

tional representation. At the present time he could not consent to have any such clause introduced into the bill. He had no authority from his constituents to adopt such an arrangement. He had already stated to the committee strong reasons why they should give Northumberland two more representatives, and he would now ask them to compare the population, great extent, and varied interests of the northern side of the Province, and its representation with that of the southwestern side, and it would be evident that the counties of Kent, Northumberland, Gloucester, and Restigouche, were entirely at the mercy of the representatives connected with the river St. John, whose interests were the same, and not always identical with those on the other side of the province. He did not accuse them of having used this power to the prejudice of the counties he had just named—he would be sorry to insinuate anything of the kind—their conduct towards that part of the province had been uniformly marked with judgment, candour, and firmness, and he felt that in the present instance that committee had treated him with kindness, in listening with attention to his observation. He had already said that he would leave it to the committee to fill up the blank as they might think proper, and he trusted they would now do so by giving two additional members.

The Committee of the House of Assembly on Post Office affairs, have made their Report. We are indebted to the New Brunswick for the following brief summary of the same:—

The Department since the introduction of the new system in July, 1843, have been more than doubled! The following is a statement of the expense of the St. John Post Office during the past year:—

Deputy Postmaster General's salary,	£600 0 0
Surveyor's salary,	150 0 0
Three Clerks,	335 0 0
Travelling expenses, &c. of Surveyor,	220 17 2½
	£1,335 17 2½

The Committee state, that they have no returns to show the expense of this Office previous to the present arrangement; but from the Report of a Select Committee of the House of Assembly of Nova Scotia, it appears that when both Provinces were under one Deputy Postmaster General, the expense of the Office at Halifax was only £670, and much satisfaction was then given to the public.

We have always contended that the office of Surveyor was a sinecure, and should be abolished; and we are glad to see that the Committee view it in the same light. On this point they remark:—

"We are of opinion that the office of Surveyor is altogether unnecessary, and that it might be abolished without affecting the efficiency of the Department.—We also think that the affairs of the Post Office at St. John might be conducted by a Deputy Postmaster General at a salary not exceeding £500, and two Clerks, £250. By this arrangement a saving would be effected of not less than £500, a sum sufficient to give an additional Mail to the Eastern Counties, and to defray the expense of Couriers between Fredericton and St. Andrews, Fredericton and the Finger Board, and in several other parts of the Province where the establishment of Post Offices is much required by the inhabitants."

The little attention which has been paid to the accommodation of the public for the last two years, and the increase of the expenses of management, while the facilities for inter-Provincial communication have decreased in an inverse ratio, are noticed by the Committee, who also represent the present high rates of Letter postage, and the unjust tax upon printed Papers, as vexatious and burdensome. They recommend for the consideration of the House, the following suggestion, which we trust will be adopted:—

"We would suggest, for the consideration of the House, the propriety of submitting a proposition to the Home Government to receive all the Revenues, and to defray all the expenses of the Department within the Province; and in the event of such a proposal being accepted, we would recommend a reduction of at least fifty per cent. on the present rates, which, in our opinion, would in a short time produce double the amount of the present Revenue."

We have looked with some anxiety for this Report, and now that it has appeared, we are not disappointed in our expectations. It is ably drawn up, and reflects much credit upon the Committee, Messrs. Wark, Wilmet and End, and we doubt not will be the means of effecting the reforms so loudly called for.

The Committee of Supply it appears, have voted a much larger amount than was recommended by the Finance Committee. The Legislature, it was expected, would be prorogued on Saturday last.

A correspondent in the St. John Courier, under the signature of Senex, detailing the proceedings of the Legislature, closes his letter with the following remarks:—

"I cannot omit mentioning an extraordinary debate that occurred, I believe, on Tuesday, when the report of the Select Committee on Matthew Carruthers' Petition was brought under consideration. Language made use of by both by Simonds and J. A. Street, towards each other, exceeded in violence anything I ever witnessed within the walls of the House."

We copy the following paragraphs from the Head Quarters, of April 9.

"There was a stormy debate in the House of Assembly yesterday in consequence of a resolution brought in by Mr J. A. Street, respecting the payment of claims which Mr M. Carruthers, a seizing officer formerly stationed at Carraquet in the County of Northumberland, had against the Government for services performed. Mr Street attacked the late and present Government in strong language, and the Hon. Mr Simonds defended them in no measured terms. This debate was the warmest of the session and was principally conducted by the gentleman we have named."

"We are informed that by the Bill to amend the Law relating to Bankruptcy, which has now passed the two branches of the Legislature, and will shortly become part of the Law of this Province, it is provided that all Certificates of conformity, to be allowed by any Commissioner, shall be considered as refused, unless the same be presented to the Court of Chancery for confirmation, within six months after the order of such allowance; and in case the six months shall have expired before the enactment of the contemplated amendment, within three months after the passage of the Act. So that, should the six months expire the day after the passing of the Act, the Bankrupt will be left remediless."

