

FROM CALIFORNIA. TERRIBLE CALAMITY.

New York, April 25.—The steamship St. Louis arrived this evening, with the California mails of April, 5,550 passengers and \$1,023,000 in specie. The trip has been made in a little over 20 days.

The Rossmore, Jamestown and store-ship Relief were at Aspinwall. All well.

An attempt at revolution in San Salvador had been speedily put down.

Advices from Nicaragua are only to March 28, and merely confirm news already received.

A fearful earthquake in Ecuador had destroyed the city of Quito, with over 2000 lives.

Dr. Trevitt, United States Consul at Valparaiso, has got into difficulty with the government of Chile. Several of the principal actors in the outbreak of the 18th took refuge in his house, which was twice invaded by armed police and the young men taken prisoners.

The first time they were driven off by the energetic department of the Consul and his lady but the next day they were forced to submit under protest. Mr. Trevitt's explanation had been cancelled by the government.

The revolution in Chile had been nearly quelled. At an engagement in Cogenima the government troops, were, however, forced to retire with the loss of ninety-five men. The revolutionists, lost nearly double that number.

From Bolivia we learn that the opposition party had been beaten in an engagement with a loss of sixty-five killed, including many of the leaders. Gen. Cordova, ex-President, had made his appearance on the frontiers and troops had been sent against him.

ECUADOR.—The blockade of Guayaquil by the Peruvians continued.

The loss by the earthquake at Quito is stated at \$2,000,000, and the loss of life is by some authorities as five thousand. A number of small towns to the southward had also been destroyed and some damage was occasioned in Guayaquil.

Horrid Murder.—Mail Carrier Shot and Mail Robbed.

The mail carrier between Paris and Brantford leaving Paris each evening about 9 o'clock was last night waylaid about a mile west of the first toll-gate and coolly shot down and the mail-bags cut open and rifled of their contents.

He must have been killed instantaneously. From the appearance of the wound, we think the shot was fired from a double-barrelled gun loaded with grape. The charge entered the left side of the head, carrying away a large piece of a grey fur cap which the unfortunate man wore.

As soon as the butchery was committed, the bags must have been taken into the ravine between the road and the railway track for a large number of envelopes and opened letters were there found by Mr. John Good stowed in all directions. The lock of the bag was also found in a pool of water. The body was found on the declivity leading to the ravine, face upwards, presenting a most horrid spectacle, where it had doubtless been laid after the deed was committed.

The horse and wagon were found this morning standing on the road side, and blood was seen smeared over the road and wagon which excited suspicion, and led to the search which resulted in the finding of the body as above described.

The carrier's name who has thus been so inhumanly murdered is Adams, and he is we should think, between 50 and 60 years of age.

The time when the deed was committed must have been about 10 o'clock last night as about that hour shots were heard by a boy in Mr. Good's employ.

As far as we have heard no trace of the cold-blooded murderers, has yet been found. The Coroner, Mr. G. Balfour is now on his way to the scene.

P. S.—We have just learnt that warrants have been issued for the arrest of two individuals upon whom suspicion rests, and officers are now in pursuit. —[Brantford Ex.]

British Claims upon Mexico.

Captain Dunlop, of her Majesty's ship Tartar, has agreed upon the following terms with General Zamora, the Governor of Vera Cruz:—"The British assignments upon the Mexican Custom-houses of 16 per cent. for the Convention Port, and 25 per cent. for the bondholders, to be henceforth punctually paid, and an additional assignment of 8 per cent., to be hereafter increased to 10 per cent., to be set aside in payment of arrears. The Custom-house at Vera Cruz to give to the British Consul an exact account of the British Convention assignments for the year 1853. The Mexican Custom-houses to give similar monthly statements to her Majesty's Consul. The tariff of 1856 to be immediately restored. (The decree to that effect is already published.) The money due to the bondholders, which was diverted from its proper channel in September last to be immediately paid. (\$2,000 have been already paid on account.) If the Custom-house at Tampico fails to keep its engagements to the British creditors, the Custom-house at Vera Cruz to make good the deficiency. A decree to be published concerning Don Juan de la Garza for illegal and improper treatment of Messrs. Jolly and Hazen, and promising that the rights secured by treaty to British subjects shall henceforth be scrupulously observed. (The decree has been already published.) The money extor-

ted from Messrs. Hazen and Jolly to be paid them within a month. Mr. Hazen to receive an indemnity of £500 (already paid.) The British flag to be saluted at Tampico with 21 guns."

A Terrible Tragedy.

