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A. FRASER, Dock Street, Saint John, 13th June, 1848.

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Corner of King and Germain Streets.

Boys' and Youths' strong BOOTS, suitable for the season.

THE Subscriber has now on hand, and is daily receiving, Boys' and Youths' strong BOOTS, suitable for the season, of domestic manufacture and warranted good.

J. S. K. POSTER, Jan. 2.

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NEW opening and for Sale—200 Doz. of 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000.

To intending EMIGRANTS from New-Brunswick.

THE CANADA COMPANY would submit to the serious consideration of all parties who may contemplate leaving New-Brunswick, whether the Western section of Canada, (formerly the Province of Upper Canada), does not offer every inducement for them to settle there, rather than that they should proceed to the United States. In Upper Canada they will find a most healthy climate, the soil very fertile, and abundance of excellent lands to be obtained upon easy terms, from the Government and the Canada Company. The great success which has attended settlement in Upper Canada is abundantly evidenced by the prosperous condition of the Farmers throughout the Country; and it is also shown by the success of many military settlements in Upper Canada.

The Canada Company's LANDS are offered by way of LEASE for Ten Years; or for SALE, CASH DOWN. The plan of 13th Cate, and Balance in Instalments, being done away with. The Rents payable 1st February each Year, are about the Interest, at Six per Cent. upon the Cash Price of the Land. Upon most of the Lots, when Leased, NO MONEY IS REQUIRED DOWN; whilst upon the others, according to locality, One, Two, or Three Years Rent must be paid in advance, but these payments will free the Settler from further Calls, until the 3rd, 4th, or 5th Year of his Term of Lease.

The Settler has secured to him the right of conveying his Lease into a Freehold, and of course, stopping payment of further Rents, before the expiration of the Term, upon paying the purchase of Money specified in the Lease.

The Lessee has thus guaranteed to him the entire benefit of his Improvements and increased value of the Land he occupies, should he wish to purchase. But he may, if he pleases, refuse to call for the Freehold; the option being completely with the Settler.

A Decree, after the rate of Two per Cent. will be allowed for anticipated payment of the purchase Money for every unexpired year of Lease, before entering the Tenth Year.—The Lessee has also secured to him the benefit of the Settlers' SAVINGS BANK Account.

The Canada Company have published "A Collection of Information for intending Emigrants of all classes to Upper Canada;" copies of which, as well as further information, may be obtained gratuitously, by applying at the Office of G. BLATCH, Esq., Barrister at Law, Prince William Street, St. John, N.B.

Commissioners of the Canada Company's Office, CANADA, W.E.—Toronto, 30th Nov. 1848.

The Garland.

SONG OF OLD TIME.

By ELIZA COOK. I wear not the purple of earth-born kings, Nor the stately ermine of lordly things; But monarch and courtier, tho' great they be, Must fall from their glory and bow to me, My sceptre is gentles; yet you can say, They will not come under its mighty sway; Ye may learn who I am—here's the passing claim, And the dial to herald me, Old King Time! Softly I creep, like a thief in the night, After sleeps all blooming and eyes all light; My steps are seen on the patriarch's brow, In the deep-sown furrows and beds of snow, Who laughs at my power? I mock and gay; But they deem not how closely I track their way. Wait till their first bright sands have run, And they will not smile at what time hath done. I eat through treasures with moth and rust; I lay the gorgeous palace in dust; I make the shell-heap tower my top, And break the battlement stone from stone. Work on at your cities and temples, proud men, Build high as ye may and as ye can; But the marble shall crumble, the pillar shall fall, And Time, Old Time, will be king after all.

Miscellaneous.

THE SCHOOL ROOM.—We all know what it is to the learner to be dragged on day by day through the dull routine of exercises, in which a school-girl feels no particular interest, except what arises from getting in advance of her fellows, or obtaining a prize, or suffering a punishment. We can all remember the atmosphere of the school room, so ungenial to the fresh and buoyant spirit of youth. The clatter of slates, the dull point of the pencil, and the white chalk, where the wrong figure or figure that would prove the incorrectness of the whole—had so often been rubbed out. To say nothing of the morning's lessons before the dust from the desks and floor had been put in motion, we can all remember the afternoon sessions with which we took our places, perhaps between companions the most unloved by us of any in the school; and how, while the summer's sun was shining in through the high windows, we pined with aching heads over some dull dry words, that would not transmit themselves to the tablet of our memories, though repeated with indelible industry—how we longed for a holiday, and how, when it came, we were distinguished by the universal hum and buzz of the close, heated room, where the heart, if it did not forget itself to stone, at least forgot itself to sleep, and lost all power of feeling anything but weariness and ennui.

