

THE ROYAL GAZETTE.

FREDERICTON, OCTOBER 14, 1828.

ALMS HOUSE AND WORK HOUSE.

COMMISSIONER FOR THE WEEK, F. P. ROBINSON, ESQ.

SAVINGS BANK.

TRUSTEES NEXT WEEK.

HENRY G. CLOPPER, ESQ.
JAMES TAYLOR, ESQ.
JEDEDIAH SLASON, ESQ.

His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, we are happy to say, arrived here on Wednesday last, in perfect health. His Excellency, attended by Captain Douglas, travelled in one of his Carriages from St. John to Oromocto, by the Nerepis Road, without meeting with the slightest accident; although part of the journey was necessarily slow from the unfinished state of the Road for several miles in extent.

It must be as gratifying to His Excellency, as it undoubtedly is to the Inhabitants of the Province generally, that a Road which he recommended to be opened through a tract of Country, where a few years ago it was thought no practicable route could be found, is now, by the exertions of His Excellency, and the well-judged liberality of the Legislature, in so improved a state as to ensure safe communication at all seasons between the Seat of Government and Saint John. We understand that even in the most mountainous districts, the Road has been so laid out and worked as to admit of loaded Carriages being driven without difficulty.

His Excellency's great personal exertions in inspecting the Roads in this Province, and his unwearied endeavours to improve the system of conducting these most useful public works, as well as to advance all the great interests of the country, will be held in grateful remembrance long after the present generation shall have passed away.

In another place is a Communication by which it appears that the Fire-Engine, kept in Phoenix Square, is not in very good order. The importance of having an Engine of this description at all times in such a state as to be able to put it in useful play on the first moment of necessity must be obvious to every one; and in a town like this, almost wholly composed of buildings but little calculated to resist ignition, the subject naturally urges itself more strongly on the mind. Perhaps it might be attended with some advantages if the Engine were brought out a little oftener than we understand it is—say on a stated day in every month—and played in presence of the Gentlemen connected with it; and also privately inspected once a week (the latter could barely occupy ten minutes) and a report at the same time made of its condition. If something of this sort be not done, the pains recently bestowed upon the newly-erected Fire-Bell may prove to have been almost entirely thrown away, or the alarming summons may serve only to rouse the inhabitants from their beds to witness the ravages of the devouring element, while they found themselves without such adequate means as would enable them effectually to arrest its progress.

The following is a List of the Prizes awarded at the late Cattle Show:—

To Mr. David Gage, of Sunbury, for the best Provincial bred Bull,	£5 0 0
To Stephen Peabody, Esquire, of Sunbury, for the second best ditto,	3 0 0
To Mr. L. R. Coombs, of Kingsclear, for the best Bull Calf, (this fine Animal was from the Imported Bull Hanover,)	2 10 0
To Mr. L. R. Coombs, for the best Heifer,	2 0 0
To Mr. William Greenslade, of King's County, for best Ram, £5; and also for the best Ewe, £2 10, (these beautifully formed and valuable Sheep are of the Devonshire breed, imported by Mr. Greenslade,)	7 10 0
To Mr. Donald M'Leod, of Fredericton, for the best Cow,	3 0 0
To Ditto, for the best Sow,	1 10 0

There were several fine Horses on the Ground. Cannon Ball, and others, were not entered for Competition, and some were excluded, from the owners not having furnished the requisite Certificates. Mr. Christy's fine Horse Young Wildair, having taken the prize last year, could not agreeably to the 7th Rule of Competition, be again admitted.

Three Colts were exhibited, and the Prize of £8 was awarded to Mr. John M'Monagle of Sussex Vale, the owner of the Colt Wellington.

A Meeting of the Fredericton Society for the encouragement of good and honest Female Servants, was held at Government-House, September 20th, by the particular request of Lady Douglas, in consequence of her immediate departure for England; and it was resolved by her Ladyship, and the Ladies Directresses, that the sum of £15 9 8 should be appropriated to the rewarding of those persons who presented the Certificates required by the Rules of this Society: And having taken into consideration the expediency of establishing a Servant's Office, they take this method of informing all those who are in want of Servants, that they may apply for information, at Mrs. Dayton's, near the present Government-House.

ANNE ODELL,
Secretary in place of
MISS DOUGLAS.