We have already announced by telegraph the murder of the Rev. Jonathan Ford and his wife, by their own son, at Harris, Marquette county, Wisconsin. These are the particulars:—The son was chopping wood at the door. His father went out to the wood pile, and stopped to pick up some wood, when the son struck him a full blow upon the back of the head, near the neck, striking the entire bit of the axe into the head. He then struck him on the temple, breaking in the cranial bone. The mother, upon hearing or seeing the occurrence, ran out, and when within a few feet of where the father lay, was met by the son, who struck her a heavy blow, sinking the blade of the axe into her forehead, laying the head open from the nose to the vertex. A second blow was struck, opening the head of the outer angle of the crown to the eyes, and scattering the bones of the head and the brain. A person who lived twenty miles distant saw the son chopping wood at the door that morning. Some two hours afterwards the bodies were discovered, and the alarm given. On entering the house the son was found in his chamber. He was cool, and not excited by the sight of his murdered parents. Blood was found upon his person, and the axe was found to be the one he used.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Sweeney vs. Godard.

A point of very general interest, hitherto left unsettled, was decided by the Supreme Court in this case at the late Easter Term, viz, that upon a contract for the sale of land, unless otherwise stipulated, it lies on the vendor and not the vendee to prepare the deed of conveyance, and at his expense. The existence of a contrary rule in England has led to the question here; but, on examination, it is found that the rule in England is comparatively of modern origin, arising out of the intricacies of long title deeds, wills, and settlements, which render an abstract of title and particular investigation necessary in almost every transfer of property—this inquiry not aided by Registers, (except in a few Counties) as it is universal in this Province. The rule, moreover, is not based on any principle of the Common or Statute Law, but on the practice of English conveyancers, whereas, the almost invariable practice in this Province is in accordance with the decision now given by the Court. The Court also intimated that where the vendor has a wife living, who would, at the husband's death, be entitled to dower, she must join in the conveyance, unless otherwise stipulated.

It is important that there should be one established rule on these points, and that this rule should be generally known throughout the Province.—Courier.

A Chief Justice in White Gloves.

Chief Justice Robinson opened Court at Toronto last Monday, and said to the Grand Jury, that it gave him great pleasure to announce that instead of the usual calendar of criminal indictments, the Sheriff had that morning presented him with a pair of white gloves, signifying, according to an old English custom, that there were no prisoners to be brought before the present Assizes.

In reference to this event his Lordship further said that during the long course of experience which he had had on the Bench in Toronto, he did not recollect an occasion, on which it was his pleasing duty to receive a pair of white gloves, instead of the usual indictments, since the year 1808—now 51 years ago. He would therefore set a proportionate value on the gift, and prize the gloves as an emblem of, he hoped, a new and improved state of society. Passing from this, his Lordship briefly alluded to the pleasing fact that within the last ten weeks no criminal cases had occurred worth of being brought before the Assizes Court.—N. Y. Commercial Advertiser.

DISEASE AMONG CATTLE.—We hear of a considerable prevalence in some sections of this country, of a quick and fatal disease which has been recently noticed as taking off many horses and neat cattle in our State. Several farmers in the town of Alton and vicinity have lost valuable animals in this manner. They are usually taken with shivering or swelling of the throat and body, or with both symptoms, at once, and frequently die in a few hours. Upon being skinned the appearance of having been beaten. What the disease is—whether "black tongue" as supposed by some, or a malignant type of some native disease—or what are the proper remedies—we have not seen stated. If any has had a successful experience of remedies it would be a public benefit to make them known.—Bangor Whig.

ST. ANDREWS RAILROAD.—We are informed by a prominent citizen of Hamilton that during the past winter, which has been one of unusual dullness, the St. Andrews road has very nearly paid its running expenses and that about four fifths of its business has been from this side of the Boundary Line. The rates of freight too, on the sixty-five miles of that road, are only sixty cents per ton more than the old Oldtown & Milford Railroad, only twelve miles. With the opening of the spring, business on this road will be largely increased. One of the merchants of Hamilton informed us that he alone should have fifty tons of freight come over that road within the next month. If the St.

Andrews road can now be made to pay with the business of Aroostook, who shall say that the Aroostook Railroad will not pay when built.—[Aroostook Pioneer.]

ACCIDENT AND NOBLE CONDUCT.—About four o'clock yesterday afternoon, a boy named Dooley, ten years of age, fell into the river from Murn's wharf, Diamond Harbour, at ebb time there being a height of 22 feet. Mr. Michael McKeechie, stevedore, who witnessed the accident, instantly, without even throwing off his coat, jumped into the river to succour the unfortunate boy and succeeded in rescuing him from a watery grave. Such conduct certainly merits a medal from the Humane Society, and entitles Mr. McKeechie to some token of appreciation from his fellow citizens.—Quebec Chronicle, 21st.

