

compression of the brain, mind is suspended. In perfect sleep the brain reposes, and the mind ceases to be manifested. Were it an immaterial spout, acting independently of the brain, its repose could not suspend the spirit's working. In fainting, the blood ceases to supply the brain, and consciousness and motion are suspended. Several most interesting and instructive experiments on compression of the brain, have been made by Richerand, Sir Astley Cooper, Chapman, and others. A few such cases may be cited.

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Editor's Department.

MIRAMICHI:

CHATHAM, TUESDAY, DEC. 15, 1846.

The Subscriber having been compelled to consume a large amount of time, and incur considerable expense, in his too often fruitless endeavours to collect his far-spread Outstanding Debts, he hereby notifies all persons to whom he is not indebted, and with whom he has not a running account, that orders for Advertising in the Gleaner, and for Printing, in future, must be accompanied with the CASH, otherwise they will not meet with attention.

JAMES A. PIERCE.

Gleaner Office, October 23, 1846.

MILITARY PROMOTIONS.—Among the recent promotions, we perceive that Sir John Harvey has been raised to the rank of Lieutenant General, and our respected Governor, Lieutenant Colonel Sir W. M. G. Colebrooke, to the rank of Colonel.

UNITED STATES.—Steam Boat Disaster.—Last week we announced the wreck of the splendid steamer Atlantic in the Sound, accompanied with a melancholy loss of human life: later papers give the particulars of a disastrous accident, which occurred in the Mississippi, on the 21st ult, by which from twenty to thirty persons were speedily hurried into eternity, and a number severely scalded. A slip from the New Orleans Picayune thus briefly narrates the sad disaster.

"The steamboat Sultana, bound down the river, came in contact with the steamboat Maria, bound up, striking her just forward of the wheel-house, and by the violence of the shock broke the connection pipe of the Maria, by which between twenty-five and thirty deck passengers were scalded, and many of them so severely that there was no prospect of their recovery.

"The Maria sunk to within about two feet of her cabin floor within five minutes after the collision, drowning between twenty-five and thirty persons who were on the lower deck. The cabin passengers were all saved."

AMERICAN FLOUR MARKET.—This necessary article, which is emphatically styled the staff of life, is reported in the last American papers to be very abundant, and rapidly declining in price. A New York paper of the 1st December thus speaks of the closing of the canal navigation, and the stock of provisions and flour ready for shipment.

"The prevailing belief is that the Canal has closed. The reports are that the quantity of Flour frozen in will be only about 50,000 barrels. The river navigation is good, and it is believed that all the produce at Albany will be shipped. The quantity of Flour and produce now afloat or piled up on our docks is immense. Both stores and wharves appear to be filled."

CANADA.—The Canada papers furnish a detailed account of the produce and other articles shipped at the city of Montreal for ports in Great Britain during the season of 1846, from which we condense the following summary. The amount of Flour, we suspect, will astonish the generality of our readers, but it only goes to prove the capabilities of the country, and its great importance to the mother country, in a mercantile point of view.

Flour, bbls.	692,650
Wheat, minots	440,746
Butter, kegs and barrels	9,950
Lard, do	4,175
Peas, Pots and Pearl	12,984
Beef	689
Pork	1,987
Peas, minots	148,025
Deals, pieces	8,524
Boards do.	26,563

Handspikes, do	661
Oars	555

The following was shipped to Halifax and the lower ports.

Flour, barrels	13,995
Butter, kegs	445
Lard, do	60
Wheat, minots	41,400
Pearl Ashes, barrels	50
Pot, do do	40
Beef, do do	259
Pork, do do	955
Pease, minots	5,444

Produce sent down in barges not included in the above statement.

COUNTY KENT.—We have been furnished with the following account of the celebration of the Tutelar Saint of Scotland in Richibucto. The dinner came off in Mr. Grogan's "Kent Hotel," and our informant says:—"The greatest credit is due to the managing committee for the sumptuousness of the repast, which comprised every delicacy of the season, and no eulogy could overrate the efficiency of the worthy host."

The cloth being removed the highly esteemed President, GEORGE PAGAN, Esq. having made a few preparatory remarks, gave the following toasts which were all most cordially received and enthusiastically drunk.

The pious Memory of Saint Andrew.

The Queen—God bless her. Nine times nine. National Anthem, by W. A. Black, Esq.

Prince of Wales—illustrious scion of a noble race. Responded to by T. M. Deblois, Esq.

Prince Albert and the Royal Family. Song—The Royal Oak, by Mr Levy.

His Excellency Earl Cathcart, Governor General of British North America

The Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick. Responded to by D. Wark, Esq.

