

COMMUNICATION.

Mr. Editor, I beg to inform you, that on Friday the 25th August, about 20 to 8 P. M. there was a large ball of fire (if I may so call it), passed over nearly one half of our hemisphere. Those who beheld it were greatly amazed; in fact several of them told me, that they had never seen nor even read of a parallel. From the moment that I first saw it till it disappeared, I was considerably alarmed. It took its origin in the S. S. West, passed on a horizontal line Easterly, about six degrees below Jupiter, at a velocity of about eight thousand miles per minute. What seemed very remarkable, as it approached the planet, its motion was greatly retarded, and when in conjunction with him the attraction was so great, that it apparently stood still for a moment; at which time I actually thought that when they came in contact an explosion was inevitable, and that one quarter of our globe in ruins. But from this depending thought I was soon relieved when I saw the phenomenon glide gently past Jupiter on the same horizontal line, increasing its motion to an inconceivable rapidity as it progressed till at last it disappeared in the blue sky nearly due east.

It was certainly the most luminous Body I ever saw, excepting the sun himself. I looked like a ball of newly coined silver, retained its globular form, emitting particles resembling the tail of a comet, but being quickly parted from the main body, they faintly disappeared. The diameter of this wonderful and ominous Body, as nearly as I can conjecture, was about 365 miles, and its distance from the earth was not less than 275,000 miles.

AN OBSERVER. St. Patrick's, 26th Aug. 1854.

FROM MEXICO. The town of Copalimela, in the State of Chiapas, was recently destroyed by fire—77 houses being consumed. Famine is threatening some of the provinces, and several deaths are recorded from hunger. The locusts continue their ravages throughout that portion of Mexico.

On the 31st of July a battle was fought on the Rio Grande, between the Government forces under the command of Col. Zouava and the insurgent troops under Col. Villalba, in which the latter was killed, and a large number of men. The Government forces were victorious. The news of this affair had reached the Capital and caused great rejoicing. The Echo of Vera Cruz attaches great importance to the victory, and says it will do much towards the establishment of order in the Department of Guerrero, where it occurred.

Another division of troops under Col. Moreno had attacked and carried a party of insurgents in the same Department about the same time. The Indians continued their ravages on the frontier, killing the men and carrying off the women and plundering dwellings.

Business and Trade in England.—The London letters and journals speak with terms of rejoicing at the state of trade in Great Britain. A letter from London says:—

With regard to the general condition of the commerce of the country, everything denotes extraordinary soundness and vigour. The last returns of the Board of Trade showed an increase of nearly a million sterling in the declared value of our exports as compared with the corresponding month of last year, although on that occasion there was a most unusual increase over the preceding year, and we were considered to be in a state of unprecedented prosperity.

Another letter has the following:—

The harvest is of more importance than the war. The harvest will beat the war.—The goodness of the harvest will cause a large increase to our circulating medium.—With an increased circulating medium we can endure increased taxation—increased circulation being the means to pay the taxes with. We could bear an increased taxation of £10,000,000 per annum, if the Bank of England Act could only permit an increased issue of £10,000,000 of notes based upon Government Securities. The difference in effect between the public having a few millions more or less of notes in their hands is astonishing. In the happy days of 1852 the highest amount of Bank of England notes in circulation was not more than £24,000,000 and the lowest point in the year of trouble 1854 has not been less than £20,000,000, but the rate of interest has varied from 2 1/2 to 5 1/2. The extreme of bullion within the same period has been from £35,700,000 down to £25,700,000—showing a fluctuation of £10,000,000, while the notes in the hands of the public only fluctuated £4,000,000; as the larger portion of this fluctuation in the notes in circulation arose from the difference between immediately before and after the payment of the dividends, I might, perhaps, convey a more correct idea by stating that the difference between the maximum amount in 1852 and 1854 is not more than £1,500,000.

BALTIMORE, AUG. 17.

A man named Michael Henry Moorey has been arrested in this city, on a charge of robbing a mercantile house in Liverpool, of £450 sterling. He has fully confessed his guilt and will return to England.

