

## Editor's Department.

MIRAMICHI:

CHATHAM, TUESDAY, APRIL 8.

**NEW WESLEYAN CHAPEL.**—A neat and elegant Chapel has lately been erected at Nelson, on the South West Branch of Miramichi River, capable of accommodating from 150 to 200 persons. It displays no unnecessary ornaments, but it is well built, tastefully fitted up, and is in every way suited to the character and wants of the surrounding population. On Sunday, 30th March, two most appropriate and edifying sermons were preached in the above Chapel, by the Rev. Ingham Sutcliffe, of Fredericton, and the building solemnly consecrated to the worship of Almighty God. The Chapel was crowded with deeply attentive and serious hearers. The Collections amounted to £18 2 6, which far exceeded the expectations many entertained respecting them, especially as a large sum had been previously raised by the liberality and zealous efforts of Messrs. D. and R. Crocker. Friends connected with different churches have generously and liberally assisted in raising the above sums.

What greatly added to the interest of the opening Services, was the extreme liberality evinced by the friendly residents who entertained the visitors at their respective houses; and the assistance rendered by the Choirs from Chatham and Newcastle. The friends are, nevertheless, assured, that "Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it; except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain." Ps. 127, 1.

On Monday, March 31, the Rev. Gentleman preached a most interesting sermon, in the New Chapel, in behalf of the Heathen, who are "perishing for lack of knowledge," after which many who are friendly to the cause of Christian missions came forward and subscribed most cheerfully and liberally.—Communicated.

Chatham, 4th April, 1845.

**THE LOYALIST vs. THE GLEANER.**—We perceive in the *Loyalist* of the 3rd instant, an editorial article which contains statements at variance with the facts. The editor says we have been "tampered with," and then proceeds to say—"The *Miramichi Gleaner*, acting no doubt under the direction of the Northern Luminary, or Leg No. 2, recommends a step which no doubt was conceived with a full knowledge of public opinion in Northumberland, and overlooking a county meeting, suggested that one be called in and for the village of Chatham."

With regard to the first charge—those who are personally acquainted with us, and whose opinions we consider worthy of notice, know full well, that we do not possess a very vacillating mind, and are not disposed to change our sentiments to suit the views of any individual or party in this county; and what is of some importance to the community in which we reside, we are not in such a dependant position (as has been meanly insinuated by a "loafer" correspondent in another print) as to be forced, for fear of consequences, to act in any other way than our inclination and sense of justice lead us.

With regard to the second charge—recommending a meeting to be held in Chatham—our paper will speak for itself. No such recommendation emanated from us. In speaking of the St. John and Portland Addresses, we said, that if similar Addresses were got up in this county, they would be numerous. It was done, and the result proved the correctness of our judgment. This recommendation was published, be it also remembered, before the "Northern Luminary" made its recent appearance in Chatham.

These are facts, and Burns says they

"stubborn chiefs,  
Which winna be resisted."

**INCREASE OF REPRESENTATION.**—The *Loyalist* of Thursday last contains in a postscript, the following gratifying piece of intelligence:—

"*Thursday Evening.*—A long debate took place to day upon the Bill to increase the representation of Northumberland. After strenuous opposition the Bill was passed for an increase of two members, by the committee dividing 16-14, and upon the question being taken for accepting the report, the House divided 17-13."

The Reporter of Friday last, has the following paragraph on the same subject:

"The House then went into committee on a bill to increase the representation of Northumberland. This occupied the whole day; the only question being whether the county should have one or two members. The bill giving two after a great variety of divisions and subdivisions finally passed 16 to 14. Every effort was made by the opposition to the bill to defeat it. St. John, King's, Carleton, and the new county of Albert, were proposed as subjects of increase, without effect. Carleton failed by a majority of one, it being the opinion of several that it was entitled to the addition at all hazards."

**ADDRESSES TO HIS EXCELLENCY.**—We have been kindly handed copies of the Addresses which have been presented to His Excellency from the Counties of Northumberland and Gloucester, with His Excellency's replies thereto. We insert them below:

To His Excellency Sir W. M. G. Colebrooke, K.H., Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province of New Brunswick, &c. &c. &c.

We, the undersigned Freeholders and Inhabitants of the county of Northumberland, beg leave respectfully to approach your Excellency, with assurances of our entire approbation of the manner in which the Prerogative of the Crown was recently exercised by your Excellency, in the appointment of Alfred Reade, Esquire, to the office of Provincial Secretary, in the room of the late honorable Mr. Odell.

We feel assured from the general expression of opinion since the appointment, of persons who we presume to be fully qualified to form a correct judgment, that the talents, qualifications, and character of Mr. Reade, are such as will enable him to discharge all the duties of his important Office, with advantage to the public service, free from all political or local bias, and therefore in a manner that must give satisfaction to the country generally.