Fredericton, October 6th, 1828.

Saint John, October 4.

On Wednesday last, His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor visited the New Court House or Hall of this City and County.—Mr. CUNNINGHAM, the Architect and Contractor, was in attendance, and conducted His Excellency over every part of the Building.

The Court Room is not yet finished; but the Ionic Pillars, and Pilasters, with which it is to be ornamented, were set in their places, and had with the coved ceiling, a very fine effect. His Excellency expressed himself in strong terms of approbation, as well of the Architectural proportion and ornaments, as of the workmanship.

The stone floors and staircases—especially the very beautiful Geometrical staircase, the only one we believe in the Province, also attracted His Excellency's particular notice; the Iron Hand Rail, which has just been fixed up, is extremely elegant, and this, as well as all parts of the Building, shew the determination of the Contractor to do full justice to the Public, and render the New Court-House, a credit to the City and County.

His Excellency afterwards visited the Gaol, and personally inspected most of the rooms. It has scarcely ever been more crowded than at present; and the accommodations are by no means sufficient, we are sorry to say, for the numbers who are occasionally confined within its walls. No previous notice, we believe, had been given of his intention to visit the Gaol;—we were, therefore, much pleased to learn, that the appearance of the different apartments was such as to satisfy His Excellency, that every attention which the contracted limits would admit of, was paid to the health and comfort of its unfortunate inmates:—Several of the number, we understand, were debtors, under executions or attachments of the City Court;—there are in confinement at present also, three soldiers, under sentence of Courts Martials, and two lunatics; besides, a number committed for trial, of whom we hope the Gaol will be delivered at the Special Court of Oyer and Terminer, which is to be holden here on Tuesday next.

His Excellency concluded his survey, by visiting the Tower of the New Church, which exhibits another fine specimen of Mr. Cunningham's abilities, as an architect and workman.

The very commendatory terms in which His Excellency expressed his opinion of the Public Buildings, erected by Mr. C. in this City, could not fail to be highly gratifying to his feelings; and we are happy to add, are in accordance with the sentiments, which the community in general entertain of his merits.

The Lieutenant-Governor was attended by his Aide de Camp; the Recorder, High Sheriff, &c.

Yesterday His Excellency, accompanied by his Aide and several Gentlemen of the City, visited Hammond River for the purpose of fixing upon some site for the proposed Bridge, less objectionable than those formerly contemplated. It is now thought that the Bridge will cross the river, near Mr. Sherwood's, some distance below the Ferry. We understand a Committee will be appointed immediately, to explore a road on each side. The accomplishment of this work is daily becoming an object of greater importance to the Province.—*Courier*.

By the Aurora, London dates are brought down to the 2d September, some days later than by the Eastern, or Western Mails; but they do not materially add to our former intelligence from the Theatre of War. From the opening of the Campaign, until their arrival before Shumla, the Russians had been uniformly successful; but if, as has been said, the fate of Constantinople, and, as some suppose, the fate of the Ottoman Empire, will depend upon the issue of the contest at that place—there can be no doubt, that each of the contending parties would endeavour to call into requisition, means in proportion to the magnitude of the object to be attained. Implicit confidence can hardly be placed, in the various channels of communication; it must therefore be difficult for those who are at a distance, to obtain such an intimate knowledge of the position, the numerical strength, and the available resources of the respective armies, as will enable them precisely to foresee what the result may be. Taking also into the consideration that on many occasions, and for reasons infinitely beyond our comprehension, "the battle is not to the strong;" we feel more disposed to wait for the result, than with confidence to predict, what that result will be.—*City Gazette*, Oct. 8.

Capt. WYMAN of the Schooner Trial, from the Lines, reports, that the new Brig Argus, belonging to Capt. R. ELLIS, which sailed from this port on Sunday last; is on shore, near Herring Cove, on Campello Island. The extent of damage not known.—*Ib.*

The Honorable Judge CHIPMAN, accompanied by his Lady, left this City on Tuesday for Halifax, from whence they will take passage in one of His Majesty's Packets, for England.—*Ib.*

OBITUARY.

It is our painful duty this day to record an event which has filled this community with sorrow, and which will be a subject of deep and lasting regret throughout the Province.

