Correspondence.

For the Colonial Farmer.

THE LATE FIRE.

MR. EDITOR,—The fire on Thursday morning should arouse the attention of the citizens to the necessity of some more energetic action on the part of the people for the suppression of fires. Our City Council appear to be oblivious to anything like activity in the Fire Department, as might have been observed at the late fire, two or three men, for instance, pulling and tugging at a Steam Fire Engine, weighing probably two or three tons, instead of having a good pair of horses ready at all times to attach to the engine. Many persons on Thursday morning blamed the firemen for the tardiness, but in the opinion of many others the responsibility of prompt action at fires rests entirely with the City Council. It must have been fully three quarters of an hour from the breaking out of the fire, before a drop of water was put on, and by this time the small building on Westmoreland Street was a mass of fire, and had communicated to Mr. Elijah Clark's dwelling and out houses, and when water came, what then? Why a very indifferent management. I should be sorry Sir, to say one word in disparagement of our Chief Engineer, but it was quite evident that he was entirely out of his element. As a printer, Mr. Lipsett could probably not be surpassed in the City, but to manage a fire it becomes quite another affair, and his experience is not such as should have entitled him to that position. No doubt he will gather knowledge, but will not our citizens be paying too dearly for the experience he is gaining. About thirty minutes after the *Alexandra* commenced working, along comes the *Silsby* as leisurely as if going to the funeral of one of its members, and instead of taking water from the tank at the corner of George Street, out they travelled towards the Exhibition Building, and when water did come it was found that the hose was too short at one end, hence another delay of about fifteen minutes. About this time No. 4 hand engine put in an appearance, quite leisurely as if it was of very little consequence to the company whether one or a dozen buildings were on fire, and so it was all through. The whole management was the subject of unfavorable remarks throughout the whole morning, and has continued to be so. Had it not been for a few citizens we would now be mourning the loss of our York Street School House and probably Mr. Tibbitt's fine residence, Baptist Church, &c., as the first named building was on fire in several places. Now, Mr. Editor, it is very seldom you hear any citizen complaining of his "fire tax," on the contrary it is one of the items of taxation which is always cheerfully paid, and if we are not to have Water Works, then it behoves the Council to bestir themselves in the matter of the Fire Department, or let the people take the matter in their own hands at the Ballot Box at the next election, and place men in power who will take some little interest in the lives and property of the citizens.

Yours,

TAX PAYER.

For the Colonial Farmer.

MR. EDITOR,—This is the year of our discontent. I have been informed that since the fire on the evening of the 19th inst. the boiler of the Silsby Engine has been leaking badly, and a few evenings since the wood and shavings were soaking wet in the furnace. In the event of another fire breaking out it would be impossible to strike a light, and the Engine would be perfectly useless. I understand that the Engineer has informed the Fire Committee that the Engine will require a general overhauling. The tubes gave out at the late Anderson & Cameron fire on King Street, and new ones had to be imported from the manufacturers. The plain truth of the matter is, we have got an Engine on our hands to-day that will never pay the citizens twenty cents on the dollar. She has been gnawing at the treasury of this City ever since the day she slipped from the hands of the manufacturers into the hands of our Citizens. We thought at first it was the fault of that very efficient Engineer, Mr. White, and some held their arms aloft and cried, like the men we read of in the Bible, "Away with this man and give us Mr. Anderson." The last named gentlemen is a very efficient mechanic, and his having failed to make the Engine throw more water than she did while in the hands of Mr. White, goes to prove in my estimation that the Engine is not fit in any one particular way to do good service in the City of Fredericton. Mr. White was sent to the United States to purchase an Engine for this City, and in the meantime the Agent of Silsby Co. arrives in town. What is the result of the visit of the Agent? Why, he stands an oyster supper, knocks around with the boys, and ultimately the Chairman of the Fire Committe telegraphs Mr. White that the Committee had purchased a Silsby. Mr. White was in a place at that time where a great many Engines were being tried, saw the defects of the Silsby Engine, and informed the Chairman of the Fire Committee that the Silsby would not suit Fredericton. Our winter climate was too severe for such an Engine; she consumed more oil and coal in one hour than the Amoskeag would in six. What do Citizens like to hear when their houses are on fire? "The Amoskeag is coming." Yes, we have confidence in the old Amoskeag, and although she burns less coal and wood she is better to-day and cheers up the heart of an owner of a burning cottage more than all the other Engines in the City. What is the reason it cheers us? Because we know she has been tried and never went back on us, like the Silsby.

Yours truly,

AMOSKEAG.

BEWARE OF THE SMALL POX!

For the Colonial Farmer.

MR. EDITOR,—I see by the newspapers that Small Pox prevails in Montreal to a great extent, especially among the Roman Catholics, there being only one Protestant to four Roman Catholics. Why it should be so is strange, unless there are more Roman Catholic seamstresses than Protestant. However, let the case be as it may, I would advise our traders, who deal in ready made clothing, to abstain from ordering clothing from Montreal for the present, for if they do not, mark my word for it, we will get the disease here with a vengeance before long. There is not a more dangerous disease in existence than that of the small pox, and so disfiguring even if the patient survives.

