

## SUMMARY OF NEWS

**Fishing Bounties.**—The sum of twenty seven thousand six hundred and eleven dollars has been paid to owners and crews of Cod Fishing vessels, belonging to this district, by the Collector of Barnstable since the 1st inst. This is something more than half the amount claimed by vessels belonging to the District, engaged in the Cod Fisheries the past season. [Barnstable Patriot.]

A private letter from New-Orleans states that the epidemic has ceased to be regarded with the terror which it inspired on its first appearance in that city, since it had been found that its ravages were mainly confined to the helplessly poor foreigners, and the temperate. Business was proceeding as usual, although the draymen had not recovered from their panic, which has occasioned some difficulty.

**Cholera.**—The deaths in New-Orleans up to the 5th inst., are said, by telegraph, to have dwindled down to 20 or 24 a day. A despatch of the 10th, however, says—

The Board of Health announce 91 deaths in the city during the last forty-eight hours, of which 48 were from cholera. The Board have announced that the malady is no longer considered as an epidemic, and the number of deaths included in their last report, is attributed mainly to the effects of celebrating the eighth of January as a holiday.

**Two Steamboats Sunk.**—Cincinnati Jan. 13.—The steamer *Peckin*, loaded with pork and lard, was lately sunk in the Illinois river. The steamer *Iron City* was also recently sunk a short distance below St. Louis, and ten persons are reported to have been drowned.

**Destructive Fire.**—Baltimore, Jan. 13.—Three warehouse in Light-street were destroyed by fire this morning. Loss \$30,000, partially insured.

**BRANDING OF THE EMPIRE STATE.**—The steamer *Empire State* took fire at Fall River last Saturday evening, about 10 o'clock, and was entirely destroyed. Nothing saved. The origin of the fire is unknown—but is supposed to have been occasioned by the carelessness of the watchman on board. Every exertion was made to save the boat and furniture, in vain. The *Empire State* was valued at \$240,000, and was laid up for the season, having been withdrawn from the line between Fall River and New York.

**Curry Case.**—Judge Sill of Wayne county N. Y., has decided that charging a premium or exchange by a bank, when a note is discounted, and the applicant receives such exchange instead of Bank bills, is "clearly usurious," and in his court he declared a note for \$1000 void, because half of one per cent premium had been taken in addition to the legal interest. [Boston Courier.]

**Messrs. James Brown, E. K. Collins, E. Riggs and W. S. Wetmore** of New-York, have announced their intention of applying to the Legislature of the State, to incorporate themselves and others under the name of the "United States Mail Steamers Company," with a capital of \$2,000,000, for the purpose of running a line of steamers between New-York and Liverpool.

**Thirty-six European Letters** were taken out by the *Thorus*, on Wednesday, for Liverpool from New York, via Halifax. The maximum heretofore taken by ship has not been over 13,000. This is one of the results of a modification of the postal relations.

**Frightful Occurrence.**—A frightful occurrence happened in Philadelphia, on the afternoon of the 9th instant, on the Schuylkill river, near Fairmount. A large piece of ice, with one hundred persons upon it principally women and children floated off with the current. Great consternation prevailed. Numbers were rescued by a boat; others jumped into the water. Three persons were carried over the dam—a man, boy, and a girl. All were finally rescued.

**Boston, Jan. 11.—California.**—The number of passengers who have already sailed are on the point of sailing for California, is 370. There are now between 20 and 30 vessels at this port up for California; most of which will carry out a greater or less number of passengers.

The Courier who had been despatched to Wood Island with our Foreign Mails, as stated in last week's Gazette, was obliged to return to town, the state of the ice on the Gulf being such as entirely to prevent crossing in that direction. The Colonial Mail which had been forwarded to Pictou, was for the same reason returned to Turro, and was yesterday brought across to Cape Traverse, and arrived in town this morning. [P. E. Island.]

**Bishop Hughes** of New York, has issued a pronouncement, directing his clergy to offer prayers for the protection of the Pope. **Quarrelling among the Gold Diggers.**—Our correspondent in California said in his last letter, that the gold diggers agreed very well among themselves; but a correspondent of the *New York Sun* and another writer for the *Courier & Enquirer*, tell different tales, and says that there is much quarrelling, fighting, plundering.

