

charge for grinding the produce of the Farmers which must necessarily follow the erection of seven Mills, would induce the culture of Oats on a more extended scale; and consequently lessen the demand for foreign Wheat Flour, and leave a larger surplus of the growth and manufacture of the Country for the home market.

It is to be lamented that in the whole range of this extensive Province, possessing, as it undoubtedly does, a soil and climate admirably suited to the production of Oats, no more than seven Mills for manufacturing this kind of grain have yet been erected, or are in progress. In the early part of 1822 there were 29 such mills in Nova Scotia; and in 1825 the number had increased to upwards of 70, either finished or finishing. So great was the call for the manufactured article, at the period last mentioned, that it was then inadequately, or rather very scantily supplied. The high degree of prosperity which Nova Scotia enjoys, is attributable, under Providence, to the rapid progress which since 1819 she has made in Agricultural improvement; and the comparative independence of her people in Bread Corn, is mainly owing to the extended culture of Oats, the establishment of Oat mills, and the very general use of Oatmeal among all classes throughout that Province.

It is in the knowledge of many persons now present, that in addition to the vast quantities of this valuable article which the people of Nova Scotia require for home consumption, much has been exported by them for several years past, to St. John, Miramichi, and other parts of New-Brunswick.—We rejoice at the advanced and still improving state of Agriculture in our Sister Colony, and may the salutary example she has set not be lost upon us.—Let us too, press forward in the race of honorable competition, and free our country from the reproach of relying upon Foreigners for the most important necessities of life.

Before closing this subject it may be well to quote the following passage from the writings of John Young, Esquire, to whose talents, industry, and patriotic exertions, aided by Legislative and individual patronage, Nova Scotia is deeply indebted for her rapid advancement towards emancipation from a ruinous dependence upon foreigners for supplies of food. By the labors of that gentleman, more of Agricultural knowledge applicable to the soil and climate of these northern colonies, has been diffused, than by the eminent works of all other writers on Agriculture, none of which have been exclusively devoted to our peculiarities.

"In cold northern climates, the wisest policy of the Farmer, is to provide substitutes for wheaten bread, so far at least as the consumption of his own family is concerned. His wheat and flour should be reserved for sale, in order to raise the money needed for other purposes. As an additional argument in behalf of this policy, wheat in ungenial climates is subject to a greater variety of accidents and diseases, than any other corn, and is not, for this reason, so certain a resource for feeding the great majority of the people. Smut, rust, and mildew, are perpetually committing ravages upon this crop; and but too often, under milder suns than ours, blast the hopes of the year. Substitutes for this kind of bread, which from the first history of man, has always proved the most expensive, have been sought after equally in ancient and modern husbandry. Among the Romans, there were in its stead far, panic, Barley and Millet.—In warm countries it is superseded by Indianmeal, and Rice; and in the bleak regions of the north several articles little analogous to each other supply its place. Here, Oatmeal is now fairly introduced as a substitute, and as the rising generation will grow up with new tastes and habits, it will take such deep root, as not afterwards to be easily eradicated. Barley and Buckwheat, have also been ground and baked into bread, although far from being in general use; yet to a certain extent, they are helps, and tend to lessen the consumption of the dearer and more saleable grain. But there is another most important substitute which has not yet found its way into Nova Scotia, and which is well adapted to the nature of our soils, and the quick vegetation of our summers.—I mean field peas, whether white or grey. These may be cultivated either in drills, or by being mixed with a small proportion of horse beans, may be sown in broad cast. In a green state they may be pulled for the use of the kitchen, and when ripe, they can be turned to a variety of purposes. Their power of fattening pigs, has been long known and justly celebrated; and when steeped or boiled, they form an excellent food for horses. On these uses I intend not to descant, but merely to direct the attention of the meeting to field peas as a substitute for bread. They are capable of being manufactured into a very fine meal, which in the British dominions is eaten occasionally as a pudding, made by stirring it about in hot water, till thoroughly incorporated, but principally as a thin unleavened cake, pressed out under the common hand-roller and baked over the fire. A few premiums for this object, might be highly desirable, as conducive to fix and rivet on it, the public attention." In another part of his works, Mr. Young, after saying that it would be among the last thoughts of his heart, to exclude from the table of the farmer, a wheaten loaf for his use, whenever inclination prompted, continues, "but I do not hesitate to recommend a more general substitution of coarser food. Barley, Peas, and Oats, are found to be excellent and wholesome; and when the taste is once formed on them, our population by adopting these would be equally happy, equally vigorous, and unquestionably would become much more opulent. Oatmeal at first may not be highly relished, but it soon becomes agreeable, and is acknowledged to be favorable to muscular strength, health, and longevity. It has been falsely supposed to be the exclusive and national food of Scotland; but so far is this from being true,

