

disguise, attacked the dwelling of Mr Peter Keenan, an honest, industrious settler, at the Upper Settlement, Cocagne River. Keenan, though alone, and at a considerable distance from any other neighbour, got out of bed, and demanded what they wanted. They replied—your money. Keenan told them that by industry, perseverance, and hard labour, he had scraped together a few pounds, in order to meet the sale of his land, about to be effected the next day, and that sooner than give it up, he would risk his life. On meeting with this repulse, one of the dastardly miscreants struck Keenan with a club on the face. On recovering himself he seized a billet of wood, and returned the blow, and immediately retreated into his house, in order if possible, to secure his axe for further defence. On gaining the door he received another blow on the back part of the head, which completely stunned him, when the cowardly fiends were glad to retreat, leaving poor Keenan weltering in his blood until the following day. It is hoped that some clue will be discovered which will lead to the detection of these vagabonds, so that they may be brought to justice. Keenan is a sober, industrious, hard-working man. He is now here, and bears the marks of having undergone a severe contest.

EUROPEAN NEWS.

The English mail by the steamer America, was received here on Friday. She had a fine run of nine days to Halifax. The papers are to the 25th May, from which we have taken some extracts.

COUNTY OF KENT.

CARLETON AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY. In compliance with public notice, widely circulated throughout the Parish of Carleton, County of Kent, a large number of respectable persons assembled at the dwelling house of the Reverend HUGH McQUIRK, Kouchibouguacis, on Friday the 10th day of May, for the purpose of taking into consideration the propriety and practicability of forming an Agricultural Society in that Parish.

The Reverend Mr McQUIRK having consented to occupy the chair, and Mr WILLIAM S. CAIE having been requested to act as Secretary to the Meeting—the Reverend Chairman, followed by several other gentlemen, addressed the meeting at considerable length, on the constitution of Agricultural Societies, and the influence they have exerted in favor of Agriculture, wherever judiciously conducted, and properly patronized.

After some interesting and appropriate remarks, Mr James Fraser, moved the following Resolution, which was seconded by Mr John Atkinson, and adopted unanimously. Resolved, That it is the opinion of this meeting, and the prevailing opinion throughout the Parish of Carlton, that Agriculture is the great source of national wealth and independence; that Agricultural Societies have proved highly instrumental in diffusing a knowledge of agriculture as a science; and that the Parish of Carlton possesses all the requisite qualifications, in point of soil and situation, to enable it, under proper culture, to rank high as an agricultural district; and that it is the determination of this meeting to give the cause of agriculture all the countenance to which it so strongly lays claim.

Moved by Mr Peter Votner, seconded by Mr John Tweedie, and Resolved unanimously: That with the view of following up the foregoing Resolution, an Agricultural Society be formed in this district, to be called the CARLETON AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Moved by Mr John Graham, and seconded by Mr G. White, and Resolved unanimously, Resolved, That the leading objects of the Society, shall be to encourage and improve the breed of Domestic Animals—the importation of improved Stock—the diffusion of useful Agricultural knowledge, and the production of Home Manufactures.

At the suggestion of Mr W. S. Caie, supported by the Chairman, a Subscription List was headed; to which in a short time 50 persons subscribed their names, and upwards of £20.

Persons not intending to become members of the contemplated Society having withdrawn, a code of Rules and Regulations for the guidance of the Society was adopted by the members present; and the following gentlemen were chosen Office Bearers for the ensuing year viz:

President—Reverend Hugh McQuirk. Secretary—Mr Wm. S. Caie. Vice Presidents—Messrs. John Atkinson and Robert Powell. Treasurer—Mr Germain White. Directors—Messrs. Peter Bleur, Simon Johnston, and James Fraser.

The Chairman having left the Chair, and Mr William S. Caie having been called to occupy the same, the thanks of the meeting were tendered to the Rev. Mr McQuirk for the lively interest he has evinced in the object of this meeting, and the ability with which he has presided over it.

Ordered, That the Secretary send a copy of the foregoing proceedings to the Miramichi Gleaner for publication.