CHICAGO, Aug. 16. The dwelling of Mr. Merchant, near Pictonica, was struck by lightning on Saturday last, killing him and four of his children.

The Crops in England.—A London correspondent of the N. Y. Courier sends to that paper a copy of the Gardener's Chronicle, which contains in a tabular form, the state of the crops in 230 places in England, Ireland and Scotland. The result of this statement is that Wheat is above an average; Barley and Oats about an average; Beans and Peas a total failure; Turnips and green crops very flourishing; Potatoes doubtful.

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THE STANDARD. WEDNESDAY, AUG. 30, 1854. The Fredericton Reporter in an able lead, or upon the political questions which now occupy the attention of the Canadian Government, before Sir Edmund Head, when he assumes the reins of Government as Governor General, very justly remarks, that Sir Edmund will pay a pretty high price for his increased honours and emoluments. We commend his concluding remarks to the serious attention of our readers.—

We want a connection among ourselves, and until we have it in the double light referred to, we can never be prepared to avail ourselves of the advantages to be derived from reciprocal treaties with our neighbours. Some of our supplies are now conveyed a distance of nearly fifteen hundred miles by the round about route from Canada, and again lodged for consumption within one hundred forty miles of the St. Lawrence!—This may well suit the owners of the American Railroads; those of the Steamers, and certain merchants of St. John, but they can ruin on the central districts of the Province.

To cap the climax,—in the midst of all the outpourings of Canada to Portland, the best of the Canadian flour is called and sent westward, while we are at liberty to send after it, or take the sour stuffs remaining.—Our freight and money are thus obtained by the Americans. With all these grievances Sir Edmund Head is we suppose well acquainted; and his influence, which we are convinced must be great at home—else he could not obtain the Governor Generalship—will we are sure be exercised to redress them. Hundreds of thousands tons of freight, originally from Canada, have within the last six years passed by the River in view of Government House, to the upper districts of the St. John—almost back to the St. Lawrence.

SHEDAC RAILWAY.—A gentleman who has been over this line of Railway, informs that but comparatively few men are at work on the line, and that he saw no locomotive running on that part on which the rails were laid—and it will be some time before an engine can pass over more than two miles, as the bridge over the Scoudie will take some months to finish. Persons are very apt to suppose, a railroad can be made in a few months but they will learn, that even with big Contractors, that time, as well as money and men, is required, and that occasional "share-ups," will occur between contractors and subcontractors. By the way are Messrs. Jackson & Co men of their word? have they paid monthly as per contract? Perhaps Messrs. Black & Co. can answer the question.

LAUNCHED on the 12th inst., from Wetmore's shipyard St. George, a beautifully modelled and thoroughly coppered ship of 985 tons N. M. 1033 O. M. named "The Black Douglas." This vessel is separated by judges, to be one of the best finished and most expensively fastened ships ever built in this country. She was built by Mr. John Billings, under the special supervision of Mr. Tucker, Lloyd's Surveyor—for a seven years class ship, and is owned by Mr. D. Wetmore.

DIGBROOK BRIDGE.—We are informed that this bridge, was taken down for the purpose of bringing through a new ship upwards of a week since. We should like to know who is to compensate the Public for travelling a distance of seven miles over a wretched road (the Roix road so called) in consequence of this bridge being down. And we are requested to enquire when the Bridge will be rebuilt?

The long drought, has been felt in this neighbourhood. On several farms, the late sown grain crops have suffered for want of rain—oats are nearly ripe and not half the usual height, and the crop of turnips will be light. Potatoes in most districts are free from blight, but "small and few in a hill."

ANOSTROOK.—The Bangor Whig learns from a gentleman of Houlton, that the drought has not yet extended to the Anostrook county. That region has been visited with frequent showers, and the crops are in a flourishing condition. Our informant stated that the roads were not dusty till he came within sixty miles of Bangor.

We are happy to state to our readers, that the cholera has entirely disappeared in Saint John, the panic has altogether subsided, and Business has begun to flow in its accustomed channel. The Visitors from the City who took refuge from the ravages of the epidemic in our healthy Town, have, with a few exceptions returned. They unanimously expressed themselves delighted not only with St. Andrews but every section of the County they have visited.

