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CHARLOTTETOWN, PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, MONDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1858.

No. 16.

Flour, Tea and Spirits.

JUST received, per Brig. "J. W." from Boston, the following articles:—
150 barrels extra superfine FLOUR,
800 gallons high proof SPIRITS,
50 barrels eating APPLES,
50 boxes LOZENGES,
3 casks Burning FLUID,
30 chests best Congo TEA,
8 cases MATCHES.

The above for sale cheap for Cash, or approved Joint Notes.
October 18, 1858. SAMUEL A. FOWLE & Co.

JUST received, per Schr. "HELEN," from New York, and for sale by the subscriber:—
Barrels extra and superfine FLOUR,
Bags CORNMEAL,
Barrels Crushed SUGAR,
which will be sold low for Cash.
October 18, 1858. M. LOWDEN.

To Let,

THAT pleasantly situated COTTAGE in Weymouth-street, at present in the occupation of Doctor Day. The house has seven Rooms, a good Yard, Stable and Coach-house, attached thereto. For further particulars enquire of
Wm. CRABB, Senr.
Ch. Town, October 18, 1858.

Boston Packet.

THE fast-sailing Packet Brig. "J. W." will leave for Boston on or about the 1st November. For Freight or Passage apply to
SAMUEL A. FOWLE & Co.
Ch. Town, October 18, 1858.

PUBLIC LANDS.

THE settlers on Townships 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 and 66, are hereby notified, that the Commissioner of Public Lands will attend at Kennedy's, Lot 40, on Tuesday, the 23rd day of November, and following day; and at Sutherland's, Head of St. Peter's Bay, on Thursday, the 25th day of November, and following days, when all amounts then due, either by Bond, Deposit, Installment or Note of Hand, are requested to be paid; and in default thereof, the same will be notified by advertisement, in accordance with the Act 16 Vic., cap. 18.

NOTICE.

All persons trespassing on the Government Lands, by cutting timber or taking possession of Lands without a location ticket, and payment made thereon, will be dealt with according to law.

DEEDS.

The Commissioner having several Deeds of Conveyance ready for delivery, all persons who have not received their Deeds are requested to make application for the same at the places and dates above mentioned.
JOHN ALDOUS, Commissioner.
Office of Public Lands, October 18, 1858.

Closing Up Sale.

TO be sold by Public Auction, on TUESDAY, 21 November next, at 11 o'clock, at the Brick Store of Mr. THOMAS W. DODD, Pownal Street, the whole of his

Stock in Trade,

amongst which are 250 STOVES, consisting of Franklin, Cooking, for Wood and Coal, Air-tight, Pyramid and Box ditto, with a great variety of other articles. Also, all the SHOP FURNITURE.

For particulars see Handbills.
WILLIAM DODD, Auctioneer.
October 11, 1858. Isl. & Mon.

Valuable Property.

TO BE SOLD by Auction, on THURSDAY, the 23rd November next, at 12 o'clock, on the premises, that commodious TWO-STORY DWELLING HOUSE, AND VALUABLE FREEHOLD PROPERTY, owned by Mrs. JOSEPH McDONALD, adjoining the grounds of the Roman Catholic Church. The House is very convenient and well finished from the ground floor to the attic.

There are likewise on the premises a Stable, Coach and other Out-Buildings, with an excellent Well and Pump in the yard.

These Premises are well adapted for a large family or Private Boarding House. A portion of the purchase money may remain on interest for a term of years, as may be agreed upon.
A. H. YATES, Auctioneer.
Charlottetown, September 6, 1858. Isl.

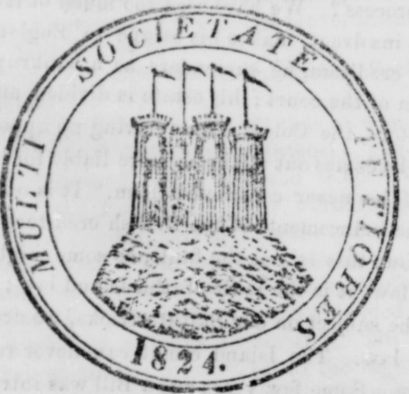
To Let, and Immediate Possession Given,

THE STORE in the west end of Grafton Street, lately occupied by the subscriber, with two WAREHOUSES, one 25 by 20, the other 40 by 25 feet, attached to it. Also the western tenement of the House immediately below the Store, containing four well finished rooms. For further particulars apply to the subscriber on the premises.
June 21, 1858. Wm. B. DAWSON.

