

like the struck tinder, kindle into resentment on the slightest provocation, proceed to execute revenge with instantaneous precipitance, or challenge even a former friend to risk his life in the detested duel.

The Politician.

THE COLONIAL PRESS.

THE RAILWAY.

[The following Communication is copied from the St John Times.]

Mr Editor—Allow me through the medium of your independent organ and champion of the people's rights, to propound a few questions concerning the production of several years agitation and talk—the Railroad, that it to be. As I have been a consistent advocate of the European and North American line from it was first mooted, even when the masses of the people had become converted to the gigantic scheme which you gloried in advocating—the Halifax and Quebec bubble—and being a landed proprietor besides, I think that I have a right to make enquiries about this stupendous undertaking as well as others, therefore I hope you will not deny me the privilege of making a few remarks on a subject which concerns every individual in the Province. I am neither a grumbler nor a fault-finder, nor would I ever recur to this subject did not a very large number of my fellow citizens precisely hold the same opinions as myself.

The first question I would ask you, Mr Editor, is one which is of vital interest to the community, viz., what right have a few individuals to dub themselves the European & North American Railway Company, and as such elect their President and Directors? It strikes me that it is an assumption of power over the people that will place the latter—who, by the present arrangement, themselves compose the Company, in reality—in a degrading position. Throughout the United States and England. Railroad Companies are composed of men who invest their capital, to a large amount, in the stock, therefore having a greater interest in the success of the undertaking than if they were moneyless speculators, caring no more for the carrying out of the scheme than what they can screw out of the concern for themselves. Now, who compose our company—men, the majority of whom, I regret to say, if not numbered among the latter class, take good care not to invest any of their capital, but without the consent of the people will do business on the Provincial money, which in reality belongs to the people, over whom they insultingly place themselves, by the consent of an Executive which you, Mr Editor, have frequently lauded, and whose battles you have often fought, when the members of that company sought its overthrow. That very Executive, to prop up its tottering structure, has endeavored to conciliate its former enemies, by placing the funds of the Province at the disposal of a few of the would be leading men, who ere long will be renounced by the Liberals, whom they profess to govern, and shunned by the conservatives, who, I must admit, would not acknowledge such political schemers; and that Government must lose the support of the people, whose confidence it recently possessed, nor can the Railway speculators save it from a downfall, when opposed by the two leading parties of the Province.

That company which has assumed such importance and whose members are already exulting in the prospect of using the railroad in order that it may become a tremendous political machine in their hands, have, to all appearance, no interest in its success, but what they expect to pocket themselves from the Provincial funds.

And who is the president of the Company? Robert Jardine, a man of no ability, a violent political partizan, a man in whom the public have no confidence. You Mr Editor, profess neither to be tied to the government nor afraid of the opposition, and would it not be well, for the sake of the credit of the Province, to show up one of the greatest impositions ever endeavored to be saddled on the Province. I have much to say on this subject, but your columns are necessarily circumscribed, and I must leave further comments to yourself.

SCRAPS.

What is so hateful to the poor man as the purse proud arrogance of the rich one? Let fortune shift the scene, and make the poor man rich, he runs at once into the very vice that he declaims against so feelingly. These are strange contradictions in the human character.—Cumberland.

One of the saddest things about human nature is, that a man may guide others in the paths of life without walking in it himself; that he may be a pilot, and yet a cast-away

Editor's Department.

MIRAMICHI:

CHATHAM, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1852.

COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER.

PLOUGHING MATCH AND CATTLE SHOW.

The Gloucester County Agricultural Society's Annual Cattle Show and Ploughing Match took place in the Parish of Beresford, on Tuesday, the 5th instant; and although the weather was very unfavorable, there was a considerable number of cattle on the ground.

The stock of Cows and young Cattle, in number and quality, fully came up to former shows. The sheep indicated a steady improvement in the breed, and the Ploughing greatly excelled that of 1851.

The Judges were Doctor Bishop, and Messrs. R. Ferguson and George Wilson, for Ploughing; Doctor Bishop, and Messrs. R. Ferguson and Craig, for Cattle, who awarded Prizes to the following persons:

PLOUGHING.

Best, James Hendry,
second best, George Wilson,
third best, James Galbraith,
fourth best, James Chalmers,
fifth best, William Malloy.

HORNED CATTLE.

Best bull, calved in 1850, W. Fleck,
second best, James Hendry,
best bull calf, W. Malloy,
second best, John Woolner,
best cow, W. Malloy,
second best, John Woolner,
third best, James Hendry,
best heifer, calved in 1850, W. Malloy,
second best, John Chalmers,
third best, James Chalmers,
best heifer, calved in 1851, W. Malloy,
second best, John Chalmers,
third best, John Woolner,
best cow calf, W. Malloy,
second best, John Chalmers,

SHEEP.

