

remind you what your duty will be, in case you should be called upon to unfurl them in defence of our beloved Queen and Country.

"To your keeping, then, do I commit these Colours. Take them, and defend and guard them, as I feel assured you will ever do, with that devotedness which has at all times characterized the British soldier and the British subject."

Mrs Davidson then handed the Colours to Ensigns McKay and Crocker, and Captain Betts (the next senior officer under the Lieut. Colonel) replied as follows:

"Madam,—In the name of the Lieut. Colonel, my brother officers, and myself, the non-commissioned officers and men of the Second Battalion of the Northumberland Militia, allow me to return you our most sincere thanks for the honour you have this day conferred upon us. We hail with feelings of pride and loyalty the presentation of these Colours from your hands. Rest assured that they are safe in our keeping, that you shall never have cause to regret conferring this honour upon us, and that our gracious Queen will find in us a spirit of loyalty and devotion to her, our country, and constitution, unsurpassed by any of her Majesty's loyal subjects.

"Should we ever be called upon to defend these Colours in our country's cause, in active service, be assured, madam, that they will never be resigned but with our lives, and that her Majesty will ever find sterling loyalty in the hearts and hands of her Second Battalion Northumberland Militia.

"In every situation our hearts shall echo 'God save the Queen,' and before an enemy, our motto shall be, 'Rule Britannia,' and 'Never shall die.'"

The band then played the National Anthem, at the conclusion of which the whole Battalion gave three hearty cheers, such as Britons alone can give. The Colours were then carried to their place in the centre of the Battalion, which then formed in line again, and marched then in slow and quick time, at slow time saluting the commanding officer, and the band playing martial airs.

After the Battalion was dismissed, the officers with such gentlemen as were present, among whom were Lieut. Colonel Fraser, and other officers of the First Battalion Northumberland Militia, and Major Underhill, of the Third Battalion, partook of a lunch provided for them on the field.

AGRICULTURAL.

THE WEEVIL AGAIN!

In speaking of the presence among us of this destructive grub, in our last, we spoke of an exception to its ravages, in the case of the Hon. Mr Cunard's wheat; but in doing so we were guarded. We now regret to state that Mr Cunard's wheat forms no exception, nor do we know of one in the length and breadth of the county.

It is further reported that its destructive operation is extended to red Clover, and we fear very much that we shall have to confirm the report—it having been stated to us that some whole fields have fallen, or are falling, under it, as if visited by Locusts; but not so rapidly.

We perhaps, in offering an observation or two on the operation of the Weevil, may be placing ourselves in collision with some writers upon the subject;—we, however, hazard them, in the shape of hints, to our farmers, who will of course exercise their judgment upon them.

Our opinion is that the Weevil does not of necessity become annihilated by the introduction of the scythe or the sickle, or by their application to the straw which supports the head or ear, within the kernels of which the Weevil is ensconced and in active operation. We think that it continues its operation in the ear, whether in shock, stack, reek, or mow; and will, in some cases, so continue while some are reasoning upon the subject, or arguing the point, until, whatever end he escapes at, the party will come out at the "small end" for his wheat. Hence, if our theory be correct, the sooner the wheat is not only threshed, but cleaned and ground, the better for the parties interested, all but the Weevil.

Thro' this week, we have been furnished with a Turnip, a Carrot, and a sample of Pease in pod, all of field, not garden,

growth, and raised by Mr John Wyse, of Douglstown. The two latter were very fine indeed of their respective kinds, but the former we look upon as extraordinary for the season of the year with us. We pledge ourselves that no doctoring was used in the case of the Turnip, and that we were not "over the Bay," when it was weighed—it weighed fifty-six ounces, or three and one-half-pounds. We would congratulate neighbour Wyse upon his success, and would say to him, and others of our Agriculturalists, "Go a-head and prosper."

It is in our opinion, outrageously absurd to pretend to argue against the shortness of our seasons, the rigour of our climate, or the unproductiveness of our soil;—every year's, nay, almost every day's, experience is at issue with such chimerical nonsense. Less arguing of the points, less smoking and drinking, and wasting their time in doing so, in Tap-rooms, less money paid for post-ages of letters from Illinois and Wisconsin, "cracking up" the climate and capabilities of that region, at the same time keeping the fever and ague in the background—more industry—less extravagance in dress—more attention to the acquisition of useful Agricultural knowledge, and greater economy of time will do the work, and in all, not only probability, but almost certainty, will place our farmers, young, old, and middle-aged, upon as good a footing where they are, as a journey a few thousand miles farther West will.

Under this head we shall add a challenge.—

Mr William McNaught, of Chatham, has exhibited to us an egg which he declares was layed, and we believe his statement, by a pullet of his own raising, which pullet is not yet fourteen weeks old!

