course to the American side, and immediately returned. At a subsequent hour, it was again driven over, loaded down by a crowd of adventurers, whose fears of a catastrophe seem to have been allayed by the first successful passage.

The locomotive is named the London, and belongs to the Great Western Railway, the guage of which differs both from the New York Central and the Canandaigua & Niagara Falls; the Central being four feet eight inches, and the last named six feet. Canada may, therefore, be said fairly to have invaded the United States, and perhaps the next news we hear will be that she has annexed us to her territory.

By a careful admeasurement with instruments, it was ascertained that on the second passage of the locomotive with a gross weight of thirty tons, the bridge deflected at the centre just three inches from a normal condition. This seems to us to be a good deal for the burthen, but it must be borne in mind, that the bridge is hung upon slack cables, and that such a deflection is not the mark of weakness it would be in a rigid and unyielding structure.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

This noble Province which has lately been taking the lead in many of the reform movements that are so hopefully progressing on this side of the Atlantic, has just established a new law in reference to juries, by which many of the old ridiculous practices have been swept away, and a system more in accordance with our modern notions of propriety and the "fitness of things" have been sanctioned in their stead. For instance, the practice of keeping a jury locked up in a room without meat, drink, or any other comfort, has been abolished, and they may now retire to any place more agreeable to the outward man. This, however, relates to civil cases only. The number of individuals composing a Petit jury (in civil suits) is reduced to 7, any *five* of whom may return a verdict, if a unanimous decision cannot be arrived at within 2 hours.

CANADA.

The fall wheats are now ascertained to have generally escaped scathless from the winter snow covering. They are getting rid of their sombre look, and are looking beautifully green. The earth is getting into fine condition for spring crops; and the heat during the last three days has been almost vexatious, pushing up the grass with marvellous speed. Everything promises an early and favorable seed time. *Galt Reporter.*

We clip the following from the European Times of the 21st ult;—

"The sum of £1000 offered by the proprietors of the *Times* for the discovery of a new material for making paper is likely to be claimed for a Mr. Watts, who has produced an admirable article from wood-shavings and bran, and obtained a patent for it."

HASZARD'S GAZETTE.

Wednesday, June 6, 1855.

We some time since published a letter signed "Vindex," on the impropriety of marriages being celebrated by a Magistrate—It was a question for a long time as to what constituted a lawful marriage in England. It was the opinion of the celebrated Sir William Scott, that as regarded the constitution of the matrimonial contract, the law of England before Lord Hardwicke's Act, was the same as that of the general continental law before the Council of Trent. And by the law of England prior to Lord Hardwicke's Act, a contract entered into between man and woman by words of present contract was held to be indissoluble. The parties could not release each other. Either party by a suit in the Spiritual Court, might compel the other to solemnize the marriage *in facie ecclesiæ* (in the face of the congregation.) Lord Hardwicke's Act, the 26 G 2 c 33, "for the better preventing of clandestine marriages, enacted that no suit or proceeding should be had in any ecclesiastical Court, to compel the celebration of marriage *in facie ecclesiæ* by reason of any contract, whether by *verba de presenti* or *verba de futuro*. From this date therefore, verbal contracts were no longer, as before in England, indissoluble. This act however, did not extend to the colonies, nor to Ireland, until the 58 G. 3 c 81. It is the intention of the parties solemnly expressed, that gives the marriage-contract its validity *foro conscientiæ*, or in the minds of the contracting parties. What shall give it validity in Courts of justice is certainly a proper question for the Legislature. And as it has ever been considered by the law of England to be partly a civil contract, there can be no good nor solid reason, why it should not be entered into before by a civil magistrate. There is no peculiar form of words necessary in which the contract should be couched, though that of the ritual of the Church of England is one of the most comprehensive that could well have been devised, and in the fewest and simplest words. We of course confine ourselves in the words, "I, *A*, take thee *B*, to be my wedded wife, &c.," and the converse, I, *B* take thee *A*, to be my wedded husband, &c." There is a Saxon simplicity about this mutual conveyance of "each to other" that we relish extremely. As to the blessing, the giving of the ring, or the omitting it, these are matters that must be left to the parties themselves. "Vindex" seems to consider, that the Magistrate is substituted for the priest, but there he is mistaken. The whole of our Island Marriage Act has but one intent and purpose, and that is to prevent clandestine marriages, and for this purpose it is well guarded. Vindex would do well to remember, that it is what the parties themselves say, and not what the Clergyman or Justice may say that makes the marriage; both one and the other are but the chief witnesses upon whose certificate the contract is registered. The law of Rome is in full accordance with this, as appears by the answer of the learned Cardinal Wiseman, in the case of the Sussex Peerage question.

