

Colonial News.

Newfoundland.

From the Newfoundland Indicator.

The Kirk.—The sons of the "Land of the Heather" in Newfoundland have just completed a commodious edifice for the worship of God according to the forms of the National Church, the first that has reared its head in this country, and one which reflects much credit upon them as a body. It is a simple oblong building ornamented with an exquisitely tasteful spire. On last Sunday it was opened to the congregation, on which occasion His Excellency the Governor, with Lady Harvey, His Excellency's staff, the Hon. the Chief Justice, &c. &c., attended and contributed to the collection that was made for the defrayal of the expenses which amounted in the aggregate to the sum of £65. The Rev. Donald Frazer, we understand, preached an effective sermon on the interesting occasion.

Canada.

Montreal Transcript, January 9.

Old Square-toes.—The following is the reply of His Excellency the Governor General to an address from the inhabitants of the Town of London:—

To the Inhabitants of the Town of London.—Accept, Gentlemen, my cordial thanks for the assurances which you convey to me, of your loyalty to our gracious Sovereign, and your attachment to our fatherland—noble sentiments worthy of British hearts; and of your support in my endeavors to uphold British principles and British supremacy in this Province, by making my administration of the Government beneficial to the country, and just and equal to all races of its inhabitants, without exception or distinction; a course from which no opposition founded on artful misrepresentation or blind misapprehension of my conduct and views, shall ever induce me to depart. My warmest wishes for the prosperity of your London, and for happiness on the banks of your Thames, will ever accompany my heartfelt thankfulness for the confidence which you repose in my honest intentions.

New-Brunswick.

St. John New Brunswicker, Jan. 18.

Suits commenced against the late Chamberlain.—We learned at the Common Council yesterday, that all attempts to bring the late Chamberlain, Mr Partelow, to a settlement of his accounts having failed, there was nothing left for the corporation but to commence actions against him, for the amount of the various surcharges, and His Honor the Recorder has received the necessary papers and instructions for commencing and carrying on suits. The Committee of Accounts applied yesterday to the Board, for authority to retain another professional gentleman to assist the Recorder—the requisite authority was granted without hesitation, and provision made for payment of fees.

The first list of surcharges furnished to Mr Partelow, and to which he replied by issuing an extra Courier containing a long and confused statement, calculated only to mystify those who did not look closely into the affair, amounted to £9259 13s. 8d., without any charge for interest. The second list of surcharges, subsequently furnished to Mr Partelow, and to which he has made no reply, amounts, without interest, to £2700 6s. 10d., making in all the very large sum of £11,960 0s. 6d. which appears on the face of his accounts to be due by him to the city, without mentioning interest, which further increases the amount to £14,769 10s. 4d.!!!

We congratulate the citizens that this most unpleasant and scandalous business, is now in a fair way of being submitted to a Jury, where every development will take place. It will be seen who is in fault, and whether a Public Officer shall actually set a whole community at defiance, and endeavor, sometimes by bullying and sometimes by shuffling and evasion, to escape a thorough and searching investigation of his accounts and transactions. Before this matter is brought to a final close, we anticipate disclosures more surprising than any that have yet been published, or of which the public are now aware, and we shall endeavor from time to time to give full and correct information of what is passing.

Editor's Department.

MIRAMICHI:

WEDNESDAY MORNING, JANUARY 24, 1844.

ARRIVAL OF THE SOUTHERN MAIL.—The Southern mail reached the Post Office, on Monday night, at 9 o'clock. We went to press to-day at two o'clock.

EUROPEAN NEWS.—The Royal Mail steamer Britannia, arrived at Halifax at 11 o'clock, on the morning of Friday last, after a passage of fourteen and a half days. The first ten days she experienced very boisterous weather. She had 86 passengers, 16 of whom were for Halifax. By her we have obtained our files of London and Liverpool papers to the 4th of the month.

The news, in a commercial point of view, is highly important. Trade and commerce have much improved, and the papers speak in high terms of the likelihood of a continuation of the same.

Extensive incendiary fires have lately taken place in Suffolk, Essex, and Norfolk, by which an immense amount of property has been destroyed, chiefly agricultural.

