

Letters from Illinois and Wisconsin give very discouraging accounts of business in those States; there has been nothing but rainy weather and muddy roads since August, and farmers could not—if they were so disposed—get their crops to market. The low price of wheat also discourage them from selling at present, and the business of the whole West is prostrate. Merchants depending on payments from their notes will find themselves badly off before spring.

An effort will be made at the coming session of Congress to still further reduce the price of postage. It is suggested that all letter postage shall be at 2 cents pre-paid; circulars (printed) 1 cent; newspapers to subscribers $\frac{1}{2}$ or $\frac{3}{4}$ cent each; transient papers 1 cent each for any distance. The box system at the Post Office should be abolished or prices much reduced.

TEMPERANCE MOVEMENT IN GREAT BRITAIN
—The Secretary of the American Temperance Union announces the passage of a law through both houses of the British Parliament prohibiting the sale of all intoxicating liquors on Sunday mornings and forenoons throughout the kingdom. This has been done at the solicitation of the friends of Temperance and the Sabbath, who have for two years past, poured in numberless petitions that Sunday traffic should be entirely forbidden. The movement is a very important one, but seems to have been overlooked by all the leading secular papers.

DEATH OF JONATHAN GOODHUE.—A gloom has been cast over our city to day, and especially over the commercial portion of it, by the death of one of our oldest and most estimable merchants, Jonathan Goodhue, Esq., principal of the firm of Goodhue & Co., to whom we believe we may say, there remain not one nor more highly respected, or more universally esteemed. —*New York Journal of Friday.*

Mr. Lover is preparing for the press a amusing account of his trip to America, which will include several anecdotes of his countrymen, whom he met with in the New World.

Alderman Hugh Clark, of Philadelphia, has been bound over in the sum of two thousand dollars, for an assault and battery, and inciting to riot, and threatening to shoot Mr. Holmes and his mother with a pistol.

Deposit of Rock Salt in New Brunswick.—We understand that an American citizen has discovered an extensive deposit of Rock Salt in this Province; and that he has made a proposition to the Government of N. Brunswick to make them acquainted with the locality, on being assured of a small per centage on the duty paid to the Government on the quantity raised, and this only for a limited term of years. As this proposition involves no outlay on the part of the Government, and offers the greatest security against deception or imposition, we hope our American neighbor's proposition will be favorably received, for if no salt is raised no money is to be paid, and the Government have it sometimes in their own power to regulate the rate of duty which shall be collected on the mineral. It is, however, rather singular that we should have had a Provincial Geologist who

dering over the face of the country for years, at a heavy expense to the public, and that he should have discovered no indications of this deposit during his perigrations. Fortunate for the public a lynx-eyed Yankee occasionally follows in the track of these well paid official gentlemen, and when they make a discovery, such as we have just referred to, we see no reason in the world why they should not be permitted to benefit by their ingenuity — Head Quarters.

Fire and loss of Life at Halifax.—On the 17th instant the house of Mr. Jonas Hagar was set on fire by a pot of varnish igniting while the family were at breakfast.—The most strenuous exertions could not save the premises and melancholy to relate, Mr. Hagar, who supposed that some of her children remained in the burning mass rushed in to rescue them, and became so bewildered in the smoke and flames that she sunk exhausted upon a bed and died from suffocation. She was native of Eastport, (Me.) and a most estimable woman.

Melancholy Accident.—We learn from the Head-Quarters of Wednesday last—that a melancholy accident occurred on the St John River opposite Sugar Island about ten miles above Fredericton on Sunday last. It appears that a man named Darcas was amusing himself by skating, with his sister's son, a child about seven years of age named O'Hara, in his arms when the ice suddenly gave way and both were plunged into the river to rise no more! The bodies were found in about an hour after they sunk—that of the child being firmly clasped in his uncle's arms.

Inhuman.—The Boston papers contain some severe remarks upon the conduct of the crew and passengers of the British ship *Welcom*. Return which went ashore near Plymouth in the late gale, whereby five little children perished. The Journal states that a gentleman who was passing near after the vessel went ashore, was attracted to the wreck by a low moaning sound. By means of a spar he succeeded in getting on board and found three women, with one child bound to her breast to keep it from perishing, and *the other five dead!* With much difficulty she was got ashore, and taken to the same house where the crew and passengers—among them *her husband*, were enjoying a comfortable shelter. It is to be hoped for the honor of manhood that the statement is exaggerated.

The waters of Chesapeake Bay are now swarming with flocks of swans and geese.

IMPORTANT COMMISSION.—The Acadian Recorder of the 25th inst. says, that Mr. Watson, Office Surveyor, has returned to Halifax from Pictou, Truro & Cumberland, under a commission to report on the state of the public roads. The Post Office department in England has ordered this to take place with a view of continuing discontinuing the conveyance of the British Colonial Mail. Similar commissions have been forwarded to New-Brunswick and Canada, and a joint report will be the result. Without some effectual and comprehensive improvement of a large portion of the road to Canada, we have it from pretty high authority that the steamers will ere long be ordered direct to the United States, and a small steamer or sailing packet put on for Halifax. It now remains for the Provincial Governments to place the mail roads through these Colonies to Canada in good order, or the route of the mails will soon be changed.

