My lads, I must read the Riot Act. (The cry was, 'Read it, read it.') He read it. The scene of confusion and excitement which occurred in the new road at this moment eye-witnesses alone can depict.—A moment, of silence being obtained, Mr. Rede said, 'The licenses must be shown; we must apprehend all who have not their licenses.' One great universal cry then arose, 'To the camp, boys, to the camp!' For some distance the diggers followed towards the camp the retrograding military force, when suddenly there was a shout of "Not to the camp, boys, not to the camp! Back to our own ground on Bakery-hill.' During this period, the detachment of the 10th and 12th had formed near the bridge. Of the diggers, some went to the Eureka, some to the Red-hill, where they hoisted their flag—'The Southern Cross'—while the commissioners and commanding officers were holding a consultation on the new road, evidently nonplused as to what were the intentions of the diggers and what they were next to do. At length the military and police formed themselves into division on the Bakery-hill, throwing out their 'light bobs,' as sharpshooters behind the heaps surrounding the holes. The position being thus taken up, Mr. Johnson asked, what he was to do, if, in the collecting of the licenses and the apprehension of the unlicensed, violence were used? the answer from the officer in command of the police was,—'If a man raises his hand to strike or throw a stone, shoot him on the spot.' An unfortunate man, riding, not being licensed, was taken prisoner to the camp under the guard of two troopers, with orders from their officer, if he made any attempt to escape, to blow his brains out. All this took up some time, of course, and the grand review having taken place on Bakery-hill, the Government force retired towards the camp, but not in peace, for hundreds of diggers had equipped themselves with revolvers and with weapons of all kinds, both offensive and defensive. Scattered shots were heard about this time, and one man, having 'scaled' his piece, was pursued by a party of the police, who, acting under orders, fired on him among the tents, but luckily missed, and eventually captured him. At 5 p. m., we were aroused by reiterated shoutings and firing, which we discovered to proceed from the diggers' stronghold, Bakery-hill. On going there, I found a large number of diggers assembled, formed in line, giving in their names in rotation in order to become members of the Reform League. All were armed. The sailors were placed in a division by themselves. Parties were going through the manual exercise, under the superintendence of an old soldier, and all present gave strong evidence that they were unanimous and determined.

MOVEMENTS OF THE MILITARY.

The state of things at the diggings has become most critical, and any hour may bring us intelligence of the most serious nature. The Governor is contracting the whole military and police force of the colony of Ballarat, All the available men of the 40th and 12th Regiments have left town for that locality. A body of 300 rank and file of the former regiment, with their band, were marched out under the command of Lieutenant-Colonel Valliant, and the whole of the officers of the regiment. They took with them four field-pieces, two 6 and two 12 pounders. All the officers and men of the 12th Regiment, with the exception of Captain Vereker, and the necessary guard, have left for the same place. They number about 300. 24 men-of-war's-men and about 20 marines from Her Majesty's ship Electra have also been sent off. 50 horse and about the same number of foot police were to be despatched yesterday afternoon. A large number of baggage and ammunition waggons were sent with the military. We also hear that Sir Robert Nickle, Commander-in-Chief of the Forces, and Colonel M'Cartney, Adjutant-General, intended to start for Ballarat. The amount of the force, military and police, to be assembled at these diggings will be little short of 1,000 men.

The Bishopric of Sierra Leone.—Some difficulties appear to have arisen, in reference to the appointment of a bishop for the vacant diocese of Sierra Leone. During the very few days Mr. Sidney Herbert held the seals of the Colonial Department, it was understood that the bishopric was offered to a clergyman of ultra-Tractarian views, who seemed willing to accept it, but Mr. Sidney Herbert left office, before the negotiation was completed, and the appointment will now fall, as a matter of course, into the hands of Lord John Russell.

Immense Delivery of Provisions at the Polish Fortresses.—Advices from Warsaw are filled with accounts of the immense deliveries of provisions at the Polish fortresses. Vast magazines, we are told, are formed at Ostrolenka. The writers mention, with undisguised admiration, the great quantities of spirituous liquor which the care of the Czar has provided for his soldiery, and which are daily conveyed to the central depots. From this it is inferred that Poland is expected to become the theatre of a great war.

From the British Colonist.

SINGULAR AND DARING ENCOUNTER WITH BEARS.

