

FIRE AT THE TEN MILE HOUSE.—Yesterday morning, between the hours of two and three o'clock, the house occupied and owned by Mr. Walter Lannen, on the St. Peter's Road, 10 miles from town, was completely destroyed by fire. The alarm was first given by a child complaining of smoke in the room where it slept, when the mother (a sister of Mrs. Lannen) discovered the east end of the building to be in flames, where a fire had not been used for several months. Mr. Lannen, being immediately acquainted of the fact, called to his assistance John Moineage, (a near neighbour), and succeeded in getting some of the beds and other furniture removed from the lower rooms. In about half an hour after the house, and everything else it contained, were a heap of ruins. No doubt is entertained that the house was set fire to by some evil disposed person or persons in the neighbourhood. We are glad to learn that it was insured.

THE EUROPEAN AND NORTH AMERICAN RAILWAY.—The Legislature of Maine is now sitting, and application for their Charter for their Company is to be made forthwith, and will, of course, be at once complied with. Our Legislature, and that of Nova Scotia do not usually assemble until the end of January; but when the interests of the people so plainly demand it, they should be summoned at once, and be called on to grant the proposed Charters and aid; they should strike while the iron is hot. On the legislatures mainly depends whether the railway is now to be constructed or not. There is neither in the Provinces, nor we apprehend, in Maine, much spare capital that can, with advantage, be diverted from its present channels to be absorbed by this great undertaking. If the public credit is pledged, and amply sufficient securities are given to the capitalists of the United States and of England, they will be glad to invest their capital; money will flow into these Provinces, and the population will rapidly increase; along the line of railway towns will spring up as if by magic, and farms will be tilled, and thus the railway will create a business for itself. And should the Colonies eventually have to pay the entire sum they borrow, still they will not have paid too highly for what they will have gained.—*St. John Freeman.*

THE MINUTE GUN AT SEA.—We learn that the royal mail steamship Canada, when about 4 hours out from Liverpool, met the Niagara, with the flag of the United States at half-mast at the fore. As the Canada appeared in sight, the Niagara commenced firing minute guns. The two vessels then approached within speaking distance, and the mournful intelligence of the President's death was communicated to those on board the Canada. The news would be in London, probably, on the evening of the 20th, only 11 days after his decease, and without any previous warning of his illness.

An attempt is being made in Ireland to raise beet-root sugar. One gentleman has nearly one hundred acres under cultivation, with a view of trying the experiment.

FREAK OF FORTUNE.—A private of the 39th regiment, of the British army, named Maryatt, stationed in Ireland, has come in possession, by the death of an uncle, of £50,000, and two estates in Cuba.

BREACH OF PROMISE OF MARRIAGE.—At Bodmin assizes a case of this description was tried. Plaintiff was the sister of an innkeeper at Lostwithiel, where the defendant was a chemist and druggist. In 1845 the plaintiff was on a visit to her brother, and the defendant, being in the habit of coming there, had opportunities of seeing the plaintiff, and, after some time, he seems to have become violently in love with her, made her an

offer, was accepted and admitted by her friends as the acknowledged lover. Miss Tabb left the neighbourhood, and a long correspondence took place, and during that time the defendant frequently went to see the plaintiff, and made her presents of a gold watch and chain, a writing-desk and other articles. The letters at first were exceedingly warm, but gradually became cooler, until at length he wrote one, regretting his conduct, and stating that, in compliance with the wishes of his family, he had determined to break off the engagement; and in a very short time the defendant married another lady. The first letter was dated 29th of October, 1848. The Jury gave £40 damages to the plaintiff.—*English paper.*

BIGAMY AND MURDER.—Yesterday week, at Edinburgh, a man named Ben-nison, was convicted of this double crime. He married his first wife in 1838, and his second a year after. With these women he alternately lived for short periods; and in April last he poisoned his second wife, whose maiden name was Jane Hamilton. He was sentenced to death without the smallest hope of mercy.—*lb.*

California would make forty-five States, of the size of New Hampshire! The sea coast extends nearly a thousand miles, and the territory extends into the interior twelve hundred miles.

POST OFFICE AFFAIRS.

