

common:—"Our country indeed is in a wretched state. The people in general are very willing to be employed; crowds are perpetually seeking to have their names entered on the public works; the pay is only 8d a day, which will only purchase 3 1-2 lbs. of oatmeal or 4 lbs. of Indian meal. This is indeed but scanty provision for a family of seven persons, which is the very lowest average; many are unable to work from mere exhaustion; how the people exist it is difficult to imagine, making every allowance for the cabbages and turnips which they steal from the farmers, theft it can hardly be called, for the people take them openly, and no one has the heart to forbid them, the destitution is awful. The mirth of the children is ceased—in places where their voices once sounded loud and gay, their noises is heard no more, but you may see them dull and listless; our poor houses are filled for the most part, which is a sure test of the most pinching poverty—for, though treated with the utmost consideration, the people have an almost insuperable repugnance to enter them; in former days beggars have often told me that they would sooner die than become inmates of them. That all the charity that England can extend to us will be much wanted, is undoubted. Our landlords are most of them willing to do their duty as far as possible, but with the properties generally incumbered, and no rents coming in, much cannot be expected."

Last week we mentioned that a subscription paper had been put in circulation to obtain means for the relief of the destitute *Highlanders*, and we understand that a very liberal sum has already been subscribed.

Our Irish fellow townsmen purpose holding a meeting at the Mechanic's Institute, in Chatham, To-morrow afternoon, for the purpose of devising means for the relief of their suffering countrymen in the old world. We feel persuaded it will be well attended, and a handsome sum subscribed.

PROSPECTS OF THE LUMBER TRADE.—The following article is copied from the Bytown Packet. We would call the attention of that part of our population who are engaged in the precarious occupation of lumbering, to the well timed and judicious suggestions it throws out, with a hope that they will meet with the consideration they deserve.

"The prospects for the coming year as regards the Timber Trade, is a question which should be deeply studied by those interested in the judicious management of its operations during the present season, much will depend. The heavy losses sustained the last season by the over supply and consequent reduction in price should have the effect of causing our furnishing houses to be more careful in the transaction of their business. Whilst suggesting the necessity existing for precaution, we are gratified in being enabled to state that some of the leading speculators in the trade have curtailed their operations in a great degree, compared with those of past years. The quantity of timber wintering over at Quebec is enormous, and although it may be considered premature to hazard an opinion on the probable demand next year, caution should be observed lest a glut should again occur. From the report of Messrs. Wood & Gray, it will be seen that the principal articles of Ottawa export, White and Red Pine, are the largest stacks laid up. Of White Pine there are 13,770,600 feet, and of Red Pine 2,911,143 feet. This is by far the greatest quantity which has remained over for the last eight years. Elm and Ash are also overstocked. Of Pine, Messrs. Parsyth and Bell, in their Circular remarks, 'We make it a rule to offer no opinion on prospective prices, but feel ourselves warranted in recommending manufacturers of White Pine to be most particular in the make and quality of what they bring to market next year.' This advice comes in season, and conveys the idea that this year's supplies were not the most superior, and timber will require to be of a certain quality to ensure sale next year. Red Pine will not command as good sale, in consequence of a reduction in Baltic Duties taking place on the 1st of April next of one half-penny per foot. Taking a general view of the winter, we are of opinion, that if caution is observed in the transactions of the present year, the trade will resume its operations under a more healthy system, as soon as the present stagnation is got over."

NEW BRUNSWICK EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.—We are indebted to the New Brunswick Reporter of Saturday last, for the following information respecting the negotiations which have been going on relative to the taking up of the Executive Council.

