

the Russians the bodies of twenty-six of their comrades who had not yet been interred. This delivery took place within the buildings of the Quarantine, in the presence of an officer of an eccentric character, who spoke French very fluently, and said to us, 'This is a shocking work we are engaged in! What hinders you from taking the town? All this cannot amuse you. For our part, we are heartily tired of it.' What did he mean by putting to us such questions? I cannot tell; I merely repeat his expressions verbatim."

Communications.

COUNTY KENT.

Kingston, Richibucto, 20th February, 1855.

Mr. Pierce,

Dear Sir,—As it may be entertaining to at least a portion of your readers, to know what is going on in this section of the Province, I take the liberty of dropping you a few lines, with a view of insertion in the Gleaner, if you have room from more important matter. The thriving little village of Kingston you are perhaps aware, is situated about three miles up the river from the Town of Richibucto, and does a much greater amount of business in proportion to its size, than even the town. The business part of it consists of seven Stores, two Shipbuilding Establishments—those of John W. Holderness, Esq., and Mr. John Power—the extensive establishment of Mr. Holderness also embraces a splendidly fitted up Steam Mill, allowed to be one of the best in the Province. Also, deserving of notice, is the Furniture Establishment of Mr. John Main, the only one on this side of the Province—Mr. Main has fitted up this establishment at no doubt a great outlay, and deserves much credit for the enterprizes displayed by him—would that more of our capitalists were possessed of the same spirit. We have also another class of Manufactures, which I must not forget to mention, as it requires no ordinary amount of spirit to carry them on, I allude to our twelve Drunkard Manufactures, vulgarly termed *Rum Shops*: these indispensable establishments are carried on by men who are not only useful in their day and generation, but an ornament to their profession. So you see Mr. Editor that even in this respect, we are not "behind the age."

With regard to useful, literary, and benevolent institutions, I believe Kingston stands A 1! Among these may be mentioned her Agricultural Society, "The Kingston Lyceum," and Kingston Division of the Sons of Temperance. With regard to the Agricultural Society I cannot say much, not being a member, but I understand it is conducted in a creditable manner. The Lyceum has been in successful operation for five years, it was originated by the young men of Kingston, but it has also been patronised by those more advanced in years, who to their honor be it said, nobly came forward and gave the boys the benefit of their intelligence and experience. It has a Library composed of the best standard works, such as Alison's History of Europe, Tytler's Universal History, Gibbon's Histories, the works of Sydney Smith, Geoffrey, Wilson, Falford, Locke, and others too numerous to mention. Institutions of this kind are well worthy the attention of all young men—where will they spend their evenings more profitably than at the Debating Society? How will they receive more real and lasting benefit than by meeting one night in the week for mutual instruction? Yet alas! it is to be regretted that too many would rather spend their leisure moments in the haunts of dissipation, than attend to the cultivation of their mental faculties.

The name of "Kingston Division" stands deservedly high, its character is too well known to require any praise of mine, and I believe that it is destined to exert a powerful influence on the morals of future generations.

I fear Mr. Editor, that I have already transgressed beyond the usual space allotted to correspondents, but I cannot forbear mentioning how much the inhabitants of Kingston, are indebted to Mr. Scribner, Professor of Music, for the kindness displayed by him in instructing a class gratis, for the benefit of St. Andrew's Church; his gentlemanly deportment, and the punctuality with which he fulfilled his engagements, can never be forgotten by those who received the benefit of his instruction, he attended regularly two nights in every week, (even when the inclemency of the weather might have been sufficient excuse for his absence,) until about a fortnight ago when a previous engagement obliged him to remove to Chatham, much to the regret of all here. I am myself one of those unfortunate individuals for whom music has no charms, but I wish to "render honor to whom honor is due," and I hope Mr. Scribner will pardon me for making this free use of his name.

The late snowstorm is the greatest within the recollection of that sage old gent "the oldest inhabitant." It commenced on the evening of Friday, and snowed incessantly until Sunday night. I am informed it has fallen thirty inches (some say three feet) on the level. While I write the Southern Mail is sixty hours behind its time. Yours, &c.

SPECTATOR.

