

Communications.

To the Editor of the Carleton Sentinel:

SIR,—True merit seeks not to obtrude itself on public notice, and till it be called on to the exercise of active virtue remains in peaceful obscurity. And as one I have always endeavored to remain silent whilst others were boasting of their own skill and power; but in one of your papers I discovered enough to arouse the ambitious faculties and powers of any reasonable man, to make the enquiry who this tall mechanic is, and where he belongs to, or whether he is mortal, that performed the incredible day's work of finishing 40 sides of leather in 11 hours. I would wish to know in what state he commenced the leather. Was it from the stuff, or from the last shaving, and providing he commenced it from the last shaving or whitening, the story is incredible, unless he was propelled by a steam engine. I might boldly say that to finish 40 sides of large slaughtered leather never was done by the hands of any one man, provided he took them from the stuff. Now, Mr. Editor, you might say that I am bold to contradict in such plain terms, but the terms are no plainer than true that Mr. Parsons or any other person never had the work performed by any one man in the time specified. And now sir I am ready to wager the man that performed this outrageous day's work that the County of Queen's will produce a carrier that will whip the skin off of him, for one day's work, and if he feels disposed to have a trial let him state the time, when and where, and he will find his match landed safe by his side, let the distance be long or short, as travelling is but a small consequence now a days. Ask him if he ever finished 34 hides from the stuff, and prove the same, as I think his word at present is counterfeit. This number has been done, and the same can be attested to.

A SUBSCRIBER.

Queen's County, December 10, 1853

To the Editor of the Carleton Sentinel:

CAMBRIDGE. Queen's County, December 9th, 1853.

MR. SEGEE,—As I have a few leisure moments, I thought the time would be well spent in writing to you, as I have long promised myself to do so, hoping every mail would be some alteration with my paper, as concerns its welfare after it leaves your office, but I found that by postponing the time, you could not read the true intent of my meaning, therefore you shall have it. I reside in the Parish of Cambridge, Queen's County, and the only person in this vicinity that takes your valuable paper. It is sent to Gagetown by mail; from thence we have a Courier who comes once a fortnight, and a way office likewise, and a grand conductor of the same office. As he gets all his information for nothing, no wonder he's wise; and the poor Carleton Sentinel is pretty well plucked of its fine feathers ere it reaches the rightful owner. They all have the news from your County, from one end of the Parish to the other; and poor me all the while remaining ignorant as respects the state of the times.—Therefore you will please hide the print by a snug wrapper, and seal the tongues of all intruders, and oblige a subscriber.

E. H. WHITE.

The Carleton Sentinel.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1853.

Proceedings of County Council.

COURT HOUSE, Woodstock, December 20, 1853.

Pursuant to notice the Council met this morning at 12 o'clock—the Warden in the chair.

Present—Messrs. Lindsay, Dibblee, Harding, Gallop, Jones, Barratt, Estey, Giberson, Lloyd, Shea, and Clowse.

Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

A petition was presented from Mr. Thomas Boyd, praying that taxes paid by him in the Parish of Brighton might be refunded, the taxes having been paid by persons living on the land for which he had been taxed.

Mr. Lloyd said it was understood at the last meeting of the Council that Mr. Boyd was to give some explanation in this matter, he had not done so, but they should go into an investigation and if the land had been taxed once, Mr. Boyd should not be taxed again. He was satisfied that the parties living on the land had been assessed, and that Mr. Boyd should not be assessed too.

The Warden said he had paid £7 to a party for Mr. Boyd, for hay which was taken from this land that Mr. Boyd said was no benefit to him.

Mr. Lindsay said he went for a motion to require Mr. Boyd to make an affidavit that he did not own the land in Brighton for which he had been taxed. The affidavit made was that he did not own land in Brighton but what had a tenant on. The question still was were those tenants taxed for this land, but Mr. Boyd would not make such affidavit and he would move that the question be dismissed.

Carried in the affirmative.

Mr. Lindsay enquired if any action had been taken with respect to the fines in the hands of A. K. S. Wetmore Esq.

