

European Intelligence.

Arrival of the Baltic. Treaty Signed!

New York, April 17.
Baltic arrived—Treaty of Peace signed by all the Plenipotentiaries on Sunday, 30th. Great rejoicings in Paris. English demonstrations, much quieter.
Consols advanced to 93 1/2.
Breadstuffs dull, about "Cambria" quotations.

Arrival of the Africa.

New York, April 19.
The Steamship Africa, arrived with dates to the 5th inst.
Ship Skerwith from St. John, arrived at 10:30; on the passage out saw field ice about 200 miles from coast of Newfoundland, lights on the ice.
Peace proclaimed at St. Petersburg, and favourably received.
Cotton advanced 1/4 to 1/2 on ordinary, and 1 1/2 to 1 3/4 on middling qualities.
Breadstuffs unchanged.
Consols for money 93 1/2.

From the Boston Daily Courier, April 14.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE.—At one o'clock on Saturday afternoon an alarm of fire was sounded in the first district. The firemen turned out with their usual alacrity, had upon reaching Sudbury street discovered flames issuing from the sixth story of the Garish Market—a brick structure fronting on Sudbury street, but having entrances on Friend and Portland streets. The height of the fire, as well as the general belief that the market walls would fall the moment the inner timbers yielded, naturally deterred the firemen from combating the flames, and so the two upper stories were burned almost without opposition. The firemen now worked earnestly upon the four remaining stories, but at great disadvantage. The walls of the market building, as was anticipated, fell in and out in great sheets, and with such threatening that no one felt safe within the reach of them. The engineers of the fire department cautioned those under their command, as well as the spectators, to avoid danger.

At two o'clock, Mayor Rice visited the fire and upon seeing the condition of affairs ordered the steam fire engine. That powerful machine was soon upon the ground, and men who saw it in operation will deny that its performance was wonderful. Two streams from it were more than equal to six from the hand engines. These streams were sent upon the burning market, and thus the firemen were enabled to protect surrounding property. Story after story the market walls fell, and the westerly gale and brought down with it the crash and blind establishment of Jerome Hales, 34 Friend street, and the building material storehouse of Jeremiah Dunston, 24 Portland street. Provisionally there was no one injured by the crash.

The market was erected about five years ago, by Mr. George W. Gerrish. It was not a very substantial building, and could not have cost more than \$70,000. Mr. Gerrish has an insurance (in sundry country offices) to the amount of \$40,000; but it is reported that one of his policies is expired recently, so that his loss by this event is increased. The greatest sufferers are the parties who leased portions of the building.

The loss by this fire is very great. It will exceed \$200,000. Besides this, two hundred persons will be thrown out of employment.

A TOWN FOR SALE.—According to the Louisville Democrat, the town of Frankfort, Kentucky, is in a bad fix. The Democrat says:

"The sale will certainly take place at no distant day. That is a fixed fact. The town is irretrievably in debt, and wholly unable to pay little bills of a few thousand dollars, contracted years ago. From the Commonwealth we learn that its liabilities are about \$124,000, something of a dip for a village of a few hundred political gamblers. Its assets consist of water works, gas works (!) the Capitol Hotel, and some stocks in turnpike roads. And although they cost the people some \$240,000, we don't suppose the whole town—including politicians, penitentiary and all—would bring more than six tens under the hammer. However, those who are in the habit of dealing in chips and wheelstons, would do well to attend the sale. They can't injure their business."

ALLIANCE MAN ROBERT ARRESTED.—William F. Merrill, depot and ticket master at Augusta, was arrested on Saturday last in that city, on complaint of Hon. Virgil D. Parry, U. S. Post Office Agent, for robbing the mail of a package containing four land warrants, worth about \$700. He was brought to this city yesterday, and taken before John Rand, Esq. U. S. Commissioner. He was examined, and gave sureties in \$2000 for his appearance on the 23d inst. before the United States District Court in this city.

Hon. George F. Shepley, U. S. District Attorney, appeared in behalf of the government.

