

Mr. John M'Gregor, late of the British Bank, and M.P. for Glasgow, died at Boulogne on Thursday. He had been, it is stated, living in great privation, and his end is said to have been hastened by the mental anxiety consequent upon his recent misfortunes. The necessary comforts of his last illness were administered by the English Consul, Mr. Hamilton, and for the last week by his brother. Mr. M'Gregor was born in Stornoway; received an ordinary education, and was placed with a commercial firm in Canada; he afterwards commenced business for himself in Liverpool and becoming known by the publication of some commercial and statistical volumes, after failing in business, was sent on commercial business by the Government to Germany, Austria, and Paris. In 1840 he became one of the secretaries of the Board of Trade, where he strongly supported Mr. Joseph Hume in his reform of the Customs tariff. Two crown octavo volumes on *The Progress of America*, four of the same size entitled *Commercial Statistics*, and twenty-two volumes of *Reports on Foreign Tariffs and Trade*, published by Mr. M'Gregor since 1847, together with an almost incredible extent of private statistical correspondence, show how extended a knowledge he had of the theory of commerce; the Royal British Bank, and his own abortive business speculations, manifest how little he knew of its practice.

**BORNEO.**—The Chinese in Sarawak, Borneo, had risen on the 17th of February, and massacred several Europeans. Sir James Brooke saved his life by swimming across a creek. One of the Borneo Company's steamers, subsequently arrived at Sarawak, and, with the aid of Sir James, at the head of a body of Malays and Dyaks, avenged the destruction of the settlement by killing 2,000 Chinese. A war-steamer was sent over by the Dutch authorities, but her services were not required.

The arrival of the mail yesterday fortunately brought full particulars, confirming the main facts, but dispersing the rumour, which, exaggerating the mischief that had been, left an impression that probably every European, including the Bishop and missionaries had been massacred.

The Duke of Malakoff (Pelissier), now a veteran of sixty, is, it is said, about to be united in matrimony to a young lady of nineteen, a Miss St. Paul, sister to the wife of General Fleury.

## UNITED STATES.

**THE DALLAS-CLARENDON TREATY.**—The Washington correspondent of the Philadelphia *North American* wrote as follows on Thursday evening:

"Lord Napier had a formal interview with the President yesterday, which lasted nearly two hours, in reference to the Dallas Clarendon treaty. He read Lord Clarendon's dispatch to him on the subject."

"That despatch sets forth that the exclusive ground for rejecting the treaty, by the British government, is the non-confirmation of the Convention between Honduras and Great Britain. All the other amendments made by the Senate, except that qualifying the article in regard to Honduras, were accepted in their entirety and without reservation, by the British Cabinet. There is, therefore, no misunderstanding as to the alleged or real point of difficulty."

"Lord Napier endeavored, with much earnestness, to impress the President with the belief that no other than friendly feelings were entertained towards the administration or the country by the ministry, and cited expressions from Lord Clarendon's dispatch as justifying this language."

"In conclusion, he proposed to institute a new negotiation, founded upon the conditional acquiescence of Honduras. This suggestion was properly and promptly declined by the President, and there the matter rests for the present."

**A NEW TREATY PROPOSED.**—Washington, May 11.—The official papers just communicated to government by Lord Napier, contain a proposition for a new Central American Treaty, but the administration will probably do nothing in the premises until the meeting of the next Congress.

**IMPORTANT INTELLIGENCE.**—An arrival at New Orleans brings the long expected announcement that Walker's misrule in Nicaragua is at an end, he having left Rivas, and taken refuge on board a British steamer. We have no information of the condition of the few hundred misguided men who have clung to his waning fortunes.

One of these items of California news is that Brigham Young is a fugitive from the wrath of the Saints of Utah.

## NEW BRUNSWICK.

The *Royal Gazette* of Wednesday contains His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's proclamation, proroguing the General Assembly from the 16th to the 30th May—but the words "then to meet for the despatch of business" are not added.—*St. John Courier*, May 16.

