

THE CARLETON SENTINEL.

WOODSTOCK, JANUARY 7, 1850.

The Bench and the Bar at Quebec are at variance on the subject of Lawyer's fees. It appears that the Judges were authorized by an act of the Legislature to promulgate new rules of practice, and a tariff altering and regulating the fees received by the Lawyers and Sheriffs in Lower Canada. The Lawyers on learning that a tariff had been prepared without consulting them, petitioned the Judges that they might be heard upon it. The Judges refused, and the Lawyers, 70 in number left the court in a body, declaring their determination not to return during the setting of the Court. It is hard to tell at this distance which party is in the right, or whether both may not be a little out of the way. A sweeping change has certainly been made, and if the present tariff is any thing like a just one, the Lawyers of Canada have been fleecing their clients at no small rate. On a certain action for £250 the fees under the old tariff was £7 10s. under the new £4 6s. 8d., to the Plaintiff's attorney; and to the defendant's attorney it was £5 under the old, and £2 6s 8d under the new. In another case the reduction has been from £7 10s. to £3 10s., and from £5 to £2, another from £5 16s. 8d., to £2 13s. 4d., and from £3 to £1 10. Like reductions have been made in thirty or forty more cases. The gentlemen of the Bar have no doubt reason to complain of the conduct of the Judge, in refusing to receive their petition, and perhaps the reduction has been too great, and too sudden, but nothing in our opinion can justify the conduct of the Lawyers in sacrificing the interest of the clients to gratify their own personal feelings. Every case was continued over to the next Court, regardless of their importance, or the consequences that may ensue. The Quebec Gazette says 'clients may be beggared, or the ends of justice frustrated altogether by the delay. The Lawyers too, will loose their fees for a time, but we have too much confidence in their powers of looking after themselves, to feel much anxiety on their account.' A reduction of fees, on actions in the Supreme Court was no doubt as much required in Canada as it is in New Brunswick. Here the high price of Law has been a cause of complaint with the many for a number of years, but still no improvement has been made with regard to actions in the supreme Court. It is argued that because it costs a large sum to give a Lawyer his education and profession he should therefore be supported in affluence, and receive ten times the amount for his labour that is paid to a man of any other profession or calling in the community; and because so large a number choose to be Lawyers, the fees must necessarily be high, in order that they may live respectably, should they obtain but two or three cases each in a year. We believe these extraordinary high fees to be a premium on idleness, and injurious to every member of the profession. The prospect of an easy life induces many to become Lawyers that would otherwise have engaged in other pursuits, and the practice is so cut up and divided, that no one man can obtain business enough to keep him in employment; while if the fees were reduced to a fair standard, but few comparatively would care to enter the profession, and those who did if they were talented and industrious would find it profitable without being ruinous to their clients. The fact is lawyers are far too numerous both here and elsewhere for their own good and for the benefit of their country. Think of seventy being in the court room at one time in a place like Quebec; think of the two hundred to be supported in New Brunswick, and how supported? It is a melancholy reflection that however good or great they may be, their living is chiefly drawn from the pockets of the unfortunate. The harder the times, and the greater the discord and contention in a community the better for lawyers. We do not however attach any blame to them for this, nor for the high fees on actions in the Supreme court; we are aware that the whole sum charged in a bill of costs does not go into their pockets, a considerable portion is paid out as fees to those above them in the profession; some of these should be reduced and some abolished; the practice of the Courts might also be so simplified that a reduction of forty or fifty per cent could be made in the table of fees, and lawyers be well paid even then for their labour. We have much more to say on this subject and shall return to it at an early day.

OUR ELECTION.—A Public Meeting for the purpose of electing Parish Officers for the ensuing year, was held in the Hall of the Institute on Tuesday last. All that we can say in favour of this meeting is, that it was a new thing, and very good men were selected to fill the different offices. This may be thought by some to be quite enough: we think otherwise however, as we like to see at such meetings both system and order, neither of which were to be seen here. Many voted who were not by law entitled to do so, and several attempts were made to enforce the

gag law, but the good sense of the majority finally prevailed, and order was in a measure restored. As this was our first election for Parish Officers, it could not be expected that every thing would go on in perfect order, but we hope at the next one to see a regular system established and order preserved. A K. S. Wetmore Esq, was called to the chair and the following gentlemen were elected to fill the different Offices:—

