

land me with the blushing honours of another, which was another whelming proof that the witty Scotchman and I was one and the same person.

Whoever Mr Wagstaff, the canny Wit or the forgotten *Genius* may be, I know not, but my vanity will never so far mislead me (I hope) to attempt to deck my brows with the laurels of others' however green or graceful the public may esteem them. Had the favours of your correspondents been of a texture something more suited to my taste, I should have taken less pains to convince my friends of their error. But really, Sir, I have such a different idea of Wit to what I believe your correspondents have, that we would in all probability pursue opposite paths in attempting the same journey.

Wit, Sir, in my opinion, does not consist in the tortuous mazes of the studied punster, particularly when it is strained and blunted by a want of aptitude in the application. The most distant shade of laboured point is fatal to the very existence of wit.

Wit, is an uncommon and curious idea uncommonly and curiously expressed; its march is free and fresh as the breeze of heaven; in short it is the fruit of genius, mingled with some of the less dignified eccentricities of our nature.

These observations, Sir, I have not made for the purpose of deterring or cramping the march of your correspondents in their ascent to literary fame.

The pun may be hallowed in story, The punster with honours divine, To me will his honours seem hoary, They cannot be figures of mine.

I have no desire Sir, to enter into a war of words with your correspondents, the undisguised manner in which I have come forward, will, I think be a warrant for my sincerity.

JOHN ROBINSON.

Newcastle, May 11, 1841.

SCHEDIASMA.

MIRAMICHI.

TUESDAY MORNING, MAY 18, 1841.

ARRIVAL OF THE MAIL.

The Courier with the Southern Mail arrived on Saturday afternoon, at 8 o'clock.

THE BOUNDARY QUESTION.

The New York Commercial Gazette states, that a Convention has been signed on the part of Great Britain and the United States, which provides for the appointment of six Commissioners, three for each nation. These six, if they can agree, are to give a final decision on the question; and if they cannot, they are to appoint three others, and a decision by the majority of the nine, is to be conclusive.

THE M'LEOD CASE.

We have at length some intelligence respecting this gentleman. By our extracts from American papers, it will be seen, that Mr M'Leod has been removed to the city of New York, on a writ of habeas corpus issued from the Supreme Court of that state. An application it appears, has been made for his discharge, and the question was to be argued on Saturday last. When will there be an end to this ridiculous farce.

THE SEASON.

'The rain, the rain, It raineth every day.'

This is the burthen of an old song, and it has been our unhappy lot for the last six weeks, to see the same verified. Blow which ever way the wind may—and it has been round to all quarters of the compass during the week—still there is no change for the better. If the wind blows to the Eastward, the heavy clouds are driven in from sea, and as they progress onward, discharge their watery contents over the settlements. And when the horizon presents a sufficient uncloudy space to admit the penetration of the sun's rays, and we are just beginning to feel his genial warmth, the wind choppes round in an opposite direction, the clouds are driven back, and copious showers again descend as the clouds pass over. The same case occurs, if the wind blows from north to south, or from south to north.

Such is the state of affairs over head, and that under foot, is but little better. The streets, if they do not present little rivers of stagnant water, are almost impassable for mud.

It is somewhat singular, that while the English papers speak in raptures of the mildness of the weather in Britain, and on the Continent, the Colonial and United States Journals represent the

season as unusually backward, and unpropitious for the labors of the husbandman.

COUNTY OF KENT.

In pursuance of a Requisition to the High Sheriff, a Meeting was held this day, in the Court House, for the purpose of forming an AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

George Pagan, Esquire, was called to the Chair, and Mr David Gifford requested to act as Secretary.

The Chairman having stated the objects of the Meeting, a Society was immediately formed, under the title of the 'Kent Agricultural Society,' and a number of Rules passed for the government thereof, and nearly Twenty-Three Pounds subscribed towards its funds.

The following persons were appointed Office Bearers for the present year:

President, George Pagan, Esq.; Vice-Presidents, Hon. J. W. Weldon, Rev. James Hannay, Thomas Powell, William Hannington, William M-Leod, and Albert B. Smith, Esquires; Treasurer and Secretary, Mr David Wark; Committee, James Long, Esquire, Le Baron Drury, Esquire, Messrs. Joseph Doherty, John Clarke, Thomas Johnson, Colin Rankin, James Hutchinson, William Doherty, Robert Dysart, John Carruthers, James Thurratt, and David Gifford.

