

AGRICULTURE, &c.

PICTURE OF PATRIARCHAL SIMPLICITY.—There is a change from gay to grave, from cheerfulness to severity, and it is not easy to trace the source from which it has sprung. The diet of the menials and workmen is uniformly much better than it was when I went first to service, half a century ago. The tasks of labour are not more severe, but better proportioned and more regular, and, in general, less oppressive. But with regard to the intercourse between master and servant, there is a mighty change indeed, and to this I am disposed principally to attribute the manifest change in the buoyant spirit and gaiety of our peasantry. Formerly every master sat at the head of his kitchen table, and shared the meal with his servants. The mistress, if there was one, did not set down at all, but stood at the dresser behind and assigned each his portion, or otherwise overlooked the board and saw that every one got justice. The master asked a blessing and returned thanks. There was no badinage or idle language in the farmer's hall but all was decency and order. Every night the master performed family worship, at which every member of the family was bound to be present, or every Sabbath morning, at least, and the oldest male servant, in his absence, took that duty on him. The consequence of all this familiarity and exchange of kind offices was, that every individual family formed a little community of its own, of which each member was conscious of bearing an important part. And then the constant presence of the master and mistress preventing all ebullitions of untimely merriment, when the hours of relaxation came, then the smothered glee burst out with a luxury of joy and animation, of which we may now look in vain for a single specimen. But, ever since the ruinous war prices made every farmer, for the time, a fine gentleman, how the relative situations of master and servant are changed! This family union, or compact, as we may call it, between masters and servants, kept all things uniform, cheerful, and rights for, in all the sports, the farmer or his family joined. The itinerant fiddlers were a great source of amusement, and a blithsome sight to every young eye; but every farmer acknowledged only one as his family musician, and the reception of interlopers was rather equivocal. The family musician, however, knew well when to make his appearances. These were at the sheep-shearing, when he got his choice fleece; at the end of harvest, to the kirk-supper; at the end of the year, for his cakes and cheese; and at the end of seed time, for his lippie of oats. All these occasions the neighbours were summoned, and the night spent in dancing and singing, and then, besides the farmer's bounty, it was customary for every man to give to the musician sixpence, the maidens being free of expense all over the country. But then, be it remembered that, at that period, every farmer had only one farm, and his family were his principal servants; now, for the most part, every farmer has three, four, or ten of these farms, which makes the distance between master and servant wider and wider. I have myself seen two farmers' wives, whose houses were within call of each other, meet every fine summer evening, and with their children and servants, (for each of them had only a lad and lass) play a game at Blind Harry, in the ewe-bugs; and though I can hardly describe wherein the great sport of the game consisted, I know there was one continued yell of laughter from beginning to end of it. These moments of relaxation, during the days of the family union, had a zest in them which the menial is no more destined to enjoy.—Etterick Shepherd.

O. P. Q.—The celebrated correspondent of the London Morning Chronicle, maintains his incognito, with a success equalled only by Junius. We have been informed by gentlemen from England, that the Editors of the Morning Chronicle are themselves ignorant of their Correspondent's name—that he asks no compensation—and though the Editors write to him at Paris, addressed to O. P. Q., and through the Post Office, nothing has been elicited, by which his identity may be discovered. The sources of his information must be near the fountain head, and the accuracy of his predictions for more than a year past is wonderful. From this it may be seen the similarity of Junius and O. P. Q. These letters are much sought after in England, as well as elsewhere, and done much to circulate the Chronicle.

RAIL ROAD.—The Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road is now opened as far as the foot of inclined plan No. 1, being a distance of 40 miles from that city. A line of stages running between Baltimore and Wheeling, conveys its passengers so far on the rail road.

NOTICE.

Such of the Creditors on the Estate of the late JOHN CAMERON, of Glenelg, deceased, as have proved their claims, and have not received a DIVIDEND, will receive a final DIVIDEND on their respective demands, by calling at the Office of Messrs. STREET & KERR, in Chatham, on Wednesday the 11th day of January next, at 12 o'clock, noon.

MARY CAMERON, Admx.
RICHARD BLACKSTOCK, } Administrators.
DONALD M'NAUGHTON, }
Chatham, 24th November, 1831.

BY AUTHORITY.

Deputy Crown Land Office,
Liverpool, Kent, August 22, 1831.

Public Notice is hereby given that ALL APPLICATIONS whether for TIMBER or LAND, from the Northern bank of the Kouchibouguac River, embracing Tweedy's and M'Innis's brooks, and lower Bay du Vin, and Point Eseumiac; to the Southern bank of the Shediac River, must be entered at the office of the Deputy for Crown Lands and Forests at Liverpool, and receive a certificate of vacancy, or a recommendation of the price from him before they will be received or complied with at the Crown Land and Surveyor General's Office in Fredericton.

Plans exhibiting the vacant Tracts of Land and Timber Births may be searched between the hours of Nine and Four and all applications by letter must be post-paid.

ALFRED LULLUM LAYTON, Dep. Com. and Sur.
of Crown Land and Forests.

CONVEYANCE BETWEEN MIRAMICHI AND RICHIBUCTO.

