

Missions thro' the past year; and in illustrating which prosperity by proofs, Mr Henderson took an opportunity of stating that such prosperity was indubitable testimony that those men, the Missionaries of the various churches, were in the true Apostolic Succession—were of God's own appointment. Meeting closed by Mr Shepherd, after a liberal collection.

At Crocker's, on Wednesday evening, a very interesting meeting was also held. Chair taken by David Crocker, Esq, who introduced the business of the evening in a speech which did credit to both head and heart. Audience as usual—collection liberal—and all highly gratified.

The Rev. Mr Pickard also rendered his valuable services in the Richibucto Circuit, the meetings were large, and a spirit of increased liberality manifested.

May God speed these good men in their labour, and so long as they faithfully perform their Master's work.

NOT A METHODIST.

To the Worshipful the Bench of the County of Northumberland, in General Sessions convened:

Gentlemen,
In the appointment of Parish Officers for Chatham Parish, during your present sittings, it is fully expected that you will not lose sight of your old servant Constable Mr ****, if for no better reason, at least, for the active part which he took in creating a riot and breach of the peace at a public meeting recently held in Chatham, in presence of three members of your Worshipful body; one of whom, he even, all but menaced, then and there; and also for the part which he enacted in open Court, held by one of your own Worshipful body, within a few days in Chatham, on which occasion the Magistrate ordered the Constable in attendance to take him into custody; and he defied both the Constable and Magistrate to their teeth, in presence of a crowded court; all which matters and things, it is to be hoped, will have their due weight with your Worships.

Your very humble servant,
A LOOKER ON.

Editor's Department.

MIRAMICHI:

CHATHAM, TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 1847.

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, 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.

AGRICULTURAL SHOW.

The Annual Exhibition of the Northumberland Agricultural Society, came off at Newcastle, on Thursday last. It will be gratifying to every person who has the future well-being and permanent prosperity of the County at heart, to learn, that the exhibition far exceeded any thing of the kind ever witnessed before in Miramichi.

The assemblage of farmers and other persons, was greater than on any previous occasion, and there appeared to be a readier feeling manifested by the farmers, to pay their subscriptions due, than we ever witnessed before. From this we infer, that this class of persons are now beginning to feel the benefits of the Society, and to take a livelier interest in its proceedings. We sincerely trust this feeling will continue to increase, until every farmer in the county is enrolled, (where he ought to be) on its lists.

The display of Horses was very numerous, and we learn from those who are considered judges, that the exhibition in this department, would reflect credit on any county. There was not as great a number of Horned Cattle on the ground as we could have wished, but this may be accounted for, from the great depth of snow, and the difficulty of driving them a distance. The display of Domestic Manufactures was unusually

large, and the samples were noticed in the highest terms of commendation by the Judges, who expressed themselves sorry that the premiums did not embrace many of the articles exhibited. There was also a very large quantity of Butter, but much of it was put up in crocks, and consequently could not be recognised by the Judges, they being confined to the rules of the society, which expressly stated the article was to be exhibited in firkins. They, however, recommend an alteration to remedy this complaint.

Our attention was more immediately taken up with the show of Grain, which was by far the largest ever exhibited; comprising 16 samples of White Wheat, weighing from 63 to 67 lbs. per bushel; 7 of Red Wheat, five parcels of which weighed 66 lbs: one 65, and another 66½ a bushel; 7 of White Oats, from 41 to 46 lbs. per bushel; 3 of Black Oats, from 39½ to 42 lbs. per bushel; 6 of Pease, from 67 to 68½; Barley five samples, from 52 1-2 to 55 1-2; and two parcels of Grass seed.

The finest sample of Pease belonged to Mr. John Wyse, of Douglstown, but as they were Green, and the rules specified White, no premium could be awarded.

Below we publish the report of the Secretary, and as he minutely details the proceedings of the day, it renders any further remarks from us superfluous.

CATTLE SHOW AND GENERAL EXHIBITION OF THE NORTHUMBERLAND AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

To all who are friendly to Agriculture! to all who wish well to the general interests of the County of Northumberland, it cannot fail to be a source of the highest gratification to learn, that the Cattle Show and General Exhibition of the Northumberland Agricultural Society, which took place at Newcastle on Thursday last, has far surpassed the highest expectations of its most sanguine friends and supporters.

Agreeably to notification, the Board of Directors assembled at an early hour, for the purpose of attending to the accustomed preliminary business of appointing Judges, to decide on the qualities of the many articles and animals brought for competition, &c. During this period, and until noon, persons were actively employed in scrutinizing, numbering and classing each animal and article, as they made their appearance, on the ground of competition.

All things ready, the Judges—at noon precisely—commenced the onerous task assigned to them.

