

SONGS FOR THE PEOPLE.

No. I.

Air—"Sound the loud Timbrel!"
Sound the loud trumpet o'er Brunswick's fair shore!
Th' Assembly has triumphed, we're vassals no more!
Sing! for the power of the Tyrants is broken—
Their malice and cunning, whom no one could trust;
How vain their pretensions! the Queen hath but spoken,
And C—d and S—ds are laid in the dust!

CHORUS.

Sound the loud trumpet o'er Brunswick's fair shore,
Th' Assembly has triumphed—we're vassals no more!
We're vassals no more.
We're vassals no more.

Praise to good Stanley—Oh, praise to the Queen!
From oppression and bondage our people they screen;
Proud Brunswick! your children shall yet tell the story
Of those who oppress'd her in C—d's weak reign:
How your Queen in the night of her pow'r and her glory,
Moved the yoke from their necks, long complained of in vain.

CHORUS.

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Th' Assembly has triumphed—we're vassals no more.
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No. II.

Air—"Jenny with Melancholy."

Away with melancholy,
Some sprightly changes ring.
'Tis past—the reign of folly—
Then merrily, merrily sing

Poor Joe!

Come on ye hopeful hours,
Some peace and safety bring,
For Freedom now'll be ours—
Then merrily, merrily sing

Poor Joe!

No longer cause for sighing,
For Joe has taken wing;
May fate assist his flying!
Then merrily, merrily sing

Poor Joe!

CRITICAL CLUB PAPERS.

THE PSALTER OF ST. VALENTINE.

Whereas, we, the undersigned Members of the Literary and Critical Club, do modestly imagine that we are admirably fitted, both by nature and education, to act the part of censors, and to remove, admonish and direct the public, from no selfish motives whatsoever, but entirely from the great desire which we all feel to assist our fellow men—Therefore, at a late meeting, (the Baron of Groschwitz in the Chair,) it was unanimously Resolved, that, whereas, the custom of putting the heart in black and white on one day in the year, (the fourteenth of February,) is a highly moral and creditable custom,* we the Members of the Literary and Critical Club, whose names appear below, have indicted to possess no common share of wit and humour, and serve as worthy examples for all future Valentine writers; and it is therefore by us unanimously resolved that they be copied out in a legible hand by the Secretary of the Critical Club, and be by him forwarded as by us above specified.

VONBRANDTWEISBEERSUCKER, Baron of Groschwitz,
HIRAM HOOKEMSVIEVE, K. K. K., M. L. C., M. C. C.
TIMOTHY TUGMUTTON, B. C. F., &c. &c. &c.
HICKORY HACKMATAK, M. L. C., and M. C. C.
HABAKKUK HOPKINS, A. S. S., M. L. C., M. C. C.

ST. VALENTINE'S PSALTER.

Valentine from Vonbrandtweisersucker, Baron of Groschwitz, to the estimable Lady Vonfanfapperehausen.

Since the time when I first clapp'd my eyes on you, ma'am,
The great Lion Groschwitz is chang'd to a lamb:
No Rhino-wine I swill, nor on boar's flesh regale,
I scarce in a month, drink a punchon of ale;
No more on my black steed I follow the chase;
All things I forget but your sweet little face.
My old Major-domo, fat Hans, swears I've grown,
From a buron of beef to a baron of bone.
I fled from my castle, like Adam from Eden,
But he had an Eve, as the Scriptures we read in;
My Vonfanfapperehausen still lingers behind,
And leaves me to wander—a cut most unkind.
I've come to a country of frost and of snow,
But an Etna I bear in my heart, as you know,
Whose fierce fiery flame my poor vitals still gnaws in,
And you blow the billows Vonfanfapperehausen.
Oh, Groschwitz! oh, Groschwitz! how changed your condition!
How wrecked is each hope, how destroyed your ambition!
Since I feel I must die, pray let this be a clause in
My last will and testament, Vonfanfapperehausen—
To my friend Dr. Hopkins, I give and bequeath
This useless old casket, when I've ceas'd to breathe,
To rummage throughout, and to plunge both his paws in—
But you have my heart my Vonfanfapperehausen.

Valentine from Timothy Tugmutton, B. C. F., &c. &c.
&c. to the enchanting Miss Maria Mangleman,
with a lock of his hair.

