

to trace their course by Marron & Prince Edward Islands, the Cooks, Kerguelan Land, and from thence to Van Diemen's land. The observatory, &c. will be landed there, and while erecting, the vessels will take a cruise along the Australian coast, Port Jackson, &c., and look after Howe Island, Admiralty Rocks, and other very imperfectly known lands, all scattered round New Zealand.

After visiting Van Diemen's Land, the summer months of December, January, February and March, will be spent in fixing the precise spot, where the Antarctic Pole exists, and if they can penetrate to the South perhaps the expedition will winter there among the ice of the South pole, and then circumnavigate the great polar basin.—*New Bedford Register.*

When will Trade Improve?—The great Condition-of-England question at the present moment is, in our opinion, the one we have placed at the head of this article.—When will trade improve? To the manufacturer, the mill-owner, or the slopkeeper, trembling on the verge of bankruptcy; to the pale-faced mechanic, and the toll-woman, starving on halff-rations, what possible interest can there be in any Canada Question, Irish Legislation Amendment Bill, Church Extension, Abolition of Church-rates, Opium War, Sulphur Monopoly, Validity of the Charter, or any other of the thousand-and-one questions which distract public attention, compared with this.—When will trade improve?

For nearly four years past, there have been seeking, with desperate earnestness, an answer to this query; and as yet, no satisfactory response has been given. Early and unon false prophets have arisen, prophesying smooth things. In the spring they have told us there was good reason to believe that trade would improve in autumn, and in autumn hope has been again deferred, to be again disappointed, by the promise that surely things would take a favourable turn in the spring.—*Boston Chronicle.*

Loss of Mrs. Florence, of New York, and her five children, Capt. Murray, who arrived yesterday from St. John, N. F., has furnished Messrs. Tappan & Co. the following account of the unfortunate fate of the Florence, which sailed from Rotterdam on her return to New York.

The following disaster is one of those awful occurrences, of which the southern coast of Newfoundland is often the scene. The brig Florence, of 200 tons, with a crew of 20 persons, was on her return to New York, when she was wrecked on the coast of Newfoundland. Her cargo consisted of 100 barrels of flour, 50 barrels of sugar, and 50 barrels of rum. The vessel was driven ashore on the 15th of August, and the crew were separated from the vessel. The captain, Mr. Murray, and his wife, Mrs. Florence, were the only survivors. The rest of the crew were either killed or drowned.

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From the New-Haven Herald.—**Cemeteries Fact.**—Mr. Wm. Whelan, of Guilford, called on us this morning, and handed us the following note, informing us that a fishing party yesterday, from Guilford Point, off Faulkner's Island,

caught a large shark, which they brought to shore. On opening him they found in his belly a junk bottle, and in the bottle they found this note.

"Bark Ontario foundered at sea, March 21st, 1840.—Lat. 42 long. 69.—took to the boats, and may God grant us a deliverance."
—THOS. PATTEN.

We recollect, says the Commercial Advertiser, four square rigged vessels of the name of Ontario. One sailed from Nantucket on a whaling voyage, on the 21st of May last. Another belongs to Saco Harbor, and was seen on the 18th March, in lat. 44, S. long. 48, E. The third was formerly a London packet, and the fourth is a British vessel. On the 10th of Feb. last, a month and a half before the date of the above report, a head board with Ontario on it, and gilt letters, was washed ashore near Aberthoff, somewhere on the British coast.

TITLES.—IMPORTANT DECISION OF THE COURT OF CHANCERY.—The Court of Chancery, on Monday last, decided that titles are liable to poor-rates. The Rev. Mr. Capel, Vicar of Watford, had obtained a decree for the redemption of a mortgage, and this rule was discharged on Monday. As the point is considered of very great importance, we give Lord Deane's judgment.

This was an appeal against a rate made for the relief of the poor of the parish of Watford. The defendant was the incumbent of the parish, who appealed against the rate, on the ground that the tithe owner had been too highly rated with reference to the value of his land. The court decided that the rate was not excessive, and that the defendant was liable to pay it.

Important from China.—Twenty Days Later from Canton.—The ship Asia arrived last night from Canton, says the N. Y. Herald of yesterday, which place she left on the 20th of April; thus making a quick passage for this season. The Portuguese trade is to be re-opened.