Importers of ready made clothing, for humanity's sake, order no more goods from Montreal for a time, if you respect your families, and that of the community wherein you reside.

MERCHANT.

Fredericton, Oct. 21st, 1876.

ANOTHER SCANDAL IN MONTREAL HIGH LIFE.—Mr. George Frothingham Johnson brings an action for separation against his wife who was a Miss McArthur, and an action for $50,000 damages against a Mr. Fiske, an American, who has been doing busjness in Montreal for some time.

The Colonial Farmer,

FREDERICTON, N. B., OCTOBER 23, 1876.

Two gentlemen have issued Cards to the electors of St John in view of the approaching election to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of the late Mr. Keans. They are Mr. Charles A. Everett and Mr. Robert Marshall. The former declares that he will give to the measures of the Government the fullest support to which in the conscientious discharge of a representative's duty he may deem them entitled. The latter says "I am convinced that no good reasons have been shown why the confidence of the constituency of St. John should be withdrawn from the present Government, and should I be elected I shall be prepared to give them my best support." Mr. Everett is supported with considerable zeal by the *News*, the Hon. Mr. Willis's paper. The other City Journals have not yet taken a decided position, nor the Government shown its hand. The fact that Mr. Willis is backing any candidate or scheme is not to be taken as indicative of the course which his colleagues in the Executive propose to adopt; and it can scarcely be that they will pass over a candidate who promises squarely to support them and take hold of one who, however good a friend he may be to Mr. Willis, commits himself no further than Mr. Everett does; for it must be observed that this gentleman promises only a support to such government measures as he can conscientiously approve of. This we take it every member of the Opposition is willing to give, and they can claim that they endeavored to assist the Government in the perfecting of all their measures. But between such a course and a thick and thin support of a government there is a vast difference. While Mr. Marshall, if returned to the Assembly, will go there pledged to sustain Messrs. King & Co. notwithstanding the damaging disclosures which have been made; Mr. Everett, if elected, will be able and willing to undertake the task of setting right what is wrong in the administration of affairs. The former ties his hands before going into the conflict, the latter goes forward free and untrammelled. Having thus hampered himself, it will be impossible for Mr. Marshall to do justice to himself or to the constituency he aspires to represent. He must be wilfully blind who says that he cannot see dangers around about our Provincial ship of State; and wilfully ignorant who does not know that the policy of the Government upon almost all subjects has been attended with failure. Nothing but the grossest incapacity or rank rascality can afford an explanation of the results arrived at in the administration of the Immigration and Public Works grants during the last six years. We challenge contradiction when we say that in the expenditure for roads and bridges and for preparations for the Immigrants the Province has been virtually robbed of thousands of dollars. It is useless to repeat the dozens of instances which have been adduced in support of this statement, not only in these columns but on the floors of the Assembly; but it may be well to remind our readers that neither Mr. Kelly nor Mr. Stevenson were able to repute the charges made against them. The latter perhaps has cleared himself from any imputation of personal participation in the frauds which have prevailed under his departmental management: the former has never done anything but bluster and call those who criticized him hard names. Both of them at the very best stand convicted of gross incapacity. When therefore Mr. Marshall says he can see no reason why St. John should withdraw its support from a Government which assumes the responsibility of the errors and misdeeds of these officers, we may be excused if we question his fitness for the position of a representative; for he must either be ignorant of the A B C of the subject with which he wishes to be elected to deal, or dishonest in laying down his political platform.

It is probable that other candidates will be in the field; and the names of Mr. C. A. Robertson, Mr. Maher and Dr. Alward have been mentioned, and perhaps there is little doubt that one or the other of them will offer. We do not expect that Mr. Maher will come out; but he may see his opportunity in the split which may occur in the Government ranks over the candidates. Whoever is selected by the electors it is to be hoped that he will be an independent man, not one who for the sake of the small honors of a seat in the Assembly will go back on his record and pledge himself in favor of a party which up to a day or two ago he labored to defeat. We want to see St. John return a representative who will promise to be governed in his political course by the facts of our Provincial politics. Such an one as this will be a valuable addition to the House; we have plenty of the other class there already: plenty of men of whom it can be truly said that

"The jingling of the guinea cures the hurt
that honor feels."

Mr. C. A. Robertson's Card appeared in the *Globe* of Friday night. He makes no promises further than that he will advocate the interests of the Constituency to the best of his ability. His silence on any subject of general interest would indicate that he proposes to take an independent position. It would be very much more satisfactory if both he and Mr. Everett would state what their views are upon the several questions which agitated the Assembly last winter. Perhaps they will do so at the hustings; when Mr. Marshall also will probably show how he became "convinced" that the Government was not all which heretofore his fancy painted them.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS,—Attention is directed to the notice of the Secretary of the Board of School Trustees in another column, by which it will be observed that the Public Examination of certain Schools takes place on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, the 25th, 26th and 27th. It has no doubt, been gratifying to the Trustees, that so many parents have heretofore taken an interest in the semi-annual examinations, and we hope that the number of persons present on the days above referred to, will be such as to show that there is a growing feeling in favor of these public institutions of learning. We may as well state here, that while all the Departments are open to the reception of pupils at any time, who have previously had some instruction, it is especially desirable that children who have never been to school, or received any instruction should apply for admission to the first Department as early in the first week of November as possible, that they may join, with advantage to themselves, the classes that will then be formed.

