

COMMUNICATIONS.

[FOR THE CARLETON SENTINEL.]

SEGEE,

Dear Sir,—You made a mistake in your report of the Simonds Election for Councillors—instead of W. D. Estey, Esq., you should have written Charles Connell received a majority of votes over Mathew Corbett not Esq. If required I could give you an account of the characters employed, and the means and influence exercised. Publish this and oblige

Yours, &c.,
MATHEW CORBETT.

[FOR THE CARLETON SENTINEL.]

Mr. Editor,—I must beg that you will act as the friend of Municipal Institutions and insert these few lines to the Warden and Council of this Municipality. In my opinion, meetings should be called in each Parish by the Warden or Councillors, when some person who could be trusted with the peoples rights should be selected; then a meeting of the Council be called, and a list of the persons so selected in each Parish should be laid before them, and from the list they should select the person to stand as their candidate at the approaching election. This done a long pull, a strong pull, and a pull altogether will show what Municipal Corporations can or may do when they shall become more general.

Yours, &c.,

A FRIEND TO MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT.
Brighton, March 29, 1853.

[FOR THE CARLETON SENTINEL.]

Mr. Editor,—By the death of Mr. Beardsley, the County of Carleton has now but one Representative; it is therefore necessary that we should begin to think of selecting a proper person to fill up the vacancy made by the above sorrowful event. Although it is not certain that there will be an election during this sitting of the House, yet it is possible that there may be one, and as it is not known who may come forward as Candidates, it may be well for the electors not to pledge themselves until they see who these persons may be.

I think, however, that the best thing we can do is to try and get our old faithful member to leave the upper house and come and represent us once more, as he is the *North Star* under whose guidance our County has been brought into its present prosperous state of affairs.

I have not time at present to say more, but "A word to the wise is sufficient for them."

I am Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

ONE OF THE PEOPLE.

Hornstead, March 28, 1853.

[FOR THE CARLETON SENTINEL.]

Mr. Editor,—I wish to know whether you have heard of a rumour that our County is likely to be deprived of the usual supplies for Bye-Road Money this present year—a subject of great importance which should be enquired about. It is reported that a difference of opinion exists as to whether or not the amount shall be given in the "Gross sum to the Municipal Council." It does seem to me, I confess Sir, that in regard to this question we may rely with every confidence that the decision will be based upon a sound discretion, and that the sympathies of the Legislature for a recent afflicting bereavement will be readily directed to assist the remaining member, and in carrying out the views of our departed friend on this subject, (if such were known,) than whom no other person could be better relied upon to have formed more correct or disinterested judgment, owing to the situation which he filled with so much honor to himself in our Municipal Council, and also in the Provincial Legislature—where it is consoling to know that our late member H. H. Beardsley, Esq., was highly respected and correctly appreciated for his judgment, affability, and unflinching integrity in the zealous discharge of his duties, which principles he never swerved from, as all who had an opportunity of knowing him, even to the last trying hours of his life, can bear the most ample testimony.

Please excuse a digression from my first subject upon which I hope, it will be in your power to give such satisfactory information as may be depended upon by the public.

INQUIRER.

Woodstock, March 29, 1853.

The Carleton Sentinel

SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 1853.

As the Freeholders of this County will shortly be called upon to select one of their number to represent them in the Assembly in the room of Mr. Beardsley, now no more, we hope it will not be taken amiss if we say a few words on the subject. In all our elections we have never presumed to dictate to the people who they should elect or who refuse, and we shall not do so now; but we will caution them, as we have frequently done before, not to allow any man to elect himself. If an individual can buy his constituents, he will sell them when it suits his turn; and if a man will sell himself, he must not be surprised if he is sold again. Independent voting is the only safeguard! The representative then is the servant, not the master, and will be much more likely to do his duty and serve his constituents than to serve himself. It has been said that there are no political parties in this Province! A standard has been set up in Carleton, and a line drawn which will shortly extend from one end of the Province to the other. One party contend that the elective principle should be so far carried out as to include at least every County officer, that officers paid by the people should be elected by and amenable to the people. The other side struggle to prop up the old system, that the people should have no voice in the matter other than to elect persons to represent them in the Legislature, and that all other officers should be appointed by the Government, though paid by the people. To this party Municipal Institutions are a dread, a very great cause of alarm. They see that by their introduction the people will be educated, taught to think for themselves, and, as a natural consequence, to claim their rights so long withheld—the right to elect their rulers—to name the amount they shall receive for their services—a voice in the expenditure of the County funds, and many other rights and privileges properly theirs, but never before conceded to them. Carleton has set a noble example, to the people of this Province in thus claiming and in a measure obtaining her rights, and we hope she will go on until she obtains all that properly belongs to her, and not only so, but until every County in the Province can boast of like privileges. Much depends on the Freeholders of Carleton at the coming election. If they send a man to the Legislature opposed to Municipal Institutions, all they have heretofore done in the good cause will have been thrown away; but we have little to fear on this head. Perhaps no County in the Province has suffered so much as Carleton under the old system, and her people having bought wisdom will not easily be led to undo all they have done in the cause of reform.

