

SUMMARY OF NEWS

CANADA

Papers from Canada by yesterday's mail, bear the very gratifying intelligence, that the health of His Excellency the Governor General had much improved since last accounts. The disease has taken a favorable turn, and hopes are entertained of his recovery.—*Nor. Times and Commercial Advertiser*.

We have the best authority for stating that Sir Charles Bagot is daily gaining strength, and slowly casting aside the influence of a disease generated, we doubt not by the unwholesome atmosphere of Kingston—our fervent hope is, that he may rally vigor sufficient to enable him to leave a locality singularly unsuited to a constitution, unfitted to withstand the malaria of neighbouring swamps and uncultivated wilds.

Kingston is situated too close to the wilderness, and the residents thereof are required to withstand the noxious vapours generated by marshes almost as fatal to the English constitution, as the Pantine marshes of the Roman States.

The town is built upon a rock, which however substantial as a foundation serves to prove the sterility of the soil—and so unsuited is this vicinity to agricultural labors that we state as a fact—that vegetables have been furnished by the Montreal gardeners for the supply of the Governor's table.

The Times recommends a visit by His Excellency to the Parishes of Lower Canada for the benefit of his health.

The winter thus far is one of the coldest we have experienced for several years. Since the snow fall, there has not been one day without severe frost.—*Times*.

The population of Upper Canada, or as it is now called Canada West, amounted in 1841 to 452,112 souls.

NEWSPAPERS IN CANADA.—The Kingston Statesman and the Whig published at the same place enumerate fifty-five newspapers published in Canada, fifteen of which are printed in Lower Canada. The list, however, is incomplete. We know of three or four papers now printed at Quebec, which are omitted. The supposed Editors are: English 18, Irish 9, Scotch 9, British Canadian 8, French Canadian 3, and American 3. Total, 42.

Taking the list as it is, it shows some progress. Eighty years ago, there was only one paper published in the present provinces of British North America; fifty years ago, there were only three in the Province of Quebec, all in Lower Canada. Upper Canada since that time has reached the number of forty.—*Quebec Gazette*.

In Nova Scotia there are printed at this time sixteen papers—three of which are issued weekly. In 1825 there were but six.—*Nova Scotia*.

The Halifax Times of the 31st instant, says:

By the packet Sandwich, arrived yesterday in four days from Newfoundland, papers have been received to the 25th ult. They contain accounts of the progress of the elections, which were still going on at the latest dates. In addition to an article which we have inserted from the Public Ledger on this subject, we give the following items of news from that paper of the 27th December.

Election Affairs.—Since our last we have the high gratification to be enabled to report the return of our excellent Conservative friends, Messrs. Ridley and Mund, for the district of Conception Bay; and with them was associated Messrs. Pendergast and Hanrahan—the former, so far as we are advised, a Conservative Roman Catholic, and the latter still under the temporal yoke of the Priests;—so far, then, we are still going ahead,—and without, therefore, the return of our most particular friend and most intimate companion (who closer to us than a brother) for the district of Barren—sending over even the doubtful characters to the radical side—we have a clear majority of three; that is, so far as the returns have been already made, we have a decided Conservative majority in furtherance of moderate views and sound principles, and the gradual improvement of all the substantial interests of the colony.—*Public Ledger*.

It is, we understand, the intention of Mr. Bryan Robinson, one of the principal Barristers in our Courts of Law, to prefer charges, in the proper quarter, against the Hon. the Chief Justice Bourne. We shall see the result.—*Ibid*.

UNITED STATES

An old subscriber, a farmer in Illinois, lately wrote to have his paper discontinued.—He had read it, he said, with pleasure, for years, and it was with the utmost reluctance that he should now cease to peruse it, but he was dependent upon the produce of his farm for subsistence, and what else could he do upon to top off all his luxuries in view of the following prices, which he subjoined as the current rates at the place of his residence.

Wheat bush. 25 cts. Beef per lb. 2 cts
Corn " 34 6 " Pork " 1 "
Oats " 6 " Hog per lb. 8 "
Potatoes " 5 " Butter 6 "
Fowls per doz. 50 " Steers, each \$3.45
Eggs " 34 "

—*New York Commercial Advertiser*.

The Manager of the Vicksburg Theatre has adopted a new expedition. He admits ladies gratis—in hopes they will attract the gentlemen. It is said that they draw like sticking plasters.