All the American merchants were to leave Canton by the 1st of May, and were sending their effects down to Macao. The Chinese did not, in the least, dread the expected approach of the British fleet and laughed at the idea of receiving any harm from John Bull.

All foreign trade was stopped on the 1st of March in consequence of an order respecting the death of the Emperor of China. It was feared by the American merchants at first, that the stoppage would be for a considerable length of time; but by sending petitions into the city trade was opened again on the 15th of April.

The market was quite bare of country produce, and the ships that were loading could with difficulty finish their cargoes. It was rather uncertain whether the ships with cargoes of cotton would be secured. An order went down to the Bogue to stop the two last ones that arrived at Whampoa—but before it reached there the ships had passed through, and one of them, the Roscius, had been ordered away.

From the Cape of Good Hope.—By the brig Lavan, Captain Holmes, which arrived at Boston on Sunday, 23d ult., from Cape Town, the "South African Commercial Advertiser," and the "Cape of Good Hope Shipping List," from the 1st of March to the 24th of June have been received. They contain but little news of interest to the American reader; the only question which appears to be agitated is the contemplated war between Great Britain and China.

three thousand recruits being daily drilled in Canton. These new Mandarin's House, a spacious brick building on Jackson point is nearly complete, and granite steps for river are replacing the former wooden pier.

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ST. JOHN, SEPTEMBER 11, 1840.

Cowen's Sermons.—It is stated in some of the Boston papers, that application will be made to the British Government for the Steamers to proceed direct to Boston, without touching at Halifax. We have, however, full faith to believe, that the British Government will not so treat the British Province as to smother their present arrangements, which were made expressly for the benefit and convenience of the Province, merely to gratify the Bostonians any private caprice.

Mr. Writts.—We understand that this gentleman, will sail from this place to Europe in the course of eight or ten days, prior to which he will hold a Grand Fagwell Musical Entertainment, preparatory to which are now in progress. Mr. Writts has just returned from Fredericton, where his Lectures and Melodious have been received with marked admiration and delight.

The Hon. John Quincy Adams.—Formerly President of the United States, and Son, and Notary Public, of Roxbury, Mass., arrived here on Tuesday from Halifax, and proceeded yesterday morning to Fredericton.

At the Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the St. John's Mutual Fire Insurance Company.—The meeting was held at the St. John's Hotel on Monday last, and the choice of seven Directors for the ensuing year, by the following gentlemen, were again elected.—Thos. Nettleton, John D. Brown, C. D. Croft, D. J. M. Laughlin, Wm. Lawton, and John Whelan.

The Races.—The Race for the Ladies' Purse which was postponed on Saturday, came off on Monday last, presenting the very unexpected and unusual spectacle of British ladies, by an amateur rider, Lord Clements of the 6th Regiment.—The horses entered by Mr. Sand's Nephew, between Great Britain and her N. A. Colonies, were ridden by the Messrs. Young Tons, and by Master Rowland Bunting.

The last Royal Gazette contains the Government's Proclamation proroguing the General Assembly to the fourth Tuesday in December next.

King's College, Sept. 7, 1840.—His Excellency the Chancellor has been pleased to appoint the Rev. Dr. Jacob to be Professor of Divinity, in the place of the Rev. Dr. Somerville, who has resigned the chair.

Departure of the Acadia.—On Thursday night at 11 o'clock, the Acadia left for Liverpool, the beneficial effects upon the intercourse, by means of steam packets, between Great Britain and her N. A. Colonies are already beginning to develop themselves.

VERY LATE FROM TEXAS.—We have received the following in a slip brought by a passenger on the brig Enterprise, at this time from Galveston, Texas. The editor of the Courier doubts the truth of the letters: From the Galveston Daily Courier, Extra, Aug. 12. The following letter, addressed to us "with despatch" came to hand yesterday. "Will Mr. Pinckard see this delivered immediately as it contains important news from the frontier?"

if he could point out any person in Court who committed the act he had testified to, he pointed out one Johnson, who was one of the witnesses of the Crown, on whose deposition Quia had been arrested.

Naval Court Martial is a novelty at Quebec. We understand that the Court for the trial of Capt. Drew opened yesterday on board H. M. S. *Hecla*, Capt. Carter presiding, and Mr. Woodman, Secretary to Admiral Sir Thomas Harvey, acting Judge.

