

COMMUNICATIONS.

[FOR THE CARLETON SENTINEL.]

Mr. Editor,—In consequence of a vacancy being left in the representation of this County, in the Legislature, occasioned by the death of our much esteemed late Representative, H. H. Beardsley, Esq., it is reported that two candidates will come forward for the vacant seat.—The Hon. Charles Connell, who is to be called from the Upper House by a Requisition, already numerously signed, and Judge Beardsley. Were it necessary, I could say much in favor of the Legislative talents and merits of both these gentlemen, but they are too well known to require notice at my hands, and I would simply make it known through the medium of your paper that my wish and interest would go, in case the Hon. Mr. Connell resigns his seat in the Legislative Council, to petition his Excellency to have that vacancy filled up by the appointment of Judge Beardsley, a situation where he might be useful and spend the remainder of his advanced life, free from the turmoil of elections, &c. To this appointment, I think all his real friends will agree. It cannot be expected that he would get a seat in the House opposed by Mr. Connell, but with him I think there would be no difficulty, and should we fail in getting him appointed, which is not likely, only one year will intervene before we will have a general election, and then as their political views are said to be so much alike, he and Mr. Connell could go to the House together, and let the Government appoint to the Council whom they choose. These hints are thrown out in order that the Government may have notice of our wish, and not appoint a successor to Mr. Connell hastily.

I am Sir,
Yours Truly,
A FREEHOLDER.

Woodstock, April 2, 1853

The Carleton Sentinel

SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 1853.

We do not imagine that it will be construed into a wish to dictate to the freeholders of this County how they shall vote at the coming election, if we give a short but true statement of affairs at the present time, nor do we think we would be doing our duty if we failed to make known what has come within our knowledge on the subject. This done, the people can judge for themselves, and elect whom they please. It is well known that the Hon. Charles Connell stands pledged to his constituents to resign his seat in the Council at any time they may require him to do so. Requisitions have been got up in this County signed by six or seven hundred persons requesting him to leave the Upper House and take again a seat in the Assembly. To this request Mr. Connell has simply to state that he has no choice in the matter, he stands pledged, and is in the hands of the people, he must therefore come before them for election to a seat in the lower house; his position in his present place will no doubt be explained shortly by himself; if his conduct has given satisfaction he will be returned, if not he will retire to private life; it is for the people to decide, and in this decision they must be careful they are not deceived. Mr. Connell has many and violent opponents, chiefly in this Parish; the cause of their opposition we will not take time to state, but let us enquire who his opponents are, who they bring forward as their candidate, and why the individual referred to has been selected. Mr. Connell's opponents are chiefly of the old school, Magistrates and office holders, who see in his policy a chance of office being thrown open to all; and Judge Beardsley is the individual who has been selected to oppose Mr. Connell—he is not even a resident of this County, and although he is a man for whom we entertain the highest respect, we do not think he is a proper person to represent us at this time. He has been absent for several years—has taken up his residence in Canada, and is as a matter of course, much more interested in the welfare of that Province

than in this. It is a singular fact that among the leaders in the matter of bringing the Judge forward, there are several of his personal and political enemies. Some of them were, during his residence here, not even on speaking terms with him, and were well known to be diametrically opposed to him in politics. Why then this sudden change? Why all at once discover traits in his character never before observed? Is there any one in the County so blind as not to see opposition to Mr. Connell in the movement, if they can get rid of him, his reform measures will in their opinion go down with him—Municipal Authorities will be brought into disrepute, and perhaps be done away with altogether. We do not wish to be understood in these remarks as alluding to all who signed the requisition to the Judge, or even to all who presented it, but we give the names of the latter, and the public can easily select the Judge's true friends from the rest, J. Grover, E. J. Jacob, W. T. Baird, A. K. S. Wetmore, H. M'Lean, John Bedell, Geo. A. Bedell, H. E. Dibble, D. L. Dibblee and James Robertson, Esqs. Now who can believe that all these are true friends of the Judge, or that they bring him forward because they imagine he will do better for the County than Mr. Connell has done. It is not common for a high tory to select a strong Liberal for his representative, nor is it usual to select a man to carry out any particular policy, when it is known that he is deadly opposed to it; who then can blame us for feeling distrustful in this movement, or for doubting the sincerity of the Judges new friends.

