

GRAND JURY PRESENTMENTS.

It is with much satisfaction we lay before our readers this interesting document. The Grand Jury, in publishing their Presentments, have shewn their fellow men an excellent example, which we trust will be followed up by those who may succeed them in the important, and highly responsible situation of Grand Jurors of the County. We hope the Bench will pay that attention to the various matters thus brought under their notice, which their merits deserve.

GRAND JURY ROOM,
January 11, 1856.

Resolved—That the various Presentments of this body, handed in from time to time to the Bench, be copied, signed by the chairman, and published in the Gleaner.

The Grand Jury having taken into consideration various matters affecting the well-being of the County, would respectfully bring under the notice of your Worshipful Bench the following subjects.

We request that the Accounts of the County for the past year (1849) be placed before us for inspection.

We have handed in the names of several parties who have violated the License Law. [The names we do not consider it prudent to publish.]

We have examined the lists of Parish Officers appointed last year, and would recommend the following alterations in the Parishes of Ludlow, Blissfield, and the Lower District of Newcastle. [The names we consider unnecessary to publish.]

We would recommend that an Overseer of Roads be appointed in the Parish of Glenelg, lying between Black River and Bay du Vin, a distance of over eight miles; in consequence of which omission, the settlers are frequently required to go a distance of four miles to perform their Statute Labour, which they consider a great hardship. If it be not an infringement on your privileges, we would recommend to your notice Mr. Thomas Redman, as a fit person to fill the duties of that office.

A similar grievance exists in the same Parish, lying on the South side of Black River. The settlers on that side are constantly being compelled to cross over to the North side of the river, and perform their Statute Labour, which they consider unjust, while they remain destitute of any road.

We are informed that a Fishery Bill is in course of preparation, and hope that the same may be laid before us at as early an hour as practicable, so that we may have an opportunity of examining its provisions. We are more particularly anxious about this matter, as it was brought under our notice by his Honor the Judge in his charge to us yesterday; and consider a good Fishery Law of vital importance to the preservation, and successful prosecution, of that valuable branch of business.

We consider it a great hardship that Farmers living in the parish of Newcastle, should be taxed for keeping Dogs (an indispensable animal on their premises); we would recommend that the levying of the tax be confined to persons living in the towns of Newcastle and Douglastown.

Much cause of complaint has existed for some years past in the Parish of Chatham, and more particularly in the town, from depredations committed by Hogs going at large, contrary to the regulations of the Sessions. The Hogsrevers complain, that when they endeavour to perform their duty, they are not supported by the Public Authorities. They also complain that the Pound in the town is not in an efficient state, for when they put hogs into it, they are taken out during the night. To remedy this evil, we recommend that men of standing and influence be appointed to act as Hogsrevers; and that a Committee from the Sessions be appointed to examine the Pounds in the Parish, and if necessary, erect new ones, and put in efficient state those that require repair. They also request that Goats be prohibited from going at large, as they have committed sad depredations on trees and shrubbery in the town, which is a great annoyance to those parties who have been at considerable expense and trouble in ornamenting their premises, and it is a hardship to which they should not be called upon to submit.

Similar complaints exist in the Parish of Newcastle, respecting the depredations committed by Hogs and Goats, and also by the first-named animals in the Parish of Nelson. We therefore earnestly press these matters on your consideration, and hope that some effort will be made by the Bench, to remove those irritating and growing nuisances. This we think could easily be accomplished if the public authorities would but use some exertion to effect the object.

We are sorry to hear from the charge of his Worship the Judge, that the County is in debt to the large amount of £1,100. This we regret; but with all due deference to the opinion expressed by his Worship, that it would be more judicious to assess the County for a large sum than a small one, we would recommend that the law authorising you to assess the County to the amount of £300, be immediately put in force; and we regret that this duty has not been attended to this, more particularly as a large part of the population who have reaped the advantages of the keeping up of these institutions, for which this large debt

has been contracted, have left the country; and we consider it a hardship that those remaining should be saddled with all the expense.

