

8.—The second best ditto, to Dugald Stewart, but for the reason assigned in the case of the 6th Prize, he yielded to John Douglas, who brought the next best in sack No. 7, weighing 81 1-2 lbs. 15s.

9.—For the best White Oats, to William Fleming, in sack No. 1, two bushels, weighing 78 lbs. £1.

10.—For the second quality of Timothy Seed, to John Currie, one bushel, 10s.

11.—Ditto, to Walter Blair for ditto, 10s. The Exhibition was well attended, and the different samples of Grain of a superior quality; but some of them were unfortunately short of the quantity prescribed by the Rules of the Society, and consequently could not be permitted to compete for the Premiums.

The Society return the warmest thanks to the Gentlemen who acted as judges at this Exhibition, and particularly to Mr J. M. Wilson; for attending with the County measures and weights; and for measuring and weighing the Grain.

A meeting of the Society was then held: Present—Andrew Barberie, Esquire, Vice President; Joseph Hunter, William Fleming, and David McIntosh, committee—when it was Resolved,

1.—That the interest evinced by the Farmers generally in the exhibition held this day, encourages the society in renewing and increasing their exertions, to further the advancement of Agriculture in the County.

2.—That the like premiums which were offered last year, for the competition of Grain and Hay Seeds, shall be given for similar purposes, the production of this present year, under the same Rules and Regulations. The Show to be held at the Court-Hall, on the 2nd Tuesday in April next.

3.—That a Cattle Show and Ploughing-Match be held in Dalhousie, on the first Tuesday in October next, and the following Premiums be advertised; viz.

CATTLE.	
For the best 2 year old Heifer of any breed,	£1 0 0
For the best Bull of same age,	1 10 0
For the best year old ditto,	1 0 0
For the best year old Heifer,	0 15 0
For the best Calf, not exceeding six months,	0 10 0

SHEEP.	
For the best 3 year old Ram,	1 0 0
The best 2 year old ditto,	0 15 0
The best year old ditto,	0 10 0
For the best Ram Lamb,	0 10 0
For the best Ewes of the same ages respectively, the same Premiums.	

HOGS.	
For the best Boar,	1 0 0
The second best,	0 15 0
For the best Sow,	1 0 0
The second best ditto,	0 15 0

The whole to be the growth and produce of the County.

The Exhibition to take place in the Public Square, at the hour of 11 in the forenoon.

PLOUGHING.	
To the best Ploughman,	£2 10 0
The second,	2 0 0
The Third,	1 0 0

To commence at 8 o'clock in the morning of the same day. Timely notice of the quantity and locality of the ground, the given time and manner in which the Prizes are to be competed for, will be given.

By Order,

DUGALD STEWART,  
Secretary and Treasurer.

#### TIMBER DUTIES.

The following Petition to the Imperial Parliament, from the inhabitants of this County, is now being handed round for signature:

To the Honorable the Commons of Great Britain and Ireland, in Parliament assembled.

The Humble Petition of the Merchants Shipowners, and others, interested in the Trade of Miramichi,

Sheweth,

That the Province of New Brunswick has always been distinguished for the sound constitutional principles of its people, and for its unshaken loyalty to the British Crown.

That under the fostering care and protection of the parent state, and from the combined advantages of the manufacture and export of its wood, and the cultivation of its soil, it has in the course of a few years sprung from helpless infancy to vigorous manhood, and achieved for itself an importance in the countries of the western world, the real worth of which can neither be understood nor appreciated in a period of tranquillity.

That the proposed Equalization of the Timber Duties is fraught with injustice and ruin to this fine Province—with injustice, because notwithstanding its rapid growth, it is yet too young to exist by its Agriculture alone—with ruin, because its Capital is invested in Mills, Wharves, Stores, Ship Yards, and every other variety of property incidental to extensive commerce, which, under the projected change, will not be worth the ground they stand upon; and also because its rapidly increasing marine will be at once without employment, and disastrously deteriorated in value.