Best ram, aged, Robert Barbour,
second best, Thomas Murphy,
best Ewe, aged, W. Napier,
second best, W. Malloy,
best shearing ram, John Chalmers,
best shearing ewe, W. Napier,
second best, R. Barbour,
best ram lamb, W. Napier,
second best, J. Chalmers,
best ewe lamb, W. Napier,
second best, W. Malloy,

HORSES.

best brood mare, R. Barbour,
second best, W. Malloy,
best male foal, W. Malloy,
best female foal, W. Fleck,

HOGS.

best sow, W. Malloy,
second best, A. Rainy,
best spring boar, W. Malloy,
best spring sow, James Hendry

After the business of the day terminated, the members present sat down to an excellent farmers' dinner, at Mr A. Rainy's, at which Mr Woolner, the senior Vice President, presided, when many useful suggestions were made, and a general disposition shown to persevere in forwarding the objects of the institution.

W. NAPIER, Secretary.

Bathurst, 6th October, 1852.

DINNER TO FRANCIS FERGUSON, ESQ.—A large number of the principal inhabitants of Bathurst and its neighborhood invited Francis Ferguson, Esq., to a Public Dinner, at Brown's Hotel, on the eve of his departure for St. John, as a token of their appreciation of his public and private conduct during the twenty years he resided amongst them.

The expression of esteem and regard for the many acts of kindness received from Mr Ferguson, were warmly tendered, and affectionately replied to, and all present joined in a sincere and general wish for his future prosperity and happiness in the more important position he is henceforth to occupy.

Mrs Ferguson was kindly and deservedly remembered as one whose place will not be easily filled in Bathurst.

An early adjournment closed an evening characterised by much good feeling.

Thomas H. Carman, Esq., of Bathurst, informs us that he raised in his garden this season, a Squash which weighed forty-two pounds, and measured four feet in circumference.

An attentive correspondent in Shippigan furnishes us with the following local news:

MELANCHOLY ACCIDENT.—On Saturday, the 25th ult., the schooner Sophia, on her way to this port from the west point of

Prince Edward's Island, where she had run the day previous for shelter in the heavy gale on Friday. The master, L'Ange DeGrace, eldest son of Raphael DeGrace, of Shippigan, while in the act of catching a bucket that fell overboard, lost his hold and was drowned. The vessel arrived here on Sunday, the 26th, and brought the sad news. He has left a wife and three small children, and his parents, to mourn their loss. He was a young man who bore an excellent character; and is much regretted by all his acquaintances.

AMERICAN FISHING VESSELS.—The American Fishing Vessels which have been here all summer in the Gulf and Bay de Chaleur, are now about taking their departure for home. There is scarcely an instance where one of them has got a full cargo—the highest vessel being 250 barrels of mackerel. During the summer they made Little Shippigan Harbor, their chief depot for wood and water. Several times 40 or 50 sail were in at one time, and strange to say I discovered that the principal number of these vessels were commanded by Novascotians. The crews chiefly consisted of Novascotians, Americans, Swedes, Russians, Portuguese, &c. They complain hard against Captain Colin Campbell, of the steamer Devastation, and his tender, a brigantine; and owing to their activity in keeping them out of the Bay they solely attribute their short take. Several of these vessels in former years have been known to make two and three trips in a season, from these shores and home, averaging 500 sail yearly.

Here is a lesson for our merchants in New Brunswick. Why don't they try it? If free trade should come about between us and the United States, they will only regret that they did not try it in time. There is more sure wealth in the Bay de Chaleur, in its fisheries alone, than in California—more sure and more permanent.

NORTHUMBERLAND PLOUGHING MATCH AND CATTLE SHOW.

The Annual Ploughing Match and Cattle Show of the Northumberland Agricultural Society came off at Newcastle on Thursday last. The weather somewhat gloomy in the morning, proved dry and pleasant, and many spectators attended, all of whom appeared to take a lively interest in the issue of the ploughing match, and other proceedings of the day. Among the strangers present was Judge Peters, of Prince Edward's Island.

The turn out of Cattle was tolerably good; but of horses, pigs, and sheep, the number and quality were far from creditable to the county. Why is this? Last year there was a large number of very superior horses, and the sheep, though few, were very fine animals. No county in the Province, we feel convinced, rear finer hogs than we do, or supplies a greater quantity of pork for market; but singular to say that very few are exhibited at our shows. Will any of our agricultural friends point out the reason; we should be glad to hear it.

There were eleven ploughs on the ground, and the ploughmen acquitted themselves well. The field, though perhaps the best that could be obtained in the neighborhood, was but ill adapted to such a purpose, being uneven on the surface, and disfigured by a few large stumps and stones; nevertheless, the work was exceedingly well done, and elicited praise from all present.

As the Annual Report of the Secretary will be forthcoming shortly, and will contain, no doubt, as usual, a full account of the Exhibition, we do not deem it necessary at present, to do more than submit a list of the prizes, winners, &c.