The Duke of Sussex intermarried when at Rome with the Lady Augusta Murray. The ceremony performed was according to the rites of the Church of England. The question put by the Lords to Dr. Wiseman was, whether this marriage was good by the *lex loci*: which he answered as follows:—

"The law of the Council of *Trent* is, that a a marriage to be valid, must be in the presence of the parish priest and two witnesses. The Council of *Trent* does not point out the particular form of the ceremony of marriage: the Roman ritual prescribes this. To make that marriage lawful, it would be necessary to conform to the *Roman* ritual, but it would be valid and binding, though the forms were not observed; but the parties would be subjected to censure in the Ecclesiastical Courts, for illegal proceedings. It would be a requisite that a marriage which had been so celebrated irregularly should be repeated: it could not be rendered more binding by any subsequent ceremony; it would be indissoluble."

We deprecate the mooting questions such as that raised by "Vindex," and accordingly refused to insert a clever though intemperate answer from a talented correspondent, signed "A Scotchman." "Vindex" is in our opinion totally in the wrong. So long as parties are compelled to that publicity in contracting marriage which the registering according to the Statute secures, both public and private purposes as regards proof are provided for. If the parties conceive that the presence of a Clergyman is necessary to compel them to keep the vow with greater fidelity, they would do well to have the ceremony performed by one. As to the question of pay, it comes under the usual rule, "the labourer is worthy of his hire."

DARING OUTRAGE AND ROBBERY.—We have just been informed of a most daring outrage and robbery committed on Douse's Road, near the West River, on Friday last. At 2 o'clock, in the morning of that day, the house of a Mr. James Grey was forcibly entered by three men, who had handkerchiefs tied over their faces, each a knife in his hand, and their coats turned inside out. The scoundrels tied Grey with a pair of reins—bandaged his eyes, and put him under a table. By threatening to kill him and three small children who were in the house at the time, they compelled him to inform them where his money was to be found; and having, through his direction, procured the key of the chest which contained it, they robbed their helpless victim of £32 10s., all the money he possessed, and then decamped. Grey had to send one of his children after the robbers left, to inform a neighbour of his situation, who speedily came and unbound him. We sincerely trust, the inhabitants of the settlement wherein the robbery was committed will make some effort to trace out the vagabonds and bring them to punishment.

A fine new vessel, called the *Caroline Daly*, was launched at the shipyard of the Hon. Joseph Wightman, at St. Andrew's Point, Three Rivers, on Thursday, 31st May. She is a superior-built brig of 200 tons—her workmanship and model being, as we understand, the admiration of all who have seen her. In the midst of a large concourse of people she glided into her destined element with ease and dignity.

ANOTHER NEW VESSEL.—A magnificent ship of 540 tons, called the *Majestic*, was launched on Saturday last, the 2d instant, from the shipyard of Mr. Alexander Taylor, Hillsborough River, built for the Hon. W. W. Lord. This fine ship, it will be seen, is to take the place of the barque *Sir Alexander* on the Liverpool line.

Holloway's Pills an undoubted Remedy for Asthma.—Mr. Ellis Wilson, of Fredericton N B., had for five years very severe attacks of asthma, which deprived him of bodily rest night and day; the cough at times almost choked him, and caused him continually to spit blood, he was never safe either eating or drinking, and his family were distressed beyond measure to see him gradually reduced to almost a skeleton. Holloway's Pills, in his case, were as usual efficacious. This gentleman used them for eleven weeks, and they effected a perfect cure, he feels himself stronger now than he has been for the last fifteen years.

ANOTHER OF THE GOOD LADIES OF OUR CITY TESTIFIES TO THE EFFICACY OF

DR. M'LANE'S CELEBRATED VERMIFUGE.

I do hereby certify to the public, that a child of mine, four years old, being troubled with worms, I was induced to purchase a bottle of *Dr. M'Lane's Celebrated Vermifuge*, which I administered; and the result was, it brought away an *immense number of worms* in bunches and strings; many had the appearance of being cut to pieces. My child is now enjoying most excellent health. I take pleasure in recommending it to both young and old, as one of the best medicines I ever used. MRS. ANN JEMISON,
38 Ninth street.