The Quebec correspondent of the Morning Courier gives an account of the intended expedition of creating Mr. Seguin, the celebrated socialist, Chief of the Huron Tribe, at the village of Lacerte, near Quebec, by the name of *Wah-wah-wah*, signifying a spotted bird of prey, presenting a strong and harmonious name called *The Great Deceit*.

The Toronto Courier states that Mr. Eaton, a Commissioner of Bankrupts in England, has arrived at Quebec for the purpose of examining into the state of the Public Debtors.

Whitney & Co's steamers will start for Montreal on Monday next.

REFORM WANTED.—We are great friends to an easy and rapid communication through the British Provinces, and are grateful for the establishment of the Halifax line of Mail Steamers; but we are sorry to hear, by a recent report, that a respectable gentleman of Quebec, who was going to Boston, with his lady, and preferred going to Halifax by the new mail line, that although he had availed himself of the earliest conveyance, he had been 18 days in getting to Fredericton, at an expense of \$45 to reach Boston, which he could have effected in five days, by way of New-York, at an expense of \$15 or \$20, with much better accommodation.

Fire.—The extensive premises in Partridge-street, opposite the Upper Town Market, for many years known as "Macnider's," were completely destroyed by fire at an early hour on Saturday morning. The premises were divided into two shops and dwelling houses, all under one roof; that to the eastward being occupied by Messrs. Robt. & Richard Atkins, grocers, and the other by Mr. Arch. Macnider, dealer in dry goods.

MELANCHOLY ACCIDENT.—It is our painful duty this week to record a melancholy death by drowning. On the 26th ult., John Martin, an apprentice to Messrs. Parson, Mason & Co. accompanied by one of two others, was in the act of crossing the river, in the purpose of procuring fire wood, the ox with which he was crossing came in contact with one of the wooden posts near the shore opposite the Moorfields, and before any assistance could be given, he sunk to his death.

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EDUCATION.—The Messrs. MYRAN respectfully inform the Parents and Guardians of Children, that they have been instructed by the Hon. Board of Education, to receive their education under the first Masters there, to be prepared, on the 1st September next, to receive their education under the first Masters there, to be prepared, on the 1st September next, to receive their education under the first Masters there.

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We have not heard any further mention touching the cause of the fire.

The fire commenced, it appeared from the shop, but from what remains a question to the Messrs themselves, we have since been informed.

The following particulars of the damages on the property destroyed, have been handed to us: A. Macnider, on stock, loss of 000, ins. £2,000 at the Alliance.

NEARLY AN INDIAN TRIBE.—The title of the Treasury has given notice of the Seventh Instalment of the Neapodemia, amounting as now comes £212,351 61, will be paid to persons on application to the Bank of America, on or after the 1st of September next, and at such rate as that Bank may designate.

MISSISSIPPI.—The announcement of the Rev. Mr. Carey from his occasional tour to the State of the Established Church, has since, it is said, and highly talented preaching minister in this city, has gained for him the most respectable portion of this community and liberality of Church members.

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DEED.—On Tuesday morning, Mary Jane, Mr. John Thoms, Pennington, aged 11 months, was born. William N., aged 11 months, was born. At Fredericton, on Friday, William, son of Mr. Charles F. Smith, aged 11 months, was born.

SHIPPING LIST.—Port of Saint John, Arrived, 4th ult. — Bay, Howard, St. Thomas, 15-D. — Hides and sugar. 5th ult. — Ship, Planet, Treg, New York.—Crackers, Flour, Sugar, &c. 6th ult. — Ship, Rebecca, Drake, Liverpool, and Thomas, Baltimore. 7th ult. — Ship, North America, Harb. Oromoco, Gills, Liverpool, 42-J. 8th ult. — Ship, Aim Hall, Tucker, Liverpool, Kirk, coal and merchandise. 9th ult. — Ship, North America, Harb. 10th ult. — Ship, Queen, Higgins, Liverpool, Hammonds, salt and gunpowder. 11th ult. — Ship, Queen, Higgins, Liverpool, Hammonds, salt and gunpowder. 12th ult. — Ship, Queen, Higgins, Liverpool, Hammonds, salt and gunpowder.

ARRIVED.—Ship James Walker, Whyte, Liverpool, 20th ult. — Ship, John Walker, Elizabeth, 20th ult. — Ship, James Walker, Whyte, Liverpool, 20th ult. — Ship, John Walker, Elizabeth, 20th ult.

