

sels into the ice, lies over for decision. The Admiralty desires that communications be established from Hull with Newcastle, Aberdeen, Kirkcaldy, and other places concerned.—*Ministerial paper.*

PROSPERITY OF TRADE.—Business has seldom been more brisk at Birmingham than it has been for some time past. The foreign orders have been very considerable; the manufactories of all sorts of hardware are all in constant employment, and all the hands are in full work. The accounts also from Sheffield, Manchester, and Nottingham, as to the state of their local trade, are very satisfactory.

THE WEEK.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, FEB'Y 3, 1836

By the Western Mail of Saturday, we did not receive our usual files of American and Canadian papers, and therefore, we are unable to say what course the President of the United States has taken in relation to the French Question; but we are indebted to the St. John Observer, for London news to the 20th Dec'r, received by way of the United States. Those selected are the only items of interest we can see.

Our latest dates from Halifax are up to Wednesday evening last, at which time the House of Assembly had made considerable progress in arranging for the speedy despatch of the public business. The Antislavery Petition against the division of Halifax County was sent down to the House on Tuesday, and on the same day, a bill was introduced by Mr Archibald to diminish the expenses on suits of Law, when confession of Judgment is given. Another Member introduced a Bill to consolidate and amend the Acts relating to the punishment of crimes against the person.

We understand that Meetings have recently been held at the West River, East River, Middle River, and Roger's Hill, for the purpose of nominating persons to be recommended to the Executive, for appointment to the Magistracy. Although we cannot but approve of this mode, as the most likely to obtain an active, useful, and respectable country Magistracy, and sincerely hope it will soon be legalized here, as it now is in Upper Canada, yet we doubt much the propriety of any extension or increase of the judicial corps, as it is now constituted. We are decidedly of opinion, that, were the present commission withdrawn, and a new one issued comprising only a very few of the most active, worthy, and influential individuals in each Township, although not half the present number, would nevertheless, be a much more respectable and efficient Magistracy.

While on this subject, we beg to notice a mistake, we were led into by the paper from which we lately noticed the new Township Law of Upper Canada; the article we referred to seemed to imply, that the Freeholders of each Township were to nominate as many fit and proper persons as they deemed necessary for the Magistracy; but we find that the Act itself limits them to three for each Township, who are also the Township Commissioners. Now, we do not hesitate to affirm that three respectable Magistrates, are infinitely more likely to make an efficient Bench than three times that number of such as now compose the motley groups to be seen on the different Benches in this Province.

We think besides, that a greater curse cannot be inflicted on a quiet, industrious, and simple community, than establishing a manufactory of Summonses, Executions, and Capiases in it, particularly where the manufacturer is at the same time a Spirit Dealer, which very frequently the case. We could point out some settlements which were at one time exemplary, for the harmony and peaceful dispositions of their inhabitants, that have, since the introduction of Justice

Courts among them, become remarkable for litigation, dissipation and every moral disorder.

We would therefore beg of our countrymen, to reflect a little upon this subject, and not seek from the Executive what they may have occasion before long to repent of. They should recollect also, that those who are most eager to get into the commission, and most active in canvassing for that purpose, are not always the most fit persons for it; indeed they are, nine times out of ten the least so; it is generally the modest, intelligent, unassuming man, who seeks no promotion, that makes the worthy Magistrate.

NEW FOUNDLAND—SMALL POX.—By the sch'r Mary, Webster, master, arrived at P. E. Island, 31st Dec, from St. Johns, which place she left on the 18th Dec'r, intelligence has been received that up to that date, upwards of 2000 cases of small pox had occurred there, and more than 500 deaths; one of the crew of the Mary was seized by this dreadful malady, and died before the vessel sailed; a passenger was afterwards seized, and died at Soutis, where the vessel arrived.

This loathsome and fatal disease having thus reached P. E. Island, we hope the authorities there have taken measures to prevent its spreading; should it unfortunately do so, great precaution on the part of our Board of Health, should be used, on the opening of the navigation, to keep it on, the other side of the straits.

Mr. JACOB HOWE proposes publishing the "Clock-maker's Recollections of Nova Scotia," in a neat little volume, of about 200 pages, price 6s. We wish him every success in the undertaking.

NEW STEAM BOAT COMPANY.—A meeting was to be held at Annapolis on the 13th ult., for the purpose of forming a steam boat Company; the capital to be £5000, divided into £25 shares,—to build a boat of such dimensions and description as the Shareholders may agree on, to ply on the Bay of Fundy between Annapolis, Digby, St. John, Eastport, and St. Andrews, and occasionally to Bridgetown as the tides will admit of.

