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Yours,
A SETTLER.

Napan, October 13, 1845.

Editor's Department.

MIRAMICHI:

CHATHAM, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1845.

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE OF THE MAILS.

The mail for Fredericton, direct, closes on Monday morning at 7, 30 o'clock; and arrives on the morning of Friday, at 2 o'clock, A. M. The Southern mails are closed at 5, 30 o'clock, on the mornings of Tuesdays and Saturdays, and arrive at 7 o'clock on the mornings of Mondays and Thursdays.

The mails for the Northward are despatched soon after the arrival of the mails from the southward on Mondays and Thursdays; and arrive here on the mornings of Friday, at 6 o'clock.

PROVINCIAL APPOINTMENTS.—The last Royal Gazette contains the following appointments:—

John Ulican, John McNair, John Cook, to be Justices of the Peace, and Arthur Ritchie, Esq. to be a Justice of the Common Pleas, in and for the County of Restigouche.

Joseph Read, Francis Ferguson, William Stevens, Thomas M. Deblois, John Woolner, and William Deacon, to be Firewards for the town of Bathurst.

Edward Williston, to be a Fireward for the town of Newcastle.

SLAVERY.—We perceive the following estimate of the Slaves in the world in an exchange paper. In Brazil there are 2,500,000, Spanish Colonies 800,000, French Colonies 250,000, Dutch, Danish and Swedish Colonies 100,000, South American Republic 400,000, British Colonies total, 6,650,000.

THE APPROACHING ELECTION.—Some of our Province papers are throwing out suggestions to their readers as to their duty at the approaching election. The following hints are taken from a long article on the subject, from the Colonial Advocate of the 6th instant.

"We press upon all the constituency of the Province who may see this paper, to avoid sending as their Representatives, men who have no regular income of their own, drawn from universally acknowledged and honest sources. Political traders and demagogues, of all men should be avoided. They are sure to hunt with the hound and run with the hare. Having simply their own aggrandizement to attend to, they will universally be found to take the strongest side, be it just or unjust, valuable or valueless to the Province at large. Men holding property are always, all other things being equal, to be preferred, providing they are making this Province their home, and the home of their families. The eventual prosperity of the Province will most certainly be their and their family's prosperity, and ignorance alone will prevent such men from doing their duty aright.

"To proceed in our charge. Men of known intelligence and patriotic feelings, should certainly be preferred; with the former, argument will have its proper weight, with the stupid no reasoning will avail; and the patriotic may be moved to do his duty to his fellow subjects, while with the selfish there is no resource, his own and his friend's interests will be sure to have predominance, should it ruin his country.

"Further. Let no candidate be chosen, or at all attended to, who will not, honestly and candidly, state his political sentiments, either in the public prints, or on the hustings, before election. The strangest scenes have been witnessed hitherto at all former elections, such as high Tories voting for Liberal members, and a Liberal constituency for Tory members. Men calling for protection, voting for Free-traders to represent them—a country constituency voting for men who hardly know wheat from barley, or a plough from a harrow. Let, in the name of common sense, a change for the better be made in this matter. * * * Let therefore, a fair exposition of principles be made, and then let all vote according to their views and predilections, and we shall then know exactly what sentiments predominate.

"To conclude.—Pay no attention whatever to those who would push into Her Majesty's Councils, men stained in any degree with injustice, or deficient in integrity of character, whatever the rank or standing of those advisers may be. To gain an ascendancy in the House for their faction, there are individuals who, we verily believe, would recommend the most reckless and profligate of mankind; and this total disregard for Christian principle is found in close connection with high religious professions, and great zeal for the Church, as once in the week, and neither to direct our public or private principles and conduct the remainder of the time. Hitherto indeed, it

would appear, in some cases at least, as if we made a point to choose men who were of no other use to society, and that we were endeavouring to turn them, to some little account, by putting them in public stations, as if the very persons to whom men would not entrust the management of the smallest part of their private concerns, were most suitable to manage the affairs of 200,000 of their fellow subjects."

NEW BRUNSWICK.—The Fredericton Reporter says:—The Potatoe Crop in the upper sections of York and Carleton, is a total failure; and to mend the matter, we observed with much pain that several of the inhabitants, are sending off their best oats to the Woods, to be consumed by horses. How much better would it be to have this highly nutritious article of food ground up for family use.

NOVASCOTIA.—The Editor of the Halifax Morning Post who has been recently taking a tour of a fortnight's duration in the country, gives the following melancholy account of the Wheat and Potatoe Crops in the Counties of Hants and Kings:—

"Not a single good potatoe can be purchased in Windsor and its vicinity, and it is believed that nothing like enough for the family use of the Farmers, will be housed. In some places persons will not even go to the expense of digging, and it is feared the calamity will be so great that the farmers will find themselves in spring entirely destitute of seed! The wheat has also to a great extent been destroyed by the weevil; and the prospects of the coming winter were never more disheartening.

"In this state of fearful anticipation, when even the Rich shrink from the approach of winter, our Readers will with us fervently ejaculate—God help the Poor!"

