

although the adoption of the principle has been delayed for the present, we feel confident that it will be eventually carried, as the more it is discussed, the more beneficial it will appear.

Carleton County has taken the lead in adopting local self government, and we observe by the last *Sentinel* a notice from the members of the Assembly for that County, to the effect that the people in the different Parishes are to be invested with the power of electing Commissioners to expend the Bye Road Money. In speaking of this movement, the *Sentinel* justly remarks:—

"If members from other Counties would but follow the example set them by those of Carleton, the Initiation of Money Grants would soon be in the hands of the Governments, and one of the greatest grievances of which the people of this Province have to complain, would be at once removed."

SACKVILLE.—The Division of the Sons of Temperance located in the above-named village in this Province, have presented Mr Os. R. HEA with a highly complimentary Address, expressive of their regret at his departure from among them, and wishing him every success in his future progress in life.

THE LATE HON. MR. RANKIN.

In last week's paper we stated that a telegraphic despatch had been received from St. John, communicating the mournful intelligence of the death of the Honorable ALEXANDER RANKIN. Letters have since been received from Britain, giving farther particulars concerning this melancholy event. His health during the winter had not been good; yet he was still able to go about visiting his friends, and attending to business. On Thursday the 1st of April, he returned from Winchester to his brother's, at Liverpool, apparently improved in health. Next day he wrote with his own hand a number of letters to different of his friends, in one of which, addressed to his partner here, he expressed a hope of being at Miramichi by the end of May. On Saturday morning an internal bleeding having taken place, by ten o'clock he had ceased to breathe. So uncertain are human prospects. In the midst of life we are in death.

Mr RANKIN came to this country in the year 1812; and has thus been for forty years a resident in Miramichi. By the blessing of God upon his steady industry and careful attention to business, he had realized a large fortune; while by the uniform uprightness of his conduct, and kindness of his manners, he secured the esteem of all who had dealings with him, to a degree which has seldom been equalled. For a long period, as the Representative of this County in the House of Assembly, and for a time also as a member of the Executive Council, he devoted a great deal of his time and attention to public affairs, uniformly supporting whatever he believed would be for the real interest of the country.

In private life, his character was exemplary, and he took delight in encouraging whatever was good in others. He took a deep interest in the education of the young, encouraging it not only by counsel, but also in many of the poorer districts by pecuniary aid. He contributed largely also to the support of Gospel ordinances, not only among the denomination of Christians to which he belonged, but also among other bodies of the Christian Church. To the poor he was always a kind and liberal benefactor, and to all who were desirous of doing well, he willingly lent a helping hand. Possessed of a feeling heart, he was ever ready to sympathize with the sufferings of others, and to contribute what he could to the alleviation of distress. He ever took pleasure in seeing others comfortable and happy, and in knowing that they were getting on and prospering. He was an active encourager of agriculture and domestic manufactures. His countenance was uniformly given, and his aid willingly afforded to everything which he believed would be for the real good of the community. His unexpected death, therefore, will be heard of with unfeigned sorrow by multitudes, and his memory will long be deeply venerated by all classes in this Province. Mr R. was in his 64th year.

We copy the following from the *Liverpool Standard* of April 6:

"We regret to announce the death of the Hon. Alexander Rankin of Miramichi, member of the Provincial Legislature of New Brunswick, on Saturday last, while on a visit to his brother, Mr Robert Rankin, at Bromborough hall. Although from his retiring disposition he was comparatively little known here, there is not a fireside in New Brunswick where his name is not a household word." Blessed with great wealth, and endowed with feelings of the highest Christian philanthropy, his charities were unnumbered. During the great fire at Miramichi, his house was a refuge for hundreds of the destitute, and his efforts to alleviate the terrible and sudden misery arising from the conflagration were unceasing. As a merchant he

was the "very soul of honour." Seldom has so good a man passed from among us, for he was, in truth, the essence of a Christian and a Gentleman."

PUBLIC MEETING.

At a Public Meeting held this 27th day of April, 1852, at the School House, Douglastown, for the purpose of consulting and determining upon the best way of expressing a mark of respect to the memory of the late Hon. ALEXANDER RANKIN, whose decease they to-day ascertained to have taken place at Liverpool on the 3d instant. Mr CHRISTOPHER WISHART being called to the Chair, it was

Unanimously Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to wait upon the Rev. Mr Henderson, Richard Hutchison, Esq., and Mr James Rankin, and with their concurrence to appoint a day wherein all who are so disposed may join in a Funeral Procession, from the School House, Douglastown, or near thereto, to the Church at Newcastle, for the purpose of testifying their respect as aforesaid.

That Notice be given of the time appointed in the *Gleaner* newspaper, as well as from all the Churches, in order that it may be as extensively known as possible.

That the said Committee have the direction of all necessary arrangements for carrying the wishes of this meeting into effect.

That the said Committee do, in the name of this meeting, respectfully request the Rev. Mr Henderson to deliver a Lecture on the occasion.

And that John Porter Esq., Messrs. John Wyse, Matthew Lamont, Alexander Jessamine and William Stewart do compose the said Committee.

