

FROM THE CENTINEL.
LINES

On looking at a little PLUM-TREE in Winter.

SEE yonder little Tree,
With limbs and branches bare;
A few years since it yielded me
Fruit, that was sweet and fair.

But now, no purple fruit,
No foliage green is there;
Frost has fast bound the tender root,
And every twig is bare.

In Spring, the leaves were spread;
In Summer, grew the fruit;
In Autumn, fruit and leaves were dead;
And Winter strikes the root.

I'll call myself a tree,
My Spring is nearly past—
Short will th' approaching Summer be,
Soon comes cold Autumn's blast.

When winter's icy chain
Fastens around my heart,
May leaves and much rich fruit remain,
To grace the NOBLER PART.

For the Royal Gazette.

POTATOES THE SUREST CROP.

AS it is very necessary in a Country like this where all kinds of Grain is subject to so many casualties, such as early frosts, rust, mildew, &c. that farmers should turn their attention to the cultivation of some root, or roots, that may answer as a substitute when the Grain crops fail, so as to guard as much as possible, against the scarcity of subsistence.—And with a root that will serve this important end, Providence has very bountifully provided us in the Potatoe; which in a country like this, whose coasts and rivers abound with Fish, appears to be the natural and never failing resource; for when all other crops are lean, or fail, the Potatoe still afford a midling crop; and when it is also considered that in the best seasons there can be more nourishment procured from a given quantity of land set in potatoes, than from the same quantity appropriated to the cultivation of any other vegetable whatever, and with less labor, as will appear evident from the following statement:—

In Ireland the average produce of an Irish acre set in Potatoes is 22960 pounds weight, which, divided by 4 to reduce it to the solid nourishment, of wheat, gives 5740 pounds. The average produce of an Irish acre in Wheat is 1840 lbs.; less, by one third than the solid nourishment yielded by an acre of Potatoes allowing 4 pounds of Potatoes to be equal to one pound of bread, which is a great allowance.*

A Scots acre of good land that will produce about 1280lbs. of oatmeal, will produce from 30,000 to 35,000lbs. of Potatoes; and supposing one pound of the former to contain as much nourishment as four lbs. of the latter, it is evident that land employed in the cultivation of potatoes, will support a population upward of six times greater than the same land would do if employed in the cultivation of oats.—They are also cultivated in England with success, and have been recommended by travellers as a substitute in countries that are subject to famine on account of the failure of rice crops, &c.†

In this country it is well known that there is more certainty of getting 300 bushels of potatoes off of an acre, than 20 of sound corn, or 20 of wheat; (each of the quantities being a good yield), which plainly shows the necessity of always cultivating a sufficient quantity of that valuable root to ensure a supply when other crops fail. I shall not take up time at present to enquire which is the best method to raise potatoes; every farmer will no doubt, follow the method he has found to answer best. It may not be amiss however to observe, that dry gravelly soil will produce the best potatoes for the table, and that sowing in drills in old land appears the most eligible, as most of the labor may be performed by the plough, and it saves ground; but in new and stumpy land, hills are no doubt best, and the hoe the simplest and best instrument. As in agriculture the success of the crop depends much on the goodness of the seed, reason will shew the propriety of selecting not only the best kind of potatoes for seed, but the thriest of the kind, for if that is not attended to, they will degenerate in a few years so as not to pay the expence of the culture. The renewing of potatoes from the apple or ball (which

