

stand why a Canadian should prefer his own country to every other.

Communications.

To the Editor of the Gleaner.

I beg leave to apologise to you and your numerous readers for again introducing the Editor of the Morning News to your notice; and I now trust you and them will bear with me, whilst I assign a few of the reasons which induce me to bring that individual into better company than he is accustomed to. It is not my intention to gag the press, even had I the power; I am no press muzzle, but look upon it as one of the greatest blessings a free and enlightened people can enjoy. It is the purifier and purger of all evils and nuisances, from the monarch to the beggar. History affords us proofs without number, of the downfall of nations and individuals, the moment the liberty of the press was stopped. By it the humblest individual, no matter how obscure or insignificant, can chastise the proudest peer or the greatest ruffian in the realm. By it man can reason or debate with his fellow man, and draw sound conclusions, no matter how great soever the distance. By it man is able to review the works of the ancients, and keep pace with the people of the present day. The labors of an editor, or conductor of a public press, are of an herculean nature; he may be engaged discoursing to his sovereign one moment, and the next reviewing matters at the Cape of Good Hope, doubling Cape Horn, or pointing out the follies of the antipodes. He requires to be a man of judgment, to make his selections; of candour, to be relied on; of morality, to elevate the community in which his lot may be cast; of energy, to prevent his paper from becoming barren and uninteresting; of talent, to instruct and direct the ignorant; and often, when his patrons are wrapped in the embraces of Morpheus, he is burning the midnight oil, to serve them, and frequently he is but poorly remunerated for his exertions. In a word, he should be energetic, straightforward and independent, and when found to be such, he should be respected and protected by the highest as well as the lowest in the land—and thin-skinned and prone to go astray must the person be, no matter what his pretensions, who would force an editor into the jaws of the law for what appears in his columns. If truth, it is no libel—if false, it will soon cure itself. If the production of a worthless character, to gratify his spleen, and proved to be false, he should be treated with contempt.

These being my views of the grandeur and blessings conferred upon us by the Press, I trust the public will do me the justice to believe that no mean or sordid motives would induce me to attack the Press, or any gentleman connected with it, for I am a thorough admirer of all those who labor to diffuse useful knowledge among their fellows. But as you and others must be aware, sir, the Editor of the Morning News is a bright and a shining light in his own estimation. After publishing all sorts of falsehood and nonsense about the North, he boldly threw down the gauntlet to any one that would dare to take him up; and although there are many in the north well able to chastise him for his presumption, did they not feel that by so doing they would not elevate themselves, I thought it a pity to see him courting a whipping, so I put a few rods in pickle, not very nicely trimmed it is true, and after hefting him a little, I believed it would be no hard matter to furnish him with a Roland for his Oliver. I believed him to be at a loss for a fault to lay at an Editor's door, when he would have to upbraid a gentleman for the size of his person or his fist, who has done more to show forth the resources of the Province than he will during his life. I believed him to be no geographer, and deficient in observation, as he and his followers could not see that by placing a Railway along the north shore, it would be making St. John a great warehouse, and secure to themselves a boundless trade, at present unknown to them; and speaking of the north shore as if it were the north pole, when in reality it is not over a degree from the place where he resides. I believed him to be no philosopher, and to know nothing of the interior of the country, when he and his friends would think of sending a railroad through the interior, among mountains and high lands, to evade snow, when it is a known fact that snow falls two feet to one on a mountainous country more than it does in the neighbourhood of the shore. Philosophers say that it is owing to the laws of attraction, and that in the neighborhood of the sea shore snow cannot fall so deep, from the fact that salt is a destroyer of snow, and the vapours from the sea must have the same effect. I believed him to be no historian, or he would have observed the changes and revolutions which the world has gone through, and is still undergoing, and no doubt America has to undergo her changes. I believed him to be no patriot, or admirer of the cross of St. Albion, the admiration of all nations, with her belts running from her extremities, and working to a common centre, and showing the motto of a three-fold cord, not easily to be broken. No, he fondly looks towards the disjointed stars and stripes of the American flag, a true emblem of their disjointed government, shadowing forth their future destiny, to become separate and petty States, and every meeting of their statesmen proves it beyond a doubt; yet notwithstanding all this, it bears the only charm to him. The old flag of England, "that's braved a thousand years the battle and the breeze," is