A Healthy Town.—Dana, a small town in the west part of Worcester county, containing six hundred and ninety inhabitants by the last census, is so healthy a place that for years there have not been deaths there to the amount of one per cent a year. There were living there, at the commencement of

one 78, one 80, two 81, four 82, two 83, (twin brothers) two 85, one 87, one 92, one 95, and one 96, in all seventeen persons over 77 years of age, averaging a little over 84 years. It is believed no other town in the State of Massachusetts can exhibit such an array of aged persons, in proportion to the number of inhabitants at this town.—*Barnes Gazette*.

A Black Lawyer.—A colored man was recently called to the bar of the Middle Temple, London. His father is one of the Senators of Jamaica, and possessed of a very large fortune, the bulk of which he entailed on his son.

Great Fire at New York.—A destructive fire broke out in New York on the night of the 29th of December, which is computed to have destroyed \$250,000 worth of property, on which there was insurance to the amount of \$75,500. The *Sun* says, the fire at one time bid fair to be equalled only by the memorable conflagration in 1835. It broke out at the corner of Maiden Lane and Water Street, and after destroying two buildings on the former street, the fire spread to and destroyed all the buildings intervening fronting on Water-street and Maiden Lane, and to others contiguous, as well as to those on the opposite sides of both streets, including twelve or thirteen large buildings filled with goods.

About an hour after this fire was subdued, another broke out in a range of two-story frame houses in Broad street, which destroyed several buildings.

THE STANDARD.

SAINT ANDREWS, FRIDAY, JAN. 13, 1843.

Charlotte County Bank.
Hon. HARRIS HATCH, President.
Director next week.—*Wm. Babcock*
DISCOUNT DAY.—TUESDAY.
Hours of business, from 10 to 2.

BILLS AND NOTES FOR DISCOUNT must be lodged with the Cashier, on or before Monday, otherwise they must be over until next week.

Sims and others Joh. P.
Commissioners next week.—*John Parkinson*

SAINT ANDREWS
Marine Insurance Association.
Hon. JAMES ALLANSHAW, President.
JOHN MCKEAN, Esq. Secretary.
Director next week.—*Hon. H. Hatch*
Office open every day, (Sunday excepted) from 10 till 4 o'clock.

Saint Stephens Bank.
WILLIAM PORTER, Esq. President.
Director next week.—*Geo. M. Porter*
DISCOUNT DAY.—SATURDAY.
Hours of business, from 10 to 1.

BILLS AND NOTES FOR DISCOUNT must be lodged with the Cashier, on or before FRIDAY, otherwise they must remain in his hands until the following discount day.

LATEST DATES.

London.	Dec. 3	Montreal.	Jan. 6
Liverpool.	Dec. 4	Quebec.	Jan. 7
Edinburgh.	Dec. 1	Halifax.	Jan. 8
Paris.	Dec. 1	New York.	Jan. 8
Toronto.	Jan. 5	Boston.	Jan. 9

THE ELECTION.—The Poll was closed here on Saturday last at 3 o'clock, when Messrs. THOMSON, BOYD HILL and BROWN, were declared duly elected. The Sheriff in a neat and appropriate speech, complimented the electors generally for the quiet and peaceable manner in which the Election had been conducted, the absence of disturbance or riot during the whole proceeding, and the universal good feeling which seemed to prevail.

The newly elected members also addressed the electors briefly, but to the purpose, and the unsuccessful Candidates with the greatest good feeling, acquiesced in the choice that had been made, while they tendered their thanks for the liberal support which they had received,—a support quite equal to their expectations, considering the late hour at which they appeared in the field as Candidates.

The contest for the last two days between Messrs. Brown, Street and Knight, was brisk and animating; but conducted in the most fair and orderly manner; the former gentleman gaining his Election by a majority of (twenty three).

We believe all the candidates joined in approving of the independent and impartial conduct of the Sheriff, and the general good behaviour of the freeholders and all who attended the election. Indeed we think the conduct of all parties has been deserving of no ordinary praise, and we congratulate the County upon the excellent example which they have set, and which we hope will be followed in all time to come.

We understand that not a solitary instance of inebriety or quarrel, took place during the whole contest.

State of the Poll at its close on Saturday.

THOMSON.	1065
BOYD.	944
HILL.	797
BROWN.	579
STREET.	556
KNIGHT.	504

THE WEATHER for the last few days has been very mild, with slight fogs; on Monday last it rained heavily with a strong breeze from the S.W. on Tuesday the rain continued and left our streets almost bare, so much so, that wheels are used instead of runners. The roads in consequence of the change of weather are in a very bad state, the St. John mail due on Tuesday evening did not arrive here until 10 o'clock on Wednesday night.