GOLD.—We have been credibly informed that gold has been descovered near Big Harbor, in the County of Victoria. It is not found as gold generally exists in the gold fields of Nova Scotia proper, but is found embedded in slate in very thin layers, and in visible specks mingling with the slate, as found in gold fields recently discovered in Nevada. The information was given a friend of ours by a Mr. Kendick, merchant, of Halifax. *C. B. Advocate. 12th.*

THE KING'S COUNTY FARMERS' LEAGUE.—The third quarterly meeting of the K. C. Farmers' League was held at the Police Court, Sussex, on Friday, Oct. 13th. The day was fine and the attendance large—between thirty and forty farmers took part in the proceedings. St. John and Queen Counties were also represented. The President of the Association, Mr. J. E. Fairweather, in taking the chair, suggested the propriety of devoting the morning session to the consideration of matters of direct importance to the Farmers of the County.

R. McCully, Esq., proposed for consideration the financial condition of the County, and how to lessen the burthen of taxation. He believed a saving could be effected by doing away with the office of collector, and in lieu thereof having receivers appointed in one or more sections of the Parishes. The following gentlemen took part in the discussion: J. D. M. Keator, Esq., I. B. S. Raymond, Esq., R. E. McLeod, M. P. P., C. J. Smith, Esq., S. L. Peters, Esq., Weeden Fowler, Esq., O. R. Arnold, Esq., A. C. Otty, Esq., and others. The discussion took a wide range, and the new Assessment Act, with its cumbrous and unwieldy machinery, was pronounced everything but perfection. R. McCully, J. D. M. Keator, and C. J. Smith, Esqs., were appointed a committee to enquire into and report upon the feasibility of procuring such alterations in the Assessment Act, as shall make it more generally satisfactory—to report at the annual meeting, at the Shiretown, January, 1877.

A large number of Farmers were enrolled members.

The President then stated the subject for the afternoon's discussion, viz.: *How and Where to Drain.*

J. D. M. Keator, Weeden Fowler, S. L. Peters, I. B. S. Raymond, E. J. Peters, J. W. Nolan, S. B. Belding, C. J. Smith, R. Baxter, O. R. Arnold, Oliver Arnold, A. C. Otty, Esqs., the President, and others, advocated the necessity of draining and gave their experiences in reference to, and the benefits derived from it. The discussion elicited much really valuable information, and the members separated more than ever determined to sustain their popular and growing institution, the Farmers' League.

The next meeting will be held at Hampton on the second Tuesday in January.

The discussion will be upon the question: Which pays best, to sell the produce of the Farm—such as roots and grain,—or to turn them into beef, pork, mutton, &c.—*Com.*

The Charlotte County Agricultural Society held its annual Show and Fair at Bayside on Friday, the 13th inst. There was a large number of visitors present. The number of entries was much larger than usual, surpassing, if anything, all previous shows held by the Society. The *Standard* says:—

"The show of cattle was fair, but not such as we expected to see after the outlay for improved breeds—indeed a competant judge of cattle remarked, "that there were but few traces of pure bred animals. Mr. Dansmore's Jerseys Bull and Dr. Tupper's Durham, (he said) were the finest cattle on the grounds." The horses were good of their kind, but not superior. Several sheep and lambs were of choice breeds. A large lamb (Leicester), owned by Mr. Upton, of St. Stephen, was a superior animal, only six months old and weighs upwards of 140 lbs.

"The poultry showed choice breeds and were very fine.

"The show of roots and vegetables was by far the best in quality, variety, and size ever exhibited, and would have done credit to any country, and it is difficult to believe they could be excelled. The excellent quality, variety and size of the potatoes was the subject of most favorable comment: and the carrots, parsnips, turnips, onions and beets were superior.

"The grain was likewise, very good, the weight being above the average. The samples of native flour were pronounced of excellent quality; and the domestic manufactures, viz., butter, homespun, socks and mitts, yarn, quilts, &c., were highly commended. Some of the unenumerated articles, the handiwork of the women, displayed much taste and skill. The fruits were also fair."

The St. John County Agricultural Society's Exhibition took place on Thursday last. The *News* says:—

"The show of live stock, including Horses, Cattle, Sheep and Swine, was very good and elicited much praise from the gentlemen present who were not presonally interested in the animals on the ground. The display in agricultural products and manufactured articles was very limited, but the samples shown were of good quality. From the fact that no wheat was shown it is evident that farmers think this is not a wheat growing County. The number of entries in grain and roots was confined to a very few persons, and the Directors of the Society regret that farmers generally throughout the County do not give more countenance to the Society."

