

the hearts of every British soldier and subject.

The illustrious Duke of Wellington: which excited thunders of applause. Song—See the Conquering Hero comes.

Sir John Harvey, the Lieutenant Governor of New-Brunswick. Applause. Song—volunteer by Mr Boyd, which was sung with great taste.

Lady Harvey, and the Fair Daughters of New-Brunswick. Immense cheering. Song—Home Sweet Home.

The Sister Societies of Saint George and Saint Patrick; may their national endeavours be devoted conjointly with our own, in the furtherance of charitable purposes among their fellow countrymen. Cheers—Songs The Old English Gentlemen; Saint Patrick's Day; and the Battle of Bannockburn.

The President again rose, and after calling for a bumper, in a very feeling manner, stated, that he should give another toast, the subject of which had while living, excited the huzzas of his fellow countrymen; and since his decease, has caused the tears of sympathy and regret to flow from many an honest heart, over the grave of his immortal remains. He would not detain them further—but would give,

The revered memory of the immortal Nelson. With profound and reverential silence, which lasted a few minutes. Song—the Battle of Trafalgar.

The President apologized for again obstructing himself upon the company. He stated that he was about to propose another toast, which, as an individual, and presiding that evening over a small band of well-tried Scotchmen and their friends, could not allow to pass over without offering a few remarks. He felt, that as the subject of it was one of themselves, and had particularly distinguished himself in the battles of his country, hand in hand with the Duke of Wellington, he could not do less than ask for a bumper for him.

As a soldier—courage in battle, and in the victory mercy to a prostrate foe, were his predominant feelings, his characteristic principles; so in the government of an adjacent colony, he has maintained the integrity of the crown, and the rights of the people; and he found a proud satisfaction in contemplating that the North British Society of Halifax (with whom he had been associated for many by-gone years, and in whose society many endearing recollections force themselves at this moment upon my memory) had so nobly turned out to bid a parting adieu to their illustrious Governor.

Sir Colin Campbell, late Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia. Immense cheering. Song—The Campbell's are coming.

The Conservatives of Nova Scotia in their present struggle. Great cheering. Song—Here's to them that's awa'; sung with great taste by Mr Deuchar.

The President again rose and stated, that as the toast he was about to propose, was the last he should offer from the chair, and was one which touched more particularly their individual feelings, he trusted he should be excused in proposing it, as it might be comprehended in a toast previously given; still as the subject was social and endearing, and forced itself peculiarly upon the Bachelors, he trusted as an unworthy member of that fraternity, he would be excused from enforcing the many claims which the Fair have upon our consideration, although he confessed himself rather tardy. He was understood to say, that every enjoyment emanated from them, every pang is assuaged, and every care is soothed; in fact, our earthly blessings depended exclusively upon them.

The Fair Daughters of Miramichi. Great Cheering. Songs.—Flowers of Edinburgh, and My Lella waits for me.

The Toasts from the Chair being concluded, the Vice President rose and said—That having been born and bred in old Scotland, had witnessed the great advantages derivable from National Institutions in the mother country, and he looked forward with increased anxiety to the period in Miramichi, when each of the three Parent Societies, at present in active and vigorous operation in Britain, should claim the serious attention of the great body of the people in this remote corner of her Majesty's dominions. Such being his feelings, and looking around this festive board, he was proud to see the jolly sons of old England, and the happy sons of old Ireland, commingle in social fellowship around that board. He hoped it would continue. He trusted, that although space separated them from the Parent State, still such Institutions as those alluded to in Great Britain, should be formed here, and that kindly feelings and mutual friendship amalgamated, should ever characterise this community. He looked upon the Guests from the sister Societies with peculiar feelings,

and would, without further comment, propose—

The Guests, who have honored us with their company. Immense cheering. Songs.—Love's an Unco Thing—by Mr Deuchar.

Edward Williston, Esq. returned thanks for the honor done the Guests, in a neat and appropriate Speech.

The Faculty of Miramichi, was then given by a Gentleman.

Dr. John Thomson responded to the Toast in a very neat and feeling Speech; and among other things stated, that he should always feel a pride in exerting his best energies, and skilful endeavours in his profession, in all seasons and on all occasions, if by that means he could be useful in assuaging the pangs of disease, and relieving the bodily pains of his fellow creatures.

Mr Deuchar then rose and said that he had not been long in Miramichi, but in his avocation of Teaching the Youth of the place, he was proud to bear testimony to the desire on their part to learn; their strict obedience to their teachers, and their orderly and proper conduct on all occasions, and was pleased on the present occasion to propose the following Toast:

Health and Success to the Rising Generation in Miramichi. Great cheering. Song.—The Five Little Wee Ones came Toddling Along.