During the absence of the Judges, the town of Newcastle, from Hamill's Hotel to the front street, presented quite an animated and attractive appearance. The day being exceedingly beautiful, and the roads tolerably good, spectators continued to arrive until about mid-day. Here, there, and almost every where, little groups were warmly engaged in discussing the merits or demerits of this that, or t'other, bull, horse, hog, homespun, straw bonnet, bat, &c. &c. but all appeared to be agreeably surprised and delighted at witnessing a sight which so far surpassed any thing like their wonted anticipations.

The sun had well nigh set before the Prizes were adjudged, and the "Lucky ones" had handled their cash; but it must be gratifying not only to themselves, but to the members of the Society, generally, to know, that so great was the confidence reposed in the skill and impartiality of the Judges, that it is said not a murmur of complaint escaped the lips of the many who were unsuccessful. It is believed however, that a firm resolve lurked within the breasts of the defeated to seek their vengeance on their more successful neighbours, by beating them hollow on that day twelve months.

The following is a list of the Premiums and the names of the successful parties, together with remarks supplied by two of the committees appointed as Judges.

Produce of the Dairy, and other Domestic Articles.

- For the best Homespun Cloth, made entirely of wool, not less than 10 yards, A. Goodfellow, Newcastle, 0 15 0
- For the second best do. Donald McKay, Northesk, 0 10 0
- For the best Homespun made of wool and cotton, same quantity, Anthony Rodgers,

- Northesk, 0 15 0
- For the second best do. Tavish McKay, Northesk, 0 10 0
- For the best piece of Flannel entirely of wool, same quantity, A. Goodfellow, Newcastle, 0 15 0
- For the second best do. Donald McKay, Northesk, 0 10 0
- For the best sample of woollen Socks, not less than 6 pairs, A. Goodfellow, Newcastle, 0 7 6
- For the second best do. Anthony Rodgers, North Esk, 0 5 0
- For the best sample of Mitts, same quantity, A. Rodgers, Northesk, 0 7 6
- For the second best do. Robt. Whitney, Northesk, 0 5 0
- For the best Straw Bonnet, Wm. Gray, Napan, 0 5 0
- For the best Straw Hat, Mrs Wood, Nelson, 0 5 0
- Flannel, cotton and wool, T. McTavish, Northesk, 0 10 0
- For the best sample of Butter, in firkins, of not less than 30 lbs. E. Rodgers, North Esk, 0 17 6
- Second best do. Jas. Brown, Bartibogue, 0 1 0
- Third best do. Donald McKay, North Esk, 0 10 0
- For the best sample of Cheese, the quantity exhibited to be not less than 20 lbs. David Steel, Napan, 0 10 0
- Second best do. David Steel, Napan, 0 7 6
- Committee recommend a special premium of 10s to No. 24, a piece of Flannel, cotton and wool; and another of 5s for a Shepherd's Plaid, all wool.
- Committee also recommend that hereafter the competition extend to Butter put up in crocks, as well as in firkins.
- Committee—Wm. Loch, John Mackie, and Moses M. Sargeant.
- GRAINS, &c. the growth of 1846, raised within the County.
- For the best sample of White Bald Wheat, not less than 2 bushels, H. Hamill, Newcastle, 0 15 0
- Second best do. S. Hamilton, Newcastle, 0 10 0
- Third best do. John Wyse, Newcastle, 0 7 6
- For the best sample of Red Bald Wheat, not less than 2 bushels, M. Searle, Napan, 0 15 0
- For the best sample of Black Oats, not less than 2 bushels, John Wyse, Newcastle, 0 10 0
- For the best sample Barley, do John Russell, Newcastle, 0 10 0
- Second best do. T. McTavish, North Esk, 0 7 6
- For the best sample White Field Pease, 1 bushel, John Wyse, Newcastle, 0 10 0
- Second best do. J. McKnight, Napan, 0 7 6
- For the best sample White Oats, do. John Wyse, Newcastle, 0 10 0
- Second best do. C. Marshall, Newcastle, 0 7 6
- Committee remark—That the 1st and 2nd quality of White Bald Wheat—the former weighing 67 lbs. the latter 66 1-2 lbs.—are very superior. 3rd quality, weighing 66 lbs. very good. All the other samples weigh, except one, 64 lbs., and are also good.
- The samples of Red Wheat weigh 66 lbs. or ½ lb less than that to which the prize is awarded—very fine quality.
- Best sample of Black Oats weighs 43 lbs., and there being no other over 39½ lbs. the judges do not award a second prize.
- The samples of White Oats all very good, and weighing from 46 lbs. (the highest) to about 43½ lbs.
- 1st and 2nd quality of Barley, large and even, weight 65½ lbs. 3rd quality very good, but not quite so even; deserves to be recommended.
- 1st prize Pease, (white) large and even—weight 67½ lbs. Pease all good, and differing in weight only 1½ lb per bushel.
- Two samples of Timothy Seed, No. 29 and 36, weigh—the former 43—the other 48 lbs.
- Committee—C. J. Peters, David Johnstone, and James Dixon.
- LIVE STOCK raised within the County.
- For the best 2 year Bull, Jas. Galloway, Napan, 1 0 0
- For the best 1 year old Bull, John Urquhart, Newcastle, 0 15 0
- For the best 1 year old Heifer, W. Loch, Esq. Newcastle, (not claimed) 0 15 0
- Second do. W. Park, Newcastle, 0 10 0
- For the best Ram, 1 year old, John Rennie, Newcastle, 0 10 0
- Second do. E. Johnstone, do. 0 7 6