Resolved—That the above proceedings be published in the Gleaner.

George Pagan, Esquire, having left the Chair, the Hon. J. W. Weldon was called thereto, the thanks of the Meeting were given to Mr Pagan for the able manner in which he had discharged his duties as Chairman.

DAVID GIFFORD, Secretary to the Meeting.

Richibucto, 7th May, 1841.

On Wednesday night, the 5th instant, as Mr John Thompson and his brother were crossing the Richibucto River in a canoe, a heavy gale of wind blowing at the time, the canoe in which they were taking passage upset, and the brother was unfortunately drowned, Mr Thompson himself having a very narrow escape.

NOTICE TO THE HOGREEVES.

We are happy to learn that the Commissioners appointed for that purpose, have at length succeeded in having the New Pound built. It is situate near the residence of the Keeper, Mr James Danford, on the Wellington Road. The Hogreeves, we trust, will be up, and performing their duty, as the public have been long enough disgusted and annoyed by the doings of the little and big Porkers, on the public streets and highways.

PASSENGER VESSELS.

The following vessels, with Passengers, have been at the Quarantine Station, and been examined by the Health Officer, who reports them all healthy. The barque Bolivar, from Waterford, with 220 passengers; the schr Enerio, from Limerick, with 50 passengers; and the brig Queen, from London, with 18 passengers.

The passengers from Ireland, that we have seen, are all decently clad, and the greater portion, we understand, took the Abstinence pledge before leaving their homes. To this, we have no doubt, is in a great measure to be attributed their healthy state, and respectable appearance.

SPRING FLEET.

Our spring fleet has come upon us very suddenly. Up to Saturday last there were only two square rigged vessels in port, but at present there cannot be less than thirty. A number have not yet reported, among them are the following:—

The ship Importer, from Liverpool; barque Oxford, from Port Glasgow; brig Queen, from London; Edward & Mary, do.; barque Suffolk, Hull; Alfred, Alsea; Enerio, Limerick; Queen Victoria, Hull; Eagle, Waterford.

Mr VICTOR SAVOY, of Neguac, killed a Bear, on the 11th inst. He measures seven feet from the nose to the rump, and weighed five hundred and a half pounds.

THIS MORNING'S MAIL.

The St. John papers by this morning's mail, furnish the particulars of a meeting held in that city, when a number of Resolutions were passed, and an Address adopted to the Imperial Parliament on the contemplated alteration in the timber duties.

They also state that Sir William Colebrooke has received instructions to reinstate the Hon. Thomas Baillie, as Commissioner of Crown Lands.

ARRIVALS AT HEA'S HOTEL.

May 12—Captain M'Alpine, Bathurst. 14—Mr W. E. Blanchard, do. 17—Mr Harris, Mrs Harris, family and servant, Dorset, England.

MARRIAGES.

On the 15th instant, by the Rev. Mr Archibald, Mr WM. E. BLANCHARD, of Bathurst, to Miss HELEN CURRIE, of the Parish of Chatham.

DEATHS.

At Cocagne, in the County of Kent, on the 17th ult., Mrs ANN HOWARD, widow of the late Edward Howard, Esq. in the 80th year of her age.

At Richibucto, suddenly, on Friday the 7th inst ROBERT MASTERTON, Esq. Surgeon, in the 43rd year of his age, leaving a wife and five children to regret the loss of an affectionate husband and kind father.

SHIP NEWS.

PORT OF MIRAMICHI.

ENTERED, May 11—schooners Nora Creina, Brandage, P E Island, 4 days; Master; Sarah, Clarke, do, 6 days; do: Margaret, Campbell, do, 6 days; do: Nimble, Carruthers, do, 4 days; do.

12th—schr Amendment, Pillman, P E Island, 2 days; Gilmour Rankin & co; Dove, M'Gougan, do, 1 day; J Cunard & co; Defiance, Currie, Halifax, 13 days; Sundries; Mary Ann, Balcom, do, 13 days; do: Amanda, M'Kenzie, P E Island, 2 days; Gilmour Rankin & co; Commerce, Ferguson, do, do.