The Salem Register says Prof. Stowe, who has a vow registered in heaven not to shave his beard until the fugitive-slave law is repealed, has now upon his face and chin a growth of human fleece which makes him resemble one of the ancient patriarchs.

The American Institute, New York, has decided to hold no Fair this year. The failure of the exhibition last year, and the difficulty of securing a proper place in which to hold it, are the causes producing this decision.

MELANCHOLY ACCIDENT.—We regret to learn that Peter Clinch, Esq., of St. George, was thrown from a horse on Monday last, and received such internal injuries that he expired this morning at 3 o'clock. His remains will be interred on Thursday with Masonic honors.

Capt. Hollins, of the U. S. Ship of War, Cayane, was arrested in New York, on a civil suit for damages to property by the destruction of Greytown.

HALIFAX. In consequence of the disastrous fire at Government House last Sunday, Sir Gaspar Le Marchant has given up his trip to the Bay of Fundy, and returned to Halifax in H. M. steamer Argus, which has since sailed for Bermuda. We regret to state that the damage to Government House from fire and water is so great that it is uninhabitable.—Lady Le Marchant and family have taken up their quarters at the Waverley Hotel, and Sir Gaspar receives gentlemen on business at the Province Building—New Brunswick.

BRIDGE OVER THE GRAND FALLS.—We understand that this work is to be commenced immediately, and is to be constructed under the supervision of Alexander Light, Esq., the chief Engineer of the St. Andrews and Quebec Railroad Company. It is intended that the bridge shall be a truss bridge, and is to be erected across the St. John a short distance below the Falls. We have no doubt from Mr. Light's high character as an Engineer, but that the work will be thoroughly executed.—[Woodstock Journal.]

The new steamer Adelaide is expected to leave New York the latter part of next week on a cruise to the Eastward and afterwards she will be placed on the route between this city and Boston. She is represented as being a splendid steamer, possessing fine sea-going qualities, and will be commanded by Captain Winchester, who has been so long and favourably known as Capt. of the Eastern City. The latter steamer is now commanded by Capt. Fields, who was mate on board of the Admiral, and is in every respect competent to perform the duties, while his gentlemanly deportment will no doubt secure him the respect of the travelling public.—N. Brunswick.

Mackerel are exceedingly abundant on the shores of Cape Breton the present season.—They are also said to abound in our northern harbours, but there they may sport their fins in perfect security, as no one molests them. Conversing with a Johnny Crepeau from the North, who acknowledged there was plenty of mackerel on the coast, we asked why the inhabitants did not catch them; the reply was characteristic, "Oh! de people can leave very well widout 'em."

The total number of deaths by Cholera in Canada, as reported up to the 14th inst., was 2,225.

The trial of Mr. Martin, of Cape Breton, for shooting Mr. Dodd, who first seduced, and then refused to marry his daughter, has resulted in a verdict of acquittal; although we learn that some point has been reserved for the consideration of the Government. We profess not to prescribe the sentiments of others; but in our opinion every man of the Jury is entitled to the thanks of his country.—Fred. Reporter.

[We endorse every word, the Jury were men in the noblest sense.—Ed. STAND.]

Holloway's Ointment and Pills, an Infal- lible Remedy for Tumours, Swellings, and Contracted Joints.—Ann Carter, housemaid, residing with a family in Burton Crescent, had an immense tumour in her right knee, which increased to such a size, that she could

not bend the joint, and was in consequence obliged to leave her situation. Her medical attendant informed her that there was no chance of cure, and it would be necessary to amputate the limb. This opinion not satisfying her she commenced using Holloway's Ointment and Pills, and by God's blessing they have been the means of effecting a perfect cure, and she has resumed her former situation.

This Paper is filed, and may be seen free of charge, at Holloway's Pill and Ointment Establishment, 244 Strand, London, where Advertisements and Subscriptions will be received for this Periodical.

