

gree commensurate with the improvement of the intellect. Mankind are beginning to seek for happiness in what can withstand the omnipotent wastes of time, and when they are fully aroused from the dormancy of past ages, our world will feel the benign influence to its utmost boundaries, and again appear as when it first glowed with beauty, and the Heavens rolled over it in grandeur.

THEODORE.

December 31, 1847.

Editor's Department.

MIRAMICHI:

CHATHAM, TUESDAY, Jan. 11, 1848.

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 a future, must be accompanied with the CASH otherwise they will not meet with attention.

JAMES A. PIERCE.

BRITISH NEWS.

The Mail Steamer Caledonia arrived at Halifax on the morning of the 3rd instant. She had a passage of fifteen and a half days. We have copied from our files, which are to the 18th of December, a number of extracts, which embrace a summary of all that has transpired in the old world of any importance, since the departure of the previous steamer. We are sorry to perceive, that but little improvement has taken place in commercial affairs, and failures were constantly occurring.

CATTLE SHOW

AND GENERAL EXHIBITION OF THE NORTHUMBERLAND AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The Annual Cattle Show and General Exhibition of Home Manufactures, Dairy Produce, and Grains, of the Agricultural Society, came off in Chatham, on Thursday last. The exhibition throughout was the best we ever witnessed in Miramichi, and we question much if it can be equalled in any other county of the province. Only one thing occurred to mar the scene, the boisterous state of the weather, which we have no doubt prevented many persons from attending. Notwithstanding this drawback, the concourse of individuals assembled was very numerous, and they must have been highly gratified with the display they witnessed.

We publish below the Report of the affair from the pen of the Secretary, which must be perused with interest by every person having the permanent welfare of the County at heart.

The Annual Meeting of this highly beneficial Society, it will be seen by an advertisement in another column, is to take place on WEDNESDAY, the 19th instant, when we hope to see a large number of our Agriculturalists present to engage in the business of the meeting.

The weather for some time previously having been exceedingly fine, the prevailing opinion was that Thursday last—the day appointed for the Cattle Show and General Exhibition—would be equally dry and pleasant. During the preceding night, however, a few inches of snow fell, which a brisk breeze of north west wind during Thursday, whisked about in most whimsical style, powdering over with 'driven snow,' every creature and thing exposed to its chilling influence.

In the midst of this disagreeable drift, however, fleets of hardy Farmers—accompanied by horses, cattle, sheep, pigs, home manufactures, dairy produce, &c. came pouring into Chatham, from all quarters. By two o'clock the scene was truly animating and interesting. The preliminary committees having got thro' the duties assigned to them by about one o'clock—the Judges—consisting of three distinct committees—proceeded to the performance of their task—not the most

enviable in the world—of determining the Prizes; so that soon after four o'clock the successful candidates had pocketed their prize monies, and were on their way home.

The Exhibition of this year has surpassed even that of last year, particularly in the display of fine Horses. The samples of Grains were numerous and excellent, 65 lbs. per bushel being the heaviest Wheat; 44 lbs. the heaviest Oats; 53 lbs. the heaviest Barley, and 65 lbs. the heaviest Pease. These weights, though somewhat under those of former years, are very fair, considering the inferiority of all sorts of Grain crop in point of weight this year season.

A large and respectable concourse of spectators assembled from all the adjoining settlements, to witness the exhibition, to countenance the enterprise, and add dignity by their presence, to the proceedings of the day.

Below is a statement of the names of the winners, the sums they received, and the description of articles for which prizes were offered by the society.

Table with columns for category (HOME MANUFACTURES, PRODUCE OF THE DAIRY, GRAINS), item description, and prize amount.

Table with columns for category (CATTLE SHOW), item description, and prize amount.

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The best White Oats belonged to Mr Robert Whitney, but only half the quantity required was produced. The same individual presented a fine sample of Indian Corn, which he raised last season.

Table with columns for category (LIVE STOCK), item description, and prize amount.

JAMES CAIE, Secretary.

COLONIAL NEWS.

After a careful perusal of our exchanges, we perceive but little that is new or interesting to record.

TIMBER TRADE.

