

throughout these Islands at a Day of Humiliation and Prayer. The attendance at Public Worship on that day was extremely large.

NOVA SCOTIA.

Accounts from the Eastward encourage a hope that the Mackerel Fishery will yet yield abundantly. Reports, which we think may be relied on, are in circulation that quantities of fish have "struck in" about Arichat and elsewhere on the Coast east of Halifax. A fact, for as such we receive it, attributable to a long period of fine moderate weather, with a continued prevalence of westerly winds.—Halifax Sun.

From the Fredericton Royal Gazette.

A Certificate that Messrs. John Snowball, of Miramichi, and Robert Temple, of Bathurst, are regularly ordained Ministers of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in this Province, has been filed in this Office, agreeably to the Act of Assembly relating to the solemnization of Marriage.

J. R. PARTELOW, Secretary's Office, 24th October, 1853.

BRITISH MAIL.—We learn by Telegraph, that the mail steamer arrived at Halifax on Wednesday evening last.

New Advertisements.

AUCTION.

To be sold at Public Auction, on THURSDAY next, the 3rd NOVEMBER, at 11 o'clock, in front of the Store of JOHN MACDOUGALL, Esq.

Cooking and Parlour Stoves, Bureaus, Bedsteads, Chairs, Toilet Tables, Washstands, Tables, Mattresses, Sofas, Dressing Glasses, Corn Brooms, Boxes Crackers, Puncheons Molasses, Boxes Tobacco, and Sundry other Articles.

Terms.—All sums under £7 10s. Cash, over that sum, 3 months credit by approved Joint Notes.

J. M. WOLHAUPT, Auctioneer. Chatham, 29th October 1853.

Mechanics' Institute.

The Quarterly Meeting of the MIRAMICHI MECHANICS' INSTITUTE, will take place on MONDAY the 7th day of NOVEMBER next, at the Institute Room at half past 7 o'clock, in the evening.

WILLIAM WILKINSON, Secretary. Chatham October 29, 1853.

Information for the People.

The Subscribers, thankful for the liberal support they have received since their commencement in Business, take this opportunity of informing their Friends and the Public generally, that they have just received a further supply of

NEW GOODS,

suited to the Season, consisting of Ladies Dress Materials, in great variety; Cloaking; Shawls; Coats; Flannels; Blankets; Gloves; Hosiery; Caps; Over Coats; Reefing Jackets; Ribbons; Trimmings; Edgings; Muslin Sleeves & Collars; Habit Skirts; Ladies Mantles & Robes; Mantle Cloth, &c. &c. &c.

Hourly Expected by the Pitton, a large assortment of Furs, and other Goods.

Agents for Magazines &c. FORBES & Co. Chatham, October 29, 1853.

NOTICE.

All Persons having just claims against the Estate of the late DAVID SWAYNE, Esq., of Chatham, deceased, late of H. M. Customs, are requested to render the same to Jno. M. Johnson, Esq., within Three Months from this Date, duly Attested; and all those indebted to said Estate, are required to make immediate payment of the same to him.

AMELIA SWAYNE, Administratrix. Miramichi, October 29, 1853.

AUCTIONS.

On MONDAY 31st October 1853, at 11 o'clock, forenoon, at the late Residence of David Swayne, Esq., Chatham, will be sold at Public Auction. The

Household Furniture

AND OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY of the said Deceased, consisting of Mahogany Tables, Chairs, Bedstead, &c. Beds, Bedding, Curtains, Pictures, Clock, Stoves, Wagon, Sleigh, Shed, Cart, Harness, Saddle, a Cow, Heifer, Gun, Fr. Pistols, Sword, 2 Pigs, Hay, Potatoes, Writing Desk, Firewood, Crockeryware, Cooking Utensils, &c. &c. By order of the Administratrix. Terms—Cash.

JOHN M. JOHNSON, Auctioneer.

Underwriters' Sale.

On WEDNESDAY, the 2nd day of NOVEMBER, at 12 o'clock, noon, on the South East side of Little Shippegan, Eight Miles Eastward of Grand Shippegan Gully, will be Sold at Public Auction.

