

may obtain will be of such a nature as will induce such persons in this Province who are able, to aid in re-establishing this much desired communication. The withdrawal last season, of the Cape Breton, was severely felt, but we are in hopes the spirited manner in which the Legislature of the Island, backed by the inhabitants, have taken up the subject, that sufficient shares will be procured, and that an efficient boat will at an early period of the season, be placed on the route.

We are strengthened in this opinion by the following paragraphs, which we copy from the Royal Gazette, of the 5th inst., printed at Charlotte-town, obtained by the last mail.

"Since our last number much exertion has been made to accomplish the much desired object of having, *within ourselves*, a Steam Boat of sufficient power to carry our Mails. In consequence of the inhabitants of Pictou and Miramichi having refused to take any shares in the proposed Company, for the purpose of purchasing and managing such a vessel, it has been, owing to the great depression of Trade, more difficult to accomplish the end in view, than was at first contemplated. The subject has been, however, lately taken in hand with more earnestness, and promises to come speedily to success. On Thursday last the Assembly voted in committee for 50 additional shares on behalf of the Government. After which a meeting was held, and many private individuals added their names, and others increased their investment, and there remain now but a very few shares to be taken of the whole number at first proposed—450. The question has also received a stimulus from a letter from Mr Gurney, an extract from which we subjoin:—

"I have made numerous inquiries touching a Steam packet suitable for the station proposed by the Prince Edward Island Company. I have found one answering the purpose well, and from the price, and other circumstances, I would hope the offer will be entertained by the committee.

"The length of the Steamer is 135 feet—breadth amidships 16 3-10 feet—depth of hold 10 feet—and admeasures 205 42-100 tons, under deduction of 81 14-100 tons for engine room. Her holds are large and commodious, will stow about 130 tons, and she draws, with an ordinary cargo, including coals and water, ready for sea, about 7 feet of water. She is coppered, copper fastened—schooner rigged, and built of the best materials—the Engines (a pair 50's) are 100 horses power; and her rate of sailing is from 9 to 10 miles per hour. She has an excellent cabin and steerage accommodations. The price, including engines, cordage, sails, &c. as per inclosed list, is £3,500 sterling. The party selling will invest, (receiving in payment) £500 in debentures or shares in the proposed undertaking—that is to say £3000 in cash, and £500 in shares."

"Yesterday a meeting was again held, to agree as to the application to the Legislature for the requisite Act of Incorporation."

SAGACITY OF THE DOG.

An American paper furnishes the instance of the sagacity and attachment of the Dog, which occurred a short time since in Delaware County, New York.

"A boy in sliding down hill was carried into the river, and conveyed by the current some distance below into a deep eddy. The eddy was frozen over with a thick body of ice. A number of neighbours collected and searched several days for the body, until I think the third day; being about to give up the search, one of them (Gen. Gregory) observed that a dog belonging to the same family with the boy, had been almost constantly on the ice, and was always seen to lie down in a particular spot, and suggested it might be best to cut an opening in that place. It was done, and in a depth of four feet of water the body was found. Now, when we consider the depth of water, and the thickness and nature of the ice, (18 inches and very opaque) the question naturally presents itself, by what sense did the dog discover the body of the child? It would be difficult to believe that any odour emanating from the body in that situation, could pass directly upwards through a current of four feet of water and eighteen inches of ice. The capacity of the latter would forbid the idea that it could have been discovered through the ice; and I can only conceive that the knowledge was derived from sense in these animals of which we have little conception."

Some fears are apprehended, that a person has been drowned in the river. A Dog has for the last five days been watching at a hole in the ice, nearly opposite Douglastown, and though he has been driven away several times, he returns to the spot, and whines piteously.

UNITED STATES.

We have devoted a very large space, to extracts from our American journals. Hogan has been again apprehended, and was committed to prison in Rochester, where another McLeod farce, we presume, will be enacted.

Times are represented as being extremely dull in the United States. The

Treasury is empty, and much depression was felt in the mercantile community. The Texians and Mexicans are exchanging hard blows with one another, and much sympathy is manifested for the former throughout the union, where recruits were being enlisted, and subscription lists opened for providing provisions and ammunition for the army.

THE SEASON.

We have enjoyed several very fine days during the week, and the effects on the ice in our river are very perceptible. Several horses and sleighs have got in in various parts, and an individual named Ingram, lost a sled and span of horses, yesterday, about a mile above Newcastle, and it was with much difficulty he succeeded in saving his own life. We would therefore caution all persons not to venture on the river with horses, and to be very cautious even on foot.

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

ON Wednesday, the 6th inst., the Fourth Annual Meeting of the NORTHUMBERLAND AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY was held in Johnston's Hotel, Chatham.

JOHN WRIGHT, Esquire, President, in the Chair.

On motion, William Carman and John Porter, Esquires, and Mr G. Johnston, were appointed a committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts. Mr Carman reported that the committee had attended that duty, that they had found the accounts correct, and a Balance in the Treasurer's hands of £7 6 3d.

Moved by John T. Williston, Esq. and seconded by John A. Street, Esq., that the Report be accepted.

