

Ernest Hawkins, B. D., fellow of Exeter College Oxford, has left England on the suggestion of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, with a view to the promotion of the society's objects in Canada, and also to make the necessary arrangements for the erection of another episcopal see in that portion of our colonial possessions. The diocese of Toronto (Canda West) covers an extent of country twice as large as all the dioceses of England put together, containing upwards of 100,000 square miles, with a population of 700,000 souls. There are 97 missionaries in the diocese in connection with the Propagation Society, as well as many others who are maintained out of various resources. The Bishop of Montreal, who administers also the Diocese of Quebec, has earnestly urged upon the society the need of a division of his diocese, which comprises 200,000 square miles and a population of 800,000 souls. A census of the Lower Province was taken in the year 1831, and the following is the general result according to the religious classification of the inhabitants. Church of Rome, 403,472; Church of England, 34,620; Church of Scotland, 15,069; Methodists, 7019; Presbyterian congregations, 7811; Baptists, 2461; Jews 107; other denominations 5577. The number at the last census, namely, in 1847, was 782,677.

The total number of clergy at this period, in the same division of the Province, was 36, of whom 22 were paid wholly, and 6 in part, by the society for the Propagation of the Gospel. The clergy at the present time amount to 87, and the proportion of the clergy to the church of England population, which, eighteen years ago, was rather more than one to a thousand, is now as one to five hundred. It is now intended to add another to the two dioceses of which Canada is composed, and a bishop's see will be erected at Quebec as well as at Montreal. It is expected that the first appointment to the new Bishopric will be conferred on the Rev. Isaac Hullmuth, M. A., Professor of Hebrew and Rabbinical Literature at Bishop's College, Lennoxville, in the diocese of Montreal. The Rev. Mr Hawkins will return and make his report to the Society early in November.

THIS DAY'S MAIL.

From the Saint John Courier of Saturday last.

**ALARMS OF FIRE.**—About ten o'clock, last night we had an alarm of fire. It proceeded from McDonald's Hotel, in King street. It was soon extinguished—a back bedroom connected with the building being but slightly injured.

This forenoon, the upper part of the new and beautiful dwelling house of Mr Thomas E. Millidge, near Fort Howe, in Portland, was discovered to be on fire. The building was much injured before the flames were subdued. We have not heard how the fire originated.

We have our usual files of Boston papers of Thursday and New-York of Wednesday by the Maid of Erin.

The Mail Steamer Canada left New York, at noon on Wednesday, with eighty four passengers for Liverpool, and seven for Halifax.

The Steamer Washington, fourteen days from Southampton, arrived at New York on Tuesday. She brought about 400 tons of French, German and British goods on freight, and nearly 200 passengers.

The Ship Schodiac, Nichols, at New York on Wednesday, from Liverpool, lost the mate, 4 of the crew, and 24 passengers, by cholera and ship fever.

The Packet ship Henry Clay, was burnt to the water's edge, at the wharf, at New York, on Wednesday morning, at three o'clock.—She was to sail on Thursday for Liverpool. Her cargo of cotton, flour, &c, was valued at £25,000. The ship was insured at from \$64,000 to \$74,000. The origin of the fire is unknown.

During the 24 hours ending at 12 o'clock on Wednesday, there were five deaths of cholera in Boston city, one at East Boston, and three at Deer Island.—In New York during the same period there were only eight deaths of cholera.

The Albany Board of Health have discontinued their reports of cholera.

The cholera has made its appearance at Bangor, and proved very fatal. On Sunday the 2nd there were 22 cases and 16 deaths. The Health Officer states, that 'almost every person who had thus far been attacked with cholera, had either been suffering for a number of days previously with diarrhoea, or had been imprudent in diet.' On Tuesday, as we learn from a passenger in the Governor, there were five persons taken to the hospital, all of whom died. There was much alarm in the city.

Flour at New York on Wednesday afternoon was lower, with sales at \$5 25 to \$5 31 for common State and Western. Pork nominated at \$10 50, and \$8 36 for mess and prime.

**BUFFALO, Sept. 5, 6 o'clock, p. m.**—The President left here at two o'clock, as is supposed, direct for Washington. His health continued to improve. It is rumored that his sickness had been more severe, and his life in greater danger than had been reported. The cholera is disappearing, but one death having occurred since yesterday.