The Hull and Materials

of the Schooner WATERLOO, L'Ange De Grace, Master, burthen per register 85 tons, together with Standing and Running Rigging, Sails, Anchors, and Chains.

Also the CARGO of said vessel, consisting of 116 barrels Caraque Herring, 8 barrels Mackerel, 24 barrels Eels, 7 barrels Bass, 54 barrels Green Fish, 6 barrels Cranberries, 66 Barrels 2 Tierces, 1 Cask Cod Oil, in whole over 2,000 Gallons.

100 Quintals Dry Cod Fish. The whole will be sold for the benefit of the Underwriters and all concerned.

JOHN DORAN, Auctioneer. Sh'p'gan, October 25, 1853.

HOUSES TO LET

in the Town of Chatham. Half the Dwelling House, formerly occupied by the Bank of British North America. The Double House, in the upper part of the town, occupied by Mr Charles Richardson. A House on the Murphy property.

HENRY CUNARD. Chatham, October 8, 1853.

ENGLISH COAL.

The Subscribers offer for sale the Cargo ex Argus from South Shields, consisting of SUPERIOR HOUSE COAL.

Superior small COAL for Blacksmiths. DUNCAN & LOCH, Newcastle, September 14, 1853.

Communications.

REFLECTIONS ON AUTUMN.

Once more the Autumnal season has approached—again the cool air traverses our streets and travels along the bleak fields: The soft and genial breath of spring has given place to the sultry and fervid heat of summer, and both have disappeared—have passed away; while all that remains is the preface to the stern realities of winter—the sickly and withering emblems of autumn consisting of the faded beauties of summer, decay and death. The pleasantness of spring has gone, and the loveliness of summer has vanished, while the sullen and gloomy aspect of autumn advances to give us an easy reconciliation to the approaching bleakness of winter. The foliage of the trees have lost their warm tints, and have been replaced by others more variegated, but not so congenial to the eye. The florid colors of some appear to blush at their own nakedness, while every gust of the breeze leaves them more alone straying beneath their skeleton branches the lifeless emblems of their summer beauty.—Where once we reposed beneath their quivering foliage there is nothing now left but the withered and faded—a charmless and lonely aspect of decay.—The soft sighing wind of summer playing o'er the grassy carpet, trembling the leaves with a gentle motion, lulling us to a dreamy and delightful repose, has disappeared. The luxuriant vegetation upon which we rested, inhaling the fragrance of the wild flowers, has become dull and unenticing; while the fretful breeze struggles through the woods with a mournful and retiring nature, curling up the dried leaves in whirling eddies, and anon, rustling down another leafy shower to mingle with those already fallen.

The cloudy canopy above with its leaden and neutral tints, throws a desolate feature upon all below: the lazy clouds unenlivened by the splendid colors which a summer sun distributes, drive slowly along, and behind their sluggish sombreness the sun seems careless about peeping upon such a chilly landscape; he struggles to impart some feeble rays when morning appears, but soon seems to feel sickened and fatigued at the dismal prospect, and retires behind his cloudy abode; sinking at even below the horizon, he condescends to impart a few transient gleams ere he leaves us for other climes.

The vegetative dews of summer that nourished the succulent herbs, have changed—their nourishing properties have ceased, and o'er the stubbled fields and stunted herbage a cold and withering aspect everywhere meets your gaze. A solitary little bird may be heard occasionally harmonizing with the scene, chirping the last funeral dirge to the departed summer.

The bubbling rivulets playing with their guttural murmurs o'er their pebbly beds, sweeping the flaunting grass along their sedgy margin rippled by the southern winds have become dull and sluggish. The silken-winged insects that sport upon their surface have gone. The dark green grasses arching their tops to kiss the gurgling waters, are now dry and lifeless.