P. S.—The above valuable remedy, also Dr. M'Lane's Celebrated Liver Pills, can now be had at all respectable Drug Stores in this city.

☞ Purchasers will please be careful to ask for, and take none but *Dr. M'Lane's Vermifuge*. All others, in comparison, are worthless.
W. R. WATSON, Agent for P. E. Island.

We have frequently heard the celebrated German Bitters, sold by Dr. C. M. Jackson, 120 Arch street, Philadelphia, spoken of in terms of the highest commendation, and we thoroughly believe that it is one of the best medicines advertised for the complaints for which it is recommended. They are pleasant to the taste, and can be taken under any circumstances by the most delicate stomach. The press far and wide, have united in commending this invaluable remedy for dyspepsia, debility, &c.; and such are the healing effects of this panacea, that we hope it may be introduced to every family where dyspepsia has, or is likely to have a victim. See advertisement.

Blackwood's Magazine for May is just received, the contents are:—The Length of Human Life. Zaidee, a Romance—part 4. Poetry of the War—reviewed before Sebastopol. The Campaign of a French Hussar. Modern Novelists—Great and Small. Notes on Canada and the North West States of America—part 4. The Royal Scottish Academy. The Cold Stream. The Story of the Campaign—written in a Tent in the Crimea—part 4. Chapter 18 continued—Progress of the Siege.—19, The Burial Truce.—20, View of the Works.
Sold by HASZARD & OWEN.

☞ "A," in answer to some remarks in the Examiner, on the "Comparative increase of Revenue in Nova Scotia and P. E. Island," will appear in our next.

An account of the Parish Meeting at Georgetown will also appear.

Mr. ROSS, hereby gratefully acknowledges the receipt of a very handsome volume, (Family Herald) as a donation from the Suffolk Singing Class.

Port of Charlottetown.

ARRIVED.

June 2d, Schooner Petrel, Halifax; goods. Lady Smith, Budeo, Halifax; goods. Experiment, Mc. Daniel, Halifax; goods.

4th, Isabella, Turnbull, St. John N. B., bal. Ornament, Lutz, St. John's Newfoundland, bal. Orient, Lavie, Halifax; goods. Mary Ann, Anderson, St. John N. B.; goods. Mary, Boston; goods. Lively Lass, Robinson, Picton coal. Mayflower, Purdie, do. do.

5th, Mayflower, Girroir, Boston; flour and cornmeal. Saranac, Hutchison Boston. Barque Uncle Charley, Grossard, Pugwash. Steamer Lady Le Marchant, Shediac.

SAILED

June 3d, Barque Isabel, McDonald, Shediac; to load. Elizabeth Scott. Cape Torment. Schr. Friend, LaVache, Pictou; bal.

5th, Rosebud, Pictou; passengers. Lady Le Marchant, do.; mails. Mary Ann, Anderson, Miramichi; goods.

The schooner Trinidad, Sutherland, from P. E. Island, bound to Restigouche, with a cargo of oats, got ashore on Huckleberry Island, in our river, during the gale, and is a wreck.—*Gleaner.*

Farm for Sale.

FOR SALE and immediate possession given, an excellent Farm containing Fifty Acres of Free LAND, thirty-eight Acres of which are in a high state of cultivation, and the remaining portion a green Forest, together with a good House and Barn. The position of this Farm is very desirable, being situated on the South side of Orwell River, ¼ a mile below the Bridge, and intersected by the Main Road leading from Belfast and Wood Islands to Charlottetown. It enjoys a good position as a place of business, and is within a short distance of a Shipping place, either at Orwell Bridge, or China Point Wharf. For further particulars, apply on the premises to

JAMES M'RAE,
Orwell River.

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Books for the Million.

JUST arrived ex schooner ORIENTAL from Halifax, and now ready for sale at Mr. Wm. Dodd's Auction Room, Queen Square, a large assortment of BOOKS and STATIONERY, in great variety, at unprecedented low prices. The subscriber begs to inform the public that he will travel through the various parts of the country districts during the summer, and will dispose of Books cheaper than they can be purchased any where.

JAMES D. ARCHIBALD, Agent.
American Book Store, Halifax.
Charlottetown, June 4.

PASTURAGE.