MONTREAL, Sept. 5.—Lord Elgin left for Kingston at noon, with the Countess and child. They were last from Quebec. Eight deaths of cholera have occurred since the last report.

At Toronto, on Tuesday 28th ult, there were 20 cases of cholera, and 11 deaths; Wednesday, 11 cases and 7 deaths.

At Montreal, 28th ult, 1 death, and on the 31st but 1 death reported since the 28th. Six deaths reported at Quebec on the 27th. The cholera has broken out at Beauharnois, some thirty miles above Montreal, and it is extending along the line of the Chateaugay and canals.—It has also made its appearance at Grosse Isle quarantine, having been brought there by emigrants in the Circassia—but one death.

A despatch from Montreal intimates that differential duties will be imposed on American goods, unless the government of the United States consents to reciprocity of Navigation Laws.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

**SKELETON OF A MAN FOUND.**—An inquest assembled on view of the skeleton of a man unknown, found in the woods near the Main Road, adjacent to the School House, in the Upper Settlement, Parish of Sussex, on Wednesday the 29th ult. On examining the remains, it was ascertained that his skull had been fractured to such an extent that the Surgeon in attendance pronounced it sufficient to cause almost immediate death. No testimony was then adduced to fix even a suspicion of guilt upon the perpetrator of so foul a crime. The inquisition was therefore adjourned until Saturday the 29th September, at 10 o'clock, A. M., to give time for inquiry and further investigation. If the deceased has any connections or acquaintances in this or the adjoining Provinces, it would be advisable that they should give their attendance at the time and place as above mentioned.

The deceased appeared about the age of Forty; hair dark brown, with a sprinkling of white, and about middle stature. Had on a brown cloth sackcoat, bound with broad dark green braid; blue striped shirt, with red shirt inside; black vest and blue trowsers of cloth, and round-toed boots. A brown cotton umbrella was found near the body, and in his pockets about twenty one shillings in silver, an empty pocket book, a small key, a necklace, a looking-glass, comb, &c.

A. C. EVANSON, Coroner.

Sussex Vale, 1st September, 1849.

From the New Brunswick.

**THE DELEGATES.**—The Canadian, New Brunswick, and P. E. Island Delegates, together with the member of Sir John Harvey's Government, and we believe the Hon. Speaker of the Nova Scotia Legislature, assembled at Halifax on Monday, in the Legislative Council Chamber. Nothing has transpired as to the subjects intended to be discussed, further than is already known to the public—but we hope for much good from their labours to the Provinces generally. Newfoundland refused to send Delegates.

The Halifax Sun of Wednesday, says:—We were told last evening that the Delegates had consulted their consultations, and that the Prince Edward's Island Representation would leave town this morning. We had supposed, that as the hon. Mr Hincks is expected in the steamer to arrive from England, the deliberations of their honors would be prolonged till his arrival, that his opinion, which is worth something, might be given.

NOVASCOTIA.

Halifax Guardian, Sept. 7.

**RETURN OF THE HIBERNIA.**—The R. M. Steamship Hibernia, whose injury on Friday last by touching a rock of Chebucto Head, we mentioned in our issue of that day, having undergone temporary repairs, continued her voyage for Liverpool on Saturday afternoon.—She had proceeded so far on her homeward course as to be 70 miles east of Cape Race, when it was found that the pumps were insufficient to reduce the leak. It was consequently decided to return to this port, where she arrived safely at an early hour this morning, and is now lying at Cunard's wharf, preparatory to a more thorough examination and complete repairs.

The mails, we understand, have been landed and will be transferred by the Post Office authorities to the Caledonia steamer, to sail this evening for England.

P. E. ISLAND.

**DISEASE IN THE POTATOES.**—We regret to hear the old disease has again made its appearance in several potatoe fields in different parts of the Island. This is certainly to be deplored, although we could scarcely expect that it would entirely disappear this year—that will, in all probability be a work of time. Ever since the year 1845—when it first made its appearance—it has been less destructive each succeeding year, and we trust ere many more summers pass over, it will be known only as a fatal blight that did exist.—Islander.

TEA PARTY.

The Ladies of Douglstown intend giving a TEA PARTY, in the new School House of that place on TUESDAY, the 19th instant, for the purpose of raising funds to enable the Committee to proceed with the finishing of the building. They hope the public will patronize their efforts in the cause of Education.

