

the character of their institutions. A great meeting was held there on the 15th April, for the purpose of petitioning the Queen and Parliament to grant them a representative form of government, namely, a House of Assembly, and an elective Council, in lieu of the anti-British system which obtains there of a Court of Policy (one half being nominated by the Crown, with the Governor presiding over its deliberations.

LATER FROM CALIFORNIA.

By the Steamship Crescent City, which arrived at New York, the 25th May, we are furnished with later dates from California. Gold dust to the value of \$200,000 was brought by the Crescent City, and a great number of passengers. The following review of the markets from the San Francisco Journal of Commerce, of April 20, will be interesting to many of our readers who have friends and relatives in California:

The review we gave of the state of affairs in our issue for the last steamer, which left here for Panama on the 1st inst., showed that the trade was improving; that a brisk inquiry for suitable goods was setting in, and that the state of affairs generally was in a satisfactory condition. Many articles of importance, although the stocks are abundant, such as mess pork, butter, cheese, and other articles of this description, meet with a ready sale for at least three times their value at the ports from which they were shipped.

Flour, the most important article in our market, will soon advance in price. The stocks of lumber, which have accumulated in our market, have rendered the value almost nominal. Real estate has fallen to at least one third of its former value, and there are very few operations, even at that. Rents have gone down in an equal ratio, and will have to go still lower to bring them on a par with the value of labour. The accounts from the mining regions are very satisfactory, and it is believed that of those employed in the operations, the majority are realizing a fair remuneration for their labour.

CALIFORNIA.—The New York Commercial Advertiser of the 27th contains late news from the "diggings." Nothing of importance has occurred since the previous advices, but the following extracts from its correspondence may be interesting to those who have friends there:—

The authentic intelligence from the mines is quite as encouraging as ever, and experience in practical mining renders the business much less like a lottery than it has been. Quicksilver is very generally employed, and the permanent wealth of California in its gold bearing quartz, is about being developed.

There can no longer exist any reasonable doubt that there is room for all the mining population which can possibly arrive in California for years to come; but let every man who indulges an intention or desire to emigrate hither, count the cost. No one who would not be willing to labour in all the drudgery of railroad building in the tropics, should venture upon this arduous occupation. Hard hands, sinews, muscles and stomachs are absolutely essential in gold digging.

Money is more abundant, though the same exorbitant rates are obtained—one hundred per cent. per annum being about the current rate! No failure has occurred since my last report, and in the legitimate business ranks there is a general mercantile health, based upon a cash system of trade. Less confidence in speculations is evinced. Real estate and rents are still declining toward a correct standard.

A destructive fire occurred in Sacramento City on the 3d instant. Estimated loss of property \$65,000.

CUBA.

CARDENAS, May 20.—This town was selected by the banditti for the theatre of their exploits. Yesterday, at half-past 3 in the morning, some 400 landed from a steamer, and attacked the few troops that we had here, but those, like true Spanish soldiers, resisted them bravely.—The banditti succeeded, however, in making themselves masters of the town, and kept possession until half-past six in the evening, when the population being roused, and the few remaining troops re-assembled, the invaders were forced to embark with the greatest precipitation. They carried off with them our valiant Lieutenant Governor, and the captain and lieutenant of our little company of soldiers, but finally left them on the keys. The loss on both sides has been considerable, and the pirates carry with them abundant proofs of Spanish valor, and of the dignity with which Cuba is determined to respond to the infamous traitors and free-booters who have dared to insult its loyalty.

CAPTURE OF 1500 CUBAN INVADERS ON THE SOUTH OF CUBA.—WASHINGTON, May 29.—It is reported here that the Spanish Legation have received despatches, stating that 1500 additional prisoners have been taken off the south coast of Cuba, in two large vessels—the greater part Americans.

Eight Americans have been discharged, and permitted to return to the United States. The foreigners were summarily tried by court martial.

In Cabinet Council it has been resolved to hold the Cuban authorities to a rigid accountability for their treatment of Americans.

It is said that a special agent has been despatched by the State Department to attend to this business.