WM. S. CAIE, Secretary.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—We do not consider it necessary to publish the Communication of 'An Eye Witness,' but shall reply to two questions which he puts to us. A man being 'tipsy,' as he styles it, or as we would designate it, drunk, does not excuse him for any insubordination at a fire, but on the contrary makes him more criminal; and a Fireward is perfectly justified in using his 'staff'

when he is assaulted. In reply to his remark—that you Mr Editor may be able to explain something of the matter, as I saw you there holding a young man that was trying to make peace at the time; we assert that we did not lay our hands on a young man who was endeavoring to make peace, but we aided the Fireward to free himself from the deadly grip which the aforesaid 'tipsy man' had on his throat, and also assisted him in recovering his 'staff' which the peace-making young man had wrenched from him, when he was using it to compel the 'tipsy' assailant to let go his collar, which he persisted in retaining. If 'An Eye Witness' had used his ears he might have heard us expressing our surprise to the party, at finding him guilty of such a breach of the peace.

The lines of Montague are not original. "We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents." This is an extract from our Prospectus, and which we have frequently quoted; but notwithstanding which a writer under the signature of "C." identifies us with our correspondents, and calls us to task for presuming to let the public censure the old members. This man, certainly, has a singular opinion of the "Liberty of the Press." We have neither time or space to answer his letter, and also but little inclination. An Inhabitant will be attended to next week.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE IN CHATHAM.

About half-past ten o'clock, on Tuesday evening last, the alarm of fire was given in our town, and before any body of individuals could muster, the fire had gained a great height. It originated, it is supposed, somewhere near the flues of the furnace of the extensive Saw and Grist Mills of Messrs. Gilmour, Rankin & Co., which was a wooden building and communicated to the Saw Mill, also built of wood, and then to the Grist Mill which was a large stone building, all which were totally consumed. The flames then extended to that part of the Chatham Foundry, which was devoted to casting, in which was the furnace; and although a large part of the moveables were saved, we are sorry to add, a number of valuable patterns were lost. The other portion of the Foundry situate on the opposite side of the wharf, which is occupied as a tin smith shop, and which contains the steam engine, and moulds of the establishment, was, with great exertion, saved, as well as the stone building in front, which was occupied as the sale room of the establishment.

On the lower side, the flames extended to the store of Messrs. Gilmour, Rankin & Co., to the large two story house owned by Mr Martindale, then to a small building owned by Mr Hugh Fraser, and occupied by Mrs Murphy, all of which were totally consumed. A small tenement unfinished below the last named building, was torn down. All the goods in the store, as well as the furniture in the dwellings, were saved.

A large quantity of plank on the wharf connected with the mill, was consumed, together with a quantity of coal. The amount of property destroyed must be very considerable, and we learn that but small sums were insured on the principal buildings.

Too much praise cannot be bestowed on the firemen of Newcastle and Douglastown, who came promptly to the scene of destruction with their engines, and rendered good service.

Provisionally there was but little wind at the time, had it been otherwise, the destruction of property must have been much greater.

It will be seen in a Card published in another part of to-day's paper, that the spirited proprietor of the Foundry, Mr Bain, intends having his establishment in working order in a short time; we wish we had a similar pleasing announcement to make in reference to the Grist Mill, the destruction of which is a great public loss. We trust, however, it will be rebuilt at no distant period.

This is the most destructive fire which has ever occurred in the town of Chatham.

Ship News.

PORT OF DALHOUSIE.

ENTERED, June 4—brig Wiltiam Charlton, Clare, ballast, A. Ritchie & Co.; barque Naparima, Nichol, Liverpool, 30 days, general cargo, do. do.; brig Arethusa, Bird, Limerick, ballast, do. do.; ships British Merchant, Anderson, Aquiles, 35 days, do. do. do.; Helen Thompson, Gray, Philadelphia, 13 days, do. do. do.; barques Emma, Hamilton, Halifax, 7 days, do. do. do.; Edward Kenny, Carthage, do. do. do.

6th—brig Mary Brack, Hunter, Carthage, ballast, A. Ritchie & Co.; schr Superb, Audette, Magdalens, Herrings, do. do.; brig Jane, Marraud, Arichat, molasses, A. Ferguson.

