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MIRAMICHI:
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ARRIVAL OF THE MAIL.

THE Courier with the Southern mail, arrived on Saturday evening, at 7 o'clock.

Second Annual Meeting of the Highland North British Society of New Brunswick.—The second annual meeting of the above Society took place at McBeath's Hotel, Chatham, on Friday the 13th day of January, 1843.

Notwithstanding that the doubtful state of the ice on the river, and the softness of the snow on the roads, rendering travelling not only difficult but dangerous, the attendance was large and respectable.

The subsequent *Annual Report* of the committee of Management, and the correspondence held between a sub-committee of this Society, and the 'Highland Society' of London, having been submitted, read, and discussed, the Rev. James Souter—agreeably to a notification, duly tendered by him, at a 'Special General Meeting' of the Society, held in June last—moved that the name of this Society be henceforth the 'Highland Society of New Brunswick,' in connexion with the honorable the Highland Society of London; which motion, having been seconded by Mr. Niel McLean, passed unanimously.

The Rev. Mr. Souter having consented thereto—it was unanimously resolved that—*d. v.*—Mr. Souter deliver an Address, on some subject connected with our native land, at the next annual meeting of the Society, to be held at Newcastle.

The following gentlemen—on application—were duly admitted members of the 'Highland Society'; viz., Mr. Francis McKnight, Napan; Rev. Mr. M'Master, Glenelg; W. McLeod, Esq., Richibucto; Mr. John Petrie, Chatham.

The following are the office bearers for this year—

Doctor A. Key—*President*.
Alex. Fraser, jun. Esq., Alexander Rankin, Esq., Rev. Mr. M'Master, and Lieut. Col. Roderick C. McDonald—*Vice Presidents*.

R. McLeod, Esq. A Goodfellow, Esq. A M'Beath and A Davidson, Esq. Hugh Munro, Esq. Bathurst; Mr. Donald M'Naghton, A M'Laughan, Esq. Mr. Angus Sinclair; Geo. Kerr, Esq. Mr. D. Johnston; W. Loch, and D. M'Kay, Esquires; Messrs J. Dougall, W. McKenzie, W. Johnston, R. Caie and A. Cameron; Reverend R. McKnight and J. McMillan, (Buckinche) J. Fraser and W. Napier, Esquires, Baies des Chaleux; and W. McLeod, Esq. Richibucto.—*Directors*.

Thomas C. Allan—*Treasurer*.
James Caie and Niel McLean—*Secretaries*.

—REPORT—
A variety of circumstances have combined, to cramp the energies, and retard the usefulness of your society during the past year. The dreadfully depressed state of trade, not only produced scarcity of cash among us, but occasioned the removal from the country of not a few of our members. The difference of opinion which existed, regarding the choice of a name for the society, occasioned lukewarmness on the part of some, and aversion on the part of others.

Your committee have however the gratification—notwithstanding these unfavorable circumstances, to announce, that the funds of your society have increased, during the past year, from £41 12s. 6d., the balance on hand this day twelvemonth, to £47 12s. 6d., the sum now in the hands of the Treasurer; that seven have been to its list of members; that an anticipated improvement in the trade and commerce of the mother countries, will give an impetus, to the business of this place, and enable the many subscribers, who are now in arrears, to wipe away, in the spring, the small sum, which they severally owe; and that the question as to what shall be the unalterable name of the Society, will be forthwith, and amicably settled. Sundry documents, respecting this last matter, will be submitted to the meeting.

Somewhat unpromising, as the infant history of your Society has been, your Committee, with these cheering prospects in view, have good reason to hope, that its past progress, will be but the prelude of its future prosperity.

Your Committee conceive, that they would fail to perform their duty aright, if they neglected to state, before retiring from office, that upon the unanimity, fidelity, and support of its friends, the ultimate success, nay the very existence of your Society, depends; and while they unfeignedly promise it, their full, and cordial assistance, they anxiously solicit for it, the individual, and collective co-operation of all its members! If to alleviate the sufferings; to accelerate the prosperity; and improve the moral and intellectual condition of our Countrymen, in this distant land, be an object worthy of our approbation and aid; then does the Highland N. B. Society claim our undivided patronage, for these are, precisely the objects which it contemplates.