**FROM THE WEST INDIES AND VENEZUELA.** **Captain of Harbours.**—The Royal Mail Steamer *Dee*, Capt. Allen, at New York, from St. Thomas and Bermuda, brings advices from the former place in Jan. 2, and from the latter to the 7th. She encountered heavy gales on the passage.

The cold has been most intense at Bermuda. Mr. Mitchell was passing his time in listless captivity, and had been unwell for the week previous to the *Dee's* departure.

The *Barbadoes Globe* of the 27th Nov. says:—"The yellow fever may truly be said not only to be decimating the regiments in garrison at St. Ann's, but to be hurrying to eternity whole families. In that of Pay-

master Ross, of the 66th regiment, Miss Ross was interred on Friday, and her father, mother and brother, severally breathed their last within 24 hours of her interment."

The Rev. John Scott, a Presbyterian minister at Montego Bay, has fallen a victim to the yellow fever.

Martinique is in a very unsettled condition, and many people are leaving it. Letters from St. Thomas confirm the capture of Maracaibo by the Constitutional forces, and also announce the taking of the important port of Coro, the capital town of the province of the same name, by the forces of Gen. Paez. It was expected that the General would shortly effect a landing on the coast of Venezuela, and his success is predicted as sure.

**THE HALIFAX AND QUEBEC RAILWAY.**—The *Acadian Recorder* of last Saturday, contains the following important intelligence relative to this gigantic undertaking:—

"Since our last on this subject, we have learned that an important Dispatch has been received from the Colonial Office, which places the project in a decidedly better position than we had reason to expect. The Dispatch in question will, we suppose, be laid before the Legislature immediately, and receive that attention and support which its importance would warrant. As far as we can learn, not having access to the document in question, the purport is this, that the Legislature of Nova Scotia is to give a guarantee for the payment of £20,000 per annum, which at 4 per cent. would represent £500,000 sterling; New Brunswick £40,000, to represent £1,000,000 sterling; Canada £60,000, or £1,500,000; or pay the interest on that sum, if required. The Provinces are then to issue £2,000,000 of Paper Money, for this object, and to assign to the Company or Managing Men of it, Two Millions of acres of Wild Land, which is calculated to be worth that money as a guarantee for the issue of this Paper.

Truly the project is to be a mighty one, and if entrusted to the management of judicious men, will have a marvelous effect upon these Provinces."

**GREAT BUSINESS.**—At Hawley Mountain, Wilmet, N. S., on the 27th Dec. last, the Rev. Mr. Bill, was called upon to marry Mr. Wentworth Elliott, to Sarah Ann Wilkins, at the house of the bride's father, when the ceremony was over, Mr. Murray Elliott, brother of the above, asked the Rev. gentleman if he had any more licenses, he answered in the affirmative, he was immediately united to Miss Bertha Ann Armstrong; Mr. Charles Marshall then called for license and was married to Miss Rachel Darling; Mr. Wm. Armstrong then applied for license, and was united to Miss Nancy Elliott; another Mr. Elliott, then called for license, but he called the next day and united him to another Miss Wilkins.

**SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES.**—It has been reported by some of our contemporaries, that an old Pilot named Oxford, lost his life on Christmas eve or night, by falling overboard from the schooner *Palmore*, near Sambro. His body has been found, and we are informed by an eye witness, bore evident traces of foul play having been used. When taken from the water, his person was much bruised, his hands clenched before him, and his clothes considerably torn. His remains were brought to the City on Friday, with the expectation that a Coroner's Inquest would investigate into the affair. *Hal. Chron.*

**ANTI-LUXURY SOCIETY.**—Read this Ladies! The French Canadian ladies' resolution in this matter, is worthy of high commendation, more particularly in these pinching times, and it would be well if every family would follow the example thus set them.

The French Canadian ladies are about to engage in a crusade against luxury in dress. The husbands and fathers have agreed to abstain from intoxicating drinks, the wives and daughters are to abstain from wearing silks, muslins, and other expensive and showy articles of dress, and to be attired in the *stoffe du pays*. The parish of Longueuil takes the lead in this new movement. At a meeting held on the 12th instant in the Sacristy of the Parish Church, a society was formed for the above mentioned object, and a committee of ladies appointed to make the necessary arrangements. A general meeting was to be held on the 4th of January. The young females of the parish met on the 5th, and passed solemn resolutions against luxury in dress. It is said that 300 united on that occasion. The sanction and aid of religion are to be invoked. The association is the result of a "retreat" or *practiced meeting* which has been recently held at Longueuil. The French Canadian ladies take the Temperance pledge for the love of Jesus, to whom gall was given to drink. The French Canadian Lady is to abstain from articles of luxury for the love of Jesus, crowned with thorns.