ON EDUCATION.

To the Editor of the Gleaner,

Sir,—As usual, the Governor's Speech alludes to Education as a requisite step towards improving the condition of the Province, but whether any real action will be taken by the present Government towards improving the present bungling system, remains to be seen. It is to be hoped that they will not follow in the footsteps of their predecessors, making all end in talk, or constructing some mulish Act, amounting virtually to a negative. There is, however, one fact that stands out in bold relief, and that is, if they meddle with it at all, they cannot make it worse; and any change must be for the better. Take the present system in all its bearings, and nothing could be better calculated to bring School Masters, and the training of Youth into disrepute.

Just look at the class of Teachers that is adrift on the land, to whose care the rising generation is entrusted. Many of them drunkards and immoral characters, and need it be wondered at, the amount of ignorance and immorality that prevails; and so will it continue to be until a better system is adopted, to command men of talent and worth. No man of spirit or parts, under the present system, would throw himself away, to be immured in a confined room, and tortured by a school of noisy and mischievous children, for a paltry pittance that any

clod hopper in the land, if only able to swing an axe, or handle a shovel, would disdain to take. And deplorable indeed must a country or county appear to strangers, when any improvement is offered by any Member of Parliament, to hear some body rise in his place, and declare as a reason against any such change, the ignorance of the people, and their not being ripe for it. Query—When will they be ripe? and how came such worthies to know, that the people laboured under such extreme ignorance? That they should come to such conclusions is deducible from one fact only, viz.—that were it not for the extreme ignorance of their constituents, they would never have been troubled with M. P. P. as a tail to their name, and their best and only policy is, to keep them so. But taking it for granted, that all concur in the opinion, that the present system answers not the end intended, and that a change is absolutely necessary, the question next arises, what change should it be, to accomplish the end sought after; and, as it is much more easily to find fault than point out a remedy, it may be quite pardonable in me to suggest a better, at least a better in my view.

First—let a compulsory law be enacted, that all the several counties through the province be laid off in proper School Districts. Secondly,—that all the property within the limits of each county, real or personal, together with a poll tax on transient persons, be levied and paid into a County Treasurer, chosen for that purpose; the Province contributing a proportionate sum to each county, on receipt or affidavit of the County Treasurer of the County having complied with the act; and the Teacher to draw his salary quarterly, from the County Treasurer, on his producing an order from the Trustees of his school to that effect. Thirdly,—no Teacher to be allowed to teach, without first having passed a proper, and an efficient board of education, set apart for that purpose; together with that a certificate of good moral character; under certain pains or penalties for such offence, and of being deprived of any Government or County aid whatever. Fourthly,—that schools should be free of any tuition fees whatever, and accessible to the children of the poor, as well as to the rich. Fifthly,—that a fine be imposed on all parents or guardians detaining, or not sending their children to school from the age of six years, until fourteen. And lastly,—by way of remark—let me add, that no Teacher should be employed whose salary would be less than One Hundred Pounds, and ranging from that to two, which would be the means of securing competent and proper Teachers.

That there may be objections to this system, I have no doubt, in fact it would be strange, were it not so—yet, although I am neither Teacher or belonging to the Legislature and far from seeking to be either, I am prepared, and willing to discuss in a friendly way, my views on Education, a part of which I have set forth in this letter, with any gentleman who may differ from me in opinion. And as it is a subject that affects the well-being of mankind both for time and eternity, I think it should be discussed in all its bearings; thoroughly, and freely by the press, that accurate conclusions may be arrived at. Reserving any further remarks at present, I shall subscribe myself,

A LOVER OF EDUCATION.

Editor's Department.

MIRAMICHI:

CHATHAM, SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 1855

TERMS.—New subscribers Twelve Shillings and Six Pence, per annum, in all cases in advance. Old subscribers 12s. 6d. in advance, or 17s. 6d. at the end of the year. We prefer the advance price, and as it effects a large saving, we hope soon to see all our subscribers avail themselves of it.

This Paper is filed, and may be seen free of charge, at Holloway's Pill and Ointment Establishment, 34, Strand, London, where Advertisements and Subscriptions will be received for this Periodical.