"We understand that the Committee for Lloyd's at London have appointed Samuel Laphorne, Esq., their Surveyor for the North shore of New Brunswick, to the supervision of the Ports in Nova Scotia situated on the Gulf Shore, in addition to his other duties in New Brunswick. We believe this arrangement has been made in accordance with the wishes of the Agent to Underwriters residing at Pictou, and some of the principal shipbuilders at New Glasgow and elsewhere, so as these ports in the Gulf Shore can enjoy the same facilities for survey and classification as the ports on the North Shore of New Brunswick out of Miramichi.—*Ibid.*

## Editorial Miscellany.

"Our new administration appear to be very brave in doing that which costs them nothing. They have restored the old magistrates, good and bad, the latter perhaps an excusable step. The weekly *Gazette* is flooding the country with officials, in the hope, perhaps, that they may prove zealous partisans—we trust they will have some gratitude. There are some things done already in this way which are not very creditable, and there are rumors of changes that will be more remarkable than any thing that has yet been done. Several things they ought to have done at once without instigation, which so far as appointments go and the distribution of patronage, they appear inclined to overlook altogether or not to heed. Why is not S. P. Fairbanks, Esq., the late Treasurer of the Province, whose dismissal on all hands was deemed an unwarranted stretch of power, and by every Conservative in the country an insult and a wrong, not placed in some office at present filled by useless occupants? Why was not Jacob Miller restored in less than a week after the new Administration had the power to do so? These are questions which every body is asking—therefore we see no harm in being the medium of giving them ventilation through our Press, while there is yet time for the Government to answer them satisfactorily to the country."

## LITERARY.

Mr. Cunnebell has published a Book on Musical Instruction, entitled "No. 1 of the Youth's Vocal Music Instructor, designed for the use of Schools and the younger members of the Family Circle." We have no doubt from Mr. Cunnebell's ability as an Instructor, that the above work, which embraces improvements which have resulted from his own experience as a Teacher, and which are not to be found in other books of tuition, will be a useful manual of instruction.

A Volume of Poems in two parts—Part 1 by Sarah Herbert—Part 2 by Mary E. Herbert, has just been published by E. G. Fuller & Co. The work is neatly got up, and creditable to the authoresses. Some of the pieces are of more than average merit, and all are pleasing. They are chiefly of a moral and religious character, and this effort to contribute to the Provincial literature ought to meet with encouragement. We subjoin one of the pieces entitled

## TO CHILDREN AT PLAY.

LITTLE ones, whose tiny feet,  
With the butterfly compete,—  
Gathering through the morning hours,  
Childish store of fruits and flowers:  
Bright your eyes, and pure your glee;  
What hath care to do with ye?

Yet I marked, by yonder glen,  
Sunburnt groups of toiling men;  
Swiftly fell each reaper's stroke,  
Not a word the stillness broke,—  
Checked seemed every sign of glee,  
Yet they were once as young as ye.

On your cheek a tint there glows  
Such as only Health bestows;  
Thick your sands, and slow to pass  
Through the ancient mower's glass:  
Years before you seem to be,—  
What hath Death to do with ye?

Yet, through yonder shady lane,  
See a melancholy train:  
Now, with solemn steps they bear  
To his rest a man of care;  
Life hath nought for such as he,  
Yet he once was young as ye.

But I would not have you trace  
Thoughts like these upon my face;  
Innocent and happy things,  
Seize the joy each moment brings;  
Many may these moments be,  
Ere life's shadows fall on ye!

It is with much regret that we notice in the *Eastern Chronicle* of the 7th inst., the bereavement sustained by the Rev. Chas. Elliott, Rector of St. James', Pictou, in the death of his excellent lady. We had the pleasure, a long time since, as a resident of Pictou, of being intimately acquainted with herself and various members of her family, and can testify, as an individual, to her worth, and share in some degree in their sorrow. The loss to the husband and family is indeed severe; and they will find their best consolation in their reliance that He who hath sent this affliction hath done all things well.

(From the *Eastern Chronicle*.)

On Tuesday last, after a very protracted and painful illness, borne with the greatest patience and resignation to the will of her Heavenly Father, JANE, the beloved wife of the Rev. Charles Elliott, Rector of St. James', in this town, in the 41st year of her age.

