

and the nature of its principal force, is to a peculiarly formidable.

That we have emerged, if not triumphantly, at least unscathed, from two wars with Great Britain, is doubtless considered by the persons we have spoken of as a sufficient proof that a third trial of strength would redound greatly to our national honor and advantage.

It is obvious that they who reason thus, assume that the British nation has remained stationary since 1775, and that we with our increased ability will have to encounter an enemy no more powerful than that which vainly endeavoured to subdue our less numerous ancestors.

When on the 14th of July, 1775, the assembled representatives of the 13 Colonies, threw down the gauntlet to Great Britain, that kingdom did not contain one half its present population; its wealth, trade and manufactures, had not reached one quarter their present extent, its army dispirited by defeats and disasters in the old French wars, was neglected by the government and unpopular with the people, and even its navy had not attained that overwhelming superiority in force and renown which it now possesses.

Still, with all this in our favour, we approached without impugning in the least, the courage, conduct, or constancy of our ancestors, that the contest might have terminated differently had it not been for the foreign assistance, direct and indirect, that we received.

And when in 1812, we a second time declared war against Great Britain, she was contending single handed against the greatest military and political genius that the world had seen since Alexander, and who had at his absolute disposal the populations and resources of France, Holland, Italy, and Germany, countries then numbering nearly one hundred millions of industrious and intelligent inhabitants.

Add to this that Great Britain had been engaged for more than 20 years in the most tremendous war ever known, in the course of which she had raised by loans and taxes upwards of five thousand millions of dollars—a sum far exceeding the entire wealth of the United States, as ascertained by the census of 1840; that her losses in Men and Treasure during that war and the exclusive war in India and South America, in which she was at the time engaged, were such that we may fairly conclude that she was nearly exhausted by her gigantic and unparalleled efforts, and so satiated with war as to be unwilling if not unable to prosecute that against this country with the vigour that would be exerted under other circumstances.

Colonial.

NOVA-SCOTIA.

Halifax Novascotian, March 23. St. Patrick's Day.—The Charitable Irish Society went in procession, to St. Mary's Chapel, on the morning of the 17th. High Mass was celebrated, and the Rev. Mr O'Brien preached a sermon suitable to the occasion.

of its results on the character of the people. A collection was taken for the poor labourers who are employed at the Parade, and a sum amounting to £53 was taken. The Society again formed in procession, with military band, banners, flags and badges, and passed through several of the streets of the city. In the evening 130 persons sat down to dinner, at the Mason Hall. Many of these were Tee-totallers. Mr D. Creamer, President of the C. I. Society, presided, assisted by the Vice President, P. Lynch, Esq. Excellent speeches by Rev. Mr O'Brien, the Hon. Speaker, Hon. Mr Uniacke, L. O'C. Doyle, Esq., Colonel McDonald, the Mayor, the V. President, and others, marked the occasion,—good music also abounded, and perfect good order was observed.

(Nothing is better established now, than that the intoxicating cup is the sure and powerful enemy to pleasure, immediate or remote,—and, as such, that it should be banished from the feast, even if there were not other reasons for its denunciation. A happy resolution has occurred in the mode of observing festive occasions. Although Halifax is a seaport, and a garrison, the Police Office was without a complaint on the morning of the 18th.)

NEW-BRUNSWICK.

St. John Courier, March 19. The Teetotal Procession took place on Thursday last, according to the programme previously published. The number of members who joined in the procession amounted to about a thousand nearly all of whom wore green sashes, and their medals suspended by ribbons of the same color, which, added to the five beautiful banners, made expressly for the occasion, had a fine effect. The display, in a moral point of view, could not be otherwise than pleasing to all who have the regeneration and welfare of the human species at heart. No accident nor interruption occurred to mar the proceedings, notwithstanding the streets were densely crowded with spectators; and the whole was got up and conducted in a manner highly creditable to Mr Fitzgerald, President of the Society, and the other Officers. The Teetotallers, after listening to a short address from the President on King's Square, and giving repeated and hearty cheers for Her Majesty Queen Victoria, His Excellency Sir William Colebrooke His Worship the Mayor, Colonel Maxwell, and the great Apostle of Temperance, Father Mathew, and last, though not least, the President of the day, simultaneously took off their badges and retired to their homes; and St. Patrick's day, we may venture to affirm, never passed off with such a total absence of all drunkenness and rioting in our streets as did the one we have just witnessed.

