

COLONIAL.

QUEBEC, November 25.

There has been a report in town for some days past, that the Hudson's Bay Company had obtained permission to cut timber within the limits of the King's Posts, of which they have a lease for the Fur Trade, which will expire in 1841. It is said that they are about to erect saw mills at the different sites on the streams in that great extent of country for preparing lumber for shipment.—*Gazette*.

Some of our brethren of the press have become rather pugacious of late. We read of twenty thousand men hand to hand, heart to heart, shoulder to shoulder, and then another talks of the St. Lawrence running blood. We who dislike the running of any thing connected with political warfare but ink out of a goose quill, begin to feel rather alarmed, and have thought of a way to obviate honest and quiet folks being involved in cruel extremities. We propose that the writers of these articles should do all the fighting among themselves, and as it is certain that they will fight like Kilkenny cats, it will go a great way to settling the difficulties of the country.—*Id.*

Another great fire at Quebec—Last night, between 10 and 11 o'clock, a fire broke out at *Pres-de-Ville*, to the south-west of the Inclined Plane, in the house of Mr Kelley, tavern-keeper. The wind was westerly and the tide out, and many of the houses wood, and the street narrow. Every assistance was given by the neighborhood, but the fire could not be prevented from spreading across the street, and the wooden buildings on both sides burnt so intensely that they set the stone houses that happened to be opposite on fire by the doors, windows, and eaves of the roofs. The military and some of the fire companies, attended, but little could be done to arrest the progress of the flames to the leeward. The conflagration only stopped at the Inclined Plane. A couple of houses to the westward of Kelley's were consumed. The buildings were mostly new—twenty-two of them erected on the late Mr Molson's property after the fire two years ago.

The desolation and distress is immense. Besides the loss sustained by proprietors and insurance companies, it is supposed that upwards of a hundred families are deprived of their dwellings at the setting in of winter, and have lost all that they had saved by industry for their support.

The number of houses destroyed is about 50.

Three of the Merchants of the Lower Town are now collecting subscriptions, to assist those who stand most in need, with a place of temporary resort and some immediate relief.—*Id.*

November 28.

The weather set in cold on Thursday night. At sun-rise the thermometer has been down every morning since to between 15° and 20° below zero. The first floating ice on the St. Lawrence appeared on Saturday. This morning it was sufficient to impede the navigation, which must soon close for the season. The wind has been westerly and it is probable, that all the vessels which sailed last week have got out of the river without accident.

The ground is still nearly bare of snow; the small rivers are frozen over. Some apprehensions are entertained for the potatoes not well secured against the frost. Some of them have spoiled, having frosted potatoes among them, or not being sufficiently ripe to keep in good condition.

The want of snow at this season is unfavorable to travelling and the supply of the markets, as well as to getting firewood out of the woods.—*Id.*

The Upper Canada House of Assembly voted a Supply on the 16th instant, on motion of Mr McNab.—*Id.*

St John, N. B., December 6.

ARRIVAL OF THE DELEGATES.—We have today the pleasing duty to announce the return to this City of William Crane and L. A. Wilmot, Esquires, Members of the Legislature of this Province, who were deputed by the House, last season, to proceed to Britain, and lay before his Majesty's Government the Address of the Assembly, on various matters of paramount importance to the Province.

Messrs Crane and Wilmot arrived at New York on the 23d ult. in the packet ship *Roscoe*, which sailed from Liverpool on the 25th Oct., and came to town on Friday evening in the steamer 'Maid of the Mist,' from Eastport.

Our readers are already aware that through the representations of the Deputation, several hitherto unsettled questions relative to the Casual Revenue, &c. have been adjusted on terms highly advantageous to the Province; and we have now only to add, that, generally, the Deputation has fully succeeded in accomplishing the object of their mission. In a few days the Provincial Legislature will assemble, when all the details relative to this important event will be made public.

We understand that these gentlemen express themselves highly gratified at the manifest disposition of Lord Glenelg and the other members of his Majesty's Government, to give due consideration to every subject brought under their notice, and to remove every reasonable ground of complaint.

