

A correspondent of the Saint John Courier, writes from Fredericton, on the 14th instant, as follows:—

"The Revenue Bill will be committed to-morrow, and then expect to hear of a warm debate and conflicting opinions. The Committee could not agree what to recommend to the House, and the whole subject is left open."

NEW POST OFFICE ARRANGEMENTS.—We have been favored with an official sketch of the new mail arrangements, to which we lately alluded. It will be observed that the alteration in the arrival of the Bay mails will take place immediately, but that the new line to Halifax, via Fredericton, will not commence until after the 5th April.

Departure of the Mails—Miramichi. The Mails for Halifax, Saint John, the United States, Canada, &c. via Fredericton, will close (after the 5th April) on Mondays, at half-past Nine in the Morning.

The Mails for the same places, via Dorchester, will close as usual, on Saturday morning, at half-past 5.

The Mails for Baie des Chaleurs, will close as usual, on Monday, at half-past 7 in the morning.

Arrival of Mails—Miramichi. The Mails from Halifax, Saint John, the United States, Canada, &c. via Fredericton, will arrive at Chatham, on Friday, at a quarter after 4 in the afternoon.

The Mails from do. via Dorchester, will arrive as usual, on Monday morning at 7 o'clock. The Mails from Bay Chaleur will arrive on Friday, at 5 in the morning.

Despatch and Arrival of Mails, at Saint John, Fredericton, and Dorchester.

SAINT JOHN. Despatch of United States Mails, via Saint Andrews, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, at half past seven in the morning.

Arrival of do. on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, at half-past 2 in the afternoon.

FREDERICTON. Despatch of United States Mails, via Houlton, Tuesdays, Thursdays, at Saturday, at 10 in the morning!

Despatch of Canada Mails, Tuesdays and Saturdays, same hour.

Arrival of United States Mails, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, at 5 in the morning.

Arrival of Canada Mails, Tuesdays and Fridays same hour.

DORCHESTER: Despatch of Halifax Mails, Tuesdays and Thursdays, at noon: Arrival of the same, Sundays and Wednesdays, at 7 in the morning.

The mail received on Friday evening will be despatched to the Southward the following morning. We mention this, that our readers on the Southern route as far as Shediac, can acquaint their friends in Halifax and Saint John with the circumstance.

Papers published in Halifax and Saint John, on Saturday, may be read in Miramichi on Monday morning, somewhat less than two days: and Halifax papers of Tuesday, Saint John of Wednesday, and Fredericton of Thursday, will reach here, via the Nashwalk, on Friday afternoon.

We have been loud in our complaints lately against the heads of the Post Office Department, respecting their mail arrangements. It gives us much satisfaction now to bestow on them a large measure of praise. The arrangements they are now about to enter upon, will give the people in this quarter, very great satisfaction; and we feel persuaded they are grateful to the Gentlemen at the head of the department, for the ready manner in which they have removed the evils, and granted extended privileges.

LEPROSY AT SHELDRAKE ISLAND.—The Journal of the Assembly of the 3rd instant, contains a very luminous and highly interesting Report from Dr. Key, respecting the nature, rise and progress of the cases of Leprosy now on Shel Drake Island. The Doctor goes very minutely into all the details, and gives the decision of a host of eminent individuals respecting the disease, all of whom bear him out

in the opinion that it is contagious, and he is also strengthened in this opinion by the conclusions of the individuals themselves, as well as his own observations of the progress it made in the settlements from which they have, fortunately, been removed.

We perceive by an Editorial article in the St. John Courier, and a Communication in the Observer, that an attempt is made by the writers, to prove that Leprosy is not infectious; that modern enquiry has exploded this opinion, and proved that it is hereditary. It is not for us to argue this intricate and important question, though very likely we have pruned as deeply into the arcanum of the "Diseases which flesh is heir to"

as our cotemporary of the Courier; but we prefer publishing the Doctor's Report, and let the public judge whether he has made out a good case.

But admitting that our cotemporary's theory is correct—and that the frightful disease which these poor creatures has contracted, is not contagious, we would ask any individual who has the smallest spark of humanity glowing in his bosom, would it be humane, would it be following up the Divine injunction—"do unto others as you wish they should do unto you," to allow them to suffer as they previously did with their relatives, before they were removed to the Island; deprived of medical attendance, and from the fear of their imparting the disease to other branches of the family, to be forced (as several of them were) into outhouses, unattended, to die, without even the common necessities of life being supplied them. No; we consider the Legislature manifested a proper spirit, by putting at the disposal of the Executive means to render the short period allotted to them in this world, as comfortable as possible; and by proper attention to their wants, to assuage the pain and misery of a frightful disorder, which was hurrying them on to a certain death.

