

of the Latin prosit. On one occasion, having retired to rest, our servants assembled at our room door and woke us, in order to cry 'Prosit New Jahr!' On the following morning, every one that meets you salutes you with the same exclamation. With the glee-wine are brought in, on a waiter, The New Year wishes of the family and its friends. These are written in verse, generally on very ornamented gilt note-paper, and sealed up. When the Prosit New Jahr has passed, and all have drunk to one another a happy New Year, with a general touching of glasses, these are opened and read. For the most part they are without signification, and occasion much guessing and joking. Under cover of these anonymous epistles, good hints and advice are often administered by parents and friends. Numbers of people, who never on any other occasion write a verse, now try their hands at one; and those who do not find themselves sufficiently inspired, present those ornamental cards of which I have spoken under Christmas, and which have all kinds of wishes, to suit all kinds of tastes and circumstances. These are to be purchased of all qualities and prices; and those sent by friends and lovers generally appear on New Year's Day, and are signed, as suits the purpose of the sender.

## BEWARE.

Beware of a man who travels with a pair of duelling pistols. Beware of a young lady who calls you by your Christian name the first time she meets you. Beware of Port at 30s a dozen. Beware of a lodging house where you are 'treated as one of the family.' Beware of every cheap substitute for silver, except gold. Beware of cigars that are bought of a 'bold smuggler' in the street. Beware of a wife who talks about her 'dear husband,' and 'that beautiful shawl' in her sleep. Beware of a gentleman who is up to all the clever tricks, and 'knows a dodge or two' at cards. Beware of entering a French shop which has the following inscription: 'Here they spike English,' unless you can speak French very correctly, or are prepared to pay for the consequences.

From the Chemical Times.

## VEGETABLE POISONS.

It so happens that all the most virulent poisons are of vegetable origin. There is the deadly aconite, which kills in small fractions of a grain; and strychnine, a fourth part of a grain of which has killed a wild boar in a few seconds; and prussic acid, so prevalent in many botanical tribes. Then there are the deadly alkalies of hemlock and tobacco, and static acid of treacherous fame, all derived from the vegetable kingdom. And yet the empiric phlegm, forsooth, imposes on the credulity of an ignorant community by vaunting the innocence of vegetable medicines.

From the Springfield Republican.

## THE VERDANT GROOMSMAN.

On no one occasion do people seem more prone to commit blunders and plunge themselves into embarrassing predicaments, than at weddings. The following actually occurred in a neighboring town. In the midst of a crowd of witnesses, the clergyman had just completed that interesting ceremony which binds in the silken bonds of wedlock, two willing hearts and stretched forth his hands to implore the blessing of heaven on the union. At this point, the groomsmen, seeing the open hands reached out, supposed it was the signal for him to surrender the wedding fee, which was burning in his pocket. Accordingly, just as the clergyman closed his eyes in prayer, he felt the pressure of two sweaty half dollars on his open palms. The good man hesitated a moment, appalled at the ludicrousness of his situation, but at last, coolly deposited the money in his pocket, and proceeded with his devotions.

## OLD NEWSPAPERS.

Few things are more interesting than to look over a file of old newspapers. The newspaper presents 'the very age and body of the time, its form and pressure.' By a process the reverse of that which is so graphically described by Geoffrey Chaucer, in the case of a man who slept twenty years whilst the American revolution was transacting, and then awoke, a dusty volume of the newspaper carries us back to walk the streets with our fathers and grandfathers, to see their manners, hear their conversation, watch their movements in politics and trade, nay, even overhear their quarrels, and observe their mistakes; it re-creates the early and half-worn inscriptions in our memories, adds on facts which took place before our day, explains matters we never fully understood, makes us learned in local genealogies, re-builds buildings which are now old, projects and forms institutions long since in their maturity or decline, and thus carries us up to the springs of things. The obituary is like a visit to the grave yard, and reading the inscriptions on the tomb stones. The marriage register explains political, religious and commercial alliances, as the history of families. The births reveal the secret of ladies' ages. The advertisements re-ascend old firms, and show how some families have risen in the world, and others gone down. The fashionable record explains many cases of decay. The political department lets us into the minutiae of history.—An old newspaper gives us experience; it teaches wisdom; it may also well inspire hope and strengthen faith; for it shows the onward march of truth, and enables us to make a lengthened survey of the workings of that Providence who 'hath put down the mighty from their seats, and exalted them of low degree.'