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The Charlotte-County Agricultural Society held its Annual Meeting at the Town Hall on Tuesday last the 10th inst., Dr. Frye, President in the Chair. The annual Report (which we give below) and the report of the Committee on Accounts, having been read and the usual routine business gone through with, the President left the chair, and the Hon. Col. Wier was requested to take the same, when the following officers were unanimously re-elected for the ensuing year.

Dr. S. Frye,	President.
Hons. H. Hatch, and	Vice Presidents
Thos. Wier,	
W. Hatch, Esq.,	Treasurer,
Mr. D. D. Morrison,	Secretary.

Committee.—Messrs. C. Campbell, Jos. Walton, John Lachary, John McCurdy, Thomas Sims, Henry O'Neil, C. R. Hathe-way, Thomas Turner, and Samuel Getty.

TWENTY-THIRD REPORT

OF THE
CHARLOTTE-COUNTY
AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Gratitude for benefits received, becomes rational beings; and the blessings bestowed on the labors of the farmer by the beneficence of Divine Providence the past season, call for devout acknowledgment and cannot fail to impart a lasting impression of the goodness of God and the dependence of man.

And the gloom arising from great depression of Trade and Commerce, and the consequent stagnation in almost every subordinate branch of business or industry, the cultivation of the soil alone seemed to offer an asylum for those who could no longer pursue their usual occupations. All classes of men became sensible of the importance of agriculture, and the stimulus thereby given to its interests was manifested not only in extension of operations, but in a spirit of inquiry and enterprise, which has apparently laid a foundation for rapid and lasting improvement, and effect for the year a general production of nearly double the amount of any former year, excepting the crops of hay, which from various causes was far under an average one. This failure however must teach a salutary lesson in showing the fallacy of relying too exclusively either on hay for the sustenance of stock, or on particular transitions of weather, instead of improved husbandry.

The Board have great pleasure in being enabled to report that the supply of grass seeds imported from the State of Maine, arrived in good order and proved excellent in quality; and that the Stock of seed wheat and oats which remained over was all disposed of, as well as the iron Ploughs manufactured in this Town, which have been so much approved of that a further supply has been suggested for consideration. A new importation of Plough metals will be indispensable to meet the increasing wants of the County.

Col. Marks of St. Stephen having determined to dispose of his imported Durham Bulls, tendered the refusal of him to the Society, which induced the Board on mature consideration to secure the only animal of that breed now in the County by purchase, but unfortunately it will be attended with an additional expense for keeping. It is hoped however that the improvement in the breed of cattle will be more than an equivalent for the outlay.

The bounty on Lime has induced numbers to try it as a manure, and wherever it has been applied on land sufficiently drained the benefit has been obvious, and in several instances the yield of crop, particularly of wheat has been extraordinary; and the Board feel warranted in remarking that in the immediate vicinity of the Town one acre thus treated produced fifty bushels of good wheat weighing 59 lb. per bushel: a yield it is presumed seldom exceeded in any country.—The utmost care and judgment however must be exercised in the application of this expensive article as a manure, and it must never be lost sight of, that thorough draining is indispensable.

The success which has attended the incipient attempts of several individuals to cultivate Turnips on a small scale, will doubtless lead to important results, and ere long radically change the present expensive and ruinous mode of feeding stock so exclusively on hay. This decided impulse given towards the general cultivation of the Turnip crop, must in common fairness be attributed to the extensive and judicious experiments instituted by Mr. Bolton of this town, whose noble example is deserving of high praise.

The premiums offered by the Society for the best crops of grain and roots were awarded by the several committees appointed for that purpose, and it is believed satisfactorily to the competitors—the great number of whom establish the increasing spirit of enterprise now influencing the cultivators of the soil throughout the County.

A small sum has been expended for the improvement of the breed of Swine, and it is hoped the experiment will be useful. The Board was induced during seed time to depart from its usual course in order to supply seed to new settlers and others who could not furnish themselves on the promise of future payment, some of whom are residents of the County of York and it has reason to believe that the measure adopted has been beneficial to the parties and creditable to the Society.

It will be seen from the Treasurers accounts that the funds of the Society after meeting current demands have not been in a condition to admit of the importation of live stock as contemplated, in consequence of not having, as yet, realized the amount of the Legislative grant, but should the Provincial bounty be continued as heretofore it is recommended that every exertion should be made to carry into effect that important measure.