ONE hundred and fifty acres of excellent PASTURE, well shaded and watered, at Winsloe Barton, Winsloe Road. Apply to JOHN T. RODD. on the premises, or to

THOMAS RODD.
Brackley Point Road, June, 4th 1855.
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LOST.

A BASKET containing a parcel of Printed Cotton, a clasp Bible, &c., and a few papers, only valuable to the owner. Supposed to have been taken from the store of Messrs Thomas and Dawson, by mistake. The finder will oblige by leaving it at the Book Store of Messrs Haszard & Owen.

Mathematical Instruments.

HASZARD & OWEN have received this day and offer for Sale in sets at prices varying from 7s 6d to £4. each, and also separately a large assortment of JAMES PARKES & SON'S, Patent *MATHEMATICAL DRAWING INSTRUMENTS*, which are distinguished by the following improvements and advantages.

1st.—The leaden points are formed with plates of hard rolled metal, cut by machinery the required shape. These joints are stronger, more accurate and work more smoothly than the old cast joints.

2nd.—The Compass legs are formed of Tubes; combining lightness, strength, neatness, and uniformity in the "slip-up" part.

3rd.—The Dividers have all fine hard steel *Needle* points, instead of the three-square iron points formerly used.

4th.—The Drawing pens are made of the finest tempered Steel, (pressed the required shape,) and being *hollow on the inner side*, retain the ink by capillary attraction; enabling the Draughtsman to draw a fine or broad line with the same pen.

5th.—These Instruments are more neatly packed in their cases; and are fitted up with colours, palette, and pencil complete, at a considerably lower price than any hitherto made.

Neat School Sets, very cheap, and all warranted correct.

AUCTIONS.

Important Auction of HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c.,

BY H. W. LOBBAN.

THE Hon. CHARLES HENSLEY'S *HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE*, Horses, Cows, Heifers, Wagon, Gig, Pony Carriage, Sleighs, Farming Implements, &c., will be sold by Auction, on TUESDAY, the 10th *July next*, at his residence, situate on the Malpeque Road, about 1 mile from Town, commencing at 11 o'clock. Further particulars and Handbills.

TERMS.—Sums to £10 Cash,—from £10 to £20 three months,—from £20 upwards, four months. Where credit is given approved Joint Notes will be required.

May 14th, 1855.—A. I. E.

Sale of British Merchandize Tobacco ! Tea ! Cast Steel, &c.,

BY JAMES MORRIS.

BY AUCTION, at his SALE ROOM, Queen Street, on *Tuesday* 12th *June* at 11 o'clock—a large assortment of

BRITISH MERCHANDIZE.

Also,

15 Chests and Half Chests Tea,
20 Kegs Island made Tobacco, 15 Boxes Cavendish Tobacco,
25 Bars Cast Steel, Lot of Cart Boxes,
10 Boxes Boots, &c., &c., &c.
Charlottetown, May 29th, 1855. Ex. Isl.

TO BE SOLD at PUBLIC AUCTION, (if not previously disposed of at private sale), AT GEORGETOWN, on *Thursday*, the *Twenty-first* day of *June* next, at 12 o'clock, TOWN LOT Number 8, Third Range, Lot (B), with the HOUSE and OUT-HOUSES on the same. This Lot is eligibly situated, adjoining WM. SANDERSON, Esq'r., Premises, and near the Episcopal Church. For further particulars, apply to Messrs. J. HUMPHERY & Co., Halifax, or D. WILSON, Charlottetown.

Jan. 15, 1855.

MR. B. DAVIES is intructed by the Misses Stewart to offer at public Sale on *Thursday*, 21*st June* next, at 12 o'clock noon on the premises, SEVEN VALUABLE BUILDING LOTS, not to be equalled as business Sites in Charlottetown, being part of their Real Estate, facing on Queen Square, immediately opposite the Market House.

Terms, 20 per cent. deposit to be paid immediately after Sale and the remainder secured by Mortgage, payable in five years in annual instalments with interest, when an indisputable title will be given.

Further particulars made known on application at the Auctioneer's Room, opposite Mr. Peake's Buildings, Queen's Wharf.

April 7th, 1855. Ex Is.

CARRIAGES.

FOR SALE, by the Subscriber, Double and Single Seated CARRIAGES, built in a neat and substantial manner.

Also, one STAGE COACH, in course of building, which will be completed by 15th June next.

☞ An APPRENTICE WANTED to the Carriage making business.

Summerside, 23d April, 1855. J. TODD.