doomed to be torn to tatters by the Editor of the Morning News. I believed him to have no idea of the pride or strength of a nation, when he calls Halifax and Quebec two beggarly towns. Gibraltar is a barren rock, but it is called the key to the Mediterranean, and Britain proudly holds it in her hand. Quebec is called the Gibraltar of America, with its noble Cape Diamond frowning defiance to the foe that would dare to force his way along the magnificent St. Lawrence, into the bowels of the country. Halifax, with its George's Island and Citadel, commands the proudest enemy to lower their peaks in approaching the harbor, or death will be their doom—she is the Elsinore of the western world, her harbor offering a shelter to a thousand men of war. Yet, forsooth, the Editor of the News asks, "who would connect two beggarly towns such as Halifax and Quebec, by means of a railway?" I believed he wished for an opportunity to bring his logic into play, and then he would soon convince us in the north of the error of our ways. Your kindness, Mr. Editor, allowed me a fair field, and I sought no favors. But the sight of a person with his "coat off" and of a pugnacious appearance, caused him to apply to you for a donkey to carry him off the field. I believed him to be a braggadocio, and like all his kind, the first slap they get is always enough, when they strive to turn it off by some puerile manoeuvre.

Such being my opinion of this modern Jupiter, I was satisfied that he too was made of penetrable stuff, and that his fond mother had not dipped him in the river Styx. This being my belief, for sport I tried him a tilt, and risked the breaking of a lance. Whether I succeeded in giving him a toss, I leave you and your readers to judge; and I now promise you and them, that should he again skulk out into the arena, I will take no notice of him, but allow the school boys to hunt him to his lair. Yet I do believe he is "not so far gone" but that if he were placed under the care of a master, there might be some good got of him yet, for I saw in the same paper in which he applied for a donkey, an article giving some hints to some steamboat proprietors, in which he told them that a few days before he was positively introduced to some American noblemen in presence of several St. John gentlemen, in proof of which he offers their names. As he is becoming aware of his failing, I think he had better get their affidavits, for he knows what the fable says of people of his cast. He says his patronage comes from the north, which shows he has managed to enlighten the people of the south, and that they have dispensed with his services, and I believe the day is not far distant when the north will tell the same tale. But as I always wish to lean to mercy's side, I shall take no more notice of this modern Narcissus, and hope it may not be his fate to become another Daffodil.

Yours, R.

Restigouche, September 17, 1851.

Editor's Department.

MIRAMICHI.

CHATHAM, MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1851.

EUROPEAN NEWS.

The Mail Steamer Canada arrived at Halifax on the morning of Tuesday last, after a fine passage of nine and a half days. The papers she brings are to the 20th September, but they do not furnish any news of importance. We have made some extracts, which will be found under the proper head on another page.

ADDRESS TO WILLIAM CARMAN, JUN., ESQ.

On the morning of Wednesday last, the following Address was presented to the above named gentleman, in the presence of a very large number of persons, who had met at the Miramichi House, kept by Mr. W. M. Kelly, for that purpose. The Address was read by the High Sheriff, William Black, Esq., and bears the large number of 108 signatures. We have only to glance at the signatures attached to convince ourselves that this was no "party demonstration," for we perceive the names of men residing in all parts of the county—of all religious professions—and in all ranks and conditions of life. The feeling manifested must have been highly gratifying to Mr. Carman. Of his character as a public man and as a member of society, we have already made mention; if anything were wanting, the address which we publish below would amply supply.

To William Carman, Esq.,

We, the undersigned, Magistrates, Merchants, and other inhabitants of the County of Northumberland, heartily congratulate you on your recent appointment to the office of Clerk of the Pleas, an appointment which has given general satisfaction not only to your professional brethren, but we feel assured, to the whole country.