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.—"Our national antipathies and social relations viewed in the light of the past and the future" formed the subject of a lecture delivered by the Rev. Mr. Hunter, on Monday evening last. The audience was very large, and composed of the intelligence of the community, who listened with earnest and respectful attention to the remarks of the lecturer. For an article like the present it would be impossible to follow the rev. gentleman in detail, or to speak of the collateral subjects introduced as arguments or illustrations in his eloquent discourse. The folly of perpetuating in our adopted country the absurd antipathies indulged in our father lands was deprecated in earnest language. The distinguishing characteristics of the two leading races—the Celtic and Saxon—were eloquently and humorously portrayed. In the way of ancestry none could boast over the other, for

"Our lordly blood

Has flowed thro' scoundrels since the flood."

A strong love of country—our *own* firesides and institutions—was urged as the motive for great deeds, and a warranty for national stability and prosperity, but which is now smothered in that restlessness which carries our young men to seek in climates further south—too often at the expense of health and morals—for the imaginary benefits arising from the acquisition of sudden wealth. From rigorous climates have proceeded the men of strong hands and vigor

ous minds—the conquerors and colonizers of the world.

At the close, Mr. Hunter, in a few well-chosen words, paid a tribute to the memory of our late Representative, H. H. Beardsley, which doubtless found a hearty response in the hearts of the audience.—[Com.]

John Bedell, Esq. will deliver the closing Lecture for the season, on Monday evening next.

The Quarterly Meeting of Directors will take place immediately after the lecture.

In reply to an "Enquirer" we can only state that a fearful responsibility will rest upon the head of any party who will be the means of depriving us of our usual By-road grant. The people of this County through the Municipal Council have requested that the By-road money should be granted to the Council in gross. This we learn is opposed by Mr. English in the Assembly, who wishes it to be divided out in the usual way. We have also learned from good authority that Mr. Beardsley, tho' not a Councillor, was in favor of granting the money in gross to the Council. Be this as it may, surely no one will contend that Mr. English or any other individual, can be so well informed as to how or where the money should be expended in each Parish as the people themselves, or their representatives in the Council who are instructed by them. We cannot understand why such a pathetic appeal should be made to the feelings of the Legislature, by "Enquirer." The wishes of the people should, and will, be consulted by the Legislature, and if Mr. English thinks proper to take a different course he must answer for it to the people.

We are indebted to the Hon. David L. Seymour, Chairman of the Committee of Commerce, for a copy of a report submitted to the House of Representatives at Washington, on "Reciprocal Trade with the British North American Provinces." It is an able Report, and well calculated to deceive the unwary, showing only the bright side, the dark having been carefully left out. This report accompanied the Bill published by us a short time ago, and like it, would give all the advantages to the Americans. The report is however, useful in more ways than one—it contains a large amount of information, and shows at the same time what our neighbors actually expect of us, and what they will have if they possibly can get it.

The *Morning News* contains a statement which we have not seen elsewhere, and which is rather singular if true, viz: "Mr. Kerr complained of serious alterations and mutilations in the Treasurer's Accounts since first submitted, pages cut out, others substituted. A difference of £4,000 on one page in consequence, and yet the Accounts balanced—said it was strange, extraordinary conduct!" It is strange indeed! but still more strange that the matter was allowed to rest without investigation.

The same paper also states that Mr. Partelow handed in a financial statement. The liabilities of the Province at £156,920, asserts about £70,000, balance against the Province about £87,000. We shall probably here more of this hereafter.