Here, the necessity for steam Navigation is no less urgent than it is on the Bay of Fundy, while our facilities are much greater, having native coal and a manufactory of machinery on the spot. Capitalists at Pictou, Charlottetown, and Miramichi, appear to have got into a comfortable nap of sleep, and if they are not soon awake, they will probably find this profitable field of industry occupied by strangers and foreigners.

SOME time ago we noticed the loss of the schooner *Indian*, from Sherbrooke, St Mary's, bound to Halifax, and stated that it was with the utmost difficulty that Captain Lynch, and Andrew Jackson, seaman, reached the shore in the boat; we also stated, that an amiable young man, named Wm. D. MacIntosh, son of Mr. J. MacIntosh, of Sherbrooke, was passenger in the vessel, and left her in the boat with the others, but died of extreme cold before they reached the shore; the survivors not being able, from exhaustion, to secure the boat, she drifted off, and was dashed to pieces on another part of the shore, and the body was lost; we have since learned that the body has been found.

In a letter we have received from St. Mary's, it is stated, that no language can describe the agonized feelings of the afflicted parents at this heavy bereavement; their grief is the more poignant, as they had scarcely recovered from the shock they had sustained, by the loss of a daughter, named Mary Ann, who was drowned in the river at Sherbrooke, on the 25th day of August last, aged three years.

"Dumb was I, opening not my mouth,
Because the stroke was thine."

William D. MacIntosh was in his nineteenth year; he is said to have been amiable in his deportment, dutiful

to his parents, and loved by his friends and acquaintances, and more, he was a pious young man that feared his God.

[COMMUNICATED]

BEAR HUNT.—The late mild weather having induced Bruin to leave his winter quarters, his tracks were observed in the snow on Mr. James Crockett's land, near M. River; a search was commenced, he was started from his lair, fired at and wounded in the thigh, on Saturday the 16th ult., and chased towards the East River; night stopped the pursuit. On Monday the 18th the chase was resumed, he was followed to John Chisholm's clearing, and back again toward the M. River, but snow falling the chase was given up. On Saturday the 23d, he was again started, near the place where first seen, fired at, and chased again toward E. River; night again gave him respite. On Sabbath it was observed he had crossed the main road, and early on Monday, the chase was resumed by James and William Crockett, Robert, George, and James Oliver, and Alexander McKay, Fox Brook, with four excellent dogs for the purpose, who, after chasing him about four miles, and part of the way within a hundred yards of him, and having disabled him with several shots, succeeded in killing him about a mile from the Albion Mines. About mid-day, part of the chase being on the highway, it was interesting to see him hopping along, teased by the dogs, and men at a short distance running and gaping for breath. He measured seven feet eight inches from the snout to the tip of the tail.

We beg to acknowledge the receipt of a fine haunch of venison, from Mr. Robert Oliver, and hope it is not the last he will have in his gift.

We have been desired to ask, why there are no measures taking to get copies of the Petition we published last week, signed, and sent on to the House of Assembly?

We have to acknowledge the receipt of two pamphlets on the Canada Question, from the *Herald* office, Montreal, any of our Subscribers may have a reading of them by calling at this office.

LITERARY SOCIETY.—On Wednesday evening last, Mr. R. McDONALD read an Essay before the Society on *BANLING*, and on Wednesday next, Dr. KIRKWOOD will lecture on the *ANATOMY OF THE BRAIN*.

THE LEGISLATURE of P. E. Island was summoned by Proclamation, to meet for the despatch of Business on the 26th ultimo.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—"Old Rusticus," "Tattler," and "Gamina," are received.

☞ The **GENERAL MEETING** of the Pictou Friendly Society, will be held in the Court House, on Friday next, at 12 o'clock, noon.
1st Feb. 1836. J. W. HARRIS, Sec'y.

DEATH.
On Saturday last, William C., youngest son of Mr. John Patterson, aged 4 years.

SALE BY AUCTION:
At the Office of the Subscribers,
in Pictou,
On FRIDAY, the 6th FEBRUARY, at 12 o'clock, noon:
The **SCHOONER DOVE**,
burthen per Register 41 tons,—with all her Appurtenances, as she now lies at Point Betty, in Merigumish.
ROSS & PRIMROSE.
Pictou, 29th January, 1836.

SEEDS,
Growth of 1835.
The Subscriber has received his usual supply of Garden, Field, and Flower SEEDS, among which are 1500 lbs. of American red clover seed, 20 bush. timothy seed, dwarf and pole peas and beans, &c.
Feb'y 1836. JAMES DAWSON.
☞ Those disposed to cultivate red clover for the seed, are informed that J. D. will give 10d per lb for any quantity they can raise, if it be well cleaned.
J. D. has for sale, a few barrels American APPLES, of superior quality.

FUNERAL LETTERS, VISITING, INVITATION and other CARDS,
executed at this Office in the neatest manner.