The northern blast rushes across our river, rising its heavy waters into a shivering spray, and elevating the slow and chilly tide, enlivening it with a surging foam and wavy agitation; the vessels roll heavily along as they careen to the cold winds, while it moans or whistles through the rattling ropes or fluttering rigging. No sporting fish spring from its depths to take a transient breath of a summer's air, or catch a gleam of a summer's sun. Heavy and insipid, bearing upon its bosom the jaundiced leaves of autumn the tide heaves along, cheerless and funeral-looking, disconsolate and forsaken, hastening to the ocean to mingle and forget its loneliness in its deep and unfathomable waters.

The aspect above and around is cheerless in the extreme; the eastern gale drives the autumnal showers with resistless violence, bringing death with the already dead, and carrying sickness in their cold vapors to the living. The little house-fly that pestered us with their numbers and fecundity has drooped and died, except a "hardy few" which remain to buzz a requiem to their departed brethren. Everything above and around proclaims that summer has ended, and left autumn as a substitute and prelude to the dreariness of winter; and while viewing its fading changes we must content ourselves in waiting with patience till another season advances, when the spring will again unfold its blossoms, and the earth renew its vegetation.

THOMAS SQUARE.

BUOYS AND BEACONS.

Tenders for LIFTING THE HARBOUR BUOYS, and placing them where the Commissioners point out, will be received at the Residence of M. CRANEY, until TUESDAY, the 15th November next, at 12 o'clock, noon.—Payment will be made when in funds. Not to be taken up till the 20th of next month.

M. CRANEY, } Commissioners. GEO. J. PARKER, } Miramichi, October 25, 1853.

MY

NEW

FALL and WINTER

Dresses, Cloaks, &c.

Ready for Inspection. JOHN MACDOUGALL. Chatham, October 7, 1853.

Editor's Department.

MIRAMICHI:

CHATHAM, SATURDAY, OCT. 29, 1853.

TERMS.—New subscribers Fifteen Shillings per annum, in all cases in advance. Old subscribers 15s. in advance, or 20s. at the end of the year. We prefer the advance price, and as it effects a saving of 25 per cent., we hope soon to see all our subscribers avail themselves of it.

NORTH WEST PASSAGE.

This long sought passage, it appears has at length been discovered. The information was obtained, by English paper received by the steamer Asia, at New York. The New Brunswicker furnishes the following paragraph on the subject:

"The English papers received by the Asia, announce the discovery of this long-sought-for passage, between the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, Commander McClure, of the ship Investigator, having sailed through from Behring's Straits to Davis's Straits. This settles the question of the North West passage; and to the British flag, and particularly to Commander McClure and his gallant crew, belong the honour of this discovery."

The following further particulars is from a late American paper:

"Commander Englefield, who was despatched in her Majesty's Steamer Phoenix in the spring of the year, with supplies to Sir Edward Belcher's squadron, has arrived at the Admiralty, having left the Phoenix at Thurso, N. B. He brings no news of Franklin's Expedition. He succeeded in depositing the supplies, and is accompanied by Lieut. Cresswell, of the Investigation, with despatches from McClure, from which it is to be gathered that the Investigator has completed the North West passage between the two oceans, having passed into the Arctic Ocean by Behring's Straits and returned home by Davis's Straits. The Breadalbane Transport was totally wrecked by a nip of the ice. The crew was rescued and brought home by the Phoenix. The Investigator has not lost a single man. Inhabitants have been discovered further northward than known previously; they were very friendly, and great quantities of copper were found, apparently in a very pure state."

COUNTY KENT.

THE Kingston Agricultural Society's Annual Ploughing Match and Cattle Show, took place on Wednesday, the 19th inst., in Mr John Power's fields, near the Richibucto Bridge.

The day proved favorable, and a number of spectators assembled.

This Show is allowed to have been the most successful ever held in the District. There was, indeed, a great improvement this year, as well in the number as in the quality of the specimens of Stock exhibited.

The best display was made by the Cattle—they taking the lead of the other sorts of Stock, both in number and excellence. They did not, however, show to such advantage as they would have done a month earlier, before the recent long spell of cold rainy weather had slightly damaged their appearance, fewer poor animals were seen among them than formerly. Some of the young cattle were of the Ayshire Breed—which, both for beauty and size, presented an obvious superiority over the ordinary breed of the country, though some choice specimens of the latter were shown. The premiums were awarded in the following manner:—

COWS. 1st Prize Alexander Robertson, 12s. 6d.: 2nd do. David McAlmon, 10s. HEIFERS, 2 years old, 1st do. David Wark, 10s.: 2nd do. John Carruthers, 7s. 6d.