- For the best Ewe, 2 years old, P. Mitchell, Newcastle, 0 10 0
- Second do. J. Dixon, Napan, 0 7 6
- For the best Ewe, 1 year old, H. Hamill, Newcastle, 0 10 0
- Second do. John Stothart, do. 0 7 6
- For the best Boar, 1 year old, A. McKillop, do. 0 10 0
- For the best Sow, 1 year old, D. Wetherall, do. 0 10 0
- Second do. Hugh Hamill, do. 0 7 6
- For the best Colt, 2 years old, M. Sorell, Napan, 1 5 0
- Second do. Hugh Morrison, North Esk, 1 0 0
- For the best Colt, 1 year old, S. Hamilton, Newcastle, 1 0 0
- Second do James Brown, Bartibogue, 0 15 0
- For the best 2 year old Heifer, John Porter, Douglstown, 1 0 0
- Second best do C. Marshall, do. 0 15 0

Judges—Hugh Hamill, Colvin Nevin, and Alexander Dick.
The latter Committee have attached no remarks to their report.
JAMES CAIE, Secretary.

A LARK.—We purposed taking some notice of a recently enacted disgraceful transaction, but a Correspondent has so fully explained the matter, that we think it useless to add another word, except that we hope it will prove a useful lesson to such as may have an inkling to perform similar depredations.

A "WHISTLE" rather too dearly bought.

Mr Editor,
If you have been silent for some time past in your Editorial capacity with regard to some few (?) little (?) irregularities which have been innocently (?) practised in Chatham, there are others who have been grunting, and grumbling, and even writhing, yes, actually writhing, under them.

Are you aware that one of the little pranks practised, was extending sympathy to poor horses, which were for instance fastened to fences near places of worship, at nights, while their owners was sitting comfortably in their warm pews listening to their spiritual Pastors—taking the said horses and their sleighs, and giving them a good comfortable drive of one or two hours, and then either returning them to whers taken from to enjoy the luxury of a nice warm sweat by way of a change, or sending them adrift, upon their own hook, the reins being thrown over the dashboard, and a good smart cut of the whip administered to them by way of remembrance?—perhaps you might not have been aware of all this Mr Editor. And now to the recital of the "whistle" story above alluded to. I do not think it necessary for my purpose to furnish you with any names in connexion with the little story—the circumstances and facts and parties are all perfectly well known in Chatham, and the leading facts at Newcastle.

On an evening last week, I think Tuesday, a person belonging to Napan was spending an hour or two with a friend in Chatham, his horse standing in his friend's barn close by the dwelling house, three young men determined they would have a drive at the Napan farmer's expence and accordingly, (I suppose it would be wrong to say feloniously,) took the horse, first having stripped her of her harness, for fear of being heard in passing the house from the barn to the street, and one of the gents keeping watch in the street while the other two went for the horse—they next supplied themselves with a sleigh and harness from another barn—drove to Newcastle, and were met on their return, two of them in the sleigh, having left the third near St. Paul's Church in his own house—the two on being met and interrupted in their progress, deserted the horse and sleigh, jumped over the bank, and made tracks across the River towards Douglstown, were pursued and overtaken, lying down in the snow, brought before a magistrate, committed to prison for that night and the next day—the case investigated before Magistrates at Newcastle—the gents acquitted of the charge of felony, in consequence of having been returning. Item—Council fee and examination before the Magistrates, perhaps two guineas.—Case submitted to arbitration between the owner of the horse and the three gents, on Saturday evening. Cost of "Whistle" or arbitration six pounds and thirty shillings costs of award. The whole of the above facts appeared in evidence before the arbitrators, and was not contradicted. This is what I call a whistle rather too dearly bought, Mr Editor, at the same time that it may operate as a salutary hint to these parties and others interested and concerned in like little tricks.

A BYSTANDER AT ARBITRATION.

Chatham, Monday Morning, 11th January.

NEW PUBLICATION.—We have received a small pamphlet, comprising a series of Letters to Lord John Russell, on the Government of British North America, written by Joseph Howe, Esq. for which we tender our thanks to the writer.

To CORRESPONDENTS.—An Impartial Observer shall hear from us next week.

Remainder of Miramichi head, see third page.