Tea to be served at half past Three o'clock. Tickets, Two Shillings each; Children half price. To be had of Mr E. Daley, Messrs. Forbes, and Wm. Mills, Chatham; Mr Bagnal, and Mr Patrick Wheeler, Newcastle; and at the School House, Douglstown.

Douglstown, September 10, 1849.

SECOND EDITION.

TUESDAY MORNING, SEPT. 11, 1849.

COMMUNICATION.

MR PIERCE,

Sir,—I perceive by the Gleaner of the 3rd instant, that a Committee of Sessions have advertised for Tenders for the erection of a Stone Wall around the Record Office, and Fuel Sheds. I would ask any candid man, whether this is the time to run the County in debt further than what cannot be avoided? Is it right or fair that the County, with a debt of at least £1300, should at this time of scarcity and the impossibility of realizing money for anything, with nothing in our future prospects very cheering, to increase the county debt? A debt that must assuredly be paid, and that from the hard earnings of the people of this county. The day of assessment may be delayed, but then the interest on the debt is increasing the principal. Now, Mr Pierce, this stone wall is not wanted, neither was the building wanted, as the Clerk of the Peace and the County Registrar both had good and sufficient sales, wherein to keep the Public Records; and more particularly as no person asked for the change, or made any complaint or request that another office should be provided. Then, if I am right, the outlay has been wanton on the part of the majority of the Sessions, for I know the expence was not incurred by the united concurrence of that body. But the mischief is done, as far as the expence of the erection of the building is concerned. But are the Sessions, or the majority, mad? Can it be possible that they are about incurring an additional expence of about £150, for what is not wanted? But from what has been done these two years back, I cannot be surprised at any thing; when they wantonly raise Committees to take forcible possession of property, thereby incurring more expence, for no good whatever; all to be paid, doctors' bills for dressing the wounded included. But why point to any individual case? Has not all the Session business been done the same way for the time before named? Yes, it has been done in the most wanton, reckless, unbusiness-like manner that can be imagined. At the last July Sessions, a member of what is called the minority applied to the Sessions to raise a committee to consider the state of the income and expenditure of the finances of the county, which committee was granted, and they, considering the depressed state of the county, recommended by resolution that the charges on the funds should be reduced about one-fourth. For a wonder this was approved of nearly unanimously by the Sessions. But mark what followed. The Session business being nearly closed, and as there was only one day more for business, many Justices had gone home under the belief that nothing of importance remained to be done. But certain Justices living contiguous to the Court House, took this opportunity of relieving the county by reducing the expenditure, but in my opinion increased it, by appointing an Auditor to audit the county accounts, as appears by an advertisement in the Gleaner under date of 3rd inst, and it is said with a salary of £10 a year; and that is not, many will say, the worst of the transaction; for I am sure no person out of Session has the least confidence in the person appointed. I grant them that appointed him has confidence in him, because he is just the person that will suit them; he will do their party work to their hearts' content. But the serious question suggests itself, how will Overseers of the Poor, Road Commissioners, Collectors of Taxes, and all other persons having matters to adjust with the Sessions, be dealt with? If they are opposed to the majority, the answer is easily made. If I can judge from the past, it is pretty generally believed that the party intends to drive every person of standing from holding any public office, but those who will become dupes, and blindly do the bidding of those in power. But, Mr Pierce, I am sure that the Auditor will not give satisfaction to many even of the Justices; and consequently the accounts will be required to be examined in Session, which is likely to lead to a procrastination of the business, rather than expedite it. But in all conscience, what does the Session want of an Auditor? Two members of the Session could, in six hours each of two days of the Session, examine every paper that comes before them each Term; and besides the convenience, for when any question may arise, they only have to submit it to the Session, and then it is decided. I consider it a piece of the grossest extravagance that could be invented; for I would ask, what are the Justices appointed for, if not to do the business entrusted to them, to examine all matters submitted to them. With regard to the legality of such an appointment, and the taking of the county funds to pay the salary, is what I shall not now discuss, because that is a question that may adjust itself.