HEIFERS, 1 year old, 1st do. D. Wark, 7s. 6d.: 2nd do. John Carruthers, 5s.

HEIFER CALVES, 1st do. James Girvan, 5s.

BULLS, 3 years old, 1st do. John Carruthers, 15s.: 2nd no prize given.

BULLS, 2 years old, 1st do. Samuel Girvan 15s.: 2nd do. And. Dixon, 10s.

BULLS, 1 year old, 1st do. Andrew Dixon, 7s. 6d.: 2nd do. D. Wark, 5s.

Horses ranked next in respect of number. There were a few promising colts in the collection, and on the whole, this race of animals made a creditable display. The prizes were as follows:—

BEST BROOD MARE, J. W. Holderness, 20s.

BEST COLT, this year, W. Doherty, 10s.

BEST COLT, 1 year old, James Girvan, 12s. 6d.

BEST COLT, 2 year old, William McLeod, 15s.

BEST COLT, 3 year old, James Main, 20s.

SHEEP were also largely and creditably represented on the show ground. Premiums were awarded to Samuel Girvan for the best Ewe 7s. 6d. William Brait for the 2nd best do. 5s. David McAlmon for the best Ram 7s 6d. David McAlmon for the 2nd best do. 5s.

James Girvan for the best Ram Lamb 5s.

The Show of SWINE was small, but the animals were mostly of rare excellence. The Prize Boar and Sow were of the Berkshire Breed. They were really fine animals, and deserve, as also do the other specimens of that breed exhibited, special commendation. The prizes were awarded as follows

BEST BOAR, J. W. Holderness, 7s. 6d.

BEST BROOD Sow, D. Wark, 7s. 6d.

The Judges of Stock, were Messrs.

William Graham, James Stohart, and Philip Graham.

The same gentlemen also were judges of the ploughing. The Ploughing Match was rather a failure—Only three ploughs were brought out, although the prizes were four in number. Consequently after the Ploughmen had finished ploughing their first lots, they had another trial for the fourth prize. The Ploughmen who did come out, executed their work in good style.

The Premiums to the Ploughmen were awarded as follows:

1st Prize £2 10. to James Carruthers. 2nd do. 1 5. to Henry P. Warman. 3rd do. 0 15. to Edmund Hutcheson. 4th. do. 0 10. to Henry P. Warman.

THE SEASON.

We have experienced during the greater part of the week, cold, boisterous, wet weather, and are apprehensive that the shipping on our coast have suffered.—A Correspondent at Dalhousie in a letter to us dated on the 26th instant says: "The late Gale has broken up timber, booms, and driven vessels from their moorings."

CROWN LAND OFFICE.

We are indebted to the New Brunswicker for the following interesting information respecting the improvement in the working of this establishment, since Mr. Wilnot assumed the duties of Surveyor General.

The following is an account of monies received by the Receiver General under tickets from the Crown Land Office, for land and timber licenses, during the three quarters ending on the 30th of September, in each of the years undermentioned:

In 1849, £2,470; in 1850, £3,547; in 1851, £5,112; in 1852, £6,666; in 1853, £14,441.

In addition to the above amounts received in money, labour on the roads, in payment for lands, was performed in 1852, to the extent of £5,744, under the Act of Assembly commonly known as the "Labour Act;" and probably labour to a larger amount will be performed during the present year.

When it is considered that the export duty imposed in lieu of stimpage, will amount to more than £20,000 this year, we think the Province has no reason to regret the bargain entered into with the Imperial Government, for the surrender of the Crown revenues, and the grant of a Civil List fixed at £14,500 per annum.