The Portland "State of Maine" says, that the mammoth British Steamer, now in process of construction, is to make her first trip to Portland, and perhaps make that port her permanent route. The cost of the vessel is estimated at one million sterling, and the mere cost of launching her at £40,000.

This is to be done by excavating the ground beneath her and letting her drop into the water as she lies.

Provincial Parliament.

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY.

Legislative Council, April 15.

Mr. McNaughton's Bill to revive an act which was in force in the reign of Henry the Eighth, relative to attending Divine Worship on Sunday, was rejected without a division.

The Bill to amend the law relating to Municipal Corporations passed in Committee. Hence in Supply: Several grants were placed on the Supply Book, which it is understood will be closed to-morrow.

The Bill to abolish the Grant to King's College was taken up in the afternoon.—The Hon. Mr. Fisher proposed his Bill relative to the establishment of a comprehensive system of University education, as an amendment to Mr. O'Connell's amendment, which was supported by Tilley, Hatheway, and Fisher. The original Bill was supported by Smith, Harrington and J. A. Harding.

No other business transacted.

April 16.
The Bill relating to Municipalities, and the Bill relating to the Police of the City of St. John, received a third reading, and were ordered to be sent to the Legislative Council.

The Supply Book was ordered to remain open until to-morrow.

The Bill relating to the debt and property of the City of St. John, was adopted, with certain amendments.

Mr. Tibbits' motion for an address to His Excellency, respecting expenses incurred in the survey of the disputed territory, by A. E. Botsford, and others, was carried without a division.

The College question was not taken up to-day, in consequence of the absence of Mr. Gray.

The House was in Supply nearly all day. Several large grants were placed on the Supply Book, most of which had been recommended by the Trade Committee.

The Trade Committee recommended a sum of money to be placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to settle the claims of Brewers and others, arising out of licenses sustained by the operation of the Prohibitory Law. The Report was accepted, but however, without considerable opposition being offered to the recommended appropriation.

Mr. McNaughton's Bill to amend the Election Law stands as the order of the day for Friday.

April 17.
Business rapidly proceeded in the House to-day.

The Bill relating to Sheriff streets in the Parish of Portland, was postponed for three months.

On motion of Mr. Boyd, Monday next was set apart to go into consideration of a Bill to regulate the sale of Spirituous Liquors.

The Bill relating to non-resident Free men of the City of St. John, passed with some slight amendments.

Hon. Mr. Smith introduced a Bill to incorporate the President and Directors of the Shediac Bank.

Hon. Mr. Gray presented a petition from the Brewers of St. John and St. Andrews, praying that a certain species of liquor manufactured by them may be legalized by the Province.

Hon. Mr. Fisher laid before the House documents asked for by Mr. Allen, respecting the appointment of the new Sheriff, Mr. Dickenson, for Carleton County.

College question taken up at 3 o'clock.—Mr. Street spoke in opposition to Mr. O'Connell's Bill. Hon. Solicitor General spoke for nearly one hour—and did not say which Bill he would vote for. Progress reported.

Mr. Weyers introduced a Bill to authorize the manufacture of Ale, Porter, Beer and Cider in this Province.

Supply Book closed this evening. House a time resembled a bear garden in the disposition evinced by members to participate in the general scramble. The Speaker had much difficulty in preserving order.

from His Excellency respecting the appointment of the Sheriff of Carleton.

Mr. Allen spoke for an hour and a half; he endeavored to prove that Government had pursued an unjustifiable course in dismissing Mr. Winslow, and at close of his speech moved a resolution that the act of the Government, has not the approval of the House.

Mr. O'Connell replied to Mr. Allen and spoke for nearly two hours; he justified the course pursued by the Government in appointing the gentleman who has been annually elected Warden of the Municipality of Carleton, and explained the appointment.

Mr. Tibbits accused the ex-Sheriff of Carleton of exercising an influence on several occasions, and justified the removal.

Mr. Cullen also defended the course pursued by the Government.

Several other members spoke, nearly all of whom regarded the resolution as expressive of want of confidence.

A motion was made by Mr. Gray that progress be reported.