Beat this at Wisconsin or Illinois.

And read the following, ye adventurers to the "far West," and elsewhere, from New Brunswick. We copy from the Bangor Mercury, of the 14th July, kindly presented to us by Mr Hea.

"Returned to Himself and his Home."
"It is about 6 or 8 weeks since we saw depart in the steamer Penobscot, a young man, with his wife and children, bound for the West. He had become dissatisfied with the manner of getting a living "down east"—he couldn't raise corn enough, the rot had run away with his potatoes, and the climate was too cold, &c &c. He proceeded to Dane County, Wisconsin, and bought and paid for a farm about ninety miles from Milwaukee, where he calculated to establish a second garden of Eden. Alas, but happy for him, the scales now began to drop from his eyes—he began to see realities, and they were so infinitely inferior to his dreams, that they were far less desirable than the hardy climate, solid comforts, and social privileges of his but late despised Penobscot. He packed up his effects, and like a wise man, returned to this city, in last Saturday's boat, ere local disease had enervated his body and emptied his purse. Let his experience be a warning to others who wish to launch on the seas of untried realities, while wisdom whispers "let well enough alone.""

Since putting the foregoing observations upon Agriculture in type we have received a communication from Newcastle, accompanying a parcel containing five or six potatoes which we are sorry to say are affected to a considerable extent and beyond any question, with what is known as the "Potato disease." The same parcel also contained some carrot tops which were thickly encumbered with a small green insect, which it appears is laying siege to that valuable root. We are sorry to have to add this notice, but at the same time would say to our farmers do not be discouraged—where can you go to, to be beyond the reach of the visitations of Providence—stay where you are—pursue industry—do your duty, and trust to Providence.

We are informed that Mr Hea has commenced reaping wheat this morning—the wheat is quite ripe—and was sown on Good-Friday—so much for our climate.

EUROPEAN NEWS.—The Royal Mail Steamer Hibernia, after a passage of 13 days, arrived at Halifax on the evening of Saturday last. Papers brought by her are to the 19th of July, but they furnish little of importance. We make copious selections.

PROVINCIAL REVENUE.—By official announcement, we perceive that the Revenue of the Province, for the last quarter, ending June, amounted to £39,787 5 7. The revenue the corresponding quarter last year amounted to £38,918 10 5.

UNITED STATES.—Papers from this quarter, report that the greater portion of the town of Naples, in the state of Illinois, was destroyed by fire on the 15th of July. Also, nearly the whole of the village of Providence, Ohio. On the 12th ult. thirty frame warehouses and stores, and three brick buildings, shared the same fate at Fayetteville, North Carolina.

A Company of persons, emigrating to the Oregon territory, lost their way, when seventy-five perished from hunger, thirst, and hardships. The remainder arrived at the Columbia river.

MEXICO.—The Havana papers report that the feeling in Mexico against the Americans is every day growing stronger; that the nation is preparing to concentrate all its force against the invading army, and that one department alone, has offered to equip 25,000 men.

The waters of the Rio Grande have overflowed the town of Carmago, and destroyed all the buildings but six. Many lives were lost.—Thousands of cattle were swept away, and the people were forced to seek shelter in the neighbouring towns. It was reported that the American squadron intended to attack the castle of San Juan de Ulloa.

HALIFAX.—The people of this city complain that the times are dull, and money scarce; these things, it appears, do not depress their spirits, for we perceive a Pic Nic is announced to take place every day. The last thing of the sort came off on Tuesday last. It was got up for the purpose of raising a fund for building a Hall for the Mechanics' Institute. It was held at McNab's Island. The day was most auspicious, and the city was nearly deserted, the greater portion of the stores being closed. Two steamers plied constantly between the city and the Island and it is estimated that upwards of 6,000 persons were present. The Morning Post reports that £280 were realized, and we learn that several monied men of the city have sent into the committee donations of £5 each, which will raise the amount to upwards of £300. In the vicinity of the city several fields of Potatoes have been entirely destroyed by the blight. The stalks having the appearance as if a heavy frost had passed over them.

THE LORD BISHOP OF FREDERICTON.—His Lordship has now arrived in this county, and preached and held a Confirmation in Blackville church on the 5th inst., when we understand he was presented with an address. On the 6th, he opened and consecrated the church at Upper Nelson, having a good congregation and collection. We have received no further particulars this week, but probably in our next we shall be able to give fuller details. This morning he examined the Madras School, under the superintendance of Mr John Smith. To-morrow morning he preaches and holds a Confirmation in St. Paul's church, and we presume will preach in the evening at St. Mary's Chapel.

Marriages.

At St. Paul's Church, Halifax, on the 23rd ult., by the Rev. Mr Bullock, Mr EDWARD SHANK, formerly of Miramichi, to Miss ANN McEACHERN, of that city.