At the Massachusetts General Hospital recently, the arm of a lady was amputated as a last resort, on account of most severe neuralgia, which had undermined her whole nervous system. It was caused by the irritating presence of a needle which had got into the hand twenty-five years before, and which could be neither extricated nor discovered, but which was afterwards found in a corroded condition imbedded in the nerves and muscles of the fore-finger of the amputated limb. She is now perfectly free from pain, and recovering her health and strength.

The Standard.

ST. ANDREWS, MAY 4, 1859.

Two Days Later from Europe.

The steamship North Briton, arrived at Quebec on the 2d inst., which sailed on the 20th, from Liverpool, and brings news two days later.

Parliament was prorogued on the 19th ult., when Writs for a new election were issued.

Another peaceful article has appeared in the Paris Moniteur, together with indications that the proposition for a disarmament may be accepted, preliminary to the meeting of a Peace Conference, affords more hope of a peaceful solution of difficulties.

MARKETS.—Cognac 94 1/2 to 95.

Breadstuffs have an advancing tendency. Provisions firm. Congou Tea firm at 1s 2d to 1s 2 1/2.

St. Andrews Brass Band.

It is with much pleasure that we allude to the fact, that some few months since a number of the young men belonging to this town, with a commendable public spirit, resolved to get up a Band, purchase instruments, and employ a competent person to teach them to play. Notwithstanding the dull times and many other discouragements, they succeeded in purchasing instruments, and engaging the services of Mr. Russell Foster, so widely and favorably known as a Teacher of music; they have been practising twice a week for the last three months, and a few evenings we had the satisfaction of listening to them, while passing near their practice room, and were much pleased at hearing them play with so much ease and taste. We are informed that the Band intend giving their first Concert in about three weeks from this time, and bespeak for them a large house well filled. Those who attend the Concert will not only get a return for their money, but will also be delighted. The object of their giving the Concert, is to pay a balance due on the instruments, which will afterwards become the property of the Town.

THE ATLANTIC MONTHLY for May has been received, and is filled with a large quantity of instructive and amusing articles: in a word this Magazine continues to hold the first rank among its United States contemporaries. We have only glanced over the contents, which are:—The Gymnasium; Why did the Governor faint? Two years after; A bundle of old Letters; In the Pines; The last bird; The Utah Expedition; Bulls and Bears; Inscription for an Alms-House; A trip to Cuba; The Professor at the Breakfast Table; The Minister; Wooing; The Walker of the Snow; Reviews and Literary Notices.

The Publishers are we are happy to learn, have many subscribers in this Province—but they have ample room for a much larger list.

THE "Address and Medal" which our correspondent "T." alludes to, as having been sent to a "bombastic editor" on the banks of the St. Croix, from the Frederictonians, we have not seen; we have, however, been promised a copy of the Address, and also a lithograph likeness of the "inflated individual," and will use them as he suggests. His persiflage respecting the inhabitants of Fredericton, is treated by them with contempt.

As the Spring opens there are visible indications of improvement. Several new houses and stores are in course of erection, new fronts are taking the place of old-fashioned ones, and many houses are being repaired and painted. There are a few old buildings on the front street, which we hope to see pulled down, and large brick houses erected in their sites.

LADIES' SCHOOL.—There is an excellent opening in this Town, for a Female teacher, possessing the necessary qualifications for teaching young ladies in the higher branches of education. A respectable number of scholars might be obtained, rents are low, lodging moderate, and the locality one of the healthiest in the Province.

Supplement to Railway Report.

We have received a pamphlet with the title of "Supplement to Report of the Railway Commissioners of the Province of New Brunswick for the year 1858; with Reports of the Committees of the House of Assembly and Legislative Council, 1859. The Engineer and Commissioners have furnished all the information that any reasonable mind could desire, in fact they have been so minute, in order to satisfy an overweening desire on the part of some persons, who appeared anxious to misrepresent, mislead and condemn everything done by the Engineer and Commissioners. That the Line has cost a large sum per mile, is true; but the character of the road should be taken into account, it is well built, permanent, and thoroughly engineered if we may employ the term. From the portion of the Line we passed over, in company with persons intimately acquainted with Railroad making, we agree with them in their expressed opinion of its being a first class road and cannot consent to condemn men who have used their best energies on so large and important an undertaking. Whether the road might not have been built at a less cost, or whether the Province would have been satisfied with a less expensive Line, it is not our purpose to enquire; the real question is—Have the Engineer and Commissioners done their duty faithfully? from the information published it appears they have; it is then fruitless for persons having no knowledge of railway making or railway expenses to be continually harping upon men who to say the least have fulfilled the trust reposed in them.

The Halifax and Windsor Railway is obstructed by slides in the cuttings which have heaved up the rails, and covered the Road for a considerable distance. The men were working up to their middle in the soft mud working night and day. The trains from either end come within sight of each other, and the passengers are compelled to climb the bank to reach each train.