Destructive fires have lately occurred at Liverpool, by which property to the amount of one hundred thousand pounds has been consumed, accompanied with loss of life, via. the great sugar manufactory, belonging to Sir Thomas Branker, which employed from 120 to 130 men; loss £32,000; the destruction of an East Indiaman in Waterloo Docks, the Meg of Mellon, from Calcutta; damage done to vessel and cargo estimated at £1500. Also two other fires with considerable loss.

The Government organs still recommend the payment of salaries to the Irish Clergy.

Mr. O'Connell stated at a Repeal Meeting that Government had offered to forego the prosecution if he would give up the Repeal Agitation; or they would arrest judgement, if he was convicted, on the same conditions. He said he spurned both offers.

Colonel Stoddart is alive, though a prisoner in the citadel of Bokhara; but Captain Connolly had been put to death, as we have before heard. The Augsburg Gazette states, that the late eruption of Mount Etna has been most fatal—130 persons have perished, and the hospitals are filled with wounded.

We have culled from the papers a large amount of extracts, which embrace all the articles of moment to which we refer our readers for particulars.

THE MAIL STEAMERS.—We understand that the proprietors of the Cunard line of steamers have entered into a new contract for ten years for running the boats, and government being so much pleased with the faithful manner in which they performed their engagements, has allowed them 10,000 pounds additional per annum.

HIGHLAND SOCIETY OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

The Highland Society of New Brunswick held its anniversary Festival, in Hamill's Hotel, Newcastle, on Wednesday the 17th inst., when the Members and their guests sat down to an excellent Dinner, prepared in Hamill's usual style. The society felt the strongest desire to hold the celebration on the 21st March, in commemoration of the Victory of Alexandria; "a battle fought by true Highlanders, obtained over the very elite of the French army, themselves brave and invincible in the field of battle against all their enemies, with one exception alone—the British." Abercromby and the men who fell with him, covered with glory, still live in the hearts of their countrymen, secure of the sincerest tribute of their affections, however distant or far removed by land or sea. The society, however, had to forego holding the festival on that day, in consequence of the certain absence of a number of its members—some in attendance at the Legislature, &c. Yet the 17th of January is a memorable day in the annals of British valor—a day dear to British hearts, as the day on which Sir John Moore fell in the arms of victory at Corunna.

Dr. ALEX. KEY, President, in the chair. T. C. ALLAN, Esquire, one of the Vice Presidents, acting as Croupier.

Among the gentlemen present were John A. Street, Esquire, M.P.P., and M. V. R. Bowie, Esquire, of the 52nd Regiment, as public guests.

The loyal and patriotic toasts were drunk with enthusiasm. The exordiums to those from the chair were to the point, manly and eloquent. The felicitous manner in which the Dr. got through the entire business of the evening, as President, elicited the highest applause. Not having it in our power to furnish even an outline of the several speeches delivered during the evening, it would be a work of supererogation to say more on this head. Some of the songs were sung with great effect. During the evening, one or two Gaelic songs were sung in true characteristic style. The scene was enlivened by the inspiring strains of the Highland Bag Pipes, when some favorite national airs were performed by Alexander McDonald, Piper to the society.

In a remote dependency of the British Crown, Institutions of a kindred spirit with that of this society, are peculiarly calculated to foster the purest and most ardent loyalty—attachment to Queen and country. It is on such occasions, such happy unions, as the present, "that hand joins to hand, and friendships are formed between congenial spirits," and though they are far separated from the home of their fathers by land and sea, "they feel they are still one in heart, and are of one loved country;" and when need be, will, "shoulder to shoulder," stand or fall in support of the institutions they revere, and the Queen they love.

TOASTS:

1st. Our Parent society, the Highland Society of London; air—my Highland Home; song by Mr Archibald Haddow.

2nd. The Queen, God bless her; the Queen's Anthem, by Theophilus DesBrisay, Esquire, ably assisted by Mr Alexander.

3rd. The Prince of Wales—Britain's hope.

4th. The Queen Dowager, Prince Albert, and all the members of the Royal Family.

5th. The memory of His Royal Highness the Duke of Sussex, late Chief of our Parent society.

