

course, and we shall leave the parties to battle it out, giving them a fair field, and showing no favor. We hope it will not resemble the far-famed fight which took place between the two 'Kilkeany Cats'; and trust that while this controversy is progressing, our journal will not be so 'dry' to 'Filius' as he has reported it to be, he having to wait for a 'rainy day' to make it palatable. Truly, the wit of some men is most extraordinary, and 'past finding out.' ED. GLEANER.

THAT PIC NIC.

"Buoyed on a sea of fancy, genius rises, And like the rare leviathan surprises; But the small fry of scribblers, tiny souls, They wriggle through the mud in shoals." Colman, the Younger.

To the Editor of the Gleaner,

Sir,—The account of the Pic Nic of the Sons of Temperance, published in your last Gleaner, should not be allowed to pass unnoticed; and I for one do not feel disposed to allow an Institution with which I am connected, to be made ridiculous, for the purpose of gratifying the outrageous vanity of a man who could so far overstep the bounds of prudence, as to pen that 'master-piece' of nonsense, the bombastical and inflated communication of 'Filius.' There are some men, Mr. Editor, who will stoop to any act, however base or servile, to avoid the importunities of a pressing creditor; while there are others who seize upon every opportunity to display the little ability nature may have given them; and if they can only succeed in stringing together a few such epithets as 'the sun's scorching heat,' 'the orb of day,' 'arms of Morpheus,' &c., &c., with the aid of a few words printed in Italics, fancy themselves writers of the first water. Such a man is your correspondent 'Filius.' If there is a public entertainment of any kind to be chronicled, a death to be recorded, or a lecture to be delivered, it matters not which, he is ever ready, and just as ready to puff them HIMSELF!!

I deny that the affair in question came off in such good style as your correspondent would have us believe. I deny that the arrangements were such as to reflect credit on the Committee of Management; if they were, why had 'scouts' to be despatched to secure those 'spots the coolest and most deeply shaded from the sun's scorching heat,' when the boat reached the shore? that duty should have been attended to before. It is true the day was as fine as could be desired—the music was good, and the company agreeable; but was this sufficient to justify the extravagant hyperbole of 'Filius'?

If your correspondent has the good of our Order at heart, and is anxious for its extension in this quarter, he will assist its onward progress much more by acting up to its pledge, than by endeavoring to paint the doings of the 'Division in such a ludicrous manner, as such a course of conduct will only tend to make us appear ridiculous in the eyes of the public, and disgust our best friends.

I would seriously advise Mr. 'Filius,' if he wishes to display his talent for composition in future, to wait until he is asked, or to avail himself of some legitimate opportunity, St. Andrew's Day for instance, and not drag parties before the public who have no desire to figure in connection with any thing emanating from his pen.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
A SON OF TEMPERANCE.
Miramichi, August 3, 1850.

Editor's Department.

MIRAMICHI:

CHATHAM, MONDAY, AUGUST 19, 1850.

EUROPEAN NEWS.

The Mail Steamer Niagara, arrived at Halifax on Wednesday morning last, and the mail by her was received at the Post Office here on Friday. The papers are to the 3rd August, from which we make a few selections. They will be found under the proper head.

UNITED STATES.—The following paragraphs are copied from a letter of a correspondent of the Halifax Sun, dated New York, August 6.

Another instance of the recklessness with which buildings are put up in this city, was illustrated yesterday afternoon, by the falling of five stories of the rear of a large building in Spruce street. Several persons were killed, and a number of others dangerously wounded.

About two hours after the above accident the gable end of a building situated next to a building about being erected fell upon a number of men, burying them in the ruins, killing one instantly and severely wounding a number of others.

Since my last, we have had two or three steam boat explosions, and as many railroad accidents, destroying life, and bringing misery to numerous families and friends. The accident on the Erie Railroad, on Wednesday afternoon, was one of frightful magnitude. A train consisting of twenty cars, laden with oxen, sheep, and hogs, for the New York market, in consequence of an iron bridge giving away, was precipitated with its living freight into the chasm beneath, scattering and crushing men and animals in all directions. The

scene described is almost too horrible to think of.

