

THE GLEANER:

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Editor's Department.

MIRAMICHI:

CHATHAM, TUESDAY, OCT. 24, 1848

The schooner Messenger, on board of which vessel our paper was shipped, having made her appearance in the port of Richibucto, a friend at that place procured a small parcel and sent it on by the stage yesterday afternoon, which has enabled us to issue a half sheet to-day. We are in hopes to be able to present our readers with a Gleaner of the proper dimensions on Tuesday next, which will be the first No. of the 20th volume.

PLOUGHING MATCH AND CATTLE SHOW OF THE NORTHUMBERLAND AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The annual Ploughing Match and Cattle show of the Northumberland Agricultural Society, came off at Newcastle on Tuesday, the 3rd day of this month.

The weather could scarcely have been more pleasant or better suited to the occasion: and at being the day of the FAIR, which is held annually at the county town, the number of spectators was considerably greater than it otherwise would have been.

By 10 o'clock SIXTEEN PLOUGHS had reached the field of competition. It therefore became evident that the field selected for the occasion, was not only too small, but that it—taken together with a small lay field adjoining—would both prove inadequate. In this dilemma, the committee, whose duty it was to select and lay off the ground, resolved, as the only alternative, to divide, or cut the small field, by running a ridge across the centre of it.—In this way the sixteen ploughmen were accommodated. It must be admitted, however that there was a good deal of grumbling occasioned by sundry causes, which the Society will no doubt carefully guard against in future. One of these causes was the ground being exceedingly stony and rough, particularly the small field, where it was the lot of several first rate ploughmen to be stationed. Nothing can be more teasing to any tatter ploughman than small round stones, firmly imbedded in the soil:—so grievously was this annoyance felt, that every ploughman on the ground pronounced his particular ridge to be the worst, and often declared his intention to give up the contest.

At 25 minutes to 11 o'clock—the ploughmen having previously drawn tickets for their respective ridges—the sixteen ploughs were in motion, each gliding cautiously along in its furrowed course. The two fields now became a scene of interest and beauty. Every one knows that much of the excellence, even of the very best ploughman's work, depends upon his first furrow. Under this impression the crowd began forthwith to run to and fro, in order to determine the prizes; each one according as his judgment or prejudices led him, and at the very moment when the ploughmen had completed their first furrow, the sun—as if to give greater life & liveliness to the checkered and shifting scene that followed—broke forth with smiling ray, dispelling the heavy mist that hung over and hid much of the surrounding country.

It is somewhat strange, that among the many influential gentlemen of our community, who have generously lent their names and patronage to the Northumberland Agricultural Society, not one has as yet felt it his duty, to convey to our Annual Ploughing Matches, his wife, his daughter or his sister. Surely such an excursion—besides gladdening the hearts and nerves of the hands of the ploughmen; and lending "eclat" to the whole affair—would tend to benefit the health, improve the appearance, and increase the happiness of every intelligent female privileged to enjoy it.

Soon as the ploughmen had completed their assigned tasks, and their horses and ploughs were removed from the ground, the Judges, viz: Messrs. Thomas Johnstone, (Bartibogue); John Irvine, and Richard Coulter—were summoned, to decide the contest, and determine the prizes:—A task not the most easy or enviable, in a word, owing to the peculiar circumstances already related.

DECISION OF THE JUDGES OF THE PLOUGHING MATCH.

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| To No 9—James Johnstone, son of Mr George Johnston, Napan, 1st prize, | 1 17 6 |
| No 6—James Ostream, ploughman of William Letson, Esq., Chatham 2nd prize, | 1 15 0 |
| No 16—James Orr, son of Alex. Orr farmer, Napan, 3d prize, | 1 12 6 |
| No 4—Alexander Dick, 2d son of A. Dick, Napan, farmer, 4th prize | 1 10 0 |
| (eldest Son, winner of two prizes—not eligible), | |
| No 15—D. Baldwin, son of D. Baldwin, Chatham, Back Lots, 5th prize, | 1 7 6 |
| No 7—John Dixon, son of John Dixon, Newcastle, farmer, 6th prize | 1 5 0 |
| | £9 7 6 |

It is no doubt equally true as lamentable, that the trade and commerce of Northumberland have been languishing for years past; but it is equally true and encouraging, that our Agricultural interests have been rapidly advancing:—That if Lumbering be receding, Agriculture is progressing, and the other resources of the County are being sought for and cultivated. Articles of recent import are becoming articles of export. Witness Macdougall's speculation of *Miramichi Butter*, shipped the other day for the British market. Even the very stones hid in our soil, are now being excavated and shipped to distant shores, to be exchanged for gold and silver, or whatever else may better suit the purposes of the enterprising shipper. Why then depend, or cry out against the times? Why should farmers do this?—Grumbling is a profitless kind of business, to say the least of it.