There are 778 Banks in the United States. Their capital is nearly \$210,000,000—circulation about \$125,000,000,—specie not from \$50,000,000.

Robbery in the Cars.--George B. Oxford of St. John's N. B. was robbed of his pocket book, while in the cars from Portsmouth to this city on the 22d instant. Its contents were \$180, all in Nova Scotia money. The wallet was taken from a side pocket of the coat.—*Boston paper.*

SEIZURES.—Within the last eight days the Revenue Office, at this port have made seizure this six casks of Rum, illicitly landed from vessels the City, and its neighbourhood.—*Commer.*

Remarkable Duration of Sheathing Copper.—We were present on Saturday morning, when the schooner Charles Kershaw, of this port, was hauled up on the ways to be caulked and re-coppered. She was coppered in 1835, thirteen years since, and her copper is now as perfect and smooth as if it was lately put on. [Charleston Mercury.]

FIRE—On Tuesday evening a fire broke out in the house occupied by Thomas F. Milidge, Esq. in Sewell-street, which did considerable damage to the upper part of the building, before it was got under. The fire was occasioned by a defect in the chimney.

There was another alarm yesterday, originating from the barn belonging to the same building taking fire.— New Bruns.

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We have delayed issuing our paper until half past nine o'clock, in order to present our readers with a summary of English news, but the Mail had not arrived up to the time of going to press.

Our delinquent Subscribers who have neglected calls upon them, for the amount due for the paper, advertising &c., may now expect "a call," which will "command" their attention. We have been obliged to adopt this course—reluctantly, but when persons are indebted for three or four years treat our notices and calls with neglect, they must expect a visit from a law officer.

The following circular has been addressed by the Surveyor General, to each of the local Deputies in the Province. The New Brunswick, which is ever vigilant to point out and show up, the misdeeds of officials--is also equally ready to bestow praise upon them when merited. Our contemporary introducing the circular says, "It is always no gratifying to award the meed of approbation than to find fault, especially if the approbation is bestowed in an unusual quarter. We have at various times found fault with the Surveyor General, and as we have been ready to censure, we are now equally ready to praise him for "a move in the right direction."

CROWN LAND OFFICE, 16th Nov. 1848.

Sir,—The importance of greater attention being paid to agriculture in this Province has now become so apparent, that I consider it my duty to submit to the Executive Government, the propriety of opening up various parts of the Country for settlement. The practice which has prevailed for some years past of allowing every person to select his own land, without reference to any general plan or system, by which the country at large would be benefited in the formation of roads to connect the different settlements, has in every way appeared to me very objectionable.

While using my best endeavours, however, to supersede a system which I consider so pernicious, it may be considered my duty to suggest some more beneficial plan.

My experience has taught me, that in connecting, by roads passing through good land, two or more Settlements already formed; you add to their prosperity—induce the occupation of the intermediate space, and give a superior character to the whole.

I am therefore desirous of receiving from you, recommendations having those objects in view; and in doing so, you will state particularly the Settlements you propose to connect; the length of roads necessary for that purpose; the quality of the land, and the probable expense to be incurred in making the connections; with the number and extent of the bridges which will be necessary, and the probable cost of construction.

In order to identify your recommendation, I beg to should you be employed to of any number of lots of 10 of proposed road. I should you would not receive pay until one half of the lots sh

In forwarding recommendation, I do not think it necessary for you to propose, should you find time, to visit the settlement. I consider the quality of the property of great importance, and pay particular attention to the situation. You note at the same time the quantity of land, which you have in view, and which you think, if successful, will be occupied.

I should wish to receive
from you by the 20th Dec

At Edinburgh, Scotland, at last, after a long illness, which terminated in a peaceful resignation, ADAM SMITH, Esq., died on the 17th inst. leaving behind him a widow and numerous circle of their loss. His remains were deposited in the beautiful cemetery at Woburn, near Salisbury, where he was for many years Secretary of the Society of Friends. Few cases have so generally lamented, or occasioned so much sorrow in business—his kindness as a friend—and his qualifications as a member of Society. The Law, without exception, while living, and now since his death, has been the subject of the former publisher of this paper, the present proprietor.

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Nov. 29, Bge., Volant,
dalk, Ballast, to Club—
Sir Chas Napier, from
lat. 43 00

ALL Persons resident in the Colony who are desirous of becoming Members of the Society, either as Investors or Shareholders, are requested to call on the undersigned, to whom every information can be obtained, before the 10th December next.

The holders of shares will be requested to participate in the Ballot for the election of a new Committee on the 10th inst.

JAS. G. STEVENS,
Agent St. Step
Nov. 29, 1848.

In the matter of THOMAS
George, in the County of
a Bank

Public Notice is here
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Nov. 18, 1848.