The meeting was characterized throughout by the prevalence of peace, harmony, and good feeling.

JAMES CAIE, } Secretaries.
NIEL McLEAN. }

Kent Agricultural Society.—The second annual Exhibition of Grain, &c., of the Kent Agricultural Society, took place here, on Thursday, the 12th January current. The Grain produced was generally of a superior quality, and might complete with grain produced in any part of the Province. There were thirteen samples of Red wheat shown, each containing three Bushels—The sample which obtained the first premium weighed 70 pounds, per Bushel, and that which obtained the second premium 69 pounds; and of the above thirteen samples the lightest weighed over 65 pounds per bushel.

The best sample of Barley weighed 56 pounds per Bushel.

The best sample of white Oats weighed 48 pounds per do.

Messrs. Thomas Johnson, S. B. Hetherington, and David Gifford, were appointed Judges, and the premiums were awarded as follows.

Viz:

RED WHEAT:

1st premium to Mr. W. Graham,
2nd do. to James Thurratt,
3rd do. to George Holder,
4th do. to Hon. J. W. Weldon,
5th do. to Mr. Jos. Schollick,
6th do. to Mr. Jas. Hutchison,

WHITE WHEAT.

1st premium to Mr. John Clark,
2nd do. to Jos. Schollick,
3rd do. to George Pagan, Esq.,
4th do. to Mr. John Carruthers,

BARLEY.

1st premium to Mr. James Clark,

2nd do. to Joseph Schollick,
3rd do. to John Carruthers,
BLACK OATS.
1st premium to Mr. W. Doherty.
2nd do. to Mr. John Harris,
3rd do. to John Wheten, Esq.,
4th do. to Mr. Joseph Schollick,
5th do. to Alex. Robertson,

WHITE OATS.

1st premium to Mr. John Clark,
2nd do. to John Harris,
3rd do. to Alex. Robertson,
4th do. to Joseph Schollick,
5th do. to W. Doherty,

HOMESPUN CLOTH.

1st premium to J. Wheten, Esq.
2nd do. to Mr. W. Doherty,

To Correspondents.—The letter from the Rev. James Hannay has unavoidably been laid over until our next publication.

The communication of Gimel, we cannot insert, without the author's name be attached thereto. Should he favor us with the same, we shall cheerfully publish his letter.

We have received 'short notes upon M G's second letter,' and a 'parting token of affectionate remembrance to Mr. James Hannay, of Richibucto, from a member of the Presbytery of Miramichi.

THIS MORNING'S MAIL.

The Courier did not arrive with the Southern mail until this morning, and contrary to all expectations, did not bring the British January mail: So confident were we of its receipt, that we left a larger space than usual to be filled up after the arrival of the courier, to enable us to place before our readers the principal item of news.

The papers contain a few additional paragraphs of British intelligence, received at New York by one of the packet ships, the principal part of which we insert below.

The Halifax papers announce the death of John Howe, Esq. Queen's Printer for Nova Scotia, and the head of the Post Office Department in this and the sister Province, a gentleman much beloved and generally esteemed for his many good qualities, both as a public officer and a private citizen. As a mark of respect, the papers are in mourning.

The Saint John Herald says—'the Province is literally infested with those ravenous animals (wolves.) Travelling on the roads in the upper part of the Province has become dangerous; a gentleman who was travelling on the Houlton road a short time since, was chased by four of these ugly customers.

According to the New York papers, the last letters from China say that the ports which are to be opened to the British would be equally open to American trade.

St. John Courier, Jan. 21.