On the Annual Report being read by the Secretary, it was received—and—On motion of J. A. Street, Esq. seconded by the Rev. Mr Archibald, and Resolved unanimously—that the warmest thanks of this Society be presented to the Rev. Mr Souter, for the Report now read, and for the valuable services he has rendered Society; and further Resolved, that 300 copies of the Report be printed in a pamphlet form for circulation.

Moved by John T. Williston, Esq. and seconded by Alexander Rankin, Esq.—That the unanimous thanks of this meeting be given to George Kerr, Esq. the Treasurer, for his indefatigable zeal in managing the affairs of the Society.

Moved by John T. Williston, Esq. and seconded by John A. Street, Esq., and resolved unanimously—that Agriculture is essential to the welfare of every country, and the great source of national wealth and independence, and therefore deserves increased attention from the inhabitants of this Province.

Moved by Robert Caie, Esq. and seconded by Roderick McLeod, Esq. and resolved unanimously—that this Society has been highly instrumental in advancing the agricultural interest of this extensive County, and therefore deserves continued and increased support.

Moved by Wm. Letson, Esq. and seconded by Mr Caie, and resolved unanimously—that this Society is highly calculated to benefit practical Farmers, and has special claims on their countenance and support.

Moved by the Rev. Mr Souter, and seconded by John A. Street, Esq. and resolved unanimously—that it is highly expedient that a few copies of the best Agricultural Periodicals should be procured and circulated among the members of the Society, at the Society's expense, to the extent of £5 per annum, and that these be distributed under the direction of the committee.

Moved by Mr William Gerard, and seconded by John A. Street, Esq. and resolved unanimously—that the thanks of the Society be presented to John Wright, Esq. the President of the Society for the last year, for the able, zealous, and impartial manner in which he has discharged the duties of that office.

The following Gentlemen were unanimously chosen Office Bearers for the ensuing year, viz:—

President—John Wright, Esq.
Vice Presidents—James Gilmour and John T. Williston, Esquires.

Treasurer—George Kerr, Esq.
Secretary—Rev. James Souter.
Committee—John Porter, Wm. Letson, Henry Cunard, Roderick McLeod, John A. Street, Wm. Carman, James A. Pierce, A. Davidson, Esquires; Rev. R. Archibald; Messrs. John Wyse, Robert Caie, William Fiddes, George Johnston, Napan, Daniel Wetherell.

Several very fine samples of Grain were exhibited at the meeting, and amongst others a beautiful sample of Winter Wheat, which was much admired. The attendance of members was numerous and highly respectable. The in-

terest taken in the society was great, and the hope expressed that it might continue to flourish, and to give a further impulse to the Agriculture of this extensive County. In the Report a brief historical sketch of this section of the Province was given, and the causes which operated for a considerable time in retarding its Agricultural prosperity were pointed out. A number of valuable suggestions on various subjects connected with the cultivation of the soil are contained in this document, and we have no doubt that it will be read with interest, and that the publication of it will render a service to the cause of agriculture. On that important branch of industry we must for the future chiefly depend, and amid the commercial depression which prevails here as elsewhere, it is consoling to think that WE CAN LIVE BY THE SOIL.

Mrs. Jamieson's Writing Class.—We were very much gratified the other day in examining the very great progress which this lady's scholars have made in writing, and we have every confidence in recommending her system to the attention of the Female portion of the community. She has testimonials of a very high character, from some of the first families in the cities of St. John and New York, which Mrs. J. will cheerfully show to any person wishing to examine the same. From one of them we extract the following:

"From the specimens I have seen of Mrs Jamieson's superior style of Penmanship, and from the rapid progress of one of her pupils under my own immediate observation, I am induced to think that her novel method of instruction in writing is admirably adapted to that very essential branch of female education. As every laudable effort to subserve the public good most certainly merits attention and patronage, it is presumed that Mrs Jamieson's appeal to a generous community will not be made in vain."

Secretary's Office, March 31.

The following persons are appointed Supervisors of Great Roads for the ensuing year:

- Alexander Goodfellow, Saint John to Nova Scotia Line, and Bellisle to Saint John;
 - James Gilmour, Fredericton to Newcastle.
 - James Wallace, jun., Dorchester to Shediac, Shediac to Petitcodiac, and Salisbury to Hopewell.
 - David Crocker, Richibucto to Chatham, Newcastle to Bathurst, Bathurst to Campbellton.
 - William Chandler, Shediac to Richibucto.
- The following person is appointed Commissioner for the undraind Road—
- Alexander Goodfellow, Fredericton to the Bend of Petitcodiac.

MARRIED.

At Bartibog, on the 1st inst., by the Rev. Robert Archibald, Mr George M. Anderson, to Miss Janet McFarlane, both of the Parish of Newcastle.

At Chatham, on the 16th inst., by the same, Mr John McDonald, of the Parish of Glenelg, to Miss Elspeth Jardine, of the Parish of Chatham.

At Richibucto, on the 12th inst. by the Rev. James Hannay, Mr William McDonald, to Miss Jane Morrison, both of the Parish of Carleton.