The following is an extract from Deane & Ewing's Circular, published at Liverpool on the 18th ult.—

"The general remarks made in our last circular regarding the state of this market for wood articles we now confirm. The imports estimated by the amount of tonnage, since the first of February last, continue to be about one third less than an average supply; prices are, notwithstanding, considerably below those current at the corresponding period last year, both for timber and deals; and although this diminished supply, and the extraordinary low prices, have induced dealers to come forward with more confidence than they have done for some time past, still sales cannot be freely made at the quotations given."

HALIFAX.

The papers contradict the report published, that three soldiers of the 82nd Regiment, came to their death by suffocation on Christmas night, caused by excessive drinking. Their deaths are attributed to other causes.

BAY CHALEUR.

A correspondent in this quarter communicates the following Election news:

The Election on the Canada side of Bay Chaleur is going on strongly. The parties in the field are the rejected candidates of last Election, J. R. Hamilton, Esq., of New Carlisle, and W. Cuthbert, Esq., New Richmond. The latter has been urgently solicited by a number of the most influential of the inhabitants to come forward, and if a character for integrity, a long course of business in the district of Bonaventure, conducted on upright and benevolent principles are of any weight, we have no fear of his being returned.

COUNTY OF RESTIGOUCHE.

The Hon. Alexander Rankin informs us, that he has received the sum of thirty pounds, five shillings, currency, forwarded to him by Mrs Hugh Montgomery, of Dalhousie, being a sum collected last spring by the Ladies of Dalhousie, in aid of the distressed in Ireland and Scotland; the same to be forwarded for that purpose.

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.

It must be a source of great satisfaction to those persons who were instrumental in the establishment of this useful institution, to witness the lively interest that is taken in its behalf by all classes of the community. Notwithstanding the depression in trade, and the great scarcity of the circulating medium, consequent thereon, a very large number of new members have enrolled their names on the Society's books, and we learn the amount of tickets disposed of for the season's Lectures, is very considerable.

On Thursday evening, the Institute was opened for the season, when the Rev. Mr. PROBERT delivered a most eloquent, and highly interesting and instructive Lecture on the rise and progress of science, and the great advantages that have accrued to communities and individuals from the acquiring of useful knowledge. The remarks which the Rev. Lecturer made on the duties devolving on the instructors of youth, the unimpeachable character they should bear, and the high position they should occupy in society, were strictly correct; but they afford a melancholy contrast to our every day experience in this matter; and we are apprehensive that it will continue so to be, while the Government and People provide so niggardly as they do at present, for the Instructors of youth.

His comments on the care that should be bestowed on the erection of the Buildings in which the rising generation are to receive instruction—the attention that should be given to have the same properly ventilated and warmed, and the provision that should be made for the comfort and convenience of the children, were also just; but what a biting satire they were on the wretchedly dilapidated buildings used for this important service throughout the Province, and to our shame be it said, in the very heart of Chatham. We have no hesitation in stating that the School-houses in our town are a disgrace to a people having any pretensions to enlightenment; and we are apprehensive they will remain so until the Trustees of Schools have power to assess the inhabitants to put them in proper condition.

His appeal to the Mechanics in behalf of the institute, was clear and convincing, and must have come home to the understanding of all such as were present.

The Lecture was listened to with profound attention, and many passages were loudly applauded. We were gratified to hear the Revd. Gentleman announce that he would again appear before them during the season.

Notwithstanding the weather was extremely cold and boisterous, the audience was both numerous and respectable.

The LIBRARY will be opened on Thursday, between the hours of one and two.

SHIP NEWS.

- From Willmor & Smith's European Times, December 18.
From Bathurst—Lord Elgin, Liverpool.
From Baetonché—Christiana, Gravesend.
From Dalhousie—Ann More, Maryport; Ag-

nes. Shields: British Empire; Gravesend: Carnation, Shields; Hero, the Mumbles: Saint George, Llanelly; Harvy, Stockton.

- From Gaspe—Janorio, Civita Vecchia; Chance, Naples; Teazer, Cadiz.
From Miramichi—Lady Napier, Gloscon Dock; Truait, Aberswith; Charles Saunders; Hull: Ocean Queen, Tenby.
From Richibucto—Celeste, Newport; Carnation, Bridlington Bay; Thomas Hamford, Gloucester; South Esk, Belfast; Fergus, Hull.
From Shediac—Juniper, Liverpool; Free Trade, Stockton.
From Shippegan—Crapaud, Jersey.