THE HONORABLE JOHN ROBINSON, MAYOR of this City, and TREASURER of the Province, departed this Life on Wednesday Evening last, about half-past 6 o'clock.

In the death of Mr. ROBINSON, society has to lament the loss of one of the few remaining of that Class of Gentlemen who came to this country at the earliest period of its settlement, and to whose talents and exertions in various important public situations, it is indebted for so large a portion of its prosperity.

The following brief sketch will we trust be not unacceptable.

MR. ROBINSON was born at the Highlands, near New-York, in the year 1762, and at the age of fifteen, entered the ARMY as a Subaltern in the Royal American Regiment, raised at the commencement of the Revolutionary War, in America, by his father Colonel BEVERLEY ROBINSON, who was the son of the Hon. JOHN ROBINSON, some time President and Administrator of the Government of the then British Province of Virginia.

MR. ROBINSON was actively engaged during the War, and, upon the evacuation of New-York, after the Treaty of 1783, came with Disbanded Troops to this Province.

He was shortly afterwards appointed High Sheriff of Queen's County, where he resided for a short time, and subsequently removed to this City, in which he was for many years engaged in Mercantile pursuits.

THROUGHOUT the late War, he acted as Deputy Paymaster General of the Forces. In February 1816 he was appointed *Province Treasurer*, upon the death of the late William Hazen, Esq., and in the May following Chief Magistrate of the City.

He was twice returned as a Representative of the City, in the General Assembly, and on the death of the late Amos Botsford, Esquire, unanimously chosen to succeed him in the important station of *Speaker of the House*—the duties of which he ably discharged until the year 1817, subsequent to which he was appointed to a Seat in His Majesty's Council.

In all the various situations of public life which Mr. ROBINSON has successively filled, he has been uniformly distinguished by the same undeviating rectitude of principle, enlightened intelligence, and liberality of conduct; while in private life, he was alike conspicuous, for the kindness and benevolence of his disposition, the dignified urbanity of his manners, and the superiority of a vigorous and highly cultivated mind.

EVER the first to promote any object of a patriotic or charitable nature—all classes of the community, and particularly the Poor, will deeply feel the loss of a benefactor whose hand was always open to relieve their wants.

His value in domestic life can only be fully appreciated by his numerous and respected relatives—but while we forbear to lift the veil of private sorrow, we feel it but justice to say that as there has never occurred here, a calamity of this nature, that more justly called for the tribute of public sympathy, so never yet has been an occasion on which it has been more generally and more sincerely extended.—*B. Colonist*, October 10.

On Saturday we asserted that there was not the least truth in the report of Mr. Peel's resignation—and to-day we are desired from authority, to repeat our assertion. The reports of the right Honorable Gentleman's retirement, or contemplated retirement, are without the shadow of foundation. This official contradiction will, we suppose be sufficient for our contemporary who declined "reposing confidence in our statements, till he had another indorsement upon their authenticity."—*London Courier*, Aug. 22.

Communication.

MR. EDITOR,

Happening not long since to see the door of the Engine-room, in the Tank House open, and being desirous to ascertain, whether the Fire Engine there deposited, together with pipes, &c. were in proper order, I walked in.—But what was my surprise, Sir, when I found that nothing had been done to them, in the way of repairs, since the Fire at Mr. Miles', which happened early last Spring; at which time one of the pipes, on conduits, was entirely useless, and the other discharging water from a hundred little apertures, between its extremities; and these were not all the defects which that new piece of old mechanism betrayed, at that time—for to my certain knowledge, the Pistons were so much out of order that, at times, the united exertions of 12 or 15 men could not discharge the water with any effective force—and I thought I, if the conflagrations in our forests, should rage this year, as in that eventful year—25—the property of every individual would be consumed, our Phoenix Engine (for so it is distinguished I believe, Sir,) to the contrary notwithstanding.

I trust these few lines in the columns of your paper, will be productive of the necessary repairs; so that if our ears should at any time be assailed with the cry of Fire! we may assure ourselves, that we have the means of checking its destructive rage, by a mechanical application of a different element.

VOX POPULI.

Fredericton, 6th October, 1828.

ALL Persons having any accounts or demands against His Excellency Sir HOWARD DOUGLAS, are requested to send them in for payment.

Government House.
Fredericton, Sept. 15, 1828.