6th. Sir Robert Peel and Her Majesty's Ministers.

7th. The Duke of Wellington and the Army. Lieutenant Bowie, 52nd Regiment, returned thanks.

8th. The Earl of Haddington and the Navy.

9th. His Excellency Sir Charles Metcalfe, the Illustrious Governor General of British North America; may his Excellency's administration produce a new and glorious Era in the annals of the British Provinces; his constitutional principles alike vindicate the prerogative of the Crown, and maintain the liberty of the subject. This Toast was received with rapturous applause, after which "the good old English Gentleman" was sung by Theophilus DesBrisay, Esq.

10th. His Excellency Sir William MacBean George Colebrooke, and the Province of New Brunswick.

11th. His Excellency Lord Viscount Falkland, the patriotic Governor of Nova Scotia; may the star of Conservatism which has appeared so brilliant in His Lordship's administration, shed its refulgent and vivifying rays over every portion of the fair province of Nova Scotia. This toast elicited the warmest acclamation from the company, who, when the cheering had subsided, sang—"Hail Smiling Morn."

12th. The memory of Sir Archibald Campbell, the Hero of Burmah, and our late estimable Lieutenant Governor.

13. James Gilmour, Esquire, the first President of this Society; may the day not be far distant when we shall have the pleasure of seeing him with us: song—"Auld Lang Syne," by the company.

14th. The Representatives of the County of Northumberland. Mr Street returned thanks.

15th. M. V. R. Bowie, Esquire, of the 52nd Regiment, and the detachment under his command. For whom and himself Mr Bowie returned his acknowledgments in an appropriate manner.

16th. The memory of the heroic Sir John Moore, the Hero of Corunna.

17th. Sir Ralph Abercrombie, and his gallant Brigade, immortalized on the plains of Alexandria.

18th. Our Guests, who have this day honored us with their company. Mr Street returned thanks, and proposed as a toast—"Highland Hospitality."

19th. Lady Colebrooke and the fair Daughters of New Brunswick: song—"The Rose of Alandale," by Mr George Debois.

20th. Scotland—Our Tribute is to thee: song—"Scotland yet," with great effect, by Mr John Alexander.

21st. The Parish Schools of Scotland.

22nd. The absent members of this society. The standing toasts for the occasion being now concluded, the President called upon the Vice for a Volunteer, when he rose and gave "Sir Colin Campbell, the late constitutional governor of Nova Scotia;" air—"A Highland lad my love was born," by Mr N. McLean.

Alexander Fraser, Junior, Esquire, one of the Vice Presidents, gave—"The British Constitution, the noblest inheritance bequeathed to us by our forefathers. May it descend pure and entire to our remotest posterity."

Roderick McLeod, Esquire, "Professor Lowe, and the Agriculture of Scotland."

R. Hutchison, Esq being called upon for a toast, gave—"The Memory of Burns." Mr H. in rising to propose this toast, spoke as none could speak who did not feel and appreciate the beauties, the tenderness, and the power of Coila's Bard.

Mr Samuel H. Napier being called upon next, gave "Sir Allan McNab, and the Highlanders of Canada."

Wm. Loch, Esquire, being next called upon, gave "the Bar of New Brunswick." Theophilus DesBrisay, Esquire, returned thanks for himself and his brethren of the Bar, in a concise but very able and feeling speech.

Mr John Mackie being next called upon, gave "the memory of Wallace and Bruce, may the patriotic fire that warmed their hearts ever be felt by Scotchmen and their descendants: air—"Scots wha hae we Wallace bled."

Allan A. Davidson, Esquire, being next called upon, gave "Sir Charles Napier, and the army of Scinde."

Mr Niel McLean being next called upon, gave "Professor Wilson, and the Literature of Scotland."

Thomas C. Allan, Esquire, being next called upon, gave "Dr. Bartlett, the veteran Editor of the Albion, and the Conservative Press."

Lieutenant Bowie then gave, "The Established Church of Scotland." Reverend Mr McMaster returned thanks in most appropriate speech.

Edward Williston, Esquire, being next called upon, gave "the Rev. James Souter," in terms highly complimentary to that gentleman, and gratifying to his friends.