At Tyholland, Ireland, Mr Walter Johnson, to Miss Sophia, eldest daughter of Hugh Morell, Esq., Postmaster at Newcastle.

DIED.

At Chatham, on Thursday last, Mr James Goodwin, aged 24 years; a native of Ireland, and formerly a resident of Charlotte Town. He has left a widow and an infant child to mourn their loss.

THIS MORNING'S MAIL.

UNITED STATES.—A supplement to the New World, contains the following piece of news:—

Trouble in Rhode Island.—Rhode Island is in a state of quasi revolution. The non freeholders of the state have framed a "People's Constitution," which the constituted authorities reject; the latter in turn have offered a constitution, which the non-freeholders have rejected. The free Suffragers now proclaim their constitution the paramount law of the State, and are preparing to choose State officers and put it in operation. The Legislature has therefore passed an act declaring all acceptance of office under that constitution a treason, and punishing it with perpetual imprisonment. The suffrage party are preparing to oppose force by force; the Governor has ordered the Militia to be in readiness to resist them. The danger of a bloody collision is imminent, and will probably receive the interposition of the Federal Government, which is already invoked.

Hon. Henry Clay bade a farewell to public life in Congress, on the 31st ult. Lord Ashburton had arrived in Washington.

Washington papers give the follow-

ing account of a terrible disaster on board the war Steamer Missouri.

Notice has been received by the Navy Department that the U. States steam frigate Missouri, in ascending the Potomac, on Monday, ran aground some sixty or eighty miles below Washington, opposite the harbour of Port Tobacco.

Every effort was immediately made to get her off, by backing her engines and taking the guns and other weighty articles aft. Lieut. John F. Borden was sent out in charge of a boat's crew with an anchor, for the purpose of heaving the vessel off, when by some means the anchor got overboard, carrying with it the chain cable, which in running out either killed or carried overboard every one of the sixteen men on board, including the Lieut. and all perished.

The body of Lieut. Borden has been found, and the ship was got off with the assistance of the steamer Mississippi, the next day.

Colt, the murderer of Adams, is no more. He died in his cell, at New York, on the 24th of March.

A Bill was reported in Congress on the 7th inst. to prevent any foreignship or steam packet to carry from one port to another in the United States, any passengers, or letters for persons within the Union, except such as relate to the cargo of said vessel, under a penalty of one thousand dollars.—This act is not to extend to vessels navigating the lakes or rivers of the St. Lawrence. This measure is adopted in order to put a stop to the British Royal Mail Steamers touching at New York, Charleston, &c.—and is a fair specimen of American liberality, or dog in the manger doctrine.

Among the important Bills which have been introduced into Congress during the week are two relative to the defences of the country. One authorises the President to order the building of seven war Steamboats, of six hundred tons each; four to be employed in the Gulf of Mexico, two on Lake Erie, and one on Lake Ontario. The other Bill provides for the raising of two new Regiments.

NOVA SCOTIA.—The Halifax papers do not contain any thing worthy of notice.

WEST INDIES.—We have much satisfaction in copying the following paragraph.

"We learn with extreme gladness, that the Royal West India Mail Steamer Doe, arrived at Kingston from Turks Island, on the 20th ult. Her arrival is announced without any confirmation of the disaster having occurred to her, which the U. States papers reported, with such an imposing detail of circumstances as removed all doubts of the authenticity of the nefarious rumour. The accounts of the privations of the passengers is a fiction just as gross as the statement that she was wrecked."

NEW BRUNSWICK.—The Mirror furnishes us with the following paragraphs:

The St. John Teetotal Temperance Society.—On Sunday evening the members of this Society met at the 'Friary' for the despatch of business. The president addressed the meeting for upwards of an hour. He stated that a committee meeting will be held at the Friary for the purpose of adopting the best means for erecting a Temperance Hall. Such an undertaking, he said, should have his most hearty support. Dr. Thiel has been appointed Post Master at Shediac.

QUEBEC, April 4.—A Schooner from Malbaie, arrived this afternoon laden with provisions for our market. She reports having met with very little ice in the River. The first Schooner last year, arrived on the 22nd inst, from Saint Andre.

NOTICE.

All persons desirous of furnishing the undersigned Assessors for the Parish of Newcastle for the present year, with a statement of their respective Incomes and Properties liable to assessment for Parish and other Rates, will require to do so within Twenty Days from the date hereof.

ALEX. RANKIN, }
EDWARD WILLISTON, } Assessors.
ALEX. GOODFELLOW, }
Newcastle, April 19, 1842.

TO LET.

For one or more years, as may be agreed on, the FARM, now in the occupation of Mr William Fiddes, in the parish of Newcastle, containing 300 Acres, together with the DWELLING HOUSES, BARNS, STORES, BREWERY, &c. Possession given immediately; apply to

GILMOUR, RANKIN & CO
Douglastown, 23th March, 1842.

HAY.

The Subscriber has for Sale,
12 Tons of Good Hay.
Deliverable in the Town.
JAMES JOHNSON.
Chatham, 18th April, 1842.