## Provincial Legislature.

## EXTRACTS FROM THE JOURNALS.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, April 4.

## NORTHUMBERLAND BYE ROADS.

£10 for the road from Moodie's point to James Ryan's. £5 for the road from Patrick Hall's to Bartibogue. £25 from the angle in rear of Alexander Morrison's to Burnt Church point, thence to the great road near Indian brook; £19 of which to be paid to Jas Davidson, commissioner, for expenses incurred in widening road and removing fences. £10 for the road from Simpson's to Peter Davidson's. £10 for the road from Upper Neguac to the settlement in rear thereof. £20 for the road from Great Road to Gaspereaux, by McLeod's mill. £5 from the Great Road to the Church, south side Tabusintac river. £15 for the road from lower Neguac to Stymist's mill. £15 for the road between Edward O'Brien and Wm. Blake, Tabusintac. £10 for the road from Emigrant settlement, south side Tabusintac river, to the shore. £10 for the road down the west side of French Cove, towards the Mount of Tabusintac river. £10 for the road on the north side Tabusintac river to the public landing. £10 for the road on the line between Lots 75 and 76, Oak Point, to the Great Road. £7 10 for the road on the line between Allan McDonald and Charles Hickey. £9 for the road from Carry and Blake's farm on the north side of Bartibogue river. £5 to James W. Hierlihy for Ferry Slip, south side Tabusintac river. £10 from the settlement in rear of Moorfield's to the Bathurst road near Russell's mill. £15 from the westerly end of Bartibogue bridge to the Bathurst road near Russell's mill. £5 from Curry's to McMahon's, south side Bartibogue river. £10 from Portage river to the upper line of Lot No. 9. £5 from Lewis Sipplai's, towards the mouth of the river, till it strikes the road laid out by Deputy Peters. £15 from Black River bridge to John McKay's on the Richibucto road. £15 from Turtle Cove on towards Kingston's on the Bay du Vin river. £15 from the Mills to the Richibucto road near Dickens. £25 from the Richibucto road to the Conroy and Power settlement. £25 5 from the Bridge, north side Black river, to F. McRae's, and to the mouth thereof. £10 from Point aux Car to Black River, opposite St. Stephen's Church. £10 from Richibucto road to the upper settler, north side Black River. £15 from Foley's mill to the upper settler, south side. £30 for the road from near Hanay's clearance to the Weldfield settlement; 7 10s. of which to Glynn and Brady's residence, and 7 10s. to John Morrison and others. £30 towards improving the road from Bay du River to O'Bair's Creek. £15 from the Weldfield settlement towards James Lynch's residence on the Richibucto road. £5 from the Richibucto road to the residence of John Cameron. £5 from the Hard Wood Ridge, near Henry Sargeant's, to John Sullivan's lower line. £5 from Angus Sinclair's to Foley's mill. £5 from the Highway to St. Stephen's Church, Black River. £5 from the Highway to the Church at Escuminac. £10 for opening road on Hamilton's lower line to the Back Lots, according to the line laid out by Deputy Peters. £10 for a Scow at the mouth of the Bay du Vin river. £10 for Bridge over Antonio Dorell's Brook. £10 from Casey's lower line up to Portage river. £20 from opposite Boies-town, north side, to the eastern extremity of the Parish of Ludlow. £15 from Blissfield mills to the Hovey settlement, through the Price and Hovey settlements. £5 to pay for alteration of road through improved lands from the County line to Texas river, where it passes through the Fairly property, to be paid when the road is opened. £10 for Bridge at Chatham Head. £20 from Alexander Murdoch's, north side Napan river, upwards. £20 towards Bridge across Napan river, on the road leading from St. John's Church to the Weldfield settlement. £15 for the road in rear of the front lots in Chatham, commencing at John Henderson's upper line, back to Thomas McDonald's, and from thence to the Nelson line; and from Carroll's, in the rear of the second Division of lots, upwards until it reaches the line forming the Parish of Nelson. £7 10s. for the road below the Parsonage to the second tier of lots. £10 from near Sutton's barn to the Oates settlement. £5 from Murphy's, on the Nowlan road, to Wilson's. £7 10 for road in rear of the Nowlan settlement, through the McNamara and Wallace settlements. £10 from Morris's lower line and to extend towards the high landing near John Dunn's. £30 from Barnaby's mills to Tobin's, and from thence to Indian Town. £10 from Saunders' grist mill to the settlement on the right hand branch of Barnaby's river. £15 for the road south side Barnaby's river, to the Semiwagon ridge. £15 from Flett's Cove to Barnaby's river, through the Nowlan settlement. £7 10 from Jared Betts' to lower Williamstown settlement. £5 from Philip Kelly's to the Highway, and from thence to the river at the most convenient place. £5 from John and Patrick Powers' lots, and to extend upwards between the first and second tier of lots. £10 from Timothy Ivory's to Michael Nowlan's, on the third concession of lots, and from thence to Denis Mahony's on the fourth concession. £10 from Flett's cove to Barnaby's mills. £25 from Beaubair's point to Cuppage and White's. £7 10 from McTavish's lower line to the School House in the Williamstown settlement. £7 10 for road opposite Hutchinson's ferry, on the North West, to the South West branch, through the Williamstown settlement. £15 from Cuppage and White's, through the Indian Tract, to James Holme's farm on the Little South West. £15 for road from James Holme's to the upper settlement on the Little South West. £10 from

