

## COLONIAL

### New Brunswick.

**COLONIAL RAILWAYS.**—The Executive Council met at Fredericton last Friday, and continued its sitting until Saturday evening. We believe ourselves fully justified in stating that the greatest unanimity prevailed in the Council. The proposals of the English Capitalists to Mr Chandler, to construct a main line of Railway through this Province, were accepted by the Council, and a notification to that effect went to England by the mail which left here this morning. If the gentlemen in England act in the same prompt manner as the Executive of this Colony have done, the Surveyors and Engineers will be at work early in August, marking out the actual course of the railway, and making the necessary measurements for preparing estimates.

We hear that there will not be a Special Session of the Legislature; the Council takes the responsibility of these preliminary measures, which will involve much less expense than an extra session would cost, besides the general derangement of business, by a meeting in the busiest portion of the year. In this, no doubt, they will be fully sustained by the voice of the country, which will also give them full credit for an anxious desire to advance the interests of the Province in a matter of such great importance.

The management by Mr. Chandler of the negotiation in London, and his whole conduct while there, is stated to have given very great satisfaction to the Council. In consequence, a special vote of thanks to Mr. Chandler for his able management of the important business entrusted to him, and for his judicious and satisfactory arrangements, was passed by the Council on Saturday, and presented in due form by the Administrator of the Government.

When the Legislature next meets, the estimates and tenders for the railway will very likely be ready for its consideration; and then some legislation will be necessary to carry out the terms of the agreement with the English contractors, which will in all likelihood involve a different mode of disposing of the vacant Crown Land near the line of the railway, from that heretofore proposed by the Facility Bills.—*New Brk, June 22.*

**STEAM IN THE GULF.**—We learn from New York yesterday, that the steam ship *Osprey*, purchased by Major Norton for the route between Pictou and Quebec, was found on examination to need extensive repairs and alterations, which would occupy at least two months. Major Norton therefore entered into arrangements with Capt. Sleigh, of the British Army, who has lately purchased extensive estates in Prince Edward Island, and the beautiful steamer *Albatross* has been purchased at New York, and will leave that port to-morrow for Halifax.

It is intended by Capt. Sleigh to register the *Albatross* on her arrival at Charlotte Town, in his own name, as a British vessel, and to change her name. She will then be employed in running regularly during the season between Halifax and Quebec, touching at all the intermediate ports and places in the Gulf, for public accommodation.

As Capt. Sleigh is a gentleman of much energy of character, and great wealth, there is no doubt the new enterprise in which he is engaged will be carried out in an efficient manner.—At the same time, it must not be forgotten that Major Norton led the way, and effected all the preliminary arrangements for a successful prosecution of steam navigation in the Gulf of St. Lawrence.—*N. Ekr., 22.*

### Canada.

**NEW TELEGRAPH LINE FROM HAMILTON TO QUEBEC.**—The *Kingston Daily Whig* says that several gangs of hands are now at work on the new Telegraph Line from Hamilton to Quebec. The poles are being delivered on the route west of Kingston. The erection of over one hundred miles of poles will be completed next week, when the wiring will be commenced. An office is to be established in Kingston. The wire goes by the way of Prince Edward District, crossing the Bay, under water, at Lambton's landing. Business offices are to be opened at most of the villages on the route. The line is to connect at Hamilton, with a new line from Buffalo, and also with a new line from Detroit, by way of Port Sarnia and London. Three branch lines leading to it, from ports on the north side of Lake Erie, are nearly finished. The portion from Kingston to Quebec will be finished by the fall. The total number of miles of telegraph that will be erected in Canada this season, will be rising of one thousand.

**WEATHER AND THE CROPS.**—The commencement of the past week was cold and dry, with frost at night. On Thursday last we had a heavy thunder storm, the rain falling in torrents, which did a great deal of damage in many parts of the country, particularly in the low lands, where the grain and other crops were all covered with water.—On the high grounds, a great quantity of the soil has been washed away, and bridges, and fences have been carried off, by the rising of the smaller rivers.—Potato planting is now nearly completed. The hay and grain crops on the uplands have a fine appearance. It is feared that the orchards have suffered by the late high winds.—*Quebec Morning Chronicle, June 14.*

**THE LATE GALE.**—The storm of Wednesday last has done a great deal of damage in many parts of the country, particularly along the high ridge of St. Foy and Carouge. A large barn on the farm of Sydney Bellingham, Esq., occupied by Mr. William Davidson, was levelled to the ground. A great quantity of fencing was blown down. The forests have suffered very much, acres upon acres have been laid prostrate. Such a high wind has not been known for many years.—*ib.*

The City Council, at a Special Meeting held on Tuesday evening last, wisely came to the determination of taking stock in the Richmond Railway to the extent of £50,000. This is one effect of Sir John Pakington's refusal of the guarantee, and not a bad one either.—*ib., 17th.*