While we rejoice in your promotion to this important office, we sincerely regret that it necessarily involves the removal of yourself and family from this County. During your

residence of upwards of thirty years amongst us, your honorable and gentlemanly course in your professional and public conduct, and your courteous demeanor in all the relations of life, have justly gained for you the respect and esteem of all classes of the community.

Your ready and hearty co-operation in promoting and forwarding every public and private undertaking for the advancement of the country, was at all times cheerfully given, which, we are aware, required such sacrifice of time as seriously to interfere with your private interests.

Your conciliatory disposition has at all times been advantageously exerted in promoting the peace and harmony of the community; and we feel that in losing you from our midst a public loss will be sustained.

In removing from this county we beg to assure you that you carry with you our warmest wishes for the future welfare and prosperity of yourself, Mrs. Carman, and family; and we hope that although you will no longer be an inhabitant of Northumberland, we may frequently have the pleasure of seeing you amongst us, to keep alive the pleasing associations which many of us cherish in connection with your residence in Miramichi.

Miramichi, 23d September, 1851.

The following is Mr. Carman's reply:

Mr. Sheriff, and Gentlemen,

I can assure you that it is with no ordinary degree of satisfaction that I receive your highly flattering and complimentary Address.

I sincerely thank you for your hearty congratulations on my recent appointment to the office of Clerk of the Pleas; and if there was anything wanting to animate me to the faithful discharge of the important duties of that office, it would be abundantly supplied by your assurance that the appointment has given general satisfaction.

The regret expressed by you that the appointment involves my removal, is mutual. After a residence of upwards of thirty years in this county, the greater number of which has been passed in the discharge of professional duties, and a variety of public offices, it is peculiarly gratifying to me, at this period, to learn from you that my conduct has gained the respect and esteem of the community.

I consider it the duty of every good citizen to lend his ready co-operation for promoting the advancement of the community in which he resides, and any sacrifice of time that I have made with a view to that object, has been made cheerfully, and my great regret has been that my means of advancing the prosperity of this county fell far short of my desire.

Under a full conviction that no community can advance that is divided either by civil or religious discord, it has ever been my desire to promote peace and harmony. Gentlemen, I amply rewarded—I have lived with you in harmony; I depart from you in peace.

On behalf of myself, Mrs. Carman and family I thank you, gentlemen, for your warm wishes for our future welfare and prosperity. Nothing will afford me greater pleasure than visiting you as often as the duties of my office will permit; but it will not require such visits to keep alive the pleasing recollections which many years residence among you have engendered, for, be assured, that years of absence cannot efface them from my memory.

Possessing, as it does, the elements of wealth and an industrious and hardy population, Northumberland must advance.—To witness that advancement will give me great pleasure, more particularly if I can in any way assist in furthering it.

For your individual happiness, both social and domestic, be pleased to accept my best wishes, and be assured that this mark of your kindness will be ever cherished in my memory.

MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS.

We have commenced the publication of the Act passed by the Legislature last Session, and which has received the Royal Assent, for the establishment of Municipal Corporations in this Province, but its great length compels us to give but a portion this week. We shall complete it in our next paper. We should like to hear the opinion of some of our correspondents on this law—if it is the thing desired and expected by the people. We think not. It is hedged round with too many guards and restrictions, and encumbered with too much machinery to suit the condition of the country. If the people in the county think otherwise, we shall be most happy to give a helping hand to set the cumbersome machine in operation, that its merits may be tested. If it be deemed not suited to our wants, its defects ought to be pointed out, and efforts made to have them removed, and a more perfect Bill, or one better adapted to the circumstances of the country passed in its stead.

PROFESSOR WILSON.—We perceive by our late English papers, that this gentleman, better known in the literary world as the "Christopher North," of Blackwood's Magazine, has received a pension of £300 a year.

SIR JOHN HARVEY was a passenger in the last Mail Steamer to Halifax.