That the boon of a Free Foreign Trade

and the abrogation of all fiscal restraints which are proposed as an equivalent for the entire destruction of the staple trade of the country, is delusive, chimerical, and utterly worthless—the North American portion of the British Empire, and particularly New-Brunswick, is not yet in a position advantageously to avail itself of a foreign trade, nor of any intercourse but that which is based upon an exchange of its Staple Commodity; it is to Great Britain alone that New-Brunswick can look for the continuance of its commerce, and therefore for the preservation of its prosperity and importance.

The people of New-Brunswick are essentially British—they consume no other manufactures—they desire no other connection—and as they look to the Home of their Fathers in the hour of peril for succour and support, so are they ever ready to spill their blood in the defence of their Sovereign, and of her dominions.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly implore your Honourable House, seriously to consider the peculiar circumstances in which they are placed, and that you will reject a measure so pregnant with calamity, desolation, and universal wreck.

#### CHINA NEWS.

Our English papers put us in possession of some late and important news from China. Much delay having been experienced by the British Commissioner in his negotiations with the Chinese functionaries, an attack was made upon the forts at the entrance of the Canton river, which were captured at once, and with inconsiderable loss to the British. This act of energy brought the Celestials to their senses; and they promptly submitted terms, which were immediately accepted by Captain Elliot. The terms of the cession of the Island of Hong Kong—an indemnity of six millions of dollars, payable in six years—the establishment of direct diplomatic relations between the two nations—and the re-opening of the Chinese trade at an early fixed date.

These terms, it appears, have given anything but satisfaction, and loud and bitter were the complaints in the British papers, of the conduct of the parties to whom were entrusted the negotiations.

The London Atlas thus concludes a long article on the subject:—

"Upon this subject we must speak out. The nepotism of the First Lord of the Admiralty has lost to England the fairest opportunity she ever enjoyed of extending her commerce and fortifying her Eastern possessions. Had the expedition been successful to the utmost, the country would still have seen with great disapprobation that two Elliots, a name but little heard of in our naval annals, were at its head—when Englishmen see that it has been miserably mismanaged, that more British soldiers have died ignominiously under the miasma of an island swamp than would have sufficed to plant the English standard in the enemy's capital—when they also hear it whispered that incapacity has, often rather than high talent, been associated with the name of Elliot, honest indignation is aroused, and is felt, and perhaps, expressed most frankly by those who are the staunchest and not the feeblest of the supporters of a government usually able, patriotic, and honest.

"Napier would have been the man for this expedition. A man who would have written out his terms and kept his rockets flying till they were granted, should have been the leader of this squadron. But we need not insist upon particular names. There are hundreds of straightforward British seamen who would have concluded the whole business, and concluded it well, without the loss of fifty English lives. Scarcely a man in the British navy could have failed to do so—except these Elliots.

#### UNITED STATES.

Our Boston papers are to the 1st May. They state that the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature of the State of New York, on the 23rd ult. reported a Bill providing for a Special Circuit Court for the Trial of Alexander McLeod, and allowing the Circuit to be held wherever deemed expedient by the Chief Justice—it was referred to a Select Committee 'to report complete.'

#### THE PRESIDENT, STEAM SHIP.

The English papers which have come to hand, express much anxiety respecting the safety of the above named vessel. She had been thirty eight days at sea, and no tidings had been received respecting her since her departure from New York. The number of passengers on board the President amounted to 28. The Queen had left instructions, on leaving Buckingham Palace for Windsor, that in case of news being obtained of her safety, that a special messenger should be despatched with the intelligence.

The following is a short description of this splendid ship:

"The following are the tonnage and dimensions of the Steam vessel which now excites so much interest, as compared with

these of a man of war built about the same period:—President: Tonnage, 1,921 1.94; Length, 268 feet; Breadth (within paddle boxes), 42 feet.—Man of War, (120 guns):—Tonnage, 2,700; Length, 200½ feet; Breadth, 54 1-2 feet.—One thing is clear, that these large steamers are all very inadequately supplied with boats, which, in the event of accident, might be available."