The following is an account of monies paid over to the Provincial Treasurer, by the Receiver General, during the years above mentioned:

In 1849, £900; in 1850, £2,500; in 1851, £3,300; in 1852, £4,800; to 30th Sept. 1854, £10,500—since which, a further sum of £4,000 was paid to the Provincial Treasurer (on the 18th instant), for monies received prior to that date. These sums are the net proceeds of the Crown Land revenue, after deducting from the gross proceeds the whole amount granted for the Civil List, all the expenses of managing the Crown Land Department, (except the Surveyor General's Salary, borne on the Civil List) and all the cost of public surveys. And in order that the public may have full knowledge of the nature and extent of these surveys, and their cost, we cannot do better than close this article with the following official statement of what Mr Wilnot has done in that line, since he became Surveyor General:—

Return of Crown Lands Surveyed at the expense of Government, in lots of 100 and 160 acres each, for New Settlements, since last Oct., 1851:

SITUATION.	COST.	ACRES
Campbell Settlement,	£31 10 0	6,300
East of Grand Falls, Victoria,	53 10 0	10,700
Shoarman Settlement, Albert,	35 0 0	7,000
MacLauchlan Road, Kent,	333 14 0	45,440
Porter Settlement, Charlotte,	33 0 0	6,600
Lake George, York,	30 0 0	6,000
Madawaska, Victoria,	69 0 0	11,800
Salmon River, Queen's,	28 0 0	5,600
Connell Settlement, York,	41 0 0	8,200
Eel River Lakes, do,	26 0 0	5,200
Between Restook & Grand Falls,	66 0 0	11,200
and Washedemoak,	34 0 0	6,800
Salmon River, Kent,	40 10 0	8,100
Restigouche, 4 different localities,	100 0 0	20,000
Stone's Brook, Kings,	75 0 0	6,000
The Queen's Lake and Douglas Valley,	33 10 0	6,700
In Gloucester,	90 10 0	18,100
In Northumberland,	29 0 0	5,800
Total,	£1,129 4 0	195,540

Crown Land Office, 10th September, 1854.

PROTESTANT UNITY.

UNDER this head the Quebec Gazette has the following paragraph. What a satire it is on the want of Christian feeling which exists among the paid expounders of that faith, which inculcates "meekness," "long suffering," "charity," and "brotherly love," when an Editor of a Newspaper thinks it worthy of notice, that a few ministers have united together for the purpose of promoting a truly philanthropic and Christian enterprise—the cause of missions.

"Yesterday a gratifying instance of the unity subsisting among the Protestant denominations of this city was afforded in the fact, that the Wesleyan pulpit was occupied, for the advocacy of Wesleyan Missions, by the Rev. W. B. Clark of the Free Church, in the morning, and by the Rev. Dr. Cook, of the Church of Scotland in the evening. The congregations on both occasions were large, but especially that of the evening, which we think was the most numerous ever witnessed in that building, the number present being

not less than between fourteen and fifteen hundred. Eloquent discourses were preached by both the reverend gentlemen and the collections taken up, were happy to state, more than double those of last year for the same purpose. The Anniversary Meeting takes place this evening at seven o'clock in the same church, when we hope to see an equally overflowing audience."

THE RAILWAY.

We refer our readers to some interesting articles on this still all-engrossing, and deeply-interesting subject, copied from the St. John Press.

As we are very anxious to be "posted up" in railway matters, knowing the feeling that exists abroad among the inhabitants of this remote and scattered section of the Province, will our contemporaries inform us if it is the intention of "the company" to progress in the building of the European and North American line from the city of St. John to the American frontier, when they have no certainty, and but little prospect that their neighbours will extend it any further, and if so, what is the object to be gained by so doing.

We are also desirous to learn their opinion of Mr Jackson's proposition—that the Provinces pay a stated yearly amount to accomplish the long-desired intercolonial Railway.

We think is an admirable one, and that it could be easily accomplished. If our Revenue this year is to amount to the large sum of £200,000,—as it is reported it will—what difficulty is there in the way of the Legislature setting aside £80,000 for that purpose. We cannot expect to enjoy an unbroken chain of prosperity—for experience has taught us that such cannot be the case—we should therefore provide for emergencies; and here would be husbanded in one year the sum required from us in four, with a sufficient amount left in the chest to defray the Civil List, and all demands required for roads, bridges, schools, and other necessary expenses.

