

been living much in the world. My ideas became dispersed and vague, I lost the power of concentrating my thoughts, and became another being, you will perhaps think a better, on the principle that any change is me must be for the better; but no—instead of this, I became worse, for the recollection of former mental power remained, reproaching me with present inability, and increased the natural irritability of my nature. It must be this consciousness of diminished power that renders old people peevish; and I suspect the peevishness will be in proportion to former ability. Those who have once accustomed themselves to think and reflect deeply in solitude, will soon begin to find society irksome; the small money of conversation will appear insignificant, after the mighty metal of thought to which they have been used, and like the man who was exposed to the evils of poverty while in possession of one of the largest diamonds in the world; which, from its size, could find no purchaser, such a man will find himself in society unable to change his lofty and profound thoughts into the conventional small-talk of those who surround him. But, bless me, how have I been holding forth! (said Byron) Madame de Staël herself never declaimed more energetically, or succeeded better, in ENNAUNT her auditors than I have done, as I perceive you look dreadfully bored. I fear I am grown a sad prosier, which is a bad thing, more especially after having been what I swear to you I once heard a lady call me, a sad poet. The whole of my trade might have been comprised in the simple statement of my belief that genius shuns society, and that except for the indulgence of vanity, society would be well disposed to return the compliment, as they have little in common between them.

Who would willingly possess genius? None I am persuaded who knew the misery it entails, its temperance producing irritation, destructive alike to health and happiness—and what are its advantages!—to be envied, hated, and persecuted in life, and labelled in death. Wealth may be pardoned (continued Byron) if its possessor diffuses it liberally, beauty may be forgiven provided it is accompanied by folly; talent may meet with toleration if it be not of a very superior order, but genius can hope for no mercy. If it be of a stamp that insures its currency, those who are compelled to receive it will indemnify themselves by finding out a thousand imperfections in the owner, and as they cannot approach his elevation, will endeavour to reduce him to their level by dwelling on the errors from which genius is not exempt, and which forms the only point of resemblance between them. We hear the errors of men of genius continually brought forward, while those who belong to mediocrity are unnoticed; hence people conclude that errors peculiarly appertain to genius, and that those who boast it not, are saved from them. Happy delusion! but not even this belief can induce them to commiserate the faults they condemn. It is the fate of genius to be viewed with severity instead of the indulgence that it ought to meet, from the gratification that it dispenses to others; as if its endowments could preserve the possessor from the alloy that marks the nature of mankind. Who can walk the earth, with fixed eyes on the heavens, without often stumbling over the hinderances that intercept the path? while those who are intent only on the beaten road escape. Such is the fate of men of genius,—elevated over the herd of their fellow men, with thoughts that soar above the sphere of their physical existence, no wonder they stumble when treading the mazes of ordinary life, with irritated sensibility; and mistaken views of all the common occurrences they encounter.

COLONIAL.

HALIFAX JOURNAL.—The Bounties hitherto allowed on the exportation of Cordage and Spun Yarn from England, and the Duties imposed upon the importation into the British Possessions in America of Hemp, Flax and Tow, are repealed.

The hurricane experienced at Guadaloupe, on the 24th August, did much damage to the plantations, and destroyed many drogers. A droger from Marigalante, with 20 passengers, was lost.

On Thursday, the 18th inst. an Ordination was held by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, in St. Paul's Church when William Cogswell, A. M. of King's College, Windsor, was admitted to the Holy Order of Deacons.

HALIFAX FREE PRESS.—Our attention has been called to some Tobacco at the store of Mr Allan McDonald, the manufacture of the Province, and which is described by competent judges as being far superior to that which is imported from the United States.

Two soldiers of the 96th Regiment, were unfortunately drowned on Friday night last, by the oversetting of a boat, in which they were proceeding to Saint George's Island. Their bodies have not yet been found.

MONTREAL COURANT.—We are informed from good authority, that the total expense of the Quarantine Establishment at Grosse Isle, and the Cholera Hospitals at Quebec, amount to about £9500, while the expense of the Cholera Establishments at Montreal fall short of £2500. From this it would appear that those who are near the chest, are by no means parsimonious in their disposal of the public money.