CLEARED, June 4—schr Providence, Menard, Quebec, ballast; Sylph, LeBouff, New Richmond, general cargo, W. Cuthbert and

others; Martha Sophia, Boudrot, Quebec, ballast, A. Ritchie & Co.

PORT OF CARAQUET.

ENTERED, May 18—Crapaud, De Carteret, Jersey, 35 days, salt and biscuit, W. Fruing & Co.

22nd—Farrago, Hocquoil, Jersey, general cargo, C. Robin & Co.

23rd—Victoria, Fournier, Quebec, flour and pease, W. Fruing & Co.

CLEARED, May 23—Two Brothers, Cormier, Quebec, grindstones and 68 passengers.

27th—Mary, Boutillier, Quebec, grindstones and 37 passengers.

31st—Farrago, Hocquoil, New Carlisle, ballast.

June 3—Baby, Ache, Quebec, 18 passengers.

PORT OF SHEDIAC.

ENTERED, May 10—schr Aldebaran, Newell, Halifax.

12th—packet Oregon, Walsh, Bedeque, passengers.

17th—schr Felix, Jerway, Arichat.

June 5—barque Asia, Hannah, Mobile, Messrs Scovils.

Information received here states that a brig bound to this port, was wrecked near West Cape, Prince Edward Island, during the gale of the 26th ult. Name of the vessel or master not yet known.

CARD.

The Subscriber returns his thanks to the Firewards, the Engine Men of Newcastle, Douglastown and Chatham, and to all others who assisted in preserving his property from destruction by fire, on the night of Tuesday last. He begs to assure them that he feels grateful for their kind and valuable assistance.

HUGH BAIN.

N. B. The Foundry will be again in full operation in a few days. Chatham, June 10, 1850.

SCHOOLMASTER WANTED.

A Schoolmaster is wanted for School No. Seven, Douglastown. Applicants will be required to produce the necessary qualifications. Apply to

JOHN IRVINE, DANIEL BALDWIN.

June 7, 1850.

"CLEAVELAND BAY."

The Northumberland Agricultural Society have secured for this County, the services of the Entire Horse CLEAVELAND BAY, imported by Mr HUGH McMONAGLE, of Sussex Vale, in anticipation of the large Government Premium; which premium was adjudged to him in the Fall of 1848.

CLEAVELAND BAY is a heavy, handsome animal, 6 years old. He will arrive at Chatham with his groom about the 20th May and will stand as follows:

In the Town of Chatham, at Kelly's stables, on Tuesday 21st, Wednesday 22d, Thursday 23d, and Friday 24th May.

At Napan, (near the bridge, at Mr James Kerr's,) on Saturday 25th May.

Back Settlement, (Chatham side) at John Irvine's, on Monday 27th May.

Lower Newcastle, at A. Goodfellow, Esq's, on Tuesday 28th May.

Douglastown, on Wednesday 29th, and Thursday 30th May.

Newcastle, at ——— stables, on Friday 31st May, and Saturday 1st June.

Southwest, at ———, on Monday 3d June.

The precise premises at which the Horse will stand, and his subsequent stations will be seasonably announced.

For the terms and time of payment apply to the Groom.

By order of the Board,

JAMES CAIE, Secretary.

29th April, 1850.

Roncesvalles!

The above named animal was reared in Prince Edward Island, and purchased by the Subscribers last Fall. He is a strong animal, very gentle, and is very generally admired, and is well for the purposes of the country, and is eight years old. He will stand during the Season in the following places, attended by MICHAEL McLEAN, a well-known Groom from North Esk, viz:

Newcastle, at Mr Fish's stables, on Tuesday 21st May, and Wednesday 29th May.

Douglastown, at Mr Park's stables, on Wednesday 22nd May, and Tuesday 28th May.

In the Town of Chatham, at Mr White's stables, on Thursday 23d May.

At Napan, at Mr Searle's farm, on Friday 24th May.

Back Settlement (Chatham Side) at John Irvine's, on Saturday, 25th May.

Lower Newcastle, Little Baribogue, near Nugent's, on Monday, 29th May.

North Esk, at the residence of the Groom, Friday and Saturday, 30th and 31st May.