PATRIOTIC FUND.

We have much satisfaction in copying from the St. John Temperance Telegraph, the following account of the spirited exertions which the Sons of Temperance have made in the County of Gloucester, to contribute towards this noble object:

"The Bathurst Division of the Sons of Temperance, have not been unmindful of their duty in making vigorous efforts in common with their Brethren throughout the Province, to swell the contributions to that noble object 'the Patriotic Fund.'

"This Division on the 16th ult., voted unanimously for this purpose, the sum of £10 from the funds of the Division, and decided to increase the donation as much as possible, by means of a Tea Soiree. Accordingly under the superintendence of a Committee, consisting of Rev. R. A. Temple, H. W. Baldwin, and J. McNutt, a Soiree was got up on the 15th ult., in the largest room or loft to be found in the Town Plot. The price of admission was 2s. 6d., and the attendance large—indeed so large that all could not be seated.

"On Tea being concluded, the Chair was taken by Henry W. Baldwin, Esq., who, after a short Address in opening, was followed at intervals during the evening, by the Rev. Messrs. Disbrow, Murray and Temple, who respectively delivered an interesting and appropriate Address on the chief object of the entertainment, thus combining, as it should be, all denominations in the advocacy of a patriotic charity.

"The Room was most tastefully decorated with appropriate and elegant Devices, Flags, Mottoes, and Transparencies, which rather took the public by surprise, in this remote place where Artists and materials for Architect decorations are alike scarce. The Music was well chosen, and led by the Melodeon, at which

Charles Lloyd, Esq., of Dalhousie, kindly consented to preside.

"The entertainment was exceedingly successful—gave great satisfaction, and through its means about £25 more will be added to the contribution of Bathurst Division, making altogether £35, a sum much beyond what could reasonably be expected, and quite up to our present means."

The same paper informs us that the Treasurer of the Temperance Patriotic Fund has received from the Restigouche Division, at Campbellton, £14, for the same humane object.

EUROPEAN NEWS.

DURING the week we obtained two telegraph despatches, giving us a summary of the news received by the steamers at New York, and Halifax. The news by the former was highly important. Another disruption has taken place in the Ministry, and three of the objectionable Ministers of the Aberdeen Ministry, which Lord Palmerston had retained, had resigned, an event which no doubt was hailed with as much satisfaction in the Mother country as it was in the Colonies.

The despatch from Halifax, furnishes a piece of intelligence of still greater moment, and which we hope will have the effect of bringing the blessings of peace to the world.—Official intelligence had been received by the British Ministry of the DEATH OF THE EMPEROR NICHOLAS. It also gives some particulars of the battle between the Turks and Russians at Eupatoria, which was rather a serious affair. We refer our readers to the despatches for particulars.

PATRIOTIC FUND.

CHATHAM.

The following subscriptions have been received in Miramichi by John M. Johnson, Esq.

From last list,	£65 15 0
Rev. S. Bacon,	2 0 0
William Wilkinson, Esq.,	2 0 0
William and James Samuel,	2 0 0
Mr William Swanson,	1 0 0
Mr Robert Nicholson,	1 0 0
Mr John Hea,	1 0 0
Mr Charles L. Hawbolt,	1 0 0
A Friend,	1 0 0
Workmen of the Miramichi Foundry,	5 16 3
Mr John Noonan,	0 10 0
Mr Michael Fitzpatrick,	0 10 0
Mr William Seaton,	0 10 0
Mr John Loban,	0 10 0
Mr Henry Bowser,	0 18 0
Mr John Harrington,	0 10 0
Mr Charles Vanstone,	0 10 0
Mr John Johnston (Rear Lots)	0 5 0
Mr John Johnston, (Joiner),	0 5 0
Mr William McLean,	0 5 0
Mr William McRae,	0 10 0

March 15, 1855, paid Sheriff Black £87 6 3 to remit,

The amount collected by me in the Town of Chatham.

JOHN M. JOHNSON,

NELSON.

The Subscriber begs to acknowledge with thanks, the receipt of the following sums in aid of Northumberland County Subscriptions to the Patriotic Fund.