We learn that immediately after the assembling of the House, the liberal members began to hold meetings, when this subject was fully discussed, and their course of action was arranged. The members of the present Executive Council, in order to complete their number, began to negotiate. We are informed that they have invited Mr. Wilnot to join them, designating him to divide him again from the

Liberals, and then deliver him over as formerly to the tender mercies of the Tories! On Saturday last, a meeting of the Liberals was held, and the proposition discussed. From which we learn it was arranged that Mr. Wilnot was to stipulate for two other Liberals, in the government of seven—the Tories then retaining a majority of one. This answer was accordingly given to the Hon. Members of the Executive on Tuesday last, and they declined acceding to it. The result is, the negotiations are broken off, and it is now understood that the Liberals will adhere to the original proposition of one half, or nothing.

We learn also, that it is reported at Fredericton, that Messrs. W. B. Kinnear, and A. Rankin, have been invited to seats in the Executive, and that it is feared there is some tampering with Mr. Brown, who professes to be a Liberal.

The latest paper from Fredericton, Friday last, report that no definite arrangement had been entered into up to that period.

DENTISTRY.—We infer our readers who are desirous of having their teeth set in order, to the card of Dr. Adams, in another column. The following favourable notice of Dr. A. is taken from the Fredericton Reporter of Friday last.

"Dr. Adams has returned to St. John, after paying us a short professional visit here, but long enough to establish the correctness and usefulness of his practice. We understand on good authority, that he administered the *Ether* here to several individuals, who, while under its influence, underwent several otherwise painful operations, without being sensible of the slightest inconvenience. We understand that he intends revisiting this city about the 1st of May."

COMMISSIONERS OF NELSON PARISH.—A Correspondent wishes us to ask the Commissioners of this parish—'why the road on the river is not bushed from their parish to Beaubair's Island.' He states that—'in coming down to Chatham on Saturday evening, he found two gentlemen, who were accompanied by a lady, sadly perplexed, having lost their way; and had the night been cold and stormy, they might have perished; as it was, it was with the greatest difficulty, and after much delay, they succeeded in finding a track.' This should be speedily attended to.

HIGHLAND BALL.—The annual Ball, under the patronage of the Highland Society, came off at Mitchell's Hall, Newcastle, on the night of Friday last. The night was fine—the music good—and the Managers, Messrs. Allan, Hutchison, and Davidson, taxed their ingenuity and skill to make the company happy, and render the entertainment as diversified and agreeable as possible. In this they succeeded most admirably, and the party separated, well pleased with their evening's diversion.

FIRE.—The fire-bell in Chatham, gave an alarm for the first time this season, yesterday afternoon. The roof of the dwelling occupied by Mr. McNaught, was discovered to be on fire, occasioned by the displacement of a stove pipe running through it. It was speedily got under, and but little damage done to the building.

STEAM FERRY BOAT.—A fortnight since we mentioned that there was every prospect that a Steam Ferry Boat would be placed on our river. We are gratified in being enabled to state that the success of the undertaking is now placed beyond a doubt. The amount of stock was £500, divided into shares of £2 10s. each, which was all taken up in a few days. Last Wednesday the shareholders held a meeting, and after twenty per cent was paid in, they proceeded to the election of five Trustees, to whom the property of the company is to be entrusted, and on whom will devolve the task of seeing the object of the shareholders carried into effect. The choice fell on the following gentlemen—George Kerr, Jas. Johnson, Joseph Samuel, John Macdougall, and Daniel McLaughlin.

SOIREE.—It will be seen by an advertisement in another page, that the Ladies of Douglastown purpose holding a Tea Party on the evening of Monday next,

the proceeds of which are to be appropriated to the relief of the destitute *Highlanders*.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE.—We have copied a number of extracts from the Journals of the Legislature in our possession, which are to the 9th of the, and an important debate regarding the disposal of Crown Lands. On the 10th, the Reporter states—that a discussion arose on the bill for providing for the services of the Speaker and Members of the House of Assembly. Three propositions were before the house: the first to adopt the old bill of 15s. per diem, for an indefinite period—the second to make it £50 limited to so many days—the third to pass it 20s. per day, without limitation for the Session. After a long debate, the old bill was sustained—Yeas 20, Nays 11.