Such being our opinion of the appointment, we conceive that the Prerogative of the Crown has in this instance been exercised by your Excellency, in a judicious and just manner, and we sincerely trust that your Excellency's act will meet with the approval and confirmation of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen.

Miramichi, 24th March, 1845.

To the Reverend John Shannahan, Michael Samuel, Davis Hewson, Esquires, and other inhabitants of the County of Northumberland.

I return you my sincere thanks for your Address. Regarding the due exercise of the Royal Prerogative in the appointment of office to be one of the most responsible obligations attaching to my station, it is very satisfactory to me to find, that the recent appointment of Mr. Reade should be so favorably regarded by you, convinced as I am that he will discharge the duties in a manner not only to justify the confidence I have long reposed in him, but to strengthen that of the public in his ability, and entire freedom from party influences; the importance of which you will readily appreciate from the extensive correspondence which it devolves on him to conduct in the name of the Lieutenant Governor throughout the province.

I will only add that it is my anxious wish to strengthen the general impression throughout this loyal province, of the integrity and efficiency with which the business of the people is conducted in the several Departments of the Government, to which they have occasion to refer.

W. M. G. COLEBROOKE.

To His Excellency Sir W. M. G. Colebrooke, K.H., Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province of New Brunswick, &c. &c. &c.

We, the undersigned Inhabitants of the Lower district of the County of Gloucester, beg leave to concur with your Excellency upon the appointment of Alfred Reade, Esquire, to the office of Provincial Secretary, and from the favorable opinions we have heard expressed of this Gentleman we have full reliance on the duties of the office being efficiently and impartially discharged.

We admire the stand your Excellency has assumed, and we fully appreciate the support you have received from your present advisers.

We repudiate the expressions of the representatives of this County, and request that your Excellency will not regard them as the sentiments or opinions of Constituents; nor does the excitement alleged by some of the Members of the Assembly, to be general throughout the province, exist in this County.

We beg leave to avail ourselves of this opportunity to assure your Excellency that we have full reliance on your Excellency's administration as at present constituted.

We have the honor to be  
Your Excellency's  
Most ob't humble servant

To Joseph Read Esq. the Rev. A. Barron, S. L. Bishop, Esq. & other Inhabitants of the County of Gloucester.

Accept my acknowledgements for your address, and the opinion you have expressed, that the duties of the Provincial Secretary will be effectually and impartially executed by Mr. Reade.

Believing that the appointment would prove satisfactory to all who might have occasion to transact business with the Government through that department, it is gratifying to me to find that the possession of my confidence by the Gentleman who conducts my correspondence is recognized as a qualification for such an office.

In sustaining the prerogative of the Crown, I have done no more than fulfil the trust reposed in me by Her Majesty, and I hope that the people of this Loyal Province will never be so far misled as to doubt that on its due maintenance depends the preservation of their own liberties and the blessings they enjoy as British subjects.

It is with sincere pleasure I observe, that the constitutional course pursued by the present Executive Council is regarded by you as giving them a just claim to the public confidence.

Aware how much the credit of any administration must depend on the manner in which the Executive functions of the Government may be discharged, I wish to be understood as desiring to advance to situations of trust, those only who may testify their devotion to the Crown by assiduous application to their duties, and prompt attention to the claims of all who may have occasion to apply to them.

(Signed) W. M. G. COLEBROOKE.

**LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SEEKERS.**—A correspondent of the *New York Journal of Commerce*, residing at Washington, furnishes the following piece of news:—

"I stated to you in a former letter that about seventy members of Congress had applied for offices, either for themselves or friends. I should have stated about seventy members of Congress applied directly for office for themselves or for their sons, brothers, brothers in law, cousins, nephews, &c. I presume nearly every member of Congress, the whole 250 or 300, have signed various recommendations to office—either with their state delegations or as individuals."

**AMERICAN PRESS.**—The *New York Sun* furnishes its readers with the following intelligence from the Colonies. We leave our readers to judge for themselves of the correctness of the picture sketched.

"We have our regular files and private advices from Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island, to the 15th, and from Montreal to the 19th instant."

"The public mind in Nova Scotia is being roused to a full sense of the humiliating position in which it has ever been the policy of the home government to place the colonies. A clearer perception of the rights of a free people, is spreading rapidly among the colonies in North America. Onerous restrictions upon individual enterprise; monopolies in trade and commerce; an established church with predilected heads; an impoverished treasury and inadequate provisions for public instruction, have awakened the people of Nova Scotia to the utter hopelessness of their ever becoming prosperous and happy under the present colonial policy of Great Britain. A movement has commenced of which we shall speak hereafter. From Canada we learn that the Government majority is sustained by a corrupt system of bargain and sale, between members of Parliament and the administration. The leaders of the French Canadians are kept in harness by official favors."

