

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.—On Wednesday last, we listened with great pleasure to an interesting lecture on the eye, delivered by Dr. R. S. Black. The subject itself was an interesting one—and it was rendered additionally so from the illustrative diagrams and easy manner of elucidation, employed by the lecturer—the lecture appeared to give general satisfaction.—*Wesleyan.*

PORTSMOUTH, FEB. 24.

ORDNANCE ESTIMATES.—The ordnance estimates for 1838-9, exceed those of 1837-8 by the sum £51,205. The ordinary estimates for the present year differ from those of the last merely by the sum of £1,786; the extraordinary estimates exceed those of last year by £99,080; viz. 58,358 for works, barracks, &c.; £1-672 for contingencies, and £60,000 for ordnance and military stores. Savings, however, to the amount of £40,411 are found under the heads—unprovided, £5,145; superannuated, £2,878; and commissariat supplies, £32,588; which, deducted from the excess of expenditure over last year, leaves £51,205 more to expend this year, than the last. The amount of credits, however, for the present year is less by £97,603 than last year, which makes the sum to be voted for the present year £148,708 more than last year. The whole sum to be voted for this year is £1,546,951, and for last year £1,398,243.

ARMY ESTIMATES.—The army estimates have been presented by the order of the house of commons; and it appears from them that the whole increase of the army in the present year is 7,995 men and 580 horses. The number last year was 101,031 men, the number this year is 109,027. The probable expense for the effective service this year is stated at £4,324,332, of which the India Company pays £682,948. The additional charge above 1837, for the effective service is stated to be £144,996. The number of the non-effective service is also increased by 334; but the charge is diminished, the increased numbers being of Chelsea pensioners, &c. while the decrease is of officers, pay, and pensions. The whole of the increased charge for the effective and non-effective services for the years 1838-1839 over the years 1837-1838 is £79,716. But the increased appropriation is £31,683; the increased amount to be provided is £48,033.

February 26.—The *United Service Gazette*, of Saturday the 17th, contains the following announcement. We copy the paragraph *verbatim et literatim*:—"We mentioned, some months ago, the probability that Her Majesty would form a matrimonial alliance with Prince George of Cambridge. There is, we believe, now no doubt of the fact."

We hear that there is every probability of a war with the Durres. The ultimatum of the supreme Government has, we understand, been forwarded to the British resident, Colonel Burney, for the information of the King. The Governor General's departure for the Mofussil will, we believe, be postponed until the result of his dispatch is known.—*Bengal Murkuru*, Sept. 7.

A Constantinople letter of the 27th ult. states that the British Ambassador had addressed an official note to the Porte, expressive of the Queen's displeasure at the Sultan's having refused to admit into his service the English officers whom the late King had been pleased to place under the orders of his highness at the request of the Ottoman representative in London. No answer had yet been returned to this communication which is said to have produced much sensation in the Turkish capital.

HOUSE OF LORDS, MONDAY, FEB. 5. *The Canada Bill.*—The House resolved itself into a committee on this bill. On the motion of Lord Brougham, Mr. Roebuck was called on, and addressed the House against the measure at very great length. At the conclusion of his speech, (on which no remark was made on either side of the House) the bill went through the committee, and was ordered to be read a third time on Thursday.

FEB. 8.—Lord Glenelg, without remark, moved the third reading of the Canada Temporary Government Bill.

Lord Ellenborough opposed the bill on the ground that it was unnecessarily severe. He, therefore, should certainly say "Not content" to the measure.

Lord Glenelg spiritedly met the objections of the noble Baron who preceded him, admitting the severity of the bill, and that great and important interests were involved in it; but there was no other course left. To have a new election in order to appeal to the House of Assembly, as had been recommended, would be futile—altogether useless. After long concessions, after repeated appeals to the candour and good sense of the House of Assembly, it resisted every effort at conciliation—clogged the wheels of government until the affairs of the colony were thrown into a state of absolute confusion.

Lord Ashburton strongly advocated a separation of the colonies from the mother country, if they could not agree together. He further contended that the value of the colonies had long been much overrated.

The Earl of Mansfield opposed the bill, severely blaming the policy of Ministers, and contending that their present measure would not give satisfaction on either side of the Atlantic.

The Marquis of Lansdowne, on the part of Ministers, declared their firm determination to carry out the principles of the bill.

separation of the colonies from England might become necessary; the time, however, for such a sweeping step had not yet arrived.

Lord Brougham then rose, and once more attacked the bill, and congratulated himself on having, since he last attacked it, received the support of the sons of those eminent lawyers, Mansfield and Ellenborough.