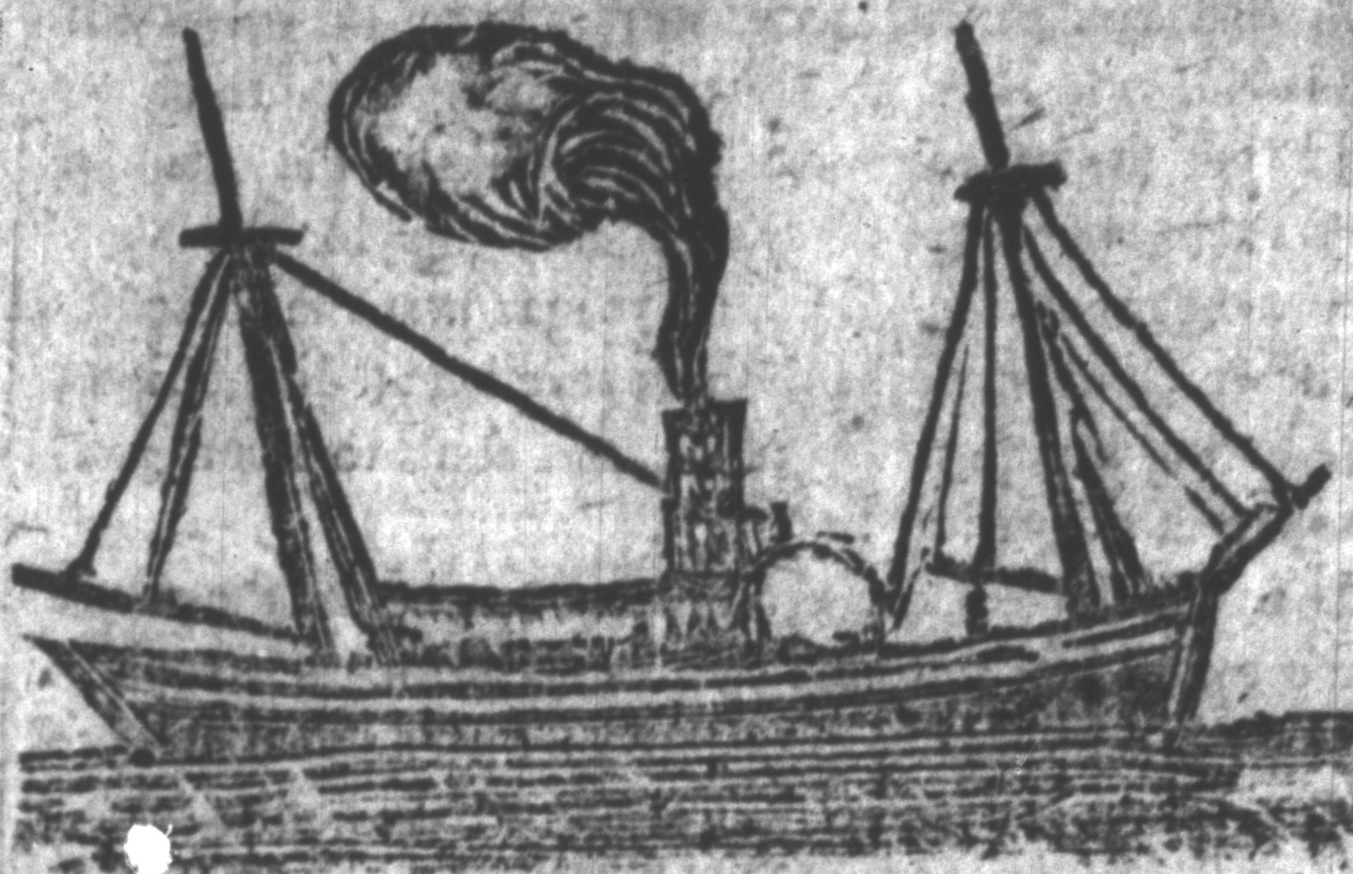
appears to be intended by nature for that purpose,) will no doubt, with proper management, be attended with the best effects, and may be well worth the attention of the intelligent farmer.

As an attempt to enumerate the uses of the potatoe for man or beast would be superfluous, it may suffice to observe in the words of a celebrated writer that "the use of potatoes has a tendency to produce a strong and handsome race of people."‡

*Young's tour in Ireland—

†See Barrow's Travels in China.

‡Dr. Smith.



THE PROPRIETORS
OF THE
STEAM BOAT,

BEG leave to inform the Public, that she will commence Running early in May next, between St. John and Fredericton, to start every MONDAY and THURSDAY morning, from the Indian-House, (Saint John) precisely at 9 o'Clock, and from Fredericton every WEDNESDAY and SATURDAY morning, precisely at 8 o'Clock; to stop at Mr. WORDEN'S, Mr. SCOVIL'S, opposite Gaugtown, and at JAMES TAYLOR'S, Esq. Maugerville, for 10 minutes only at a time at each place, both going and coming, to land or take on board Passengers.

The established prices for the ensuing season will be: All after-cabin Passengers 22s. 6d.; Breakfast and Dinner, or Dinner and Tea included. Children under 12 years of age 10s. and Servants eating after their Master or Mistresses 15s. All forward-cabin Passengers 17s. 6d. and Children under 12 years of age 10s.

WAY PASSENGERS.

From the Indian-House to Worden's 12s. 6d.
From Worden's to Scovil's, additional 5s.
From Scovil's to Taylor's, do. 5s.
And from Taylor's to Fredericton do. 7s. 6d.

