

TWO WEEKS LATER FROM CALIFORNIA

The steamer Daniel Webster arrived at New York on Sunday last from San Juan, with 326 passengers and \$400,000 in gold...

The Panama Railroad is now open to a point forty miles above Chagres, and the mail steamers will hereafter all land at Navy Bay...

Three thousand emigrants were at Panama on the 24 inst., waiting passage for California. Provisions were still scarce and high...

The clipper Sword Fish, from New York, arrived at San Francisco in 90 days, the Golden Gate in 113 days. The sword fish in one day ran 325 miles.

Loss of a Steamer with Forty-two Lives.—The steamer General Warren has been lost at the mouth of Columbia River, Oregon, together with all on board, including 42 persons...

The schooner Penelope, Captain Dodge, which left San Juan about the 17th of October with 22 passengers, is feared to have been lost with all on board.

Considerable apprehension is felt in all the mining and farming districts that the winter rains are over. Water was never more required in the mines than now.

The mines are still turning out well, and new quartz gold discoveries are of daily occurrence. Immense crops of barley, onions, potatoes and all kinds of vegetables, will be raised the present year.

The money market was never so tight as now—the result of the gross neglect of Congress to settle the land affairs, and establish a mint in California.

Trade is remarkably dull and rents tending downward. Flour continues neglected, and quoted at \$9. Beef and other articles unchanged. State stocks declining.

We have advice from Sidney, New South Wales, to November 20th. The gold excitement has considerably abated, and the mines have become a resort for the industrial classes, and the steady and abundant source of wealth to the colonies.

The barque Springbok arrived at Boston on Friday last, in the short run of 45 days from the Cape of Good Hope, bringing dates to the 26th of January, twenty-six days later.

The war with the Kaffirs continued. On the 4th of January news was received at Cape Town of the death of Major Wilson, of the Royal Artillery, commanding a Fort Beidie. He was shot on New Year's Day, while leading his men in an attack on the enemy in the jungle of Fish River, where it is said that the great Kaffir chief Sandhill had taken refuge.

On the 20th of December, at Marzaran, the English troops had a battle with the Kaffirs and rebel Houtentots in which 350 of the latter were defeated with a large number killed and wounded. On the 24th another engagement took place, in which 25 of the enemy were killed.

The whole British force has concentrated at Butterworth, and Sandhill and his people are flying before it into the Bushmen country, a tract lying between the sources of the Bashee and the other rivers of Kaffir land, and the Drakenberg mountains. This is a very fine country, and although estimated at some 4000 square miles, is uninhabited, except by a few bands of roving plunderers.

The Engoes have risen against their old taskmasters, the Kaffirs. On the 31st at Kawestone, an engagement took place in which twenty three Kaffirs and four British were killed. The British forces have recaptured 30,000 cattle from the enemy. An attack had been made upon Whittless and Shiloh, in which nearly all the inhabitants had been massacred, fourteen only escaping. It was probable that the whole of the mission stations in that part of the country would be entirely ruined and destroyed.

The last accounts are to the effect that the Kaffirs desire peace, and are suing for it, but the Governor refused to see their messengers. It will be a long time, however, before peace can be established in this unhappy country. The papers contain columns of accounts of murders and assassinations by the roadside at noon-day; where the houses of the inhabitants are burnt down and their crops destroyed.

A New Bank Proposed.—A notice appears in the Toronto Globe, of the intention of some parties, not named, to apply to the Legislature, at its next session, for a charter to incorporate certain persons under the name and style of "the Provincial Bank of Canada," for the general purpose of banking in that Province.

REQUISITION

HON. JOHN A. STREET: Sir,—We, the undersigned, disapproving of the action taken by you on Railway matters, such being fraught with incalculable evils to your Constituency, and to this section of the Province, beg you will RESIGN THE TRUST placed in your hands forthwith, as Representative of this County.

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To Richard Hutchison, John M. Johnson, Wm. Forbes, Alexander Loudoun, John Hea, and 116 others, inhabitants of the County of Northumberland.

Gentlemen:—I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your requisition under date of 9th instant, requiring me forthwith to resign my seat in the House of Assembly, on account of the course I have deemed it my duty to take in respect to the Railway matters...

In the first place, thank you for the very temperate and courteous language, in which this compulsory demand is couched; and in the second place, I beg leave to call to your mind what you cannot have forgotten although you have not thought proper to mention among your other questions from my notice speeches, viz.—that I not only stated in your most unequivocal language, at my election in June, 1852, (as I had done on former occasions) that the principles upon which I offered myself as a candidate for your suffrages were, that although in all matters of a local nature, I should be governed by the opinion of my constituents as far as I could ascertain them, yet in matters of a Provincial character, in which the general interests of the Province were involved, I should ever hold the right of exercising my own judgment, even in opposition to the local feelings of my constituents...

THE FORGERS.—We understand, says the Toronto Globe, that messengers have been sent in pursuit of Matthews and that there is little doubt but he will be arrested. The reports of great losses to the City Bank of Montreal by his operations are not correct. It is true that the Bank has a considerable number of notes with a forged name upon them, but the other signatures are genuine, the false one having been merely added to make the paper negotiable.

NAVIGATION.—The note of preparation has been sounded at Oswego, from which place the steamer Lord Selkirk, is advertised to sail for Toronto and Hamilton, on the 10th instant. The steamer Canada will, in a few days, take her place between Toronto and Rochester.

ANOTHER LINK IN THE GREAT RAILWAY CHAIN.—The railroad connecting Lake Erie with the Ohio river, at Wellsville, was opened on the 4th inst., and the line is to be extended to Wheeling, there to connect with the Southern Ohio road. The road now completed is 98 1/2 miles in length, or four hours distance between the waters of Lake Erie and the Ohio river.