We feel it incumbent on us to state, for the more particular information of our readers, that the ENTIRE CASUAL REVENUE, including the proceeds of Sales to the *Nova-Scotia and New-Brunswick Land Company*, are to be surrendered to the disposal of the Provincial Legislature, on a provision being made for a Civil List to the extent of £14,500 currency. The funds thus to be given up, amount to about £100,000 immediately available to the wants of the Province, exclusive of the receipts of the current year. The grant of £1200 per annum, for the commutation of Quit Rents, is likewise to be relinquished by the Crown. With respect to the Crown Land Department, we are authorized to state, that such changes have been effected as will immediately and effectually remove the causes of complaint which have been so long and so severely felt.—*Observer*.

The weather in this part of the Province still continues remarkably mild, without snow. To-day, the air has the pleasantness of an April day. At sun-rise on Friday morning last, the thermometer, in an exposed situation, stood at 13°, which is the coldest that has been experienced this season.—*Id.*

To the list of the many very fine vessels owned in this port, we have now to add the ship "*Mercy*," launched last week from the ship yard of Messrs W. & J. Lawton, for Messrs McKay, Brothers & Co. She is of superior model and workmanship, and copper fastened. Measures, old tonnage 691 tons, new 722—no poop, in consequence of the late measurement Act.—*Id.*

MIRAMICHI, December 6.

THE WEATHER.—The river is now frozen over, and has been so from Friday morning last. Sunday, we believe was the earliest period at which an attempt was made to cross on the ice, but as the weather has been very mild the last two days, this must be attended with considerable danger. A man, in attempting to cross yesterday, got in a short distance from Messrs Cunard's wharf, but was providentially rescued from his perilous situation by timely aid from the shore.—*Gleaner*.

THE WEEK.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, DEC. 14, 1836.

THE WEATHER.—Up to this time, the weather has been remarkably fine and mild; we have neither had frost nor snow to occasion the close housing of farm stock, and should it continue some time longer, the price of hay will fall.

The harbour remains perfectly open and free from ice, and the P. E. Island Mail Boat continues to ply as usual. The outward bound shipping have all left the port except the barque *Blessing*, and brig *Squirrel*, which are both nearly ready for sea. The coasting vessels have all arrived in safety.

LITERARY AND SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY.—Last Wednesday evening, Dr. Martin delivered an interesting Lecture on "Pneumatics," and performed a number of experiments illustrative of the mechanical properties of air. This evening, Dr. W. J. Anderson will lecture on "The Science of Phrenology."

The *Halifax Telegraph*, conducted by Mr J. S. Thompson, will re-appear on the first Friday in January next.

An attempt had been made to assassinate the Emperor of Russia. He was shot at by a Russian, and the ball went through an mid-de-camp by his side.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—The Lines of "J. L." about himself, could not interest any of our readers.

The Communication of John Holmes, Esq. came too late for this day's paper, but will appear in our next.

MARRIED.

On Wednesday last, by the Rev. Charles Elliot, Mr Peter Shields, of Hull, England, to Miss Christie Smith, of the East River.

On Thursday, by the Rev. Charles Elliot, Mr John Sutherland, of New Lairs, to Miss Margaret McKay, of the same place.

DIED.

On Thursday evening last, Mary, youngest child of Mr James Kitchin.

On the 12th ult., suddenly, Mr James Mulligan, victualler, a native of Dublin, aged 48 years,—leaving a wife and five children.

At the house of Mr John Maxwell, on Saturday morning last, Miss Mary McDonald,—formerly of P. E. Island, aged about 35 years. Her infant child was interred a few days previous.

At Sussex Vale, N. B., on the 4th inst., the Honorable George Henry Hazen, Esquire, a Member of the Legislative Council, New Brunswick—aged 52 years.

SHIP NEWS.

CUSTOM-HOUSE—PICTOU.

ENTERED.

Wednesday, Dec. 7.—Sloop *Triumph* Cannon, P. E. Island—ballast.

Friday.—Schr. *Isabella*, Kennedy, do.—do. King William, Boudrot, Halifax—gen'l cargo; Trial, Roberts, Bay Verte, Bets, &c.

Saturday.—Lively, Cummings, Halifax—general cargo.

Monday.—Sarah, Curtis, P. E. Island—oats.

CLEARED.

Thursday.—Brig *Adventure*, McKinnon, Newfoundland; sloop *Triumph*, Cannon, P. E. Island.

Friday.—Schr. *Waterloo*, Eisan, Halifax.

Saturday.—Barque *Blessing*, Green, Hull.