JOHN & ROBERT SCOTT,

KENT-STREET, CHARLOTTETOWN,
Carriage and Sleigh Builders, &c. &c. &c.
Carriages and Sleighs always on hand, and built to order, at the shortest notice. Carriage and Sleigh Trimming done with neatness and despatch.

Now on hand a variety of new and second-hand Carriages, for sale at reduced prices. The public are requested to call and see them before purchasing elsewhere. 1y May 3, 58.



"Alliance Life and Fire Insurance Company" of LONDON
ESTABLISHED BY ACT OF PARLIAMENT 1824
Capital, Five Millions Sterling.
April 14. CHARLES YOUNG, Agent for P. E. I.

Direct from the Bushes.

BUSHELS of Prince Edward Island HAZEL NUTS for sale by
Ch. Town, Sept. 12th, 1858. M. W. SKINNER. Isl.

TO BE LET, for one, two or three years, or longer term, as may be agreed upon, "GLEN STEWART," directly opposite Charlottetown, with about 50 acres of LAND, 24 of which are under cultivation. Also, a good GARDEN. Application to be made to the Proprietor, W. STEWART, Esq., south side of Charlottetown Ferry, Lot 48. July 20, 1858.

Notice.

WHEREAS, by Deed of Assignment, bearing date the 17th day of February, 1857, all Books, Debts, Notes and other Securities, of the late firm of THOMAS McNUTT & SON, of Princetown, Prince Edward Island, were duly transferred to me—Notice is hereby given, that all persons indebted in any way to the said firm are required to make payments of their respective amounts to the Subscriber, in Charlottetown, or to HENRY S. McNUTT, Princetown, on or before the 20th day of October next. All sums unpaid after that date, will be immediately handed over for collection, without distinction of persons.
H. HASZARD.
Charlottetown, October 4, 1858.

MESSRS. STANFIELD & LORD beg to inform the Farmers of Prince Edward Island, that after this date their NEW MILL at TRYON will be ready for Dyeing, Fulling and Dressing Cloth, having spared no expense in fitting up. The services of Mr. Lippincott, of Pictou, being secured as manager, they guarantee to finish work in the best possible manner, on the usual terms.
Mr. H. CALBECK, of Sydney Street, Charlottetown, will receive Cloth, and attend to its being forwarded with despatch.
Tryon, July 27.

Schooner for Sale.

JUST launched from the Ship Yard at White Sands, and for sale, a beautifully modelled Schooner 60 tons N. M., and 119 O. M.; length of keel 60 feet, beam 19 feet, depth 8 feet—called the Ocean Wave. For terms of sale and other particulars apply to the owner.
HILARY ROBERTS.
White Sands, September 27, 1858. 1m.

For Sale.

17,000 FEET of 3 inch good quality, fresh cut SPRUCE DEALS, made ready for delivery by Mr. THOMAS ANNEAR, Montague River. Enquire of BENJAMIN DAVIES, Esq., Charlottetown, or to STEPHENS & CLARKE, Orwell, Gwilt, June 21, 1858.

Eligible Pasture and Building Lots.

FOR SALE, 10 LOTS within the City, containing a TOWN LOT each; also, 10 immediately adjoining the City, (free of City taxes), of 1 acre each. Apply to
THEOPHILUS DESBRISAY.
Charlottetown, August 23, 1858.

Halifax Packet.

THE fast-sailing Schr. "ARIEL," 167 tons, J. H. Moore, Master, will run between CHARLOTTETOWN and HALIFAX, leaving Charlottetown on Wednesday, the 16th instant. Will perform her trips regularly during the season. This vessel has good accommodations for Passengers, and is too well known to need further description. For Freight or Passage apply to J. & T. MORRIS, Charlottetown, and at Halifax to the subscriber.
P. W. HYNDMAN.
Sept. 13, 1858.

Assignment of Debts.

NOTICE is hereby given that by Deed of this date, I have assigned to the Honorable JOSEPH HENSLEY, all Debts owing to me, in Trust for the payment of creditors; and that all persons indebted to me will please, and they are hereby required, to make payment only to the above named JOSEPH HENSLEY. Dated this 31st day of August, A. D. 1858.
JOHN RIGG.

IN accordance with the above notice, I hereby require all parties indebted to the above named JOHN RIGG to make immediate payment to me, at my office, in Charlottetown, of the amounts due from them respectively.
JOSEPH HENSLEY.
Charlottetown, 31st August, 1858.

CITY GROCERY.

