

GLOUCESTER COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, the 2nd instant, according to previous advertisement, the Annual Cattle Show and Ploughing Match of this Society, took place on the Farm of JOHN FRASER, Esq., commencing at 10 o'clock, A.M.

Though the day throughout was exceedingly unfavorable, by reason of heavy rain, the business went forward with great spirit and perseverance. Any persons who had hoped for a postponement, in consequence of the extraordinary wetness, were at once satisfied that this could not be effected, when arriving at the field of contest, they beheld the number and the resolute appearance of the drenched ploughmen and agriculturalists who had come from a distance, undeterred by the observance or experience of the weather from the prompt discharge of their duty. The attendance of competitors and others interested, was, considering the circumstances, good. The Show of Cattle was superior to that of last year, although numbers were prevented, by the danger or impossibility of bringing them from places far off, from being exhibited.

Six Ploughmen were entered for competition, and forthwith proceeded with their pairs and ploughs, to try their comparative skill in that art, to excel in which, the ancient Romans accounted worthy of the highest praise—the art *boni agricolae*.

The Judges of Ploughing were—Messrs. Woolner, Robert Ferguson, and Richard Miller.

The Judges of Cattle—Messrs. Deacon, Carter and Eddy. The following Premiums were adjudged:—

PLOWING.

FIRST CLASS.

Robert Moody, first prize,	£1 0 0
Alexander Taylor, second do.	0 12 6
Alexander Cantley, third do.	7 6

SECOND CLASS.

James White, first prize,	0 17 6
Robert Barbour, Jun., second prize,	0 10 0
A. Alexander, third,	0 5 0

CATTLE.

James Henry, for the best Bull,	1 0 0
F. Ferguson, for the best Bull calved in 1847,	0 15 0
R. Barbour, second best,	0 10 0
R. Ferguson, best do. calved in 1848,	0 12 6
Ami Melancen, second best,	0 7 6
F. Ferguson, best Cow of any age,	1 0 0
Alexander Cantley, second best,	0 12 6
John Woolner, third best, a Cultivator.	
F. Ferguson, best Heifer calved in 1847,	0 15 0
John Woolner, second best,	0 10 0
Thos. Armstrong, 3rd best, a Cultivator.	
F. Ferguson, best do. calved in 1848,	0 12 6
Alexander Brown, second best,	0 7 6
R. Ferguson, best do. calved in 1849,	0 10 0
Archibald Alexander, second best,	0 5 0
F. Ferguson, best Ram,	0 10 0
R. Ferguson, second best,	0 7 6
F. Ferguson, best Ewe,	0 10 0
William Napier, second best,	0 7 6
F. Ferguson, best Ram Lamb,	0 7 6
Thomas Millar, second best,	0 5 0
F. Ferguson, best Ewe Lamb,	0 7 6
R. Barbour, second best,	0 5 0
Thomas Millar, best Entire Horse,	0 15 0
F. Ferguson, best Brood Mare,	0 15 0
Archibald Alexander, second best,	0 7 6
Robert Mann, best Male Foal,	0 7 6
Robert Anderson, best Female Foal,	0 7 6
F. Ferguson, best Sow,	0 15 0
Alexander Brown, best Spring Boar,	0 7 6
F. Ferguson, best Spring Sow,	0 7 6
	£18 12 6

ST. JOHN.—A gentleman of the name of VARLEY, recently deceased, has left to the Trustees of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in this city, £2,000 for the purpose of erecting in Saint John a Free Day School, to be built of brick; and a further sum of £500 for the purpose of erecting a monument in the Rural Cemetery, to the memory of himself and two brothers.

RESTIGOUCHE.—We understand that Mr A. Ramsay has been appointed Tide Waiter at Campbellton. Such an officer was much wanted, for it must have been out of the power of Mr Lloyd, living as he does at Dalhousie, to perform the duties effectually at both places, they being sixteen miles apart.

BRITISH PRESS AND THE COLONIES.

A short time since it was bitterly complained of that the British Public knew little or nothing about us, and that matters in the Colonies scarce received a passing notice in the English Journals. Since the late disturbances in Canada, a marked change has been effected. The affairs of the North American Colonies now occupy a large portion of the columns of the British Press, and the editors are coolly suggesting remedies, for the evils under which we labor. Some think that a separation from the Mother Country, and an independent position, will be efficacious; others, that a federal union of the Colonies will effect all that is wanted; some contend that our incorporation into the great neighboring republic is a matter of certainty; while others urge on the Government the necessity of extending protection to our trade, and the liberal expenditure of monies, to aid us in opening up our resources, by railroads and other public works, which, they say, will employ a large amount of the surplus population of Britain, afford them homes, and eventually create a great mart for the manufactures of the old country. Each of these schemes have their advocates, but what will be the final issue, we leave time to develop.

PUBLIC MEETING IN FREDERICTON.