A pris'ner too long I have liv'd upon air—
The gaoler and captive must part,

* Dr. Habakkuk Hopkins, A. S. S., M. L. C., M. C. C.,
&c. &c. &c. affirms it to be his candid opinion that as
blood-letting, at certain times, is both necessary for, and
beneficial to, plethoric patients, so doth the sending of Valen-
tines once a year serve to curb and keep within bounds those
unhappy beings whom a good-natured world has kindly con-
sented to denominate *lovers* rather than *maniacs*.

† There is a doubt whether this lady's name is not Von-
fanfapperehausen.

And so, in exchange for this lock of my hair,
Return me the lock of my heart.

Valentine from Hickory Hackmatack, M. L. C., and
M. C. C., to Miss Susan Styles.

My uncle oft told me, "Dear Hickory," says he,
"This love is a thistle, and so do ye see,
If you e'er goes and swallows it, mind I maintains,
It's as plain as your nose, you're an ass for your pains."
Derry down, &c.

It was all very well for my uncle to preach,
He practiced but ill what so well he could teach,
For the very next day, why the cunning old elf
Went courting to Sal and got married himself.
Derry down, &c.

Now Suke you're a much finer gal than my aunt,
And have you I will, though they both swear I shan't;
So keep up your spirits, don't go for to die,
Nor take nobody else, for you're pleasing to I.
Derry down, &c.

May my hox take the staggers, my sheep have the rot,
May old Nick fly away with whatever I've got,
If Suke, in the spring, don't consent to be mine,
And Hick Hackmatack aint her true Valentine.
Derry down, &c.

Valentine from Dr. Habakkuk Hopkins, A. S. S., M. L. C.,
M. C. C., &c. &c. to the incomparable
Miss Grizzle Popkins.

Dear mistress of this throbbing heart
(Gored through and through with Cupid's dart),
List to Habakkuk Hopkins' cry,
Nor let so grave a doctor die.
(Death, sure, should never serve his capias
Upon so learn'd an Esculapius.)
I pray thee suggest Don Apollo,
Lay me in plaintive doggerel hallo,
'Till she who cruelly endeavours
To knock this breaking heart to shivers,
Shall, like old Horeb's sterile mountain,
That Moses made a bubbling fountain,
Pour forth the balm of tend'rest pity,
Smitten by this most doleful ditty;
And in her turn, be brought to falter
Forth dol'rous prayers at Cupid's altar,
And on her marrow-bones remain,
Till I, quite melted by her pain,
Receive her to my arms again.

Yet, mistress of the squinting eye,
Flashing like heav'n's artillery,
Zig zag, across my boiling soul,
That hisses like a snake, whose hole
Boys have invaded with a pole,
Forgive the madden'd Hopkins, Madam,
Who wishes you or Satan had him.
Ah! gen'rous maid, "eadem semper,"
Forget, forgive this show of temper,
Nor blast the hopes* that else will crawl
Like ivy up a ruined wall—
Hopes that a smile of thine would nourish,
And one small tear make prouder flourish
Than cedar trees on Mount Lebanon,
(Which few or any now remain on.)
What says my Grizzle, you may know it,
You're more familiar far with Latin,
Than other ladies are with satin.
Yet in plain English list to this again—
"When lovers from their soon will kiss again."

I always held that idle flattery
Was on maid's hearts assault and battery;
But as I know your heart's a fortress
Proof 'gainst mustachoes and a court-dress,
Since, at the last subscription ball,
My Grizzle would not dance at all,
Where, spite of all their fine grimace,
The scarlet coat and scarlet face,
The swords that softly did distil,
As rain-drops dripping through a quill,
And glances sharper than their swords,
You scarce vouchsafed three civil words
To three as valiant youths, and killing,
As ever overlooked a drilling.
Their bows which brought their Roman noses
Close to the carpet's yellow roses—
Thou car'at not for those empty bows,
Though lowly as Chinese Kow-tows;
And therefore why should I endeavour
With flattery to gain your favour;
Though I may boldly boast the numbers
My hand has sliced down like cucumbers.
Though lances now are used no more,
My lance oft is dipp'd in gore;
As did the jaw bone of the ass,
My jaw has sent no few to grass—
But why these boasts my darling duck?
Have pity on poor Habakkuk,
Who swears divine Miss Grizzle Popkins,
He's ever your HABAKKUK HOPKINS.

A Valentine from Hiram Hookemsvieve, M. L. C., M.
C. C., &c. &c. to a nameless fair one.

O sweet incarnation of Eden's lost bliss,
Shall I vow that I love you and kneel down and sigh?
As you're loveliest of women be wisest in this,
Nor think the commandments infringed by a kiss.
These ideas some old maiden aunt must supply,
Who carries a fan, shakes her head, and cries "Fie!"
Who, (since she has never slept two in a bed,)
Thinks it highly improper that maidens should wed.