NORTH SIDE OF QUEEN-SQUARE.
RECEIVED per "PROVINCENCE" and "ARIEL," from Halifax, and has on hand—
Hhds Sugar Tea in variety Blacking
Puns b't Molasses Superior Coffee Tobacco
Jamaica Rum Biscuit in variety Cigars
strong Spirits Annapolis Cheese Digby Herrings
Hhds Holland Gin Raisins Rice
best Cognac Brandy Currants Crushed Sugar
Scotch Whiskey Dye-stuffs Sweet Oil
P.E.I. Malt do Prunes Pale Seal Oil
Common Whiskey Earthen Jars Salad Oil
Symond's best Port Pickles Soap
Wine Sauces Candles
Sherry Wine Table Salt Washing Powders
Madeira do Nuts Baking do
Champagne Shelled Almonds Confectionary Patent Medicines
Edinburgh Ale Confectionary
Pale Ale Burning Fluid
London Porter Brushes
And a great variety of other small and useful articles too numerous to mention. Cash paid for good clean Timothy Seed.
December 14, 1857. 1y HUGH FRASER.

TO BE DISPOSED OF BY PRIVATE SALE,

ONE OF THE MOST VALUABLE AND beautifully situated properties in this city, having a front of 115 feet on Queen Square, and 154 feet on Grafton Street, together with the residence of the MESSRS STEWART thereon. For particulars apply to
JOHN BALL.
Charlottetown, Sept. 20, 1858.

GEORGE HOOPER & CO.,

BROKERS AND GENERAL COMMISSION AGENTS,
NO. 6, BROAD QUAY, SWANSEA, S. W.

BEGS to inform the Merchants and Shipbuilders of P. E. Island that they are ready to receive consignments of Vessels and Cargoes of Wood, which they have every hope, from their connection in the Bristol Channel, of effecting speedy sales; and should the Vessel not sell to advantage, after having tried the whole scope of the Channel, she can take a cargo of Coal or Iron round to the port she prefers, thereby saving a vast deal of expense.
October 7, 1858.

THE SUBSCRIBER, BESIDES A GOOD ASSORTMENT

OF CHOICE FAMILY GROCERIES, offers for Sale:—
A good article of Table and Pickling Vinegar,
An excellent article of Pearl Barley,
Fresh Currants, Raisins, Figs, and Nuts of all kinds,
Pine Apple Syrup, Raspberry Vinegar,
Spanish Cream (a delightful summer drink),
An excellent article of Stomachic Bitters (by the gal.)
Besides all the ceteras in like Establishments.
For Sale at the Cash Drug Store of
August 23, 1858. M. W. SKINNER.

For Sale,

A QUANTITY of large well-made BIRCH TIMBER, with three-inch DEALS, Lathwood and Spars, as annexed:—
3 to 400 tons new Birch Timber
40 to 50 thousand three-inch Deals
10 to 12 cords Lathwood
1 to 200 Spars
2 to 300 tons small sized Hardwood, to suit the St. John's market, will be shipped on shares, or at a low freight. Enquire of Messrs. Longworth & Hyndman, Ch. Town; Edward Albro & Co., Halifax; or Mr. Thomas Annear, Montague River.
Orwell, May 24, 1858. STEPHENS & CLARKE.

Miscellaneous.

(SELECTED FOR THE EXAMINER.)

THE PRISONER FOR DEBT.

Look on him!—thro' his dungeon grate,
Feebly and cold, the morning light
Comes stealing round him, dim and late,
As if it loathed the sight.
Reclining on his strawy bed,
His hand upholds his drooping head;
His bloodless cheek is soaped and hard;
Unshorn his grey, neglected beard;
And o'er his long fingers flow
His long, dishevelled locks of snow.

No grateful fire before him glows,
And yet the winter's breath is chill,
And o'er his half-clad person goes
The frequent ague thrill!
Silent, save ever and anon,
A sound, half murmur and half groan,
Forces apart the painful grip
Of the old sufferer's bearded lip.
Oh, sad and crushing is the fate
Of old age, chained and desolate!

Just God! why lies that old man there?
A murderer shares his prison bed,
Whose eyeballs, thro' his horrid hair
Gleam on him, fierce and red;
And the rude oath and heartless jeer
Fall ever on his loathing ear;
And both in wakefulness and sleep
Nerve, flesh, and pulses thrill and creep
Whene'er that ruffian's tossing limb
Crimson with murder, touches him?

What has the gray-haired pris'ner done?
Has murder stained his hands with gore?
Not so; his crime's a fouler one:
God made the old man poor!
For this he shares the felon's cell—
The fittest earthly type of hell!
For this, the boon for which he poured
His young blood on the invader's sword,
And counted light the fearful cost—
His blood-gained liberty is lost!