Deaths.

At the residence of Mr Hugh A. Caie, Shipigan, on the 31st ult., THOMAS PETERS, infant son of the Hon. Joseph Cunard, aged 7 months.

At Second Westcock, Sackville, Westmorland county, on the 2nd ult., of consumption, MARY ANN, third daughter of Mr Thomas Carter, in the 20th year of her age, after a most distressing illness of four months, which she bore with pious resignation to the will of God.

We are requested to state that the Synod of New Brunswick will meet in St. James's Church, Newcastle, on Thursday, the 10th September.

Shipping Intelligence.

PORT OF MIRAMICHI.

Entered, July 26—schr L'Italienne, Brulot, Quebec.
29th—schr Lady, Michon, Quebec.
31st—barque Mary Ann Peters, McAlpine, Liverpool; J. Cunard: Temperance, Brundage, Newfoundland: Trusty, Glamour, Halifax: Si-rocco, Algar, Corunna—Gilmour Rankin & Co.: Jane Lowden, Coward, Liverpool—do.
August 4—brig Rebecca, Campbell, Belfast, Gilmour Rankin & Co.
5th—schr Hero, Gallant, P. E. Island.
6th—schr Manley, Forrest, Pictou: Orestes, Newfoundland: brig Jay, Byers, Sunderland, 50 days—J. Cunard: schr Jessie, Challis, Limerick, do.
The barque Jane Lowden, Coward, from Liverpool, 35 days passage, on the 26th July, spoke the brig Nile, of Sunderland, from Algiers, bound to Quebec, out 85 days, supplied her with provisions.
Cleared, July 28—brig Columbia, Reid, Troon.
29th—Elbana, Butler, Waterford.
31st—Industry, Craig, Saltcoats.
August 3—schr Miscou, Newfoundland, Quebec.
4th—Jolly Tar, Delany, Newfoundland.
5th—Lady, Michon, Quebec.

The barque Tenedos, Graham, master, 370 tons, of and for Newcastle, from Miramichi, was cast away on or about 27th ult., at Langlois, near St. Peter's, N. F. Cargo and materials saved. Vessel condemned.

The brigantine Marsella, Champion, from Richibucto, with a cargo of lumber, was destroyed by fire at St. John's, N. F., on the 14th ult.—Insurance in Halifax, £1000,—in Saint John's, £800.

The schr John Henry, from Miramichi to Halifax, with a cargo of shingles, was totally lost near Egmont Bay, P. E. Island, on the 10th June last. Crew saved. Vessel and Cargo sold for the benefit of all concerned.

From Wilmmer & Smith's European Times, July 19.

ARRIVALS IN BRITAIN.

From Miramichi.—June 30, Susanna, off Tenby. July 3, Downes, Waterford. 4th, Heart of Oak, Gravesend. 7th, Ida, Salcombe; Larnie, Belfast. 8th, Elliotts, Exmouth. 9th, Liverpool, Grangemouth. 10th, Carron, Gloucester; Mary Tiffin, Gloucester; Midas, Galway. 13th, Columbus, Leith.

From Richibucto.—July 2, Princess Victoria, Ayr. 3rd, Grange, Deal, and sailed for Ipswich. 5th, Civility, Bideford. 11th, Emma, Lynn. 13th, James Bales, Hull.

From Shediac.—July 2, Marchioness o Clydesdale, the Clyde. 8th, Ellen, Liverpool.

From Dalhousie.—July 6, Ann, Dumfries. 9th, Thames, Leith; Andrew, do.; Resolution, Plymouth.

From Gaspe.—July 14, Gleaner, Clyde.
From Bathurst.—July 6, Jessie, Whitehaven.

SAILINGS FROM BRITAIN.

For Miramichi.—July 5, Grace Darling, Waterford. 6th, Lord Mulgrave, Hull. 10th, Harmony, Waterford. 11th, Morgiana, Belfast.

For Dalhousie.—July 6, Argo, Liverpool. 18th, Troubadour, do.

For Gaspe.—July 1, Friendship, Jersey.
For Baclouche.—July 15, Constellation, the Clyde.

For Richibucto.—July 13, Lady Constable, Liverpool.

Latest Shipping Intelligence.—arrived, Tweed, at Plymouth. Sailed—Magog, for Coaigne; D.B., for Miramichi. Loading at Liverpool—Severn, for Shediac; Rankin, for Dalhousie.

FOR SALE—by Private Contract.

One Hundred Acres of Meadow Land, situated about four miles from the Richibucto Road, up Black River. It will cut at present from 15 to 20 Tons of good Hay; and with a very little expense in improving it, would produce from 60 to 80 tons. For further information apply to the subscriber, at Chatham, with whom the grant of the land now lies.

M. SAMUEL.

Chatham, 10th July, 1846.