Mr. Steadman moved an amendment that the further consideration of the resolution be postponed for 3 months.

A long discussion followed, when the amendment was sustained by the following division:—

Yeas.—Tibbits, L. R. Harding, Ryan, Tilley, Fisher, Boyd, Brown, Gilmor, Sutton, Johnson, Landry, Steadman, Cutler, Ferris, J. A. Harding, McAdam, McPhelim, McLeod, Montgomery—20.

Nays.—Allen, Gray, Botsford, Street, Armstrong, Godard, Ker, End—8.

The Standard.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 1856.

The following Report of a Special Meeting of the Class A Shareholders of the St. Andrews and Quebec Railway Company, held in London on the 27th March, is copied from the Times of the 28th, and will be read with satisfaction by all who take an interest in the Road.

From the proceedings it is very evident that Class A are desirous of completing the line to Woodstock, as fast as possible; and the plan proposed for the formation of a new company for this purpose, we have reason to believe meets with success. And we trust that before long, we shall be enabled to announce that the work on the Line is resumed.

ST. ANDREWS & QUEBEC RAILWAY COMPANY.

A special meeting of the class A shareholders of the company was held yesterday, at the office, Parliament street, Westminster, to consider a proposition for the transfer to a company new in course of formation of the rights and privileges now vested in the company, and to pass resolutions in connection therewith; Mr. F. Edwards in the chair.

Mr. Byrne, the secretary, read the report, which stated that the new company proposed to be formed, would have a capital of £600,000 in 30,000 shares of £20 each, of which only 350,000, or 17,500 shares would be disposed of at present, that being the amount required to complete the first section to Woodstock, 90 miles in length. The new stock would be issued in classes A, B, C, and D. Class A to consist of 4,000 shares, entitled to a Government guarantee of 6 per cent. for 25 years, to commence immediately on the completion of the line to Woodstock, with a bonus of 20,000 acres of land, or 5 per cent. share. Interest at 6 per cent. per annum to be allowed on the deposit and calls during construction. The Class B to consist of 7,000 shares, entitled to a bonus of 106,000 acres of land, or 15 acres per share, and 5 per cent. interest on the deposits and amounts paid during construction. The Class C to consist of 4,000 paid up shares, to be allotted to the proprietors of the 4,000 capital stock shares in the existing company, with 60,000 acres of land, or 15 acres per share, to the holders of the 4,000 land shares of the land stock company, for the purchase of that portion of the railway already constructed, including rolling stock, &c., together with all their rights and privileges, but no interest to be allowed on these shares during construction. The Class D shares to consist of 2,500 shares of £20 each, to be paid over to the local Government in right of their advances of £32,000 and of advances to be made. About 3,300 only holding capital stock to be divided *pro rata* in satisfaction of interest, and for transfer of line.

The Chairman said the Scheme was "now before the shareholders, and the books were open to the inspection of any of them who might wish to see them."

Mr. Bates, a member of the Committee, explained that, after a very protracted discussion with the directors on the affairs of the company, they had devised the present scheme for relieving the company from its difficulties. He believed, if carried out, that it would be found satisfactory to all parties. Looking to the traffic prospects of the line, and the high position of the Canada Land shares in the market, he thought there was a fair prospect of success. Some of the shareholders thought the terms were too liberal to the public, but he thought it would have been unwise to offer lower terms.—The terms to the existing shareholders were favorable, and he believed that the rights of all parties had been fairly and properly adjusted. The division of the surplus land among the A shareholders after the other classes were satisfied, would amply recompense them for the loss of interest. He

concluded by moving a formal resolution to the effect that the shareholders approved the arrangement proposed to be granted by the new company for carrying out the line to Woodstock, and authorized the directors to carry out the arrangement.

The Chairman stated that the holders of 1,700 shares out of 4,000 shares had assented to the scheme, and that the holders of 1,000 shares more would assent, making 2,700. The holders of 50 shares only had dissented. The whole of the present A shares, 4,070 in number, with but one exception, had £16 per share paid up. It was necessary to call up the remaining £4 per share, in order to pay off a loan.

