

ORIGINAL.

MR EDITOR,

I regret to see such erroneous statements appear in your paper as those purporting to be an extract of a letter from a Mechanic here, to a brother *chip* in Nova Scotia, under the signature of Argus.

I admit that since the great stagnation of trade in the mother country in 1825, that Lumbering speculations have not turned out to so good an account as they did previously to that period, which will continue to be the case, so long as the fluctuations in the British market can have so powerful an effect upon our trade as at present. But that money cannot be obtained for work, is an assertion utterly incorrect, as the labourer can obtain (in summer particularly) from 4s. to 5s. per day, and that in *Cash*, which is higher than in any other portion of the Colonies where I have travelled. In Quebec I have hired excellent labourers at 2s. per day. The men engaged for lumbering purposes receive from 50s. to 100s. per month, and that in *Cash*, excepting what clothing, &c. they require—which is generally taken from the merchant who supplies the Party in which they are employed.

The exorbitant rate of wages which is paid in this country, must have had, and has a powerful effect in retarding the progress of Agriculture, as the tillage of the soil at present costs more than the produce which the Farmer can raise, will sell for. The Mechanic can always receive a comfortable livelihood, and a respectable standing in Society, when his *conduct* entitles him to such; and I defy Argus to point out an instance where such an individual, had to take a *tithe* of money in part payment for his work, and the residue in oatmeal by the stone, &c., as he would wish to insinuate is generally the case.—But I believe there are other *Odd Fellows* mechanics besides Mr Argus in this Community, who, instead of employing their time in their work-shops, spend it either in lounging about the Stores or at the Taverns—for whole weeks together: and then, when they cannot get what is really necessary for their families, they cry out Bah against this 'poorest of poor places.' And no doubt their brains very often swim, to contemplate the wretchedness which their own *indolence* has caused. The lowest price that is paid for mens Shoes per pair is 15s. and that in money. No doubt the price of *Leather* is high, which fully shows that there must be a demand, and not that the *Tanners* must transport it about to get purchasers, or barter it for whatever they can obtain.

I do not conceive that we require a revision of the present system, to induce good mechanics to remain in the place, as there will always be sufficient undertakers, while employment offers, and the same description of payment can be had.

C. D.

Glenelg, 28th March, 1834.

SCHEDIASMA.

MIRAMICHI:
TUESDAY MORNING, APRIL 1, 1834.

We have nothing late from Europe to communicate.

The following article, which we copy from a Montreal paper, contains some consolation for the Mercantile community, and Lumberers, and we have much satisfaction in copying it.

Those of our commercial friends who are interested in the Lumber Trade will rejoice to learn that a letter has been received from Mr Bliss, stating that an extensive Timber House in London had received a pledge from Ministers that no change would take place in the Timber Duties till 1835. This is no more than just. Whatever change the Imperial Parliament may determine to introduce, it would be contrary to every fair principle of legislation to make so great a change without due warning.

The Legislature of Upper Canada was prorogued on the 6th March. The following Speech was delivered by His Excellency the Lieut. Governor on the occasion:—

Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly;

I have much satisfaction in observing the many valuable measures in which you have concurred, and I am confident that they will contribute to promote the best interests of the Province.

The Bills enacted to establish the independence of the judicial office, in conformity with the proposals conveyed to you by the command of his Majesty, and to amend the law respecting real property, will secure to the community essential benefits.

I trusted, however, that before the close of this Session, you would have decided on some practical mode of applying the Lands arising from Lands set apart for the purpose of Education, and placed under the control of the Legislature.

Gentlemen of the House of Assembly;

I thank you in the name of His Majesty for the supplies

granted for the service of the year: and the provision made for carrying on Public Works of improvement.

Honorable Gentlemen and Gentlemen,

The attention you have constantly directed to the improvement of the communications of the Province, has stimulated industry in every District; but no measure appears more calculated to exercise an immediate favorable influence over the prosperity of the Canadas, than that which you have sanctioned, to effect a safe and continuous navigation from Lake Huron to the Lower Province.

The circumstances under which this grand project will be undertaken, are, in every respect, propitious.

In eight years the population of the Province has doubled; the quantity of Land brought into cultivation during the same period, corresponds with this rapid increase.