The injunction 'gainst murder you cannot forget,
Then frown not my fair one on love and on me:
You have, you must know Miss, to pay off the debt
That your ancestress Eve owes to men even yet.
She lost him a Paradise—come honest be,
Return me yourself, the best Eden for me.
And then, when the payment is fair and complete,
On those rosy lips I will write a receipt.

* Query—Hops?—Primmers Devil.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

THURSDAY, February 5.

Hon. Mr. CHANDLER rose and stated to the House, that in consequence of the resignation of the late Executive Government, His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor had re-constructed His Council, conferring that honour upon the Hon. Col. Shore, H. Johnson, R. L. Hazen, the Attorney General and himself. He also stated that it was His Excellency's intention to enlarge the Council as soon as practicable; and that it was His Excellency's earnest desire to form a Council which will steer clear of extreme or party views, which would, he trusted, enable him to carry out the Government in harmony with the Legislature and to the satisfaction of the Public at large. He further remarked that in the change thus made he had the satisfaction to believe, that no Member of the late Council had retired holding any feelings of personal or party hostility to their successors, and that they will not offer any factious opposition to the Government.

Hon. Mr. JOHNSTON said, in addition to what had fallen from his Hon. Colleague, he begged leave to state that on his retirement from the Executive Council last year it was then his determination not again to become a Member of any Executive Council that might hereafter be formed in this Province, and this was his feeling up to the period of his coming there last week; since then, however, for reasons which it was unnecessary for him then to explain, and from an anxious desire to see the business of the Country proceed harmoniously, he was induced to take a seat in the present Council for a limited period. He felt it necessary to make such a statement in consequence of the frequent declarations made by him to the contrary.

Hon. Col. WYER said, he was very happy to find that there was so much promise of good; he hoped all things would go on well—he would, so far as he was concerned, give them his countenance and support.

Hon. Mr. JOHNSTON presented a message from His Excellency, relating to King's College. His Excellency wished for some proper course to be taken relative to the College. It was intended to be open to all denominations professing christian principles and belief in the Trinity, to educate men for Divinity, Law, Physic, Merchants, &c. He (Mr. Johnston) would make a few observations, and wished for a few explanations, respecting the despatch—no inference could be drawn at present as to it; but one inference might be drawn, that the Royal Charter went very far towards displacing a large class in the Church.

Hon. Mr. CHANDLER said he was very glad to see the new Government presented—he had a desire to meet the Hon. Mr. KINNEAR, and he had a desire to meet the Hon. Mr. KINNEAR.

Hon. Col. HATCH said he was very sorry he had not heard the Message read. (The Hon. Member was absent at the reading of the Message.)

Hon. Mr. CHANDLER informed the Hon. Mr. Hatch, that he could receive information of it; he (Mr. Chandler) would be happy to give him such information.

Hon. Col. HATCH said he had a right to know who were the Gentlemen called to the Council—why was this kept secret?—who are they?

Hon. Mr. JOHNSTON said had the Hon. Member been present he would have heard their names; which he would repeat, viz—Hon. Col. Shore, the Attorney General, Hon. R. L. Hazen, Hon. Mr. Chandler, and himself.

Hon. Col. HATCH said he felt it his duty to make some observations on these appointments. Why were there but five called?—why not nine?—the state of the Country demanded it, and they should have not a part, but the whole to carry out the great work to be performed—the Rail-Road and other important duties demand the whole.—"How is it?" asked the Hon. Col. "that Charlotte County has been overlooked in this business?" Charlotte County has never been fairly dealt with, it is the second County in the Province, and he would speak out, for the public good required it.

Hon. Mr. KINNEAR said, that although the Hon. Member's speech smacked of Responsible Government, he would let it pass; he cared not whether there were five, seven, or nine—the great duty to be done there was to manage their own business. Let the Legislature do the same. He had no desire to take more than belonged to him.

Hon. Col. WYER remarked that Charlotte County had been slighted, and in his opinion, very badly used; they had no Superior or Great Roads belonging to their County.

Hon. Col. HATCH rose to explain. In reply to the Hon. Member, (Mr. Kinnear) he would deny being an advocate for Responsible Government. With respect to the Council, he did not believe that a few men were equal to the undertaking. It required the whole Council to carry on the business of the Government; then why was it not filled up?