The Subscriber respectively announces to the Public his intention of running a weekly STAGE between the above places. He proposes commencing on the 1st November, and shall provide an easy and commodious Waggon until the approach of winter, when that vehicle shall be superseded by a large Sleigh, abundantly provided with Furs, and drawn by two excellent Horses.

The Stage will leave Martin's Royal Hotel, Chatham, for Richibucto, every Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock—and the King's Arms, Liverpool, for Miramichi every Saturday immediately after the arrival of the mails from the Southward.

FARE, Ten Shillings for each Passenger. The Subscriber pledges himself to pay every attention to the comfort of Passengers and he trusts that this assurance, the expense and difficulties attending such an arduous undertaking, and the moderation of his charges, will entitle him to a liberal share of public support.

ALEX. M'BEATH.

October 24, 1831.

The SUBSCRIBERS have received on Consignment, 200 barrels INDIAN MEAL, which they will sell low for Cash.

JOSEPH & SAMUEL.

Chatham, 14th November, 1831.

EMIGRANT DEPARTMENT.

St. John, N. B. September 13 1831.

EMIGRANTS arriving here with the intention of settling in the Country, will, without delay, receive Crown Lands upon the terms prescribed by Government, upwards of 50,000 acres being surveyed in the adjacent Counties and open for application.

Directions for information will always be given to those who are desirous to proceed into the interior for employment, and

Persons who wish to purchase small cultivated Farms will receive particulars of several on application at the office Prince William Street, St. John.

A. WEDDERBURN.

Government Agent for Emigrants.

JUST PUBLISHED,

and for sale at this Office, an Abridgement of the most Rev Dr. JAMES BUTLER'S

CATECHISM,

Lately revised, enlarged, approved and recommended by the four R. Archbishops of Ireland, for the use of Children, and for all persons old and young, who have not time, opportunity, or capacity to learn a longer Catechism.

With the necessary instructions on Prayer, Mass, Confession Confirmation and Communion.

OX FOUND.

The Subscriber has had in his possession for two weeks past, an OX. The owner may have the same by proving property and paying expenses. Apply to

DANIEL ROBINSON.

Tabisintac, Nov. 6. 1831.

BLANKS

Of various kinds for Sale at this Office.

NOTICE.

The Partnership heretofore carried on under the firm of SUTHERLAND & M'KAY at Pictou, Nova-Scotia and Richibucto, New-Brunswick, is dissolved by mutual consent. All persons who have any just demands against them in Nova Scotia, are requested to present them to Mr. Sutherland at Pictou. Those having such in New-Brunswick, are requested to forward them to Mr. M'Kay at Richibucto for payments on or before the first of January next. And those who are indebted are requested to make immediate payments,

DANIEL SUTHERLAND
HUGH M'KAY.

September 1, 1831.

THE SUBSCRIBER

Most respectfully begs leave to announce that he has opened a House for the accommodation of the Public in the Town of Liverpool, being that which was formerly denominated the WELLINGTON HOTEL; and under the sign of THE KING'S ARMS,

he humbly hopes for a liberal share of the public patronage. He also takes the present opportunity of returning his deepest acknowledgements and profoundest gratitude for the extensive share of favour hitherto bestowed, and he pledges himself to devote his utmost energies to give signal-satisfaction for the future.

P. DONNELLY.

Liverpool, Kent, 18th November, 1831.

PUBLIC AUCTION

To be sold on Tuesday the Tenth day of January next, at Hamill's Hotel, Newcastle, between the hours of 12 and 5 of the same day.

ALL that certain Tract of LAND situate on the north side of the South West branch of the Miramichi River, in the parish of Blissfield in the County of Northumberland, and known and distinguished as the Lots No 7 and 8. in the Grant to Ephraim Betts, Esq. and associates, now in the occupation of Alexander Anderson, the same being part of the Real Estate of the late Joseph Saunders, Esq. deceased.

For particulars apply to J. M. Johnson, Esq. Auctioneer, or to Messrs. Street & Kerr.

WM. SAUNDERS,

ROBERT LESLIE,

ALEX. SAUNDERS, } Administrators.

Nelson, 10th Oct. 1831.

THE ALBION:

British Colonial and Foreign Gazette.

Subscriptions received by W. END, Esq. Newcastle, Agent for Miramichi—Ristigouche—Gloucester County. Applications POST PAID.

NEW WATCHES, &c.

The Subscriber has just received from England and offers for sale a variety of

SILVER WATCHES,

which he can warrant to go well. Gold Seals, Keys, Rings and Chains, breast pins and Brooches, Finger Rings and Ear Rings, Silver Spectacles, Pencil cases and Thumbies. Gold Seals, Keys, Chains and Waist clasps, Silk and Fancy Watch Guards, Steel and Ribbon Watch Chains, Compass Seals and Keys, Mariners' and Pocket Compasses, and a number of other articles.

He has also received an addition to his stock of Tools and Watch materials of the best quality, which will enable him to repair all kinds of Watches, however much they may have been injured to the satisfaction of the owners and at reasonable prices.

CALEB M'COLLEY.

Chatham June 11, 1831.

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Advertisements not exceeding fifteen lines, 5s. for the first, and 1s. for every subsequent insertion. All advertisements must be accompanied with the Cash, and the insertions will be regulated by the amount received. All communications addressed (post paid) to the Editor or any of the Agents, will receive immediate attention.

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