And so, for such a place of rest,
Old pris'ner, dropped thy blood as rain
On Concord's field, and Bunker's crest,
And Saratoga's plain?
Look forth, thou man of many scars,
Thro' thy dim dungeon's bars;
It must be joy, in sooth, to see
Yon monument appeared to thee—
Piled granite and a prison cell!
Thy land repays thy service well!

Go, ring the bells and fire the guns,
And hang the starry banner out;
Shout "Freedom!" till your lisp'ng ones
Give back their cradle shout.
Let boastful eloquence declaim
Of honor, liberty, and fame;
Still let the poet's strain be heard
With glory for each second word,
And every thing with breath agree
To praise "our glorious liberty!"

But when the patriot cannon jars
That prison's cold and gloomy wall,
And thro' its grates the stripes and stars
Rise on the wind and fall,
Think ye that pris'ner's aged ear
Rejoices in the general cheer?
Think ye his dim and failing eye
Is kindled at your pageantry?
Depressed in soul, and chained in limb,
What is your carnival to him?

Down with the Law that binds him thus!
Unworthy freedom, let it find
No refuge from the withering curse
Of God and human kind!
Open the prisoner's living tomb,
And usher from its brooding gloom
The victims of your savage code,
To the free sun and air of God.
No longer dare as crime to brand
The chastening of the Almighty's hand.

JOHN G. WHITTIER.

THE COMET.

This strange visitor in our heavens is increasing in brilliancy every day, and is attracting more and more attention from the curious star-gazers on all the street corners.

The longitude of the comet is about thirty degrees, and of the ascending node about one hundred and sixty-six degrees. The declination is about sixty-eight degrees. The perihelion distance is about 40,000,000 miles, or a little greater than the mean distance of Mercury from the Sun. Its motion is retrograde, so that its apparent motion is from right to left, as seen at this time. The velocity of the comet, when at its perihelion, will be about 150,000 miles per hour. Its tail is at least 6,000,000 miles in length, though there is some difference of opinion as to dimensions. Professor Hind, writing to the *London Times*, says that the apparent diameter of the nucleus is about five seconds of arc, and, as the comet is still upwards of 120,000,000 miles from the earth, the real diameter will be rather over 3,000 miles. Taking the apparent length of the tail at five degrees, its true length would appear to be about 15,000,000 miles. Describing the appearance of the tail, Professor Hind says:

The tail, which might be traced in the "comet-seeker," about five degrees from the head, consisted of a single ray, very well defined on the side preceding with reference to the direction of motion, but fading away indistinctly on the opposite. A very faint ray of light emanated from the nucleus towards the sun, as previously remarked in several of these objects, and I thought at moments that a short "horn" or "section" issued therefrom at right angles to the axis of the tail.

The increase in the brightness of this comet is so nearly in conformity with theory, that there is a high probability of it being visible with telescopes in full sunshine about the epoch of *maximum* brilliancy in October.

In Mr. Hind's opinion this comet will not visit these parts of space again for a few hundred years. It would appear that the tail of the comet now visible is not as long as that of previous ones. The tail of the comet of 1843 was 90,000,000 miles long, and that of 1811, 132,000,000 miles. All fears of a collision with the planetary bodies have been dissipated by the accurate observations of astronomers. It has been ascertained that comets are transparent bodies of

luminous vapor, which take their brightness from the sun; and so far from affecting the planets when they come into their neighborhood, it was shown nearly a century ago, that a comet entering within the orbit of the moons of Jupiter, was held in suspension for four months, and its course arrested. The speed of comets varies; but their velocity increases considerably as they approach the sun, and their motion grows slower as they recede into space. One comet has been known to travel round the sun at the rate of 212 miles in a second. The distance which they recede from the sun is sometimes enormous, having reached in one instance seventy thousand four hundred millions of miles, requiring a period of nearly nine hundred thousand years to travel that distance and back again to the sun. Professor Bond, of Harvard University, an excellent authority, writing on the 25th of September, says:—

Donati's comet will, in a few days, appear to increase rapidly in size and brilliancy. It will be nearer the earth on the 9th of October, at which time its brilliancy will be nearly three times as great as on the 23d of September, and its distance from us about fifty-two millions of miles.

According to Mr. Hall's computation, the tail of this comet, on the 23d instant, extended to the length of fifteen millions of miles. The nucleus will be near the bright star Arcturus, Oct. 5, and nearest the earth's orbit on the 20th.