Much opposition has been evinced from the first, by parties residing on the other side of the Province, to any Provincial aid being extended to these poor creatures; but we are inclined to think, that a very different opinion would be entertained, were the Lepers residing in their neighbourhood, and that they could but get a glimpse at their frightfully disordered bodies.

We trust the members of the Legislature will not be induced from the clamour which has been raised in certain quarters, to withhold the necessary support to keep up this humane establishment.

INCREASE OF REPRESENTATION.—We perceive by the Debates in the Assembly, that when the subject of increasing the Representation of King's County came before them, that Mr Street contended strongly that Northumberland was more entitled than King's to an additional member; and moved an amendment to the Bill, that Northumberland be added. This amendment was lost. Several of the members admitted that our claims were very strong, and if a separate Bill were introduced, they would support it. Others contended, that as we did not petition, we did not wish it. We sincerely trust, that Mr Street will have a Bill ready next Session; and to remove all cavil, that it will be backed by a numerously signed petition.

It is preposterous to think, that Westmorland, an entirely Agricultural county, should have five members; and that King's, also an Agricultural county, should be represented by three members, while Northumberland, equally populous, extensively engaged in Lumbering, Fishing, and Agriculture, and paying a larger amount into the Casual and Ordinary Revenues of the Province (with the exception of St. John) than any other county, should be put off with only two. We, however, blame the constituency of the

county for this—if they were fully alive to their own interests, and act with becoming promptness and zeal on all matters connected with their interest, instead of attaching themselves to local parties, and allowing the heads of the same to exercise an undue influence over them, the evil of which we at present complain, would long since have been remedied—for the members of the Assembly would not have dared to have kept from us a privilege, which they well know, we are justly entitled to. But party feeling is our bane—it blights and destroys all our energies, and tends to encourage selfish individuals in the Legislature to withhold from us all that they possibly can.

When will the people feel the necessity of abandoning so suicidal a career? When will they see the folly of persisting in their present foolish and pernicious course? Every election points out to them the evils arising from it, but still they will not apply a remedy—and what is still worse, they will not support those who are disposed to step out and devise means to bring about a more healthy state of things. Truly, there is no strength in a divided house.

A rumour was very current here last week, that our members were tacit on the subject of increasing the representation of this County. The above remarks will set the matter at rest, and remove this impression. Mr Street advocated it, as he has always done, most strenuously; but it ought to be brought before the house in a more prominent manner.

PROVINCIAL APPOINTMENTS.—The following gentlemen have been re-elected Sheriffs for the present year—

- John M. Johnson, for Northumberland
- William A. Black, Kent,
- Henry W. Baldwin, Gloucester,
- John U. Campbell, Restigouche.

LIST OF PERSONS Appointed Parish Officers for the Parish of Newcastle for the year 1845.

- Overseers of Poor.—Alexander Foster, John Porter, Christopher Wishart.
- Assessors.—Alexander Rankin, Alexander Goodfellow, Edward Wilkison.
- Overseers of Highways.—William Stothard, Alexander Jessiman, Patrick Hays, John Rust, John Millar, Alexander Russell, Andrew Hay, Michael Quigley, William Russell, Daniel Witherell.
- Overseers of Fisheries.—Andrew Hay, James Russell, Junr, Hugh Hamill.
- Fence Viewers.—John Millar, William Stothard, Andrew Hay.
- Pound Keepers.—Edward Farrall, Alexander Jessiman, Andrew Hay.
- Hog-reeves.—John Robinson, Hugh Hunter, James Millar, John Wyse, John Rennie, Andrew Hay, Junr, James A. Crane, John Maltby, Peter Milne, George Grant, James Fish, Patrick Morrissey, Winkworth Allan, Peter Mitchell, Junr, William Duncanson.
- Commissioners of Highways.—Hugh Hamill, Alexander Goodfellow, David Johnson.
- Constables.—Edward Farrall, Patrick Wheelock, Thomas Egan, Robert Greenlaw, Patrick Morrissey, William Room, Michael McCarty, George Grant, John Russell, (James's son).
- Inspectors of Fish and Barrels.—John McKenzie, Alexander Russell, James Herbert, Alexander Stuart, Andrew Hay, James Hay, John Hay, William Gordon.
- Surveyors of Lumber.—Alexander McKillop, Robert Morrison, Donald Morrison, Walter Johnson, David Thomson, Robert McCosh, Patrick Griffin, Andrew O'Neill, Thomas Connolly, Jeremiah O'Neill, James O'Donnell, Donald McDonald, Ronald Davidson, Thomas B. Maltby, Thomas Wilson, Edward O'Connor, Murdoch Gillis, Thomas B. Maltby, Junr, Lawrence Greenan.
- Trustees of Schools.—Rev. W. Henderson, Richard Hutchison, Christopher Wishart.
- Collector of Taxes.—Hugh Morrell, upper district; John Ferguson, middle district; James Russell, lower district.
- Weigher of Hay.—Hugh Hamill.
- Town Clerk.—Hugh Morrell.

