

The first mail by the winter route, arrived here between 8 and 9 o'clock on Friday evening. We have papers from the neighbouring Colonies, from Newfoundland, Canada, the United States and West Indies; but scarcely any news of importance is to be found in any of them.

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The English Mail, which was in Halifax, had not arrived at the wharf, when the Mail Couriers left that place for the Island.

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We have to add to the above list of casualties, caused by the late storm, the following partial intelligence, which reached us on Wednesday night:- A vessel (name unknown) laden with flour and sundries, went ashore at Givan's wharf, on the coast of Aylesford, on Sunday night, and became a total wreck.

At Morden, Aylesford, on the same night, the brig Morden, under master, with five thousand bushels potatoes on board, owned by Messrs. Birtaux and Sheffield, broke from her moorings at the wharf, and went to sea, without a soul on board.

The news from Nicaragua is highly important. Gen. Walker had been successful in a series of battles with the Central Americans.

On the 10th ult., Gen. Hornsby, with 200 men, defeated 100 of the enemy, under the Costa Rican General, Canas. The enemy lost 200, while Hornsby had only 2 killed and 11 wounded.

Four days fighting at Massaya ended in the entire defeat of the enemy. Gen. Walker had returned to Granada, and after giving three days notice of his intention to allow time for the removal of valuables, fired the place, not leaving a vestige of it.

The inhabitants of Granada had removed to Rivas, with all their effects, which will hereafter be the capital of Nicaragua.

A naval battle had taken place between the Nicaraguan war schooner Grenada, Capt. Payson, and a Costa Rican brig-of-war three times the size of the Grenada. The Costa Rican vessel was blown up, and all on board of her perished.

It is estimated that the enemy have lost 300 men in various battles since October. SOUTHERN SLAVE INSURRECTION.—CINCINNATI, Dec. 13.—A gentleman direct from Tennessee, informed the editor of the Evansville Journal, on the 9th inst., that the whole region from Memphis through Clarksville and Dever, on the Cumberland River, was in the greatest alarm in regard to the movements of the negroes.

The County Courts had assembled in each County, and Vigilance Committees and patrols had been appointed in each neighborhood and township. Eight more negroes had been hung at Dever, making nineteen in all. No overt act had been committed, but the proof against them of insurrectionary designs, it is said, was conclusive.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 10.—A train went off the track on the Little Hocking Railroad this forenoon, and the baggage master and fireman were instantly killed. The cars were badly smashed.

CHILD LOST AND FOUND.—The Boston Herald states that a little girl but five years old, daughter of J. J. Pippy, Esq., of the Middlesex Journal, was missed from home by her parents Thursday afternoon, and the alarm being given, nearly the whole population of Woburn turned out in search of her, in the woods and other out-of-the-way places.

A New York correspondent of the Philadelphia Bulletin says that advices received by the Tennessee from Jamaica, state that the entire British fleet on that station had been ordered to hold itself in readiness to proceed to the Gulf of Mexico, for the purpose of blockading the Mexican ports.

ALBANY, Dec. 16.—The Central Railroad bridge, extending over the canal at Troy, was destroyed by fire yesterday. The loss is estimated at \$8,000. A train of cars passed over the bridge a few moments previous, and it is supposed that the fire originated from the locomotive. About 200 feet of bridging was also destroyed.

BOSTON, Dec. 16.—The schooner W. S. Brown, from Port au Prince for New York, was totally lost on Conception Island. No date. Part of the cargo was saved.

The Catholic Church in Norfolk, Va., took fire on Sunday last, and was burned to the ground. It was a very fine building, and had recently been put in complete repair, and at the time of the conflagration contained a magnificent organ, and many valuable paintings.

SEIZURE OF AN AMERICAN SLAYER.—By advices from Benguela Sept. 23, we learn that there was at the port the schooner Flying Eagle, from New-York, waiting for the arrival of a United States vessel of war, she having been seized by the Portuguese Government for having a slave cargo on board, and the money taken for a cargo of slaves landed in Cuba by another vessel.

RAILROAD ACCIDENT AT ALLIANCE, OHIO.—PITTSBURG, Dec. 9, 1856.—At about 7 o'clock last evening a train on the Cleveland and Pittsburg road ran into an express train on the Ohio and Pennsylvania road at Alliance, Ohio, smashing two of the passenger cars of the latter train. One of the cars was thrown into the rotunda at the station, and another through a public room which constitutes part of Sourbeck's Hotel, in which several persons were sitting. Both the rotunda and sitting-room were torn down, killing eight persons and wounding several others. Most of the killed and wounded were not on the cars, but sitting in the public room when the accident occurred.