South West, at Mr Parker's, on Monday 3d June.

Nelson, near Mr Sutton's, on Tuesday 4th June.

The subsequent stations will be regularly announced by the Groom. Services for the Season, 20s., and 5s. for the Groom, and all other necessary arrangements will be notified by him.

E. R. & G. WHITNEY.

North Esk, May 11, 1850.

Card.

Messrs. GILMOUR, RANKIN & CO., desire to tender their sincere acknowledgments to the Firewards, Fire Companies, and inhabitants of Chatham, Newcastle and Douglastown, for their prompt and strenuous assistance at the Fire in their Steam Mills, Chatham, on the 4th instant. Douglastown, June 8, 1850.

CARD.

The Firewards of the Town of Chatham, beg to return their warm acknowledgments to the Engine Companies of Newcastle and Douglastown for their prompt attendance and their efficient service in subduing the destructive fire which took place on the night of Tuesday, the 4th inst. Chatham, 7th June, 1850.

PANTECHNETHECA, ST. JOHN, N. B.

SUPERFINE DRESS COATS, FROCK and SACK Ditto, SUMMER CLOTH OVER COATS, in great variety; Rich Dress VESTS, Morning and Welking VESTS; Black Doe TROWERS, best quality; Blue Plaid Ditto. All descriptions of

WALKING AND RIDING TROWERS, Driving and Box COATS. A great variety of BOYS' CLOTHES.

In drawing attention now, at the commencement of the Spring Trade, to our Large Establishment,

Corner of King and Cross Streets, we wish briefly to enumerate the advantages which we offer to our customers and the public. We have always studiously avoided claiming to ourselves any power of selling at 30 or 40 per cent. under others in the trade, but simply rested our claims on our extensive experience—buying our Goods direct from the best manufacturers at cash prices.

In commencing the Clothing Business some time ago, in St. John, in addition to our large Custom Trade, we introduced a scale of prices little known previously to the respectable class of the public. This we were enabled to do by entirely rejecting the long credit system, and supplying first rate articles at a moderate scale of profit for cash.

Our theory has invariably been, that improvements can always be introduced. This year we endeavor to do better than last.

PRICES THE LOWEST—QUALITY THE BEST—AND WORKMEN SUPERIOR.

And by thus continuing to progress during the few years we have been in business, we apprehend we have now brought our business to a point surpassed by none.

The superiority of our style of Cutting is well known. The newest Paris and London Styles are introduced as early as in New York or Boston, and every improvement is at once adopted. In alluding to the large Stock of Clothes in our Establishment, we may merely state that it comprises the best assortment of FRENCH & GERMAN TWILL'D CLOTHS and DOESKINS, of every shade and color to be found.

Having thus alluded to the general arrangements of our business, as far as regards the Order Department, we wish particularly to draw attention to the other very large and increasing branch of our business, viz:

The Extensive Ready Made Department.

Of this branch we may say, that every article in our Establishment is made up as carefully as if ordered. No workman is too good to be employed by us. We make all description of Garments, up to the highest price COATS. Numbers have proved and acknowledged the value of being at once fitted.

Some idea may be formed of the system pursued, when we state that in Coats we keep thirty six sizes, so that all shapes and heights may feel a certainty of being fitted.

To enumerate the varied Stock would far exceed the limits of an advertisement, but our customers will find on visiting the

PANTECHNETHECA,

corner of King and Cross streets, that all their expectations will be fully realized.

A SUIT OF MOURNING at five minutes' notice.

GARRETT & SKILLEN.

St. John, N. B., May 17, 1850.

Sheriff's Sale.

On MONDAY, the ninth day of December next, in front of Hamill's Hotel, Newcastle, between the hours of 12 and 5 o'clock, P. M., will be sold by Public Auction:

All the Right, Title, Interest, Property, Claim and Demand of CHARLES A. HARDING to any Real Estate in the County of Northumberland; the same having been seized and taken by virtue of an Execution issued out of the Supreme Court at the suit of Alexander Simpson against the said Charles A. Harding.

W. A. BLACK, Sheriff.

Sheriff's Office, Newcastle, June 4, 1850.