By order of the Meeting,
C. WISHART, Chairman.
C. S. McNUTT, Secretary.

In conformity to the foregoing Resolutions, Notice is hereby given that a FUNERAL SERMON will be preached by the Rev. WILLIAM HENDERSON, at Saint James's Church, Newcastle, on Friday, the 7th May next, at Eleven o'clock, A. M.

Those disposed to join in the Procession are requested to meet at Mr McNeill's School House, Douglastown, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

By order of the Committee,
C. S. McNUTT, Secretary.
April 30, 1852.

MR READ.—In our first page will be found a Letter addressed to us from this gentleman. After a careful perusal of it, we are puzzled to conjecture the object he had in penning it. He complains of the information furnished us by a correspondent, and also of our drawing the attention of the Freeholders of Gloucester to the circumstance of his being absent when the division took place on the European and North American Facility Bills, introduced by the Government, but he does not deny that such was the fact. He says he was engaged in "public business in another quarter." This may be—but we think it would have been more satisfactory to his friends and the constituency of the county, if he had stated what that public business was, as a very different version of the affair is abroad, reported by those who should be acquainted with the circumstance. We are not personally interested in this matter, but as public journalists conceived it to be our duty to call the attention of the public to the circumstance, and regretted it. If Mr R.'s friends and constituents are satisfied with his explanation—if such it can be called—we have no right to complain.

From the extracts given from the Address of the Assembly in answer to the Governor's Speech on opening the Legislature, and the comments thereon, it is just as well that Mr R. was absent, as he would have considered himself bound to support the measure.

We think it would have been just as well for Mr R., when he undertook to warn and caution us how we believed the reports of a correspondent, had he displayed a little more discretion himself in attacking an individual, and venting his spleen, simply because he imagined, or had heard from some person who knew as much about the affair as himself, that that individual was our correspondent.

OUR RIVER.—The disruption of the ice in our river was very sudden. On Saturday evening it started opposite to Chatham—and this morning (Monday) very little is to be seen. We understand, however, that it is still fast below, at Oak Point; but we hope soon to hear that no obstruction exists to the free navigation of the river.

The young blind king of Hanover is expected to pay a visit to his cousin, Queen Victoria.

ON DIT—JEU D'ESPRIT, &c.

A Correspondent has furnished us with the following scraps. We cannot vouch for the truth of the matters set forth therein:

It is said that when the account for the Members' pay and allowances was being arranged in the Assembly, at the close of the late Session, a certain "leading" and "learned" member, stated to the Committee (with that magnanimity and high sense of honor which has ever distinguished him!) that he would be content to count mileage from the *Treasury*, as his constituents were so distant, that it would be both tedious and unwise to calculate the length of the road 'twixt them and him; in a word, "the distance was really so great that he could not at the moment precisely tell where to find them!"

"Don't tell me," said one of our village politicians the other day, with enthusiasm, "that this won't be a great country yet, for you know the old adage, 'tis a long lane that has no turn.'"

"To be sure," said his supporter, Tom Flam, "for I could show you a short STREET that has many."

"I don't see," said old Brown to his friend Green, after a six hours' patient examination of a formidable pile of "old News" that lay before him; "I don't see as how this Responsible Government is a going to better us much. Now suppose we choose a chap who undertakes to do our business up there in the Legislature, and after he gets there, feathers his own nest heavy, and attends to every body's else's business but ourn, and when we complain, turns round with his thumb to his nose and says, 'all gammon, my fine fellows, all gammon; don't know you at all.' Now I don't see clearly, by this here new constitution-shun (continued the old man, laying down his specs), how we are going for to take and help ourselves a mite."

"Sartin-ly, sartin-ly, you can't," rejoined Green; "why a man with half his sight could tell that."

BY TELEGRAPH

TO THE MIRAMICHI NEWS ROOM.
St. JOHN, Thursday Morning, April 29.

The Steamer Niagara arrived at Halifax at 7 o'clock yesterday morning, with Liverpool dates to the 17th instant; 42 passengers for Boston, and 30 for Halifax. Trade in Manchester and other manufacturing districts was good. Freight to New York 12s. 6d. to 15s. for common and fine Iron; to Boston 17s. 6d. to 20s. Passengers to New York pay £4 freely,—prices are maintained by very large influx of Germans now making Liverpool their port of embarkation.

GENERAL NEWS.—The general news by this arrival is unimportant. In England the Quindances are quite at a loss respecting the intentions of the Government. No official indications of its policy having transpired. Electioneering, meanwhile, continues on the Protection versus cheap Loan platforms. The Protectionists dislike the restrictive grounds of the approaching contest, but on that ground appearances indicate that the battle will be fought.—It is said Lord John Russell's friends despair of his getting re-elected to Parliament as member for London, are trying to smuggle him in for Edinburgh.

The Arctic expedition sailed on Thursday. The ships are the Assistance, Captain Belcher; Resolute, Captain Kellett; North Star, Captain Pallen; propeller Intrepid, Captain McKintock; and propeller Pioneer, Captain Osborne. The expedition is supplied with every requisite. Public attention is attracted by a statement that Sir John Franklin's two ships were seen on a floating iceberg off the coast of Newfoundland, in 1851. The story is generally discredited.