The Duke of Wellington and the Army.—The recent achievements of British valor are blended with the names of Moodkee, Ferozepore, Sobraon, and Aliwal, and again attest the pre-eminence of the British arms. Gaelic Song, by Mr McQuarry. Death of Abercrombie.

The Navy—the heroes who have gained for England the proud appellation of the Mistress of the Seas. Like Leviathans afloat lay their bulwarks on the brine. Rule Britannia, by Captain Mason.

Lady Colebrooke, and the Fair Daughters of New Brunswick. Mr. Roxburgh, in reply to the above toast, said—he could not permit the present auspicious occasion to pass over without giving expression to the full emotions of his heart. Actuated by feelings of gallantry the most devoted, he was bound to acknowledge the pleasure to be derived from the society of the fair daughters of New Brunswick, and more particularly from those of the county of Kent; and though the frozen regions of the north might be supposed to chill the affections of the heart, yet he could assure them that for warmth of feeling, for beauty, virtue, amiableness, intelligence, and vivacity, they would vie even with those of his own native land. Song by Mr Graham—Let the toast be dear Woman.

The Clergy of all denominations.

The Bench and Bar of New Brunswick. Song by J. A. James, Esq.—the days when we went gipsying.

The sons of St. George. Song by Mr Leden.

The sons of Saint Patrick. Song—Erin go Bragh.

Several other toasts were given from the chair, which were duly responded to.

Here concluded the toasts from the chair.—A number of volunteer toasts followed, among which may be enumerated, by Vice President, W. A. Black Esq., the mercantile interests of Kent; which elicited a few very suitable remarks from J. W. Holderness, Esq. The Agricultural interest of Kent, by D. Wark, Esq.—responded to by Mr. Potter.—The Milling interests of Kent, by Mr J. Little responded to by Mr A. Cameron.—Our worthy host and hostess, by Dr. McLaren. Mr Grogan replied to the foregoing toast, and said, that he was highly grateful for the manner in which it had been received, and that both Mrs. Grogan and himself could have no higher satisfaction than to be assured that the arrangements met their approbation.

The utmost harmony and order distinguished the festival, and

"It seemed as if the wish to stay grew stronger.

The more 'twas time to go."

The short hours found many of the souled-hours of Caledonia around the festival board.

THE SEASON.—If old winter was tardy in making his appearance, he has made ample amends in the promptitude and rigour with which he has commenced his

reign. His sturdy co-adjutors frost and snow, have within the week, laid rigorous siege to every thing around; and the success of their assaults may be seen on our river, which is now fast bound in icy fetters, of sufficient thickness to admit of horses and sleighs travelling thereon with perfect safety. Our roads are covered with snow, upwards of a foot in depth; and the frost has been so intense, that we have been compelled to resume our winter garments, and set our stoves and houses in order.

About mid-day on Friday it commenced snowing, which did not cease until Sunday morning; and as the wind blew strong from the Northward and Eastward the snow drifted considerably—blocking up the roads. Travelling, is therefore, rendered difficult and dangerous, and some days must elapse before the impediments can be removed. The weather is still unsettled portending another fall of snow.

SEAR'S NEW WORKS.—A few weeks ago we announced that this enterprising publisher had issued from the press two new works—A pictorial description of England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales, and the British Islands; and his Information for the People; and at the same time, published the favourable critics of several New York Journals on the works. A few days ago, Mr. Rue, his Agent here, favoured us with a sight of these highly useful and instructive volumes—and we would advise all persons who feel inclined to possess themselves of a fund of information, or wish at the approaching "festive season" to bestow a useful gift on a friend, to call and examine the works themselves, and we feel persuaded they will not be disappointed.

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.—The Miramichi Mechanics' Institute will be opened on Thursday evening next, in Mr. Joseph Samuel's large room, the proprietor of which having very generously offered it for that purpose for one year, free of charge, when James Caie, Esq. will deliver an Address on the rise, progress and utility of these institutions, and the benefits they have already conferred on mankind. We sincerely trust that this infant establishment will obtain a large measure of support and countenance from our mechanics. It is principally for their advantage it has been put into operation, and its future utility and usefulness must in a great measure depend on the interest taken by our artizans in its welfare.

If the persons who have taken a lively interest in its formation, are cheered and encouraged by them, it will strengthen their hands, and urge them to renewed exertions—but if they obtain but lukewarm support, and a disposition be manifested to hold back, it is certain their ardour will receive a check; and this institution, which is calculated to confer so many important benefits, by imparting useful and instructive knowledge, and creating a better understanding among the working classes in our community than at present exists, will of necessity be short-lived, and many years must roll over, before any thing of a similar nature can be revived.