The *Hamilton Spectator*, but without giving his authority, asserts that the Imperial Law Officers have given their opinion that the patents for the Rectories, issued by Lord Seaton, are illegal; if this be true, then is set at rest one of the long vexed questions, that has created more bad feeling in Canada than probably any other that ever provoked party discussion. The rumour is, that, in consequence of this opinion, Mr. J. C. Morrison is to bring, in his own name, fifty-seven actions against the present incumbents; and as a measure was carried through the Provincial Parliament guaranteeing all expenses in litigating the question, there will be plenty of work for lawyers. We have always lots of law when the public has to pay for it; and the settlement of the question, what with appeal after appeal in the Provincial Courts, and a probable final reference to the Privy Council, will be delayed for an almost interminable period.—*Montreal Courier.*

**BRUCE MINE.**—The schr. Wm. Gordon, Capt. Wiley, sailed from this mine on the 22nd inst., with a cargo of copper ore for Swansea. The ore from the mine is of the most valuable yellow sulphuret, with a strong sprinkling of gray, and this cargo was fully equal to 20 per cent of copper, and worth at the least calculation £16 per ton.—The mine continues to look well, and the Company will undoubtedly ship several handsome cargoes this season.—*Lake Superior Journal.*

**STORM ON THE UPPER LAKES.**—A fierce squall swept over Lake Erie at about 1 o'clock on the afternoon of the 9th inst. The schooner Marion, then at anchor below the mouth of the Buffalo Harbour, was driven on the rocks and broken to pieces, four men, her crew, being drowned. It is also reported that a steamer, supposed to be the *Charter*, is ashore at Long Point.—*Montreal Pilot.*

**WORKING OF THE CHEAP POSTAGE.**—We understand that the trial which has been given during the last year to the three-penny postage rate has been eminently successful. The Post Office revenue of the year just passed, only falls short of that which preceded it, while the old rates were in operation, by one-third, and it may be taken as a matter of certainty, that next year the income of the department will exceed the expenditure. In a very short time we shall be asking a further reduction of the rate.—*Globe.*

**THE WEATHER.**—On Tuesday and Wednesday we had slight showers, but on Wednesday night and nearly all Thursday we had a pouring rain, which must have done a great deal of good to the crops which were previously suffering. Yesterday the sky was clear but the air somewhat chilly.—*Montreal Gazette, 19th.*

**MORE VALUABLE THAN GOLD.**—The *Lake Superior Journal*, of May 22nd, says:—We have it from good authority that an extensive coal bed has recently been discovered in the vicinity of L'Anse Bay. The greatest excitement prevails in that region on account of the valuable discovery.

The Pilot schr. *Sutherland*, belonging to Quebec, was fallen in with on the 5th inst., off the Island of Anticosti. She was dismantled and bottom up. When turned over, a chest floated out of her hold, which contained a silver watch and

a Pilot's branch. It is supposed that two Pilots and three hands, who were on board at the time, have all been lost.—*New Brunswicker.*

## UNITED STATES.

**TEXAS.**—A letter from Brownsville, Texas, says the Mexican General Anales has gathered under his immediate command, within our view, 5,000 Mexican soldiers, well armed and equipped, with the following number of cannons, viz., one 16-pounder directed from Fort Paredes directly towards the town, one 50 do., do., two 24 do., do., two 12 do., do., 36 do., do.; and in and about Matamoras, opposite Fort Brown, two 48-pounders, five 12 do., 3 howitzers, 2, 12 and 3, 4-pounders, with one 10 inch mortar, to which, in case of an invasion from this side, we could not oppose 200 fighting men, on account of our want of arms.

In the meantime our relations with the Mexicans are very precarious, more than thirty American citizens have already fallen victims to Mexican assassination, and a general panic is prevailing in this town, though under the protection of Fort Brown, with plenty of artillery, and about 100 soldiers, we do not consider ourselves safe.

**DIFFICULTIES AT SAN JOSE BETWEEN THE ENGLISH AND MEXICAN AUTHORITIES.**—The *Alta California*, of the 18th, by an arrival at San Jose, that on the 5th of April, H. B. M. sloop-of-war *Swift*. Wm. Cornwallis, Aldham, Com., arrived at that port, having been despatched at the request of H. B. M. Consul, at Mazatlan, to investigate a seizure made by Senor Bassan, Captain of the port of San Jose, on the person and property of Mr. Ritchie, a British subject, and goods of an American citizen left in store with Mr. R. at Cape St. Lucas, Lower California. Mr. R., immediately after being arrested, wrote to the British and American Consuls at Mazatlan, for protection for himself and the property of the American; but up to the time of sailing, no measures had been taken to stop the sale further than the private exertions of Mr. R. Capt. A. entered a protest against the sale of Mr. R.'s property. The sale of the other goods was to take place on the 22nd April, consisting of about 10,000 pounds of loaf sugar, wine, spirits, vinegar, chocolate, prints, calicoes, soap, tobacco, silk handkerchiefs, amounting to about \$1,500 to \$2,000.