The Cattle Show was, comparatively speaking, a failure: Out of £20 12 6 granted for premiums by the Society, only £9 12 6 were paid to competitors. This strange circumstance is attributable to two causes, first, the absence of certain animals to claim prizes, and secondly, the "unworthiness" of certain animals to the prizes offered.

DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES OF THE CATTLE SHOW.

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| No 77—best 2 year old Bull, Geo. Johnston, Napan, | £1 0 0 |
| No 39 2nd ditto C. J. via Nevin, Newcastle, | 0 10 0 |
| 45 Best 2 year old Heifer, D. Weatherall, Newcastle, | 1 0 0 |
| 69 2nd best do, D. Weatherall, Newcastle, | 0 10 0 |
| 48 Best 1 year old Heifer, George Johnson, Napan, | 0 15 0 |
| 12 Second best do, James Dixon, Napan, | 0 7 6 |
| 94 best 2 year old Ewe, Charles Marshall, Douglstown, | 0 10 0 |
| 92 best 1 year old do, Charles Marshall, Douglstown, | 0 10 0 |
| 10 Second best do, Richard Coulter, farmer, Douglstown, | 0 5 0 |
| 7 best 1 year old S. W. George Johnston, Napan, | 0 10 0 |
| 6 best Gelding or Mare, 3 years old Alex. A. Davidson, | 1 10 0 |
| 25 2d best do, do, 3 years old, James Brown, Bartibogue, | 0 16 0 |
| 35 best Gelding or Mare, 2 year old, H. Oldfield, North West, | 1 0 0 |
| 59 Second best do, John Wyse, | 0 10 0 |
| | 9 12 6 |

JUDGES.

Oliver Willard, M. Searle, and Wm. Stohart.

JAMES CALE, Secy.

N.B.—The Secretary has not been favoured with any remarks from the Judges of Cattle, but understands that the question—*What is a Heifer?*—became a puzzler to them! A Heifer is a "Young Cow" says the dictionary; but it appears, that because a Heifer belonging to Mr George Johnston, Napan, happened to be a young Cow, she was deprived of the prize, to which, had she not been

a mother, she would have been fully entitled. Query—If the Judges be correct, must not the Rules of the Society be wrong?

EUROPEAN NEWS.

Two British mails were received at our Post office on Friday last. The steamer Britannia arrived at Halifax on the evening of Saturday week, in a passage of 14 days, and brought papers to the 30th September; and the Niagara, arrived at the same place, early in the morning of Wednesday last, accomplishing her voyage across the Atlantic in ten days. Papers by her are to the 7th of the month. Her Majesty had returned from Scotland, after a very pleasant sojourn in that country. She left Aberdeen in the royal steam yacht, but having encountered a heavy gale, put back, proceeded to London by the railway, and thence, by the same conveyance, to the Isle of Wight, where the royal party arrived on the 5th inst.

We have devoted as much of our limited space, as circumstances would admit of, to extracts from the papers thus received, which embrace many things of importance connected with the affairs of the old world.

Colonial.—Our Colonial papers do not furnish much information of interest.

Novascotia.—A correspondent of the Halifax Guardian reports a melancholy accident which took place at Wallace, Mrs. Rob, her son a lad of 12 years of age, and Mrs Mathewson, were unfortunately drowned while crossing a lake. The boat filled and sunk when a short distance from the shore, and the parties above named met with a watery grave. Their bodies were recovered a short time after the accident.

The Times reports—That three of the Professors for the Free Church have arrived at Halifax. One has been in the city some time, and the other two, the Revd. Alex. Forrester, and the Rev. Alex. King, came passengers in the Niagara. The same paper states that negotiations are pending for the sale of the four old boats of the Cunard line of mail steamers to the Austrian government. They are to be delivered up as soon as four new boats can be built to supply their places.

New Brunswick.—The Courier cautions the public against spurious five dollar, and ten dollar notes, purporting to be issued by the Bank of Lower Canada, at Quebec, and signed M. Williamson, President, and N. Henderson, Cashier, which are in circulation in that city.

The New Brunswicker reports that the line of telegraph between this City and Calais, is proceeding most vigorously. The posts are already up, with the insulators in them ready for the wire, for ten miles on this side Magaguavic, and the working party are advancing rapidly this way. There is every reasonable probability, that the line will be in actual operation by the 1st December, (the time proposed) or even earlier.

