

or twenty thousand in a day of ten hours. If in any part, where strength is not needed, it is made unnecessarily heavy even to the amount of half a pound, then the aggregate force uselessly expended, would amount to no less than ten thousand pounds, or five tons, in a single day. In larger machines, worked by horses, including wagons and carts, as well as threshing machines, and even plows and harrows, there is no doubt in nearly all cases a waste of power. A strict regard to mechanical principles, and their mathematical application, throughout the numerous implements, tools and machines, constantly in use by every farmer, would be of the highest benefit. An entire volume might be written on this subject alone. It is true that the manufacturer of these is the person directly concerned; but farmers too are deeply interested in the improvement.

[To be continued.]

Colonial News.

New Brunswick.

St. John Courier, October 31.

The Weather.—During several days this week, we have had extremely stormy weather the wind first blowing strong from the Southward, and then changing to the Northward, and continuing to blow with much violence. On Thursday morning we had a regular snow-storm, which covered the ground to the depth of several inches; and there being hard frost at night, the ground in many places still retains its winter covering, while our streets, during most of the day are ankle-deep with mud. This morning, we have a beautifully clear sky, and a bracing North wind.

Distressing Casualty.—A distressing casualty occurred on the night of the 22d instant, by the upsetting of a small boat in the St. John, near Bulyea's point in the Long Reach, by which four persons are reported to have met a watery grave. Although their cries for help were heard on shore, the night was so dark and stormy, that it was found impossible to render them any assistance. The names of the unfortunate persons, as stated to us, are, a Mr. Hickey, a Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds, resident on the Long Reach, and a widow woman.

Inquest.—On Tuesday the 22d instant, an Inquest was held at Shediac, before Andrew Weldon, Esquire, Coroner for the County of Westmorland, on view of the body of Stephen Atkinson, who, it appeared, came to his death in consequence of a blow given him with a stick by William Kinread. The jury returned a verdict accordingly.

Kinread, we understand, keeps a public house, in which Atkinson and another person had been drinking, and quarrelled, when he interfered, and the fatal blow was the result. He was committed to the County jail for trial, which, it is expected, will take place in January next.

Mexican Loan.—The Mexican government have sent agents to England to endeavour to negotiate a loan. As an inducement to effect the same, the government offers to take off all prohibitions, and reduce the duty on imports for ten years. The importance of the trade between England and the Mexican government, under such favourable auspices, may meet with success.

The Southern Mail.

This mail did not arrive until five o'clock last evening, and as the Courier is to leave this morning at 8, we have had little time to devote to gleaning from the papers which have come to hand. Below will be found a number of extracts which contain all the news we have seen in a hurried perusal.

The Steamer with the second British October mail, had not arrived at Halifax on Wednesday afternoon, when the Courier was despatched.

Halifax Sun, November 4.

LATE FROM THE UNITED STATES.—The Steamship Caledonia, Lott, arrived yesterday, in 24 hours from Boston. From New York papers of the 31st ult furnished by Keefer, we glean the following:

New Orleans Picayune, Oct. 23.

Terrific Gale in the Gulf.—The schr. Sarah Churchman, Capt. Baymore, from Philadelphia, via Key West, for Brazos Santiago, arrived on N. E. Pass on Wednesday morning the 21st, and landed Com. Sloat and Son from the Pacific, and Lieut W. C. Pease, of the Revenue Service, bearer of Despatches to Washington.

They came up to town last evening on the tow boat Jefferson. To Lieut Pease we are indebted for the details of a terrible gale in the Gulf—of a fury exemplified, and from which we must not expect

to hear all the deplorable effects in many weeks. We will begin with the gale as it was felt at Key West.

The gale commenced blowing from N. E. the morning of the 11th inst. By 1 o'clock it blew a perfect hurricane. The tide rose rapidly and the storm raged with incredible violence until near midnight, when it abated. On the 12th it blew a moderate gale and gradually subsided. Every dwelling house, save five or six at Key West was destroyed or unroofed.

The custom House was blown down, the Marine Hospital unroofed, and it is supposed Government property destroyed to the amount of \$300,000. Fifty wharves disappeared, and the Salt works are destroyed. The U. S. Barracks were injured, but suffered less than any other buildings. Many families were turned out houseless, but the U. S. Quartermaster came promptly to their assistance.

The loss of life is great. Many were drowned and killed by buildings. Key West light-house and dwelling attached, entirely gone. The spot where they stood is covered by a white sand-beach. Fourteen souls perished in these buildings.

Sand Key light-house is gone—totally disappeared with the building connected with it. The occupants have perished.

The light ship in N. W. passage dragged her moorings and went to sea, but she was recovered and returned to her position, the agent of the underwriters was doing every thing in his power to save property. Very great danger is to be apprehended from the loss of Light houses to vessels from Europe and the North, bound to the Gulf. We must refer to the list below for the injury done to shipping, furnished to us by Lieut. Pease. The loss of the cutter Morris is described to us in a letter from an officer on board. We give the substance.

The U. S. brig Perry was in the same gale or tornado, driven with resistless violence before the wind, but was finally run ashore after all hope of saving her was gone, and in all probability will be lost.

All the lives on Indian Key Vacas are saved, and it is hoped all the crews of the wrecking vessels.

The captain of the cutter Morris saved the produce, the cargo of one schooner, and distributed it, through the Methodist minister, to those in need of the necessities of life.

We are compelled to omit many particulars in regard to the gale from the preoccupation of our columns.