**SMALL POX.**—We regret to learn that this violent disease is rapidly increasing in this City, and would caution the inhabitants generally, to adopt every precaution in their power to check the rapid progress it is now making. Common prudence should dictate the propriety of avoiding contact with anything likely to communicate the disease, and unless those connected with the patient, and the attendants necessary for his comfort, no one should be permitted to visit the afflicted with Small Pox. Our readers will be surprised when we inform them, that we have the authority of His Worship the Mayor for stating that the deaths in the Hospital, by the returns which were made to the Court of Quarter Session, at its last sitting, were in the pro-

portion of one out of every three admitted.—This shows that the disease is of the very worst type.—[Head Quarters.]

**THE IRON WORKS AT WOODSTOCK.**—The *Woodstock Sentinel* of the 9th inst. says:—On Thursday, the first sample of pig iron was produced at the Company's Foundry. The quality is said to be very superior, and such as is capable of being manufactured to great advantage into steel. We do not profess to judge of these matters, but from a specimen now in the office we should think, from its brightness, the fineness of its grain, and the hardness of the mass, that its quality must surpass most pig iron. Those acquainted with it think it will be too hard for castings; but, though much is yet to be learned respecting it, those most interested in its success are well pleased with its appearance thus far.

The engines work well, and every thing at present about the establishment has a prosperous aspect. Many terms are employed now daily in hauling wood to the coal kilns, and others in bringing the ore from the mines to the furnace.

**ADDRESS.**  
TO THE REV. SAMUEL THOMPSON, A. M.  
RECTOR OF SAINT GEORGE.

We the Churchwardens, Vestry, and Parishioners of Saint Mark's Church, beg leave to express our sincere regret at your retiring from the situation of Pastor of this Church, especially, as we understand it is caused by the declining state of your health, which indeed, for some time past has been a matter of anxious solicitude with your Parishioners, inasmuch as although ministrations of the Church have not been in the smallest degree relaxed thereby, yet they could not without anxiety witness the Church of England, and their essential, without giving way to fatalist and fatalism on the one hand, or entering into those abstract speculations on the other, which have of late, caused so much discussion both in the Mother Country and in this Province, but which your Church has been happily free from.

One point more we feel bound to touch upon, although by no means redounding to our own credit; the great tenderness and forbearance always shown in regard to pecuniary claims on the Church Corporation—in all instances have these claims been urged, or even asked for—it would appear as if knowing their slender means you were contented with what they were disposed to give freely; and although fortunately your own private resources are such as to put you far out of the reach of any pecuniary claim, yet such instances of moderation, and Christian forbearance, are rare, and ought to be duly appreciated. Your Parishioners on that account alone, if there were no other, owe you a deep debt of gratitude.

With best wishes for the re-establishment of your health, and the happiness and prosperity of yourself and your amiable Lady.  
We remain, respectfully,  
Your most obedient humble servants,  
(Signed)  
PATRICK CLANCH, Churchwarden.  
ROBERT THOMPSON, Vestryman.  
And also by the Vestry and other Parishioners of Saint George.  
St. George, January 8, 1849.

**REPLY.**  
St. George, January 9th, 1849

I receive your very flattering Address with feelings of pleasure. For, although I am conscious of many deficiencies, yet, now, at the close of my ministerial labours among you, as Rector of this Parish, the assurance that my weak but zealous exertions for the propagation of the evangelical truths of our holy religion and the promotion of your spiritual interests have not been altogether in vain and are so highly appreciated, is gratifying indeed.

From principle and a sense of duty, I have always steadily endeavoured to inculcate among you the great importance of strictly adhering to the doctrines and "practice" of the Church to which we belong; because I believe it to be "the Church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth."

"Built upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Christ himself being the Chief Corner Stone"—but in doing so I have even been careful not to hurt, unnecessarily, the feelings of those who conscientiously differ from us in their religious opinions.

It is, indeed, a source of thankfulness to the Giver of every blessing that I have not been compelled to be "burthenome" to you, or to give you any reason to suppose that I preached the Gospel merely for the pecuniary advantages resulting from it.