SKETCH OF THE NEW MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY.—A writer in the Loyalist, under the signature of *Hotspur*, gives the following sketch of the two new members for this County:

MR. CARMAN.—This gentleman is one of the new representatives for the County of Northumberland, and a member of and practitioner at the Bar. I believe he has never acquired particular notice for his forensic displays, although he has the reputation of possessing a very fair amount of natural talent, acquired knowledge, and industry; and if not eminent in his profession, is at least respectable. As Mr. Carman was brought forward at the late election as one of the candidates for a section of his County, it being understood that each side of the river which divides that County should nominate two candidates, he was elected without opposition, and it is therefore impossible to say whether he is popular with his constituents or not. It is also uncertain what course Mr. C. may pursue in politics. I am convinced that the predilections of his family, generally, are in favour of Conservatism; but the rivalry between the two great Firms at Miramichi has enlisted the feelings of the inhabitants pro and con, and as one of these Firms is identified with Conservatism, the other of course lends its influence to Radicalism. Mr. Carman was the legal adviser of Mr. Williston, in conducting the scrutiny between that gentleman and Mr. Street, in 1843; and although beaten, he distinguished himself by the zeal and ability with which he contended against the late Solicitor General (now Judge Street) and Mr. J. A. Street himself, two of the best lawyers in the Province. From the fact that Mr. C. was retained upon the said occasion, however, and since nominated in the manner above described, he is identified with the Cunard interests, and is one of those men who come into the House so shackled that they must support men rather than measures; for as his opposition to the Firm of Rankin & Co. may be counted upon, whatever may be his opinions, his vote upon theoretical points will probably be given in favour of the Radicals.

Mr. Carman's appearance is rather prepossessing. Scarcely arrived at the middle age, and above the common height, he is slightly formed, has dark brown hair, features thin and pale, a capacious forehead and intelligent eye. His career will, in all probability, be active and useful.

MR. CRANNEY is a Irish Roman Catholic. He was formerly a Clerk in the house of the Cunards, and of course was brought forward as a candidate by that house. He is small in stature, and his appearance is sedate and rather melancholy. His age cannot be much less than 50 years. He has as yet taken no part in debate, and one would suppose, from his appearance, that he takes but little interest in the proceedings. Of course his politics are Radical.

We do not think that a piece of greater absurdity or ignorance ever appeared in print than the extracts above contain. Every individual who has even the slightest knowledge of our domestic politics, knows full well that the two new members were not in the smallest degree indebted to the Honorable gentleman named, for their return; but on the contrary, if we are to believe their friends, he was opposed to their election.

We think that Honorable Gentleman will stare with no little wonder and astonishment, to find himself set down as a Radical; and Mr. Carman will not be the less surprised to hear, that he has been sent into the house to oppose the firm of Gilmour, Rankin & Co., and that on all theoretical points, his vote will be given in favour of the Radicals.

The same article contains the following ridiculous remarks on the new member for Gloucester, the writer betrays

an equal amount of ignorance regarding the local politics of that county as he does of Northumberland.

MR. READ, the new member for Gloucester, is a son of the Emerald Isle, and a Roman Catholic. He was brought forward upon the Cunard interest (the rivalry betwixt the two Houses of Rankin & Co., and Cunard, being felt in Gloucester as well as in Northumberland) and was elected without opposition. It is worthy of some speculation why Irish Roman Catholics, when they come to this country, are generally to be found in opposition to the Colonial Governments, and embrace—or profess to embrace, Radical opinions. Such, however, is the fact, and as the Cunard house has arrayed itself on the Radical side, more out of spite, in all probability, than from principle, Mr. Read was a very proper person to represent the interests of that House in the House of Assembly.—Mr. R. is apparently about 40 years old. In person he is short, but stoutly built. His appearance would indicate smartness and activity, but he has not yet made his debut.

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY. JANUARY TERM, 1847. NELSON PARISH OFFICERS.

Overseers of Poor.—Rowland Crocker, James Flitt, and John Hackett.

Assessors.—David Crocker, Richard Sutton, and Jared Betts.

