

reconsidered, and the Bill ultimately passed. The House then went into a Committee of Ways and Means, when it appeared that the amount required to meet the usual appropriations is \$77,000. There has been an immense falling off in the amount of revenue collected during the last year on spirits, not one-fourth the quantity consumed according to the best information available. The much cheaper rate at which articles may be purchased in the United States, tea and other necessities being procured cheaper at Fish River on the upper part of the St. John, than at the City of that name, at its mouth in the Bay of Fundy; operates as a further drawback. Considerable discussion took place on the subject of laying a duty on agricultural produce imported from Nova Scotia, and a Committee was appointed to bring in a Bill to impose such duties as the Province can bear; consisting of Messrs. Partlow, Street, Wilcox, and Boyd.

The Loan Bill was then taken up, and after some discussion the first section, authorizing to contract a Loan was passed. There was more opposition to the measure than was contemplated, owing to the diversity of sentiment that prevailed; also, it was agreed as to the expediency and necessity of obtaining the relief, which is expected to produce. The principal part of the unpaid warrants that have been issued being in the Banks led to the suggestion, that probably some one of those institutions would advance the amount required by the Province. And it was proposed to petition the Legislature, that the Bank of British North America would make such advance, the first section was passed, and the Committee adjourned, for the purpose of having the necessary information obtained.

We sincerely hope this plan will be adopted, and that the amount required will be obtained here, as it will probably be August before the Royal assent can be obtained to the Bill authorizing a Loan. And as some time must necessarily elapse afterwards, before the necessary negotiations could be completed, the Province would derive but little benefit from such an arrangement during the present year; while much uncertainty would prevail as to the ultimate result, were the loan to be negotiated in England; which would be obtained by previous arrangements that might be made here.

GREAT EARTHQUAKE IN THE WEST INDIES.
Captain Fitzroy, of the schooner *Sepia*, which arrived at this Port on Wednesday last from Martinique, via Nevis and St. Kitts, informed us that a frightful earthquake occurred at the latter place on the 25th February, between the hours of 10 and 11 o'clock in the forenoon, which lasted from two to three minutes. At Martinique (where the *Sepia* lay at the time) a large number of buildings and property were destroyed, but, fortunately, no lives were lost. At Nevis, the earthquake was also felt, and the same which there presented itself as described as appalling in the extreme. The inhabitants, in a state of alarm, sought for shelter in the houses, and, in some instances, to the basins. At Nevis, the earthquake, according to the report, and other buildings were a heap of ruins, and all the stone buildings were or less damaged. At St. Kitts the effects were less disastrous, and the island was informed by a vessel from Antigua, that at that island great damage had been done. These are the only islands visited by the earthquake, the whole of the West Indies, with what results we have yet to learn. Capt. Fitzroy's account is very interesting, and the island being in a state of the utmost confusion. The shock was felt with much violence a great distance off.

A shock of an earthquake is noticed in the papers as having been experienced precisely at the same time in the United States, and we are enabled to see very sensibly the close relationship. We shall anxiously await further accounts from the West Indies.—*Yarmouth Gazette.*

LETTER FROM HAVRE.—Capt. Matthews, of the ship *Eric*, at New York, reports that the *Eric* had been wrecked on the southern part of the island and had been suppressed without bloodshed, and order restored. Just before the departure of the *Eric*, the brig *Clara* arrived at Port au Prince, where she was wrecked at the latter place, that an earthquake had taken place, Feb. 4, at the Windward Islands, and that part of the island of Montserrat had disappeared. An English steamer had been sent to ascertain the extent of the calamity in that and the neighboring islands. The *Acadia*, Capt. Byrne, for Halifax and Liverpool left this port yesterday afternoon. She carries out 20,000 papers and 50 barrels of Newspapers.—*Boston paper.*

THE EARTHQUAKE.—We copy from the *Baltic* the following extract of a letter received in that city by the *Brig Frances Jane*, from Porto Rico. "St. John's, P. R., Feb. 14th. "We have just received advice from the Windward. The effects of the earthquake of the 25th instant have been awful indeed. Pointe à Pitre is GADALUPE ISLAND TOTALLY DESTROYED AND THOUSANDS OF PERSONS ARE SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN KILLED. The loss of property is immense. At Antigua also, there has been a great loss of property, but only five lives were lost. All the mills and sugar works are more or less injured, and the greater part of the crop will be lost. Nevis, Montserrat, Barbadoes, &c. are said to have suffered much, but what extent we have not ascertained. At St. Thomas the shock was also severe, and lasted at that place two minutes; but there was no material damage done at either place."