The Secretary Treasurer stated that he had called on Mr. Wetmore as directed and that Mr. Wetmore had returned to him for answer that the Council could take what course they pleased. He then called upon L. P. Fisher for advice in the matter and had received his reply in writing which he read to the Board.—The following is the substance of the letter. He, Mr. Fisher, had no doubt whatever that in point of law the Clerk of the Peace was liable for, and was bound to pay to the County Treasurer, the several sums acknowledged to have been received by him from Russel and Hume, fines imposed, as he was informed for selling liquor contrary to law, and without abatement for costs. The Justices in session had authority by Act of Assembly, 3d Vic., Chap 47, Sect. 10, to impose a fine of £10 and not less than 40s with costs of prosecution for such offence, to be paid as declared by the 22d Section, to the County Treasurer, and applied towards defraying the contingent expenses of the County, as mentioned in the 4th section of the Act. In reference to the fine of £10 imposed on Lovely for contempt of court, he was of opinion that Mr. Wetmore was not accountable to the Municipality for that sum.

Mr. Harding said this opinion was not as full as he would like to see it. Mr. Fisher had not stated what was to be done with the £10 where such fines were to go. In his opinion Mr. Wetmore had received this money in trust for the County and should be compelled to pay it over.

Mr. Lindsay said from all he could learn on the subject that the only way the Council could obtain possession of the £10 was to apply to the Supreme Court for a mandamus. The fines collected from Russel and Hume were without doubt the property of the County, but Mr. Wetmore had made a charge for collecting them. It was a strange proceeding on his part to retain money belonging to the County, and compelled the Council to pay the full amount of his account.

In Mr. Dibblee's opinion the funds collected from Russel and Hume should be immediately paid over to the County, and the best course was to apply to the Supreme Court, in the matter of the £10, as that went into the casual revenue. He thought the Secretary Treasurer should be instructed how to proceed for the recovery of the two first fines, he thought it useless to sue for the other as they had no legal claim to it. He thought Mr. Wetmore would pay if called upon, if not he could be sued and the two first fines collected, but if sued for the whole he might put the costs on the County.

Mr. Clowse thought proceedings should be taken for the whole amount, they might recover all, and if not they would ascertain who had the right to the £10, and what became of it and all such fines.

Mr. Lindsay had every confidence in Mr. Fisher's opinion, but thought if the whole amount was sued for they would have one question settled, and they would ascertain what became of the fines.

This was all Mr. Clowse required, he did not object to Mr. Fisher's opinion.

Mr. Dibblee said the information required could be obtained by a petition to the Government. He would ask if it was judicious to sue when there was a probability of having the costs to pay. Mr. Wetmore might pay in the two first fines, and then throw the costs upon the County.

Mr. Clowse would not go for petitioning the Government, he had no confidence in them, and he did not see how any one could have who was acquainted with their arbitrary treatment of the people of Victoria. These people had held a public meeting and decided upon accepting a charter, and when the Government was applied to for one, they had refused to grant it and still refuse. The fact was they were afraid of these institutions—they were afraid they would become general throughout the Province, and the power would be in the hands of the people.

A resolution was then moved by Mr. Harding seconded by Mr. Lloyd, and carried with only one dissenting voice, viz—

Resolved, That legal proceedings be taken to recover the three fines retained by Mr. Wetmore, viz:—Russell, £2 10s.; Hume, £3 10s.; and Lovely, £10 and that the matter be placed in the hands of L. P. Fisher, Esq.

[To be continued.]

CARLETON COUNTY GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—

The examination of the Carleton Grammar School, under the charge of Mr. McCoy, took place on Monday last. The scholars were examined in Greek, Latin, English, and General History,—Natural History, Geography, and Botany. The examiners expressed their gratification at the progress made by Mr. McCoy's pupils, and at the close of the examination congratulated that gentleman on the highly efficient state of the Institution of which he has the charge. As we have repeatedly had occasion to speak of this School, and to draw attention to the ability and zeal of its principal, and the gratifying progress of those entrusted to his care, we shall not at present say more than that we believe competent judges have with justice pronounced it one of the best conducted Schools in the Province.—Com.

We have been requested to publish the following document for the information of all concerned:—

Whereas the Undersigned have heard that reports are in circulation derogatory to the character of MURPHY GIBERSON, Esq., as County Councillor, we do therefore certify that his general course as Councillor has been consistent,—that he always went for low salaries and equal rights,—that with Mr. Fitzherbert he tried to have the costs of the case between John Giberson and Craig paid by the County, but when they could not carry that they consented to have the Parish of Kent taxed for the same. That he never tried to have a college or any other building erected at the expense of his parish,—that the Council never agreed to relieve the Parish of Kent from paying a share of the Small Pox Bill, if they would pay John Giberson.