One more question and we are done—Why was not the out Parishes, or some of them, represented in this presentation? Are a few in Woodstock to decide for the whole County?

We have not yet received Mr. Connell's reply to the requisition, but are given to understand that it will be in time for this paper.—The requisition to Judge Beardsley and his reply will be found in another column.

We have received a copy of the Bill "Relating to the election of Members to serve in the General Assembly," which is now before the House. We agree with the *Head Quarters* that it is not the Bill required by the Country; some improvements are made over the old law, but the most important requirements have been left out—the vote by ballot and registration clauses. The House will probably send it forth from their hands much improved, but it would have looked much better had the Government framed it a little more in accordance with the wishes of the people. We wish to see an extension of the franchise, but are not prepared to go as far as the Nova Scotia law, where the right to vote is conferred upon every Nova Scotian resident in any County or Township one year, and on those not Nova Scotians, three years. We hope that while this Bill is under discussion that our Representative will obtain an addition to the number of polling places in this County. There is not one on the Eastern side of the river, and should an election take place while the ice is running or very bad, the Parishes of Northampton, Brighton, and Kent are completely disfranchised. One polling booth should be established at the mouth of the Beckaguimick, and one at the upper end of Brighton or lower end of Kent.

The "Anglo American" for April is received. This work continues to increase in interest, not only in the History of the American War, but in other original and selected matter. We believe there is not a more instructive and interesting Magazine published in America.

We have also to acknowledge the receipt of Godey for April. This is a Lady's Book, and should be liberally patronised by the Ladies.—The present number contains several beautiful plates, crotchet work, and netting, and a variety of pleasant reading matter. Godey offers to forfeit \$250 if he cannot prove that he expends more money for literary matter, embellishments, &c., than either Harper or Putnam.

It will be seen by our Telegraph Reports, that the *Book case* has been before a Committee of the House, and the report is that no improper motives were intended, it being done merely to correct errors, and also that it did not refer to the Treasurer's accounts.

Some of the papers in publishing the statement of the Financial condition of the Province, report the sum of £185 16s. 8d. as due the Province from A. McL. Seely. Mr. Seely states that he paid up his bond and has it now in his possession; in fact, the financial statement shows that Mr. Seely paid the bond to the late Attorney General. The *Chronicle* accuses the *Freeman* of wilfully suppressing the truth in this matter, and thus discourses him:—

"The *Freeman* wilfully suppressed the truth in reference to the bond of Mr. A. McL. Seely, when by publishing it as it appears in the Financial Statement of the Provincial Secretary, it would have been shewn that this claim was paid. Thus the public, as well as Mr. Seely himself, have been grossly misled by a piece of low jesuitical deception. The observations of the Surveyor General upon similar conduct, which will be found in another column, were loudly called for.

This is not the only specimen of one-sided reporting on the part of the *Freeman* to which we can refer; and what is truly laughable (if it were not malicious) he thus invariably makes a fool of the *Morning News* by his deceitful practices, and—of no other paper!"

John Bedell, Esq., delivered the closing lecture for the season, or it might be more properly termed a Valedictory Address, in the Hall of the Institute on Monday evening last, to a very respectable audience. Mr. Bedell devoted a considerable portion of his address to eulogising the character of the late Dr. Rice; in this he but uttered the sentiments of all who heard him.

The attendance at the Lectures this season must have been highly satisfactory both to the Lecturers and Directors, and will we hope be the means of inducing others, particularly mechanics, to prepare lectures for another season.

We have received a copy of the Requisition, signed by about 600 names, forwarded to the Hon. Mr. Connell, to resign his seat in the Legislative Council and allow himself to be nominated as a Candidate to fill the vacancy in the Lower Branch; but we are unable to publish it this week, in consequence of not having received his answer. We are, however, enabled to state that Mr. Connell will redeem his pledge, and will appear at the hustings on the 14th inst. in accordance with the wish of his constituents.

We have received the Prospectus of a new Paper to be published at St. Stephens, Charlotte County, (J. G. Lorimer, Editor and Proprietor,) and to be called the "Provincial Patriot." The editor's promises are few and practicable, and we hope success will attend him Terms 5s. annually, half in advance. Address the editor at Fredericton.

As evidence of the activity displayed in this County in procuring signatures to the Temperance Petition, we would mention, that in three days of very stormy weather, between 1,900 and 2,000 names were signed.