We have examined the Accounts you have laid before us, which were those passed at the July term. When we made the request yesterday, that the whole Accounts of the County for the past year, should be laid before us, we were in hopes it would be complied with, as a Public Auditor has been appointed by your body, with a salary, whose duty we understood it was, to have the accounts prepared at an early day of the sitting of the Court. If this be not the object of the appointment, we cannot see the utility of it, and think the duty might still be performed, as it has been for a long series of years, by a Committee of your body.

We have visited the Jail, and found the premises in such a state as to reflect much credit on the keeper, Mr. Grimley. We were happy to learn that for some time past, no criminal has been confined therein; and agree with the opinion expressed by his Worship the Judge, in his address to us the first day of the Court, that this is in a great measure to be attributed to the wide-spread influence of temperance associations, whose principles we are happy to find, have taken deep root in the County. The only person we found in the Jail was a poor man confined for Debt. His case is a hard one: he has no friends to provide him with necessities, and were it not for the humanity of the High Sheriff and Jailor, must have starved. We consider the law with regard to the imprisonment of Debtors, a very inhuman one, and disgraceful to the statute book. While provision is made for the support of criminals, a poor debtor is allowed to be confined, and if he has no friends, to suffer the greatest deprivations, unsupplied with provisions or even a bed. We would therefore recommend to the consideration of your Worshipful Bench, this important matter; and if it be within your power, that you will make some provision for the support and more comfortable lodgment of poor Debtors who may hereafter be confined in the Jail.

We have had before us a communication from John T. Williston, Esq. (which we hand into the Court) stating the difficulty which he and Wm. Letson, Esq. are now placed in, having been sued for debts contracted by them in performing certain duties entrusted to them while acting as a Committee of the Session; and in making provision to prevent the spread of disease, while the unfortunate ship Looshtauk was in the river. By his shewing, we consider their case an extreme hard one; and would recommend to your Worshipful Bench that you would immediately take some action in the matter, to relieve Mr. Letson and he, from the difficulty complained of.

In replying to our Presentation made this morning, we find that the Judge has made a mistake in reference to the Accounts. We requested the examination of the Accounts for the whole year—commencing in January term 1849, and ending at the present term—including those that are now before you.

We have listened with deep regret to the Bill read before us this day, empowering the Sessions to levy an Assessment on the County to the large amount of £900, (exclusive of the £300 which you are now authorised to assess for.) This we consider too large a sum to be assessed in one year; more particularly when we consider the destitute state of the County, the great scarcity of money, and the present depression in all branches of trade. We therefore think that the County should not be assessed this year for a larger sum than Six Hundred Pounds, being as large an amount as the people can bear.

The late hour at which the Fishery Bill was brought under our notice, allowed us no time to consider its provisions: we recommend that it be published for the information of the inhabitants of the County, all of whom are more or less, interested in the matter.

FRANCIS ELLIOTT,

Foreman of the Grand Jury.

ABANDONMENT OF THE COLONIES.—We copy the annexed paragraphs from late British Journals:—

Right Hon. Fox Maule.—The Perth Courier states that 'Rumour says the above-named honorable gentleman is intended eventually to fill the office of Colonial Secretary, should the retirement of Earl Grey be the result of the mismanagement with which that department has been charged, while under the presidency of the noble earl.—London Standard.

Frequent have been the meetings of the Cabinet during the last ten days, and various the schemes as to the affairs which have occupied their attention. We have reasons for anticipating that the question of abandoning Canada as a British Colony, has been the absorbing topic, and it has been all but determined upon to give up Canada as a dependency of the English Crown.

There is no split in the Cabinet. Never was the Cabinet more cordially united than it is at the present moment. The only question on which a diversity of sentiment may be manifested, is that of the Colonial policy of Earl Grey. If the noble Secretary for the Colonies should not be able to make such a defence of his administration of colonial affairs as will satisfy the House of Commons and the country, he will relieve his colleagues from all embarrassment on the subject, by resigning his Colonial Secretaryship and his seat in the Cabinet.—London Morning Advertiser.