Marriages. At Napan, on the 13th inst. by the Rev. John Machean, M. A., Mr Alexander Loggie, to Miss Georgiana Gray Jardine, both of the Parish of Chatham.

Deaths. At Douglastown, on the 17th instant, Mr John Robson, aged 19 years, much regretted. Funeral to take place To-morrow, Wednesday, at 11 o'clock forenoon, when friends are requested to attend.

NOTICES.

A Meeting of the Committee of the Highland Society of New Brunswick, will be held at Little's Hotel, Chatham, on TUESDAY, the 25th March, instant.

Niel McLean, } Secretaries.
Alex. Lowden, }
Miramichi, 17th March, 1845.

The Annual Meeting of the Northumberland Agricultural Society, will be held at Mitchell's Hotel, Newcastle, on WEDNESDAY, the 28th March, inst; when a full attendance of Members is particularly requested.

NIEL McLEAN, Secretary.
Miramichi, 17th March, 1845.

The Northumberland Agricultural Society Have for sale, a

General Assortment of Garden Seeds, Imported last autumn from the Seedsmen of the Highland Agricultural Society of Scotland, and by them highly recommended.

Also—Dutch Red Clover Seed, imported from Britain; 2 and 4 rowed Barley.

Aberdeen Yellow, and purple top Swedish Turnip Seed; Spring Tares; Dutch sowing Flax Seed, and Bone Dust, in Barrels.
March 13, 1845.

To Let.

THE RETAIL STORE adjoining the Office of the subscriber; for one or more years from the 1st of May next. Apply at the Office of

GEORGE KERR.
Chatham, 14th March, 1845.

WANTED IMMEDIATELY.

By the Subscriber, TWO JOURNEYMAN TAILORS; to whom good wages, and constant employment will be given.

JOHN CRUISE.
Bathurst, 10th March, 1845.

Wanted.

A FEMALE TEACHER to take charge of a school in the Town of Bathurst, County of Gloucester. Apply to

Rev. A. Barron,
S. L. Bishop,
Richard Gorman.

Trustees of Schools for the Parish of Bathurst, or to WILLIAM GARMAN, Junr. Esq. Chatham.
March 17, 1845.

Sheriff's Sales:

On SATURDAY, 16th August next, between the hours of 12 and 5 o'clock, p. m. in front of Hamill's Hotel, Newcastle, will be sold at Public Auction:

All the Right, Title, Interest, Property, Claim and Demand, of WILLIAM WALSH, in and to a Lot of Land, on which he lately resided, situate on the North West Branch of Miramichi, and in the Parish of North Esk—also All other the Real Estate, of the said WILLIAM WALSH, situate in the County of Northumberland—The same having been seized by me, by Virtue of an Execution issued out of the Supreme Court, at the suit of Nathaniel Spalding, against the said William Walsh and another.
JOHN M. JOHNSON, Sheriff.
Sheriff's Office, 30th January, 1845.

On the 4th Saturday in MAY next, in front of Hamill's Hotel, Newcastle, between the hours of 12 and 5 o'clock, p. m., will be sold by Public Auction:—

All that certain Lot or Tract of LAND; situate on the south side of the south west branch of Miramichi River, in the Parish of Nelson, known and distinguished as LOT No. 4, granted to William Clarke, bounded easterly by Lot No. 3, and westerly by Lands occupied by Thomas Doyle.

Also—all other the Real Estate of William McMaster, situate in the county of Northumberland; the same having been seized by me, under and by virtue of an Execution issued out of the Supreme Court, against the said William McMaster, at the suit of Alexander Rankin.

JOHN M. JOHNSON, Sheriff.
Sheriff's Office, Northumberland, }
19th November 1844. }

On the 4th Saturday in MAY next, in front of Hamill's Hotel, Newcastle, between the hours 12 and 5 o'clock, p. m., will be sold by Public Auction:—

All that certain Tract, Piece or Parcel of LAND, situate, lying and being on the northerly side of the south west Branch of the Miramichi river, in the parish of Blissfield, bounded on the lower side by lands lately in the occupation of Nathaniel Moors, and on the upper side by lands granted to William Mitchell, being the Lands on which Daniel Small lately resided.

Also—all that other Lot or Tract of LAND, situated on the south side of the said River, in the parish of Blissfield, known and distinguished in the original grant thereof, to William Green, as Lot No. 11, bounded westerly by Lot No. 12, granted to William Green, easterly by Lot No. 10, granted to Andrew Green, and in front by the river. Also—all other the Real Estate of the said Daniel Small, situate within the county of Northumberland—the same having been seized by virtue of Executions issued out of the Supreme Court against the said Daniel Small.

JOHN M. JOHNSON, Sheriff.
Sheriff's Office, Northumberland, }
18th November, 1844. }