The following paragraph is copied from the Loyalist of April 10.

"A Bill has recently passed the Lower House to increase the representation of Northumberland, from two, to four members. If this Bill becomes Law the next House of Assembly will contain the following additional Members: two for Northumberland two for the County of Victoria (provided the Royal Assent is previously received, which is said to be now in abeyance until the boundary is settled between this Province and Canada, one for King's, and one for the new County of Prince Albert; in all six, increasing the total number of Members to forty. It has been argued in the House of Assembly that an additional number of Members would entitle the House to more respect, &c. We do not agree with this, as it must always depend upon the conduct of Members, not upon their number, as to what degree of respect will be accorded them; and as to representing the people we hold that one good member from each County would legislate quite as well as the thirty-four does. But the mischief has been done—it is impossible now to retrograde and disfranchise the constituents, and thirty-four members are either too many or not enough. We will endeavour to illustrate our meaning: now not a question comes up but every Member considers himself entitled to discuss its merits; and as they hold "our privilege" dear, it is seldom they forego the pleasure it affords them to avail themselves of it—no matter whether they understand the subject or not. In other Parliamentary bodies there are talking members and silent members, but here the distinction is not known—they are as garrulous as so many old women, and nothing is considered so disgraceful as to give a silent vote—not even to run away when the question is put, which practice is not unfrequently adopted by some of our Solons. Members, therefore, who wish to make progress in the business before them are obliged to listen to thirty speeches, upon a Grant perhaps not exceeding five or ten pounds! As this cannot now be remedied by a retrograde movement, it would perhaps be well to increase the number of Representatives to fifty or sixty, when it is to be hoped, some four or five Members will be permitted to speak on each side of the question, and the remainder will have sense enough to be—what their talents eminently qualify them to be—mute."

FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.—The Rev. Mr Miller, a Delegate from the above-named body, has been preaching to large audiences in Newcastle, Chatham, and Douglastown. He has also addressed the inhabitants on the subject of the recent disruption in the Established Church of Scotland.

EUROPEAN.—An arrival of a Packet ship at New York, furnishes European dates later than received by the last steamer. We have transferred the intelligence thus obtained to our columns.

NOVASCOTIA.—The Guardian of Friday last says, that the Legislature, it was expected, would be prorogued about the middle of next week.

"The Resolution," says the Morning Herald, "laid upon the table by Mr Desbarres, and which goes to censure the Colonial Secretary will, we have an idea, be permitted there to rest "caput mortuum"—a dead letter, or at best to afford ground for another monster debate on the opening of the Session—1846."

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.—The Legislature of this Island have granted a sum of money for the erection of a Light House on Point Prim. The Royal Gazette says—a site has been chosen for the building,

which commands a most beautiful view for some thirty miles on the straits of Northumberland; the different points at that distance being easily distinguished. The work is to be commenced forthwith.

THE SEASON.—Scarcely a day passed last week, without a few showers of snow. The weather throughout the last fortnight, has been unseasonable—the sun has had but little power during the day, and the nights were very frosty. Sunday and yesterday were fine days, and the snow has rapidly diminished in our streets—but there is still ample quantities remaining, and it will require many days of sunshine and rain, before it disappears altogether. The travelling on the river is still good—for better than it was a fortnight ago. Should we have a sudden thaw, we are apprehensive some damages will be done by the freshets, for we never saw such a large quantity of snow on the ground, at this advanced period of the season, as there is at the present time.

Marriages.

At Chatham, on the 14th inst. by the Rev. John Macbean, M. A. Mr. Henry Eagle, to Miss Ellen Johnstone, both of the parish of Alnwick.

TENDERS.

Will be received by the RECTOR and CHURCH WARDENS of Saint Paul's, until the first day of May next, for the ERECTION OF A FENCE around Saint Paul's Church. Specification may be seen, and further particulars made known, on application to the Rector.

SAMUEL BACON, Rector.
JOHN WRIGHT, Church
HENRY CUNARD, Wardens.
April 14, 1845.

THE NORTHUMBERLAND

Agricultural Society.

THE ANNUAL CATTLE SHOW and AGRICULTURAL EXHIBITION

of the Society will be held at CHATHAM, on THURSDAY, the 8th day of January next, and the following premiums are offered to the Society for Competition on that day, viz:—

For the following articles, to be manufactured in the County within one year from the time of exhibition:

For the best Homespun Cloth, made entirely of wool, not less than 10 yards,	0 15 0
For the second best do	0 10 0
For the best Homespun made of wool and cotton, same quantity	0 15 0
For the second best do	0 10 0
For the best piece of Flannel entirely of wool, same quantity	0 15 0
For the second best do	0 10 0
For the best wove Counterpane	0 7 6
For the best sample of woollen Socks, not less than 6 pairs	0 7 6
For the second best do	0 5 0
For the best sample of Mitts, same quantity	0 7 6
For the second best do	0 5 0
For the best Straw Hat,	0 5 0
For the best Straw Bonnet,	0 5 0

GRAINS, &c., the growth of 1845, raised within the county.