We are requested to state, for the information of the mischievous boys, who are in the habit of breaking the windows in the Grammar School building, that they will be watched for the future, and if discovered will be prosecuted to the utmost rigour of the law.

The total expenditure on the works of the Grand Trunk Railway up to the present time is \$2,426,200. By the time \$10,000,000 is expended the road will be opened from Sarnia to River du Loup and Portland, a distance, including the Victoria Bridge, of 1057 miles.

CANADIAN CENT PICE.—The Montreal Gazette says that these coins which have been lately thrown off at the British Mint, possess a remarkable peculiarity. They are not only tokens of value, but also standards of weight and measure; 400 cents weigh exactly 1 lb., and 1 cent measures 1 inch. Thus in the common transactions of life the buyer will have a ready check upon the dishonest dealer.

DREADFUL EXPLOSION.—NINE PERSONS KILLED.—A terrible explosion occurred at the Bright Hope Coal Pits, Chesterfield Co., Va., on Wednesday morning. The Petersburg Express says:—There were nine men in the shaft at the time, four whites and five negroes, all of whom must have been instantly killed. It was impossible to render them any relief whatever, owing to the impenetrable condition of the mine from the fetid and intolerable dissemination of fatal gas which prevailed.

A MAN SHOT BY HIS DERANGED WIFE.—The wife of Capt. B. F. Bentley of Monongahela, Pa., a young and beautiful woman, who is subject to periodical derangement of the mind, on Wednesday morning last, got possession, by some means of the captain's pistols, procured powder and lead, and loaded them, and went into the garret of the house. Her husband went for her, and she shot him. The unfortunate husband is still alive, but cannot recover.

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Married.

At Glendale, near Germantown, on the 19th ult., by the Rev. Dr. Blackwood, the Rev. William Bennett, Moderator of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of New Brunswick, to Amy, daughter of the late Joshua Knight, Esq., of St. George, N. B.

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Died.

At Charlottetown, (P. E. I.), ult., of Scarlet Fever in the 31st age, deeply lamented by a number of friends, Josephine Augusta, wife of Mr. Albert H. Yates, 1 that City and youngest daughter of Mr. Samuel Watts, formerly of St. On the 1st inst., Caroline Ann daughter of Joseph and Sarah aged 16 years.

New Advertiser.

MAIL CONTRACT.

SEALED TENDERS.

WILL be received at this Office, 1 DAY, 18th June next, at noon

HER MAJESTY'S.

BETWEEN ST. ANDREWS CAMPOBEL.

Serving the Offices at Leonard's C. and; Indian Island, Wilson's Beach; and all other Offices that may be on the line.

Once per week each way, commencing 15th July next.

The Mails are to be conveyed in a set, subject to the approval of the General, or a person or persons appointed for the purpose.

Tenders must be made on the 1st which can be obtained from any Post Office the sum for which the service is to be performed, and be addressed to the Postmaster, CHARLES CO. Postmaster.

Post Office Department, Fredericton, 18th A. M., 1859.

READ! READ! THE LAST CHANCE.

PERSONS that want LIKENESSES well to call for them on or before I shall remove my SALOON from the expiration of that time.

N. B.—LIKENESSES made in Cloth Fair weather excepting small, call prefer to make when it is bright.

St. Andrews, May 3d, 1859.

Charlotte Co. Bank.

At a meeting of the Stockholders pursuant to notice, for the purpose of Directors for the ensuing year, the following were duly elected agreeably to the Charter:—

G. D. STREET, DANIEL FISHER, DANIEL GILMORE, J. W. STREET, S. Y. GOVE, H. H. HATCH, T. T. ODELL.

At a subsequent meeting of the D. D. Street, Esq., was re-elected President for the year.

C. W. WATSON.

Assessor's Notice.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Assessors of Rates and Taxes of St. Andrews, in the County of Kent, until the 1st day of June next, in writing from all who are liable for the current year in the Parish of the real and personal properties they possess.

THO. T. ODELL, HENRY HUTCHINGS, JOHN LOCHARY, St. Andrews, May 2d, 1859.

Land for Sale.

A lot of LAND containing 100 Acres of Digdigush River, described in the grant to Archibald Williams about 2 miles from the Digdigush N. Apply to J. W. WATSON, May 3d, 1859.

SPRING IMPORTATION.

ODELL & TURNER.

Have just received per Steamship and are opening.

A PART OF THEIR SPRING GOODS.

to which they invite inspection. Part of their stock daily expected, per P. St. John.

Valuable Water Lot.

THE Water Lot from Railway to the corner of Market St., a valuable situation for building a Wharf.

The greater part of the purchase remain at interest, secured on the further particulars apply to the subscribers.

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