The Provincial Revenue.—We have extracted from the last number of the Royal Gazette, a return of the Provincial Revenue for the quarter ending 31st December last, to which we have appended the total amounts collected during the preceding quarters of the year, making an aggregate of £49,298 8s. 3 Sterling. This is certainly a great falling off from the revenue collected in 1841, which amounted to £110,933 10s. 9d., and calls loudly for retrenchment in the public expenditures on the part of the Representatives of the People, as well as the Provincial Executive.—We trust, therefore that the Legislature, instead of endeavouring to increase the Revenue, by the imposition of new or the increase of old duties and taxes, will endeavour to effect a saving in the public expenditure, by reducing the salaries of overpaid public officers and the allowance to useless and sufficient establishments, and individuals, who have become pensioners upon the resources of the Province,

to an extent which demands immediate reform. We have also copied from the Gazette returns shewing the quantities of Land granted and sold in the several counties of the Province during the past year, with other information on that subject; also a return of the amount of Paper Money in circulation in the Province. And we are indebted to the Custom House Broker at this port for a statement of the imports and Exports for the last quarter,—a document of much importance to traders and importers generally.

Amount of Paper Money in Circulation.—The Paper Currency consists of the Notes of the Bank of New Brunswick, the Charlotte County Bank, the Commercial Bank, the Central Bank, the St. Stephen's Bank, and the Bank of British North America, and Notes issued by the Corporation of the City of Saint John; the average amount in circulation being about £110,000.

N. B.—This amount corresponds with the official returns, but it is considered that a circulation to this extent has not been sustained throughout the year.

The circulation of Bank Paper in the official year ending 30th September, 1841, was returned as £350,000.

Parliament will not, it is rumoured, meet till the first week in February.

The report that Prince Albert will succeed the Duke of Wellington as Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports, gains credence.

Egypt is still suffering from the murrain among the oxen. The loss is estimated at about 150,000 head of cattle. Next year's crops are likely to be seriously affected by this loss. The cavalry and artillery are dismounted, and their horses sent to the shillicks to assist in agriculture.

CHINA.—London, Dec. 6.—The whole of the native troops are to be withdrawn from Chusan forthwith, and the island to be garrisoned by two regiments of European Infantry, till the third instalment is paid up, for which the Emperor has two years allowed him to pay it in; after which period he will be charged five per cent. until he does pay it, while the troops will continue in possession. It was expected, however, from the way in which the first two instalments were paid, that any lengthened period would not be required by the Emperor.

STATE OF TRADE.—Manchester, Dec. 6.—There has been a fair extent of business doing to day in goods suitable for India, and a farther advance has been obtained. Printing cloths are less active, but firm in price. Most of the low handloom makers are in a fair demand at full prices. Yarns are in good demand, and warps and cops for home use are up ¼d. to ¾d. per lb. on this day week's prices, and numbers suitable for the India markets meet ready sale at full prices.

Leeds.—There has been a decided improvement, especially in the white hall, and there have been some speculations already in goods for China. There was not, however, much doing in the colored hall; indeed it was very thinly attended. Some of our mills have also commenced running full time, and have set to work many fresh hands. There is therefore, some probability that the anticipated rigours of winter will be much abated by the working classes obtaining full employment and consequently, plenty of food.

In the interior of India, tranquillity prevails.—The circumstances which threatened to create confusion in Bundelkund were, it was expected, about to cease, for all the inhabitants of this continent, including even the bigoted Moslems, appeared impressed more than ever with a conviction of English superiority, and also of their inability to make any effectual defence.

The whole lot of the British prisoners in Afghanistan had been resorted to liberty. There were 31 officers, 9 ladies, 12 children, 51 European soldiers, 2 clerks, and 4 wives of soldiers—in all 109.

Akhbar Khan was a wanderer in Kohistan. On learning that all the prisoners, save Captain Bygrave, whom he had in immediate attendance upon himself, had been surrendered to the British authorities, he came to the resolution of sending in that officer also. Capt. Bygrave was allowed to join General Pollock's camp, on taking a letter from Akhbar Khan to the British general.

One of the duties performed by the British was the interment of the skeletons of those who had fallen during the fatal retreat of January last.—The number did not exceed 400 or 500. Several of these melancholy remains were recognizable.—It is further deplored, very many of our native soldiers and of the Hindoos who had accompanied the Troops during the sad retreat, have come into the British camp.

Lost.

On the night of the 30th December last, in Chatham, Two BUFFALO SKINS, Whoever may have found the same, will be Rewarded by leaving them at the Gleaner Office.

Chatham, 23rd Jan. 1843.

BLANKS!

Viz.—Magistrates', Lawyers', Apprentices' Indentures, &c., for Sale at the