A New Steamer, called the "Richmond," owned by Messrs. Hatheway, Small and Tupper, was launched at Indian Town a short time ago; she is a stern wheel, and intended to run between Fredericton and the Grand Falls. If travelling is not cheap on our river this summer it will not be for the want of boats.—Messrs. Glaziers' have purchased the "Tarratine" from the Penobscot, and are in treaty for the "Huntress." "The more the merrier," but all cannot make fortunes.

NOTICE TO CONTRIBUTORS.—Owing to our large circulation we are compelled to strike off a number of our papers on Friday evening—and in consequence, communications must be in before 10 o'clock on Thursday morning, and advertisements before 6 o'clock Thursday evening to insure insertion the same week.

WE GIVE IT UP.—The *Fredericton Reporter* says:—Two geese, raised by Mr. Reid of that place, weighed, one 14 and the other 13 3/4 lbs. We can't touch Fredericton in raising geese these days.

STEAM-BOAT OWNERS.—Lumbermen and others interested in the breaking up of the ice had better be on the alert. We have unmistakable evidence of spring being near at hand in the appearance of wild geese—several flocks of which have passed over towards the North during the past few days. We believe the appearance of these fowl this season is at least three weeks earlier than usual.

A HISTORY OF ALL NATIONS, FROM THE EARLIEST PERIODS TO THE PRESENT TIME.—This is the title of a New Work by S. G. Goodrich, author of "Pictorial Geography of the World." It is a most interesting book, illustrated with 700 engravings, and contains 1200 royal 8vo. pages, double columns. Price \$6.00. Mr. William Taylor, Richmond, is Agent for the Work in this Province.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—"W. J. E." and "A Looker On," will if possible receive insertion next week.

"An Admirer" and "R. B. H." are under consideration.

Enigmas must be accompanied by the answers to insure attention.

A STRANGE PHENOMENON.—Almost singular occurrence happened in our village and vicinity on Friday night or rather Saturday morning last. The day previous had been clear and mild and the evening closed in starry and cloudless. At about 10 o'clock the sky became overcast and unusual darkness prevailed, which continued up to the time of the occurrence, which was about half past two. The phenomenon commenced with a heavy and distant rumbling sound beneath, somewhat like distant thunder, except that it was more smothered, which rapidly approached and increased to a climax, and then receded and died away. The roar as it approached was interrupted by one grand explosion louder than the loudest thunder and by a series of reports less loud and less defined; the whole ending with the same heavy rumbling with which it commenced. The only intelligent description that can be given of the sound is, that it was terrible and appalling. Many who were awakened by it from their sleep, pronounced it unearthly. From the first, a tremulous motion was communicated to the earth causing a rattling of the windows, which increased with the roar to such an extent that the buildings were violently shaken, displacing furniture, rattling dishes, &c. The motion was sufficient to cause the bell in the church to strike nine or ten times. The academy bell rung also though lower down, and in a position to be less affected by the vibratory motion of the earth.—*Lowville (Lewis Co.) Journal.*

REPEAL OF THE MANOOTH ACT.—*Division on Mr. Spooner's Motion.*—Mr. Spooner's Motion—"That this house do resolve itself into a committee, to consider the act 8 and 9 Vic: c 25, being 'An act to amend two acts passed in Ireland for the better education of persons professing the Roman Catholic religion, and for the better management of the college established at Maynooth for the education of such persons; and also an Act passed in the Parliament of the United Kingdom for amending the said two Acts,' commonly called the last Maynooth Act, with a view to the repeal of those clauses of the said act which provide money grants in any way to the said College." The house divided: Ayes, 162; Noes, 192.

Joseph Mallet a Frenchman residing in Providence, R. I. was slightly bitten on the leg by his pet dog, last Sunday week. No attention was given to the wound at first but in a few days he manifested symptoms of hydrophobia and on Wednesday last he died of that horrible disease. The dog, which had shown no signs of madness has not been seen since.

SAFETY FROM FRIGHTENED HORSES.—An invention has been made in the United States, which promises to be of great advantage to drivers in case of the sudden flight and running away of horses. It is a "safety swingle-tree," an ingenious though simple contrivance, by which in the moment of danger, by the drawing of a strap in front of the carriage, the horse or horses, with the whole harness, may be liberated from the thrills, and the carriage and its occupants are left in safety.