Viscount Melbourne again defended the bill, and urged the extreme necessity of the case as calling it into action.

After a few words from Earl Fitzwilliam, the bill was read a third time and passed.

FEB. 10.—The House of Lords met this afternoon at 3 o'clock. The Royal assent was given by commission to the Lower Canada Government Bill.

TRACT DISTRIBUTION IN NEW YORK CITY.—We learn that about 1000 persons are regularly employed in distributing Tracts, and visiting for religious purposes, in the City of New York.

The results accomplished during the year 1837 are as follows: 3,938 children have been gathered into Sabbath Schools: 3,623 persons persuaded to attend public worship: 2,069 signatures to the Temperance pledge obtained: and 333 communicants been added to the churches.

(OFFICIAL)

Amherstburg, Upper Canada, March 5, 1838.—Sir—When I wrote you on Sunday last, announcing the defeat of the Pirates at Fighting Island, I did not think I should have to report to you another instance of a British Island being taken possession of in this quarter.

"Early in the week, I received information from different quarters that Point Pele Island had been taken possession of by the Patriots from Sandusky Bay: this Island is of considerable magnitude, being from seven to nine miles in length, and from four to five in breadth; it is situated in Lake Erie, about 40 miles from Amherstburg, and 20 miles from the shore.

"The rebels finding themselves hemmed in on every side, moved out at the south end of the Island—the only place by which they could escape to the American shore, and advanced in line upwards of 300 men, well armed and organized, upon Captain Brown's detachment, where they met with the greatest resistance, a brisk fire being kept on both sides for some time, and several of Captain Brown's detachment having fallen, he determined to charge them, which he did, and forced them back, (to the wood, where they retreated in great confusion) at the point of the bayonet. I particularly beg to recommend this circumstance to the notice of His Excellency the Lieut. General Commanding."

"On the road inside of the wood, the rebels had a number of sleighs, by which means they succeeded in carrying away about 40 of their wounded men, the others succeeded in escaping to the southernmost point of the Island, and got over to the American coast, leaving killed on the spot their Commanding Officer, a Colonel Bradley, a Major Houdley, and Capt. Van Rensselaer and M'Keon, and seven others; some prisoners were taken, several of whom were severely wounded.

"I regret to say, that the taking of this Island has not been gained without considerable loss on our part, and I have to request that you will report for His Excellency's information, that 30 soldiers of the 32d Regiment fell in the affair, two of whom were killed, the others, some dangerously, some severely, wounded.

I sincerely regret the loss of so many brave soldiers, and feel it the more when I reflect, they did not fall before an honorable enemy, but under the fire of a desperate gang of murderers and marauders. A list of the killed and wounded I have the honor herewith to enclose."

DIED.

Saturday night, Mrs Eunice Sellon, consort of Mr Samuel Sellon, aged 33 years.

At Lunenburg, on the 15th instant, after a short illness, Catherine, widow of the late Col. Creighton, much and deservedly regretted by all who knew her.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

ARRIVED

Sunday—Brigt. Coquette, Wilkie, Ponce, 17 days—sugar molasses to W. J. Starr—experienced very heavy weather in lat. 28, lon. 68, lost boat, &c. and shifted cargo; schr. Hope, Bruce, Shelburne, 4 days—staves; True Brothers, Slocumb, Liverpool; Ion, and Sable, Yarmouth 5 days; brig Ann, Crick, Bucynos Ayres, 56 days—hides, tallow, &c. to J. Allison & Co; packet brig Acadian, Lane, Boston, 4 days—flour, meal etc. to J. Clark, D. and E. Starr and Co, Rigby and Jennings and others; schr. James Clark, Beck, St. John, N. B.—bearings; Placide, Harrison, Pouae, 25 days—molasses, J. A. Moren; Brig Hugh Johnson, Eaton, Berbice—rum and molasses, to D. and E. Starr and Co.

Tuesday 28th. Govt. schr. Victory, Darby, bound to sable Island—could not succeed in consequence of the ice; H. M. Ship Vestal, Capt. Carten Cork, 23 days; 23 men of the 93rd, and 131 of the 65th Regiments.

Wednesday, 28.—schr. Maria, Arechat, Coals; schr. Vernon, Cunningham, Welington, 27 days; to J. Strahan; H. M. S. Hercules

Capt. Nicols Cork 23 days 400 men of the 15th, 34th, 66th, & 85th Regiments.

Thursday 30th, brig Belfast, godfrey, Bermuda, 11 days, sugar and Molasses to J. & M. Tobin.