Hon. Mr. CHANDLER said Rail Roads did not depend on the individuals who formed the Council, nor did the junction of a Rail Road from St. Andrews to the main trunk. He hoped the Council would be filled up; it was difficult at present so to do, and he was confident that His Excellency was anxious to do so as soon as possible—and with regard to a gallant Col., he (Mr. Chandler) did not know of one better able to give information than he, were he chosen. Mr. Chandler was certain that the selections were made independent of any local prejudice.

Hon. Col. WYER said Charlotte County had been neglected, and had been so for a long time; many capable men for Superintending his County have been refused the situation; he knew one capable man who was refused.

Hon. Mr. JOHNSTON here asked the Gallant Col. if he recommended him? "Yes, sir," said Col. WYER, "I did, and have never heard any more about it from that day to this."

A Petition was then presented on behalf of the Rev. W. McDonald, Catholic priest at St. Andrew's, and 75 others praying for the Roman Catholic Bishop Bill to pass.

Ordered, to lie on the table.

A Petition likewise from Alexander Rankin, Esq., and Mr. George Taylor, for a grant to aid the erection of a building for the Seamen's Hospital, at Miramichi; received and ordered to lie on the table.

MONDAY, February 9.

A Bill to levy an assessment to pay off the County debt: Ordered to stand over for a second reading.

A Bill to aid the temporalities of the Church of England. Ordered to lie over for a second reading.

A Bill to increase the representation of the County of Albert. Hon. Mr. SAUNDERS thought this Bill should be postponed for a full House.

Hon. Mr. CHANDLER thought the House was as full now as it would be for some time to come; yet he would not press the case.

Hon. Mr. SAUNDERS replied that he saw no reason why it should not be postponed, yet he would not press his desire too strenuously.

Hon. Mr. JOHNSTON was disposed to go with the Bill when brought up, he saw no occasion to postpone its consideration on account of numbers; it was of no use to wait; for by the time that some arrived, others would go.

Hon. Mr. CHANDLER was willing to allow the Bill to rest over till to-morrow.

Hon. Mr. SAUNDERS said if there were any hon. Members who thought it inconvenient to neglect their private business for the transaction of public affairs, they should give way—vacate their seats, and allow them to be filled up by those who were willing to pay attention to the business of the Country.

Hon. Mr. KINNEAR could see no reason to postpone, were they to lie upon their oars until more important business came forward, for them to transact? no—he (Mr. Kinnear) could not see why his hon. friend (Mr. Saunders) should wish

for delay; let us (said the Hon. Gentleman,) get on with the business of the Country.

Hon. Mr. SAUNDERS considered it necessary to have a full House, the importance of the Bill demanded it. Such a number as that present was not sufficient—it was improper to attempt to decide with a bare Quorum.

Hon. Mr. JOHNSTON observed that there were only three Honourable Members absent; seldom had they a fuller House than the one now present.

Hon. Col. HATCH thought some people were too eager to be led by fashion; it struck him that those who were absent should be made to account for it. He, (Col. Hatch) however would not assent to the postponement of the Bill.

After several Messages from His Excellency were read and petitions received, an objection was started relative to the Line of Road from Fredericton to Saint Andrews, by the Harvey Settlement, as regards a Post Road.—(Here the Hon. Col. Hatch rose and with much animation descended upon the route.) Fifty families, (said the Hon. Col.) are in one settlement, fifty English families; together with many others scattered along it, and are all these to be deprived of the benefit of Newspapers, Letters, and other privileges connected with a post road! and as to the Post Office in Saint Andrews, why, it was one of the greatest in the Province—As this was fully confirmed and could not be controverted. As to that Young Man who was sent to superintend the Post Offices, he could say that he had done a great deal of harm and no good! he was gone now, and he hoped he would never come back—he knew nothing of the Province, its roads, its wants, or its circumstances; and the Province was well rid of him.

Mr. RANKIN from the House of Assembly, presented a Bill to authorize the Magistrates of the County of Northumberland to assess said County to pay off the County Debt.

TUESDAY, February 10.

Hon. Mr. JOHNSTON presented a Message to the House from His Excellency, relative to the failure of the Potatoe crop.

Also a Bill intituled a Bill respecting the duties on Timber and other Lumber.

A Bill to authorize the Justices of the Peace for the County of Northumberland, to assess said County, to pay off the County debts. Similar Bills were brought forward from Counties Kent and Gloucester, all of which were ordered to lie over for a second reading.