that it is extensively used through many Counties of Ireland, through all the North of England, and is common in France." * * * "The strange prejudices, therefore, which appeared on its first introduction here, were without foundation; and it is not surprising that they should so quickly have vanished, in all those parts which have since had the advantages of experience. Many who disliked it at first, have become warm in its praise, and are assisting with laudable zeal in spreading its character and usefulness among the farmers."

[To be continued.]

SHERIFF SALES.

COUNTY OF WESTMORELAND.

To be sold by Public Auction, on Tuesday the 8th of July next, between the hours of 12 and 5 o'clock in the afternoon, at the Court-House in Dorchester.

All the right, title, claim and demand of Anthony Fields, of, in, and in two certain pieces or parcels of Land, situate lying and being in the township of Boisford in this County, and known in Grant No. 1856, as Lots Nos. 1 and 2, fronting on the Gulf of Saint Lawrence, and adjoining Land granted to George Spence, containing five hundred acres more or less, together with the improvements thereon, the same being granted to Anthony Fields and George Oulton Fields. Taken in Execution at the suit of Titus Knapp.

W. P. SAYRE, Sheriff.

Dorchester, County of Westmoreland, 26th Dec. 1827.

To be sold by Public Auction, on Saturday the Twentieth of June next, between the hours of 12 and 5 o'clock in the afternoon, at the Court-House in Dorchester, in the County of Westmoreland.

So much of the real estate of Joseph Jaques, situate and being in the Parishes of Hillsborough and Salisbury in the County aforesaid, as will be sufficient to satisfy an Execution issuing out of the Supreme Court of this Province, at the suit of John Goodall.

W. P. SAYRE, Sheriff.

Dated at Dorchester, the 20th Dec. 1827.

To be sold at Public Auction, at the Court House in Dorchester, on Saturday the ninth of August next, between the hours of twelve and five o'clock in the afternoon,

All the real estate of Henry Smith and Jonathan Smith, situate in the Parish of Sackville, in the County of Westmoreland, or so much thereof as will satisfy an Execution issued out of the Supreme Court at the suit of Titus Knapp.

W. P. SAYRE, Sheriff.

Dorchester, January 21, 1828.

To be sold at Public Auction, at the Court House, in Dorchester, in the County of Westmoreland, on Thursday the twentieth day of November next, between the hours of 12 and 5 o'clock in the afternoon of the said day;

All the right, title, interest, property, claim, and demand of Solomon Trites, of, in, and to the following pieces, parcels, and lots of land, situate in the County aforesaid, viz: All those pieces, parcels, and lots of land, situate in the Parish of Hillsborough, and County aforesaid, nearly opposite to the Bend of the Petitcodiac River, consisting of marsh and upland, containing by estimation 650 acres more or less, with the buildings thereon. Also, divers other lots, pieces, and parcels of land, situate lying and being in the Parish of Monckton, in the County aforesaid, that is to say; all that farm and land devised to the said Solomon Trites, by his father Abraham Trites, consisting of marsh and upland, containing by estimation 1500 acres, more or less. Also, a certain piece of land, being the rear part of land granted to Donald McDonald, purchased by said Solomon Trites from one David Mills, containing by estimation 250 acres, more or less. Also, another lot of land, situate in the Lower Mountain Settlement, also purchased by the said Solomon Trites from the said David Mills, containing 300 acres more or less, and all other the land and premises of the said Solomon Trites, whatsoever, situate in the Parish of Monckton aforesaid, in the County aforesaid: The same having been taken by virtue of several executions issuing out of the Supreme Court of this Province, now in my hands.

Dated at Dorchester, the 16th May 1828

W. P. SAYRE, Sheriff

QUEENS COUNTY.

FOR SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION, On the Second Tuesday in October next, at the Court-House in Gagetown, between the hours of twelve and five, of the afternoon, A Saw Mill, situate at the Salmon River, in Queens County, late the property of William Jewitt; Seized and taken in and by virtue of an execution issued out of the Supreme Court of this Province at the suit of Anson Baston.