The following Resolutions passed at a public meeting recently held in Fredericton are well worthy the serious consideration of our readers:—

Whereas the members who compose this meeting, deeply deploring the low and impoverished state of this Province, and that pressure which seems so heavily weighing upon almost all classes of its inhabitants, are earnestly desirous of tracing out the true causes of the evils, and suggesting a practical remedy therefor—

1st, Resolved, That in the opinion of this meeting, the habits of the people of New Brunswick generally, in relation to the exigencies of a new Province, and as compared with those in thriving countries, are at fault, and call for reform in point of industry and economy.

2nd, That the unjust method of crying down the soil, the climate, and general capabilities of this highly favored Province, having largely succeeded in blasting its character at home and abroad, and of consequence checking the energies and dissatisfying the minds of the inhabitants, and inducing large bodies of them to leave, as well as dissuading emigrants of character and respectability from embarking for our shores, is one great cause of the backward state of this Province; whereas such slander should be rigorously checked, and it be made extensively known, that in point of capabilities, this Province is not surpassed by any of the six North Eastern States, nor by any Province of British North America.

3rd, That the business of Agriculture, which is greater in importance than any other interest, and the station of the farmer, have been hitherto so much looked down upon and neglected by the inhabitants generally, as to have deterred, in a great degree, the youth of the country and many other classes, with their means of advantage, from choosing it as an occupation of life, and thereby contributed to the present low state of farming pursuits; and in the opinion of this meeting, reform in this particular, by endeavoring to elevate to their proper position, the paramount interests of farming, and the honorable station of the farmer, would greatly tend to improve the condition of the farmer.

4th, That the great want of science, skill, and knowledge, in the business of farming, and the neglect of agriculture generally, is so conspicuous in every section of the Province, as to lead at once to the conviction that no country, how fertile soever, could possibly flourish under so objective a system so badly carried out, and largely accounts for the agricultural depression which so extensively prevails; and effective action, towards reform in this particular, would largely contribute to increase the wealth and general advancement of this country.

5th, That the lamentable neglect of home manufactures in New Brunswick, and the importation, by a ruinous mode of payment, of almost every manufactured article in use, from British and Foreign markets, has done more than can be described to divert the flow of capital and emigration to other countries—to cripple the operations of the farmer—to retard the advancement of the Province—to occasion that backwardness, poverty and distress displayed in every part of it, and to place it in so disparaging a light especially when compared with the adjoining States, that in the opinion of this meeting, the energies of the Legislature and of the people of this Province, generally, should be immediately directed to a thorough change in this particular, and that, taking into account the policy lately pursued by the Par-

liament of England towards her Colonies, it is further the opinion of this meeting, that the importation and use of British and Foreign manufactures should be discontinued, and a spirited, effective and uniform encouragement afforded to the establishment of domestic manufactures, and to the protection, preference, and general use of home productions.

6th, That the commerce in lumbering, called by some 'our staple export,' has been hitherto encouraged and indiscriminately engaged in, to the neglect of almost all other interests, and has proved sadly destructive to a large body of our farmers—injurious in its results to the great majority of the people, and a prominent cause of that embarrassment and ruin which now extensively exists throughout the Province, and that in future the employment in this commodity should be restrained within narrow limits, and the farming, the mining, the fishing, and the manufacturing interests put forward, protected, and encouraged, as offering far more healthy and profitable sources of wealth and commerce to the mercantile and other interests throughout the Province.

7th, That this meeting respectfully submits, if the suggestions contained in the foregoing Resolutions, with sentiments of a kindred order, be undertaken by New Brunswickers, and acted on with spirit and determination, it will not only in a short time relieve them from present embarrassments, but lay a permanent foundation for future wealth and prosperous advancement.

8th, That this meeting will cheerfully co-operate with their fellow-subjects of St. John, and elsewhere, in any constitutional and practical measure, which may tend to improve the condition of this Province.

9th, That for the better carrying out of the foregoing objects, it is the opinion of this meeting that a body to be called 'A Provincial Society for the encouragement and general promotion of Agriculture, Home Manufactures, and Commerce, throughout the Province,' should be formed at Fredericton, and incorporated by Legislative enactment, with sufficient power and reasonable means at command for the efficient working of the Society.

EUROPEAN NEWS.—Extracts from British papers to the 29th September, received here on Friday last, will be found under their proper head. The news is not important.

THANKSGIVING DAY.—His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor having set apart Thursday last as a Day of Thanksgiving to the ALMIGHTY, for the bountiful Harvest, with which He has blessed the labors of the husbandmen of this Province, all business was suspended, and Divine Service performed in the different places of worship in this county.

AGRICULTURAL.—Our St. John neighbors are congratulating themselves on the improvements which are taking place in the agricultural districts around them. The Morning News of Wednesday conveys the following gratifying intelligence to its subscribers. We hope soon to witness such a state of affairs in the Province, that the information thus unfolded will not be strange or new. We congratulate our neighbors on the "step thus taken in the right direction."