MARRIAGES. At St. John, Aug. 19, at Trinity Church, by the Rev. I. W. D. Gray, Mr. Benjamin M. Wollan, to Ann, eldest daughter of Mr. William Bannell, of that city. At St. John, on the 24th inst. by the Rev. Wm. Armstrong, Curate of St. James', Alex. W. Seely, to Elizabeth, only daughter of Mr. Charles N. Perkins, all of that City.

DEATHS. At St. John, the 14th instant, after a few hours illness, in the 62d year of her age, Elizabeth, wife of Henry Gilbert, Esquire. At Fredericton, Aug. 26, of consumption, Caleb, youngest son of the late Christopher Smiler, in the 24th year of his age. At Petersville, Queen's County, on the 9th inst., Capt. W. H. Lyon, in the 73d year of his age, leaving a large circle of relatives and friends to mourn his death. At St. Mary's, on the 16th inst., Mrs. Hannah Winslow Smith, aged 77 years, relict of the late Henry Smith, Esquire, and daughter of the late Colonel Stephen Miller.

ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE. To be sold at Public Auction, on the Premises, on the 3d day of October next, at eleven of the clock in the forenoon.—ALL that certain FARM, or LOT of LAND owned by Henry T. Emery in his life time, containing about four acres and 20 rods. The above farm is situated at Deer Island, in the County of Charlotte, in Long Creek, opposite the old Grist Mill. There is a good one story HOUSE on the premises, three rooms of which are well finished, and a good suitable Barn. Terms of sale will be made known at the time of sale. JOHN M. KINNEY, Administrator. Deer Island, Aug. 28, 1854. 41.

MAIL STAGE, BETWEEN ST. ANDREWS, ST. STEPHENS & REPEA MILLS. The Subscriber having taken the contract for the conveyance of the Mails between the above named places, will run daily (Sundays excepted) leaving Upper Mills at half-past 4 A. M., St. Stephens half-past 5 A. M. Returning will leave St. Andrews at 12 o'clock, noon. Having quick horses, a comfortable Wagon, and covered Carriage, he is prepared to carry Passengers, to whom every attention will be paid. He trusts by punctuality and care, to merit a share of patronage. Books kept at Bradford's hotel, St. Andrews, L. Ryder's, St. Stephen, and at his own house, Upper Mills. JOHN O'BRIEN, August 22, 1854.

LIST OF LETTERS REMAINING in the St. Andrews Post Office 2nd July, 1854. Brady, Dr. Wm M. Carleton, Wm Babcock, Mrs. E. M'Donald, John Biny, Buskirk M'Court, Lydia Broth, Richard M'Curdy, Wm Cardrife, Thomas M'Kinlay, Robert Doyle, John M'Dermitt, Wm H. Daury, Mr. Mitchell, Mrs. Eliza Dickinson, Thomas Neil, Morrice Ellis, William Robinson, John R. Gary, Miss Hellen Ross, Ann Hawthorn, Robert Richardson, J. Humphries, Thomas Sheffield, Thomas Jose, H. S. Sullivan, Thomas Lahare, Leonard Wedock, Rosanna Lonergan, Miss M. Welsh, Thomas M'Kinzie, Donald Persons calling for any of the above will please say advertised. GEO. F. CAMPBELL, P. M.

Assessor's Notice. NOTICE is hereby given, that the undersigned Assessors will receive, at the store of John Lochary, until the 10th June next, statements from all who are liable to be assessed for the current year, in the Parish of Saint Andrews, of the real and personal properties and incomes they possess, in order that correct information may be received, and complaints prevented after the assessment is completed. These statements must be sworn to before a Justice of the Peace, as the Law requires. S. H. WHITLOCK, Assessors JOHN LOCHARY, of HAWTHINGS, Rates. St. Andrews, May 10, 1854.

SAINT JOHN AND LIVERPOOL LINE OF PACKET SHIPS. PERSONS desirous of having their friends brought out from England, Ireland, or Scotland, can arrange for, and require Passage Tickets for the PACKET Sails leaving Liverpool on the 5th and 20th of each Month, by applying to J. & R. REED, St. John, Nov. 24th, 1853. The accommodations for Passengers are: up to 1st, either in the Cabin, or in the Steerage.

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