The Annual Exhibition and Cattle Show of the Kingsclear Agricultural Society will be held on Wednesday next, on the grounds of the Society. The prospect are that this Show will surpass any previously held at Kingsclear.

DISASTROUS FIRE IN ONTARIO.—A despatch to the *Globe* from Ottawa, dated the 19th inst., says:—

At Clifford, Ont., yesterday, a disastrous fire broke out in the dwelling house of Crosier. It spread to the American Hotel stables; Ford's boot and shoe store, with the dwelling attatched; Froude's drug store, occupied by Edward Gibson; George McDonald's large hotel, occupied by Jno. Dohfer; and an adjoining store occupied by Thos. Doyering, all of which were destroyed. The loss estimated at from $30,000 to $40,000. The insurance is not yet known.

ACCIDENT AT STANLEY.—An obliging correspondent at Stanley sends us the following account of an accident in there a few days previous to the Show:—

"On Monday, the 9th inst., several young men had gone to the race course to prepare for the race, which, I believe, always follows the Cattle Show, when one of the competitors, named Thomas Buchanan, was thrown violently from his horse and received a serious inward shock also breaking his collar bone and one rib; he now lies in a very precarious state. He is a married man and about 40 years of age having a family of nine children; the eldest being only thirteen."

On Sunday last, the 15th inst., the new Free Baptist Church at Marysville was dedicated to the worship of God. The Rev. G. A. Hartley, of St. John, conducted the morning services; the Rev. Robt. Wilson, the afternoon services; and the Rev. Jos. McLeod the evening services. Notwithstanding the day was cold and stormy quite a large number attended the different services.

There were only twenty-one applicants for the appointment of Principal of the Chatham Grammar and High School. As only one man was required for the position, there are now twenty disappointed mortals. Mr. J. B. Oakes, of Richibucto, is the lucky man.

Tidies are going out of fashion, it is reported, and if it be true—if we are to sink into a rocking chair after this without tearing a lace dog from the back of it, or settle down on a sofa and not feel a yellow worsted farm house humping up against the end of our spinal column, then an evening's *tete a tete* will seem as odd as a man with his moustache shaved off.

There appears no room for doubt that Europe is on the eve of a general war. The despatches are of course very conflicting; but there is sufficient agreement between their details to leave no other conclusion possible. The tone of the English and Continental press show that public men have made up their minds that a great struggle is inevitable. The responsibility in the premises rests upon Russia, whose policy on the Eastern question is the same to-day as it was half a century ago; and the position of the other European powers is very little changed. Some of the English papers appear to be of the opinion that England can avoid participating in the war, which they say may possible be confined to Russia and Turkey. This however desirable is not at all likely to be realized. If Turkey were a match for the great northern empire such a hope would not be entirely chimerical; but Russia both in men, treasure and in the unity of her people has vastly the advantage; so that it is to rely upon an impossible contingency to expect Turkey to bear the brunt of the conflict alone. With England passive, the Russian flag will float over the Golden Horn, and the highway to India, of which country our Gracious Queen has lately been proclaimed Empress, will be threatened by the most oppressive nation in the world; while an intense discontent will be created among our Mahomettan fellow subjects. But it is useless to speculate upon probabilities when a few weeks at least will decide all questions beyond doubt. One thing is certain, the war which is approaching will be the greatest the world has witnessed since the first few years of the century; in its effects upon the European situation it will probably be unparallelled. The following extract from the London *Telegraph* will show the feeling of the liberal party in England upon this all engrossing subject:—

"England, as much as she loves and desires peace, must wage war from end to end of the world rather than permit the Russian flag to be hoisted at Constantinople. Lord Derby justly said that for British interests the Eastern question centered in Constantinople, and we hold it clear to all sensible and resolute Englishmen that at the first overt invasion of Turkish territory the British fleet, with assent of the Sultan, should most assuredly cast anchor in the Golden Horn. Those to whom such a step might appear like help for the Turks, may take comfort for it would be simply an act vital to British security and accomplished in the name and for the protection of British rights. If it were not done Asia, from Scutari to Shanghae, would know and proclaim immediately that we had abdicated the sceptre of the East, and the commerce along all our Oriental lines would live at the mercy of a future Black Sea Squadron."

The latest news received on Saturday was that a Russian Column had crossed the Pruth into Turkish Territory.

FIRE.—Our citizens were aroused on Thursday morning by the dismal cry of fire, and occasionally could be heard the tinkling of what our City Council calls a fire alarm. It was soon ascertained that the building occupied by Wm. McLaughlin on Westmoreland street was on fire, and thither we turned our steps, after waiting as we thought about half a day, but in reality about half an hour or more, the hose cart put in a leisurly appearance and some fifteen minutes afterwards water began to flow, but in the mean time the building was one mass of flame which had extended to Mr. E. Clark's fine two story building and out-buildings on the same street. Very soon Mr. John Richards' cottage on George street, occupied by Mrs. Clark, caught as also Mrs. McKay's on same street. The fire ran rapidly through Mr. Clark's outbuildings to his barn, and thence to Mr. D. Casey's paint shop, all of which were entirely destroyed. Mr. Clark's dwelling was saved, but in a very delapidated condition. The buildings entirely destroyed are as follows:—

Mr. John Richards' cottage on Westmorland street, in which Mrs. A. P. Miller had a life interest. No insurance. Occupied by W. McLaughlan.