The Judges were: for Ploughing—Messrs. James Dawson, John Rust, and David Steele. Of Cattle—Messrs. Richard Sutton, William Stothart, and James Johnston.

PLOUGHING MATCH

1st prize, James Johnston,
2d James Grey,
3d W. Searle,
4th M. Russell,
5th J. McKnight,
6th R. Coulard,
7th D. Stothart
8th J. Shannahen,
9th A. Brien,
10th Jas. Watt.

CATTLE SHOW.

For the best Bull 3 years old £1 10 0
H. Canard.
Second best do. do. 1 0 0
D. Elkin, Napan,
Best Bull 2 years old 1 5 0
Col. Nevin.
Second best do. do. 0 15 0
J. Wright, Newcastle.
Best Heifer 2 years old 1 0 0
J. Joudray.
Second best do do 0 10 0
Richard Coulard.

Best Heifer 1 year old 0 15 0
O. Caul.
Second best do. do. 0 7 6
G. Johnston, Napan.
Best Ram 2 years old 0 15 0
J. Galloway.
Second best do. do. 0 7 6
M. Searle.
Best Ram, 1 year old 0 10 0
G. Johnston.
Second best do. do. 0 5 0
J. Creighton.
Best Ewe 2 years old 0 10 0
J. Creighton.
Second best do. do. 0 5 0
J. Wright, Newcastle.
Best Ewe 1 year old 0 10 0
James Gray.
Second best do. do. 0 5 0
James Gray.
Best Sow 1 year old 0 10 0
W. Falconer.
Second best do. do. 0 5 0
James Fish.
Best Entire Horse, 3 years old, 2 0 0
D. Elkin.
Best Mare 3 years old 1 10 0
E. Phee.
Second best do. do. 0 15 0
W. Hay.
Best Mare 2 years old 1 0 0
W. Graham.
Second best do. do. 0 10 0
J. Jardine.
Special grant to James Lahie, for a two year old Golding, 1 0 0

ELECTEIC TELEGRAPH.

We are indebted to the New Brunswick, for the following interesting intelligence.—We have reason to anticipate that in a short time Telegraph lines will be extended from thence through the Counties of Gloucester and Restigouche, to Quebec. This was the original desire of the Quebec company, but they were frustrated by the selfish policy of the Southern members in the Legislature, who refused them the right of way through this section of the Province. We understand that an offer has been made to the Company owning the lines from the Bend of Petitcodiac to Miramichi, by the one alluded to in the annexed paragraphs, and we trust no impediment will be thrown in the way of accomplishing so important an object.

We announced last week the arrival at Charlottetown of a vessel from England, with ten and a half miles of telegraph cable. We learn that this cable is to be laid down the present season, across the straits of Northumberland, between Cape Tormentine in this Province, and Cape Traverse in Prince Edward Island. The direct distance across between these two Capes is about eight miles.

From Cape Tormentine, the telegraph will be continued upon land in the usual manner, and will intersect the telegraph lines through this Province, either at Sackville or Shediac, as may be found most convenient.

From Cape Traverse, the line will be continued to Charlottetown, (which will give us free communication with that place at all seasons,) and thence to the East Cape of the Island.—From that Cape, it is proposed to lay a submarine telegraph cable, nearly one hundred miles in length, to Cape Ray in Newfoundland, where the line will be continued to the Port of Saint John's. Should this undertaking succeed, in connexion with fast Steamers from Galway, we may reasonably expect information from Europe in six days, or even less.

We learn that the Messrs. Gisborne are forming another Telegraphic Company in Nova Scotia, the stock in which has been rapidly taken up. These gentlemen are connected with the Newfoundland enterprise, and we trust they may find it expedient to establish another Telegraph line in this Province. The public would be better served by a fair competition, and another line would give greatly increased facilities for rapid communication.

NOVA SCOTIA.—The Hon. A. Keith has been elected Mayor of the City of Halifax. He was opposed by Mr Naylor.

The Hon. Major General Gore, Commander of the forces in Nova Scotia, together with his Lady and Family, have arrived in Halifax. A salute was fired from the citadel on their landing from the steamer. The Kingston (Canada) Argus speaking of their leaving that place, says:

Major General Gore and his amiable family will leave a hiatus not easily filled up in our social circles and will be particularly felt amongst all classes when the opening of New Year ushers in those happy reunions in which they used to take such a prominent interest, and which contribute in no slight degree to their popularity amongst all classes of citizens. We most heartily wish them as many warm friends in their new homes as they leave behind them. Common Council we are pleased to see, have acknowledged the claims of Gen. Gore to the esteem of our citizens by voting him an address.

A MEAN EDITOR.—Under this caption a late American paper furnishes the following capital anecdote:

The Editor of a Western paper having lent his axe to one of his subscribers, the borrower unfortunately broke off the handle. On returning it, the man said, you