AND ON THEIR RETURN

From Fredericton to Taylor's 7s. 6d.
From Taylor's to Scovil's, additional 5s.
From Scovil's to Worden's, do. 5s.
And from Worden's to the Indian-House, do 10s.

The Steward will keep a supply of the best of Liquors, which is to be paid for by those who order them.

All Persons must pay their Passage money, on their having their names entered on the Boat's Books, prior to starting.

Passengers will be allowed 50lbs. weight of Baggage; all weight over, to pay at the rate of 5s. per Cwt. for all or part of the way; small Parcels without exception, under 15lb. to pay 1s. 3d. to be paid for on putting the same on board. No four-footed animal admitted on board the Boat; Dogs excepted—for each of which, 5s. must be paid, and excluded both cabins.

To avoid confusion, Passengers are requested to affix their names to their Baggage, previous to sending it on board.

All application for Passages, to be made to the Master on board.

N. B. The internal Rules and Regulations of the Boat, for the better information, good order and comfort of Passengers, will be hung up in the Cabins.

HUGH JOHNSTON,
JOHN WARD,
PETER FRASER,
JAMES FRASER,
I. DONALDSON,
ROBERT SMITH,
J. C. F. BREMNER,

PROPRIETORS.

New-Brinswick, 12th Feb. 1816.

NOTICE.

ALL Persons having demands against the Estate of the late DAVID STACKHOUSE, of Peneyack, deceased, are requested to render their Accounts duly attested within Six Months from the date hereof; and all those indebted to said Estate, are desired to make immediate payment to

HANNAH STACKHOUSE, Administratrix.
JOHN CLEARWATER, } Administrators.
WILLIAM SEWELL, }

Fredericton, 16th April, 1816.

THE SUBSCRIBER

Has received by the latest arrivals from ENGLAND, a general assortment of

DRY GOODS, HARD WARE, &c.

Offers the same for sale at the Store lately occupied by the late Mr. BELL, on reasonable terms for Cash, Bills, Furs, or Timber.

HENRY SMITH.

16th January, 1816.

New Goods.

JAMES TAYLOR,

Has just received by the ANN, from Liverpool, part of his Spring assortment of

British Goods,

AMONG WHICH ARE THE FOLLOWING, VIZ:

BEST Superfine, Second and Coarse Cloth: Cassimeres & Serges.
Ladies Pelise Cloths,
A handsome assortment of Toilett, and Swansdown Waist coating; White, Red, and Yellow Flannels, and Blankets,
A handsome assortment of plain, ruffled & Figur'd Bombazines & Wildboars,
Printed Cottons; Shirting &c.
Ladies Worsted and Cotton Hose,
Mens do. do.
Gentlemen's Lambswool Draws and Shirts,
An assortment of Hardware; A few pairs of elegant plated Table and Bedroom Candlesticks,
Japan'd do. & Tea Waiters, &c. &c. &c. Which he now offers for Sale on the most reasonable terms.
The remainder of his assortment he expects daily by the LONDON and GLASGOW Vessels.
Fredericton, N. B. June 6, 1815.

NOTICE.

ALL Persons having demands against the Estate of the late BRIDGET EDDY, of Miramichi, deceased, are desired to present the same, duly attested, within eighteen calendar months from the date hereof; and all those indebted to said Estate, are requested to make immediate payment to

ALEXANDER DAVIDSON,
Sole Administrator.

Miramichi, 1st August, 1815.

ALL PERSONS

HAVING any just demands against the Estate of ADAM DUNMEDE, late of Miramichi, deceased, are requested to render the same duly attested—and those indebted to the said Estate are desired to make immediate payment to

PATRICK TAYLOR, } Admini-
JOHN GOODFELLOW, } strators.

Miramichi, Nov. 20th, 1815.

NOTICE.

ALL Persons having any demands against the Estate of the late THOMAS CLARKE, Esq. of this City, deceased, are requested to present them for payment; and all Persons indebted to the said Estate, are desired to make immediate payment to,

FRANCES CLARKE, Adm'r.
Wm. TYNG PETERS, Adm'r.

St. John, 12th Dec. 1815.

NOTICE.

ALL Persons having any demands against the Estate of the late Hon. EDWARD WINSLOW, of Fredericton, deceased, are requested to render the same duly attested—and all those indebted to said Estate, are desired to make immediate payment to

JOHN JENKINS, } Admini-
EDWARD W. MILLER, } strators.

Fredericton, May 23, 1815.

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