PLOUGHING MATCH AND CATTLE SHOW

OF THE NORTHUMBERLAND AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

This exhibition took place in Chatham on Thursday last. The day was a most delightful one, and the concourse of spectators unusually large. There were ten prizes offered to the Ploughmen, but we regret to say but nine competitors entered. This is not as it should be—and we are unable to account for the apparent apathy of our farmers. They should on all public occasions turn out, and shew that they take a pride in their profession. There was one feature, however, in this contest which pleased us much, two thirds of the parties were young men, and they performed their work in a first-rate manner, notwithstanding the ground selected was not of the best description, but the Board of Directors had no choice, it being the only place they could procure.

The Judges were Messrs. Jonathan Carmalt, James Orr, and Robert Johnston, who awarded the prizes as follows:—

1st prize, J. Stothard, Newcastle,	£1 10 0
2nd do., Jas. Johnstone, Napan,	1 7 6
3rd do., James Gray, Napan,	1 5 0
4th do., Jas. Coulter, Newcastle,	1 2 6
5th do., A. Campbell, Napan,	1 0 0
6th do., J. Galloway, Napan,	0 17 6
7th do., A. Fenton, Chatham,	0 15 0
8th do., Wm. Brown, Napan,	0 12 6
9th do., W. McKnight, do.,	0 10 0

The Exhibition of Cattle gave us much more satisfaction than the Ploughing Match, as the display of Animals was greater and of a superior description than on many previous occasions. There were a number of Horses, all of which were admired some for symmetry of form, and others for strength of bone and muscle. There were but two Pigs—but they were monsters. The Sheep were very fine. The Horn Cattle were not numerous, and if we except two or three superior Bulls, nothing to boast of. Next year we hope the Board will offer premiums for Milch Cows, Working Oxen, and Beef Cattle.

The Judges were Messrs. Richard Coulter, William Stothard, and Richard Wall; and we annex the names of the parties to whom they awarded the premiums.

For the best Bull, 3 years old, Colin Nevin,	£1 10 0
Best Bull, 2 years old, G. Johnstone, Napan,	1 0 0
Second best do, John Rainnie, Newcastle,	0 10 0
Best Heifer, 2 years old, Wm. Hay, blacksmith,	1 0 0
Second best do, George Johnstone, Napan,	0 10 0
Best Heifer, 1 year old, do. do.,	0 15 0
Second best do, David Steel, Napan,	0 7 6
Best Ram, 2 years old, G. Johnstone, Napan,	0 15 0
Best Ram, 1 year old, J. Galloway, Napan,	0 10 0
Second best do, Michael Searle, Napan,	0 5 0
Best Ewe, 2 years old, do. do.,	0 10 0
Second best do, D. Elkin, do.,	0 5 0
Best Ewe, 1 year old, Jas. Creighton, Napan,	0 10 0
Second best do, William Hay, blacksmith,	0 5 0
Best Sow, 1 year old, G. Johnstone, Napan,	0 10 0
Second best do, Finlay McDiarmid, Napan,	0 5 0
Best Entire Horse, 4 years old, John Rainnie, Newcastle,	3 0 0
Best Mare or Gelding, 3 years old, J. Jardine, Napan,	1 10 0
Second best do, do, D. McDonald, Bartibogue,	0 15 0
Best Mare or Gelding, 2 years old, Edward Fee, Douglastown,	1 0 0
Second best do, do, William Hay, blacksmith,	0 10 0

HON. THOMAS BAILLIE.—The Head Quarters, of Wednesday, contains the following paragraph:—

"We understand that the hon. Mr. Baillie left the Crown Land Department this morning, and in all probability will not return to the office unless sent for by the proper authorities. It seems to be the general opinion that R. D. Wilmot, Esq., will be gazetted to day, consequently the good people of the City and County of Saint John must soon have an opportunity of deciding the most important public question which has been propounded to them for years."

FREDERICTON.—It appears by our exchanges that the Head Quarters of the 72nd Regiment arrived at the Seat of Government of this Province, on Friday week. They are reported to be a fine body of men.

It appears that Thomas Pickard, Esq., one of the Representatives of York, has got into an awkward position by tampering with a Jury, empannelled in Victoria County. He was fined £10 by Judge Wilmot. The case was