

the columns of the Islander, and belching it out with spasmodic jerks on the floor of the House of Assembly...

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE IN NEW YORK.

New York, December 20. A number of buildings on Broadway, between Grand and Broome Streets, were destroyed by fire this morning...

THE UNITED STATES A MEDIATOR IN EUROPEAN AFFAIRS. A proposition has been laid before Congress recommending the employment of the good offices of this country...

THE SHIP GREAT REPUBLIC.—This ship, which was taken into the Naval Dry Dock, Brooklyn, on Saturday, came out yesterday afternoon...

DISTRESS AMONG LABORERS.—We alluded, a day or two since, to the large discharge of laborers in the mechanic, manufacturing, and other establishments of this city...

SLAVERS FROM NEW YORK.—Captain Smith, now in prison in New York, convicted of having been concerned in the Slave Trade, says New York is the chief port in the world for this traffic...

GREAT FIRE IN PHILADELPHIA.—Philadelphia, Dec. 15.—Another terrible fire occurred here last night, entailing a loss over half a million.

A Macoupin, Ill., paper gives an account of a man named Joseph Barney who escaped in May last from the Flat Head Indians, by whom he had been taken prisoner and kept some eighteen years.

CANADIAN AFFAIRS.—Quebec, Dec. 18.—The Provincial Parliament stands adjourned to the 23d of February next.

Dec. 20.—Lord Elgin leaves Canada on Friday, via Portland and Boston, for New York, where he will embark in the Steamship Pacific for England on the 27th.

Lord Elgin left Quebec on the 22d ult. Previous to his departure enthusiastic addresses were presented to him by the public bodies and the inhabitants generally.

our liabilities, borrow on our resources, and instead of asking relief from England, send £20,000 to her aid.

A TRACE OF THE CITY OF GLASGOW.—A relic of this lost steampacket has been picked up on the coast of Ireland.

CLEAR THE TRACK!!!—The first Locomotive for the Nova Scotia Railroad arrived in the Brig. Jane from Boston, on Sunday last, and has been landed at the Depot.

THE CONFIDERY.—The returns of the present year will show a considerable diminution in the amount of this business, when compared with last year.

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.

The session of the above institution for the current year was opened on Thursday last—John Kenny, Esqr., the President, in the Chair, and the Hon. Charles Young reading the opening lecture.

At the close of the Lecture, and after some preliminary discussion on unimportant questions of form, the following gentlemen were elected officers of the Institute for the ensuing year.

A resolution was then moved, and passed unanimously, to the effect that His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor be requested to become the Patron of the Institute.

TEMPERANCE HALL COMPANY.—The Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of the above Company was held in the Temperance Hall on the Evening of Monday last.

MASONIC HALL COMPANY.—The Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of this Company was held in the Masonic Hall, on the Evening of the 27th ultimo, when the following Gentlemen were chosen Officers for the ensuing year.

On the 5th January, instant, the Imperial Customs regulations ceased in this as well as in all the other Colonies, instructions having been given to the officers in charge to hand over to the local authorities all the books, papers, documents, and furniture connected with the office.

THE WEATHER is most remarkably mild for the present season. Both day and night the air is as free from hard frost as could be expected in the latter days of March, and in the harbour not a particle of ice can be seen to impede navigation.

At Union, Humboldt, California, on Thursday the 21st September, at the residence of M. Beckwith, brother-in-law of the bride, by the Hon. J. E. Wymen, WALTER VAN DYKE, Esq., District Attorney, to ROWENA, second daughter of William Cooper, Esq., M.P., of this Island.

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DEAR SIR.—Capt. Sanderson, Mr. Robert Sanderson, Capt. M'Mahon, Mr. White, Mr. McDonald, and myself, arrived here last night from St. John's, N. F., by the way of the White Sands, having left St. John's, N. F., on Saturday.

Marine Intelligence. PORT OF CHARLOTTETOWN. Entered. JAN. 1.—Schr. Mary Ellen, Forrestal, Boston, Goods.

NO WONDER HE WAS THANKFUL—READ AND JUDGE FOR YOURSELVES. ROCHESTER, October 19, 1852. GENTLEMEN.—Having experienced the beneficial effects of Dr. M'Lane's Celebrated Liver Pills, I take great pleasure in recommending them to the public.

REMARKABLE CURE OF NEURALGIA BY USING THE OXYGENATED BITTERS. From Rev. T. Kidder, Chaplain Vermont State Prison, WINDSOR, VT., August 8, 1846.