The Halifax papers contain very lengthy accounts of the Regatta, which came off in that splendid harbour on Tuesday week. The day was fine, and the prizes were contested for with much spirit and energy. The sports throughout, it appears afforded much pleasure and amusement.

We clip the following graphic picture of the scene, from the Morning Post:—

"The aspect of our noble harbour on this exciting occasion, was at once lively and picturesque. Towards morning, when the animation had commenced, and before the breeze which rendered the day auspicious for sailing matches had arisen, the waters were dotted all over with boats and vessels of every size and rig, from the magnificent representative of 'England's Wooden Walls,' the Flag ship *Vindictive*—down to the diminutive punt, which looked scarcely larger than a bread-tray on the water, with a Lilliputian oarsman.

"One very pretty view we had from George's Island. The ripples were just beginning to dance upon the surface of the harbour, and as two of the Dartmouth steamers crossed each other midway between the shores of Halifax and Dartmouth, the volumes of smoke issuing from their pipes joined in the centre, and formed a sort of cross, motionless or rising gradually in the centre, and rapidly extending with the motion of the steamer at the four termini—forming a very curious and picturesque spectacle.

"Our point of inspection was on the sloping side of George's Island; and we may here assure the gallant officer by whose permission our citizens were permitted to land, of their sincere thankfulness for the favor. Hundreds of gaily dressed persons of both sexes, were sprinkled over its grassy surface—so rich with the second growth of verdure that it seemed almost a pity to trample down the luxuriant sward. There is consolation in the fact, that the decay of the second growth is the cause of the annual richness in the hay crop—a benefit which is lost to country farmers who denude their meadow lands by grazing.—Our citizens and their wives and children, seized the opportunity for a ramble over the sides of the Island—and round the moat encircling the battery on its summit—charmed at once with the beauty of the scenery, and the consciousness that the formidable tower and walls stood there for the defence of their firesides.

"The Island was a capital site from which to view the Regatta, and we hope permission will always be gained for a similar purpose.—At a little before noon the gay assemblage gathered there were delighted with the sprightly airs of the Rifle Band. * * * There were other points of attraction beside George's Island. The sight of some crowds of people on Pryor's Wharves, drew us thither. The 43d Band were in attendance, and a portion of the ELITE of the city were surveying the aquatic performances."

The Novascotian contains the following extract of a letter, dated at Cornwallis, on the 6th instant:—

"The Potatoe disease is much more serious in this Township than was anticipated a short time ago, even five days past has made a visible alteration, and the potatoes that were dug

and put into small heaps in the fields, barns, &c., which at the time they were raised, appeared to be sound, have since become useless for man or beast. Persons who had stowed their potatoes in cellars had found them in such a state of rotteness that they have been obliged to carry them out, and cover them up as a compost. God only knows what the poor people are to do."

POTATOE ROT.—The reports we hear daily from all parts of the country, are of the most distressing nature as regards the Potatoe crop. On many farms they are totally destroyed, and the proprietors are sadly at a loss what to do with them. We would advise at all hazard, to take them out of the ground, and not suffer them to remain, as we understand it is the determination of some persons to do. We learn from a gentleman who resides at Shippigan, that the disease is general in that district, as well as on the Canada side of the Bay Chaleur. This will be a serious loss to the French settlers, who mainly depend on this crop, together with fish, for their sustenance during the winter season.

MR. MORROW.—This gentleman, with his family, took his departure in the barque *Yucatan*, which vessel sailed for Liverpool on Tuesday morning last. He has resided among us for the last twenty-one years, and carries with him the good wishes of the inhabitants for his future happiness and prosperity in the land of his birth, where he intends in future to take up his abode. Previous to his departure, the Trustees of the Methodist Chapel in Chatham, and the Official Members of that congregation, waited on him with an Address; as also did the Clerks in the office of Messrs. Cunards in Chatham and Bathurst, expressing their regret at his retiring from the concern, with which he has been connected during his long residence in this country, and wishing him success in his future undertakings.

Copies of these Addresses we shall endeavour to obtain for publication in our next number.

BERMUDA.—We perceive by the papers from this place, that the Guard House on Ireland Island, has been destroyed by fire.

CAROLINA.—The Spirit of the Times, published at Sydney says, that the Potatoes on the Island have escaped the disease which has been so destructive on the main.