The declining state of my health (for which you kindly express your sympathy) has made it expedient to sever the endearing tie, that for so many years bound us together—but, although our official connection is now ended for ever, yet I will always take a deep interest in your welfare, both spiritual and temporal.

I cordially thank you for your kind wishes for the happiness and prosperity of Mrs. Thompson and myself—and that you and your respective families may ever "continue in the faith as it is in Jesus"—and richly enjoy the

blessings of time and eternity, is the fervent prayer of  
Your affectionate friend,  
(Signed) SAMUEL THOMPSON.

To the Churchwardens and Vestry of St. Mark's Church, and other Parishioners of Saint George.

**CIRCUIT COURT.**—Sentence of the Prisoners.—Yesterday, the following criminals, convicted during the present sitting of the Court, were sentenced to the undermentioned terms of imprisonment, viz:—William Andrews, tried for the murder of his wife, and convicted of Manslaughter—Fourteen years in the Provincial Penitentiary, with hard labour.

Wm. McDonald, and Stephen Van Ranssaler, convicted of an assault, with intent to do bodily harm—Three years each in the Penitentiary, with hard labour.

Mrs. Harris, for receiving stolen goods from Arthur McGaugh—Two years in the Penitentiary.

Samuel Beateay, for an assault—Six months in the Penitentiary, with hard labour.

The remaining portion of the criminal trials will be disposed of to-day.—[New Brunswick.]

**Our Subscribers will oblige us by paying our Collector, who will call upon them with their accounts for the last year.**

**THE STANDARD.**  
St. Andrews, Wednesday, Jan. 24, 1849

**CHIEF CLERK COUNTY BANK.**  
Hon. JAMES HATCH, President.  
T. B. WILSON, Esq., Solicitor.

**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 remain in his hands until the following discount day.

**St. Andrews**  
Steam Mills and Manufacturing Company  
R. M. ANDREWS, Esq., President.  
J. Wetmore, Agent.

**Saint Stephen's Church.**  
G. D. KING Esq., President.  
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.

**RAILWAY SCRIP.**—On our first page we have published a communication over the signature of "a Blue Nose," in which the writer points out the course pursued by the "Boston & Albany Railway Company," in disposing of the State Scrip, by which it appears that the large sum of Three million five hundred dollars was raised in England for the purpose of making the Railway.

He suggests that the Legislature of this Province follow the admirable plan of the State of Massachusetts, and pass a similar law, for any amount that may be required for the building of Railroads in the Province. He also states, from good authority, that the Scrip of this Province or Nova Scotia, would sell immediately at a premium in London.

For the information of our readers, we give below a copy of the Scrip and Interest Warrant issued by the State of Massachusetts.

**Certificate for £200 Sterling.**  
Principal due in 1872 No. 896

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.**  
FIVE PER CENT Stock of the State of Massachusetts.

BE IT KNOWN, That there is due from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to the holder of this Certificate, Two hundred Pounds Sterling, to be paid at the Banking House of Messrs. Baring Brothers & Co. in London, on the 1st day of April A. D. 1870, with interest of Five Per Cent. per annum, payable at the same place, semi-annually on presentation of the Interest Warrant.

In testimony whereof, the Treasurer in behalf of the Commonwealth by signature of the power in him vested, by an Act of the Legislature, approved the twenty-fifth day of March, A. D. 1859, has hereunto set his hand and caused the Seal of the Commonwealth to be affixed, at the City of Boston, the first day of April, 1849.

This Certificate is also countersigned by His Excellency the Governor.  
(Signed) DAVID WILDER, Treasr.

(Signed) M. MORTON, Governor.

**Five per Cent. Stock.**  
State of Massch's Certificate No. 896 £200 Sterling. Pay the bearer Five pound Sterling on the first day of April 1841; interest, to that date.

**Signed**  
DAVID WILDER, Treasr.

**Five per Cent. Stock.**  
State of Massch's Certificate No. 896 £200 Sterling. Pay the bearer Five pounds Sterling on the first day of April, 1848; interest, to that date.