[A list occupying one column is given of wrecks.]

As far as ascertained fifty persons have lost their lives, and it is singular that so few are dead and injured, when we remember that the air was full of hoards, timber, slate, &c., and buildings falling in every direction.

Stone could not withstand the gale, and all seemed to be going to destruction. Many persons escaped in boats, and held on trees, expecting every moment to be washed away. The scene was awful in the extreme.

From the Yarmouth Courier.

Thunder Storm at Yarmouth.—The Thunder Storm which swept over this place on Saturday last, came near being attended with the most disastrous results. About 1 o'clock the lightning, which was intensely vivid, struck the steeple of Trinity Church, passing through the platform at the base of the spire, making a hole about an inch in diameter as clean as if done by a musket ball, and setting fire to some combustible material which opposed its progress. The flame soon communicated to the surrounding woodwork. The first intimation was given by the smoke, which was seen to issue through the steeple, fortunately before it made much progress, and when a few buckets of water was sufficient to put it out. If the fire had made much farther progress before it was discovered, no human efforts could have saved the Church or the surrounding buildings from destruction, as there was not sufficient water in the vicinity to supply the engine.

We understand that the Light House in Cape Forchu was also struck by lightning during the storm, but fortunately without doing it any material damage.

Halifax Morning Post, November 4.

Caledonia from Boston.—The Steamship Caledonia arrived yesterday, at half past three, in 43 hours from Boston. We received New York papers of the 31st ult., and Boston of the 1st inst.

The Caledonia brought 15 passengers for Halifax, and 47 for Liverpool, and

having received at this port an addition of five, she sailed for England precisely at 6 o'clock.

The news is of very little interest. Flour is declining.

Nearly the whole tribe of the Wicetaws have been massacred by the Camanches, near Fort Washita.

More Mackerel.—There has not been so great a quantity of Mackerel in our market for a number of years as at present, yesterday the price was 4 pence per doz. and 6s and 8d. per barrel.

St. John NewBrunswicker, Nov. 3.

Later from the Seat of War!—The American papers received last evening, contain advices from Monterey to the 6th Oct. Gen Santa Anna had arrived at Saltillo, at the head of 13,000 men, which, with Ampudia's force, would swell their ranks to 20,000. They were fortifying the latter place.

A letter from the Monterey states that the Mexicans had almost all left the town.

The steamer Col. Harney, with a full cargo of Government stores, was lost on the 12th ult., near the mouth of the Rio Grande. She went to pieces, and the cargo was scattered along the shore—Fifteen lives were lost.

Shower of Worms.—Last Thursday morning about six o'clock, during the snow storm, there fell at Carleton, near the residence of Mr Tilton, a large shower of red angle worms. Thousands could be seen alive on the top of the snow; they were from four to five inches in length.—St. John paper, Nov. 3.

Another Tremendous Fire.—The city of Apalachicola was nearly laid in ruins on the morning of the 16th inst., by the villainy of incendiaries. Three houses were fired simultaneously, and at the fourth attempt the scoundrel was shot at and barely escaped with his life. It occurred about two o'clock in the morning, and before the dawn of day every house between the bank building corner of Water and Centre streets, and Green & Conner's store were in smoking ruins.—New York Paper.

Several Advertisements have been omitted, as our terms of publication have not been complied with. As the mail leaves at eight on Saturday morning, all advertisements will have to be in the office the preceding night.

Forbes's Vermifuge,

A Safe and Effectual Remedy for

WORMS,

IN CHILDREN,

The immense sale that this Vermifuge has, is a sure test of its value, and the estimation in which it is held by families. Price 1s. 3d. Sold, wholesale and retail, by W. FORBES, Druggist, Chatham, Miramichi.

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.

AUCTIONS.

To be Sold at Public Auction, on MONDAY, the 23rd day of November next, at noon, in front of Hamill's Hotel, in the parish of Newcastle, in the county of Northumberland; for payment of the Debts of the late James Fitzpatrick, of Ludlow, in the said county, deceased, in consequence of a deficiency of the Personal Estate of the deceased for that purpose, pursuant to a Licence obtained from the Surrogate Court of the said county: All the Right and Title of the said deceased in and to all that

Half Lot of Land

Situate, lying and being in the parish of Ludlow, in the said county, with a House, Barn, and appurtenances; being the lower half of Lot number Fifty Six, containing one hundred acres, more or less, on which said half lot the said deceased resided at the time of his death. And also all other the Real Estate of the said deceased within this county.

For farther particulars apply to Edward Williston, Esquire, Solicitor on the said Estate. WILLIAM SALTER, Administrator. Newcastle, 13th October, 1846.

BUOYS!

Tenders will be received at the store of the subscriber, in Chatham, until the 14th November, at One o'clock P. M., for

Lifting the Buoys,

In the River and Bay of Miramichi, and conveying them to such place as the Commissioner may appoint. Particulars made known on application to the subscriber.

L. HAWBOLT, Commissioner. Chatham, October 16, 1846.

THE NORTHUMBERLAND

Agricultural Society.

THE CATTLE SHOW AND GENERAL EXHIBITION

Of the Northumberland Agricultural Society will take place in the Town of Newcastle, on THURSDAY, the 7th day of January next. The following Premiums are offered by 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 1846, 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
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 best 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 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 only: 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 designation of Farmers, and who depend principally upon the cultivation of the soil for a livelihood.”

By Order of the Board,
JAMES CAIE, Secretary.
Miramichi, 1st August, 1846.