THE "DOMESTIC INSTITUTIONS" OF AMERICA.—"I shall never forget a scene which took place in the city of St. Louis, when I was in slavery. A man and his wife were taken to the country to the city for sale. They were taken to the rooms of Austin and Savage, auctioneers. Several slave speculators, who are always to be seen at auctions where slaves are to be sold, were present. The man was first put up, and sold to the highest bidder. The wife was next ordered to ascend the platform. The auctioneer commenced, and eyes were turned to the face of the woman, whose cheeks were wet with tears. "But a conversation between the slave and his new master attracted my attention. I drew near to listen. The slave was begging his new master to purchase his wife. Said he, 'Master, if you will only buy Fanny, I know you will get the worth of your money. She is a good cook, a good washer, and her husband liked her very much. If you do not want her, I will not let her go, but if you will buy her, I will give you a good price.' The new master replied, that he did not want her, but if she could be sold, he would purchase her. I watched the countenance of the man, while the different speculators were bidding. When his master bid, the man burst into tears, and said, 'Well, Fanny, we are to part for ever on earth. You have been a good wife to me. I did not let you get my new master to buy you; but he did not want you; and all I have in my eye is, I hope you will try to meet me in heaven. I shall try to meet you there.' The wife made no reply; but her husband cried out too well her own feelings. I saw the countenance of a number of whites who were present, and whose eyes were dim with tears at hearing the man bid his wife 'farewell.'—*Verney's Life of Wm. Brown, a fugitive Slave, published at Boston, 1848.*

PRAGUE AND MINERAL WATER IN CALIFORNIA.—Prague is the chief employment of the inhabitants of the bay (La Paz) and the pearls are said to be of a superior quality. I was shown a neck-lace, valued at two thousand dollars, taken in this bay. The pearls are said to be very rich in minerals. Some silver mines near San Antonio, about 40 miles south, are worked and produce well. La Paz may export one hundred thousand dollars a year of platinum. Gold dust and virgin gold are brought to La Paz. The copper and lead mines are numerous and rich. "The island of Carmen, lying in front of Loreto, has a large salt lake, which has a solid salt surface of several feet thickness. The salt is of good quality, is cut out with ice, and it could supply the world. It has heretofore been a monopoly to the governor of Lower California, who employed convicts to get out the salt and put it on the beach ready for shipping.

POPULATION AND CURRENCY.

We find in the Bristol papers the outline of a lecture on these subjects, delivered in that city by Mr. Robert Shaw, who discloses new and original facts. On the subject of population, he cites the yet unexhausted resources of the earth, and the great improvements lately discovered in agriculture, in proof that we have not, for many generations to come, any reason to fear a pressure of population upon subsistence; and beyond this, he observes very justly, that as that Power, who has commanded man to "increase and multiply," can at pleasure increase the fertility of the earth, there is no reason to entertain such a fear. But it is on the currency question, that his views are most deserving of consideration. We at present suffer from being cramped in this particular. Mr. Shaw affirms that money, being an instrument for the exchange of goods, ought always to bear the same proportion to the value of the goods to be exchanged; and the index to this value, he says, may be always found in population, according to the number and kind of the goods, and whose labour constitutes their value. Upon this principle he proposes that the currency of this country be fixed; and, as there are now many thousands out of employment, that notes, upon security deposited, be issued in just proportion, to provide for their employment.

FATAL COLLIERY EXPLOSION.—We lament to learn, from the Wakefield Journal, that on Wednesday last an appalling colliery accident took place at the Darley Maine, near Barnsley, in which (so far as is yet ascertained) 75 persons met with an instantaneous and untimely death. The colliery is situated about two miles on the Sheffield side of Barnsley, and is called the Darley Maine Colliery. The reporter of the paper named, on proceeding towards the scene on Thursday morning, he (he stated me) "by rude but literal funeral processions, following each other in rapid succession from the pit at Darley, surrounded by frantic widows and childless parents, who had succeeded, not without some difficulty, in recognizing their own kindred from among the heaps of fearfully mingled bodies from time to time sent up from the pit's mouth." On arriving at the works, he found a further crowd of spectators anxiously waiting to know the fate of missing husbands, sons, and brothers; and ever and anon the shrieks of the females indicated that some fresh sufferer's fate had been made manifest by the recognition of the body by its friends. The colliery is about 111 yards in length, and has been regularly worked for the last ten or twelve years—latterly by Messrs. Jarratt and Joffcock. It had not, however, been worked for three weeks previous to Wednesday. On the morning of that day the workmen went down, and all went well till twenty minutes before noon, when a violent explosion took place, which was distinctly heard above ground. The alarm spread, and in about fifty minutes the air became sufficiently purified to admit of some parties going down the shaft. The mouth of the pit was soon surrounded by numbers, some insensible, others quite dead, and a few who still survived were fearfully burned, and survived only a few hours. The work of extraction was continued all Wednesday and Thursday, but the number of persons in the pit at the time was not precisely known.

Parts of the works that were broken down were repaired, and numbers of bodies were found embedded amongst the materials. The majority of the sufferers were fearfully mutilated, so much so that it was totally impossible for many of the relatives to recognize the mangled corpses, unless by some peculiarity in the decencies of dress. Nearly all the bodies were repaired, and numbers of bodies were found embedded amongst the materials. The majority of the sufferers were fearfully mutilated, so much so that it was totally impossible for many of the relatives to recognize the mangled corpses, unless by some peculiarity in the decencies of dress. Nearly all the bodies were repaired, and numbers of bodies were found embedded amongst the materials. The majority of the sufferers were fearfully mutilated, so much so that it was totally impossible for many of the relatives to recognize the mangled corpses, unless by some peculiarity in the decencies of dress. 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