THOMAS OWEN, Esq.
SIR—Intending last Saturday at two, afternoon, to put some newspapers into the Post Office here, I found it impracticable, the door being locked, and the opening for letters &c. nailed up. The reports as to the Island mails being stopped, I had previously doubted. Whether you may think it proper to satisfy my enquiry, I do not know, but I consider it not out of place to request from you information, whether either the Inland or Foreign Mails are stopped, or are to be, and, if so, by whose orders?
I remain, Sir,
Your very obedt. Servt.,
ALEXANDER RAE.
Charlottetown, August 19, 1850.

The Speaker chancing to meet the Post master, (before he, the Speaker, had transmitted the preceding letter) handed it to that Gentleman and received a verbal answer, to the effect, that the door was locked, and the opening nailed up, yet the officials were inside, as Mr. Rae would have found had he knocked. That by order of the Post master General in Britain the Inland Mails are to be stopped. Mr. Rae remarked, that for the Post master in Britain to stop letters for George Town or Prince Town in the Post Office at Charlottetown, was an unwarrantable assumption, and must have proceeded from some misrepresentation, because the contracts with the carriers of the Inland Mails must hold and bind the Treasury so long as there is there a shilling to answer them. Were payments not regularly made to these contractors, then they would take legal advice, and act thereon, but the Speaker hinks the Postmaster General of Britain did not need to act as their legal adviser. The Executive here might have given them notice of their danger, but the hints to that effect were so little regarded last May, that it behoved to be exported in order to be imported back, with some greater shew of authority. The Post Office can be managed regularly for less than is now charged. The Postmaster here had much better publish the whole of the letter he received, because it is reported that it contains orders to stop both the Foreign and Inland Mails; and that he has resolved to venture on disobeying the order as to the Foreign Mails, but is determined rigorously to stop the Inland Mails.

(What next? What next? Why do you ask? don't you see that the Tories wish to thrash the liberal members over the shoulders of the whole country.)

DREADFUL ACCIDENT IN NEW YORK.—We were informed by telegraph last night, says the Toronto Globe of the 5th inst., that the rear of the large five story brick store, occupied by Messrs. Hoyt & Co., Carriers, 46, Spruce Street, tumbled to the earth with a tremendous crash, burying in the ruins some fifteen persons in the employ of Messrs. Hoyt. It was known that many were alive under the ruins from the cries of agony that issued from various quarters of the weighty mass.

A NEW CALIFORNIA IN VENEZUELA. The report is confirmed that gold mines of great wealth have been discovered in the province of Guyana, not far from the river Amazon. The principal diggings are near the city of Tuppunen. A single person has gathered 138 ounces of the precious mineral.

DIED.
On Saturday the 17th inst., after a long and painful illness, aged 54, MARY, wife of Lieut. Colonel the Honorable Ambrose Lane, Town Major and Adjutant General of Militia, of this Island.

On the 16th instant, aged 12 months and 6 days, Frances Rebecca, infant daughter of T. H. Haviland, Esq., Barrister.

On Monday last, William Henry, eldest son of Mr. Samuel W. Mitchel, Keeper of the Asylum, aged 8 years. Funeral this Evening at 4 o'clock.

On Friday last, Mrs. O'Brien, wife of the late Mr. John O'Brien, Carpenter.

On Monday last, William James, son of Mr. James Coles, junr. aged 1 year and 10 months.

At Sea, of Consumption, on board the Brig FANNY, one week previous to her arrival at California, Mr. EDWARD WHITE, (a passenger), son of Mr. William White, of York Point, in this Island.

PASSENGERS.

In the Steamer yesterday morning, Dr. Ingles, Dr. Winter, J. Crerar, S. Taylor, F. Poole, Esqrs., Mrs. Davis, Miss Matthews, George Davis, and 7 in the steerage.

SHIP NEWS.

ENTERED.—August 13, Schr. Cousins, M'Leod, Nova Scotia, Coal; W. Nelson, Chappell, Bay Vert, deals; 16, Emily, Webster, Boston, chairs; Brenan, Burke, Sidney, coal; Mary Ann, Campbell, Pictou, coal; Trial, Gerrior, Miramichi, plank; Sealer, Dunn, Pictou, coal; 17, Packet, Babin, do., do.; Flora, Hingley, do., do.; Olive, Piget, Sydney, do.; 19, Seahorse, Brundage, Bay Vert, deals.