13th—schr Maloney, Thomas, P E Island, 5 days; Gilmour Rankin & co; barque Lord Mulgrave, Cordingley, Hull, 41 days; do.

17th—schr Four Brothers, Bontine, P E Island, 6 days; J Cunard & co; Alert, Graham, Pictou, 8 days; Jane, Reardy, P E Island, 2 days; brig John & Hannah, Gilson, Falmouth, 42 days; J Cunard & co; barque Bolivar, Doyle, Waterford, 38 days; passengers; do: Lord Wenlock, Mitchell, Hull, 33 days; do: ship Satellite, Parker, Greenock, 32 days; do: brig Oscar, Pearse, Dartmouth, 42 days; do; barque Elizabeth Holderness, Harley, Liverpool, 47 days; do; schr Trial, M'Donald, P E Island; Barbara, Le Roche, do; Ben, Forrest, Halifax; brig Helen Douglas, Forrest, Dumfries, 33 days; Gilmour Rankin & co; Lord Byron, Dunlop, Port Glasgow, 38 days; do; brig Mary, Clarke, London, 36 days; do; barques Zephyr, Mayers, Hull, 33 days; do; Latona, Wilkinson, do., 46 days; do.; schr Jessie, P E Island; brig Jane Avery, Hoag, Southampton, 24 days; do; barques Foster, Broderick, Hull, 44 days; do; Endymion, Pearson, do.; do; John Kerr, Taitt, Greenock, 35 days; do; schr Mary Ann, Linkletter, P E Island; brig Columbus, Pearson, Leith, 35 days; do; Duncan & Loch.

CLEARED, May 7, schr Mary, Dugal, Quebec. 10, schr Catherine, Evans, Liverpool, G. B. 11, schr Perseverance, Currie, Halifax; Pearl, do. 15, Am. schr Extio, Runlett, Pictou; Iole, Norwood, do; schr Commerce, P E Island. 17, Lady Smith, Boudroit, do.

The Suffolk reports having picked up five men, belonging to the brig Albion, of Newcastle, captain Harrison, bound for Miramichi, and consigned to Messrs. Cunards. She was wrecked on the 15th April, in lon. 20 West. They were taken out of the boat on the 16th by the Highland Chief, of Leith, captain Haloran. She being short of provisions, they were taken on board the Suffolk; captain Stevenson, on the 19th April.

The Edward & Mary spoke on the 14th May, the Thomas Geldston, from Belfast, with passengers for P E Island.

PORT OF RICHIBUCTO.

Arrived, May 11, barque Lady Constable, Lawson, Hull, 29 days—John Jardine. 12, schr Alert, Graham, Pictou; Sally, Smith, P E Island; Asia, Nickerson, do; Margaret L. Clare, do. Venus, Price, do.

Cleared, May 12, schr Margaret, Le Clare, P E Island; Alert, Graham, Miramichi.

PORT OF ST. JOHN.

Arrived, May 4, ship Meteor, Hull. 5th, ships Emerald, Liverpool; Perthshire, Greenock.

Cleared—ships Mersey, Cork; Ganges, Liverpool; Bee, do.; brig Albenia, Glasgow.

Loss of a Vessel in the Ice.—The barque Starons, Robinson, master, from Liverpool, bound to Montreal, with a valuable cargo of tea and dry goods, sunk amongst the Icebergs, off Cape Ray, Newfoundland, on the 24th April, at midnight—the captain and crew, 17 in number, took to their boats, and succeeded in reaching Cape Ray, from whence they were taken on the 28th by the brig Franklin, and arrived at Pictou, on the 3rd May.

Tobermory, April 8.—The Majestic, Taitt, from London, for Londonderry, to embark passengers for New Brunswick, was driven on shore on Tyree, the 2nd instant, and will become a total wreck; captain and three men washed overboard, and drowned; mate and one man disabled.