Commissioners of Highways.—Rowland Crocker, Robert Flitt, and Alex. Saunders.

Overseers of Highways.—Wm. Davidson, John Astle, Wm. Parker, James Crocker, Jas. Mowatt, David Lee, Patrick Dooley, James Nowlin, John Aylwood, James Foley, Wm. Butler, Joseph Hitching, Wm. Davidson, W. Appleby, Isaac Cushman, Alex. Cowden, T. Tobin, John McKinlay, John Firth, W. Pote, Wm. Henderson, Thomas Farrell, James McNahan, Wm. Allan, Thomas Gorman.

Overseers of Fisheries.—John Noble, Joseph Bateman, Thomas Dogherty, James McHarg, James Harper, Wm. Walls, David Barron, Henry Vye, Alex. Cowden, Lanty Monahan, Joseph Saunders.

Fence Viewers.—George Flitt, sen., Isaac Cushman, John McChin, James Canahan, J. Sherwood, John Esson.

Hogreepers.—Thomas Clancy, Peter Clarke, Joseph Bateman, James Corcoran, Alex. Esson, John McKinlay, Isaac Leighton, H. Ferguson, Patrick Power, Thomas Gorman, John Blake, John Foy.

Pound Keepers.—George Flitt, Jas. Leslie, and James Crawford.

Constables.—John Archbold, Edward Keary, Peter Foley, James William Murphy, John Henry.

Inspectors Fish and Barrels.—James Harper, William Walls, John Collins.

Surveyors of Lumber.—Alexander Saunders, John Archbold, Robert Jardine, James Harely, Alexander Ferguson, John Leslie, Henry Vye, David Crocker, William Parker, Robinson Crocker, Hugh Parker, James Crocker, David Betts, Richard Sutton, Joseph Hubbert.

Trustees of Schools.—David Crocker, Richard Sutton, William Parker.

Collector of Taxes.—Alexander Ferguson.

Wegher of Hay.—David Betts.

Ferry Men.—John Wilson, Edward Keary, Michael Cain, Samuel Conden.

Town Clerk and Clerk of the Market.—James Crawford.

The foregoing persons appointed at the January session last, as Parish Officers for Nelson, for the ensuing year, will hereby take notice of their respective appointments, and duly qualify themselves according to law, to the faithful discharge of the duties imposed on them respectively, under the penalty imposed on them in case they neglect to do so.

JAMES CRAWFORD, Town Clerk.

SUPREME COURT.

HARY TERM, 10th Victoria, A. D. 1847.

Albert J. Smith, Wellington Cameron,

and **James A. James, Attorneys at law,** are called to the Bar and admitted, sworn and enrolled Barristers.

John Johnston, Junior, and George J. Bliss Gentlemen having produced the requisite Certificates, and having been examined as to their fitness and capacity, are admitted, sworn and enrolled Attorneys of this Court.

Marriages.

On the 11th inst., by the Rev. R. Shepherd, **MR. FRANCIS TWEEDY**, to Miss **ISABELLA TWEEDY**, both of the parish of Northesk.

At Chatham, on the 10th inst., by the Rev. John Sweeney, **MR. JAMES FITZPATRICK**, of the Mill Cove, to Miss **ANN CARRIGAN**, of Chatham.

On the 4th inst., by Robert Doak Esq., J. P., **MR. HUGH PARKER**, of the parish of Nelson, to Miss **MARTHA JANE WASSON**, of the parish of Blissfield.

Deaths.

At Baddock, Cape Breton, on the 14th ult., after a short and severe illness, **MR. ROBERT CLARK**, only son of the late John Clark, Esq., of this place, aged 26 years.

At Oak Point, on the 5th inst., **MATILDA**, wife of Mr. John Morison, Jun., aged 25 years, leaving a husband and three children to lament the loss of an affectionate wife and kind mother.

On the same day, and at the same place, **MR. ADAM SIMM**, aged 55 years, leaving a widow and two children to lament their loss.