Mr. John Richards' cottage on George street; loss $800. Insurance in Queen $400.

Mrs. McKay's cottage on George street. No insurance.

Mr. W. McLaughlan and his family had a very narrow escape, having only with difficulty escaped with their lives. They lost everything they had in the house.

Mr. Clark's kitchen, sheds, barn, &c., totally destroyed, and dwelling badly damaged; loss, $2000. Insured in Royal Canadian for $1600. In addition to this Mr. Clark lost heavily on furniture and fuel. A very handsome pianoforte was badly damaged. No insurance on furniture or piano.

Mr. Casey lost his paint shop and some out-houses; loss about $250. No insurance.

During the progress of the fire it was discovered that the roof of the York street School (formerly Baptist Seminary) was on fire as also the roof of the barn in the rear. A number of citizens with buckets of water soon extinguished this.

We cannot congratulate the Fire Department on their promptness on this occasion.

MELANCHOLY AND FATAL ACCIDENT.—Thursday morning last Miss Josephine White aged about 18 years, daughter of Mr. Michael White of Nashwaak, was burned to death. She had been suffering from a cold for some time, and on the morning referred to, in order to warm her back, sat down on the hearth of the cooking stove. There was not much fire in the stove at the time, and she requested a little girl who was in the kitchen with her to put in a stick of wood. In doing so it is suppose that some of the coals were knocked out upon Miss White's dress, for shortly afterwards she discovered that her clothing was on fire. She immediately started up and it appears at once thought of a horse trough, near the well a few yards distant from the house, in which there was some water and to which she hastened but before she had gone half way, she turned and fled back to the house and on reaching the door fell unconscious. The little girl in the mean time had summoned assistance, but before the fire was extinguished Miss White was burned in a horible manner. All the flesh on her back and one of her arms, was completely off to the bone. Dr Patterson, of St Mary's, was sent for, but she was past all earthly help. After lingering in intense agony for several hours she died.

LARGE APPLES,—Mr. John Camber of Spring Hill has presented us with a basket of nice apples of a very large size. One of them is of uncommon size. It measures 12½ inches around one way and 13½ inches the other, and weighs just one ounce short of a pound. It is of the variety commonly known as the "Babbit" apple. Mr. Camber has some more big ones that he intends exhibiting at the Kingsclear Show on Wednesday next.

On Sunday morning last the Mill at Magaguadavic owned by the Messrs. Murchie, of St. Stephen, was destroyed by fire. A large quantity of lumber was destroyed. The mill was insured for $15,000.

THE UNION AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY of King's held its annual Show and Fair at Springfield on Thursday, the 12th inst. The display in the different departments was very large; and taking as a whole the Show far surpassed any ever held by the Society.

BOOK NOTICES, &c.

WEE DAVIE, by the late Norman Macleod, D. D., Belford Bros., Toronto, publishers. We have received a copy of this work from the publishers. This little story told in the Doctor's inimitable style is at once pleasing and deeply affecting. The reader cannot fail to be profited by it. Norman Macleod was doubtless the best writer of religious fiction of his day, and "Wee Davie" is by no means the least of his productions. For sale by H. A. Cropley. Price 15 cents in paper covers.

THE EARNEST STUDENT or The Memorials of John Mackintosh, is another work from the pen of Norman Macleod, D. D., Published by Belford Bros., Toronto. In the way of religious reading the Memorials of JOHN MACKINTOSH take a leading place. They are admirably compiled and full of the most instructive materials. The author says, "JOHN MACKINTOSH will always be to me an impersonation of whatever things are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, and of good report. He was a model of docility, intelligence, and perseverance as a student; of gratitude, faithfulness, and forbearance as a friend; of humility, purity, and devotion as a christian." The example of candor, assiduity and self-consecration protrayed in these memorials must strongly impress the reader. The work should be in the hands of all young persons as well as those of more advanced years. For sale at Cropley's Book Store. Price in cloth $1.00, in paper 75 cents.

THE LAUREL BUSH, by the author of John Halifax, Gentlemen, Dawson Brothers, publishers, Montreal. The Laurel Bush is an old-fashioned love story—an old-fashioned one when compared with most modern productions. The author's well known talent in picturing real life and practical persons is exercised to perfection in the work before us. Robert Roy is not what might be called an "every day" character. He possesses, perhaps more constancy than most ordinary men of the world are endowed with, yet he seems like a real personage after all, for there are many little traits of character shown that plainly mark him as not perfection by any means. Fortune Williams is a practical little governess, who foolishly falls in love with Roy; she does not fade away and die when the spring flowers blossom, but contentedly resigns herself to her destiny, and tries by a life of patient toil to forget her youthful fancy. How far she succeeds the reader will be able to judge. The story is very interesting. For sale at Cropley's Book Store. Price in paper covers, 50 cents.