OVERSEERS OF POOR.—John Hay, H. E. Dibblee, and Wm. Lindsay. **COMMISSIONERS OF HIGHWAYS.**—Thomas Pritchard, H. M. G. Garden and James P. Lockwood. **PARISH CLERK.**—E. M. Truesdell. **POUND KEEPERS.**—James Day, Alex. Owen, Samuel Porter, George DeBeck Jr., V. A. Hartley, Alex. Gibson, John Porter, Senr.—**HOG REEVES.**—Wm. M. Hazen, Wm. Atwater, Samuel Porter, James Day, V. A. Hartley, John Blue, James Kirkpatrick, Alex. Irvine, Ephraim Jacobs, John D. Ketchum, John Currie. **SURVEYORS OF DAMS.**—Wm. T. Baird, Wm. F. Dibblee, Charles H. Connell. **SEALERS OF LEATHER.**—Wm. Leonard, Wm. Lindsay, Daniel I. Day, James McDonald. **ASSESSORS OF RATES.**—Thomas Currie, James McLaughlan, James Robertson. **SURVEYORS OF HIGHWAYS.**—Wm. D. Smith, Wm. M. Hazen, Walter D. Bedell, Anthony Blackie, Osburn Tapley, Hanford Woolhaupter, John Broadstreet, Elijah Watson, Samuel Neale, John Heedy, Daniel Hatfield, John Carmont, Patrick McIntire, James Kirkpatrick, Isaac Carvill, Charles Jamison, Absalom Strong, Bradford Yerxa, John Carvill, Edward McCafferty, Robert Atkinson, Samuel Hillman, Thomas Dalling, Junr, James Sanderson, John McBride, James Henderson, Thomas McBride, Junr, William Strong, Andrew Currie, Thomas Stephenson, Robert Kent, John Watson, David Smith, Matthew Faulkner, Ellis Cunliffe, John Wilson, Robert McCullough, Sylvanus Knowlton, John D. Beardsley Junr, Wm. Upham, John M'Elroy, James Robertson, (Eel River,) Oliver Kelly, Dennis Oliver, Michael Maher, Isaac Dougherty, Edwin Bedell, John Porter, Senr., Robert Speer, Daniel Blue, William Miller, Hamilton Yerxa, Wm. Grimeson, Thomas Flemming, Wm. Forrest, Thomas H. White, Edward Tolin, Thomas McKee, Senr. **CONSTABLES.**—John S. McBeth, Aaron Perkins, Anthony Kearney, Israel Churchill, Wm. M. Hazen, Calvin McKee, John Carvill, John Hillman, James Kirkpatrick, Hanford Woolhaupter, Hosea Taylor, Richard S. Clarke, John Lafferty. **COLLECTOR OF RATES.**—John D. Ketchum. **FENCE VIEWERS.**—Joseph Harvey, Senr., Ralph Ketchum, John D. Beardsley, Junr., Samuel Porter, John Broadstreet, Joseph Harvey, (Richmond), James Ryan, Oliver Hemphill, Anthony Blackie, George Lafferty, Elijah Watson, Abner Bull, Robert A. Hay, John Watson, Thomas Dalling, Junr. **CLERK OF THE MARKET.**—E. M. Truesdell. **BOOM MASTERS.**—R. A. Hay, E. M. Truesdell, William Lindsay.

We understand that a man who witnessed the late tragedy at Montgomery's is now in Jail here, in consequence of his inability to furnish bail for his appearance at the next Circuit Court. This may be a very necessary proceeding and perfectly correct, but it is a hard case nevertheless, and is another strong reason why a Special Court should be appointed for this County at an early day. If it be right or necessary to imprison a witness under such circumstances, it is surely no more than right to make that imprisonment as short as possible. Independent of the extra expense it will be to the County to keep him in confinement until next September, it will be an act of great injustice to the man himself, and calls loudly for the interference of the Executive.

The Annual examination of the Wesleyan Sabbath School Scholars took place in Connell's Hall on New Year's day, and was highly interesting and satisfactory to all who witnessed it. About 120 scholars were present on the occasion. After the examination the children were regaled with a plentiful supply of right good Christmas cheer which had been provided for them by their Teachers and Friends. A number of valuable prizes, we understand, have been awarded, and are to be presented in a few days.

A pair of horses belonging to Mr. Joseph B. Wolverton of Northampton fell through the ice on Monday night last, and were drowned. The ice where the accident occurred was in small cakes drifted loosely together, but being covered with snow, was taken by Mr. Wolverton for solid ice.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—"H. H." from St. John is received. The money also came safe to hand, for which we return our thanks. The missing numbers of the Sentinel he speaks of, must be in the Post Office at St. John, as they have all been regularly mailed to his address, and sent to that office in a package with the other papers.

"Tim Tickler," on the Election came too late for insertion this week, he shall appear in our next.

The Poem on the late fire at Queensbury is entirely too lengthy for our columns.

SERVANTS WANTED.—We are authorised to state that 15 or 20 Servant Girls, would find immediate employment with good wages in this Village. A few servant men are also wanted.

Married.

At the residence of the Bride's father, on Saturday evening the 4th inst., by the Rev. Thomas Todd, Mr. Frederic Whitfield Campbell to Elizabeth L. Brannen, both of the Parish of Wakefield. At St. John, on the 21st inst., by the Rev. A. Stewart, William M. MacLaughlan, Esq., Barrister at-Law, to Sarah, fifth daughter of the late Captain T. W. Frouch.