It is only a little while since some of the papers here were loud in denouncing the people near Cape Race, Newfoundland, as a band of pirates, for pilfering from the British ship Corsair, which was stranded at that place. Since then we have had a similar instance of a more aggravated character nearer home. The ship Elizabeth, was stranded last week on the east end of Long Island, and most of the passengers and crew perished. The vessel had a very valuable cargo, a large portion of which, together with the effects of those who were lost, fell into the hands of a parcel of miscreants. The authorities of New York have succeeded in capturing a number of them, among whom are some squires, magistrates, law makers, &c."

THE EUROPEAN AND NORTH AMERICAN RAILWAY.

We have devoted considerable space in this day's paper, to the doings of the Railway Convention, recently held in the city of Portland, knowing that there exists a great desire on the part of our readers to be made acquainted with the particulars. The Halifax Sun contains a long and interesting letter on this subject from James Whitman, in which the writer in speaking of the greatness of the enterprise, and the prospect of its being successfully carried out, remarks:

"Within five years the Great European Highway from N. York, nay, from N. Orleans to New York and Halifax, will be opened, whose unnumbered travel no Appian way of ancient Rome can ever excel, or even attempt to reach; because it will become the highway of nations, free and unfettered in its restriction as the boundless pathway of the mighty deep. This great leviathan of railroads, can be no apple of discord, because all countries will be interested in its existence the moment it is properly understood, and let any one who does not understand it, take his map and trace its course—beginning at New Orleans, from thence up to New York, via Boston, Portland, Me., and hence to Waterville, a distance of 182 miles from this city, the route is already complete, and in full operation. The remainder of the route, about 400 miles, waits to be accomplished as the connecting link with the Great Atlantic Ocean Ferry, already so long and successfully established; but yet to be improved by its shortened distance from the most eastern extremity of Novascotia to the most western coast of Ireland. From Waterville, in the State of Maine, trace this route to Calais, the frontier of the State, thence to St. John, New Brunswick, thence by the land route round the Bend of Peticodiac, thence through the isthmus connecting Novascotia with this great continent, and thence through Amherst, Truro, and on to Whitehaven, or across the Straits of Canso on to Louisburgh, in Cape Breton, as may be determined upon. This is a design worthy of England and America, and a design which only England and America could and will carry into effect. The decree has gone forth by the united acclamation of both countries, that it ought to be, and as a consequence that such will be the case!"

FREDERICTON.—The Head Quarters states that the Home Government has confirmed the appointment of James Taylor, Esq. as Controller of Customs and Navigation Laws, at the newly erected Port of Fredericton.

LITERARY.—The St. John New Brunswicker has copied the literary article, entitled "An Incident in New Brunswick," which appeared in our number of August 5.

CANADA.—A meeting of the members of the Toronto Press was recently held, in consequence of certain misapprehensions having gone abroad as to the grounds on which the Reports of the Debates in the Lower House had been discontinued. The following Resolutions were passed:—

"Resolved, That it is the right of the people to be admitted to witness the public proceedings and hear the discussions, in the Legislative Assembly of this Province.

Resolved, That it is equally the right of the conductors and reporters of the Press, to be so admitted, and that they ought therefore to be provided with suitable accommodations, so as to enable them to report the debates for publication, and to be protected from annoyance in the discharge of these duties.

Resolved, That the ground on which the conductors and reporters of the press determined to absent themselves from the Legislative Assembly, was the denial of the rights asserted in the two foregoing Resolutions, and that to avoid any mistakes on that point, a memorial, founded on these resolutions, be prepared and presented to the House of Assembly, and that a committee be appointed to draw up the same.

CANADA.—We are indebted to the Quebec Gazette for the following choice scrap. It would not disgrace Punch himself; we do not mean the one of local notoriety, but THE Punch—of European fame.