**PROVINCIAL APPOINTMENTS.**—The Royal Gazette of April 2, contains the following appointment of Supervisors for the Great Roads, for the present year:—

Bliss Botsford—Hayward's Mills to Nova Scotia Line; Shediac to Petitcodiac.  
Alexander Goodfellow—Fredericton to Corry's Inn, Nerepis road; Fredericton to Woodstock; Fredericton to Renous river, on the Newcastle road, upon which last mentioned line is to be expended £300.

William Chandler—Dorchester, to Shediac; Shediac to Richibucto.

David Crocker—Richibucto to Chatham; Newcastle to Bathurst; Bathurst to Campbellton; Newcastle to Renous river, and the Bridge over Renous river, upon which last mentioned line he is to expend the sum of £500.

James Davidson—Goodfellow's to the Northumberland line at Tracadie, being part of the road from Bathurst to Miramichi, via Pokemouche, for the expenditure of £100.

Joseph Read—Tracadie to Bathurst; also part of the road from Bathurst to Miramichi, via Pokemouche, for the expenditure of £100.

Capitan Hayne—To be Commissioner for the road from Stanley to Campbellton.

NOVASCOTIA.—The Legislature of this

Province has granted £250 to each of the Colleges in the Province, and £150 to the Wesleyan Academy in Sackville. A motion by Mr. Huntington, against maintaining Sectarian Colleges, was lost 25 to 23. A Bill introduced by the same gentleman, for the repeal of the annual grant of £444 to King's College, Windsor, with a view to placing it on the same footing as the other Collegiate Institutions in the Province, after a spirited debate, was rejected 22 to 21.

**PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE.**—The Journals of the Legislature in our possession, are to the 28th of March. On the previous day, His Excellency came down to the Council Chamber, and gave his assent to eighty five bills passed the present session. We have given some extracts from the Journals in another page.

We perceive by a letter in the *Courier*, that the Post office committee have recommended £545, for grants for the temporary support of Couriers and Packets. The same writer states, that the Auction duty Bill has passed both houses of the Legislature, reducing the duty to one per cent, with all the exemptions of the old act.

**NEWFOUNDLAND.**—Late papers from this Island, have been received at Halifax. The Assembly have discontinued the grant of £1,000 per annum to the North American, steamer, which conveyed the mail last season to Halifax, and they have petitioned the Home Government to allow the Royal mail steamers to touch at St. John's. 128 vessels, of the burthen of 11,972 tons, had cleared for the Seal Fishery—being 7 more than last year. Much distress, it appears, exists among the inhabitants of Bruden.

**Marriages.**  
At Richibucto, on the 3d inst. by the Rev. James Hannay, Mr. John Walker, to Miss Elizabeth Agnew, both of the parish of Weldford.

## Caution.

I, the undersigned, do hereby caution all persons from purchasing or receiving a payment, any Promissory Notes, Bonds, or Obligations which my two sons, Bruno de St. Pierre, and Uilbe de St. Pierre, may have signed in favor of the Rev. Hector Drolet, of Carleton, for the following lawful reasons, viz— 1st—Because they are both under age. 2ndly—Because their signatures were extorted from them, and no value paid or received for the same. 3rdly—Because I, as their natural and lawful guardian was not consulted on the subject.

JOSEPH DE ST. PIERRE.

THOMAS FALE, Witness.  
T. LE GALLAIS, Attorney.  
Shippigan, 25th March 1845.

## LYING DOWN THE BUOYS.

Tenders will be received at the Store of Mr. L. HAWBOLT, until the 15th April next from such persons as may be desirous of entering into Contracts for laying down said BUOYS in their proper places in the River Miramichi.

L. HAWBOLT, Comr. of Buoys and Beacons.

Chatham, March 25, 1845.

## ASSESSORS NOTICE.

The subscribers having been appointed, and duly sworn to the Office of Assessors of the Parish of Chatham, Public Notice is hereby given, that they are ready to receive any, or such information as persons liable to assessment may think fit to give, relative to their Income, Property, and value thereof, previous to FRIDAY, the 11th April next.

J. M. CARMAN, Assessors.

JAMES CALE, Assessors.

JAMES KERR, Assessors.

Chatham, 11th March, 1845.

## CAUTION!

ALL Persons indebted to WILLIAM McMASTER, late of the Parish of Nelson, in the county of Northumberland, Lumberer, an absconding debtor, are hereby cautioned and forbid paying to, or making any arrangement with William McMaster, junior, or any other person except the subscribers, or one of them, or Messrs. Street & Davidson, their Attorneys, who alone are authorized to receive the debts due the said William McMaster, or grant discharges therefor.

Thomas C. Allan, Trustees.

Alexander Foster, Trustees.

Niel McLean, Trustees.

Dated the 10th day of January, 1845.