Bideford, April 11.—Sailed, Lord Ramsay, England, for New York, with 138 emigrants; Falcon, Day, for Quebec, 170 emigrants; Isabella, Day, for P E Island, with emigrants: B. Heard, Heard, for New York, 101 emigrants; Bellona, Symons, for Miramichi, with emigrants; Florida, Hillman, and Spec, Marshall, for P E Island, with emigrants.

Fayal, March 23.—The Myrtle, of St John NB, timber laden, dismasted, waterlogged, and abandoned, drifted on the rocks between Capella and Castle Branco, yesterday.

ALE, &c.

Just received per Brig Columbus, from Leith, Edinburgh Bottled ALE, London do. PORTER, In casks of 4 dozen each, and for Sale by DUNCAN & LOCH. Newcastle, 17th May, 1841.

MOLASSES!

Just received, ex schr 'Ben'—20 puncheons Molasses, For Sale by the Subscriber. JAMES JOHNSON. Chatham, May 18, 1841.

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Spring Supply!

The Subscribers respectfully beg to announce that they have just received by the "John Kerr" from Glasgow, "Importer" from Liverpool, "Queen" from London, and "Alfred" from Alloa, an EXTENSIVE & ELEGANT ASSORTMENT OF all kinds of MOST FASHIONABLE BRITISH DRY GOODS, purchased by Mr Johnston during last Winter, at the cheapest and choicest market in Great Britain.

These, together with a large supply of West India and American Produce, will be exposed for Sale by the end of this week, at their FANCY and GROCERY STORES in Chatham, by Wholesale and Retail, AT UNPARALLELED LOW RATES.

The Subscribers, while they humbly tender, to their many customers, their most unfeigned and warmest thanks for past patronage, beg to solicit an unabating continuance of their custom.

JOHNSTON & CAIE.

N. B. A Consignment consisting of 160 coils patent Staple CORDAGE and SPUN-YARN. Chatham, May 18, 1841.

THOMAS SPRATT

Has received, per recent arrivals, the following articles, which he will dispose of cheap: Gun powder and other Teas, Sugar, Soap, Candles, Fig & Cavendish Tobacco, Snuffs, Cigars, Molasses, Butter, Cheese, Rice, Barley, Blacking, ground Cinnamon, whole and ground Ginger, Mace, Nutmegs, Cloves, Allspice, Pepper, Mustard, Indigo, Pickles, Salarratus, Arrow Root, Sago, Baker's Cocoa, Currants, Raisins, Apples, Lemons, Prunes, American Buckets, Digby Herrings, Corn Brooms, Boy's & Men's fine and coarse Grass Hats, patent glazed & covered Hats, Patchwork:—A large assortment of CONFECTIONARY, soft shell'd Almonds, Window Glass. Also—a General Assortment of DRY GOODS & CROCKERY WARE.

He has just received from New York, a Supply of Moffatt's celebrated Life Pills and Phoenix Bitters.

Chatham, May 17, 1841.

AUCTION.

To be Sold at Public Auction, at the premises, in Newcastle, in the county of Northumberland, on Wednesday, the 26th day of May, instant, at 12 o'clock, noon.

All the Leasehold Property,

HOUSE and BARN, of the late CONNOR SHEEHAN, deceased, situate, lying and being in the Town of Newcastle, in the said county, consisting of Lot number 23, and part of Lot number Twenty two, in Block letter C of the Town Plot. The same is in a high state of cultivation, well fenced round, and is situate in a very pleasant part of the Town.

Terms at Sale. By order of the Administrator on the said Estate.

JOHN FRASER, Auctioneer.

Newcastle, 14th May, 1841.

TO LET.

The HOUSE, or HOUSE and FARM, formerly occupied by the Subscriber at Clark's Cove, Chatham. Apply to JOHN M. JOHNSON.

11th March, 1841.

To Let.

For one year or more, a DWELLING HOUSE, near the upper Ballast Pond, in Chatham, on the lot belonging to Henry Curard, Esq. For particulars enquire of JONATHAN MARTINDALE. Chatham, May 17, 1841.

SEEDS.

RED and WHITE CLOVER and TIMOTHY Growth of 1840, for Sale by GILMOUR, RANKIN, & Co. Douglastown, 30th March, 1841.