REED, BATES & AUSTIN, Wholesale Druggists, No. 26 Merchants' Row, Boston, General Agents. Price, \$1 per bottle. Six bottles for \$5.

Council Office, 4th January, 1855. HIS Excellency the Lieutenant Governor in Council has been pleased to make the following appointments, viz: WILLIAM EWEN CLARK, Esquire, to be Controller of Customs and Navigation Laws for the Port of Charlottetown.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. Public Meetings in King's County in aid of the Patriotic Fund. Sours, Lot 44, January 8, 1855.

WE, the undersigned inhabitants of King's County, exultingly proud of being fellow-subjects of the brave men who compose the British Army and man Her Majesty's Fleets, request that you will call a Public Meeting of the people of this County, on an early day, for the purpose of complying with the suggestion of our gracious Sovereign in forming Local Committees to raise subscriptions for the relief of the widows and orphans of those who have died, or may die, during the present war, in the service of our country, and thus afford us and others in this section of the County an opportunity of aiding the Patriotic Fund, by throwing our mite into its treasury.

THE early attention of purchasers is invited to an additional supply of WINTER and FANCY GOODS, just received per Rival, and which will be disposed of at very low prices, comprising: Furs—Sable, Martin, Mink and Squirrel Mitts; Cuffs and Boas; gents' Gauntlets.

THE SALE of Mr. D. WILSON'S TOWN LOTS, advertised for the first of May next, will, instead thereof, positively take place on Tuesday, the 16th day of January, 1855.

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE SOIREE. THE General Committee of the Mechanics' Institute, being about to form Classes for the improvement of Young Men in the Sciences, beg respectfully to inform the public that a Tea Party will take place at the Temperance Hall on Tuesday the 23d instant, when all who appreciate the improvement of the rising generation are invited to attend.

NOTICE TO DEBTORS. THE Subscriber hereby notifies all persons indebted to him, either by Note or Book Account, that unless they make immediate payment, their Accounts will be handed to an Attorney for collection.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. To the High Sheriff of Prince County. WE, the undersigned inhabitants of Prince County, sympathizing in the distress and bereavement of the widows and orphans of the brave soldiers, sailors and marines who have fallen or may fall in their country's service in the present war against Russia, request you will be pleased to convene a Public Meeting at your earliest convenience, for the purpose of taking into consideration the propriety of aiding and furthering with our subscriptions the laudable intention so generally expressed throughout the mother country, and Her Majesty's other colonies, of raising a fund for the support of the said widows and orphans, in pursuance of Her Majesty's Royal Commission.

FALL GOODS. Per Bark "Sir Alexander" and Schooner "Elizabeth." THE Subscriber begs to inform the public that he has received by the above vessels his usual stock of BRITISH GOODS suitable for the season.

For the benefit of all concerned. TO be sold by public Auction on Friday, the 12th of January next, at 11 o'clock forenoon, at the Warehouse of A. A. Macdonald, Esqr., the following articles, viz:

Valuable Town Lots for Sale. THE SALE of Mr. D. WILSON'S TOWN LOTS, advertised for the first of May next, will, instead thereof, positively take place on Tuesday, the 16th day of January, 1855.

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GEORGE BEER, Junr., respectfully tenders his sincere thanks to his numerous friends and customers, for their generous patronage and support during the last 22 years, and begs to acquaint them that his business will in future be more particularly confined to that of General Importer of BRITISH, WEST INDIA and AMERICAN GOODS, and that he has this day taken his Son, GEORGE B. BEER, as partner in the business, which will be carried on under the name and firm of BEER & SON.

Education. MR. COSTLEY respectfully intimates that the CLASSICAL and COMMERCIAL SCHOOL under his superintendence, in Grafton Street, will be re-opened on Monday, the Eighth current.

Light. Light. JUST received, per Mary Ellen from Boston, 20 boxes Mould Candles; casks Burning Fluid. For sale by A. G. SIMS, January 8.

The Bazaar. UNDER the patronage of Mrs. DALY, in aid of benevolent purposes, will take place at the Temperance Hall, Charlottetown, on Thursday, the 18th January next. The following ladies composing the committee, will gladly receive contributions, viz: Mrs. Lloyd, Mrs. W. Pope, Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. C. Stewart, Mrs. G. Palmer, Mrs. W. Nelson, Mrs. C. Pope, J. P.

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