#### THE SEASON.

LAST week we announced the breaking up of the ice in our river. We have now the satisfaction of stating that the navigation has been unobstructed for several days, and that one square rigged vessel and five schooners arrived on Saturday afternoon last.

#### LAUNCH.

THE Lady Colebrooke, a fine bark of 400 tons new, and 350 old measurement, was launched, full rigged, from the building yard of Messrs. Cunards, in Chatham, on Saturday morning last.

#### STEAMER BRITANNIA.

THIS vessel arrived at Halifax on the morning of Tuesday, after a passage of 14 days. She had 58 passengers for Halifax, and 32 for Boston, in all 90.

#### ARRIVALS AT HEA'S HOTEL.

April 30—Wm. J. Layton, Esq. Richibucto; Mr John G. Layton do. May 1—Captain Evans, from Magdalen Islands via Shippigan; Mr Hugh A. Caie, Shippigan. May 3—Mrs W. J. Layton, Richibucto. 4th—Mr L. Des Brisay, do; Mr Z. Phinney, do; Mr John Graham, do. 9th—LeBaron Drury, Esquire, do.

#### MARRIAGES.

At Chatham, on Friday last, by the Rev. John M'Curdy, Mr HENRY GOULD, of Newcastle, to Miss MARGARET WRIGHT, of Chatham.

On the 7th inst., by the Rev. Mr Archibald, Mr JOHN M'DONALD, to Miss DAVINA STOTHART, both of the parish of Newcastle.

#### DEATHS.

On Tuesday last, at her residence at Chatham, Mrs HARRIET M. LAYTON, relict of the late William Layton, Esquire, of West Moulsey, in the county of Surrey, aged 68 years. She was interred on Friday in St. Paul's Church yard.

#### SHIP NEWS.

##### PORT OF MIRAMICHI.

Arrived, May 10—Schr Lady Smith, Boudroit, P E Island, 2 days—J Cunard & Co; Gannett, Simpson, Newfoundland, Gilmour Rankin & Co; Extio, Rantlet, New York, 16 days—do; brig Tom Bowline, Robinson, Newcas le, 40 days—do; schr Iule, Norwood, New York, 13 days—Johnson & Caie.

The schr Defiance, Currie, from Halifax, arrived this morning.

To be Sold at Public Auction, on the Public Square, in Newcastle, on FRIDAY, the 14th day of May, instant, at 12 o'clock, noon. The following GOODS and CHATELS, the property of the late CONNOR SHEEHAN, deceased, viz:—1 CART, 1 SLEIGH, 1 BEDSTEAD, BED and BEDDING, 4 pine Tables, 1 Stove, 1 Dresser, 8 barrels POTATOES, and a few other trifling articles. Terms at Sale.

By order of the Administrator on the said Estate.

JOHN FRASER, Auctioneer.

Newcastle, 4th May, 1841.

#### NOTICE.

The Subscriber is in daily expectation of a General Assortment of **British and other GOODS**, which he will offer for Sale in the Building lately occupied by Messrs. Street & Kerr, at the head of Mr Peabody's wharf.

JAMES JOHNSON.

Chatham, 10th May, 1841.

#### Auctioneer and Commission Business.

The Subscriber having taken premises in the centre of the Town of Chatham, well suited for the above business, will be happy to receive Consignments. Those who may favor him, may rely on punctuality and despatch.

JAMES JOHNSON.

Chatham, 10th May, 1841.

#### BOOM to LET.

To be Let at Public Auction, on THURSDAY, the 13th day of May next, at the Subscriber's Sale Room, Chatham, That **Valuable and Desirable Property** BARNABY'S ISLAND, situate up the South West Branch of the River Miramichi, together with the BOOM and FISHERY; for a Term not exceeding Five Years. The Island and Fishery to be let separate from the Boom if thought desirable at the time of letting.

W. LETSON, Auctioneer.

Chatham, April 19, 1841.

#### LAND FOR SALE.

On WEDNESDAY, the 12th day of May, inst. at 12 o'clock, noon, on the premises in New castle, will be sold by Public Auction, in lot to suit purchasers, (if not sooner disposed of at private sale) that

Beautifully situated and improved Farm, of Mitchell and Masson, situate just above the Town of Newcastle. Terms of Sale will be made known at the time of Sale, or at any time previous thereto, together with all other particulars on application to Messrs Street & Kerr, Newcastle.