This is a matter of vital importance, and we hope it will receive that share of attention from the Press and People, to which it is justly entitled.

\* \* \* On Tuesday next, All Saints' Day, at eleven o'clock, the Reverend the Clergy of the Chatham Deanery, intend to assemble in St. Andrew's Church at Newcastle; when Divine Service will be duly celebrated. After the Sermon, a Collection will be made for the Diocesan Church Society.

BOWSER'S HOTEL.

ARRIVALS DURING THE PAST WEEK.  
October 23—Mr M'Leod, Hillsborough, N. B.  
24—Mr Ray, Carriquet; Mr & Mrs J. R. Hamilton, New Carlisle, C. E.; Miss L. Hamilton, do.; 3 Master Hamiltons do.; W. J. Harris, Esq., Restigouche.  
25—John Meehan, Bathurst; Revd. Mr Power, do.  
26—A. C. Desbrisay, P. E. Island.  
28—Joseph J. Duggan, Bend.

SHIP NEWS.

PORT OF MIRAMICHI.

CLEARED, October 18—schr Jean Ann, Blois, Quebec; Elizabeth Ann, Graham, P. E. Island.  
19—schr Maria Julia, Merier, Quebec; Brunswick, McLean, Richibucto; Raven, Downes, Pictou.  
20—schr Victoria, Sisbois, Quebec.  
21—bark Ohio, Scott, Swansea; schr Sea Star, Crispo, Boston; bark Hampton, Boyle, Liverpool.  
22—brig Brothers, Lechance, Quebec; brig Acastus, Branca, Newfoundland; Maria, Siteman, Halifax; Nelson, McCullum, do.; Virginia, both Ann, Graham, P. E. Island; Coquette, Bears, do.; Jasper, Pilmam, Pictou; Lilly, Kennedy, P. E. Island; Liberator, McKeuzie, do.; Franklin, Gougan, do.; Mary Jane, Larroless, do.; Wellington, Speers, do.  
27—schr Mars, Vincent, Halifax.  
28—Blossom, O'Neal, Fisheng Voyage.  
CLEARED—October 18, Faside, Walker, Port Glasgow; schr Elizabeth Ann, Graham, P. E. Island.  
19—schr New Messenger, Siteman, Halifax; Abille, Allard, P. E. Island; Providence, Fournes, Pictou.  
20—schr Jean Ann, Blois, Pictou; Sarah, Jones, Restigouche.  
22—schr Haven, Dorons, Quebec; Chieftain, Fraser, Boston; Maria Louise, Pictou.  
24—schr Victoria, Libois, Quebec; Mary Jane, Lawless, P. E. Island; Elizabeth Ann, Graham, do.; brig Baltic, Bute, Liverpool; schr Sea Horse, Campbell, P. E. Island do.  
25—schr Liberator, M'Kenzie, do.  
26—brig Crodale, Southampton; schr Jasper, Pilmam, P. E. Island.  
27—schr Franklin, Gougan, P. E. Island; Virgin, Bears, do.  
28—Wellington, Speers, P. E. Island. We understand that the brig Pitton is in the River.

PORT OF DALHOUSIE.

ENTERED, October 21—barks Ashley, Thelan, Bristol, Hamilton; New York Packet, Gray, New York; brig British Tar, Wilson, Liverpool.  
23—bark Oromocto, Allen, Halifax, general cargo, Messrs Ritchie; brig Margery, Hindmarsh, Belfast, do.  
24—brig Britius, Jones, general cargo, Liverpool, Messrs Ritchie; brig Columbine, do.  
CLEARED—October 26, bark Burhill, Dodd, Glasgow; timber, Messrs Ritchie; brig Rebecca, Reddie, Glasgow; timber, W. M. Hamilton; brig Harmon, McLean, Troon, timber, do.  
PORT OF QUEBEC.—Cleared, October 17, Alphonsine, Miramichi; 18, St. Croix, Restigouche. Entered for Loading, October 17, St. Anne, Miramichi.