A proposition to have a discourse on agriculture delivered at the meeting of the Society in October, at the exhibition of the samples for premium having been sustained by the Board, James Brown Esq. was prevailed upon to prepare one accordingly, and it is pleasing to observe that the experiment excited much interest, and that the address of Mr. Brown was highly appreciated by a numerous and respectable audience, and it is hoped that he or some other competent person will be induced to continue a course of similar instruction, which cannot but have a tendency to extend emulation and advance improvement in agriculture.

The President and Directors in conclusion cannot refrain from felicitating the Society on the favorable influence of its operations thus far; and venture to predict, from the rapid strides which Agricultural Science is now making in the world, together with the spirit that is perceptible among our farmers, that in a very few years, the occupation of the agriculturist will become more respected and profitable, and that the results of his various enterprises will remove every doubt or evil against the capability of our soil or climate, and prove that the only obstacle to successful cultivation or farming is want of industry and science.

S. FRYE, President.

D. D. MORRISON, Secretary.

At six o'clock a numerous and respectable Company sat down to an excellent Dinner prepared at Driscoll's Hotel. Dr. Frye presided, ably assisted by the Hon. H. Hatch, and the Hon. Thos. Wier, as Vice Presidents. After the usual loyal and patriotic toasts were given, which we regret want of room prevents us from giving, songs, sentiments and speeches followed in rapid succession. The wines were superior, and the greatest harmony and good feeling prevailed; the only thing to be regretted was, that the British Possessions abroad from the Portuguese Dominions, and to export Goods from such Possessions to be carried to any Foreign Country whatever.

I have, &c. STANLEY.

Lieut. Gov. Sir W. M. G. COLEBROOK.

His Excellency the Lieut. Governor has addressed a Circular, to the High Sheriff, to call meetings in this County, of the Merchants and principal inhabitants to express their opinions, upon the important subject of regulating the duties now imposed upon the Commerce. The following are the questions.

Question 1st whether the exception of the duties on spirits and some other special articles it would not be advisable for the purpose of raising a revenue, to impose a moderate *ad valorem* duty, on all articles of import including corn and other bread-stuffs.

Question 2d whether a moderate export duty on Timber &c. would not be advantageously substituted for the Licence duties now imposed on the cutting of Timber in the Forests.

Question 3. whether the warehousing system would not be preferable to the present mode of taking Bonds, the duties being paid on taking goods out for consumption?

In addition to the answers to the above questions His Excellency wishes to obtain any general observations which may be of importance in regard to the effects of the British and American Tariffs on the trade of the Province.

Meeting of the Provincial Legislature.—It will be seen by His Excellency the Lieut. Governor's Proclamation, which we insert in another column, that the Provincial Legislature is to meet for the dispatch of business on Tuesday the 31st January.

In reply to some unkind remarks in the *Chronicle* of Friday last, we have only to observe that the short article copied by us was "marked" as credited to that paper, and over looked in correcting the proof in the hurry and bustle of the election. We can assure the Editor, that were we to make a practice of "copying his editorials," generally, our Subscribers would be very likely, "to drop the Standard"—but whether they would consent to take the "Chronicle" in its place, is very questionable.

THE AMBASSADOR of January is received, and is as usual interesting. This interesting periodical has just commenced its third volume, now is the time to subscribe.—Price \$s. 3d. free of postage.

The Report and proceedings of the St. Andrews local committee of the Church Society, will be inserted in our next.

NOTICE.—Those of our Subscribers indebted to us will please pay the person who will call upon them; we have engagements to meet for paper &c. immediately. We trust that they will see the propriety of paying promptly. To those persons, who have paid us regularly, we return our thanks.

Remarkable Egg.—A correspondent at Weymouth informs us that a hen belonging to Mr. Cereno Jones of that place, some time last month produced an egg, having upon it an inscription resembling the dial plate of a time piece, with all the numbers in letters—some of them rather indistinct—x. and xi. perfectly legible, the egg was flat on the side containing the letters, and within the letters was raised a little—was of an oval shape. The egg unfortunately got broke. Our correspondent thinks there was something remarkable in it—so do we—something certainly going to happen. A gentleman now in town who saw the egg, confirms the above statement, and speaks of it as a curious phenomenon.—*Yarmouth Herald*.

PROVINCIAL.

From the Royal Gazette.