TERRIBLE ACCIDENT AT JERSEY CITY.—THREE LIVES LOST.—On Saturday last, at noon, an accident occurred upon the tunnel being constructed by the Long Dock Company for the New York and Erie Railroad Company on Bergen Hill. It occurred at shaft No. 2. The shafts are about twenty feet square, and seventy-five to eighty feet deep. A tub suspended by a cable is hoisted and lowered by steam power, in which the fragments of rock are hoisted out of the shaft, and the men are lowered and hoisted. On Saturday at noon as five men were coming out of the shaft the cable parted at a splice just as they reached the surface of the earth and the tub was being swung off, and they were precipitated to the bottom. Patrick Daly and Martin Burke were instantly killed; Robert Riely died in a few minutes after he was taken out of the shaft.

THE RECIPROCITY TREATY.—The New York Herald's Washington Correspondent writes that a movement will be made early in the session of Congress (assembled on 1st inst.) for the amendment of the Reciprocity Treaty or the repeal of the act giving it effect. To this end a call will be made on the Secretary of the Treasury for information as to the working of the treaty, and it is believed that it will show that the United States have lost largely as far as revenue is concerned, while the Canadians have received all the benefit. The amendment sought is to enlarge the free list between the two countries to all articles actually grown by each respectively. This will include tobacco and sugar, which are now excluded, and from the duties on which the Canadian Government derives a large portion of its revenue, and if it refuses to accept this very proper amendment, then notice is to be given so as to put an end to the treaty. Some of the most prominent members of both houses feel a warm interest in the subject, and there is little doubt that the matter will be successfully pressed.

ATTEMPT AT INCENDIARISM.—Between three and four o'clock on Thursday morning, the police discovered a man named Michael Cardigan attempting to set fire to the lumberyard of Mr. C. P. Dixon. He had entered a shed, and kindled a fire with some combustible materials, but two of the policemen timely discovered the fire, and arrested the incendiary, who had secreted himself under some deals on their approach. The prisoner was lodged in gaol, and yesterday the Grand Jury indicted him for the offence. He will take his trial at the present sitting of the Court.—Courier.

THE UNHOLIES AT PRINCETOWN ROYALTY.

A PRIVATE letter from Princetown Royalty informs us that an attempt recently made in that quarter to establish a Branch of the Humbug Alliance, ended in a complete failure. The promoters endeavoured to get the new Institute hall for the purpose of holding their meeting, but the door was closed against them, and they betook themselves to a little shop, ten feet square, which was close by. Here a young schoolmaster called his flock to order, which consisted of thirteen persons—boys included—and the knight of the birchen rod was elevated to the dignity of President of the Unholies of Princetown Royalty. It appears, however, this distinguished assemblage were not sufficiently well versed in affairs of state to get up a political discussion, and the meeting terminated after some idle chit-chat about the advantages of singing schools,—whether the President favoured his audience with a stave or two in illustration of the subject, our correspondent saith not. The Royalty of Princetown has always been regarded as one of the strongholds of Toryism, but there the cause has either gone to decay, or the principal men of the opposition party have become ashamed of the Unholy confederation.

We take the following short article, in reference to our late Governor, from the Newfoundland Express, of Nov. 22. The Express is, we believe, the organ of the Conservative party in the sister Colony—at all events, it does not support the present Liberal Government there; and it is gratifying to observe that there are honest Conservatives to be found, who will speak and write the truth of Sir Alexander:—

The appointment of Sir Alexander Bannerman as the successor of Governor Darling seems to be highly satisfactory to our ministerial contemporaries—so much so indeed as to afford some ground for the surmise that the ministry did not find Mr. Darling by any means such a Governor as they could make use of; and that there may be some anticipation of Governor Bannerman being more pliant. If we are not misinformed as to his Excellency's character, he will be found a very fit successor to our present talented and much respected Governor; administering the government in accordance with the advice of his responsible ministry; but at the same time carefully guarding the prerogative of the Sovereign and firmly resisting any attempts at encroaching upon it; and personally examining into details, so as to be satisfied that departmental officers discharge their duties faithfully and efficiently.