Alexander Rankin, Esquire, one of the Vice Presidents, then rose and gave "Good Night, and joy be wi' ye a'."

On which the President was compelled to propose his last toast—"To our next merry meeting;"

And the company broke up, highly gratified with their entertainment.

SOUTH AMERICA.—From our latest American papers, we extract the following intelligence from this distracted country:—

"The New Orleans Tropic contains an extract from a private letter received in that city, which gives an account of an insurrection among the negroes, in which 500 of them were slain. The following is the extract—though it may be proper to remark that it was not generally credited in New Orleans:—

"Things here are getting worse and worse every day; it strikes me a change must come very soon.—The negroes in the country give a great deal of trouble. They rose a day or two ago upon the estates of the Aldama's and the Alphonso's. It appears there was an extensive conspiracy, in which the best slaves were engaged. Nearly five hundred negroes, in arms, were killed, and a large number of prisoners were taken. The Americans residing at Matanzas have asked for an American man of war to be in that port, in case they are compelled to flee the island."

It was currently reported at the Havanna, that the British fleet, from the North American station, was shortly expected to rendezvous off the ports.

THE WEATHER.—A general topic at this season—for the last ten days has been of a very changeable character. Previous to Wednesday and Thursday last, which were mild and accompanied with heavy rain, the cold was intense, with high N. W. winds; and has continued so for the past week, with the keenest frost we ever remember to have felt in Miramichi. The River is of a glassy appearance, and the travelling on it excellent. Last night we had a slight fall of snow.

TEMPERANCE TEA PARTY.—The Charlottetown Independent Temperance Society, held a Soiree and Tea Party, on the 29th ult, at which upwards of 400 persons took "a comfortable cup of tea," from the exhilarating effects of which 30 persons were induced to join the society.

PROVINCIAL ASSOCIATION.—The St. John papers contain an account of a meeting which took place at the Mechanics' Institute, on the 18th inst. in that city, at which 500 persons were present; its object being to appoint officers, and to adopt other measures for encouraging Agriculture, Domestic Manufacture, &c. &c. in this Province. A number of Resolutions were passed at the meeting, which we intend publishing next week.

The following is an extract of a letter, dated St. John, 20th inst, to a gentleman at Newcastle, on the subject. No doubt the call expected from that quarter will be cheerfully responded to in Miramichi.

"We had a great meeting here on Thursday evening, and formed a Provincial Association for promoting Agriculture, Domestic Manufactures, and the Fisheries, in which we hope all the rest of the Province will join us. We want to form a home League to do something for ourselves, and our leading interests, as our Legislature will do nothing for us. You will see the Resolutions in this day's paper, and probably be called on in Miramichi to take part with us, to put the thing about. We meet next Thursday to choose officers and organize."

SOURCE OF WEALTH.—There was exported from the port of Halifax, from January 1843 to January 1844, seventy-one thousand, eight hundred and fifty-four barrels of Mackarel.

WOLVES AGAIN.—The St. John New Brunswicker, has the following paragraph concerning these unwelcome visitors:—

"We regret to hear, that the Wolves are appearing in considerable numbers at Musquash, about 15 miles from this City, where their howlings have been heard several nights of late by the inhabitants. A few nights since, five Sheep were destroyed by them, about a quarter of a mile from Mr Tilton's Inn, and the following day a lumberman proceeding through the woods by a lumber road, saw two of them at a short distance, and instantly returned at full speed to the settlement.—We hear also that when the howlings of the wolves are heard at night, the cattle in the barns appear greatly terrified, and bellow lustily."

A Wolf, of large dimensions, made his appearance in Chatham! on Monday, to the surprise and wonder of the inhabitants,—having quite contrary to his own inclinations,—having been killed up the North West branch of this River, and brought down on a sled.

REPEAL MEETING.—At a meeting of the Miramichi Repeal Association, held at Douglstown, on Friday, 19th inst,

Mr. MICHAEL DUNNE having been called to the Chair, and

JOHN LAWLOR requested to act as Secretary; the following resolutions were unanimously passed by the meeting:—

1st. Resolved, That yielding to no people in loyalty to our most gracious Sovereign,