THE RAILWAY BILLS.—The Halifax and Quebec Railway Bills passed the Legislative Council of this Province yesterday. We learn from good authority that the Hon. E. Chandler will leave here to-morrow for England, as a delegate from the Government of which he is a member, to negotiate the loan of the necessary funds to construct the portion of the Railway which is to be built by New Brunswick.

A ROASLER FOR THE HEAD QUARTERS.—We have long promised the Head Quarters a roasler and now we have it for him. Mr. James Bradley, of Buttermilk Creek, killed a pig last week which weighed when dressed 94 1/2 lbs. Another killed at the same time weighed 607 lbs. Better give up beat.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY.—The members of the St. Patrick's Society, celebrated the Festival of their Patron Saint, on Wednesday evening last, when upwards of seventy gentlemen, including the officers of the Sister Societies, and many of our most respected citizens, partook of a most sumptuous dinner, served up in Messrs. Scammell's usual good style. Conviviality and politeness were the ruling spirits of the evening, and many fine songs were admirably sung on the occasion—among which some of the charming melodies of the late Tom Moore, were given. Irish wit in all its exuberance abounded, many excellent speeches were delivered, and we were particularly pleased with one from Chas. Dougherty, Esq., in reply to Ireland, which contained many happy allusions and beautiful passages, exhibiting much research, and a thorough acquaintance with that country, her eminent men, position and prospects. Thos. Parks, Esq., the President, presided during the evening. [St. John Chronicle 19th.]

Reciprocity with the North American British Colonies.—This great question is about to be agitated in Congress. The Committee on Commerce in the House of Representatives, is favorable to the adoption of a system of reciprocity in commerce between the United States, and the British Provinces. Nothing is yet known of the precise terms of the arrangement, but the foregoing bill is set to be carried. We hope it will come up freely and generously in the just expectations of our neighbors in the North. A selfish and barbarous spirit would be unworthy of our legislation—particularly when we regard the vast commercial interests and prospective resources that must be effected by it. [International Journal.]

The next Exhibition of the Provincial Agricultural Association will be held in Toronto, commencing the 21st of September.

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PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT.

March 17.—The House has been engaged upon the School Bill—five sections passed. There was much talk and recrimination about matters foreign to the subject. An amendment, moved by the Speaker, proposing that the Attorney General should appoint a Superintendent, was rejected.

Mr. Street has preferred a serious charge against Mr. Chapman, accusing him of altering Certificates. Mr. Weldon, the Registrar, proved that letters had been used after the Certificates were given, and that they were otherwise changed. Mr. Chapman's son proved a direct contradiction against these charges. More Witnesses have been summoned.

In Supply, the grants for the Great Roads passed.—Grants for Wharves in Albert and Westmorland Counties, also at Woodstock, passed, with an understanding that each County get a grant to the Mechanics' Institute at the Head was rejected—this decides all similar applications. This being the last day for placing entries on the Supply Book, many were made.

Union of Mr. Partelow, £5000 were entered on the supply book for the enlargement of the Lunatic Asylum, and £2500 for the enlargement of the Provincial Penitentiary, also on the Supply Book.

The morning the House went in Committee to go a Bill to amend the St. Andrews and Quebec Railway Facility Bill. The Bill as it passed last session provided that the Province should advance £2,000 whenever Class B shares paid in the same sum, and so on. The present Bill provides that the Provincial stock may be paid in proportion to the future advances of the Class A shareholders. It was satisfactorily shown that were this done the contract would be signed at once, and the line be finished to Woodstock. The Bill was sustained 17 to 11.

The Mining Bill giving the proprietors of lands the exclusive right to minerals, was then brought up for the third reading, and elicited a warm discussion. It was carried by a majority of 21 to 13.

Monday March 20.—Mr. Partelow, in reply to observations made by Mr. Williston yesterday, said constant negotiations were going on between the British and Provincial Governments respecting Reciprocity; the question is in the hands of the Minister at Washington. The lower Provinces are not neglected, nor will they be in any treaty that may be made; in his opinion, however, nothing will be done in Congress the present Session. Said this was an Electioneering Session. This Province has an agent in Washington.

Preparations are made, to print the notes on Bankruptcy, Buffalo, should early in the Spring. The Directors expect to anticipate the opening of the Eastern Section of the Great Western by a whole year.

SEAMEN'S WAGES AT QUEBEC.—The 4th Annual Statement of the Shipping Masters' Office, Quebec, says the highest rate of wages per month was \$12 in August, and the lowest £5 in October and November. Of the vessels built at Quebec, in 1851, it is important to state, only five were supplied with men from the Shipping Masters' Office.

MARRIAGES.—On the 18th inst., by the Rev. J. Alley, D. D., Mr. George W. Scribner to Mrs. Fanny L. Grant, youngest daughter of John Snell, Esq., of this place.

DEATHS.—Of remittent fever, on board the Barque "Lydia," in Bonny River, on the coast of Africa, on the 31st of October last, Mr. William Hagdon Muir, of this place, in the 26th year of his age. Called upon at a more than usual early period of life to act for himself, and for so young a man, possessed of a strong character of self-reliance, he was rapidly rising to the summit of his profession as a Merchant, when, to the sorrow of a loving mother, and many relatives and friends, he was thus prematurely cut off in the flower of his age.

ST. ANDREWS & QUEBEC RAILROAD COMPANY. NOTICE is hereby given, that in pursuance of the Act of Incorporation, the Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Company, will be held at the Town Hall, in Saint Andrews, on the 1st of May next at noon, for the purpose of choosing Directors and for the transaction of other business. Dated Saint Andrews, March 24, 1853. JOHN WILSON, President. S. H. WHITLOCK, Secretary.

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