James Johnston's to John Menzie's, and from thence to Felix Mackie's farm. £10 from McMahon's farm to Henderson's and Esley's. £30 on the new line of road from Matchet's towards Peabody's farm. £30 from Newcastle to Chaplin Island. £10 to improve the road from Oxford's cove to Matchet's cove. £25 from Cumming's farm to Flynn's and Allison's. £15 from opposite James Holme's, north side little South West, up to John Mackie's. £5 from Jared Tozer's farm to the lower Williamstown settlement. £50 towards the erection of a new Bridge across McKay's cove. £5 for road from Oxford's Brook to the Crowley and Jackson settlements. £8 for road from Dixon's ferry road to John McDonald's farm, north side Miramichi river. £10 for exploring and opening road from Moorfield's to the county line. £5 for road from west side French Fort Cove, back. £10 towards exploring and opening a road from Great Road leading to the second tier of lots between Newcastle and the North West ferry. £40 from Indian Town to James Donaldson's farm, Renous river. £20 from John Gowan's, mouth of the Dungarvon, to Bartholomew's mills. £10 from the lower settlement in Dangarvon, through Bassett's clearance, to the road from the mouth of Dungarvon leading to Bartholomew's mills. £15 from Bartholomew's mills to the Bredalbane settlement. £15 from McLaggan's mills on the north side Bartholomew's river to the upper settlement. £20 from Bartholomew's mills to the Forks, north side of the South West, and thence up river to the Great Road at McDermaid's. £20 to open and explore road from Timothy Donovan's, west side of Renous river, to McLaggan's land. £30 on the south side of the South West from Indian Town to the Forks on the Cain's river. £20 for road leading from Cain's river to Sabbie's mills. £15 from the Horse Shoe to the main South West, agreeably to Sadler's line. £10 from John Donald's, on the South West branch of Miramichi, till it strikes the road to the settlement on Cain's river, coming out on the South West. £10 from Patrick Shincock's, north side Cain's river, to the upper settlement at Whelan's brook. £10 from Wm. Hogan's to Doak's mills, south side of the South West of Miramichi. £9 from Swim's Ferry to the Big Hole Brook, north side.