DEATH OF THE HON. MR. CRANE.—The Hon. William Crane, late Speaker of the House of Assembly, expired at Fredericton at 12 o'clock on Thursday night.

Correspondents must bear with us a while, we will attend to them as soon as possible.

PIRATICAL CRAFT.—Capt. Sillimann of the schooner S. M. Wain, at Pernambuco from Philadelphia, reports having been boarded by a schooner, supposed a slaver, in lat. 30, lon. 29, and was robbed of sails, provisions, &c. Capt. Sillimann states that she appeared to be a Baltimore built vessel of about one hundred and fifty tons; had seventy or eighty men on board, with short guns on deck. The boat's crew which boarded the S. M. Wain were well armed with pistols and cutlasses. The schooner displayed a Portuguese flag, and the captain was a Spaniard. The schooner had lost her foretopmast, and the boat's crew were making preparations to send that of the S. M. Wain down to replace it, when two large vessels hove in sight, the boat's crew left for their vessel, and she made sail and stood to the eastward.

CLEAR AS MUD.—At a colored ball given the other evening, the following note was posted on the door post—

"Tickets fifty cents. No gemman admitted unless he cums hisself."

[ADVERTISEMENT.]
REQUISITION.

To B. C. Beardsley, Esq.

DEAR SIR,—

Permit us, while tendering to you a sincere welcome, at the same time to assure you of our heartfelt sympathy and condolence in the recent mournful dispensations of Providence, so deeply afflictive to you, and which have been the melancholy occasion of this your visit once more to this Province. Alas! Sir, your heart cannot but bleed. May the compassionate Saviour, who bedewed the grave of Lazarus with his tears, sustain your spirit and console your grief. May you be enabled in the language of the afflicted Job, to say, "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord."

Sir, we can indeed sympathise. Your lamented son occupied an important and prominent position in this County, as one of our Representatives in the Legislative Councils of this Province. A position that he ever sustained with high reputation to himself, and we feel warranted in adding, entire satisfaction to the constituency of this County. The Almighty Disposer of events has been pleased, however, in His inscrutable wisdom, to remove him from the theatre of his labors and his usefulness here, and the place that knew him once shall know him no more forever. We humbly trust his spirit now dwells in happier regions.

Sir, we have been led to hope you will consent to supply his place in the General Assembly of this Province; and confiding as we do in your zeal, fidelity and integrity, and ever mindful of your well-tryed ability for the discharge of the varied responsibilities pertaining to the office, we do most respectfully request you will allow yourself to be put in nomination; and we entertain not a doubt, but that the enlightened constituency of Carleton will, as it were, with one mind, proclaim you the man of their choice.

(Signed) JOHN BEDELL,
JOHN DIBBLEE,
RALPH KETCHUM,
JAMES KETCHUM,
GEO. W. CLEARY,
JAMES RANKIN,
STEPHEN PARSONS,
WM LINDSAY,
and 73 others.

Woodstock, March 29, 1853.

REPLY.

GENTLEMEN,—

Your Requisition of the 29th ult, welcoming me to this Province, and containing your expressions of sympathy and condolence for the recent dispensations of Providence so afflictive to me, as well as the honorable mention you make of the character of my deceased son, and for which please accept my thanks, I had the honour (this day) to receive, and in reply to your request, that I will allow myself to be put in nomination as a Candidate for the representation of the County of Carleton in the General Assembly of this Province, permit me to say, that diffident as I am of my ability, (adequately) to discharge the duties of that important office, I feel that it would evince a want of patriotism, as well as gratitude, to decline the proffered honor, so gratuitously and generously made. I therefore cheerfully accord to the request, and if honored by the people's choice, shall discharge my duty as their Representative as faithfully and efficiently as my humble ability will enable me; but to prevent a charge of inconsistency being preferred against me, I wish it to be distinctly understood, I shall take no part or action (directly or indirectly) in the election.

I have the honor to be,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

B. C. BEARDSLEY.

Woodstock, April 6, 1853.

The population of Lexington, Ky., is singularly well balanced as between the sexes. The total number of females is 2755, and the total number of males is 2754, leaving a balance of one woman.

Is there no chivalrous bachelor who will fly to the relief of this "lone woman?"