QUEBEC GAZETTE.—We understand that application having been made to the Governor-in-Chief, by some gentlemen of Quebec who are interested in the Commerce of GASPE, for a copy of any petition before His Excellency, on the subject of a separation of the north side of the Ristigouche from this Province, Mr Secretary Craig answered, that they seemed to labour under a misapprehension, and that no petition of the kind they mentioned, had been laid before His Excellency, but that some Resolutions on the subject had been communicated to him for his information.

ST. ANDREWS COURANT. During an Excursion to the Northwestern parts of the county since our return from Head Quarters, we were much gratified to learn

from good authority that the Potatoes and Grain Crops are turning out, above an average, in the parishes of St. David and St. James, and that in St. Stephen and the upper part of Saint Andrews, they are quite as good as usual.—We hope this may be the case generally throughout Charlotte, and have heard no complaints to the contrary.

There were on Wednesday last sixteen square rigged vessels loading at the ship harbour near the mouth of Magaguadavic River, whose cargoes would average 600 tons each. About twenty millions, or two hundred hundred Thousand feet of Boards, Plank and Deals have been shipped from the River St. Croix this season already, and should the latter part of the year prove as favourable as usual, five millions more, or fifty hundred thousand feet additional will be shipped before the river closes. At St. Andrews, and the other out ports in the County, it is supposed there are, or will be vessels sufficient to carry away all the lumber manufactured in the County, of every description.

HALIFAX NOVASCOTIAN.—Murdoch's Epitome of the Laws.—The 2d Vol. of this work has just been issued from the Press, it extends to 300 pages, and embraces a large amount of matter, that will be found interesting and valuable—not only to the student at law, but by every man who desires to understand the tenures of property, and the bearings of the law upon the various relations of society. An extract will be found in our first page.

THE ROYAL WILLIAM.—The Quebec Mercury says that 'A meeting of the Committee of Management of the Royal William steamer was held yesterday, when, we are informed, it was determined to hold that vessel in readiness to proceed on a voyage to Halifax, as soon as the Board of Health shall determine on granting clean bills to the outward bound trade from this port.'

[We cannot see what object would be attained by a single voyage at this late season, unless it were intended to send the Boat to England, for sale, or to seek employment during the winter. A single trip to Halifax and back, would be worse than useless now, as an experiment—and would but add to the company's debts, already quite heavy enough.]

CHOLERA IN THE U. STATES.—In New York, the disease is almost extinct, the deaths not averaging more than two a day. The towns in Virginia are almost restored to their usual healthy state.—In Baltimore and Washington the cases are very few.—The disease has appeared in Cincinnati, and the latest dates there had been from 25 to 30 deaths.—Cleveland, Ohio, and St. Louis, Missouri, are also afflicted with the malady.—A few cases have occurred at Providence and Newport, Rhode Island; and in Boston a case continues occasionally to occur.—St. John Observer.

SCHEDIASMA.

MIRAMICHI.

TUESDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 6. 1832.

We have no late intelligence from Europe, to present our readers this week.

AGRICULTURE.—While the Novascotia papers are weekly putting forth accounts of the extraordinary productions of the earth, we are happy to be enabled to state, through the kind attention of correspondents, who we are gratified to perceive, are now taking an interest in communicating useful local intelligence—that we are not far behind our Agricultural neighbours in that respect, in the sister Province. Two weeks ago we gave the weight of three potatoes, taken out of one hill, in a field in the vicinity of Chatham. On Saturday last, Mr Patrick Henderson, sent us a half-bushel of potatoes, which consisted of thirty in number, and on putting twenty of them into the scales, we found their weight to be twenty-five pounds. Mr H. states, he has dug this season, out of the same field, about fifty barrels of the same description. A correspondent at Newcastle, informs us, that he saw last week a Carrot, raised in a garden in the vicinity of that town, which measured thirteen inches, and weighed two pounds one ounce. These specimens of the capabilities of Northumberland, we consider very fair, bearing in mind the little attention the inhabitants have heretofore paid to rural pursuits.

In another page will be found a most melancholy account of the distress of the inhabitants of the Island of Anguilla, who are reduced to the melancholy state of starvation, many persons having died from the want of the common necessaries of life. The Barbadians had sent them some relief. Anguilla is the most northerly of the Caribbee Islands, is 30 miles in length, and 9 in breadth.