A Subscriber in Pictou County communicates the following:

"A few days ago, three boys, sons of one John Maclean, commonly known by the name of "*Sodger Johnny*," of Upper Settlement, West River, Pictou, happening to be chopping logs in the forest between the head of the West River and Stewiacke settlement, about five miles from their father's house. A dog they had with them, continued barking for some days in a certain direction. The boys, curious to know the cause of this, went to the spot, and thought at first they had come to a black fox's den; but upon a closer examination, they discovered the cause of the dog's barking to be a large *bear*, snugly ensconced in his winter quarters. It was at once suggested and agreed, that they should make their way home and return immediately with guns and more assistance. In the meantime, however, one of them thought this delay too bad and cowardly, and returned along with his axe, and as the bear was going to make a spring at him, the brave fellow, at one blow struck off the upper part of his head. This "*unexpected how do you do*" somewhat displeased and confused Bruin for a moment, and he retreated to his lair again, at the same time snapping what remained of his jaws at the aggressor. By this time, the other lads came back, one of whom by the aid of a long pole, roused the bear up again, and as he was going to make a desperate attack at the axe-man, he was laid dead by an unerring blow in the head from that axe. Mother Bruin having been drawn out of the den, they discovered two cubs, these they soon dispatched. They laid them all upon a sled and carried them home. Such an act of daring and resolute courage ought not to be unnoticed and unappreciated. Such exploits however, are not to uncommon in this Settlement. For last winter, upon a Sunday, as two girls were taking a stroll in the neighbourhood of their father's clearing, they accidentally came up to something they likewise took at first to be a black-fox's den. The elder of the two sisters, expecting to capture poor Reynard, and the young ones too, if there happened to be any, (even though it was Sunday) took her shawl off, and bundled it nicely into the mouth of the fox's den; but Bruin (for this was really Bruin) not willing to be thus confined, deprived of air and light, rushed right out, pushed the shawl out before him like a faded leaf, followed by two young ones. While the old bear was retreating a bit, the younger sister picked up one of the cubs, and coyly placed it under her shawl, and both with their strange booty steered towards home. Upon the old bear seeing this, she put in chase for her young one with all the anxiety and tender feelings of a mother. Gaining ground and coming too close to the girls, they uttered something like an unearthly yell; enough to cause the remaining cub to howl most dolefully. As soon as the old bear heard this, she returned to her den; leaving the other cub with her fair conquerors. The kidnappers were very glad to escape her gristly ladyship's fury. As they were climbing over a bush fence near home, however, who is close to their heels, but the bear the second time. What to do they knew not; they were determined, however, to retain their booty at any ordinary sacrifice, and as the only last resource, uttered a more hideous screech than they did at first, which had the desired effect; the bear retreated back to the woods; the young girls came home with the young bear—the tangible testimony of that day's daring adventure. In the annals of antiquity we read of acts of great valor indeed; but here we have an instance of modern times, not to be surpassed in any age or in any nation. The savage nature of the bear is known throughout the world; and they are tenfold more ferocious at the time they have their young—as was the case in the above two instances. Notwithstanding their excited ferocity—in the latter case it was outdone by the firm and perserving courage of a female."

Nicholas H. Martin Esq., who was tried for the murder of A. Dodd, at Sydney, C. B., and acquitted on the ground of insanity, and who has been kept in custody ever since, was brought from Sydney to Halifax, about a fortnight ago by command of his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor. A commission has since been appointed to enquire into the sanity of Mr. Martin—and the trial of the question took place before them, and a Petit Jury on Tuesday last. The Jury, without quitting the box pronounced Mr. Martin, of sound mind. M. Martin was therefore set at liberty.

Hoofland's German Bitters, prepared and sold by Dr. Jackson, at the German Medical Store, 120 Arch street, Philadelphia, daily increase in their well deserved celebrity, for the cure of all diseases arising from derangement of the liver These Bitters have, indeed, proved a blessing to the afflicted, who show their gratitude by the most flattering testimonials. This medicine has established for itself a name that competitors, however wily their schemes, or seductive their promises, cannot reach. It gained the public confidence by the immense benefits that have been derived from it, and will ever maintain its position. See advertisement.

HASZARD'S GAZETTE.

Saturday, March 24th, 1855.

A Colonial Mail arrived on Thursday night, it brings no news in addition to the English Mail of Monday last.