Friday Morning.

BRITISH SHIP NEWS.—Sailed for Miramichi, April 6, Oxford from Clyde; Mariner from do. 13th, Hope, from Liverpool for Miramichi. 10th, Henry Hood from Clyde, for Bathurst. 13th, C. R. C. from Liverpool, for Shippegan. 2nd, Crapeau from Cadiz, for Bay Chaleur.

Weather fine; wind N. W. Steamers have reached Fredericton this morning. There is still some floating ice in the river.

Marriages.

By the Rev. John Prince, Mr DONALD McCARCHER, of Bathurst, to Miss MARTHA Lusk, of the Parish of Beresford, County of Gloucester.

Deaths.

At Demerara, on the 11th of March last, of Fever, Captain EDWARD THOMPSON, of Halifax, N. S. Captain Thompson commanded the bark Exhibition, wintering in Bathurst, where he was very highly and deservedly respected.

MAIL CONTRACT.

Any persons desirous of entering into Contracts for the conveyance of the Mails between

CHATHAM and SHIPPIGAN,
Or BATHURST and SHIPPIGAN,
Or BATHURST and CARAQUET,

Once per week each way, commencing from the 6th July next, are requested to send in Sealed Tenders, addressed to the Postmaster General, stating the sums per annum for which they will agree to perform the services.

Tenders will be received at the same time for the performance of all the above services twice per week each way.

The mails are to be conveyed on such days and at such hours as may from time to time be appointed by the Postmaster General, and at a rate of speed of not less than Five Miles per hour; but extra time will be allowed for the ferries.

Tenders must be made on the proper printed forms supplied by the Department, which can be obtained from any Postmaster.

Tenders will be received until THURSDAY, the 3d June, at noon.

N. B.—It is to be distinctly understood that persons tendering for the above services will have no claim whatever upon the Legislature, for any, the smallest remuneration, over and above the amount named in the Tenders.

J. HOWE, P. M. G.
General Post Office, St. John,
April 24, 1852.

Steam Ferry Boat Notice.

The Subscriber being appointed Ferryman for the Chatham Ferry, begs to inform the Public that the Steam Boat having undergone thorough repairs and in first rate order, will be ready to

Ply between the two Sides of the River, opposite Chatham,

As soon as the River is clear of ice.

Having a new Scow and Small Boat, he will be ready to accommodate the public the first open water, at all hours, at the usual rate of Ferryage, until proper Slips are built for the Steam Boat, when an uniform rate of Four-Pence will be charged for Man, Horse, Ox, Carriage, Cart, Truck or Waggon; Sheep, Calves, Pigs, &c., One Penny each.

As no Season Tickets will be given, a reduction of Twenty Five per cent. will be made to parties taking twenty or more tickets. Twenty Single Tickets for Five Shillings.

On Sunday Forenoons he will take (as long as the Steamer goes) Ministers and People going to, and returning from, Church Free.

GEORGE B. BELL,
Chatham, April 26, 1852.

Rates of Ferryage, as by Law established, will be continued until further notice be given

For each Foot Passenger,	0s 4d
Man and Horse,	0 10
Each Horse, Ox, or other neat cattle,	0 6
Each Horse and Waggon, Cart other	
Carriage, with Luggage and Driver,	1 3
Each Calf, Sheep, Goat, Pig or Barrel,	0 1

"CŒUR-DE-LION."

The Subscriber's Entire Horse, "Cœur-de-Lion," recently imported from Prince Edward Island, will travel for the Season in the Parishes of Glenelg, Chatham, Nelson, and Newcastle. The Subscriber refers the public to the certificates published below for the Horse's character and qualifications.

The Groom will arrange the places of stoppage hereafter.

Terms—Twenty Shillings for the Season, (or, Colt insured, 25s. or no charge) and in case any Mare should not prove with Foal to him, a reduction of 10s. will be made. Payment to be made on the 1st of May 1853.

MICHAEL SEARLE,
Napan, April 8, 1852.

CERTIFICATES.

SEAL RIVER, Sept. 16, 1850.

I certify that the Entire Horse "Cœur de-Lion," now owned by Mr John Hazard, was bred by me, and was ten years old last May, and obtained the first Prize from the Royal Agricultural Society in the Fall of 1849, and is equal to trot one mile in three minutes, and quiet under Saddle and Harness. Signed by me.

ALLAN McISAAC.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. Island,
September 18, 1850.

I hereby certify that the Prize offered by the "Royal Agricultural Society of Prince Edward Island," for the best Entire Horse of any age, at the Show held in this town in September, 1849, was awarded to "Cœur de-Lion," a dark bay Horse, aged 9 years, owned by Mr Allan McIsaac, and now the property of Mr John Hazard, of St. Eleanor's.

CHARLES STEWART,
Late Secretary and Treasurer, to the Royal Agricultural Society of Prince Edward Island.

GUANO.

A few Tons Ichaboe Guano,
For sale by
W. J. FRASER,
Chatham, 12th April, 1852.