SAMUEL DICKINSON, Warden.

GEORGE CLOWSE,

H. B. DIBBLEE,

WM. LINDSAY,

JAMES JONES,

L. R. HARDING,

AMOS GALLOP,

JOHN SHEA,

EDWARD BARRATT,

WM. D. ESTEY.

Councillors.

Court Room, Woodstock, Dec. 21, 1853.

In consequence of Christmas and New Year's day falling on Sunday, the Government have ordered that the 26th of December and the 2nd of January shall be kept as public holidays. It will be seen by a notice in another column, that the merchants of this place have pretty generally agreed to close their shops on those days. A merry Christmas to them all, both Boses and Boys, and to the rest of mankind in general.

OUR CONTEMPORARIES.—The semi-weekly issue of the Miramichi "Gleaner" is to be discontinued, and the original size and weekly issue resumed. The reason assigned for this is want of support, and uncertainty in the time of the arrival and departure of the mails.

The Religious Intelligencer is hereafter to be published weekly, at Five Shillings per annum, and the form to be changed from a quarto to that of a folio, that is from eight to four pages. The publishers think this form more conve-

nient, and will also contain more reading matter. The Intelligencer is one of the neatest papers published in the Province. It is well conducted, and is quietly but surely working its way into public favor. A large number of copies we believe are circulated in this County.

We are under many obligations to the Ladies and gentlemen who signed the requisition to the Editor of the Advocate to end the discussion carried on between that paper and the Sentinel.

We look upon this act as the highest compliment that could possibly have been paid us. It says in effect, "We are satisfied that the Editor of the Sentinel is a quiet, peaceable man,—that he would not quarrel with any one unless he was compelled, and that if we can silence the Advocate the controversy will cease. Ladies and gentlemen accept our warmest thanks. You have done us justice, and when he ceases we're mum. But notwithstanding he publishes the requisition with the names attached, he cannot allow his paper to appear without a show of vindictiveness and malignity seldom equalled. He says he has no wish to rob us of our character or our money, we require all we have of both. Perhaps we do, indeed we don't know a man in the community who has too much character except himself, he has more than does him good as will appear on reference to the reply to his extra."

We have to acknowledge the receipt of a new and valuable exchange in the "Saturday Evening Mail." This paper is published every Saturday in Philadelphia, at the low price of two dollars, per annum. It is very large, is printed on good paper with good type, and filled with excellent reading matter. A copy of the Mail can be seen at this office.

ERRATA.—In the last line of 'A Richmonder's communication in the Sentinel of the 17th, read *Literat* for *Liberal*.

THE NEW LOCOMOTIVE.—"The North Star," owned by Messrs. James Sykes and Co., has been running on the St. Andrews & Quebec Railroad, for the last week, and works admirably. This Locomotive is smaller, and swifter than the "Pioneer," and is admitted to be a beautifully finished engine. There are now two locomotives running on the road which advance into the forest; and we may add, the works are carried on with precision quiet and solidity, which has characterized the undertakings of the spirited and worthy contractors.—They do not require any other puffing than the Locomotive gives while in operation. Their motto is to "work," and not make fine promises, which will never be carried into effect.—Their work speaks for itself, and does not require the aid of ornamental speeches in which "pattern card railways" equal to "first class English roads," figure largely—but it is constructed in a substantial and workmanlike manner, according to contract. Can those great men and capitalists Jackson & Co. say as much respecting their Canadian works? It appears not, from the Montreal Gazette, which complains most indignantly of their departure from the plans furnished, for the Quebec and Richmond Railway, and also the increased price in the estimate from £6,000 to £8,000, upon the plea that is to be "a first class English road." *St. Andrews Standard*.

On Saturday evening as two young men were engaged in painting the ship "Morning Star," their foothold gave way and they were precipitated to the deck. Their lives are despaired of. We learn the name of one is Alexander Elder.—*St. John Morning Times*.

THE LIVERPOOL PACKETS.—The support and patronage which the splendid packets of Messrs J. & R. Reed receive prove substantially that the enterprising endeavors of their firm are duly and daily appreciated. We are glad to record the fact, and trust they may long continue to earn the thanks of this community by their untiring exertions to connect Old England and her "little daughter," New Brunswick, nearer and closer together by their lines of communication.—*St. John paper*.

The Turks have repulsed the Russians five times from before the fortress of San Nicholas.