It may seem strange to many, that I use the words, Party and Majority; but it should be remembered, that I borrow it from the declaration of the majority, for they declare that the Sessions are responsible, like the Government, and that the minority must submit to the majority. But I presume when the term responsibility is used, then the governing party is responsible to some other power that can exercise some influence in a constitutional way, and thereby displace them should their acts bring on them the just indignation of the governed. That the acts of the majority of the Sessions for this county, have brought on them the disapproval of the people, is too notorious to be disputed. Nothing would give greater pleasure to the inhabitants, than to have an

opportunity to pass sentence, and test their responsibility, but I think if they continue much longer in the course they are pursuing, that the county will take the liberty of letting them know, that there is such a thing as going beyond the bounds of endurance.

It is gravely assured, that these responsibilities intend to apply to the Legislature for a grant to cover their extravagance. I hope they may be able, and so fortunate, as to succeed in getting a grant to pay for expenses incurred that the county has not received one shilling's advantage from, nor perhaps ever will. Now, Mr Pierce, I would ask, can the business of the Session be fairly done; can every man coming before that tribunal expect that even handed justice will be done him. I am confident many can answer the question in sorrow. It appears to me passing strange, that gentlemen appointed by the government to administer the laws, should lend themselves to support party. I am sure, if they will examine the oath of office, they will find that they are called to higher and nobler duties than to support party strife, and I am sure it only requires a little reflection to at once see the folly of the course that is pursued; and I would implore of them to amend their conduct, and place themselves in the position the constitution puts them in. They should not allow any party motive to sway their judgments; they should possess high and honorable feelings; take no notice of a seeming slight or injury, offered in the discharge of their duty; they should possess an independent mind, and a willingness to hear, and a readiness to investigate; a forbearing disposition; a desire to temper justice with mercy, and a determination to decide impartially, as far as their judgment will admit. Depend upon it, if such a course was pursued, the Justices of this county would be respected, and not despised, as at present. Oh! ye Rulers, turn from your folly, and take for your motto, "Fear God and honor the Queen."

I am, yours truly,

A RATE PAYER.

Miramichi, September 10, 1849.

The Rev. John Macbean, Minister of St. James' Church, Charlottetown, has been compelled to resign his charge in consequence of ill-health.

CATTLE SHOW

AND  
Ploughing Match  
OF THE  
NORTHUMBERLAND AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The PLOUGHING MATCH and CATTLE SHOW of the Northumberland Agricultural Society, will take place at CHATHAM, on THURSDAY, the FOURTH day of OCTOBER next.

REGULATIONS:

PLOUGHING MATCH.

- 1st—Teams must be on the ground by Nine, ready to commence at Ten o'clock, precisely.
- 2nd—All persons who may have gained the First Prize for two years, shall not be eligible to compete this year.
- 3rd—The Society will provide for the expence of Ferrying all horses that have been actually engaged in the Ploughing Match.

CATTLE SHOW.

- 1st—All Cattle and Horses must be on the ground, and ready to be entered for competition by 11 o'clock, A. M., and none can be entered after 12.
- 2nd—Cattle and Horses brought for Exhibition must have been raised in the County, and have been the property of the Exhibitor at least three months previously to the day of competition, and they must be accompanied by a certificate proving the breed and age of each animal.

Further particulars will be seasonably given.

By Order of the Board,

JAMES CAIE, Secretary.

Miramichi, 8th September, 1849.

Notice.

All persons having claims against the Estate of JOSEPH JARDINE, deceased, will please render their accounts, duly attested, to the subscriber, within three months; and all persons indebted to the said estate, are requested to make payment to

SAMUEL JARDINE, Executor.

Chatham, 21st July, 1849.

NOTICE.

At a General Sessions of the Peace of our Lady the Queen, held at the Court House, at Newcastle, in and for the County of Northumberland, on TUESDAY, the tenth day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty nine:—ORDERED, that there be an Auditor of Accounts appointed by the Sessions, whose duty it shall be to call in all Accounts subject to be laid before the Sessions, by the 15th of December, and 30th of June, in each year, so as to enable the said Auditor to examine and report to the General Sessions in January and July; and the Clerk of the Peace be directed to allow the said Auditor any access to Accounts he may require, to calculate his investigation.

And further ordered, that JOHN FRASER, Esq. be such Auditor; and in order that the public may have sufficient notice, the Clerk of the Peace be authorised to publish this order in the Gleaner, Newspaper, four successive weeks.

Extract from the minutes.

T. H. PETERS, Clerk of the Peace.