Mr. Goodchap and other shareholders expressed their dissent from the proposed scheme for forming the new company, as they were desirous of preserving their present rights. They did not want to belong to a new company.

The Chairman explained, that, unless they completed the line to Woodstock in 1857, they would forfeit all their rights, and the money expended would be lost. About 26 miles of railway from the port of St. Andrews were already finished, and six additional miles could soon be completed, making 32 miles, that might be soon opened for traffic.

The cost of constructing that portion of the line had not exceeded £3,000 per mile, and to complete the line to Woodstock, including rolling stock, would be £350,000.—The Government had agreed to subscribe £50,000 towards the undertaking, but had not completed their agreement.

Mr. Greaves thought the plan proposed was the best they could adopt, and, from information he had obtained, he believed if the project were carried out that they would have a very good property.

The Chairman, in reply to a question, stated that Earl Fitzwilliam had assented to be chairman of the new company, and that Lord Ashburton had also assented to the scheme.

The resolution proposed by Mr. Bates was then carried, Mr. Goodchap dissenting.

In reply to a question, Mr. Sharpe stated that the Bill now before Parliament of the British and North American Great Railway and Land Company did not emanate from the St. Andrews company.

The proceedings concluded with a vote of thanks to the chairman.—[Times.]

In consequence of bad roads very few of the farmers have brought produce to market for the last fortnight. Hay is selling for 25 per ton, Potatoes and Oats from 3s. 6d to 4s. per bushel. Butter 1s. 2d. Eggs 5d.

The Steamer Admiral, Capt. Small, made her first trip for the season on Friday last. We are happy to learn that she is as popular as ever. Her gentlemanly officers will always command that patronage for the Steamer, which she has heretofore enjoyed.

Judge Davis, one of the Judges of the State of Maine, refused to acknowledge a newly appointed Sheriff, and would only recognize the former occupant of that office.—The people remonstrated and appealed, but his Honor was brought before the Legislature, and an Address for his removal passed the House 51 to 60, and the Senate 16 to 3. The Judge nothing daunted, has appealed to the Supreme Court to decide between him and the Legislature.

We are informed that the name of the man, supposed to be a pedlar, recently found dead at Lepreau, was John Bowman, and that he has a wife living at Quasco. A list of the articles found in his pack may be seen at this office, and further information respecting them, and his clothes, &c. may be obtained from Mr. Robert V. Hanson, at Lepreau.—[Courier.]

The man in goal charged with having shot Mr. John Walsh had almost escaped on Monday morning. The girl who went to sweep out the cell was astonished at the anxiety he showed, that she should not move a cloth that lay in one corner, and at once communicated her suspicions to the gaoler. An examination was made, and it was discovered that he had buried the floor with a piece of iron procured from his stove, in such a way that to tear out a large piece and get down into the cellar would be but the work of a moment, and once in the cellar the way was open for him. He had been secured by an iron chain from his leg to the floor, but this was fastened by a padlock, which he broke open, and he was just prepared for flight when discovered. He is now in one of the condemned cells. It is really time that something should be done to make the goal a little stronger.—[Freeman.]

MELANCHOLY OCCURRENCE.—It is only a short time since we had the unpleasant duty to record the murder of a boy by a fellow apprentice, in a fit of passion. We thought at least we trusted—that such an event was of rare occurrence, and it would be long before we would have to record such another. How much we have been disappointed in our expectation will appear from the following:—On the 18th inst. as two boys, named John Carey and John Connell, aged 11 and 13, were playing together with a sleigh, Carey several times in fun overthrew O'Connell, when the latter lifted a piece of iron, and threw it at Carey, who was standing some short distance from him. The iron struck him on the side of the head and he fell to the ground. O'Connell ran at once,

to assist him, lifted him up and called him by name—but the poor little fellow was unable to answer him. The iron had entered the skull, and caused concussion of the brain, from the effects of which he died on Monday. The Coroner's Jury returned a verdict that Carey came to his death by a blow from a piece of iron thrown by O'Connell without malice.—[Dundas, Canada, Tribune.]