CLEARED.—August 13, Schr. Caledonia, Welsh, Bay Vert, bal.; Rob Roy, Turnbull, Sydney, do.; Economy, Macdonald, do., do.; Wave, Moore, Pictou, do.; W. Nelson, Chappell, Miramichi, do.; 16, Cousins, M'Leod, Pictou, do.; Sagaaban, Green, Newfd., do.; Kanhawa, Gijman, New York, grain; Barque Essex, Murchison, Miramichi, lumber; 17 Schr. Brenan, Burke, Sydney, bal.; Trial, Gerrior, Pictou, do.; Unicorn, Mutch, Newfd., cattle; 19, Ploughboy, Robertson, Sydney, bal.; Brig. Isabella, Belfast, deals; Brig. Eureka, Baston, Liverpool, do.; Schr. Vine, Campbell, Miramichi, cattle.

MEMORANDA.

Arrived at San Francisco, June 26th, Brig Fanny, Irving, 228 days from Prince Edward Island.

H. M. S. Sappho, 12, Com. Cochrane, arrived off the harbor of Charlottetown on Thursday the 15th instant, and sailed again on Monday morning.

The Barque Essex, Murchison, sailed from Orwell Bay, for Miramichi on Saturday last to finish loading.

Sailed on the 19th from Bay Fortune, Brig. Wasp, Fox, Master, with ship knees and lumber, by Mr. E. C. Call.

Liverpool, July 27—Arrived Hornet, do. do. Edina.

PRICES CURRENT.

CORRECTED THIS DAY.

PROVISIONS.	
Flour American superfine seconds	40s a 42s none
P. E. Island per lb.	13d a 24d
Rye per barrel	none
Corn Meal per barrel	26s
per lb.	14d
Oatmeal per lb.	14d a 14d
Beef small pieces, lb.	3d a 5d
per quarter	3d a 4d
per barrel	47s 6d
Mutton per lb.	3d a 5d
Veal do.	2d a 4d
Port per barrel	80s
per carcass	3d a 4d
Butter, fresh, per lb.	8d a 10d
tub. do.	7d a 9d
Cheese, P. E. Island lb.	3d a 6d
American do.	9d a 10d
Eggs per doz.	6d
Potatoes per bushel	2s a 2s 2d
Turnips	11d a 1s
Tallow per lb.	9d a 10d
Lard do.	7d a 9d
Pearl Barley do.	15d a 2s
Ham do.	8d a 7d
Rice do.	4d
do per cwt.	25s
Turkeys each	3s 6d a 3s
Wild Geese do.	3s a 3s 6d
Fowls do.	1s a 1s 3d
Codfish per quintal	12s a 14s
Salmon each	none
Herrings per barrel	none
Mackerel do.	none
GRAIN.	
Oats per bushel	2s a 2s 6d
Barley do.	2s 4d a 2s 6d
Wheat do.	6s a 7s
Hay, per ton	40s a 50s
Cliver Seed per lb.	1s
Timothy, per bush.	16d a 18d
Wood per cord	8s a 8s 6d
Boards, Pine 100 feet	5s a 6s
Spruce do.	2s 6d a 4s
Hemlock do.	2s a 3s
Shingels	6s a 10s

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The Genuine constantly on hand at the Store of
PATRICK STEPHENS,
General Agent, Orwell.
Orwell, August 21.

Cattle, Sheep and Agricultural Produce.

THE Tenants and Settlers on Townships 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, and 66, are hereby called upon to make payment of all sums of money due by them for Rent, Arrears of Rent or otherwise—and they are notified that CATTLE, SHEEP, PIGS, WHEAT, BARLEY, OATS, FLOUR, OATMEAL, BEEF, PORK, PICKLED SALMON, and MACKAREL, and Dried CODFISH will be taken in payment at the Market prices, to be delivered at the Morrell Farm to Mr. JOHN B. COX, or in Charlottetown, at Mr. DESBRISAY'S Warehouse.

JAMES PEAKE,
CHARLES HENSLEY,
JOHN M. HOLL,
THEO. DESBRISAY.

August 21, 1850.
FOR SALE, a few small Tracts of Wilderness Land, well wooded in different parts of the Estate, of which plans can be seen on application to
T. DESBRISAY.