We have been unable to glean but few particulars of the late melancholy accident, in addition to what we published in our last. Mr. Hammond Johnson returned on Thursday night from Wallace, where he left his brother with friends who are paying every attention to him. He speaks very highly of the kindness of the people and their attention to the wants of the sufferers. Mr. Richard Johnson is doing well, he is not likely to loose more than his toes and perhaps the fleshy part of his heels. Mr. Weir will loose his toes and some of his fingers. Of the couriers Cameron is the worst frozen, and will likely loose some of his toes, the others will probably be confined to the House for some months. Robinson one of Mr. Irving's couriers was the least frozen, and will soon be well. He and Samuel M'Rae came over in the last boats. A strange incident might be mentioned with regard to the two young men who were studying in Boston. Mr. R. Johnson was unwilling to return until the navigation opened, but his friends urged him to come home as soon as possible. Mr. Harry Haszard was anxious to come home, while his father would rather that he would wait until the middle of March, and wrote him to that effect, dreading some accident in crossing the Straits. They heard of a Steamer leaving for St. John on the 2d inst., and hoping to surprise their friends without causing them any uneasiness, they left in all the buoyancy of youth, unsuspecting of any danger, and met with the fatal accident.

In our last we published the Prices Current of Produce in St. John, N. B. We have been requested to insert the following extract of a letter from his correspondent, at that place, to one of the most extensive shipers of produce from Charlottetown. And we comply with this request, on the principle that it is best to look at all sides of a question.

"St. John, N. B., March 9th, 1855.

"Mr. Robert Bell,

Dear Sir,—Your kind favor of the 5th is duly received, and contents noted. It is better for you to stop buying at present, and if the prices should come to 2s 6d, you might buy again, or if you could engage any to be delivered at these rates, you might do so. It would not be prudent to buy Oats to average over 2s 6d, for you know, as well as I do, that as soon as any quantities arrive, the price will probable go down below 3s. * * *

yours, &c.

John Mahoney."

To the Editor of Haszard's Gazette.

Sir,—I find from the published proceedings of a meeting of Gas Consumers held in the Temperance Hall, on Monday the 12th inst., that a certain *Director* did at that meeting make several statements quite at variance with facts; and as these statements were made without the knowledge or consent of the Board of Directors, I feel myself called on as a party implicated, in my own defence, to place this matter fairly before the public.

This Director's first statement regarding the English Church, was not correct; and his second statement respecting the Meters, was also incorrect, and quite out of place. Thirdly, his comparative remarks respecting pipes laid down in Halifax and here was at best a bare assertion, and may be classed as misstatement third. The fourth mistatement is as follows, viz, that the consumption this quarter was 60,000 feet less than that of the preceeding quarter, and that if our consumption had gone on at the same rate, the town would have been in darkness before now; such is not the fact, our consumption has not decreased, but the reverse has been the case; on the contrary, last quarter it increased over 60,000 feet, proving the Director to be only 120,000 feet astray and yet the town is not in darkness. Mistatement Fifth, Hear him in his own words, "we have consumed 800 Tons of Coal already, and our stock is nearly exhausted." Now Sir, the company have imported, since 1853, about 350 Tons of Pictou Coal (more or less) part of which was used for various purposes nine months before we generated any Gas. The above with 72 tons of asphaltum (or Albert Coal) is the total stock imported by the Company, 422 tons, the remainder of which Pictou Coal, will last us till the first of May, and our asphaltum till the first of September Now Sir, we find our wise Director only about 400 tons astray; it is true, it may be said, it was a miscalculation; *granted*, it may be so, but we sometimes find such mistakes made in looking up of accounts either with a view to deceive the public for a time, or to injure some party; now, with intentions, I have nothing to do, but with certain gross misstatements which have appeared in the public Prints, I have.

I do think, it would have been more to the credit of that Director, had he been in bed, instead of attending a meeting where his own good sense ought to have told him he was not wanted, he must certainly have been in a state of Somnambulism or some other excited state akin to it, when he made such extraordinary statements, or otherwise as a Director he must be living in blessed ignorance of what is going on at the works, and it will serve to show, in all time to come, how far his statements may be depended on.