By His Excellency Sir WILLIAM MACBETH GEORGE COLEBROOKE, K. H., Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province of New Brunswick, &c. &c. &c. W. M. G. COLEBROOKE.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of this Province has been summoned to meet at Fredericton on Saturday the fourteenth day of this instant January, I have thought fit to prorogue the said General Assembly, and the same is hereby prorogued to Tuesday the thirty first day of this instant January, then to meet at Fredericton for dispatches of business.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Fredericton, the second day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty three, and in the sixth year of Her Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command.

WM. F. ODELL.

Crown Land Office, Jan. 2, 1843.

ALL persons or associated parties who may be desirous of obtaining Crown Land in any of the locations recently Surveyed by Government, or which may hereafter be Surveyed in this Province, will have an opportunity, on the first and third Monday in every month, of purchasing the same at this Office, under the Settlement Regulations lately published in the Royal Gazette.—Sales to commence at noon.

THOS. BAILLIE, S. G.

Downing Street, 23d November, 1842.

Sir—I have the honor to transmit to you for publication in the Colony under your Government, an order made on the 3d instant, by Her Majesty in Council, authorising "Portuguese Ships to import into any of the British Possessions abroad from the Portuguese Dominions, and to export Goods from such Possessions to be carried to any Foreign Country whatever."

I have, &c. STANLEY.

Lieut. Gov. Sir W. M. G. COLEBROOKE.

THE ELECTIONS.

York County.—The poll finally closed at Fredericton on Tuesday last, when it stood as follows:—Mr. Allen, 744; Mr. Taylor, 739; Mr. Wilnot, 662; Mr. Fisher, 536; Mr. Piccard, 469; Mr. Botsford, 453; Mr. Munchin, 445; Mr. Coy, 274.—The four first named were accordingly returned as Members. We understand that in consequence of the excitement that prevailed, and the threatening appearance of a great number of men, who were armed with clubs, and took possession of the passage leading to the poll on the last day of the election, the military had to be called out, and it was not until they charged upon the mob with fixed bayonets, that access could be had to the poll. Several individuals, we understand, were severely beaten.

Kent.—The election in this County terminated on the morning of Wednesday the 28th ult.—the seventh polling day—when Mr. M. Laughlin gave up the contest, and John Weldon and David Wark, Esquires, were declared duly elected.—State of the Poll at close:—Mr. Weldon, 427; Mr. Wark, 37; Mr. M. Laughlin, 139.

Carleton County.—The election for this County commenced on Tuesday the 27th ult. when J. M. Connell, and B. C. Beardsley, Esquires, (the former Representatives), and Charles Perley, and Richard English, Esquires, were proposed as Candidates. On the second day of polling, Captain Elisha Coullifs, who acted for Mr. English, withdrew from the contest. State of the poll at its adjournment on the third day:—Perley, 258; Connell, 237; Beardsley, 194.

Queen's County election commenced on Tuesday the 3d instant. Hugh Johnston and Thomas Gilbert, Esquires, the former Representatives of the County, and John Earl, Esquire, came forward as candidates. At the close of the first day's polling, the numbers were as follow:—Earl, 28; Johnston, 23; Gilbert, 19.

King's County.—State of the poll at its adjournment last evening at Kingston:—Earl, 678; Freeze, 632; Vail, 545; McLeod, 414;—Mr. Pyewell had resigned. The election will terminate at Kingston this afternoon.

Miramichi, Jan. 3.

Our Election.—We mentioned in our last, that there was much excitement on the first day of the election, but were in hopes it would diminish, and that after the ebullition of popular feeling manifested in Chatham on that night, things would be more calm. In this, we lament to remark, we have been disappointed. Each day the feeling grew stronger, and on Saturday evening it burst forth in open violence. The houses and stores of a number of parties were assaulted—the windows smashed, doors broken in, and otherwise injured. This is a state of affairs much to be deprecated. We have long urged the propriety of strengthening the Civil power with a Military or some other force, but all attempts to accomplish this, has proved futile. No person, we are glad to be enabled to state, has received bodily injury, and we trust exertions will be used to prevent such an occurrence.—*Gleaner*.

STATE OF THE POLL.

5th day:—Rankin, 609,
Williston, 555,
Street, 468.

The New Brunswicker says, "We have been favoured with the following extract of a letter, dated

FREDERICTON, Dec. 3, 1843:

There was a circumstance occurred here to-day which will show whether the Governor is in earnest or not, when publishing Lord John Russell's Despatch; and in which