Deaths.

At Chatham, on the 12th instant, at the residence of his sister, Mrs Joseph, Mr JAMES PARKER, a native of Halifax, aged 46 years. On the 25th ult., at the residence of Mr Jonathan Carnalt, Nelson, South West, Miramichi, Mr ANDREW SOUTER, in the 36th year of his age; a native of Scotland. Poor in this world, but rich in faith, and ripe for heaven.

CARD.—MRS SUTTON returns her grateful acknowledgments to those kind friends and neighbours, who came forward and rendered their best exertions to preserve her effects from the fire which unfortunately consumed her house and property on the night of the 19th of December last. Mrs Sutton feels that she would not be doing justice to herself, did she not express her grateful feelings to Mr Joseph Russell, and all persons connected with his establishment, and also to friends in Newcastle and elsewhere, for the handsome manner in which they came forward, and by their means and assistance, raised a habitation for herself and family, which has enabled her to resume her former vocation.
Nelson, 12th January, 1856.

FIRE-WOOD!

We are in want of FIRE-WOOD; our country subscribers will please take the hint.
Jan. 11.

THIS DAY'S MAIL.

The Courier from the Southward has arrived and contrary to expectation, brought no British Mail. We copy below a few items of news, taken from our Colonial exchanges.

NEW BRUNSWICK.—January Thaw.—About seven o'clock last night snow commenced falling, which was afterwards succeeded by hail, and subsequently by rain,—flooding the streets this morning in almost every direction. The travelling, which was previously excellent throughout the country, will be much affected by the change of weather.

A Public Meeting was held in the Market House at Fredericton, on Monday evening last, at which the Constitution of a new Society for the protection of Agriculture and Home Industry, was submitted by David S. Kerr, Esq., and met with the entire approbation of those present.

A cargo of Potatoes from the Province of New Brunswick, was recently sold in Thomaston market for fifty cents a bushel.

The Nicaragua Difficulty.—It is announced from Washington, under date of the 6th inst. that the Nicaragua question will be amicably settled—the right of way for a ship canal will be guaranteed both to the United States and Great Britain, and the British Minister will disavow Mr. Chatterfield's acts on the coast of Honduras, respecting Tigre Island.—Courier.

HALIFAX.—The first of the series of public Temperance Meetings, which we recently announced as about being held under the auspices of the Sons of Temperance, came off, at the new Temperance Hall, last evening, with a success wholly unexpected by the public. Every arrangement was admirably made, and carried out with excellent effect.—Guardian.

The Courier, with the Mails, made an attempt to cross from this side on Friday the 25th ult., but could not succeed on account of the bad state of the ice; he started again on Saturday, and made out to cross in about six hours. The gale on Sunday last broke up the ice so much that he could not return until Wednesday, when he made the passage in about eight hours, landing about two miles to the westward of Tyron River, being carried down with the tide and heavy north west gale.—Charlottetown Gazette.

Theatrical & Musical ENTERTAINMENT.

MORTON'S COMEDY OF "SPEED THE PLOUGH."

Will be performed at the TEMPERANCE HALL, in Chatham, on TUESDAY EVENING NEXT, the 15th instant, for the purpose of raising a Fund to present to the CHATHAM AMATEUR BAND, for the purchase of instruments.

After the Play, several RECITATIONS, &c., will be given. The BAND will be in attendance.

Tickets to be had of Messrs. K. B. & W. Forbes, and Mr Weatherley, in Chatham; Mr Charles Hambolt, Douglastown, and of Peter Mitchell, Jan., Esq., in Newcastle. Price—Upper Boxes, 2s. 6d., Lower do., 1s. 3d.

Doors open at 7, and the performance to commence at half past 7 o'clock.
January 7, 1856.

The Annual Meeting Of the MIRAMICHI RELIGIOUS TRACT SOCIETY

Will be held in the Room over Mr Kerr's Office, in Chatham, on TUESDAY, the 15th instant, at 3 o'clock, P. M.