Newcastle, 3rd May, 1841.

#### SESSION NOTICE.

At a General Sessions of the Peace of our Lady the Queen, held at the Court House at Newcastle, in and for the County of Northumberland, on Tuesday the fourteenth day of January, 1841.

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the third year of the Reign of his late Majesty King William the Fourth, intitled "An Act to authorize the Justices of the Peace for the County of Northumberland to make rules and regulations respecting the Bass Fishery in that County," the provisions of which said Act are extended to the Bass and Gaspereaux Fishery in the said County, by an Act made and passed in the fifth year of his said late Majesty intitled an Act in addition to and in continuation of the Act relating to the Bass Fisheries in the County of Northumberland. And Whereas the regulations made at the General Session of the Peace held in March Term last do not point out or fix upon any amount of fine that should be imposed for any breach thereof. Therefore Ordered—That the said regulation be rescinded, and in lieu thereof the following be adopted.

1. That no Net or Seine be allowed to be set, swept, or drawn, or used for the purpose of catching or taking any Shad or Gaspereaux in any part of the North West Branch of the River Miramichi or any Branch thereof—above the upper line of lot letter N on the south side of the North West, in possession of John Cuppage, Esquire, and of William Matchett's upper line on the North side under the penalty of a sum not exceeding three pounds for each and every offence.

And further Ordered—That the Clerk of the Peace do cause the above Regulations to be published in the Gleaner for the Term of Two Months from the first day of May next.

THOMAS H. PETERS, CLERK.

#### NOTICE.

The Co-partnership heretofore existing under the firm of BENJAMIN MILLER & Co is this day dissolved by mutual consent; all persons standing indebted to the said firm, are requested to make payment to; and all persons having just claims against the said firm, will exhibit the same to Shepherd J. Frost for payment.

BEN. MILLER,  
S. J. FROST.

Chatham April 6, 1841.

#### CONSIGNMENT.

On the opening of the navigation, the Subscribers expect a Consignment of the following Articles, which they will dispose of at prices little over cost and charges; say—

10 to 12 puns. Demerara RUM,  
3 to 400 barrels superfine FLOUR,  
Kegs TOBACCO,  
200 to 300 barrels INDIAN MEAL, &c.

JOHNSTONE & CAIE.

29th April, 1841.

#### NOTICE.

PILOTS are requested to call on the Secretary of the Board of Health, for copies of the QUARANTINE REGULATIONS. By order of the Board.

WILLIAM LETSON, CLERK.

Chatham, 20th April, 1841.

The SEEDS imported by the Northumberland Agricultural Society, are for sale at the Stores of Mr Niel M'Lean, Newcastle; John Porter, Esq., Douglastown; and Daniel M'Laughlan, Chatham.

#### STAGES.

For the accommodation of the people of the Counties of Gloucester and Restigouche, the Subscriber has made the following arrangements: On the arrival of the Southern Mail on FRIDAY night, a light Carriage will leave immediately for Bathurst, in which two or three Passengers can be accommodated. The same vehicle will leave Bathurst on Tuesday morning, and arrive the same night at Miramichi.

The Government Stage will leave Chatham on Wednesday at 6 o'clock, and arrive at Bathurst the same evening. It will leave Bathurst on Friday morning at 6 o'clock, and arrive at Chatham the same evening.

The Stages will start from Mrs. Wait's Hotel Bathurst, and Mr. M'Beath's Hotel, Chatham. As a Semi-Weekly Mail arrives from Fredericton, Halifax, St. John, &c. on Tuesday, at Miramichi, the Northern Counties can be accommodated with their Letters, &c. by the Stage, under the Post office rules.

ALEX. M'BEATH.

Miramichi, Nov. 9, 1840.

#### BLANKS.

Custom House, Treasury, Magistrates, and other Blanks, for sale at the Gleaner Office.