For the best sample of White Bald Wheat, not less than 2 bushels	0 15 0
Second best do	0 10 0
Third best do	0 7 6
For the best sample of Red Bald Wheat, not less than 2 bushels	0 15 0
Second best do	0 10 0
For the best sample of Black Oats, not less than 2 bushels	0 10 0
Second best do	0 7 6
For the best sample White Oats, do	0 10 0
Second best do	0 7 6
For the best sample Barley, do	0 10 0
Second best do	0 7 6
For the best sample White Field Peas, 1 bushel	0 10 0
Second best do	0 7 6

The Society will purchase any quantity of good, pure TIMOTHY SEED, raised in the county, not exceeding 20 bushels, in quantities of not less than 1 bushel, at 6d. per lb.

Produce of the Dairy.

For the best sample of Butter, in firkins, of not less than 30 lbs.	0 17 6
Second best do	0 15 0
Third best do	0 10 0
For the best sample of Cheese, the quantity exhibited to be not less than 20 lbs.	0 10 0
Second best do	0 7 6
LIVE STOCK raised within the county.	
For the best 2 year Bull	1 0 0
second best do	0 15 0
For the best 1 year old Bull	0 15 0
Second best do	0 10 0
For the best 2 year old Heifer	1 0 0
Second do	0 15 0
For the best 1 year old Heifer	0 15 0
Second do	0 10 0
For the best Ram, 2 year old	0 10 0
Second do	0 7 6
For the best Ram, 1 year old	0 10 0
Second do	0 7 6
For the best Ewe, 2 year old	0 10 0
Second do	0 7 6
For the best Ewe, 1 year old	0 10 0
Second do	0 7 6
For the best Boar, 1 year old	0 10 0
Second do	0 7 6
For the best Sow, 1 year old	0 10 0
Second do	0 7 6
For the best Colt, 2 year old	1 5 0
Second best do	1 0 0
For the best Colt, 1 year old	1 0 0
Second best do	0 15 0

The decision of the Judges, or any two of them, to be final. All the premiums of 10s. and upwards, to be competed for by members of the Society one: the premiums under 10s. to be open for general competition. In all cases, whether there be any competition or not, it will be, in the discretion of the Committee to withhold a premium, if in their opinion, the objects offered are not worthy of it.

It is a standing rule of the Society—that the premiums to be awarded shall be confined under the rules of competition to that class of persons coming under the description of Farmers, and who depend principally upon the cultivation of the soil for a livelihood."

By Order of the Board.

NIEL McLEAN, Secretary.
Miramichi, 1st April, 1845.

NORTHUMBERLAND AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The Society will hold Two PLOUGHING MATCHES in OCTOBER next. The first to take place in Chatham, on Wednesday, the 1st of October. The sum of £ will be offered as Premiums at each of the Ploughing Matches, subject to the under-mentioned conditions:—

1st CLASS.

Open to all competitors, except the persons who have received the first prize on any former Ploughing Match of the Society.

For the best Ploughman	1 5 0
Second best	1 0 0
Third best	0 15 0

2nd CLASS.

Open to natives of the Colonies, and persons who arrived in the Colonies when under 15 years of age, except the winners of the first prize in this class at any former Ploughing Match of the Society.

For the best Ploughman	1 5 0
Second best do	1 0 0
Third best do	0 15 0

CONDITIONS.

1st. The Premiums to be awarded by three Judges, whose names will be announced by the Board on the morning of competition.

2nd. The teams intended to compete must be the property of members of the Society.

3rd. The owner of a team may, if he see fit, employ his son or steward to hold the plough.

4th. No driver to be allowed.

5th. The particular ridge or portion assigned to each team, to be determined by lot.

6th. The size of the Furrow to be 8 inches broad by 4½ inches deep.

7th. The teams to be on the ground by half past nine o'clock, and ready to start by 10 o'clock, A. M.

8th. The Judges to determine and announce before starting, the quantity of ground to be ploughed; the length of time allowed for the performance of it; and any further conditions that may be deemed necessary.

The Judges shall be at liberty to reserve the three premiums in each class, should the work performed in their opinion, not deserve this mark of approbation, or in case of a sufficient number of teams not coming forward to afford fair scope for competition. By Order of the Board.

NIEL McLEAN, Secretary.
Miramichi, 1st April, 1845.