Edward Williston, Esq. then rose and said—that he trusted he should be excused in the few and imperfect remarks he was about to make, in introducing a subject before this company, which was intimately connected with the well-being of every community. He felt his inability to grapple with the subject, to draw a demarcation line between a well ordered Press and its licentiousness; to expose the impropriety of the latter, and at the same time to admire the security and protection of the former. The Liberty of the Press is a privilege that cannot be too highly prized by Britons, as they enjoy that which no other Government in Europe tolerates; in fact it is the very keystone of Liberty. Destoy that, and tyranny, such as the government of England once supported in upholding the Court of Star Chamber, in opposition to the freedom of the Press, might be again forced upon the people; but the star chamber was abolished and the Press triumphed. Other attempts have been made on the Press in more enlightened times; in short, the combined influence of the Executive and Legislature, have been recently exerted in this Province to stifle the just animadversions of the Press, but without success. He felt regret that Sir John Harvey's advisers should have placed him in this matter in so unfortunate a position, by risking the popularity of the Queen's representative by a prosecution on the Press. In a political point of view, it acts as a censor upon public men, and the measures of the Government. In a moral point of view, it exposes the licentiousness of the vicious, and holds up to public admiration the many virtues of the good. In fact, there is no man in office, who is not compelled to choose between his duty and the surrender of his reputation. Should there exist no communication with the public by the means of the Press, every one would be exposed without defence, to the secret shafts of malignity and envy. The man in office loses his reputation, the merchant his credit, the private individual his character, without the knowledge of his enemies, or by what means the attack is made. But when there is a free Press, the man of innocence brings the matter to daylight, and crushes the malignity of his adversaries by braving them to lay the grounds of their repeated imputations before the public. After some other energetic remarks, he gave amidst great cheering—

The Press.

After a number of other Toasts, Sentiments, and Songs, among which were—'Absent Friends,' and 'Our next Merry Meeting,' and after singing with great spirit 'Old Lang Syne,' the company separated, highly delighted with the harmony that existed during the evening's entertainment.—[Communicated.]

CENSUS OF THE PARISH OF CHATHAM.

WE have been kindly furnished with the census of the above named Parish, which has just been completed by order of the Legislature. We would feel particularly obliged, if the parties who have been employed in this task in other parishes, would furnish us with the result of their investigations.

Inhabited Houses—441: by how many Families inhabited—582. Houses building—19. Houses uninhabited—52.

Population.—White Persons—males above 16 years of age, 1118: males under 16 years of age, 768: females above 16 years of age,

862: females under 16 years of age, 749. People of colour—males, 5: female, 1: total 6. Total of Inhabitants—3503.

Places of Worship.—Church of England, 2: Presbyterian, 2: Methodist, 1: Roman Catholic, 1.

Mills.—Grist Mills, 8: Saw Mills, 8. Cleared Land.—Estimated quantity—3660 Acres.

Stock.—Horses 232, Neat Cattle 649, Sheep 466, Swine 924.

HIGH COURT OF CHANCERY, NOVASCOTIA.

A discussion of a highly important question, relating to the extent of the power and jurisdiction of the Master of the Rolls, and to the rules governing appeals from his decision, has lately taken place in Novascotia. It is a matter of much importance that the powers of that officer should be defined, and much credit is due the Hon. A. Stewart, for the stand he has thus taken, which we trust will have the effect of deciding this disputed point. We are indebted to the Halifax Morning Post, a penny paper, lately established in that town, and ably conducted by Mr Croskill, for the report of this case. Its great length has precluded the possibility of our inserting it entire to-day, but we shall conclude it in our next.

THE FREDERICTON SENTINEL VS. THE INHABITANTS OF NORTHUMBERLAND.

OUR attention has been directed to the following paragraph under the Editorial head of the Sentinel of the 21st ult., and as we feel interested in every thing affecting the character of the people among whom our lot has been cast, we should feel particularly obliged if the Editor of that Journal would state, in a distinct manner, the charge or charges which he says he is able to make against a certain portion of them; or as he styles them "a faction." This we claim as a matter of justice, open charges are at all times preferable to insinuations, and is a more manly way of dealing with the parties accused.

"We have of late had occasion to notice one of the modes, by which the funds of the Province have been misapplied in the country of Northumberland. We are not unacquainted with the doings of the faction there; and if we once open out upon them, they may take our word for it, we shall realise the truth of the proverb, that those who sit in glass houses should not be the first to throw stones."

IMPORTANT NEWS.

The New York Sunday Atlas furnishes the following intelligence of an important victory obtained in Florida:—

"It is stated that an express has arrived at Washington, bringing the important intelligence that the grand army of the U. S. in Florida has captured a good sized Indian, and came very near catching a Squaw! "Every little helps."

THE SEASON.

WINTER may be considered as fairly set in. During the week we have experienced very cold weather, and on Friday last the ice was sufficiently strong to admit of horses and sleighs, with heavy loads, travelling on the river.

The following vessels are frozen in. The bark Dahlia, timber laden, outward bound for England. The schooner Perseverance, Currie, on her passage out, bound for Halifax. The schooner Pearl, from Halifax, at Gilmour Rankin & Co's mill wharf; the schooner Dartford from the same place, at the Horse Shoe, and the brig Catharine, bound to Britain, at Bay du Vin.

GREAT WORK.