"There has been much discussion on the question, whether, on the day of the departure of the Press, Mr. Christie was or was not 'in his place in the house,' during the fracas between him and Mr. Ure. A witty corres-

pondent of the British Colonist has decided it thus:—

"Every one will acknowledge that brains are not essential to a member of Parliament. Since, then, the head alone of the hon. member was in the Stranger's Gallery, and a much more important part remained behind—(I mean that part which enables him to occupy a seat in the House)—it is clear that all that is necessary to constitute a member was within the bar. Mr. Ure, then, was decidedly wrong in asserting that the honorable member for Gaspe was not in his place."

The papers speak in high terms of the season, and of the growing crops. Wheat is healthy and the yield most abundant.

The Legislature was prorogued on the 10th August. From the Speech of the Governor General on the occasion, we take the following extracts:

"It will be my study to carry into effect, without unnecessary delay, the arrangements contemplated in the Imperial and Provincial Acts which have recently passed for transferring to the Colonial authorities the control and management of the Provincial Post Office.

"I congratulate you on the improvement which has taken place in the Revenue, and on the promise of an abundant harvest, which seems to be general throughout the Province.

"Nature has bestowed on this Province singular facilities for transporting to distant markets its own products and those of other countries, and their extension and development is an object of primary importance to its welfare. I had, therefore, much satisfaction in lately visiting in company with many members of both Houses of Parliament, a great Public Work, which forms a link in the chain of water communication extending from the far West through Canada to the ocean. The gratification I derived from that visit, was enhanced by the opportunity which it afforded for an exhibition of courtesy by the citizens of a neighboring and friendly nation.

"I have also observed with satisfaction the impulse which recent acts of the Legislature have given to Railway enterprise, and to the construction of plank and macadamized roads in various parts of the Province.

"The asperities of party spirit, which have exercised at various periods so baneful an effect on the Province, will, it may be hoped, be mitigated, and its progress, in all that constitutes substantial prosperity, with God's blessing, be ensured."

The Quebec Chronicle of the 12th instant reports—

"Private Letters from England received in town, state positively, that Lord Elgin is to be recalled and succeeded by Lord Harris, now Governor of Trinidad."

The Montreal Gazette says—"a letter to a highly respectable house here, received yesterday from a well-informed quarter in London, has the following postscript:

"We believe there is no doubt of Lord Harris having received the appointment of Governor General, vice Lord Elgin, resigned."

The Courier says that Lord Elgin is promoted to the Governor Generalship of India.

THE CROPS.

The information we have obtained respecting the Wheat crop in this section of the Province, is anything but satisfactory. The Weevil has attacked it in Kent, Gloucester, Restigouche, and this County. The Hay with us, will be a full average crop—that on the uplands will be rather light in some places, but on the marshes it will be abundant. The Oats are short, but heading well. The Potatoes look strong and healthy.

RESTIGOUCHE.—A Correspondent writing to us by the last mail, says—It is supposed there will hardly be an average of Hay this season, owing to the month of June proving so dry. Other crops look well, but it is rumored that the Weevil is making a great appearance in the wheat, particularly the bald headed kinds.

COUNTY OF CARLETON.—The Sentinel received by the last mail furnishes the following distressing news respecting the Potatoes and Wheat:—

"Since our last we have received the unwelcome intelligence that the blight has appeared among the potatoes in several parts of the County. In Newburgh, one field has been entirely destroyed, and fears are entertained that as its progress since its commencement has been so rapid, it will extend over the greater part of the County. We also learn that in several districts the weevil has made its appearance in the wheat."

POST OFFICE.—It appears by the following paragraph, which we copy from the Montreal Herald, that the operation of the important Bill, reducing, and establishing a uniform rate of Postage throughout the North American Colonies, is to be delayed for another year, because the members of the Parliament of Prince Edward's Island did not think it worth their while to take the subject into consideration. This is another instance of the

great necessity which exists for a Colonial Union.

