

Communications.

COUNTY OF RESTIGOUCHE.

Dear Mr Pierce,

You must allow that we in Restigouche are a literary people. During the past winter we have had something else to talk about than the weather. Your good nature has been severely put to the test, and if the circulation of the Gleaner has not increased, it has been in great demand. Among your many correspondents, the 'Liberal' takes a decided lead, whether we consider the length of his communications, or the affectation of a power which would be respectable, if it had any existence. He has certainly an itch for writing, and evidently labours under the pitiable delusion that he can write; but any one who has drunk at the well of pure and undefiled English, will look in vain for one correct sentence, amid all his varied lucubrations. When the Psalmist expressed a wish that his enemy would write a book, he formed a correct estimate of the dangers of authorship; and of the probability that, like Dogberry of old, he would write himself down an ass.

The 'Liberal' has favored you with an account of the 'Nomination' in this place, and considering that he did not hear one word of the speeches, his report of them is tolerably correct. He is notorious for early rising, and the Sheriff, knowing this full well, acted very improperly in not fixing the hour accordingly. Some time ago, at a meeting to take into consideration the propriety of a railway from Halifax to Quebec, the assembly was kept waiting two hours for the appearance of the 'Liberal', and no doubt on the day of nomination he fully expected that the business of the day would not be entered upon until his arrival. Strange to say, however, all went off very well without him. But what is to become of the speech! the mountain is in labour! its giant sides are rent with the throes of a convulsive agony! It must be delivered! The accouchement must be attended with all the pomp of operose splendour. And would you believe it, Mr Editor, since the candidates would not wait to hear it at Dalhousie, they must be dragged to Campbellton to undergo the infliction of listening to the most rapid declamation, which, coming out rather fluently, some innocent people call eloquence. The 'Liberal's' speeches have the same relation to eloquence that a Turkey carpet has to a fine oil painting. There are the same colours in both, and there the resemblance ends. His genius is remarkably fertile, and in the play of a most luxuriant fancy, he compares things which have no similarity to anything in the heavens above, or in the earth beneath, or in the waters under the earth.

The 'Liberal' is a political quack. Charlatany is his forte, and he deals forth his nostrums with all the impudence of a mountebank. He would sweep the Angean stable; he would purge the State of all its ills. Unfortunately he has to content himself with the consoling truth that the world knows not its best men. I know of no character he is so fitted to represent as Bombastes Furioso. He would be 'Sir Oracle,' and when he opens his mouth let no dog bark, alas! they will bark. To a well regulated mind, no exhibition is more painful than that of inordinate pretensions, without anything to support them. Take the 'Liberal' at his own price, and he would beggar a kingdom. He sets up in business without a capital—his stock is all in the window. He speaks of the 'pompous merchant.' Why, he himself is the very incarnation of pomposity, the quintessence of vanity, and like the frog in the fable, he has tried to swell himself until he has burst.

Our Election passed off well. There was no disturbance—no display of ill-feeling. Mr Montgomery's speech was, as the 'Liberal' asserts, distinguished by its mildness and humility. It was a good speech—the best of the day; and my only surprise is that one who can speak so well, should speak so rarely. In reference to Mr Barberie, the 'Liberal' speaks of some small 'bulls.' There was one bull, and that Mr B. took by the horns.

In conclusion, let me assure the 'Liberal' and that in all sincerity, that night will follow day—the seasons return in their unvaried order—and the harmony of nature will not be disturbed, even should he aspire in vain after a position he is not competent to fill.

I am, yours truly,
Q. E. D.

Dalhousie, July 4, 1850.

COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER.

BATHURST, July 3, 1850.

To the Editor of the Gleaner,

Sir,—In your last number of the Gleaner, there appears a communication dated 'Bathurst, June 27, 1850,' and signed 'William End,' of which the following is an extract:— "Immediately after Mr Secretary Partelow's rejection at St. John, he wrote to Mr Read, my colleague, dated Fredericton, June 24, promising him a fat office, the first on hand, provided he would contrive to get him (Mr P.) returned for Gloucester."

Mr Editor, as in all probability the public may imagine that Mr End received the information set forth by him in said extract, from me, consequently, I am therefore constrained to state emphatically and unequivocally, in justice to Mr Partelow, and in vindication of my own character, that he (Mr End) never received such information from me, nor has he ever seen the letter alluded to. I also feel it imperative on me, further to state publicly,

that the letter received by me from Mr Partelow, does not contain, either expressed or implied, a promise of 'a fat office,' nor of a *lean office*, nor of an office of any kind whatsoever. What induced Mr End to make such a groundless assertion, is only known to himself. Any further comment on the subject I deem at present unnecessary.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
JOSEPH READ.