Now Mr. Editor, whether the above statements were made with the intent to deceive the meeting or with the intentional desire to place the Directors in a most unenviable position before the consumers, or in the third place, and which is most likely, to exhibit me to the public as having led the company astray by my absuid calculations respecting the coals and making me liable for the wanton destruction of 400 tons more than was imported, it matters little; the effect and impression made in the public mind, will remain unchanged. So long as stupid and unfounded statements are allowed to pass without giving them the most unqualified and public contradiction-so long will they be credited. I was almost in, clined, to allow what transpired at that meeting to pass unoticed, as the absurdness of the statements carried on the very face of them, sufficient to seal their fate, as far as truth was concerned; but as that Director did, some time, since circulate a similar statement, to the effect, that all the Gas, Coke, and Coal Tar, made this year would not pay for the Coal used, and as all these statements may injure me considerably, I feel myself bound to speak out, and at the same time to speak the truth, regardless as to whoever may be offended.

I am, Sir,

Yours &c.,

Alexander McAusland.

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor has been pleased to accept the resignation of Alexander Leslie, Esquire, as a Justice of the Peace, a Commissioner of Small Debts, and a Member of the Board of Health for King's County, and a Captain of King's County Militia.

In the Supreme Court of Judicature, March Term, King's County. This is to certify that Michael Beazeley, Esquire, Student at Law, was, at this present Term, duly admitted and enrolled an Attorney of the Supreme Court of Judicature of this Island. By the Court,

D. Hodgson, Prothonotary.

We have deferred a leading article to make room for further news from the English papers.

Lecture at Temperance Hall.

On Thursday evening, the Rev. D. FitzGerald will lecture on "The Education that can alone elevate the Island, and enable it to maintain its proper position amid surrounding colonies."

Married,

At Crapaud, on the 20th inst., by the Rev. Wesley C. Beals, Captain Gilman M. Ryder, of Cascumpec (late of Chatham, Mass.,) to Lydia, fourth daughter of James Howatt, Esq., of the first named place.

At Charlottetown, on Tuesday, the 20th inst., by the Rev. Wm. Snodgrass, Mr. Neil Morrison, to Miss Ann McKenzie, both of Flat River.

At Georgetown, on Tuesday, the 20th inst., by W. B. Aitken, Esq., J. P., Mr. Joseph Allan, of Boughton Island, to Miss Martha Hemphill, of Georgetown Royalty.

On the same day, by the same, Mr. Charles Stewart, of Brudnell River, to Miss Elizabeth Robertson, of Baldwin's Road.

At Charlottetown, on Tuesday the 20th inst., by the Rev. Mr. Snodgrass, Mr. Duncan Stewart, Lot 48, to Miss Janet Bryson, Charlottetown.

At Charlottetown, on Tuesday the 20th inst., by the Rev. Mr. Snodgrass, Mr. Malcolm McDonald, Portage, Belfast, to Miss Catherine Ferguson, Lot 48.

Died,

At Lot 16, on the 12 March, in the 30th year of his age, Mr. John Humphreys, from Belfast, Lot 49. The deceased's long and lingering illness had fortified his mind to meet death, with a calmness, fortitude and pious resignation, that pointed out that death was stripped of his terror, and that his hopes were placed upon that eternal rest and happiness prepared for those who die in the Lord. He left a wife and four children to lament their sad bereavement.

At St. Eleanor's, on Monday, the 10th inst., Mr. Daniel Green, of Summerside, an old and respectable inhabitant, aged about 60 years.

At the residence of Mrs. Lang, Tryon, Mr. Benjamin B. Hartle, a native of Birmingham, England.

At Rustico, on the 15th inst., Mr. Thomas Blanchard, in the 44th year of his age, leaving a wife and eight children in lamentation.

At Belfast, Cross Roads, on the 17th inst,, Mr. Samuel Nicholson, aged 56 years.

Arrivals in Europe from hence.

Crookhaven, Feb. 22—Wildflower.
Queenstown, Feb. 23—Raglan, Nugget.
Liverpool, Feb. 26—Jane.
Deal, March 1—Lady Raglan.
Hull, March 1—Silistria.
Halifax, March 8—Arrived Schr. Charlesina, M'Pherson, P. E. Island—2 days.

Youths' Branch Wesleyan Missionary Society.

THE annual public Meeting of this Society will be held in the Wesleyan Chapel on Monday evening the 26th inst. Chair taken precisely at 7 o'clock.

The anniversary sermon will be preached on Sunday evening, the 25th inst., by the Rev. Mr. Albrighton, when a collection will be taken up in aid of the funds of the Society.

Hops! Hops! Hops!

FOR SALE, by Retail, at DODD'S Brick Store, in Pownal Street.

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