

## Jamaica Intelligence.

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Saturday, May 27, 1854.

A General Meeting of the Clarendon Consolidated Mining Company was held in this city. Hon. P. LAWRENCE, Mayor, presided on the occasion. The purport of it was to afford the shareholders in this country an opportunity of expressing their opinions of what should be its course in the event of the shareholders in England resolving to dissolve the Company, which was not unlikely, as the report of Capt. JEHU HITCHINS was calculated to shake the confidence that body once entertained as to the successful result of its operations. After many sound and substantial arguments by a few of the members present, it was ultimately moved, "That, after taking into consideration the whole of Capt. JEHU HITCHINS' report, and viewing the favorable workings which have since taken place, the confidence of the shareholders resident in Jamaica remains unshaken in the probable success of the undertaking, and that as far as they are concerned, they desire to see the operations of the Company carried on to the extent of the capital they represent on the same." This determination of the Directors corresponds precisely with the view I took of Mr. HITCHINS' prejudiced report in my two last articles on this subject—that he was actuated in drawing up such a report from private and interested motives, or at least sheer ignorance of what he professed to understand. It has come to my knowledge that a gentleman of undoubted reputation, and of distinguished geological acquirements, residing at Baltimore, a Mr. JOHN KEANOR, may in all probability make up his mind to pay us a visit, and judging from a late conversation I had with W. W. ANDERSON, Esq., I am led to expect that every facility would be afforded him. It would be desirable that that gentleman would place himself in communication with Mr. ANDERSON, who takes a lively interest in all that concerns Jamaica, but more particularly the development of the resources of the Island.

As regards the "Wheel Company," it is made current that upwards of three hundred weight of copper have been scraped in one day at the "Charing Cross Mine," and almost fit for shipment. Some Gossan sent to England by this company has been tried by "BERDAN'S machine," and found to contain 2 ounces, 15 dwts., and 11 grains of fine gold to the ton of ore. Already one of the shareholders has been offered 2s profit per share, which, I understand, has been refused.

The culture of tobacco is gaining ground. Three boxes of cigars, two of which were made of tobacco, the growth of YARA & JUQUANI, in Cuba—the other grown and cured in the Parish of Westmoreland—were forwarded to Sr. HENRY BARKLY, through the *Curlos*. The object in presenting the Cuba tobacco with that of Jamaica tobacco, was to prove, by comparison, what may be done if energy and skill were applied. The specimen of the Jamaica material, selected for this purpose, possessed those peculiar light yellow spots which render the cigar a *bon bouche* to connoisseurs. The flavor is said to be equally as fragrant as the best Havana plant.

The prevalence of cholera in our midst is indeed melancholy to reflect upon. The ravages of this formidable destroyer is not confined to the indigent, unrestrained, and dissolute. The wealthy, diligent, and most moral among us come within its treacherous grasp, and fall victims within a very short period of its visitation. All the experience and skill of our eminent members of the faculty have been baffled. Its virulence appears to be uncontrollable—all the science and researches that man is capable of employing have been resorted to, to arrest its progress. Collapse intervenes and death becomes the only remedy to the relief of the unhappy sufferer.

BOSWELL MIDDLETON, Esq., Barrister at law of nearly twenty-five years' practice in Jamaica, a man of rare acquirements in his profession, and for many years Advocate General, was attacked with this terrific and mysterious malady, at a late hour on Monday night, the 15th inst., and expired on the morning of the 16th. This was one of the most malignant cases that has occurred in Spanish Town since the appearance of the disease in that vicinity, and has struck horror in the inhabitants. Mr. JOHN HENRY CARGILL, Secretary to the Jamaica Board of Education, at the same place, also fell a victim to cholera, about the same time. Several deaths have occurred, particularly since the heavy rains have fallen. Many new cases have developed themselves in other parts of the island.

The demand for paper prevails to a considerable extent in England; as a consequence Jamaica is feeling this requirement. The two most extensive journals have been compelled to reduce the size of their sheets to their present limited dimensions. Among the articles of primary importance, which Great Britain has been accustomed to import from Russia, are hemp and flax; the declaration of war has necessarily closed the Russian ports against any further supply of these very important articles. Now, what I would suggest is, that the manufacturers and men of business should make a trade of this article in Jamaica. I have no doubt it would turn out a profitable one. There is, however, a disposition manifesting itself to erect a few paper mills; we have materials in abundance that would answer this purpose. All that is required is capital, perseverance, energy and labor. These ingredients, I regret to say, are difficult to obtain in this distracted country; our American friends might give this matter some consideration.

The seasons continue favorable, at least to agricultural interests; but the rains produce a malady which, according to the opinion of medical men, materially affects the spread of the disease now prevailing so destructively in the country parishes.

The Quarter Sessions has just terminated. With the exception of the trial of an old offender for the larceny of money stolen from Messrs. FINKIE & Co., merchants in this city, whose loss has been over \$3,500, the calendar of crime is not so great as in former years, and has been less for the last four years. It is probable that cholera and the exodus of over a thousand of the lower class to Navy Bay, may have been the causes of this decrease of criminal offences—not, certainly, from any improvement in the morals of this order in our community; and unless our Legislature make some provision for their education, combining with it a proper system of compulsory labor, they will sink more and more in debasing habits—be helpless to themselves, and become a curse to the country.