A respectable grocer belonging to this city, informs us, that he had received some half a dozen letters from the country within a week or two, inquiring if he wishes any butter this fall, and how many firkins, also how many bags of buckwheat, &c. He says we have been so in the habit of importing our butter from Nova Scotia, year after year, that these letters came upon him like so many claps of thunder, he never having received such billets before—and the circumstance proves that our farmers have at length woken up; and instead of wasting their energies in the woods upon unproductive labor (so far as they are concerned) they feel the necessity of attending to their Dairies, and perhaps some of them are also giving their attention to the raising of 'stots and stirds,' as our broad Scotch friend, Sandy McNab once called them. This is a step in the right direction.

The annexed paragraph is copied from the Fredericton Reporter:—

ABUNDANT PRODUCE.—Mr William Pickard, of Douglas, has raised from ten quarts of the old or gray buckwheat seed, the extraordinary quantity of thirty eight bushels; averaging the yet more extraordinary weight of 57 lbs to the bushel.

CANADA.—It is confidently stated in different Journals, that Toronto will be the future seat of Government.

Benjamin Holmes, Esq., has been appointed President of the Annexation Society of Montreal.

The Quebec papers report that the city Council have decided on issuing Debentures or Corporation Bonds to the

amount of £100,000 as an encouragement to any company that may be formed for the construction of a Railway from that city to Melbourne. This road, we believe, communicates with the Montreal and Portland line. A meeting of the citizens was subsequently held, when the following resolutions were passed:—

1. That this meeting hail with much satisfaction, the proceedings of the Corporation, relative to the advance of Corporation Bonds or Debentures, to an amount not exceeding £100,000, and hereby approves of such advance, for the purpose of making a Railroad from Quebec to Melbourne.

2. That a Company be now formed, to be designated the Quebec and Melbourne Railway Company, with a capital of to consist of shares of \$50 each.

3. That a subscription list be now opened for the purpose of obtaining Subscriptions to the stock of the said company.

4. That Ward Committees be now named to canvass each of the City Wards to obtain subscriptions to the stock of the Quebec and Melbourne Railway Company.

Stock to the amount of £3000 was subscribed by five gentlemen present.

ASSAULT.—The Revenue Officers in Chatham, were opposed in the discharge of their duty on the evening of Wednesday last, when several barrels of Flour which they had in charge, were rescued from them.

SENSELESS DEPREDACTIONS.—We are sorry to say, that some brainless asses have been amusing themselves by committing sundry depredations, such as pulling down porches, breaking trees, and pailings, and such other like witless and unmeaning pranks, on the premises of several persons in Chatham. It will be seen by an advertisement in another column, that one of the injured parties has offered a handsome reward, which we hope will lead to the detection of the parties; and if it does, we trust no false delicacy will deter him from handing them over to the authorities, to be dealt with as the law directs.

ARRIVALS AT HEA'S HOTEL:

CHATHAM.

Burk Archibald, South West; James Fairley, do.; Wm. Sprague, Esq., New Bandon; John Sutherland, do.; James Young, Tracadie; Joseph L. Moore, St John; Charles Wohlhaupter, Fredericton; John Doray, Shippegan.

Ship News.

PORT OF MIRAMICHI.

ENTERED, October 8—brig Acturus, Hannington, Newfoundland, fish and hides; schrs New Messenger, Siteman, Halifax, Dancan & Loch; Wanderer, M'Grigor, P. E. Island, oats, &c.

11—schr Herald, Horan, Quebec, general cargo.

12th—schr Seaflower, Gibbs, P. E. Island, oats; Caroline, McKay, do, produce, Gilmour, Rankin & Co, Royal Miner, Babin, Picton, general cargo; James Sims, Gradie, P. E. Island, oats, master.

15th—schr Barbara, Manderson, P. E. Island, produce, G. McLeod.

CLEARED, October 2—barque Rectitude, Wilkie, Liverpool, timber and deals; brig Sally, Ditchburn, Carlisle, do.

8—brig Atkinson, Jackson, Hull, deals.

9—barque Empress, Scott, Cardiff, timber and deals, assignees of J. Cunard.

12—brig Spring, Willins, London, deals, Gilmour, Rankin & Co.; schr Caroline, M'Kay, P. E. Island.

13—schr Wanderer, McGrigor, P. E. Island, general cargo; barque Civility, Bideford, Bale, timber and deals, Gilmour, Rankin & Co.

15th—schr Herald, Horan, P. E. Island.

PORT OF DALHOUSIE.

ENTERED, October 8—brig Sceptre, Simonds, Halifax, ballast, A. Ritchie & Co.

9th—schr Mary Elizabeth, Danzlake, Quebec, general cargo, A. Ritchie & Co.

11th—schr Catharine, Sinclair, P. E. Island, oats.

CLEARED, October 1—ship John Hamilton, Walker, Liverpool, timber, H. & J. Manigumery.

6th—schr Elizabeth, Harding, P. E. Island, salt.

7th—brig Mary Ann, Hunter, Cork, timber, A. Ritchie & Co.

The Annual Meeting of the MIRAMICHI LADIES' BIBLE SOCIETY, will be held in the Wesleyan Chapel, Newcastle, on WEDNESDAY, the 17th inst., at 3 o'clock, P. M.

C. THOMSON, Secretary

BLANKS

Of various kinds for sale at the Gleaner Office.