"Hope deferred maketh the heart sick, and we have just learned that the probabilities are we shall have to submit for another year, at least, to the present excessive rates of postage, as the Bill now progressing through the Legislature cannot be accepted by the Home Government, because the important Colony of Prince Edward's Island has not yet taken advantage of the Imperial Act.—This Act, if we understand it rightly, provides that, in the event of the British North American Colonies, now under the Deputy Post Master Generalship of Mr Stayner, namely, Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward's Island, making certain legislative provisions, the Imperial Government will abandon all control over their postal arrangements. Nova Scotia and New Brunswick have already, and Canada is in the act of taking advantage of the Imperial Act, but Prince Edward's Island has as yet done nothing; and until her ladyship chooses to act, our common mother declines coming to any new agreement with her grown-up sisters."

Marriages.

On Wednesday the 7th August, at Athol House, by Robert Ferguson, Esq. Commissioner for Solemnizing Marriages, Mr. WILLIAM DOWNS, to Miss ROSANNA FOSTER THOMPSON, of Loch Broom, Parish of Dalhousie.

At Dalhousie, on the 24th June last, NATHANIEL McNAUGHTON, to MARY McCULLUM, both of the County of Bonaventure, District of Gaspe, and Province of Canada East.

At Dalhousie, on the 5th August, THOMAS PIKE, to MARY DICKIE, both of the County of Bonaventure, District of Gaspe, Canada East.

At Loch Broom, in the County of Restigouche, on the 8th August, JAMES FRASER, to ISABELLA THOMPSON, both of the Parish of Dalhousie.

Deaths.

At Chatham, on Saturday morning last, DAVID, eldest son of Mr John Horan, aged 13 years and 6 months.

August 11, at his house in the Parish of Durham, in the County of Restigouche, JOHN DICKIE, Farmer, aged 76 years, thirty-four years a resident here. The respect he was held in was evinced by perhaps the largest attended funeral ever witnessed in the County. His house was always open to the traveller and needy. He was a native of the Parish of Dalry, County Ayr, in Scotland.

Ship News.

PORT OF MIRAMICHI.

Several vessels have arrived during the week; among them the schr Villager, from Halifax, and bark Oxford, from Glasgow.

The schr Herold, Horan, bound to Boston, was compelled to put back, having lost anchor, sails, &c., off Escuminac, during the heavy blow from the eastward on Friday night.

PORT OF DALHOUSIE.

ENTERED—August 16, brig Ida, M'Kinnon, Ardrossan, ballast, to A. Ritchie & Co.

CLEARED—August 12, schr. New Messenger, Siteman, Halifax, salmon and shingles, by Wm. Hamilton.

August 14, bark Victoria, Creach, Newcastle; timber, by A. Ritchie & Co.

MIRAMICHI FOUNDRY.

The Subscriber respectfully informs the Public, that as the MOULDING SHOP belonging to the Establishment, was saved from the late Fire, he is enabled to furnish CASTINGS in BRASS and IRON as usual. He also begs to state that in a short time he will have the FITTING-UP SHOP in complete operation.

HUGH BAIN.

Chatham, August 5, 1850.
N. B. Sove Pipe, Pans and Tinware made to order.

NOTICE.

TENDERS will be received at the Sheriff's Office, Newcastle, until 12 o'clock, A. M., on the 20th day of August next, for the LOAN of FORTY POUNDS, on the Credit of the County of Northumberland. The Tenders to express the lowest rate of Interest.

JOHN FRASER, Jail
H. B. ALLISON, Committee.
T. C. ALLAN,
W. A. BLACK,
Newcastle, July 22, 1850.

Notice!

The subscriber hereby informs all persons having any unsettled business with Mr JOSEPH RUSSELL, Merchant and Shipbuilder, at Miramichi, that he has received a Power of ATTORNEY, to settle all those dealings, and fully to wind up the affairs. And all persons indebted to the said Joseph Russell, will please call and make arrangements with the Subscriber at once, otherwise the Claims will be put in other hands for Collection.

GEORGE H. RUSSELL.
Chatham, 1st July, 1850.