Sir Alexander Bannerman is a native of Aberdeen, where his father was a leading merchant. He is 68 years of age, having been born in 1788, and was married in 1824 to Miss Guthrie, second daughter of G. J. Guthrie, Esq., of Berkeley Street, London. At the general election in 1832, he was returned to Parliament in the whig interest, by the electors of his native city, and continued to represent Aberdeen until his appointment to the Government of Prince Edward Island, about six years ago. By his long parliamentary experience, he is well fitted for the duties which will devolve upon him here, where he will find a ministry by no means profoundly versed in constitutional usages, nor by any means disinclined to overstep the boundaries which long practice and the judgment of successive sovereigns, and eminent statesmen have fixed in England as the limits of the prerogative of the sovereign on the one hand, and of the ministry and parliament on the other. There has been one difficulty created by the injudicious legislation of the Assembly at the instance of the present Government—the Governor's salary is reduced to £2,000 a-year, which is altogether inadequate, and is well known to have been intended as a measure to secure some little popularity; but which the Home Government was not expected to sanction. It has, however, been sanctioned, and the ministry are now in the predicament of having placed the Governor in a position where he has not sufficient income to sustain the dignity of his office.

NO ENGLISH MAIL YET.—We were in hopes to have been able to furnish our readers with the news by the English Mail, and reserved some space for that purpose; but down to a late hour on this, our day of publication, there was no appearance of the Mail. The bad state of the ice, it is believed, renders a passage across the Strait impossible.

LOCAL NEWS.

CHARLOTTETOWN MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.—On Monday last Mr. A. A. MacKenzie delivered the first of a series of lectures on "Astronomy." He will give the second on Carr, aged the same subject to-morrow evening.

MARGATE MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.—On Monday, 22d instant, the Secretary, Mr. Neil MacKellvie, delivered a lecture in this Institute on "Literature and Education." A warm debate on the benefits of free education ensued. There will be a debate on a political subject at next meeting.

THE BELFAST TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the above association was held in Pinette Schoolhouse on Saturday the 6th inst., at the usual hour.

Present—John Ross, Donald McLeod, Alexander McEachern, Archibald McDonald, John Morrison, Alexander Beaton, Hector Campbell, and John McPhail.

After going through the usual routine, the following resolutions were unanimously passed—1st. Resolved, that as the evenings are now so short, our meetings be held in future at the hour of 3 o'clock.

2nd. Resolved, That next meeting be held at the same place, on Saturday the 27th inst., at 3 o'clock p. m.

Married. On the 22d, by the Rev. C. I. Barnett, at the residence of the Hon. Charles Young, L. L. D., Mr. Charles Saunders, to Miss Isabella MacLean, both of Charlottetown.

Died. At Albion Farm, Three Rivers, on the 14th inst., Eliza Ann, second daughter of Johnson Aitken, Esq., in the 14th year of her age. On the 10th inst., at his residence, Union Road, Laurence Delaney, aged 57 years.

At Brackley Point, on the 18th inst., in the 68th year of his age, Capt. Daniel Matheson. The deceased was one of the oldest, if not the oldest, steam captain living, having had command of one of the first boats on the Clyde; which situation he filled for 30 years, with great credit to himself, and much satisfaction to his employers, and on his retiring from the service to emigrate to this Island, a handsome piece of silver plate was presented him. He was well known in this community, and by the travelling public in the neighbouring Provinces, as the commander of the steamer Rose, and afterwards the Rosebud, plying between Charlottetown and Pictou. He was always kind, obliging, and gentlemanly in his manner, and we know of no individual who was more universally respected. He leaves behind him a wife and family to mourn their irreparable loss.

Prices Current.

Table with columns for Provisions, Poultry, Fish, Lumber, and various goods. Includes items like Beef, Mutton, Veal, Pork, Butter, Cheese, Eggs, Rabbits, Potatoes, Carrots, Turnips, Wheat, Oats, Apples, and various oils and wines.

New Advertisements.

B. B. IRVING, Notary Public, Conveyancer and Accountant. OFFICE—At his residence, in the house lately occupied by Mrs. Cullen, Power-street, Charlottetown. DEEDS of Conveyance, of all descriptions, of Leasehold and Freehold Estate, including Assignments, Mortgages, &c., Letters of Attorney, Bonds, Indentures of Apprenticeship, Bills of Sale, Charter Parties, Arbitration Bonds and Awards, Petitions, &c., prepared with accuracy and despatch; Merchants' Books, Partnership and other complicated Accounts, &c., arranged and balanced at moderate charges. Charlottetown, Dec. 29, 1856.