The Concert given in the evening by Miss St. Luke, at the Saint John Hotel was well attended, and passed off, we understand, with much eclat.

CANADAS.

Quebec Gazette, March 16. County of Gaspé.—At a public meeting, held at the School House of Cape Cove, on Saturday, the twelfth day of Feby., instant, after due notice,—and at which, the settlements of Grand River, Little River, Cape Despair, Anse-au-Beau-fils and Percé, were represented by the attendance of several of the most respectable inhabitants of each of those places. The following Resolutions were unanimously passed—save and except the 4th Resolution, upon which there were two dissenting votes. At about half past three o'clock, P. M., Josiah Cass, Esq., J. P. was called to the Chair, Capt. John Vibert, Vice President, and P. Winter, Esq., was requested to act as Secretary.

1st. Resolved,—That it behoves us as an imperative duty, publicly to express our gratitude and thanks to our Representative, Robert Christie, Esq., for his constant, disinterested and unremitting attention to the interests of this District, during the whole of the last session of the Provincial Parliament.

2nd. Resolved,—That we have seen with deep regret, that a House of Representatives, composed of British subjects, should have thought proper to reject a demand made by our Representative, of an enquiry into the administration of justice, (so long complained of,) within the Inferior District of

Gaspé, and that we still do earnestly call his attention to that important object.

3rd. Resolved,—That it is expedient to petition the Legislature of this Province, calling their attention to the following objects, viz. the encouragement of the fisheries and trade of the district, the roads, the administration of justice and amelioration thereof, Sheriff's sales and titles to lands in this District.

4th. Resolved,—That a committee of eight members be appointed, to advise and correspond with Robert Christie, Esquire, M. P. P., for the County of Gaspé, on all matters relative to the interests of the said County.

The meeting then proceeded to the appointment of the following gentlemen to compose the said Committee, viz.

Messrs. John Le Boutillier and John T. Moriarty, of Percé; And. Ferguson, of Anse au Beau-fils; Capt. John Baker, of Cape Cove; John Beck, of Cape Despair; Daniel Lellevre, of Little River; J. Bte. Conture, of Grand River; and Adam Smith, of Newport.

At a public meeting of the inhabitants of the Township of Hope, held at the School House, on the 27th of February, 1842, to choose a councillor to represent the Township of Hope in the Municipal District of Bonaventure, and for other purposes.

Resolved,—That the Representative for this County, in absenting himself from the House of Assembly when important measures were under consideration, especially the District Council Bill for Upper Canada, has not discharged his duty towards his constituents, and the absence of the said Representative having been obtained by the promise of a lucrative situation, which opinion is confirmed by his appointment as Warden for this District of Bonaventure—they cannot but express their surprise and indignation, and unhesitatingly pronounce that John R. Hamilton, Esquire, the said Representative, has justly lost the confidence of the people, and that he be requested to resign his seat in Parliament, as he cannot in future represent the feelings and wishes of the population of this County.

Resolved,—That Edward H. Enright, Esq., be requested to become a candidate for this Township.

Resolved.—That this meeting congratulate the inhabitants of the County of Gaspé, on the appointment of John LeBoutillier, Esq., as Warden of the Municipal District of Gaspé, it being the opinion of this meeting, that the interests and wishes of the inhabitants of the said District have been properly consulted in the said appointment.

A meeting of the inhabitants of the Township of Hamilton, having been called for Wednesday, 2nd March, to take into consideration the state of the District and to nominate a Candidate to be elected Councillor for the Municipal District of Bonaventure.

Resolved.—That no person not possessing the confidence of the people, should be appointed Warden for Municipal District of Bonaventure, and that a want of confidence being entertained by the people in John R. Hamilton, Esquire, it ought to be followed by his immediate removal.—Passed unanimously.