WE are informed that Mr Daniel Brockway, sawed in Messrs P. Williston & Brothers new double saw mill, on Bay du Vin River, erected by them on the site of the mill destroyed by fire in January last, 27,312 superficial feet Deals and Boards, in fourteen hours and fifty three minutes. There is attached to the mill two circular saws. Who can beat this?

TOKEN OF RESPECT.

THE Ladies of the Congregation of St. Luke's Church, Bathurst, have presented their Minister, the Reverend GEORGE M'DONNELL, with a handsome Pulpit Gown, as a token of their regard for the talents, piety, and zeal displayed by that Gentleman since his arrival amongst them.

ARRIVALS AT HEA'S HOTEL.

December 1—Mr Wm. Batcher, Bathurst. 4th—Mr Z. Phinney, Richibucto. 5th—Mr Alexander Wright, Salisbury. 6th—Michael Herley, Esq., Richibucto; Mr Lestock Desbrisay, do., Mr Robert M'Ewan, from do., Mr Wm. Patten, Sour., Carlton.

THIS MORNING'S MAIL.

The following are the only items of interest we perceive in the papers received this morning.

St. John Courier, December 5. The Steamer North America, Captain Brown arrived this morning from Boston, having left on Wednesday evening, and brings us Boston papers of that date and New York of the preceding evening. They contain accounts from China to the 6th July; at which time Admiral Elliott arrived with the remainder of the expedition. The blockade of Canton commenced on the 3d, but the intelligence is still unimportant as to any decisive movement on the part of the British fleet.

Provincial Legislature.—We understand that the Legislature of this Province will meet on Wednesday the 20th of January next, for the despatch of business.

The ship Tarquin, Captain Hunt, from Manila, brings information that the Prince de Joinville arrived at St. Helena, on the 8th October, in the Belle Poule frigate, to receive the ashes of Napoleon. The disinterment would take place on the 13th.

Boston Notion, Nov. 28.

The New Orleans papers received yesterday brought us the melancholy tidings of another Steamboat explosion on the waters of the Mississippi, the result of most criminal neglect of duty. The flues of the steamboat Persian collapsed, when near the town of Napoleon, killing and scalding from thirty to forty persons! consisting of the deck passengers and some of the crew. The whole of the cabin passengers escaped uninjured. Four men died immediately at the time of the collapse—seven died next day—four more are missing, and there were some fifteen or twenty others whose lives were despaired off.

FLORIDA.—The attempt to form a treaty with the Seminoles has proved abortive. The Indians, says the Pensacola Gazette of the 7th inst., 'have again broken forth and left the whites to wonder at their treachery. On breaking loose at Tampa, they killed one man, firing seven balls into his body and scalping him, within a few hundred yards of 2500 troops. Gen. Armistead started with a regiment of men for Fort King. Brig. Gen. Atkinson, has been stricken with paralysis; and there is little probability of his ever being able again to take the field.'

Great Fire.—Canajoharie N. Y. in Ruins. A large and very destructive fire occurred at Canajoharie, New York, on the night of the 19th inst. in which almost the whole village was destroyed. The loss will probably exceed \$100,000, mostly insured. About 10 buildings were consumed, mostly dwellings. A little boy about three years old is missing, and it is feared he perished in the flames. The fire is supposed to have been the work of an incendiary.

Ship News.

PORT OF ST. JOHN. Arrived, Nov. 26, ship Ben Nevis, Hull. 30th, ship Sophia, London: whale ship Royal William, South Seas—with 1050 barrels black oil, 350 do. sperm, and about 10,500 lbs. whale bone.

Cleared—ships Margaret, Liverpool; Enterprise, London; Robert Bruce, Liverpool; Peru, Cork; brig Palemon, London.

PORT OF HALIFAX.

Arrived, Nov. 27, schrs. Defiance, Currie, Miramichi; Waterloo, Eisan, do.

The steamer British Queen, on the 6th November, Lat. 49 6, Long. 59 40, fell in with brig Margaret, of Severne, from Dalhousie to Leith, timber laden, mainmast and bulwarks gone, and water logged; stopped the engines, sent the cutter, and rescued five men, viz: David Smith, master; John Scott, mate; Robert Dalkee, George Leadmont, and D. Manning. Before the British Queen fell in with her, Thomas Scott, carpenter; Samuel Palmer, Francis Brown and C. M'Nab, seamen, were washed overboard and drowned.

QUEBEC, Nov. 12.—The number of ships in the Port of Quebec is, as usual at this season, getting thinner every day; there are now not more than forty to clear. From the subjoined statement it will be seen that this has been a good year.

Total number of arrivals up to the 7th Nov. 1840, inclusive, 1253 vessels, 431,006 tons.—The number of vessels already cleared this year, exceeds the number that have arrived; this is caused by the new ships built here last winter.—Total number of clearances up to 7th November, inclusive—1265 vessels 430,988 tons. To the same period in 1839, 1070 vessels, 350,837 tons.

Such of our Subscribers as are in the habit of bringing us Fire-wood, would oblige us by bringing some at an early period.

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