For Sale. THE subscriber having received instructions from C. B. BAGSTER, Esquire, late of Georgetown, but now of the city of London, to dispose of his Leasehold interest in and to that commodious premises situate in Georgetown, known as the "Water-street House." The premises are in an airy situation, being on Town Lot No. 2, 2d Range A, commanding a full view of the harbour, contiguous to the centres of business—the Main-street and Queen's wharf,—and was only a few years since fitted up by Mr. Bagster, in his own well known tasteful and appropriate style. The Dwelling House consists of—parlour, dining and drawing-rooms, 4 bed-rooms, kitchen, closets and attics, and is well adapted for a boarding-house; a large Store is attached; and underneath the whole is excellent cellage. The outer buildings consist of barn, stable, and coach-house, &c. &c. The whole is compact, and forms an eligible investment for surplus capital; the premises now are and have been always let to good tenants. The leasehold to Mr. Bagster, from the late J. W. James, is 21 years, nearly 14 of which are still unexpired, and is subject to the low rent of £10 per annum, with liberty to purchase at any time during the lease, at an equally low figure. For particulars as to purchase, sale of lease and transfer, application may be made to Georgetown, Dec. 29, 1856. Isl3w W. SANDERSON.

ALMA HOUSE. THE subscriber having recently fitted up the above house, in good style and with superior accommodations, is prepared to receive permanent and transient Boarders, on as good terms as any in this vicinity, and therefore solicits, and hopes to merit a share of public patronage. Summerside, Dec. 29, 1856. THOS. P. HEUSTIS.

Apothecaries' Hall. THE OLD HOUSE, ESTABLISHED 1810. Charlottetown, December, 1856. JUST RECEIVED, per late arrivals, from London, Dublin, United States and Halifax, their supplies for the season, comprising, in the whole, an extensive and varied assortment of DRUGS AND CHEMICALS, PERFUMERY, BRUSHES, Combs, Soaps and other toilet requisites; Paints, Oils, Colors and Dye-stuffs; Fruits, Spices, Confectionary and Medicated Lozenges—with all the Patent Medicines in repute, and every other article usually kept at similar establishments in Great Britain. [See Apothecaries' Hall Advertiser.] The whole of which they can with confidence recommend to the public; and, if quality be considered, at as low, if not lower prices than they can be procured elsewhere in the market. Dec. 29. T. DESBRISSAY & Co.

Painting. THE subscriber will devote his time, during the winter, to painting Signs, Waggon, Sleighs, and Furniture, at the old stand, corner of Rotchford and Grafton-streets, cheap for cash, or approved credit. Dec. 29, 1856. GEORGE A. THRESHER.

Horticultural Society. THE Members of the Society are requested to meet on Wednesday, the 21st day of January, ensuing, in Temperance Hall, at the hour of 12 o'clock, noon, for the election of office-bearers for the ensuing year, and for other business of importance. Persons desirous of becoming members, or otherwise interested in this useful institution, are respectfully invited to attend. A lecture will, at the same time, be delivered by the President, John Lawson, Esq. Admission free. By order, Dec. 29, 1856. J. P. PALMER, Acting Sec'y.

Warehouse, Merchandize etc. The following list to be sold:— 60 dozen cotton pocket handkerchiefs, 12 dozen men's black silk neckties, 19 do do Neckties, 54 do ladies' fancy silk do, 8 yards Persian, 1 piece silk Plush, 1 Crape, 56 Habit shirts, 6 Ladies cloth capes, 11 dozen Australian crape Dresses, 128 Ladies' and children's Boots and Shoes, 102 dozen Tape, 128 gross Buttons, 10 do Hooks and Eyes, 3 do Hair Pins, 28 dozen winter Gloves, 420 yards cotton Velvet, 95 yards satin Jean, 90 yards Diaper, 97 yards Black Holland, 18 pieces Brawn Holland, 144 yards Osanburgh, 300 yards cotton Tick, 92 yards Flannel, 420 yards Cloaking and Lining, 305 yards Muslin, 2700 yards white cotton, 613 yards Brown do, 300 yards striped do., 230 yards black and red padding, 135 Tailors' canvass, 2000 Printed cotton, 450 yards check Gingham, 415 yards Furniture cotton, 4 Damask Furniture, 140 yards crash towelling, 138 yards gros de Naples, 25 yards silk velvet, 2 dozen Veils, 1500 yards Ribbon, 56 lbs. Black and white Thread, 300 dozen Reels, 9 lbs. Tailors' and Bootmakers' silk and twist, 5 lbs. working cotton, 24 dozen Brushes, 11 dozen combs, 38 lbs. Pins, 36 dozen Gingham Aprons, 12 dozen fancy cotton Aprons, 9 dozen cloth and fur caps, 2960 yards black and colored glazed Linings, 37 pieces Merino, 3 pieces French ditto, 36 Boraz figured Robes, 90 pieces Braids and Binding, 25 travelling Bags, 9 doz Boys' Belts, 34 dozen Men's strong Braces, 18 lbs. cotton shop twine, 7 doz hair and cork soles, 1 piece silk oil skin, 1 piece India Rubber cloth, 3 pieces black boot Elastic, 69 yards imitation leather Furniture, 28 gross stay and boot Laces, 8 dozen Linen and Damask Table covers, 2 dozen worsted shawls, 4 dozen ladies' and children's wool Jackets, 7 dozen flannel and cotton shirts, 3 dozen Mufflers, 30 pieces worsted Braid, 2 dozen hammers, 21 dozen (James Rogers') pen and jack knives, 62 pieces worsted binding, 3 pieces carriage lace, 1 dozen Umbrellas, 100 yards carpet, 1 piece brown pilot cloth, 1 milliner's skeleton frame, 204 sets table knives and forks—part ivory handles—1 dozen carvers, 2 dozen horse rugs, 4 dozen counterpanes, 3 cases containing 157 pieces Tartan, printed and colored Orleans, and black and colored coburgs, well assorted, 190 made winter coats and over coats, 60 pairs mens' Trowsers, 1 dozen vests, 20 boxes pipes, 40 boxes soap, 6 hds Gin, warranted genuine, 2 hds Brandy, do do, 5 chests congo Tea. The Sale will commence on Wednesday morning, at 10 o'clock, the 14th January next, when the foregoing will be set up in lots to suit purchasers. Sums under £10 to be paid in cash—to purchasers buying over that amount, a credit of three months will be given, on approved joint notes. Dec. 29, 1856. BENJ. DAVIES, Auctioneer.