Resolved.—That Capt. P. Poirier is a fit and proper person to be a Councillor for this Township, and that he be put in nomination for Election.

Upper Canada papers of the 10th instant, are received. The snow is nearly disappeared as far down as Brockville; they had a thunder storm on the night of the 9th inst. At Kingston they were preparing for the opening of the navigation.

Agricultural Society. THE ANNUAL Meeting of the Northumberland Agricultural Society will take place in Johnston's Hotel, Chatham, on WEDNESDAY, the 6th April next, at Eleven o'clock A. M., when a Report of the Society's proceedings for the past year will be submitted and Office Bearers elected for the ensuing year. A full attendance of Members, and of those friendly to Agriculture, is requested. J. SOUTER, SECRETARY. March 22, 1842.

GARDEN SEEDS. GRASS AND TURNIP SEEDS. THE NORTHUMBERLAND AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY have on hand a large assortment of Timothy and Clover, Turnip, Garden and Flower Seeds, imported last fall from Great Britain and the United States; which are of the first quality—of which a Catalogue will be published.—They have also received a quantity of Dutch fax Seed and Spring Tarax. March 22.

BUOYS.

TENDERS will be received at the Store of the Subscriber, until Friday, the 15th April next, for LAYING DOWN the BUOYS, in their proper places, in the River Miramichi, on the departure of the ice.

LEONARD HAWBOLT, Commissioner.

Chatham, March 28, 1842.

LIST OF LETTERS

Remaining in the CHATHAM POST OFFICE, March, 1842.

Table with two columns listing names and addresses. Includes names like Armstrong James, Aitken Wm., Butler Wm., Brehaut S. Thomas, Brown Robert, Bateman Joseph, Bolph Margaret, Brockway Daniel, Barry Peter, Broderick Wm., Barry David, Brown Thomas, Connell Patrick, Campbell Donald, Connors Thomas, Clark James, Clifford John, Cameron Angus, Carroll James, Caulfield Wm., Doyle John, Doyle Peter, Dutton Joseph, Duncan Sarah, Forbes Thomas, Fallerton Mrs., Ferguson Duga, Forsyth Martin, Fennelly Thomas, Forth Wm., Gillis Ann, Gordon Wm., Grey Ann, Griffith Thomas, Geaton Daniel, Harly Dennis, Hardy Thomas, Howard Thomas, Hinchliff Ann, Jackson Anthony, Jardine John, Johnston John, Johnston David, Jardine Samuel, Kelly Edward, Keough James, Lanagan Martin, Lawson George, Lewis John, Loye Mrs, Loughlin Catherine, Murphy Henry, Manguaire Ann, Matrer Joha, Mooney Patrick, Moores Sarah, Magary Charles, Mellon Wm., Martin Timothy, Munroe Wm., McFiddle Francis, McLeod Mary, McElery Peter, McLean John, McFarlane Margaret, McMillan Donald, McKay Mary, McFarlan Mary, McSegan Francis, McNeil Archibald, McFarlan Mary, McArthur Simon, O'Brien Wm., O'Connell James, O'Brien Dennis, Preston George, Parsons Joseph, Power Thomas, Power Catharine, Pollard Edward, Ross John, Ryan Patrick, Rierdan Mathew, Simpson Mark, Smith Catharine, Straig Nicholas, Sullivan Timothy, Stanley James, Touhey Michael, Walsh Thomas, White Thomas, Welsh Mathew, Wakeem John, Wheeler Patrick.

All LETTERS not called for within Three Months from this date, will be sent to the General Post Office as Dead Letters. JAMES CAIE, POST MASTER. Persons asking for any of the above Letters, will please say they are advertised.

COALS.

The Subscriber offers for Sale 100 TONS of excellent ROUND SCOTCH COAL, now lying on his Wharf. WM. ABRAMS. Newcastle, March 1, 1842.

CAUTION.

Whereas GEORGE WASHINGTON DWYER has been in the habit of Settling accounts in my name, and otherwise injuring my business; this is to caution all persons not to have any settlement with him on my Account as he is not authorized by me so to do. WALTER STEEL. Chatham, Feb. 22, 1842.