**Signed**  
DAVID WILDER, Treasr.

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.**—The Western Railroad Corporation hereby engages with the holder of a certain certificate of five per cent. stock, dated April 1st, 1840, numbered 896, in which was issued in and of said Corporation, whereby the Commonwealth of Massachusetts promises to pay the holder thereof the sum of two hundred pounds sterling, at the banking house of Messrs. Baring Brothers & Co. in London, on the first day of April, 1870; that said certificate and warrant thereon shall be paid at the office of the Western Rail-

road Corporation in Boston, as and when the same shall fall due at the rate of four dollars and eighty cents for the pound sterling, the holder giving in every case not less than sixty days previous notice of the election to have the payment so made.

Witness the seal of the Western Railroad Corporation, and the signature of Josiah Quincy, Jr., its Treasurer, this first day of July, A. D. 1842.

Signed, Josiah Quincy, Jr. Treasurer.

**Look out for counterfeit English shillings.** The Halifax papers state, that there is a considerable quantity of them passing at the present time in that city.

**THE REV. JOHN DENN.**—Under our Obituary head, we have the melancholy duty to perform, of announcing the death of this much esteemed and pious Minister. His remains were brought here from Fredericton on Wednesday evening last, and on Thursday interred in the family vault, followed to the grave by a large number of the inhabitants of this place, by whom he was well known, and deservedly beloved. The Rev. Dr. Thompson, by request of the deceased, officiated on the melancholy occasion, and preached a funeral sermon from Malachi, 2: 6; in which he forcibly illustrated the duties of a Christian Minister, and showed that the lamented deceased fully sustained that character.

**COLD WEATHER.**—For the last week, the weather has been unusually cold, on Thursday afternoon and Friday the cold was so intense, that the Mercury in a proved thermometer in town, fell to 20 degrees below zero. The weather since that time has moderated, but is still cold. Several wells were frozen solid on Friday last—a circumstance which has not occurred for many years past. Even as far to the south as Philadelphia, the frost was so severe as to prevent the milkmen from serving their customers, the milk freezing solid in their cans.

**A large and respectable meeting** of the inhabitants of the County of Westmorland, was held at Dorchester on the 18th inst., to take into consideration measures to promote the Trunk Line of Railroad from Halifax to Quebec, and also the Branch from St. John to Shediac. Several resolutions were passed, and the Meeting agreed to support the undertaking.

**A Petition to the Legislature** for the repeal of the Duty on Flour, has been unanimously signed by the inhabitants of the town. We sincerely trust, that the prayer of the petition may be granted.

**We are happy to notice** in the St. John Courier, that his honor Judge Parker, in his address to the Grand Jury, recommends the repeal of the law for imprisonment for debt for sums under £5. It may be remembered that a few years ago, the House of Assembly passed a law to this effect, on a petition from the inhabitants of this Town, but it was lost in the Legislative Council. We trust that this subject may not be lost sight of at the next session of the Legislature, but that so humane a law may pass, more particularly in these distressing times. A bill for a similar purpose we observe, is now before the Legislature of Nova Scotia.

**The Legislature of Nova Scotia** was opened by His Excellency Sir John Harvey, on the 18th inst.

**DARING ESCAPE.**—We learn from the Head Quarters, that on Sunday evening last two prisoners belonging to the 1st Royal Regt. who had been tried by a Court Martial the previous week for desertion, and were awaiting in confinement the sentence of the Court, managed to escape from the Guard House, and made for the Barrack fence at the bank of the river, which one of them, named Finn, cleared with extraordinary agility—the other was stuck by the bayonet of the sentinel while scaling the wall, which brought him to the ground, when he was secured. Finn immediately made off, but scouts being sent out in every direction he was at last captured at Depolia's on the Nashwaak, about 14 miles from Fredericton.

**On Tuesday last**, Aaron Smith, a resident at Cardigan, was fined £25, before Messrs. Justices Gaynor and Taylor, of this City and County, for harbouring Deserters from the 1st Royal Regiment, and having property belonging to the Regiment in his possession.

"This we hope, will operate as a salutary and highly necessary check to prevent an obvious breach of the Law, and teach the unfortunate men who go so far astray from their duty, as well as their allegiance, that the punishment generally follows the crime." [Reporter.]

**MECHANIC'S INSTITUTE.**—Last Monday evening, Her Majesty's Solicitor General entertained a respectable audience with a very interesting Lecture "On the Power and Progress of Mind." Cordially according to the request of some Members of the Institute we have inserted the Lecture in full in this day's paper. It will no doubt be read both with pleasure and profit by many of our readers.

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