## GLOUCESTER BYE ROADS.

£20 for the road from the Church at Tracadie, towards the head of the tide of little Tracadie river, to the upper settlement. £25 for the road leading from the Great Road towards the new settlement on Trout Brook. £35 for the road from Sewell's Ferry towards the head of Tide of Pokemouche river. £35 for the road from Finn's Ferry towards Tracadie, on the line laid out by James Davidson in 1846. £20 for a road from Shippegan settlement to the St. Simeon settlement on Little Pokemouche. £15 for the road from Buckle's to the Church of Pokemouche. £20 for the road from St. Simeon's Ferry towards Caraqueet. £50 for the road leading up the south side of the south branch of Caraqueet river. 30l for a road from the Highway on the south side of Caraqueet river, to lead between Lot No. 10, granted to Peter Therien, and No. 11, granted to Dominique Pinnett, to the third concession. 10l for the road to the St. Paul's settlement. 4l to improve Sisk's Passage. 5l to improve little Pokeshaw Passage. 5l to assist in procuring a Rail for Pokeshaw bridge. 40l for the road to the Black Rock settlement. 10l to improve the landing and road at Lot 53, New Bandon. 10l for a prolongation of the Hornbrook road. 10l for a passage on lot No. 41, New Bandon. 50l to open a road from the main road at Janeville to the back settlement, leading towards the head of Caraqueet river. 8l for the road on the south side of Big Nipisiguit river, towards the Rough Waters. 15l for the road on the south side of Nipisiguit river, from the Rough Waters towards the 2nd concession. 30l for the road and approaches towards the Pabineau Bridge. 40l for the Little River road. 60l for a prolongation of the road, commencing at Charles Doucet's, via Saint Anne's, towards Rose Hill settlement. 15l to improve the road on the north side of Middle river, towards the Smith settlement. 8l to cut down the Lordon Hill on the Tatagouche road. 39l for the road on the south side of Tatagouche; out of which 11 13 11 to be paid Michael O'Brien. 20l for the Kinsale road. 10l for the road through the Moyle settlement. 20l for the road from Kinsale northerly towards Dumfries. 15l for the road from J. B. Roi's grist mill, on the north side of Elm Tree river, to St. Joseph's settlement on 2d concession. 10l for the road leading through Chambers' Land to the 2d concession. 10l from the main road to the shore at Belledune, on the line dividing Peter Guitair and Hugh McGowan's lands. 10l from the main road to the 2nd concession, on the line between Hodgen and O'Brien. 10l for the Anderson road. 40l for a road from the main road at Little Roche, on the line dividing lots 34 and 35, to the 2nd concession. 25l from the main road, westerly, towards Glenmire, by the Negado mills. 20l for a road through lot 25, on the division line between Gregory Arsenault and Lawrence Arsenault. 19l from the main road towards the Bridge at Hadley's. 10l from the main road to the shore, on the division line between Lots 19 and 20 in Beresford. 10l for the road from Hadley's bridge towards Glenmire bridge. 8l for the road leading from Dunlop to Dumfries, on the Taylor line. 8l to finish the Bridge over the brook running between lots 9 and 10, on the main Dunlop road. 15l from the main Dunlop road towards the upper Dumfries, on the line between lot No. 1 and the mill tract. 15l for a road to the St. Louisa settlement, to be expended on the line which divides Chamberlain's and McLean's land.