LOTTERY. We would recommend to the attention of our readers, the lottery advertised in this day's paper; the prizes consist of a number of very valuable articles, among which we wish to particularise the Fire Engines. As our settlements are scattered, and consequently liable, in case of fire, to suffer from the want of immediate aid, if these useful machines could be judiciously situated, they might be the means of preserving much valuable property.

We have lately experienced three or four cold and boisterous days, but since the commencement of October, the weather has been remarkably favourable, and the husbandman has been enabled to house and collect his crop to the greatest advantage—potatoes have, however, in some situations, suffered a little from the frost, which has been rather sharp for some nights past.

An Inquest was held last week by James Wright, Esq. Coroner, on the body of James McCarty, a young man resident in the South West Branch, who fell over the stern of a canoe in crossing the river at the Forks, by slipping a foot, on the evening of the 30th ult.

MARRIED.—On Wednesday evening last, by the Rev. Samuel Bacon, the Rev. W. G. JOHNSTON, Pastor of St. Andrews Church, Chatham, to Mrs. JANE GRAHAM.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

PORT OF MIRAMICHI

ARRIVED, October 5—Ship Lord Sidmouth, Goler, Liverpool, 59 days—Gilmour, Rankin & Co.; brig Lord St. Helens, Alwick, Fa mouth, 60 days—J. Cunard & Co.; barks Champlain, Hughes, Barmouth, 45 days—Gilmour, Rankin & Co.; Tottenham, Cornforth, New Ross, 59 days—do: Scott, Wilson, Liverpool, 60 days, —do.

Cleared—Oct. 29, bark Aid, Tickle, Dublin: 30, brigs Harvest Home, Hall, Newcastle; Symmetry, Cowell, do; schr. Brothers, McDonald, Pictou; bark Indus. Hunter, Liverpool: 31, brigs Aberdeenshire, George, Aberdeen; William Pitt, Chambers, Limerick; schr. Lark, LeBlanc, Halifax: Nov. 1, brig Arctusa, Wilkie, Grangemouth; schrs. Intrepid, McFarlane, St. John, NF: 3, Esperance, Guinard, Shippegan; Trial, Sivret, Bathurst; Charlotte, LeBlanc, Shediac.

PORT OF RICHIBUCTO.

Cleared—Oct. 27, brigs Edgar, Gibson, Liverpool: Ocean, Thompson, Carlisle.

PORT OF HALIFAX.

Arrived—Oct. 26, brig Jané, Gaspe: schr. Emily, Chaleur Bay. Cleared—brigs Mary Ann, Liverpool; schrs. Greyhound, King, Miramichi and Richibucto: Enterprise, Miramichi; Roseau, do.

The schr. Marie Catherine, Bell master, from Magdalen Islands for Halifax, with a cargo of dry fish and oil, was driven from her moorings at the entrance of Cheticamp Harbour, on the night of the 15th inst. and went on shore; crew and gart of the cargo saved, vessel stranded.

PORT OF ST. ANDREWS.

Arrived—Oct. 18, brig Earl of Selkirk, Poole. Cleared—brigs Greenhow, Newry; Heber, Cork; bark Campo Bello, Liverpool.

PORT OF ST. JOHN.

Arrived—Oct. 26, ships Quebec, Port Glasgow: Alfred, Leith; 27, Louisa, Falmouth; brig Wellington, Liverpool. Cleared—ships Tay, Liverpool; Kent, do. Lord Byron, Glasgow; brigs Dorcas Savage, Belfast; William Tell, Newry.

Light House at Anticosti.—A light house has been erected on the S. W. Point of the Island of Anticosti, at the mouth of the river St. Lawrence. The Keeper is James Harvey. It is built of lime stone, six stories high, and each story is finished suitable for families. The lower story is prepared and furnished for the accommodation of shipwrecked mariners. Provision posts are placed around the Island, within fourteen leagues of each other, and guide boards to direct distressed mariners where they can find relief. Boston Advertiser.

A Light House is about to be erected at the Eastern Head of Louisburg harbour. That at Low Point is nearly completed. Novascotian.

MIRAMICHI TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.

The next Quarterly Meeting of the above Society, will be held in St. John's Church, Chatham, on Wednesday evening, November 14. The attendance of the Members and Friends of the Institution is respectfully solicited. The meeting to commence at seven o'clock.

ENOCH WOOD, Secretary.

November 5, 1832.