COUNTY OF KENT.—The Presbyterian Church.—The Presbytery of New Brunswick, adhering to the Standards of the Free Church of Scotland, met at Richibucto on Tuesday the 14th inst., for the purpose of Ordaining the Rev. JAMES LAW, A. M. to the office of the Holy Ministry, and of admitting him to the pastoral charge of the Richibucto congregation. The solemn services of the day were commenced by a very excellent and appropriate Sermon delivered by the Rev. Andrew Donald, of Norton, from I Cor. III. 21, 22. He was followed by the Rev. Robert Irvine, of Saint John, who defended the constitution, government, and discipline, of the Presbyterian Church, in a very able, and masterly manner. The usual questions were put to Mr LAW, by the Rev. John Turnbull, of Blackville and Nelson, South West, Miramichi, who offered up a most solemn, and suitable ordination-prayer, by which with the "laying on of the hands of the Presbytery," Mr LAW was set apart to the ministerial office. Mr Turnbull also concluded the solemn services of the day, by a most excellent—suitable, and deeply impressive address to the young Minister and his flock, which was listened to throughout with breathless attention. This Rev. Gentleman came here highly recommended by the Presbytery of Coleraine; and the hearty reception he met with alike by the Presbytery and Con-

gregation over which he is now placed, is calculated not only to encourage himself, but also to prove, that a deep interest in the cause which he represents, prevails in this part of the province. The day was fine and the audience very large and respectable, many travelled from 20 to 30 miles to be present on this interesting occasion.—COMMUNICATED.

FIRE.—The large Building on Shel-drake Island, occupied as a Lazaretto, was totally consumed by fire between the hours of four and five o'clock on Thursday morning. The bedding and a portion of the furniture was saved. The building used as a cook and wash house, was with difficulty preserved from the flames.

QUEBEC SUFFERERS.—The following document was received by the High Sheriff by the mail on Tuesday last.

QUEBEC, 6th October, 1845.

Sir,
In pursuance of a Resolution adopted at a recent Meeting of the General Committee of Relief for the Sufferers by the Fires in this city on the 28th May and 28th June last, I have the honor to convey to you, and to request that you will communicate in such a way as you shall think fit to the Inhabitants of Miramichi, who have contributed to the relief of our Sufferers, this expression of the thanks of the General Committee on behalf of the citizens of Quebec, for the liberality with which they have come forward to alleviate the distress of their colonial fellow subjects under the great calamities with which they have been visited.

I have the honor to be,
Your most obt. servt.,
ED. CARRON, Mayor.

John M. Johnson, Esq.
High Sheriff.

ARRIVALS AT HEA'S HOTEL.

October 14—Mr Alexander McDonald and Mr Paine, Novascotia: 15th, Mr Wm. Davidson, Kouchibouguac: William Robertson, do.: William Heard, Esq. Buctouche: 16th, Horatia Smith, Shediac: Mr Johnson, and Niece, Bathurst: Samuel Hetherington, Richibucto: 16th, William Ullock, and J. M. Masters, Baie des Vents.

ARRIVALS AT THE ROYAL HOTEL CHATHAM.

September 15, Philippe Parret, Esq. Québec; J. Cremazie, do: Rev. Hugh McLeod, Scotland: Rev. Henry Russell, Bathurst: Theophilus Des Brisay, Esq. Bathurst: 16th, Mr William Fraser, Boston: 18th, Mr Sylvester Wathen, Richibucto: 23d, Alexander Davidson, Esq. Nelson: 25th, Mr Moysie, late of Bathurst: 26th, Rev. Henry Russell, do: 29th Alex. Davidson, Esq. Nelson: October 1, John G. Layton, Esq. Richibucto: 2nd, Alex. Davidson, Esq. Nelson: 4th, Jarvis, Esq. Pr. Ed. Island: William Brummen, Esq. do.: T. Haverland, Esq. do: 5th, Mr Barnham, Nelson: 7th, John Tamlin, Esq. New York: 8th, Mr M'Kean, Pictog: 11th, Theophilus Des Brisay, Esq. Bathurst: Mr Samuel Aaron, Richibucto: Mr Maurice Aaron, do.

Marriages.

On Wednesday, 8th October, by the Rev. William Henderson, Mr JAMES THOMSON, to Miss HANNA CRANE, both of the Parish of Newcastle.

On Saturday, 11th October, by the same, Mr WILLIAM GETTY, of the Parish of Bathurst, County of Gloucester, to Miss ELIZA CROKER, of the Parish of Northesk, County of Northumberland.

Shipping Intelligence.

PORT OF MIRAMICHI.

Arrived—October 13, Micca, Hall, Glasgow: Gilmour, Rankin & Co: Laurel, Conway, P. E. Island: Don, O'Brien, Waterford—J. Cunard & Co: Mary, Randal, Exeter—do.

14th, Athelston, Robson, Falmouth—Gilmour, Rankin & Co.

15th, Planter, McCullough—J. Cunard & Co.

16th, British Merchant, Birnie, Liverpool, J. Cunard & Co. Margaret Codner, Salcomb Duncan & Loch.

Cleared—Samuel, McLean, Holyhead: Latona, Denison, Hull: 13th, Chance, Bears, Halifax: Sisters, Clark, St. John's, Newfoundland: Eliza, Cheasty, Waterford: 14th, Jessie Allen, Liverpool: Raven, McDowell, Limerick: 15th, Garland, Roach, Newfoundland: Aid, Sanderson, Loth: Wingrave, Gollightly, Hayle: Coverdale, Benson, Glasgow.

PORT OF SHIPPEGAN.

Arrived, October 13—barque Amelia, Dupea, Liverpool, 28 days, to Wm. Fring & Co.