The St. Andrew's Standard contains the following paragraph.

A respectable mechanic, who recently left this Town writing from the city of Portland, one of the most thriving places in the State of Maine, says, all kinds of business is so dull, and I may add flat, that mechanics are working for their vic-

tuals alone! The labourers are being discharged from the Railroads, daily, by hundreds.

Marriages.

At Granville, Novascotia, on Wednesday the 11th inst., by the Revd J. Shepherd, JAMES ALEXANDER JAMES, Esquire, of Richibucto, New Brunswick, Barrister at Law, to PHOEBE ANNA, eldest daughter of Joseph Shaw, Esq. of the former place.

On Saturday last, by the Rev. John McCurdy, Mr JAMES CURRIE, to Miss SARAH STEEL, both of the Parish of Newcastle.

Ship News.

PORT OF MIRAMICHI.

ENTERED.—October 8.—brig Horne, McLeod, Pictou, assignees of J Cunard.

4th—Wansbeck, Eisson, Talbot, Gilmour Rankin & Co; Albion, Driscoll, London, do 45 days; bark Clio, Halcrow, do, do 41 days; schr Three Sisters, Boutang, Canada.

7th—Relief, McNeil, Richibucto; Clarinda, Bog, St John, N.B.

11—Marceline, Roy, Bathurst.

13th—Seaflower, Parant, Quebec.

16th—Lady, Michon, Quebec, Joseph Samuel and others.

17th—Thistle, Painchant, Montreal.

Oct 18—schr Carolus, Bell, Prince Edward's Island; Virgene, Blais, Bathurst.

19—bark Hannah, Barile, Bridgeport, Assignees of J. Cunard, 28 days; brig Palmerston, Jones, London, Gilmour Rankin & Co 42 days.

20th—schr S. Bernis, Witt, Halifax.

21—Mary Graham, P. E. Island; Sarah, Campbell, do.

CLEARED.—Oct 4—brig Tusket, Stowe, Exter.

5—schr Herald, Horan, Pictou; Miscon, Coulson, Quebec; brig Lavinia, Walsh, Waterford.

7th—Seabird, Holmes, Sunderland; Horne, McLeod, Pictou; bark Pollock, McIntyre, Glasgow; Lord Mulgrave, Broderick, Hall.

10th—Elizabeth, Halderness, Brown, do, schr Clarinda, Boig, Boston.

11th—Two Sisters, Banting, P. E. Island; brig Thomas and William, Carr, Foway.

12—Downs, Duddy, Waterford; Solan, Moody, Belfast; schr Marceline, Roy, Bathurst; Relief, McNeil, Richibucto.

13th—bark Sarah, Cooke, Liverpool.

16th—schr Seaflower, Parant, Quebec.

Oct 18—schr Thistle, Painchant, Gaspé; Lady, Michon, do; brig Wansbeck, Eisson, Newcastle.

20th—Albion, Driscoll, Cardiff.

21—schr Caroline, Bell, P. E. Island; brig Virgene, Blais, Magdalene Island.

The Ship Deborah, Pettigron, Master, belonging to Saint Andrews, from Liverpool to Restigouche, with salt and dry goods, for A. Ritchie & Co, went ashore on Tropic Beach during the gale on Thursday night last, and will be a total wreck. Crew and part of the cargo saved.

Steamer Velocity at Auction.

On SATURDAY next, the 28th inst. at 2 o'clock, P. M. on the beach near the mouth of Konchibougnac Harbour, will be sold by Auction, for the benefit of all concerned:

The HULL and MACHINERY of the Steamer Velocity, as she now lies stranded on the shore. Also, her Bouts, Anchors, Chains, &c.

WM. J. FRASER, Auctioneer.
Chatham, 24th October, 1848.

Wool, Wool, Wool.

The Subscriber begs respectfully to inform his friends and the public, that his well known

Carding Machine

is in full operation for the season at his establishment on the South Branch, Welford, and has a person of long experience to conduct the business; he now hopes by assiduity, care and attention, together with being the first to reduce the rates for carding, to secure a share of public patronage. Wool well picked and oiled, and left at the Machine, or at his Agents, will be Carded for 2d per lb.; or 3d. by way of trade; if otherwise, an extra charge of one penny per lb. will be made for oiling.—Mixed wool 3d. per lb.—cash, or 4d. by way of trade. Wool left at Mr. Ziecheus Phinney's—Richibucto—Mr. Daniel McAuley's, Ship Yard will be taken and returned once a week free of expence, by

WM. DORRIS.

South Branch, June 3, 1848.