There are eleven railroads in Wisconsin, the length of which when completed, will be 655 miles. 432 miles are now finished.

Holloway's Pills a certain cure for Asthmatic Complaints.—The astonishing effect these wonderful Pills produce in the above class of diseases, would appear incredible if the truth were not confirmed by so many living witnesses; scarcely a day passes without some one making favorable mention of these extraordinary Pills, and their wonderful efficacy in all complaints. Indeed, there cannot be any doubt but that they will restore to health after every other means have failed, and will be found a certain antidote for most of the disorders affecting the human system.

THE MAILS FOR ENGLAND, will close at this Office on Thursday 24th and Friday 25th, at 6 A. M., via New York, British packet; Tuesday 29th via New York, per U. S. packet; Sunday, 4th May, at 9 A. M., via Halifax.

The Postage for the United Kingdom, via Halifax, is 7d single rate, via New York by British Packet 10d, and by United States Packet 1s. 5d, pre-payment optional.

Notice to the Public.

By Order,
R. F. CAMPBELL, P. M.
Post Office, St. Andrews,
April 23, 1856.

Sheriff's Sales.

TO BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION, on Saturday the 1st day of November next, at 12 o'clock, at the Court House in Saint Andrews—

ALL the right title, interest, property, claim, and demand, of REUBEN BROCKWAY, JUNR., SILAS BROCKWAY, and WILLIAM BROCKWAY, to the following properties, viz:—

All that certain Mill Site, or Lot, together with the Mill thereon now occupied by the said Reuben Brockway, junr. and William Brockway, situated, lying and being, on the Western side of the river Magaguadavic, at the second Falls thereof in the Parish of St. George, together with all the rights, privileges, sluices, sluiceways, dams, water courses, and piers to the same belonging.

Also, That half of Farm Lot, No. 2, situated on the Western side of the Magaguadavic river, at the second Falls thereof, in the Parish of St. George, and now occupied by Reuben Brockway, Junr. opposite the Meeting House.

And all other the Real Estate, and necessary right of the said Reuben Brockway, junr., Silas Brockway, and William Brockway, or either of them, wheresoever situate in my Bailiwick.

The same having been seized and taken to satisfy an execution in favour of Tobias G. Mealy and Samuel Johnson.

THOS. JONES, Sheriff of Charlotte.

Sheriff's Office,
19th April, 1856.

To be Sold at Public Auction, on Saturday the 10th day of April, 1856, at 12 o'clock, at the Court House in St. Andrews—

ALL the right title, interest, claim and demand of JOHN MCCOLLEY, to the following Lots, Pieces, or Parcels of LAND, with the appurtenances belonging to them, viz:—

ALL that Lot, Piece or Parcel of LAND situated in Milltown, in the Parish of St. Stephen, near land now or lately occupied by John Young, purchased by the said McCollie from John Mc Garrigue, as by deed bearing date 14th February, 1854.

AND ALSO, All that Lot, Piece, or Parcel of LAND, situated on the northern side of the road leading from the Upper to the Lower Mills, in the Parish of St. Stephen, excepting 1/2 part sold by said McCollie to one Donald Campbell; the same having been purchased by said McCollie from James Murdoch, as by deed bearing date 10th July, 1854.

The same having been seized and taken under an Execution in favour of Samuel Neill.

THOS. JONES, Sheriff of Charlotte.

Sheriff's Office, St. Andrews,
1st October, 1855.

The above sale is postponed till Saturday the 24th day of MAY, at 12 o'clock.

THOS. JONES, Sheriff of Charlotte.

TO LET.
THREE good ROOMS and a SHOP on the first floor of my House in Water street, formerly occupied by Mrs. Kennedy.
J. W. STREET.

April 23, 1856.
Flour, Meal, Tea, Tobacco.
Landing this day ex "Atlas" from New York 150 Barrels of Flour.
100 do "Corn Meal."
130 Chests of Tea.
15 boxes of Tobacco, for sale low to future standing.
St. John, April 16. W. L. STRONACH