## BESTIGOUCHE BYE ROADS.

20l on the road between Conner's and Ryan's. 15l on the road to the Sugar Loaf settlement. 20l on the road to Lily Lake settlement. 20l on the road from Crawford's to the Colebrooke settlement. 10l on the road from Point Le Nimm to the settlement in rear. 20l on the road between Lloyd's and Ryan's. 5l on the road to Eel River Forks from Miller's to Parret's. 20l on the west side Eel river from Conley's up. 10l from the Eel River Forks to Looby's. 58l 15 from the Forks of Eel river towards Colebrooke. 30l on the breast road from Donald Fraser's towards Arsenault's. 20l from the bridge at River Charlo, west of McPherson's, to the settlement in rear. 5l to repair and open the Drain from the great road between McPherson's and Cook's. 5l from the road to the shore at Alexander Cook's. 15l on the line between lots 6 and 7 to Lime-stone point. 10l on the road to the shore west side Benjamin river, past the mill, to the cove. 10l on the road to the shore between C. and R. McAlister's. 15l on the road between Doyle and McCarty's to the settlement in rear. 10l on the road to the shore between Connacher's and Malally's. 10l from Harvie's to the back settlement. 15l on the breast road in rear of Harvie's. 20l on the breast road through the Doyle settlement. 15l on the road between Black's and Archibald's. 20l on the road to the shore between Doyle's and McMillan's. 30l on the road to the back settlement between Ulican's and Quinn's. 5l on the road to the shore between McPherson's and Cook's. 5l on the road to the shore near McIntyre's. 10l on the road to the shore west side McKinnon's lots. 10l from the highway to the shore on lot 76, near P. Doyle's. 5l from the highway to the shore between William and Ebenezer Ferguson's. 20l to explore and open a road from the highway to Loch Broom settlement. 30l from the great road to the settlement in rear, on the line between John Murchey's and James Hamilton's. 10l for the road to the shore between Murphy's and Shea's. 10l for the road to the shore between Connacher's and Jeffery's, at Point LeNimm. 20l on the road from Christopher's towards the mouth of Upsalquitch. 140l on the great road line through the county, for repairs of the road and bridges.

## KENT BYE ROADS.

20l for the Causeway near Peter Robicheaux, and to and through the Cocagne cape. 15l for the bridges and road on the south side Cocagne river. 20l for the road on the north side of Cocagne river. 20l for the road from Cocagne river to the Buctouche river, through the Ohio settl. 16l 10s for the completion of the bridge over Buctouche river, below Doherty's mill. 15l for the road from Little Buctouche to the Great Buctouche, from Doherty's mill. 30l for the road on the north side of the Great Buctouche river. 20l for the road from Beckwith's to the settlement in rear of the Indian Land, and in continuation thereof. 10l for the road from the head of Chockish to the east branch. 25l for the road from Johnson's mill to Richibucto, via Atkinson's mill. 10l for the road from the post road to the lower village, via Parkhill's line. 10l for the road from Gallo-way to the East Branch Bridge. 60l for the road from the Post road to the Coal Branch, head of the Richibucto river, south side. 10l for the road from the main river to Johnson's Mill, on the West branch. 20l for the road leading into the Louisburg settlement from the West Branch Saint Nicholas river. 8l for the road west side of West Branch Bridge to the Chapel. 25l for the road on the front tier of Lots on the Richibucto River, south side from Chapel Point to the Church. 10l from the Coal Branch Bridge to the Mill on the Main river. 10l for the east side of the Coal Branch. 10l for the west side of the Coal Branch. 20l for the road from the Mills on the Main River to Bass River, via Harley Line. 65l for the road from Bass River Bridge to Mill Creek. 10l from Oak Point to the Molus River road. 25l to assist in opening a road on a line from Bridge over the Richibucto river, on the line between McAlmon's and Powell's, to the road leading up the river. 15l for the road leading up the Aldouane river to Clark's farm. 30l for the road south side Kouchibouguacis. 10l for a bridge over Kouchibouguacis, at or near the head of the tide. 30l for the road and bridges on the north side of the Kouchibouguacis river; of which 5l to be paid Robert Powell for work done on the bridge near the Chapel. 30l for the road from the post road to little river bridge on the new line of road. 15l for the road on the north side Kouchibouguac river, below post road. 20l for the road on the south side of the same river. 15l for the road on the north side above the post road. 200 for the repairing or rebuilding the bridge over the great Buctouche river on the great road.

April 5

Resolved, That there be granted the sum of 142 pounds to reimburse the Honorable James Davidson, Secretary to the Board of Commissioners connected with the Lazaretto on Sheldrake Island, Northumberland, the balance over-expended by them for the support of that establishment the past year. 400 pounds towards the support of the Lazaretto establishment on Sheldrake Island, prior to its contemplated removal to Tracadie.

Resolved, That an humble address be presented to the Lieutenant Governor, praying that he will be pleased to invite Prof. Johnson to visit this Province for the purpose of reporting on its soil, and capabilities for agricultural purposes; and this House will provide for the expense of such visit.

Resolved, That this House will provide for the expense of such visit. It was carried in the affirmative.