Some confusion seems to prevail in regard to there being two comets, similar in appearance, now visible to the naked eye, but such is not the case. Donati's, which is seen in the north-west after sunset, is the same which has been in the north-east before sunrise in the morning. This is owing to the considerable northern declination of the comet, with a right ascension differing but little from that of the sun. I mention this because I have had several letters from different parts of the country, making the inquiry whether there are two comets now to be seen by the naked eye.

Encke's comet is barely visible to the naked eye. Tuttle's third comet, of 1858, can now be seen only with the assistance of a telescope.

Considering these facts, the present visitor is a just object of interest and attraction.

SAD INCIDENTS OF THE BURNING STEAMER AUSTRIA.—The following are related by Mr. Palicrusa, a Turk, who was on board:

As the flames increased, the poor miserable creatures on the bowsprit jumped into the water as their clothes caught on fire—dropping into the water like "drops of rain in a heavy shower." One woman, with two daughters, kissed them both, and then putting her arms around them, all three jumped into the water. An English lady, who came on board at Southampton with her husband, had three children with her and a babe in her arms. The husband had jumped over, and as the flames grew hotter and burned more fiercely, she took her little girl, kissed her and threw her into the water. She then took the boy, a fair, healthy little fellow, embraced him, gave him her last kiss, and threw him in. He struck on his back and struggled very hard, rising to the surface three separate times, calling out "mamma" each time, in the most piteous tones, then sunk to rise no more. The poor woman then clasped the baby to her breast and jumped in with it, kissing it repeatedly as they sunk to the bottom.

A young man who was in the second cabin, and who said he was going to California, where he had a brother, had his sister with him, a girl of 16 or 17 years of age. In order to save her from the fire he fastened a rope around her body, and making one end fast to the deck, let her down over the side of the vessel. He then put another rope around his own body and let himself down; but the rope was not well fastened, and as he jumped over, it slipped from under his arms and caught him around the throat. As he struck the water the waves dashed him up against the side of the vessel, and falling back again he was quickly choked to death; his sister shrieking "help! help! will nobody help my brother?"

Mr. Palicrusa says when he left the vessel the poor girl was hanging there, screaming and crying, with the waves dashing the dead body of her brother against her every few moments. An Englishman, about 50 years of age, who came on board at Southampton with his wife, crawled with her out on the bowsprit as far as they could, and as the flames approached, they clasped their arms around each other, with one last kiss jumped into the water, and sank immediately. And so brothers and sisters, fathers and sons, mothers and daughters, embracing each other, jumped into the waves.

THRILLING SCENE.—Mr. C. J. Thomas, of Niagara Falls, was crossing alone in a small boat from Navy Island to Schlosser, last Thursday, when the terrific storm arose, and the boat was capsized. For upwards of an hour he was driven about by the furious gusts of wind, clinging to the boat. Several times he succeeded in righting the craft, and as often would it capsize; and though a good swimmer, he had given himself up for lost, when he at length succeeded in clambering into the boat, without oars, and so thoroughly chilled as to be unable to help himself. The boat was filled with water, and was driven past the head of Navy Island into the rapid current, which swiftly bore him towards the rapids and the cataract. But, fortunately, he was seen by Mr. Tompkins and another man on the island, who, taking a boat, hastened to rescue him. They reached him, but the wind and sea were so high that it was impossible to take him into their boat, so they towed the boat into Chippewa Creek, on the Canada side. Mr. Thomas would have certainly gone over the Falls had he not been thus timely observed and rescued. His situation during the storm was terrible in the extreme, the rain and sleet being apparently carried over him in sheets. His own pluck and endurance were remarkable under the circumstances.—*Buffalo Com. Advertiser.*

NARROW ESCAPE ON THE GRAND TRUNK RAILROAD.—The Montreal *Pilot* says that a passenger train on the Quebec and Richmond section of the Grand Trunk Railroad, which left Quebec on Thursday morning, was thrown off the track by a misplaced switch, and narrowly escaped being carried down a deep ravine. The engineer was so much injured that his life is despaired of; and the fireman was badly hurt, but the passengers all escaped serious injury.

SHIPPING BUSINESS OF LONDON.—Accounts by the *Hammond* state that the general business of the Port of London still continues inactive. The number of ships reported inward during the past week was 182, and those cleared outward amounted to 107, including 12 in ballast. Of those now on the berth loading outward, 56 are for the Australian colonies, 4 for Vancouver's Island, 1 for San Francisco, and 4 for China.