N. H. DE VEBER, Sheriff of Queens.

Dated at Gagetown, 14th April, 1828.

For sale at Public Auction, on the first Tuesday in July next, at the Court-House, in Gage-Town, between the hours of 12 and 5 in the afternoon of the same day, The following Lots of Land, known and distinguished as Lots No. ten, eleven, and twelve, situate on the southerly side of the Washademoak Lake, in Queens County, containing together Six Hundred acres, more or less; seized and taken in and by virtue of several Executions issued out of the Supreme Court of this Province

against Margaret Corey, Executrix of the last Will and Testament of Griffin Corey deceased.

At the same time and place,

Will be sold, a lot of land situate on the southerly side of the said Lake, containing two hundred acres, more or less, late the property of George Hume, seized and taken, in and by virtue of an Execution, issued out of the Supreme Court against the said George Hume, at the suit of Richard Mort.

Dated at Gage-Town, 4th Jan. 1828.

N. H. DE VEBER, Sheriff of Queens County.

KINGS COUNTY.

On Thursday 25th day of November next, will be sold by Public Auction at the Tavern of Mr. Henry Fowler, in the Parish of Hampton;

All the lands and tenements of Charles Robertson, situate in the said Parish, on the Hammond River; The same having been taken by virtue of an execution at the suit of Elizabeth Scoullar, and William Scoullar, Administrator of James Scoullar, deceased. Sale to commence at 12 o'clock at noon.

Also, at the same time and place will be sold at Public Auction;

All the lands and tenements of Daniel Golding, in the said Parish, situate on the Hammond River, aforesaid; The same having been taken by virtue of an execution at the suit of Mary Miles.

Also, at the same time and place will be sold, as above;

All the lands and tenements of John Rowly, in the said Parish, situate near Lake Lomond; The same having been taken by virtue of an execution at the suit of Mary Miles.

WALTER BATES, Sheriff of Kings.

Kingston, Sheriff's Office, 13th May 1828

LIVERPOOL COUNTY.

To be sold by Public Auction, on the second Tuesday in July next, between the hours of 12 and 5 o'clock, in the afternoon of the same day, at the Court House in Liverpool.

All the estate, right, title, and interest of Dennis Harrington, of, in, and to a certain Lot of Land together with all and singular the buildings and improvements thereon, situate in the Parish of Carleton in the County of Kent. The same having been taken by virtue of a Writ of Execution, at the suit of William Saunders and James Saunders against the said Dennis Harrington.

Also, At the same time and place, will be sold,

All the real estate, title, and interest of Reuben Swezey, of, in, and to certain Lots of Marsh Land and Upland, situate in the Parish aforesaid, taken by Execution at the suit of George Pagan against Reuben Swezey and John Limkie.

T. LANSDOWNE, Sheriff.

Liverpool, N. B., 21st Dec. 1827.

YORK COUNTY.

To be sold by Public Auction, on the first day of December next, between the hours of 12 and five o'clock in the afternoon, at the County Court-House, in Fredericton;

All the right, title, interest, property, claim and demand whatsoever of Francis M'Gurk, of, in, and to that certain lot or tract of land, lying and being on the Nashwalk, in the Parish of St. Marys, and County of York, being the upper part of the Grant to George and Urian G. Agnew, and containing 100 acres more or less: The same having been taken by virtue of executions issued out of the Supreme Court at the suit of Chonar M'Laughlin.

E. W. MILLER, Sheriff.

Fredericton, May 23, 1828.

FACULTY OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS OF NEW-BRUNSWICK.

THE Subscriber notifies members resident in Fredericton, and the adjacent Country, that the first importation of Books towards the formation of the Faculty Library has arrived, that he has received from the Librarian some numbers of the Medical Journals for distribution, and that he is authorised by him to state, that after this, if they choose to become Subscribers, the most esteemed works and latest Medical Journals will be regularly transmitted to them for perusal.

GEORGE E. BALDWIN, C. M.

Mem. Fac. Phys. & Surg. N. B.

Fredericton, May 27, 1828.

PICKED UP BY A CHILD, AN IVORY CASE containing five GOLD PIECES, Enquire of PETER FISHER. Fredericton 27th May, 1828.