THE PHRENOLOGICAL JOURNAL AND SCIENCE OF HEALTH for November has been received. The number is bright and sparkling and full of good things. There is reading for everybody in it. All the departments are well sustained; the illustrations are of the finest description; and its general character throughout of the highest order. It is a Magazine that should be in every family. Address S. R. Wells & Co., 737 Broadway, New York. Subscription price $3.00 a year. Single copies 30 cents.

HARPER'S MAGAZINE for November is a splendid number, rich in the variety of its contents and in pictorial illustrations. The number opens with a poem by the author of "John Halifax, Gentleman," entitled "Magnus and Morna: a Shetland Fairy Tale." Constructed as an operetta for a musical accompaniment, it is full of rich lyrical gems; and it is an exquisite story. Mr. Frederick's illustations are worthy of the poem. HARRIET PRESCOTT SPOFFORD contributes an article on "Mediæval Furniture," illustrated with thirty-two engravings. HORACE E. SCUDDER'S "A Puritan Gentleman in New England," gives the reader some very interesting glimpses of the domestic life of Governor John Winthrop. A. H. GUERNSEY, in another illustrated paper, gives a graphic description of an exploring picnic in the Indian Alps, under the title of "An Englishwoman among the Himalayas." MRS. MARTHA J. LAMB contributes an exceedingly interesting article upon the distinguished persons interred in the burial-grounds of Trinity and St. Paul's. The article is illustrated with nineteen picturesque engravings. A new story by Miss THACKERAY is begun in this Number; and the publishers announce the commencement in the December Number of a new serial story by R. D. BLACKMORE, author of "Lorna Doone," "Alice Lorraine," "The Maid of Sker," etc. "A Woman-Hater," which has reached its fifth part, increases in interest with each installment of the story. Interesting short stories are contributed by CONSTANCE FENIMORE WOOLSON, REBECCA HARDING DAVIS, ANNIE THOMAS, and Mrs. E. T. CORBETT. As interesting as a story is the powerful character sketch, by an anonymous author, entitled "A Grand Business Man for the New School." Professor CHARLES MURRAY-NAIRNE, of Columbia College, contributes a sketch of John Locke. Poems are contributed by BAYARD TAYLOR, ALFRED H. LOUIS, GEORGE LUNT, A. F., and EDGAR FAWCETT. The Editorial Departments are unusually full and interesting, including the pleasant social gossip of the "Easy Chair," an interesting *resume* of important recent books, the summaries of scientific progress and of current events, and an entertaining "Drawer."

The following was the programme of the second Social of the Y. M. C. A.:—

MUSIC.

Chorus,—"O Merrily dance the Stars," Misses Heustis, Morgan, Beckwith and Gough:
Solo—F. Richards.
Messrs. Crewdson and F. Richards.
Chorus—"Peace, Be Still."
Solo—Miss Heustis.
Solo & Chorus—"I am Waiting." Soloists, Misses Heustis and Gough.

LITERARY.

Reading—By G. W. Fenwick.
Recitation—By H. LeB. Smith.
Sketch—By J. Marnie.
Address—By Professor Foster.

Mr. Thos. Logan occupied the Chair. The attendance was about two hundred and fifty persons, and the evening passed off very pleasantly.

The following Judgments were delivered by the Supreme Court on Saturday:—

Spring Hill Mining Company *vs* Sharpe—Demurrer to pleas sustained.

Boltenhouse *vs* Milner—Judgment for Deft on 4th plea, and for plff on 5th plea.

Ex parte John O. Watson—Rule for Mandamus discharged.

Curran *vs* Morgan—Appeal from Carleton County Court sustained.

Waterhouse *vs* Dewey—Demurrer to plea sustained, with leave to deft to amend.

The point in Curran *vs.* Morgan, is that where a person is not aware that a note requires to be stamped, he may affix double duty and thereby render the note valid. Waterhouse *vs.* Dewey is the libel case arising out of the St. John Post Office robberies, and is virtually decided for the Defendant, provdied he can sustain the facts he relies on as a defence.

We do not wish to find fault needlessly, but in the matter of seating the City Hall we think some one has blundered. The contractor was prepared, and so informed the committee at the time he took the contract, to furnish the full number of seats required at the contract price, but for some unexplained reason the committee only ordered six hundred. When Mr. Sutherland completed his contract the committee wanted him to make the balance at the same price. He very wisely refused to do so, and the consequence was, the committee had to give him fifty cents a seat more to complete the job. We are glad for the contractor's sake, for he has furnished a very neat and substantial seat at a very low figure; but we really think that if the committee had had their wits about them, they might have saved the city a couple of hundred dollars, and prevented considerable delay.