W. HENDERSON, Secretary.
January 7, 1856.

THE SALE

At Cunard's Store.

Will be RESUMED on WEDNESDAY, the 18th instant, at 11 o'clock, A. M., and will be continued FROM DAY TO DAY until the

Remainder of the Stock

is disposed off. For particulars see handbills.

WM. J. FRASER, Auctioneer
Chatham, January 11, 1856.

Wesleyan Missionary Meetings.

The attention of the friends in Town and Country, and of the Christian Public generally, is respectfully invited to the following announcements:—

CHATHAM—Sunday, January 20: Preaching in the Wesleyan Methodist Church, at 11 o'clock, A. M., and at half past 6 in the evening.

On Monday following (January 21) a Missionary Meeting will be held in the same Church, the service to commence at 7 o'clock, P. M.

NEWCASTLE—Sunday, January 20: Preaching at the Methodist Chapel at 3 o'clock, afternoon.

Tuesday Evening, at 7 o'clock, (January 22) a Missionary Meeting will be held in the Wesleyan Chapel, Newcastle.

UPPER NELSON—Sunday, January 20: A Sermon in the Methodist Chapel at 11 o'clock, A. M.; and a Missionary Meeting will be held in the same Chapel, Wednesday, January 23, the service to commence at 7 o'clock in the evening.

A COLLECTION, in aid of the Wesleyan Missions, will be made after each Sermon, and in the course of each Public Meeting.

GEORGE JOHNSON, Wes. Min.
January 12, 1856.

GREAT SALE

OR DRY GOODS!

The Subscribers being about to close their business in Miramichi, will SELL OFF AT AUCTION, their

Whole Stock of Goods,

Consisting of plain and printed Calicoes, Ginghams, Shirting Checks and Stripes, Molesters, Flannels, Orleans, Lusters, Mousse de Laines, Cashmeres, Shawls, Silk Handkerchiefs, Cambric do., Cambric do., Damasks, Diapers, Boas, Mitts, black and colored SILKS, black and colored Satinets, Ribbons, Dress Caps, Ready made CLOTHING, Furniture Dimity, Muslins, Toilet Sets, and a great assortment of

Earthenware, Books, &c. &c.

The character of the Stock is well known as being mostly of the best. Goods the British Market can supply, and as the Sale will be positive, GREAT BARGAINS may be expected.

The Sale will commence on MONDAY, the 21st instant, and continue from day to day until the whole is disposed of.

Terms—CASH for all amounts under £1; above that amount, three months upon agreed joint notes.

JOHN FRASER

Miramichi, January 14, 1856. & CO.
50 barrels FLOUR, Canada
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NOTICE.

The Partnership hitherto existing between SAMUEL & SONS, is this day dissolved by mutual consent of the surviving Partners. All persons indebted to the said Firm, or to MICHAEL SAMUEL separately, are requested to call without delay and settle their respective accounts with Wm. E. SAMUEL, who is duly authorised to settle the same.

M. SAMUEL,

WM. E. SAMUEL, } Surviving
Partners.

Miramichi, 2nd January, 1856.

The Business will in future be carried on by the Subscriber, who, with the usual Stock of DRY GOODS AND GROCERIES, has for sale some superior PORT WINE, Also—a lot of Prime Annapolis CHEESE.

The highest prices given for FURS
WM. E. SAMUEL.

Of Dissolution of Partnership

The Co-partnership heretofore subsisting at Richibucto, by the undersigned JOHN W. HOLDERNESS and THOMAS CHILTON, Junior, under the Firm of Messrs. J. W. HOLDERNESS & CHILTON, as Merchants and Commission Agents, in this day dissolved by the retirement of Thomas Chilton, Junior, on account of ill health, and by mutual consent. In future the business will be continued by JOHN W. HOLDERNESS in his own name, who is fully authorized to settle all transactions arising from the said Partnership.

JOHN W. HOLDERNESS,
THOMAS CHILTON, Jun.,
By his Attorney,
J. A. JAMES.

Richibucto, December 1, 1849