We would, therefore strenuously urge on the attention of our Mechanics, the importance of this subject. Granted—every thing may not have been done that we could wish had been done—but still much has been effected, and by the time another season has arrived, the little discrepancies that are in the way, can be removed, and the office bearers (the majority of whom are Mechanics,) after having had a trial of their code of rules and regulation, will be able to judge of their fitness, and take the necessary steps to remove any defect that may exist therein. Perfection is not a thing that is easily attained in this world, for it has been by a series of disappointments and discouragements

that the great and master-minds of this, as well as of past ages, have completed those great and important improvements in mechanics and the arts; and the philosopher and navigation brought to a successful termination, those important discoveries, which have added to their renown, and conferred such lasting benefits on the human race. Knowing these things, it should urge us on to greater diligence, and prompt us to aid and encourage every work, having for its object the spread of knowledge, the amelioration of mankind, and the improvement of our social, moral and intellectual condition.

COUNTY RESTIGOUCHE.—Fatal Accident.—Died at the mouth of the Matapedia, Canada, East, on the 1st of November, — Lawler, aged 18 years. He had been cutting down a tree, when one of its branches lodging in another, suddenly fell and struck him on the head, fracturing his skull. He survived one day, but never spoke after the accident occurred.

POSTSCRIPT, 4 o'clock, P. M.

The Mail from the Southward has not yet arrived.

ARRIVALS AT HEA'S HOTEL.

Nov. 25—E. C. Patten, Kouchibouguac. 29th—Caleb Slocumb, Annapolis. 30th—H. Gitchell, Bay du Vin; Alex. McDonald, Sen., do.: Donald McRae, do.: James Williston, do. December 1, John Buckley, do.: James Buckley, do.: Daniel Hill, do.: John Williston, do.: 2nd—S. B. Hetherington, Richibucto; Alex. McRae, Bay du Vin; A. McQuarry, Kouchibouguac. 3rd—Caleb Slocumb, Annapolis. 9th—John Marquis, Bathurst. 10th—Angus McDonald, Bay du Vin; Miss McRae, ditto; Miss McDonald, ditto; John McDonald, ditto.

Marriages.

On Thursday, 3rd December, by the Rev. W. Henderson A. M., Mr. PATRICK MULLENS, to Mrs ALICE SMITH, both of the Parish of North Esk.

The following Marriages have been celebrated by the Rev. James Steven.

At New Mills, on the 5th November, JOHN NIKOL, to ELIZABETH McLEAN, both of the Parish of Colborne.

At Restigouche, on the 10th November, COLIN CAMERON, to MARY WESH.

At Eel river, on the 26th November, JOHN GRANT, to ELIZABETH McLAGGAN, both of the Parish of Dalhousie.

At Pointlenime, on the 30th Nov. LAUGHLIN McCURDIE, to MARGARET BLAIR, both of the Parish of Dalhousie.

Deaths.

At Point le Lion, Parish of Dalhousie, on the 10th November, ANN CURRIE, aged 20 years.

At the Manse, Campbellton, on the 17th November, after long and severe suffering, Mrs. MARY GREY, wife of Mr. Robert Fair, Point a la Garde, much esteemed, and greatly regretted by her family and friends.

Lost.

Last Evening, between the Wesleyan Chapel and St. Mary's Church, a small GOLD CHAIN, with a Gold Seal attached. Whoever may have found the same, and will leave it at the Gleaner Office, will be rewarded for their trouble.

Monday, 23rd November, 1846.

CARD.

SAMUEL THOMSON, Attorney at Law,

Respectfully announces that he has opened an Office adjoining the residence of John T. Williston, Esq.

Chatham, November 6, 1846.

Lands for Sale,

BELONGING TO THE ESTATE OF THE LATE JOSEPH HUNTER, ESQ.

That valuable TRACT OF LAND, facing the East side of the road to Richibucto, at Bay du Vin Bridge, having a front of 175 rods, and extending down on both sides of the river upwards of 250 rods. The tract contains 300 Acres, one third of which is good Intervale, and the rest is excellent Upland, covered with a mixture of Hard and Soft Wood. The tract could be divided into four lots, each of which would have sufficient front for a good farm. It will be sold together, or in such proportions as may suit purchasers.

Also, a LOT of HARDWOOD LAND, containing 100 Acres, with 40 rods front, on the East side of the same road, close to the property of Mr Williams Dickens, and immediately adjoining the land now occupied by Cunningham Kerr.

For terms, and other particulars, apply at the Office of the subscriber.

GEORGE KERR.

Chatham, September 23, 1846.