The Imports by the St. Lawrence are increasing at the rate of one-third annually, and the Capital expended in the construction of Canals, Harbours and Piers, in many instances, already yields a direct return.

I take leave of you, persuaded that your exertions in your several Counties will greatly tend to advance the interests and prosperity of this Colony.

It gives us much satisfaction to be enabled to publish the following extract from the Journals of the Legislative Council: although the measure has been lost, the respectable minority—among whom we are pleased to see our late member—augurs well for the future.

The following Resolution was moved:

Whereas, The Reporting of the Debates and proceedings in the House of Lords, and in the Legislative Councils of Upper and Lower Canada, advances the best interests of the Country, it is expedient that this House should adopt the same course of proceeding—therefore,

Resolved, That the same publicity be given to the debates and proceedings of this House, as is sanctioned by the House of Lords, and that a Reporter be admitted to hear and report accordingly.

Upon the question whether the Resolution should pass, the House divided.

Content.

Mr. Cunard,
Mr Allanshaw,
Mr Saunders,
Mr Boisford,

Non Content.

Mr Chief Justice,
Mr Black,
Mr Shore,
Mr Peters,
Mr F. P. Robinson,
Mr W H Robinson.

And it passed in the negative.

On the first page will be found a letter from Mr Christie, the late Member for Gaspé, to the Hon Denis Benjamin Viger, on the subject of the wilful mis-statements and misrepresentations of the Ambassador of the *Cluque*, in a letter to Lord Goderich on the conduct of the Assembly to the electors of Gaspé. If one of the faction were capable of such a feeling, we might look for their being heartily ashamed at this dreadful exposure of their Agent's utter want of veracity in his communications to the Colonial Office. We refer our readers anew to the letter as eminently deserving of an attentive perusal.

Montreal Gazette.

[The letter alluded to in the above paragraph, we shall publish in our next, for the information of our readers in Gaspé.]—Ed. Gleaner.

Letters received from Bathurst this morning state that the ice has cleared out of the bay so that vessels can come up as far as the point.

MARRIED—At Bathurst, by the Rev. Mr. Somerville, Mr. George Currie, of Aberdeen, to Miss Lucy Palmer, of Prince Ed. Island.

DIED—Lately, at Charlotte-Town, Mr. William Poole, printer, late of Miramichi.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The sandhills at Southport are nearly all blown into the village; and the lords of the manor are now taking measures to keep the sea from following the hills.

High words, it is said, have arisen between the Duke of Orleans and King Leopold, upon the subject of the conduct of the latter towards his sister, whose air of settled melancholy had attracted the attention of the duke. His Belgic Majesty is reported to have given a very short answer to the remonstrance of his wife's brother.

The total number of vessels which entered New York during the year ending on the 1st of January, was 1,926, of which 1,384 were American, and 371 English. The number of passengers was 41,752.

'It's an ill wind that blows nobody good.' The King of Congo, in Africa, when his cap blows off, taxes his subjects living in the direction from whence the wind come. If this is a means of raising the wind, we fancy a good many of us Americans would be apt to be found bare headed about these times from certain *Sirocco* blasts that seem to come from the neighbourhood of the Potomac.

Losing a Hat.—'Where's your hat, Ned?' 'Lost it.' 'When?' 'Don't know, the first hint I had of it, my head felt cold.'

LIST OF LETTERS

Remaining in the Post Office, Miramichi, March, 1834.