Judging from the number of barrels that have been in front of his door for the past few days, friend PERKINS must be doing a splendid Fall business. The car load of flour received Friday night, he assures us, is of as good quality as the last, and he feels very desirous of selling it at once, to make room for some more that is on the road.

A young lad, son of Jos. Sutherland, Esq., who lives at Kingsclear, accidently shot himself in the shoulder while out gunning on Thursday last.

PREMIUM LIST OF THE STANLEY SHOW.

The Secretary of the Stanley Agricultural Society has handed us the following list of premiums awarded at the late Show, for publication:—

Malcolm McKinnon—First Fat Steer, first Ram over 2 years old, 3rd Wheat.

Thomas Boulter—3rd 2 year old Filly, 2nd Bull Calf, 2nd Milch Cow, 2nd 2 year old Heifer, first Ram Lamb, first Breeding Sow over 1 year, first Spring Pig, 2nd Smooth Buckwheat, 2nd Print Butter, 2nd All Wool Homespun.

Joseph Brown—First Bread Mare & Colt, first Yearling Colt, first Heifer Calf, 3rd Heifer Calf.

Neill Campbell—2nd 3 year old Steers, 2nd Ram Lamb, 2nd Fat Hog, 3rd Breeding Sow over 1 year old, first Young Sow, 3rd Beets, 1st Silver Dollar Potatoes, 3rd Onions, 3rd Beans, 1st Socks.

Wm. Clarkson—2nd Yearling Colt.

Edward Kirlin—2nd Peas, 1st Grass Seed.

Joseph Thorburn—3rd Yearling Heifer, 3rd Swede Turnips, 1st Hybrid Turnips, 1st Crock Butter.

John Kerr—1st Early Rose Potatoes, 3rd Peas.

Timothy Kirby—3rd Oxen, 1st Kidney Potatoes, 1st Susie Potatoes, 1st Bradley Reds, 1st Jenny Lind Cattle Potatoes.

John O'Leary—1st Early Blue Potatoes, 1st Markey Potatoes, 1st Breezes Prolific Potatoes.

Capt. Wilkinson—2nd Mare & Colt, 3rd 3 year old Filly, 2nd Spring Pig.

William Patchell—1st Plums, 3rd Plums, 1st Oxen, 2nd Heifer Calf, 1st Smooth Buckwheat, 3rd 3 year old Steers.

Thomas Buchanan—1st 2 year old Filly, 3rd Working Horses, 1st Bull Calf, 2nd Breeding Sow over one year, 3rd Young Sow, 1st Wheat, 1st Peas.

Edward Jarvis—2nd Shearling Ram, 1st Barley, 3rd Rough Buckwheat, 1st Fulled Homespun.

B. C. Gunter—3rd Corn, 3rd Homespun, 2nd Cheese.

Geo. T. Gunter—2nd 2 year old Filly, 2nd Corn, 3rd Print Butter, 1st Cheese, 1st All Wool Homespun.

Robt. Buston—2nd 2 year old Filly, 3rd Shearling Ewes.

Alexander McDonald—3rd Mare & Foal, 1st Yearling Bull, 3rd Milch Cow, 1st 2 year old Heifer.

Gilbert Pringle—2nd Red Carrots, 2nd White Carrots, 3rd Tomatoes.

Bernard Elliott—1st 2 year old Gelding.

William Pringle—3rd Yearling Colt, 3rd Spring Pig, 2nd White Turnips, 1st Parsnips, 1st Red Carrots, 1st White Carrots, 3rd Mangold Wurtzell, 3rd Cabbage, 1st Onions, 2nd Cucumbers, 3rd Barley, 3rd White Oats, 3rd Black Oats, 2nd Beans, 3rd Grass Seed, 2nd Yearling Steers.

Thomas Rodgers—2nd Aged Ram, 1st Ewe Lamb, 2nd Onions, 3rd Socks, 3rd Grass Seed.

Mrs. Taylor—2nd 2 year old Gelding, 1st Aged Ewe, 2nd Ewe over 2 years, 1st Shearling Ewe, 3rd Ewe Lamb, 2nd Barley, 2nd White Oats, 2nd Black Oats, 2nd Rough Buckwheat.

John Harvey—2nd Entire Horse, 2nd 2 year old Steers, 1st Young Boar, 2nd Young Sow, 3rd Fat Hog, 2nd Pumpkin, 2nd Socks, 3rd Mitts.

Geo. S. Peters—1st Apples, 1st Aged Boar Pig, 1st Corn, 3rd Cheese.

David Douglass—3rd Bees, 2nd Bees Wax, 1st Shearling Ram, 3rd Crock Butter, 2nd Mitts, 1st Quilt, 3rd Quilt.

Thos. Douglass—3rd Apples, 2nd 2 year old Bull, 1st Yearling Heifer, 2nd Ewe Lamb, 1st Print Butter, 1st Mixed Homespun.

Henry Blair—1st three year old Gelding, 2nd Apples, 2nd Yearling Bull, 2nd Oxen, 3rd Ram over 2 years old, 3rd Ram Lamb, 2nd Cabbage.