BATHURST, June 4, 1850.

To the Editor of the Gleaner.

Sir,—I observed in last Monday's Gleaner, a communication signed 'William End,' in the last paragraph of which (the only part deserving of notice) the writer says:—

"Immediately after Mr Secretary Partelow's rejection at St. John, he wrote to Mr Read, my colleague, dated Fredericton, June 24, promising him a fat office, the first on hand, provided he would contrive to get him (Mr P.) returned for Gloucester. This letter was sent express to the Hon. Mr Rankin, Miramichi, with a request that he would favor it. Mr Rankin sends it express to Mr Francis Ferguson, of Bathurst, with his instructions," &c.

The occurrence out of which Mr End has drawn the above disingenuous remarks, is simply this. On the morning of the day of nomination at Bathurst, I received a package of letters from Miramichi, including a note to Mr Read, which I immediately transmitted to that gentleman. Mr Rankin simply forwarded the package to me, without interfering further in the matter, as usual avoiding to take a prominent part in the politics of this county. Mr Read has since shown me Mr Partelow's letter, which does not contain one word to justify the construction put upon it in Mr End's communication. There is no allusion in it whatever to an office, *fat or lean*. The whole of the calumny appears to have originated in a disposition on Mr End's part, regardless of truth, to injure in the public estimation all the parties named, and is a consistent close to a career in the County of Gloucester now, I trust, terminated for ever.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
FRANCIS FERGUSON.

COUNTY OF KENT.

To the Editor of the Gleaner.

Sir,—The excitement occasioned by the Election in this County has nearly subsided; the angry passions that have been aroused have nearly passed away; the bitter jealousies and contentions that have pervaded the public mind, have given place to apathy and indifference, and the County of Kent, for the first time since its erection into a county, has chosen two new members to represent it in the General Assembly of this Province—to join in the goodly work of their country's regeneration, in restoring its Commerce, promoting and fostering its Agricultural Interests, reviving its drooping spirit of enterprise, and bursting asunder the links of that rusty chain that for years has ruined our Commerce, neglected our agriculture, retarded our prosperity, and cramped and confined our intellect—or like the host of vampires who have hitherto ruled the destinies of this Province, to rejoice in our misfortune and trample upon our rights, which four years will disclose.

I stood a silent spectator in the Court House of Richibucto, on the day of nomination, and I must candidly confess that I was highly pleased with the manly, bold, and independent spirit that was manifested on that occasion by the Electors of this County; and at one time during the proceedings when the naked dagger of an upstart minion was pointed to the breast of a free man, to prevent him expressing himself before a free people. A cry of indignation burst from every voice around, and there is little doubt that if this contemptible insignia of a disgraced office had not been immediately withdrawn, but the proficient fencing master would have been hurled headlong through one of the windows, to practice his buffoonery in the jail-yard. It was the first time that a feeling of this nature, so intense and independent, was displayed in this county, and to any man who had the good of this Province at heart, it could not have failed to have given the greatest pleasure, in thus seeing the quicksands shifting round the base of the pillars that have so long borne the political fabric of iniquity and corruption.

It is not my intention to speak disrespectfully of either of the gentlemen who represented this County in the last House. Though I have been living within a few miles of them for years past, I am yet a stranger to both, and know them only by eyesight. The gates of the garden of Eden, guarded by the angel's fiery sword, was not more firmly shut against the doomed race of erring Adam when driven from its celestial shades, than the doors of their houses are against their prescribed and excluded neighbors.—Living exclusively by themselves, and looking upon their neighbors with a sort of disdainful superiority, bordering on contempt—like the surly dog in the manger, they punish themselves in their endeavors to punish others, and not thinking that the darkness thus drawn down upon their neighbors will cover their own dwellings with gloom, and that the misery they prepare for others will in the end fill their own hearts with grief; they live despising others, and despised themselves in turn.

This ungenerous and inhospitable disposition, unfortunately, is not confined to a few individuals, but is, generally speaking, a peculiar characteristic of "fashionable life" in Kent, and is considered as an indispensable qualification before receiving admission to

their exclusive circles; and any gentleman who may have had the misfortune to spend a few years of his life in the capital of our County, under circumstances where he would have an opportunity of feeling the effects of this inhospitable exclusiveness, will bear testimony to the accuracy of my assertions.

[To be continued.]
I remain, &c. &c., yours,
FLORENCE.
County of Kent, July 3, 1850.

Editor's Department.

MIRAMICHI.

CHATHAM, Monday, July 8, 1850.

EUROPEAN NEWS.

The United States Steamer Pacific, was boarded off Halifax harbor on the 29th ult., and the papers thus obtained furnish a few items of news, four days later than was received by the British steamer of the 15th ult. We give a brief review of the same from the Novascotian.