We think the death of this excellent lady is entitled to more than a passing notice, whether we look to her family and connections, or to the situation which she occupied among us. Born in Pictou, many of our readers will remember her days of childhood and youth, and must at that early period have seen traces of those virtues which so fully manifested themselves in after life. A love of retirement, diffidence, self-denial and humility were the leading traits of her character, qualities which she naturally possessed, but rendered what they were by the influence of true religion. She has descended to the grave respected by all classes of the community, lamented by many, and dearly beloved by those who knew her. We are informed that her departure was a beautiful exhibition of the power of faith over the fear of death.

We much regret to record a melancholy list of deaths in the vicinity of Pope's Harbor—no less than seven—having within a few days found a watery grave. In one boat were Jacob Romkey, senr., and his two sons, Isaac and Jacob, and another person—all four drowned! Another boat with Peter Hubley and David Hubley, brothers, and a person named Newcomb was upset in the sight of the father of the two former, who succeeded in saving Peter when nearly gone—but the brother and Newcomb perished. The seventh case was that of Jacob Richards, a native of Lunenburg, as we believe the most of the others also were, when returning from Halifax with supplies alone, is supposed to have fallen overboard and perished—the boat being found, next day, bottom upwards. He has left a wife and three children, and is said to have been a sober, industrious young man.

This is indeed a sad calamity, which must diffuse a general gloom over the neighborhood to which the poor fellows belonged, and must cause many a heart to ache and many a tear to flow.—*Journal*.

Rev. J. Ambrose begs leave by this method gratefully to acknowledge a contribution of paint and oil from Messrs. Bessonet & Brown, of Halifax, to the "mission boat" at Petite Riviere, by which he expects more safely than formerly to visit the congregations on the islands in the parish of New Dublin.

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,  
Halifax, May 16, 1857.

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, by the advice of the Executive Council, has been pleased to make the following appointments:

To be a Gauger and Proof Officer for the Port of Halifax—Mr. Joseph W. Quinan.

To be the Medical Superintendent of the Hospital for the Insane—James Ratchford DeWolf, Esq., M.D.

To be a Deputy Surveyor of Crown Land in the County of Shelburne—Mr. John Furth, in the place of Mr. Alex. Hamilton.

May 19.

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor having been pleased to appoint Tuesday the 26th day of May, instant, for the due celebration of the anniversary of the birth of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, notice is hereby given that the Public Offices and Warehouses will on that day be closed.

May 20.

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, by the advice of the Executive Council, has been pleased to make the following appointments:—To be Justices of the Peace—In the County of Cape Breton—Augustine McGilvray, Grand Narrows; John Dawling, George's River; Michael McKenna, North Bar; Michael Tracey, do.; Donald John McNeil, Sydney Mines; Alex. McInnis, Sydney; Donald Macauley, Mire River; Caleb Huntington, do., and Alexr. J. Ball, North West Arm, Esqrs.

In the County of Pictou—Andrew Hunter, Barney's River; John F. MacDonald, New Glasgow; Jas. Fraser, do.; Basil Bell, do.; Henry Elliott, Pictou; John H. Lane, do.; John Gray, West Branch, East River; Peter G. Campbell, E. Branch, E. River; Wm. Ross, Mount Dilhousie; Angus McLeod, Mill Brook; John Ross, West Branch, River John; David A. Ross, Salt Springs; and Donald McDonald, Cape John, Esqrs.

In the County of Halifax—Henry Henricsey, Esq. To be an additional Coroner in the County of Halifax—Edward Jennings, Esq.

To be Judge of the Court of Probate of Wills for the County of Shelburne—Alex. McNaughton, Esq. in the place of Henry Wm. Smith, Esq. resigned.

To be the Board of Commissioners of Schools for the north district of the County of Pictou, the previous Commission being hereby cancelled:—The Revd. Charles Elliott, Revd. Andrew Herdman, Revd. Jas. Bayne, Revd. Murdoch Sutherland, Revd. Andrew McArthur, and James Crichton and Wm. Gordon, Esqrs.