HALIFAX, March 14.—Newfoundland papers by the Mail packet *Triton*, were received yesterday morning. The Legislature was proceeding with the public business, but not very harmoniously. Mr. B. Robinson had introduced a Bill into the Assembly for the establishment of two Colleges in St. John's, one Roman Catholic College, the Bill had created quite a sensation, and was opposed by the Roman Catholics, and strongly by other denominations. It passed a second reading on the 15th ult. and was ordered to be committed. The working men had turned out for an increase of wages, and other privileges connected with their employment. They would not proceed to the factory, unless their demands were satisfied. Dr. Croxall, a speaker of Assembly, died on the 26th February.—*Tribune.*

SNOW.—In Switzerland it is stated that so much snow has fallen within the memory of man. In some places it is 14 to 15 feet deep. The paths to the mountains have been blocked up, and many of the inhabitants are almost without food for themselves and their cattle. At the village of Marcoro an avalanche destroyed several buildings and killed many of the inhabitants. The Patriarch de Alpes contains a letter from Yverdon, of the 19th, which states that the vil-

lage of Valmeire, commune of Valpouffrey, has just been destroyed by an avalanche, which fell at four in the morning, when all the inhabitants were in bed. Out of 25 inhabitants which composed the village, 25 are at present, with their occupants, buried beneath the mass of snow. A few persons, however, were saved, and they were rescued by the aid of a rope, invented by Scott and Burdell of that city. The shells are loaded with a compound designed to explode them at the instant of striking any object at which they might be liable to explode, and exploding in or near a body of troops it would prove awfully destructive.

THE POST OFFICE is removed to West-End, New Building, Prince William street, March 17.

Saint John High School CHARTY BALL.
The 17th takes place at the St. John Hotel on Tuesday evening, the 21st instant. Members of the St. John's and of the Holy Trinity, and others who wish to subscribe, will please leave their names at the St. John Hotel on or before Saturday, the 15th instant; after which, tickets may be procured on application to the Messrs. Scammell, under the direction of the Committee of Management.

SUGAR AND MOLASSES.
Just received by the "Charlotte" from Halifax; 14 HDS. Porto Rico SUGAR; 15 puns. 15 puns. New Orleans MOLASSES, a very superior article, for sale low.

INDIA RUBBER SHOES.
500 PAIRS RUBBER SHOES, with 12 pairs of children from two to 13 years of age, just received and for sale cheap.

IRON.
The Subscriber offers for sale at his Store at York Point, 18 TONS COMMON IRON assorted sizes, both of hot and cold blast; 5 tons refined IRON, assorted sizes.

HAVANNAH CIGARETTES.
1 CASE Superior Havana Cigars, "Red Lion" and "Felix," just received and for sale low.

RAISINS AND MOLASSES.
250 BOXES RAISINS, Fresh Fruit, in the Sueser, from Halifax, with the said low.

SUGAR, MOLASSES, WARP, &c.
Landing at Napoleon and Charlotte, from Halifax; 20 HDS. Porto Rico SUGAR; 15 HDS. Porto Rico MOLASSES; 10 BBL. BUNCH RAISINS; 10 BBL. FILBERTS and WALNUTS; 2 BBL. CORN WHEAT.

CHEAP PAPER HANGINGS.
THE Subscriber has on hand a large number of REMNANT LOTS OF ROOM PAPERS—suitable for small Rooms, Entries, &c. which he offers for sale at Tenny's Fire Brick Yard, York Point, to make room for his new Spring Supply. Prices Terms Cash. S. K. FOSTER, 175 Water Street.

CHAIN CABLES, Anchors, &c.
The Subscriber offers for sale at his Warehouse, 230 Water Street, 20 ANCHORS, 12 inch, 50 lb. weight; 10 inch, 50 lb. weight; 8 inch, 50 lb. weight; 6 inch, 50 lb. weight; 4 inch, 50 lb. weight; 2 inch, 50 lb. weight; 1 inch, 50 lb. weight; 1/2 inch, 50 lb. weight; 1/4 inch, 50 lb. weight; 1/8 inch, 50 lb. weight; 1/16 inch, 50 lb. weight; 1/32 inch, 50 lb. weight; 1/64 inch, 50 lb. weight; 1/128 inch, 50 lb. weight; 1/256 inch, 50 lb. weight; 1/512 inch, 50 lb. weight; 1/1024 inch, 50 lb. weight; 1/2048 inch, 50 lb. weight; 1/4096 inch, 50 lb. weight; 1/8192 inch, 50 lb. weight; 1/16384 inch, 50 lb. weight; 1/32768 inch, 50 lb. weight; 1/65536 inch, 50 lb. weight; 1/131072 inch, 50 lb. weight; 1/262144 inch, 50 lb. weight; 1/524288 inch, 50 lb. weight; 1/1048576 inch, 50 lb. weight; 1/2097152 inch, 50 lb. weight; 1/4194304 inch, 50 lb. weight; 1/8388608 inch, 50 lb. weight; 1/16777216 inch, 50 lb. weight; 1/33554432 inch, 50 lb. weight; 1/67108864 inch, 50 lb. weight; 1/134217728 inch, 50 lb. weight; 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