

people's tastes and habits to the situations in which he has placed them, that he may be said to have bestowed a pretty equal share of happiness on all, and where it appears otherwise to us, and one community seems more favoured than another, you may depend upon it the fault lies in our inability to perceive that the one would be incapable of enjoying the happiness bestowed upon the other, and is in fact, infinitely more satisfied with its own peculiar destiny.

LEGISLATIVE NEWS.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

EXTRACTS FROM THE JOURNALS.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, March 20.

To his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor or commander in chief, the sum of £— in aid of individual subscription, towards Building a bridge across Barnaby's River, on the south side of the South West Branch of the Miramichi, which at present obstructs the travelling on that side of the river. Upon the question for sustaining the Resolution, the committee divided as follow—Yeas 5, Nays 19—and it was thereupon decided in the negative.

To his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor the sum of £500 to reimburse the commissioners for improving the Province Hall, and erecting Out Buildings, the balance due them.

To his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor or commander in chief, not exceeding the following sums, for the support and encouragement of Agricultural Societies in the respective Counties:—Restigouche, Queen's, Westmorland, Gloucester, King's, Sunbury, Northumberland, St. John, York, Kent, Charlotte, Carleton, £100 each. Which sums or aliquot portions thereof shall be paid to the order of the president of the respective Agricultural Societies, when it shall be certified to his Excellency that the inhabitants of the several Counties have subscribed and paid a sum equal to one half the respective sums above mentioned, or to the said aliquot portions thereof which sums so paid shall be accounted for to the Legislature: Provided always, that in such counties wherein District Agricultural Societies be formed, embracing one or more parishes only, it shall and may be lawful for his Excellency to apportion the amounts so to be granted to those Counties among the said District Societies.

To his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor or commander in Chief, the sum of £41 1 1 to reimburse the commissioner for erecting Public Landings on the south side of the Richibucto River, the amount over expended by him, the same to be taken out of the Great Road Money granted for that road in the year 1841.

To his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor or commander in chief, the sum of £— towards the erection of a Bridge across the South West Branch of the Miramichi, opposite Hunter's, on the Great Road of communication between Fredericton and Newcastle, payable in 1842, and to be taken out of the Great Road appropriations that may be made at the next session of the Legislature for that Road. Upon the question for sustaining this Resolution the committee divided—Yeas 5, Nays 15—And so it was decided in the negative.

March 22.

To his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor or commander in chief, the following sums—25 for the purpose of exploring a Road from the Pennock to the Miramichi Portage, through a tract of ungranted Land fit for settlement. 50 towards running the Division Lines between Kent and Northumberland.

March 23.

Resolved, as the opinion of this committee that the commissioners of Bathurst Bridge be authorized to release the contractors from the Bonds entered into for the erection of the said Bridge, on receiving from the contractors an acquittance of all further demands by virtue of the same; and further

Resolved, That in case such releases be accepted and given, the commissioners be authorized to advertise for the substantial repair of the said Bridge, with a Warranty, for three years, and that provision be made for the same by the House, not amounting to more than one thousand pounds.

To his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor or commander in chief, the sum of £750 for the purpose of encouraging and promoting Immigration to this Province, the said sum to be apportioned among the several counties within the same, at and after the rate of 60l to each county, and to be paid accordingly, on a satisfactory certificate being furnished to the commander in chief for the time being, that an equal amount has been subscribed and paid by any persons associated together for the purposes intended for this grant, in the county for which such appropriation is to be applied; which said sum for said county, together with the said grant, making together a sum not less than 120l for every county which may avail itself of said appropriation, to be expended as may be considered advisable for the encouragement of Immigration by any such Association, and that an account of the expenditure be laid before the Legislature.

To his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor or commander in chief, the sum of 20l to explore and open a line of Road upon the south West Branch of the River Miramichi, from Porter's Brook to the upper settlement, a distance of four miles, on the dividing Line of the County of York and Northumberland.

To Edmund Ward, the sum of £50 to remunerate him in part for expenses incurred in printing an account of New Brunswick.

March 24.

On motion of Mr. L. A. Wilmot, Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be surveyed in each county, one or more blocks of Land fit for immediate settlement, not exceeding two thousand acres in each block, and laid off in Lots of one hundred acres each, with a reserved road of not less than four Rods wide, through the centre, and that the Lots on one side only of such Roads be sold in the first instance, on the most favorable terms that the Law will admit of, reserving the Lots on the opposite side for future sale.

March 25.

The Governor's SPEECH on Proroguing the House.

