. 2d., and for last year £2,759 5s. 8d., showing a decrease on this year, as far as we have gone, of £496 18s. 5d. This might be expected from the present state of affairs in Europe.—[Courier.]

**Exports.**  
The quantity of Deuts, Deal ends, Boards, &c., exported to Great Britain from this port during the quarter ended the 5th April, 1855, was 16,325,000 feet, and for the corresponding quarter, last year, 20,701,000 feet, showing a considerable falling off this year.—Pine Timber exported during the quarter ending 5th April, 1855, 5856 tons; corresponding quarter, last year, 8119 tons. Birch in 1855, 1260 tons—1854, 460 tons.

**Provincial Appointments.**  
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Secretary's Office, 16th April 1855.

The weather for the last week has been fully worthy of a New Brunswick April. We have had sun and shade—cold and heat—dry days and wet—all in their perfection. Here the River is considerably swollen—almost enough to give discharge to the ice, but travellers have not yet ceased to groan, and in all probability they will continue their ventures until there is not enough of ice to test their feet on in the river. In the meantime, fields are getting bare, and as there is little frost in the ground, we may expect an early spring.—[Reporter, April 20.]

**THE REMOVAL OF WAR WITH SPAIN.**—The Washington Star says there is no truth in the New York Post's statement that Secretary Guthrie has written to a friend or friends in Kentucky, to be cautious in their business, as war with Spain is inevitable. The statement that the government is concentrating troops in Florida is also said to be unfounded. No troops have been ordered there since December last, when the condition of the Government's Indian relations in that quarter made it necessary to add to the number for years kept there, up to that time, by the addition of two companies of artillery. Since then, none others have been ordered to that quarter, nor is there any idea now entertained of sending more to Florida.

**FLOUR.**—This article, notwithstanding the abundant harvest of last year, is up at famine price, and to increase the difficulty the workmen's wages, instead of keeping pace with the price of food, has been reduced to half of what it was last summer. Within the last few days another rise has taken place in all Bread Stuffs. POTATOES too for which this Province has always been celebrated, command a frightful price. Indeed the history of this Province affords no parallel to the rate at which they are now selling. It is to be sincerely hoped, that in this City, where there are hundreds of vacant Town Lots, and where manure can be had for the carrying away, that the owners of those lands will make them available for the raising this indispensable root. Many thousands of Bushels of Potatoes might be produced in this City annually, and the health of the City much improved by vegetation absorbing what would otherwise float in the air, and render the atmosphere pestiferous.—[Chronicle.]

No account of the entire number of British soldiers sent to the seat of war, has been published for some time. At the short Session of the Imperial Parliament, Mr. S. Herbert stated that 54,000 men had been sent; and for several months after, though detachments were forwarded every week, public speakers and journalists spoke and wrote as

if this were still the entire number. Some days ago, Sir James Graham, in defending his administration of the Admiralty stated:

"That he had sent 3,000 miles 68,000 or 60,000 British troops, 6,000 horses, and a large train of artillery; he had also provided for the transport of 15,000 French troops from the south of France, and a considerable number of horses, and he had taken 40,000 Turks with nearly 6,000 horses from Varna to Eupatoria, and had undertaken to supply them with food from Constantinople. They had also conveyed to Balaklava 14,000 men from the British channel, being in all about 100,000 men, and 8,000 or 9,000 horses conveyed, besides keeping up the supply of rations."

### Rumour of a War with Spain.

The New York Evening Post tells us that a prominent merchant in Louisville, Ky., an intimate friend of the Secretary of the Treasury, has advised his correspondents of the receipt of letters from a high source at Washington assuring him that there will be a war between the United States and Spain within 60 or 90 days; that the Cabinet was divided but that the war party would prevail, and advised him to arrange his business, which is very extensive, speedily as possible. The gentleman also says:

"While the difficulties with Spain were most promising of trouble, under the Soule regime, our government quietly concentrated for embarkation, and actually loaded one or two sailing vessels with heavy guns and ammunition, and had them ready near at hand. The port in Cuba was selected at which they were to land."

"Such was the position of affairs when the singular rumour came up that the cabinet had changed its policy, and henceforth was to be pacific. Whether this last position; was a further ruse, a mere blind; the result must show. One thing seems certain—the government does not show the expected activity in respect to the Sioux campaign. They are tardy about it. Only some 12 or 1400 troops are yet assembled at Jefferson Barracks, and it may be that the new regiments will have another destination yet."

The Hebrew population of Chicago seems to be quite numerous. During the recent celebration of the Feast of the Passover there about six thousand pounds of unleavened bread were sold to the father.

Mr. Stratton, the father of the dwarf Tom Thumb, rendered famous by Barnum, has become insane, and is now an inmate of the Hartford Lunatic Asylum.

**CANADIAN MILITIA.**—Canada has asked the British Government for arms and accoutrements for five thousand volunteers, and arms for her sedentary militia. It is evident that the Canadian authorities view the recent conduct of the United States with great mistrust, and wish to see the people trained to the use of arms, and prepared to repel an invader.—Here it is quite different: the authorities are apathetic, and that apathy is reflected upon the people, who seem to have been lulled into blind security.—Since we have no one to take care of us, let the young men take it upon themselves to meet and form volunteer companies, elect their own officers, and then petition the Government for arms. If the Government were thus petitioned, they could scarcely refrain from following the example set them by the Canadian Government, and memorializing Her Majesty for a few thousand stand of arms of the best description.

**Holloway's Pills,** a certain Remedy for Dropsy.—Charles Hutchinson, of Quebec, was for fifteen months a sick victim to this complaint, so bad was he one part of the time that the water nearly oozed through the pores of the skin, and thrice per day change of apparel became necessary. Every time his doctor called he expected to find him dead, and in fact gave his friends no hopes of his recovery; his sister who had derived great benefit by the use of Holloway's Pills begged him, as a favour to her, to try them; fortunately for him he did not refuse, and they soon produced a change for the better, in four weeks he was again attending to business having thoroughly got rid of the disorder, and in the most excellent health and spirits. These Pills work wonders in liver and bilious complaints.

### Married.

On the 18th inst., by the Rev. A. McNutt, at the residence of Mr. John Breen, Mr. John H. Kyle, to Miss Isabella Graham, all of St. Andrews.

At St. John on the 19th instant, at Trinity Church, by the Rev. Dr. Gray, Henry Frye, of Saint Andrews, to Janet Rolland, only daughter of the late Dr. Henry Cook, of that City.

### Died.

On Sunday morning, after a lingering illness, Mrs. Cronin, wife of Mr. Michael Cronin.

At St. John, on Thursday afternoon, Thomas G. Hatheway, Esq., aged 64 years, an old and respectable inhabitant of that city.

At Point de Bute, Westmorland, on the 13th inst., Margaret Elizabeth, only daughter of the Rev. Albert DesBrosses, Wesleyan Minister, aged 49 years.

At his residence in Oakville, Canada West on the 24th ult., after a short illness, Bartholomew Crannell Beardsley, Esq., aged 80 years.

In Hamilton, Canada West, on the 6th inst., Elizabeth Mary, wife of the Rev. Robert Irvine, Minister of Knox's Church, of that place.