A communication has reached San Jose from St. Quentin, giving account of a disturbance between General Castro and his adherents and the government authorities at said place. There was a likelihood of troops being sent to the frontier from La Paz to San Jose.

**THE CONDITION OF MEXICO.**—The Mexican Minister of War in a Report recently made to Congress, describes the condition of the country as deplorable indeed. He says that the Government is menaced on every side—from Tehuantepec; from Lower California, which has been invaded by a party of adventurers; from Sonora, where an expedition is expected from adventurers and savages; from Chihuahua, where a revolution is on the eve of breaking out, headed by the Governor; from Tamaulipas, which is menaced by adventurers who have again united on the other side of the Rio Grande; from Yucatan, where it will be necessary to suspend the operations against the Indians, for want of funds; and in the interior, which is verging towards anarchy.

A letter from Washington of the 23rd, says:

Negotiations are pending between this Government and England, with regard to Central America, which promises to settle definitely the misunderstandings upon the subject.

The Senate to-day rejected one of the Indian treaties, conveying land up to the 49th parallel, on the ground of its being somewhat premature to extinguish titles to lands so remote at present. The other Minnesota treaties were confirmed with amendments, the principal amendment being the striking out of the clause which reserved fifty miles on each side of the Minnesota river to the Indians.

A commercial treaty with southern Borneo, negotiated by Mr. Balesier, late Special Agent to the East Indies, was also confirmed.

### Brazil.

A correspondent of the Commercial Advertiser, writing from Brazil, May 15, says the weather has become very pleasant, and the yellow fever, which committed great ravages among the crews of the shipping, had entirely disappeared.

A railroad into the interior was to be commenced in a few weeks: capital \$10,000,000, eight millions of which had been taken in England.

The Imperial Parliament opened its session on the 3rd ult.

## Advertisements.

### Amherst Female Seminary!

#### PRINCIPALS:

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THE Winter Term of this Institution having just closed, the Seminary will re-open on the 15th July next, when a few more pupils can be accommodated as Boarders.

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BOARD AND WASHING, (white dresses excepted,) with Instruction in Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, Use of the Globes, Ancient and Modern Geography, Ancient and Modern History, Grammar and Rhetoric, Natural Philosophy, Astronomy, Botany, English Composition and Embroidery:—£30 per Academic year.

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Piano or Spanish Guitar. } Three Lessons per week, £3 per Quarter or Half Term.

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BILLS payable quarterly in advance.  
There are two Terms per year, of five months each.—The Quarters or Half Terms commencing 15th January, 1st April, 15th July, and 1st October. Pupils will also be received at intermediate periods, and charged pro rata.

The French Department is under the care of Two Protestant French Ladies, one of the principal Female Seminaries of the United States, who teach on the Orthodox system, and also assist in the Music lessons. Daily conversation in French is insisted upon.  
Three or more ladies will be constantly employed in the English Department, Drawing, &c. No pains will be spared to preserve the health of the Boarders, by proper exercise; and those young ladies whose parents may wish them to ride, will be allowed the use of a quiet Saddle Horse.

Pupils remaining at the Seminary during the vacation will be charged Ten Shillings per week for Board and Washing.

The Seminary is situated within a few minutes walk of four different places of public worship, and near to the Telegraph Station and Post Office.

Any further information can be obtained on application, post paid, to C. E. RATCHFORD, Amherst, 16th June, 1852.

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THE following Important Benefits are offered by this Company:

1st. A Return will be made for the surrender of whole term Policies (after payment of three annual premiums) of the full Office value.

2nd. A Person desirous of surrendering his Policy may receive, instead of a payment in cash, a new Policy for an equivalent sum, not subject to further payment of premiums, or a sum on attaining any given age of an equivalent value.

3rd. Credit given for one half the premiums upon whole Life Policies for £400 and upwards for five years interest payable annually.

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He offers at very low rates, and invites purchasers to call and examine his Stock.

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Orders from the Country punctually attended to. St. John, N. B. 1m. May 29.

**Figs, Raisins and Almonds.**  
50 DRUMS Turkey pulled FIGS,  
100 half drums Sultana Raisins without stones,  
5 boxes Jordan Almonds, fresh lot—just received.  
For Sale by W. M. HARRINGTON.  
June 19.

**East India Preserved Ginger.**  
50 CROCKS containing 7 lbs. each, at 8s. 9d. per  
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