The Royal Mail Steamer Europa, with the Mail of the 22nd June, arrived at Halifax on Monday last, after a passage of nine and a half days. We have copied some extracts from our British Journals, which embrace all the events of consequence which have transpired in the old world since the sailing of the previous steamer. We perceive that the Earl of Cottenham has resigned the Great Seal.

THE ELECTIONS.

FRIDAY last being the day appointed by the High Sheriff, to declare the successful Candidates, a large body of Freeholders and other inhabitants, attended at the Court House, Newcastle. After the books were opened, and counted over by the Sheriff, he declared Messrs. Rankin, Johnson, Street and Williston, duly elected. Mr. Cranney then demanded a scrutiny of the votes of Mr. Williston, and declared his intention of testing his qualification before the Legislature. The Sheriff replied that he would be prepared to go into the scrutiny on Monday next.

Messrs. Williston, Johnson, Street, Rankin, Carman and Fraser, addressed the Freeholders. The four first named expressed their sense of the high and honorable position they had been placed in, and renewed their promises of faithfully, and to the best of their ability, doing all they can to forward the interest of the Province, but more especially of this County. These speeches we have no room to report to-day, but probably will do so next week.

We have much satisfaction in being enabled to record, that throughout the canvass, on the day of nomination, at the polling stations, and at the Declaration on Friday, not the slightest circumstance occurred approaching to riot; nay, not even an angry word was spoken—all was peace and harmony; and when we consider the number of Candidates that were in the field, and the conflicting elements which of necessity must have been brought into play, the order that prevailed, and the good feeling that existed, speaks largely in favour of the character of our population. There is another circumstance we take great pleasure in recording, that with one solitary exception, that most miserable and degraded creature, a drunken man, was not to be seen on the different occasions. This proves how wide-spread is the influence of temperance principles. There was also an absence of rude and boisterous hilarity, and that silly, childish practice of "chairing" the successful competitors, which in our opinion

is a custom more honored in the breach than in the observance. More honored in the breach than in the observance. There was throughout, a dignified decorum never before witnessed on a similar occasion. We congratulate our readers on this marked improvement in our modern condition over the "good old times," so frequently, and so unsparingly lauded by certain parties.

We give below a statement of the polling in the different parishes. How the result corresponds with the feelings or views of the public, we leave our readers to impart to their friends abroad.

Table with columns for candidates (Rankin, Johnson, Street, Williston, Cranney, Carman, Fraser, Goodfellow) and rows for parishes (Newcastle, Chatham, Nelson, Alnwick, Ludlow, Blissfield, Northville, Blackville, Glenelg). Includes a total row at the bottom.

Whole number polled, 1,332.

Since the declaring of the poll as above, we understand that a mistake has been discovered in the addition of one of the poll books, which will reduce the majority of votes in favor of Mr. Williston over Mr. Cranney, to 10. We also learn that Mr. Cranney has signified his intention of not going into the scrutiny before the Sheriff, owing to the shortness of the time before the writ must be returned, but will bring the matter before the Assembly.

COUNTY RESTIGOUCHE.—A Correspondent in this County writes us to say—that the Election terminated on the 3rd inst. The two old members, Messrs. Barberie and Montgomery, were returned by small majorities.

COUNTY GLOUCESTER.—We are indebted to a Correspondent for the following statement of the poll at the close of the contest in this County.

Table with columns for candidates (Gordon, Read, End, Des Brisay, Dewees) and rows for parishes (Shippigan, Caraque Lower, Church, Upper, Tracadie, Pokemouche Church, River, Grand Ance, New Bandon, Bathurst, Petit Rocher, Belledune). Includes a total row at the bottom.

COUNTY OF VICTORIA.—It would appear from some remarks in the Fredericton Head Quarters and Carleton Sentinel, that the Hon. Mr Partelow is likely to be returned for this County. If this be the case, the news will not be 'thankfully received' in this quarter.

SUNBURY COUNTY.—Messrs. Hayward, and Scoullar have been returned for this County. Hatheway and Taylor have been rejected. The validity of the election, the Head Quarters reports, is challenged by Mr Hatheway, on various grounds.

KING COUNTY.—Messrs. Matthew McLeod, G. H. Ryan, and Mr Purdy, are returned, and Messrs. Earle and Vail rejected.

CHARLOTTE COUNTY.—The Head Quarters report, that 'Captain Robinson, Dr Thompson, Mr Porter, and Mr Fitzgerald are elected. Mr Boyd is only two votes behind Mr Fitzgerald, but we have no return from that county which can be depended on. They do say, however that a madman seized and eat up two leaves of one of the poll books. If this story be true, it will puzzle the sheriff to make his return.