CAPTURE OF A SLAVER.—A Brazilian slaver has been captured off Tcho Rias, West Indies, by H. B. M. sehr. Bermuda, with upwards of 200 slaves on board. The prize was taken into Port Royal Jam.

Exhibition of Industry of all Nations.

THE ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY offer Premiums for the undermentioned Articles, the growth or manufacture of Prince Edward Island, to be exhibited in the Old Court House, in Charlottetown, on Wednesday the 9th day of October next, viz:

For the best two bushels of Wheat, growth of 1850,	L1	10	0
Barley,	1	0	0
Oats,	0	15	0
bushel of Timothy Seed,	1	0	0
7 lbs. of dressed Flax,	1	0	0
7 lbs. Hemp,	1	0	0
2 lbs. Sarsaparilla Root,	0	5	0
5 lbs. Candleberry Myrtle Wax,	0	10	0
2 best Cheeses, not weighing less than 20 lbs. each,	3	0	0
best firkin of butter, cont'g not less than 30lbs.,	2	5	0
firkin to be made of hard-wood staves,	0	10	0
8 lbs. Maple Sugar,	5	0	0
10 yds. of Homespun, milled,	1	10	0
5 yds. not milled,	1	10	0
5 yds. Shepherd's Plaid,	0	15	0
Sample of Bird-eye Maple, 2 feet long, 3 inches thick, and not less than 12 inches wide, polished on one side,	0	15	0
White Maple, do. do.	0	15	0
Bird-eye Black Birch, do. do.	0	15	0

The Articles to which the above Premiums shall be awarded are to become the property of the Society, and the Committee will select therefrom such as they may deem worthy of being sent to the EXHIBITION OF INDUSTRY OF ALL NATIONS, to be held in London in the year 1851.

By order, CHARLES STEWART, Secretary.

Committee Room, }
June 5, 1850. }

Royal Agricultural Society.

PREMIUMS for Wheat, Barley, Oats, Indian Corn and Turnips will be offered for competition this year, in each of the Counties in this Island.

Full particulars will be made known in a future advertisement.

By Order, CHARLES STEWART, Secretary.

Committee Room, June 5, 1850.

Royal Agricultural Society.

A SPECIAL General Meeting of the Committee of the Royal Agricultural Society will be held on Wednesday, the 19th day of June instant, for the purpose of nominating three fit and proper persons whose names shall be sent to his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor in Council, in order that he may select from them a Secretary for the Society.

By order of Committee, CHARLES STEWART, Secretary.

Committee Room, }
June 5, 1850. }

NOTICE.

THE Subscriber being about to remove, and intending to make an alteration in his business, begs to request all persons indebted to him to come forward at once and make arrangements for the payment of their respective amounts, and those having demands against him to furnish their accounts for adjustment: he further begs to inform his customers that he will not book any goods to any persons except those who are now engaged by contract with him, and that this notice will be strictly adhered to for one year, or until all debts due are collected or put in a shape for collection.

W. W. LORD.

Charlottetown June 12, 1850.

For Liverpool Direct.

THE fine new Brig MARY ANN, 206 Tons, RONALD CAMPBELL Master, will sail on or about the 25th inst. for the above port; has good accommodations for two gentlemen passengers. For further particulars please apply to the owner.

W. W. LORD.

Ch. Town June 12, 1850.

JUST RECEIVED,

A large Supply of Sweedish and other

TURNIP SEEDS.

Warranted fresh and for sale cheap by

M. W. SKINNER.

Ch. Town, 11th June, 1850.

EXCHANGE.

PERSONS desirous of remitting money to any of the Colonies, or to the United States, or any part of England or Scotland, can obtain Bills of Exchange for that purpose for any amount, and at any required sight, from the Subscriber.

The Subscriber will purchase Bills of Exchange drawn on any part of the world.

CHARLES YOUNG.

Charlottetown, June 1, 1850.

Benevolent Irish Society.

PIC NIC!