Terrific Gales on the Coast of England.

Our maritime intelligence presents a fearful catalogue of casualties, produced by the late gales throughout all the neighboring coasts, and every day brings accounts of fresh disasters. The frightful storms with which we have been visited have, in many places, reached to the utmost violence of a hurricane. During several days previous to the 6th instant, the winds from the eastward had been exceedingly violent but on that day it veered to the north-east and became a perfect hurricane, which lasted without intermission during the whole of the 6th and 7th. The tempest was especially felt on the east coasts of Scotland, where the destruction of boats and shipping has been most extensive. At Dundee, Aberdeen, Leith and Newhaven, the violence of the waves was greater than ever was known. Along the east coast of England the storm equally raged. On the Goodwin Sands a fine vessel was lost. The devastating fury of the gale extending to the channel, where a frightful sea threatened destruction to every vessel upon the waters. A fine ship, the Marchioness of Abercon, from Quebec, was wrecked a few miles from Trevor Head, and on the 10th an American ship, the Roberts, was burnt at the water's edge of Weymouth, probably resulting from her abandonment in the gale. We refer to the subjoined intelligence for especial details. A Liverpool the damage to the shipping was no less severe than elsewhere. A fine ship, the Frankfield, bound from our port to Calao, was totally wrecked off Anglesea, with the loss of twenty lives. Altogether, the damage done to our shipping has been severe. On various parts of the coast of the Channel, Islands a considerable quantity of wreck has been washed ashore.

DOVER, December 7.—Nothing-father has transpired respecting the timber laden ship and her crew, which met with her destruction on the Goodwin, during the gale of Saturday night. That every soul belonging to her was sacrificed with the ill-fated vessel there is no doubt. A quantity of wreck has been washed up, but nothing has been found that could lead to her name.

These terrible sands were the scene of another unfortunate wreck on Sunday night. The wind was blowing very strong, and the New Holland, Bradley master, from Port-au-Prince for London, was driven upon them, and the probability is that ere this she has been lost. The crew were picked up by the Tartar lugger, and have been safely landed. The loss in this instance will no doubt prove very considerable.

DUMBAR, December 7.—The Northumberland, Wyllie, Alton, from Miramichi to Leith, was totally wrecked this morning during a heavy gale, mate and four men drowned.

SCILLY, Dec. 10.—The Severn, Kenny, from Shediac to London, experienced a very heavy heavy gale, 7th inst, and was assisted in here on the 8th, waterlogged, with loss of sails, boats, and other damage.

The Amity, of Liverpool, from Richibucto, waterlogged and dismantled, was boarded 30th ult, in lat 43, lon 56, by the Forth, Chapman arrived at Southampton.

Marriages.

At St. Andrews, N. B., on Sunday, the 2nd inst., by the Rev. Jerome Alley, D. D., Mr WILLIAM ALBRO LETSEY, merchant of Chatham, Miramichi, to Miss EMILY, fourth daughter of the late R. S. Clarke, Esquire, formerly High Sheriff of the county of Northumberland.

Deaths.

At Shediac on Saturday morning the 8th inst. HENRY JAMES, son of Henry Livingstone, Esq., aged 17 days.

Wistar's Balsam at the South.

One of our agents at Athens, Georgia, has sent us the following letter, with permission to publish the same.

TRUTH IS MIGHTY AND WILL PREVAIL.

Athens, August 24, 1846.

Dear Sir,—Having been afflicted for more than ten months with Chronic Inflammation of the Lungs, at times very severely, and having adopted many medicines without any but temporary relief,—I purchased about three bottles of Wistar's Balsam of Wild Cherry, from the effects of which I obtained more relief than for all the medicines I had ever taken for that distressing disorder. I have by the repeated use of this valuable Balsam, become more free from pressure for breath and oppression on the lungs than I had anticipated, and indeed conceive that I will be cured by continuing its use, of this most disheartening malady. I do most cheerfully tender you the acknowledgements, which you will ass as your judgment dictates.

RODNEY BOURKE.
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