Mr. President and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council, Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,

In releasing you from further attendance upon your Legislative labours, it is again my pleasing duty to renew to you, for myself and for my Royal Mistress, my acknowledgements of the assiduous and satisfactory discharge of your Legislative duties, and, in Her Majesty's name, to thank you for the liberality of the Supplies which you have granted in aid of the Public Service, and more especially for the noble provision which you have made for the Great Lines of Communication between Halifax and Quebec, passing through this Province; thereby unequivocally manifesting your readiness to meet the wishes and suggestions of the Imperial Government in all that tends to bind and consolidate the connexion of New Brunswick with Great Britain. By these proceedings you have, I am well convinced, faithfully fulfilled the wishes of your Constituents, whose gratitude you have thereby merited, while you have at the same time nobly sustained the lofty position which New Brunswick has taken among the Colonies of the British Empire for unshaken loyalty to the Sovereign and affectionate attachment to the mother Country. And here I ought not to refrain from observing, that anxiously desirous as I have ever been to conduct my administration in accordance with the 'best interests' of the Community over which I was appointed to preside, it has been with no ordinary degree of satisfaction that I have found that principle of Government to be identical with the 'wishes' of a rational—a sound judging—and a loyal People.

The Queen having been pleased to terminate my official connexion with New Brunswick, the painful necessity is imposed upon me of bidding you adieu, which I know you will believe that I do with feelings of deep emotion, arising as well from gratitude for the confidence which you so frankly reposed in me, from the first hour of our intercourse—a confidence which has alleviated and facilitated the anxious duties attaching to my station, and rendered their performance satisfactory and delightful, and, as I will hope, and as you have been pleased to assure me, beneficial to the Province,—from regret at my disservice from a people among whom several of the happiest years of my life have been passed, and to whom I shall ever feel myself linked in sentiments of unceasing regard and affection,—and lastly, from pride and satisfaction at the prosperous and happy state in which I leave you.

In imploring for the People of this noble Province the continuance of those blessings to which their many high minded qualities so justly entitle them, I will add, that for myself it will constitute one of the chief consolations of my remaining days, to witness, though at a distance, the rapid progress which New Brunswick is destined to make in all that relates to her prosperity and improvement.

England already looks with great interest to the people of New Brunswick, as to an impregnable barrier against the spread of unsound and unconstitutional opinions on this Continent; and I foresee, that, in the course of events, that feeling will be elevated into one of just pride in the possession of so noble a Bulwark of her glorious Institutions.

I have yet one more observation to make, and if that observation should be deemed superfluous, I trust to your candour to impute it to its true motive—an anxious desire to perpetuate to you, as far as my advice or influence may be permitted to extend, the blessings which must ever attend the harmonious working of the machinery of which Legislation and Government are composed.—Permit me then to impress upon you the advantage to the Public Interests which must result from according to the distinguished Individual, who may be selected by the Sovereign to represent Her Majesty in this Province, the same degree of confidence which you were pleased to repose in me and to which, I repeat, I mainly impute, under the blessing of Divine Providence, whatever of success may have attended my efforts to be useful

Colonial.

CANADA.

NIAGARA, March 4.—Robbery.—Last Tuesday night, five Thieves from the neigh-

bouring Republic, broke into the house of the Rev. Mr. Anderson, Fort Erie, forced Mr. A. and his family out of bed, and took away all the money in the house, a watch and seals, dressing-case, and sundry other articles. The scoundrels, who were armed, re-crossed the river; they were pursued, but in vain.

NEW-BRUNSWICK.

St. John Herald, March 31.

Additional Taxation.—Tax on Tea.—The odious Tax, recently imposed by our House of Assembly, of Ten per cent. on Tea, meets with the general disapprobation of every class of our citizens; and will, no doubt, create the same feeling in every section of the Province. Whatever could have led the House to impose such an enormous duty upon so staple an article, we feel at a loss to discover—unless, that they were bewildered in their search after some article to Tax, to make up the deficiencies of folly and extravagance, which we feel very sorry to add, have disgraced the Halls of our Legislature for the past two months. A Tax on Tea takes directly so much money from every poor family in the Province; and especially, at this time, will do a serious injury to the righteous cause of Temperance, which so generally is extending itself in this community. Really, when we begin to heap such odious taxes upon ourselves, we should not complain if our mother land was to follow our example, and tax our staple export—to give it a like footing with foreign import. If ever there was cause for a people to complain of their Representatives, it is at this season—when we behold such an iniquitous system upheld by a direct robbery from the pockets of the poor. It is more than human flesh can bear—and we hope and trust that every Journal in the Provinces, which possesses one spark of independence, will rally round the standard we have set up—and denounce in the strongest terms, this, the most unpopular measure that has ever passed a Provincial Legislature. Can we submit—ought we to submit? Should not meetings be held, and a petition got up, praying for an immediate dissolution of our present House of Assembly?—and some measures taken to change the Representation for our city and county. Never was there a Province, in so short a time, reduced from affluence to beggary; and a few more years of such Government will leave us poor dependent paupers. We are surprised that our City Editors should be so silent upon a matter which is producing such general agitation and dissatisfaction—particularly among the mercantile portion of the community. The duties commence to-morrow, the 1st April.

NOVA-SCOTIA.

Halifax Gazette, March 31.