Died.

At his residence in the Parish of Andover, County of Victoria, on Saturday the 4th inst., after a short illness, George H. Giberson, Esq., in the 37th year of his age, leaving a wife and seven young children to mourn their sad bereavement. Mr. Giberson was a kind father, an affectionate husband and good neighbour. His death has cast a dark gloom over the community in which he lived. He may truly be considered a public loss, as he was a most enterprising and useful member of society, ever engaged in some undertaking having for its object the general good. When overtaken by the hand of death, he was employed in erecting Mills, on the Tobique River, and making other improvements which would have given a great impetus to the further settlement of that section of the Country; it must be a source of great consolation to his family and numerous friends to know, that his sufferings were borne with pious resignation to the Divine Will, and that his end was peace.

In Jacksonton, on the 1st inst., after one week's illness, Jane, wife of Mr. Charles H. Mills, aged 42 years, leaving a husband and five children to mourn their bereavement. She died as she had lived, with a firm reliance on the merits of the Saviour.

At St. John, on the 23rd ult., Thomas Nisbet, Esq., a native of Dunee, (Scotland,) in the 74th year of his age. At Fredericton, on the 20th ult., Mr. James Williams, aged 68 years, formerly a resident of Renfield (Maine.)

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

CARLETON COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

A General meeting of the above Society will be held at the Mechanic's Institute on Saturday next, the 11th inst., at 7 o'clock, P. M., pursuant to adjournment of the annual meeting on December last.

By order

H. E. DIBBLEE,
Secretary.

Woodstock, Jan. 4th 1851.

NEWS! NEWS!

2000 COPIES of English, American and Colonial Newspapers, for sale at this office. Woodstock, January 7th, 1851.

GROUND PLASTER.

FOR sale by the Subscriber—150 bushels of the above article, which will be exchanged for good oats or other grain.

J. D. BAIRD.

Woodstock, Dec. 21st 1850.

CAUTION.

THIS is to Caution and forbid all persons from harbouring or trusting my son, JOHN WILLS, on my account, as I will pay no debts of his contracting. JOHN WILLS, Senr. Fredericton, Dec. 20th, 1851.

ST. ANDREWS AND QUEBEC RAIL-ROAD COMPANY. NOTICE FOR TENDERS.

THE Directors of the above Company are prepared to receive Sealed Tenders for the supply of Two Million feet of Hemlock Timber, to be delivered on the Line of Rail-road between Chamcook and the North West Branch of the Digdeguash, on or before the first day of August next, ensuing. Tenders will be received until the 20th proximo. For particulars of size and lengths, and for Forms of Tender, apply personally, or by letter at this Office.

By order,

JULIUS THOMPSON, Manager.

Rail-road Rooms, St. Andrews, Dec. 13, 1850.

**NEW BRUNSWICK.**

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, 8th March, 1848.

RESOLVED. That no Bill of a private nature, or Petition for money or relief, shall be received by the House after the fourteenth day from the opening of the Session, both inclusive; and that the Clerk of this House do, one month previous to the meeting of the Legislature, cause fifty printed copies of this Rule to be sent to each of the Clerks of the Peace in the several Counties for distribution, and cause the same to be inserted in the Royal Gazette, and two Newspapers in such County where Newspapers are published.

CHAS. P. WETMORE, Clerk.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, 7th April, 1849.

WHEREAS the number of applications to this House from School Teachers for Grants of Money have been from year to year increasing; and whereas it is desirable that such information should be furnished as would enable this House to arrive at just and equitable conclusions; therefore

RESOLVED. That this House will in future sustain no application for allowances to Teachers of Common or Parish Schools, unless it shall be certified by at least two Trustees of Schools for the Parish where such School has been taught, shewing the time actually taught—the Teacher to be licensed—the cause why such Teacher was not certified to the Sessions in the ordinary way—and that such Teacher was not compelled to discontinue his or her School on account of any improper conduct.

CHAS. P. WETMORE, Clerk.

COLLECTOR'S NOTICE.

THE following non-residents, proprietors of Land in the Parish of Brighton, are taxed for the amounts set opposite their respective names, which they are requested to settle forthwith:—

Richard Dunn, 15s. 1d.

John L. Marsh, 6s. 7d.

Brighton, Dec. 23, 1850.

GEORGE J. F. NEVENS,
Collector.**NOTICE.**

THE SUBSCRIBER begs to inform his Friends and the Public that he has taken the Cottage formerly occupied by the late J. M. Connell, Esq., and next to Mr. Hart's Hotel, which he has fitted up in a convenient manner for the accommodation of the Public, and shall be happy to receive a share of their patronage.

His late STAND in Wakefield will immediately be put in thorough repair suitable for the entertainment of the Public, and will be let for that purpose. TERMS made known on application to the Subscriber.

Woodstock, Dec. 16, 1850.

JOHN CALDWELL,
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