To be Sold. AT PUBLIC AUCTION, on SATURDAY, the 31st day of JANUARY next, at 12 o'clock noon (if not previously disposed of at Private Sale) One-fourth part of TOWN LOT No. 76, in the First Hundred of Town Lots in Charlottetown, fronting on Sydney-street, adjoining the Roman Catholic School, to the westward, and being now in the possession of Joseph McDonald, Esquire. For terms of sale, and title, please apply at the Office of the Hon. Charles Young. H. W. LOBBAN, Auctioneer. Charlottetown, Dec. 24th, 1856.

Butter! Butter! A FEW tubs choice family BUTTER, for sale by Ch. Town, Dec. 29. W. B. DEAN.

Auction. Valuable Household Furniture, Glassware, Chinaware, Crockeryware, &c. &c. THE subscriber has been instructed to sell by AUCTION, on TUESDAY, the 30th instant, at 11 o'clock, at the residence of E. L. LYDIARD, Esq., Queen-square, the whole of his valuable HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, GLASSWARE, CHINAWARE, CROCKERYWARE, &c. &c. Terms liberal. JAMES MORRIS, Auctioneer. Charlottetown, Dec. 15, 1856.

"Virtutis Scientia Comes." Charlottetown Mechanics' Institute. THE Session Tickets of admission for the year 1857 are to be had at the different Book-stores in this City, and of the Secretary, at the following prices, viz:— Family Ticket, 6s., admits a family, with access to Library, or a gentleman and three ladies, with do. do. Member's Ticket, 5s., admits a gentleman and lady, with access to Library. Season Ticket, 3s., admits a gentleman or a lady, with access to Library. Nightly Ticket, 9d., admits a gentleman and a lady, without access to Library. ARCHIBALD MACNEILL, Secretary. Charlottetown, Dec. 22, 1856 (all papers 3i.)

Flour and Molasses. JUST arrived Ex Schr. ELIZABETH MARY, from Halifax, a consignment of 150 Bbls. Superfine FLOUR, 10 Puns. choice MOLASSES, 10 Bags RICE, 20 Chests Congou TEA, for sale at a small advance on cost. WILLIAM EVERETT, Importer, Queen's Square, Dec. 15, 1856.

Notice. THE undersigned having assigned his debts and effects to Mr. GEORGE GARDNER, for the benefit of his creditors, and having discharged his persons indebted to him to make immediate payments have been possible with the assistance of Mr. GARDNER. Summerside, Bedouque, November 24, 1856. WABEY.

Notice. WHEREAS GEORGE WALSH, late of Prince County, merchant, did, by a writ known duly executed and bearing date the 20th day of June 1856, assign and make over unto the subscriber the said George Walsh's, books of account and all other papers, together with all other outstanding debts due to him by Bonds, Notes of Hand, or otherwise, by and the neighbouring Colonies, with power to sue for, and recover the same: This is to notify all persons indebted to this tract, Walsh by Bond, Note of Hand, Book Account, or otherwise, to pay the same to me forthwith, or to the subscriber, against without further notice, on or before the 15th day of December, 1856. Dated at St. John's, Dec. 8. However late, 1856. Yes; how late, 1856. BUTT, Notary Public.