TO BE SOLD,

BY JAMES COGSWELL,

On the Premises, at Public Auction, in the Town of Halifax, on Tuesday, the Third day of April next, at twelve o'clock, pursuant to an order of His Excellency, the Lieut. Governor and Her Majesty's Council.

ALL the Estate, right, title, and Interest of the late John Linnard, deceased, at the time of his death in, to, and upon, all that messuage and tenement, and all that Lot of ground, situate, lying and being in the Town of Halifax aforesaid, fronting Westerly on Hollis Street and there measuring Thirty Eight feet and extending in depth Sixty two feet more or less known and prescribed as Lots No. 5, letter C—in Galland's Division with all the houses, buildings and Hereditaments thereunto belonging.

Terms, Cash on the delivery of the Deed—

THOMAS LINNARD, Admr. of
JOHN LINNARD.

22nd February, 1838.

EXHIBITION OF PAINTINGS.

Under the Patronage of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor.

AN Exhibition of PAINTINGS is now open, at Cochran's Buildings, entrance south, next door to Mr. W. H. Milward's.

The object of this Exhibition is to revive a taste and encourage native talent. Artists and Amateurs are invited to contribute, and send such Pictures as they wish to exhibit, to the Exhibition Rooms. Lovers of the Arts will be gratified to learn, that several valuable old Pictures, never before exhibited, will be shown on this occasion. Daily Tickets 1s 3d.; season Tickets 5s. to be had at Mr. Eager's Bazaar. Catalogues to be had at the Exhibition Rooms. March 16.

COMMERCIAL AGENT, BILL BROKER, &C.

THE SUBSCRIBER has opened an office at his house, opposite the Province Building, for the transaction of business as above. Funds remitted with orders for investment either in purchase of Merchandise or otherwise, will be faithfully applied, and the discounts obtained for ready money in all cases allowed those who may employ him. The advantages which will accrue to persons who have Exchange for sale, as also of those who are desirous of purchasing, will be found more than adequate to the trifling commission that will be charged.

Persons not residing in Town who may forward Bills for Sale, may have their Funds placed in either of the Banks at their disposal, or emitted by Post as directed.

A Record will be kept of Bills lodged for Sale as well as of those required, so as to afford immediate information to applicants.

The patronage and support of his Friends and the Public, is respectfully solicited in favour of the undertaking.

March, 3.

G. N. RUSSELL.

VALUABLE REAL ESTATE.

To be sold at Private Sale the following highly valuable Real Estate,

ALL the DWELLING HOUSE, Lot of Land and appurtenances formerly owned and occupied by the late Hon. James Fraser, deceased, consisting of the dwelling house and Lot fronting in Water street, measuring forty six feet six inches in front by one hundred and thirty six feet in depth—also the lot of land in rear thereof, fronting westwardly on Argyle street, and measuring in front sixty three feet by sixty four in depth. These premises will be sold either together or in separate Lots, at the desire of purchasers.

Also, The Warehouse and buildings formerly occupied by Messrs. Fraser and Co. as a store and counting house, situate in the middle range of buildings on Marchington's Wharf, adjoining the property of the late John Barron.

Also, a lot of ground in the south range of Marchington's wharf, adjoining the Ordnance property, measuring twenty two feet in front by twenty six feet in depth.

The terms and particulars may be known on application at the office of the Subscriber, who is authorized to treat for the sale of the above premises.

JAMES F. GRAY.

February 2.

A SERMON.

In the Press, and to be published, in the course of next month;

A SERMON, entitled "THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST" Preached in The Wesleyan Chapel at Guysboro, on Sunday, January 7 1838. BY ROBERT COONEY.

FOR SALE.

THAT desirable HOUSE in Hollis street, occupied by the Subscriber; there is a well of excellent water in the cellar, a tank for rain water, with a pump to each, metal ovens, stoves, &c. No expense has been spared to render it a comfortable and convenient residence for a family. Further information may be obtained on application to.

EDWARD ALLISON.

February 12.

PROSPECTUS,

Of a New Work from the pen of WILLIAM M. LEGGETT, Wesleyan Missionary, to be entitled

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This Publication, which is to form a Duodecimo volume of about 200 pages, will include a selection of original sermons, strictures, poems, and sacred melodies; and as the author has used every effort to render it acceptable even to the eye of criticism, his patrons may anticipate an adequate return for the small expense of three shillings and nine pence per copy.

The Memento will be neatly executed, as to the mechanical part, done up in cloth, and delivered to Subscribers through the politeness of Agents appointed for that purpose. Bathurst, 21st. Dec. 1837.

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