The House then went into Committee on a Bill from Restigouche, (Hon. Mr. Saunders in the Chair) when it was put and carried, that the Magistrates of said County should not assess in any sum exceeding £300 for paying off the County debt.

Hon. Mr. CHANDLER rose and moved that the House go into Committee on the Bill to increase the representation of the County of Albert. (Hon. Mr. Botsford, in the Chair.) The Hon. Chairman, briefly explained the motion for the increase of one Member for the said County.

Hon. Mr. SAUNDERS would make a few remarks; he said it appeared to him that there was no reason for such a request. To ask for an additional Member appeared to him a strange request; when he considered the representation on the sea-board, and the great influence of it, he could not but look with a jealous eye; he was anxious for the advancement of Agriculture, but this increase of commercial influence he viewed with jealousy and distrust.

Hon. Mr. CHANDLER replied, that when a County was divided, it was then surely time to increase its representation. Any part of a County fit to be divided should be fit to be represented; unless this Bill passed, the County so divided would be torn to pieces by endless disputes as to which part of the County so divided should send a member; unless each of the divided County sent a Member, how would the constituents be satisfied? or would they be satisfied at all? He hoped his learned friend (Hon. Mr. Saunders,) would not object; true he looks with a jealous eye upon it, but he should not, and as to the sea-board having too much influence over the interests of Agriculture, it could not be so; Albert County was worthy of two Members, and should have it.

Hon. Mr. SAUNDERS here said, that if there were any class of people more worthy of being regarded, and having their interests watched more than another, that class was the Agriculturists; they should have the benefit of having the services of such men as his learned friend (Mr. Chandler,) for his part, he was of the opinion that those who wanted to get one foot in, were never content until they got in the other.

Hon. Mr. BOTSFORD felt compelled to say that he for one was not interested. The simple question was—should the County of Albert have one or two Members? is the Committee satisfied as to which of the two? This House could have no doubt on their minds but that the County was fairly entitled to two members, and with such views he would support the Bill; for when a rural district was sufficiently large to be divided, it was certainly worthy of two Members.

Hon. Mr. JOHNSTON remarked that since the County of Northumberland was increased by two Members, and Kings, one, he should go for the Bill; no County should have less than two Members.

Hon. Col. HATCH said he felt glad that they were not without principle. When the County of Northumberland sends four Members, certainly it should be well represented. Considering the circumstances of the present case, he believed the Merchant's influence too great. Agriculture appeared to be at a very low ebb, but it was a fact that Agriculture was the beginning of commerce, and without it, (Agriculture) Commerce must fall; he looked with caution at the sea-board; look (said the Hon. Col.) at the wilderness, where are the people? in the woods, and they should be protected.

He concluded by saying he was against the Bill.

Hon. Mr. KINNEAR would answer his learned friend, by reading some extracts which would go far to prove that the supposed difficulties attending the increase of representation were not so great, and show that the Hon. Member's arguments were feeble. He then read them, and went on to say, that agriculture would do but little without commerce. What would make roads, bridges, &c.? The revenue collected in the City, St. John during the last year amounted to £98,831 12 9.

That was a large influx of revenue to go through the Province to improve and make roads, bye-roads, and bridges. Could Agriculture flourish without commerce? No!

Hon. Mr. SAUNDERS could not understand such a strain of argument, when they knew that thousands and tens of thousands go up the St. John River annually! then why give thousands go up the St. John River annually? then why give St. John all the credit? What would the City of St. John do, if Fredericton, Woodstock, and other places were to stop their extensive trade?—"Look," said the Hon. Gentleman, "look at the Country stretching two hundred miles to the North without a man here to represent the people! without a man to stand here to advocate their rights. Their opponents might indeed command all by their influence and eloquence (a laugh) but we (said the Hon. Gentleman with much emphasis) we have justice on our side.

Hon. Mr. KINNEAR replied, and said that as to thousands and tens of thousands worth of goods which went to the Country and the woods, that did not come from Agriculture—no, but from commerce, and if agriculture was to be advanced in this way, they must go to St. John, for by mercantile influence the prosperity of the Revenue was advanced, for by this were roads opened and good done.

Hon. Col. HATCH expected that his hon. and learned friend would have shown where his arguments were feeble. After what his learned friend had stated, he (Col. Hatch) had a right to expect it.

Hon. Mr. KINNEAR explained, and the Bill to increase the representation of the County of Albert by the addition of another member was then agreed to without amendment.

Mr. FISHER, from the House of Assembly, brought up a Bill for Members of the House of Assembly to vacate their seats in certain cases.