A SPECIAL MEETING of the BENEVOLENT IRISH SOCIETY will be held at the Society Room, on Monday evening next, the 17th instant, at 8 o'clock, to receive the report of the Committee appointed at the last Quarterly Meeting, and to make arrangements for getting up a PIC NIC, to take place in about a fortnight hence, in lieu of the usual anniversary celebration, which was deferred on the 17th March last.

The Secretary is directed to say that persons eligible to become members of the Benevolent Irish Society, may be admitted and enrolled as such at the Special Meeting to be held on Monday evening next; otherwise such persons will not be permitted to join the proposed PIC NIC.

By Order, EDWARD KICKHAM, Secretary.

June 12, 1850.

THE

AMERICAN ART UNION.

THIS UNION was incorporated by the Legislature of New York, in 1840, for the promotion of the Fine Arts.

On the 20th December next there will be distributed by Lot, to Subscribers, several hundred choice PAINTINGS, BUSTS, and other Works of Art, some of which are extremely costly.

A Subscriber of Five Dollars is a Member for the year, and is entitled to all the privileges of the Union—which are as follows:

1st. Every Member receives a copy of a large and costly Original Engraving.

2d. He is also entitled to an Annual Report of the Transactions, &c., of the Union.

3d. He also receives monthly, the "BULLETIN." This is a publication of 16 pages, quarto, of 3 columns each, with a beautiful Engraving.

4th. He has likewise the opportunity of obtaining at the annual Distribution in December, by Lot, a Painting of great value, or other Work of Art.

Specimens, &c., can be seen at the Office of the Subscriber, who has been appointed Honorary Secretary to the Union for this Island. He is empowered to grant receipts to persons desirous of becoming Subscribers to the Union.

CHARLES YOUNG.

Charlottetown, June 1, 1850. Honorary Secretary

Townsend's Sarsaparilla.

W. M. SKINNER, Agent for the above Medicine, recommends to the public the following certificate in testimony of its efficacy in the cure of diseases. This is only one of the many instances, on this Island, wherein cures have been effected by the use of Townsend's Compound Extract of Sarsaparilla.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I., April 27, 1850.

This is to certify that my wife was for the space of twenty five years suffering under a Complaint got through a severe cold, which brought on a general debility of the System, and from the use of one Bottle of Dr. S. P. Townsend's COMPOUND EXTRACT OF SARSAPARILLA, was entirely restored to good health, which was purchased from Mr. M. W. SKINNER, General Agent at Charlottetown for the above Medicine.

FINLAY M'KINNON.

Sworn to before me, }
Geo. Dalrymple, J. P. }

TRY AGAIN

Hooper's Cheap New Store,

SITUATED AT THE SOUTH SIDE OF QUEEN SQUARE,

ATTACHED TO THE BRICK HOUSE, WHERE EVERY ARTICLE IN

Wearing Apparel, Tea, Groceries, &c.

Can be had at astonishingly low prices.

THIS Store will be open for about SIX WEEKS only, during which time a LARGE STOCK must be disposed of. Come and judge for yourselves.

N. B.—Good TEA from 1s. 6d. to 2s. 6d.; ready made SHIRTS for 10d.; other articles in proportion.

Who would not make a shift to get a shirt for 10d.? The above store is situated next to Morris's Brick House, and not at the North Corner, as formerly. May, 29, 1850.

American Insurance Live Stock Company.

INVESTED CAPITAL \$50,000.

CHARTER UNLIMITED.

THE Subscriber having been appointed the Agent for this Island, of this highly respectable and substantial Company, is prepared to issue Policies, for the Insurance of

HORSES, AND ALL DESCRIPTION OF

LIVE STOCK,

AGAINST ALL THE COMBINATIONS OF RISKS OF

Fire, Water, Accident, and Disease,

At very moderate rates of Premium.

Every kind of Information can be obtained, by applying at the Office of the Subscriber.

CHARLES YOUNG.

Charlottetown, June 1, 1850. Agent.

An Apprentice Wanted,

To the Printing Business—a Lad of 15 or 16 years of age, possessing, at least, a moderate education. Application at the office of this paper. June 5.