James Tomlinson—Best Entire Horse.

Thos. Nowlan—Best Milch Cow, 3rd Pumpkin.

John Douglass—2nd Entire Horse, 1st Bees, 1st Honey, 1st Bees Wax, 2nd Plums, 2nd Tomatoes, 3rd 2 year old Heifer, 2nd Shearling Ewe, 2nd Boar over one year, 2nd Swede Turnips, 1st White Turnips, 2nd Parsnips, 2nd Hybrid Turnips, 3rd Red Carrots, 3rd Mangold Wurtzell, 1st Beets, 1st Squash, 2nd Squash, 3rd Squash, 1st Pumpkin, 1st White Oats, 1st Black Oats, 1st Rough Buckwheat, 1st Bush Beans.

Edward Speer—Best Bull, 1st Yearling Steers, 3rd White Carrots, 2nd Crock Butter, 1st Mangold Wurtzell, 2nd Beets.

Jas. McMillen, 2nd Wheat.

Alex. McKilligan—Best Swede Turnips, best Mitts.

Andrew Waugh—1st 3 year old Filly, 1st Fat Cow, 3rd Shearling Ram, 3rd 2 year old Gelding.

Wm. Currie—1st Working Horse, 2nd Yearling Heifer, 1st Fat Hog, 1st Christie Potatoes.

John Thomas—1st Tomatoes, 3rd Parsnips, 1st Shingles, 1st Rye.

Messrs. McFarlane, Thompson & Anderson—Steel Plough.

The Ploughing Match on the 12th was well attended, and a very marked improvement over last year's work could be seen.

The Prizes were awarded as follows:—

Thomas Harvey, first prize—A new Plough.
William Douglass, second prize—$3.
David Douglass, third prize—$2.

EDWARD SPEER,
Secretary Treasurer.

EVERY YOUNG MAN should procure a copy of the medical work entitled "The Science of Life, or Self-Preservation," published by the famous "Peabody Institute," Boston. This book will teach the young how to avoid dangerous diseases, and from it the middle-aged and those more advanced in life may attain to a restoration of a prostrated system to active health. It is the result of deep study and most extensive medical practice, and may be relied upon. The extremely valuable and interesting book entitled "Sexual Physiology of Woman and Her Diseases" is also published by the Institute. Also, "Diseases of the Nerve and Nervous Maladies," is another work published by the Institute, an exhaustive treaties on these subjects. By referring to the advertisement in another column, it will be seen that the author of these important works has recently been presented with a Gold Medal by the National Medical Association. Read the advertisement.

T. W. KIERSTEAD, Sir,—I have been troubled with indigestion and Dizziness across my Forehead for a length of time, which has been cured by using your Purgative and Tonic. You can use this for the benefit of others.

JOHN TITUS.

St. John, N. B., Feb. 8th, 1871.

Davis & Dibb'ee, Druggists, Queen Street, Fredericton, Sole Agents for York and Sunbury.

The *News* is bragging over a potato raised by Mr. Olmstead, of Canning, Queen's County, that weighed 3 lbs., and wants some farmer to "come up to it." We chronicled one last week that was raised up Nashwaak that weighed 3½ lbs. The *News* had better try again.

The *Gleaner* tells of a Norwegin who married a wife in P. E. Island, and another in Miramichi, and after living for a time in Newcastle, disappeared a few days before his first wife came to look for him.

GRAND DIVISON S. OF T.—The S. of T. will bear in mind that the annual session of the above body, will be held in the Temperance Hall, in this city, on Thursday, the twenty-sixth inst. A large attendance of representatives is anticipated. See advertisement.

THE SINGLE SCULL RACE between WALLACE ROSS and ALEX. BRAYLEY, came off on Thursday afternoon on the Kenebeccasis. ROSS was the winner by about six lengths. It is rumored that ROSS is to challenge HANLON for a race this season.

By the explosion of a battery of boilers in the Sable Iron Works, Pittsburg, Pa., on Thursday of last week, eighteen men were killed and fifty wounded.

The London *Punch* wants to know if "Dr." Slade is from *Pencilvania*. Yes, that was his slate residence.—*World.*

NEWS BY TELEGRAPH.

MONDAY.

Vanderbilt allayed great excitement to day, caused by the announcement of his death, by sending the following despatch to a Wall street firm: "I am alive and doing well—better than I have been in many months. VANDERBILT."

The *Times* publishes a summary of Gortschakoff's letter to Russian representatives abroad, in reply to Turkey's offer of six months armistice. Gortschakoff points out that no durable peace could proceed from Turkey's proposal. Servia and Montenegro could not be expected to remain so long in a critical condition. He concludes with a statement that Russia is disposed to insist upon armistice of a month or six weeks, of which might be extended if the progress of negotiations rendered it necessary.

The *Times* Paris correspondent points to the fact that this is the first time Russia has clearly accepted solidarity with Servia and Montenegro. In advising them to reject Turkish pro