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| Adams Edmund | North-West | Lodge Henry |
| Apleby Benjamin | | M'Arthur John |
| Ache Lewis | | M'Donald James |
| Barron David | Nelson | Menzies Daniel |
| Buggy Patt | | Mahony John |
| Baker E. | | M'Intire Mrs. |
| Black Neal | | Mills Thomas |
| Bruelt Jaques | | M'Donald Alexander |
| Beynalds Michael | | Minard Mrs. |
| Brown John & Robert | | M'Leod John |
| Brophy Patt | | M'Leod Murdoch |
| Capidy James | | M'Cullam Henry Mrs. |
| Coulson Robert | | M'Kenzie Murdoch |
| Cameron Charles [pilot] | | Milig Wm. 2 |
| Crubb Richard & Mary | | M'Farson John |
| Curvie Andrew | | M'Grath John |
| Campbell Alexander | | M'Dougle John |
| Cooke James | | Mitchell James |
| Cantwett William | | M'Farlan Ellen |
| Cormick Alexander | | M'Donald Donald Bay du vin |
| Canty Daniel | | M'Dougle Peter |
| Dunn Edward 2 | | M'Donnel Andrew |
| Donaldson James | | M'Colough Patrick |
| Douling James | | Morison Donald |
| Dee William | | M'Cabe John |
| Degoffre James | Point aux Car. | M'Navill Malcolm |
| Duggan Sally | | M'Molly Timothy |
| Diunkson & Porteous | | M'Carthy Thomas |
| Delany Charles | | M'Langlin Marks |
| Dempster William | | M'Naughton Daniel |
| Dyer James | South West | Mellon Margaret |
| Egan Bernard | | Nanshaw John |
| Foster Alexander | | O'Neil Timothy |
| Furlong Michael | | Orn Alexander |
| Foisyl Robert | North West | O'Sulevan Daniel |
| Foly Jane | | O'Arien William |
| Fulerton Mrs. 2 | | Oliver Mathew |
| Foy Ann Miss | | O'Brien Richard |
| Ferguson John | | Parcell John |
| Flanagan Patrick | | Porter Robert |
| Fraser Donald | Bay du Vin | Power Maurice |
| Fowle George | Bay of Napan | Phelan Wm. |
| Gormon Lawrence | | Peabody George |
| Gillion James | | Power John |
| Gillis Alexander | | Price Mathias |
| Grattan Patrick 2 | | Price John |
| Grant James | Bartibog | Queal John |
| Gowns John | | Rogers John |
| Grant James | | Russell John |
| Gibba Valentine | | Sharman Barnaby |
| Harrington Timothy | | Stephens David |
| Henry Richard | | Sked John |
| Humprey John | | Shields Michael |
| Hammill Hugh | | Simonds Sam |
| Horken John | | Symiest James |
| Hays John | Tabisintac | Smith Stephen |
| Hays Mary | | Smith Thomas |
| Haynes Edward | | Stoher James |
| Jouner Andrew | | Taylor Ann Miss |
| Jacob Samuel | | Tranter Joseph |
| Jenkins William | | Tozer [Lydia] M. S. |
| Keys John | | Wison Charles |
| Levit Joseph | | Ward Turner |
| Loughan John | | Whitmore Thomas |
| Love J. R. | | Windle Mr. |
| Lorgan Mary | Douglstown | |

ALL LETTERS not called for within Three Months from the date hereof, will be sent to the General Post Office, as Dead Letters. JAMES CAIE, Postmaster. Miramichi, March, 1834.

FARM, FOR SALE!

To be Sold at Private Sale, a Half Lot of LAND, situate in Napan, in the Parish of Glenelg, containing 100 Acres, more or less; about 15 Acres of which are under cultivation, and about 8 in a forward state of clearance. There is a good Log House and a BARN on the premises.

Also—a BUILDING LOT in the town of Chatham, formerly belonging to the late Capt. Charters, marked No. 5, and fronting John street. For particulars apply to the Subscriber. Napan, March, 20, 1834. JONATHAN CARMALT.

NOTICE.

WHEREAS we, the undersigned, John Clarke, John M. Johnson, and William Joplin, have been appointed Commissioners to enquire into the insolvency of the Estate of the late JOHN ENGLISH, of Newcastle, deceased, and to report thereon.

Notice is hereby given, that we the said Commissioners will meet at the Hotel of George Johnston, in Chatham, on Wednesday, the ninth day of APRIL next, at one o'clock, P. M. for the purpose of examining and settling the claims of the Creditors of the said Estate, at which time all persons having demands against the said Estate, will exhibit their accounts duly attested.

WILLIAM JOPLIN,
JOHN CLARKE,
JOHN M. JOHNSON.

March 26, 1834.

NOTICE.—The Subscriber having appointed Mr. A. FOSTER, merchant, Newcastle, as Agent for the adjustment of his affairs, requests all persons having any just demands upon him to render their accounts within Two Months; and all persons indebted to him at this date, are requested to make immediate payment to the said Mr. Foster.

MARCUS GUNN.

Miramichi, April 1.