The British Queen, Steamer, from Southampton, bound to New York, put into this port yesterday afternoon, for a supply of coal, and to repair damages sustained on the voyage—having experienced very boisterous weather.

The British Queen, will start this evening, she has 64 passengers.

SCHEDIASMA.

MIRAMICHI.
TUESDAY MORNING, APRIL 6, 1841.

ARRIVAL OF THE MAIL.

The Courier with the Southern Mail arrived on Saturday evening, at 6 o'clock.

EUROPEAN NEWS

We have unexpectedly been furnished with later British news, than we were previously in possession of. To the kindness of a mercantile house in Chatham, we are indebted for a copy of the London Morning Post, of the 10th March. This paper was obtained by the British Queen, steamer, bound to New York, which vessel put into Halifax on the evening of Tuesday last, in distress, and short of coal, she having been out 20 days.

From this paper we have gleaned a few items of news. There is some intelligence from China, but not of a very satisfactory nature.

The Report of the Committee of Foreign Affairs, in the United States Congress, had reached England, and occasioned much excitement, and thrown considerable gloom over the banking and manufacturing business, particularly of Lancaster. Several line of battle ships, and the Driver steamer, are ordered to America.

LATEST NEWS RESPECTING M'LEOD.

A late number of the New York Sun says:—"In consequence of an error, committed by the clerk of Niagara county, in drawing a jury for the term

of the court, to have commenced to day, the term cannot be held, and the trial of M'Leod, will of necessity be postponed, till the next term of the court."

LEGISLATIVE NEWS.

THE Legislature of this Province, was prorogued on the 25th ult. The Speech of his Excellency, on the occasion, will be found among our extracts.

FIRE IN CHATHAM.

ON Saturday afternoon last, the appalling cry of fire, and the tones of the fire bell were again heard in Chatham. Flames were discovered bursting from the roof of the large building owned by Mr James White, and occupied by Mr. McBeath, as a hotel. Through the prompt and energetic exertions of the populace, the destructive element was providentially arrested in its progress, before it had made much headway. This building is in the heart of Chatham, and adjoins the extensive premises of Mr Hea; and as the weather was very cold at the time, and the wind blowing a gale from the northward, there is every reason to apprehend, had the fire not been thus suddenly checked, the loss of property would have been very extensive.

PRESBYTERY OF MIRAMICHI.

ON Wednesday the 24th ult, the Presbytery of Miramichi met in St James's Church, Newcastle, when the Rev. Mr Archibald was chosen Moderator for the ensuing year. The Presbytery among other things had under their consideration an application for a Minister of the Church of Scotland about being made to the General Assembly's Colonial Committee from a neighbouring County, which they agreed to recommend.

They have learned with sincere pleasure that three Ministers, have been appointed to this Province. One for St James's in the County of Charlotte, and two for vacancies in this Presbytery, and that liberal pecuniary grants have been made by the Committee for their support.

NORTHUMBERLAND AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

We have transferred to our pages, the Third Annual Report of our County Agricultural Society—the Third Annual meeting of which took place at Witherell's Hotel, Newcastle, on Wednesday, 31st March. The meeting was very respectably attended. After the Treasurer's Accounts had been audited, and the Report read, a number of Resolutions were passed, and several interesting facts connected with the capabilities of the country, the successful cultivation of the soil, and the management of farm stock were adduced by several gentlemen, who addressed the meeting on that occasion.

We shall give the Resolutions, together with an account of the proceedings of the meeting of the Board of the Society, which was held at the same place, on Saturday last.

REPORT.

Third Annual Report of the Northumberland Agricultural Society.

THAT Agricultural Societies are highly useful and meritorious institutions, will not be denied. Their value has been fully shown both in Britain and America, by the experience of many years, and by the extensive patronage they have received. They have been the means of spreading much useful information upon a subject of deep interest, of establishing a system of husbandry based on scientific principles, which has increased in a high degree the fertility of the soil, and the profits of its cultivation. They have been instrumental also in improving farm stock, and implements of labour, and of diffusing amongst farmers a laudable desire to excel in their honorable vocation. And it is well known that whatever has a tendency to promote the Agricultural pursuits of a country or community, tends proportionably to advance the cause of social order, virtue and happiness.

Three years has now elapsed, since the formation of a Society of this description in Miramichi; during which time it has laboured to advance the cause of Agriculture, nor have its labours been without success, or its example without influence in other parts of the Province.

In briefly noticing their transactions for the past year, the Committee have to state, that they held a Ploughing Match on the 24th September, on the farm of Mr. William Fiddes, Newcastle, which was well attended. The Judges on that occasion were Messrs. C. Nevin, D. Thomson, and J. Lawrie. Nine ploughs started upon the field, and the ploughmen performed their several allotments in a very creditable manner. And, after a careful inspection of the work, the Judges awarded the premiums as follows, viz:—

FIRST CLASS OF OLD COUNTRY PLOUGHMEN.
1st Premium to William Mahoney, servant of John Porter, Esquire, Douglstown.