Davies Hewson, Esq.,	£3 0 0
Messrs. Fowler & Esty,	1 0 0
Mr John McLaughlan,	0 10 0
Mr John Wilson, (Point)	0 10 0
Mr Andrew McCullam,	1 0 0
Mrs Samuel Condy,	0 5 0
Mr W. Harley,	0 5 0
Mr John Bourne,	0 5 0
Mr John Cinnamon,	0 5 0
Mr William Vye,	0 5 0
A Friend,	0 7 6
Mr John Flitt,	0 5 0
Harley and Burchill,	5 0 0

£12 17 6

GEORGE BURCHILL.

Nelson, Miramichi, 15th March, 1855.

CHARLETON KENT.

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

AN Exhibition of Grains, Dairy-Produces and Domestic Manufactures, was held in Kouchibouguac Village, on Wednesday, the 7th February, where Prizes were awarded to the following persons.

GRAINS, &c.

Best Red Wheat, 2 bushels, Laurence Kelly,	10s., 69lbs.
2nd do., do., Benjamin Rigly, 7s. 6d.,	67lbs.
Best White Wheat, John Potter, 10s.,	66½lbs.
2nd do., do., Martin Flannigan, 7s. 6d.,	66lbs.
Best White Oats, Wm. S. Caie, 7s. 6d.,	47½lbs.
2nd do do., Martin Flannigan, 5s.,	41½lbs.
Best Black Oats, Dan. Sullivan, 7s. 6d.,	41½lbs.
2nd do., do., do., B. Rigly, 5s.,	41lbs.
Best Barley, John Tweedie, 7s. 6d.,	50½lbs.
2nd do., do., Peter Votour, 5s.,	50lbs.
Best Timothy Seed, Jno. Graham, 4 bush.,	7s. 6d.

2nd best do., Luke Richard, 5s.
Best Pease, 1 bushel, Martin Flannigan, 5s. 67½lbs.

DAIRY PRODUCE.

Best Butter, 20lbs., Wm. S. Caie, 10s.
2nd do., do., do., Martin Flannigan, 7s. 6d.

DOMESTIC.

Best twilled White Flannel, John Potter, 7s. 6d.
Best Plain do. do., Martin Flannigan, 7s. 6d.
Best all Wool, Womans' wear, P. Votour, 7s. 6d.
Best cotton and wool, do. do., do., 7s 6d.
Best all wool, Mens' wear, do. 7s 6d.
Best cotton and wool, do., Mrs. Gregan, 7s. 6d.
Best Mitts, three pair, James Patterson, 5s.
2d do. do., Luke Richard, 5s.
Best Socks, three pair, Martin Flannigan, 5s.
2nd do. do., Moses Ryan,

Of the different samples of Grains, Dairy Produce, and Domestic Manufactures, the following is a list brought to the Exhibition.

Wheat	12 Samples.	Oats	6 Samples.
Barley	2 do.	Peas	2 do.
Butter	9 do.	Timothy	5 do.
Homespun,	Mens' wear,		18 Samples.
White Flannel	do		6 do.
Socks, Mens' wear,	3 samples		3 pair each.
Mitts, do.	3 do.		3 do.

In all 61 Samples.

JAMES FRASER, Secretary.

Kouchibouguac, March 3, 1855.

MARKET REGULATIONS.

WE publish to-day, the Rules and Regulations for the establishment of a Public Market in the town of Chatham, promulgated by the Sessions. We hope the Magistrates residing among us, have authority to carry out these Regulations, and to fix a period when they are to go into operation.

We are sorry the Sessions did not go a little further, [and levy an assessment on the people for the erection of a Market House, for without this indispensable building, it would be very difficult to carry out the regulations. How will the market people be situated during a rainy day? During the winter season, it will be altogether impracticable.

We hope some effort will be made to erect a Market House during the summer months. We do not want a large and costly edifice, but simply a building, in the first instance, which will shelter the seller and buyer from the inclemency of the weather. Additions, alterations, and improvements can be yearly made as circumstances require. To accomplish this, but little expense need be incurred, and we feel persuaded the inhabitants will cheerfully submit to the trifling tax it may entail on them.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

WE have obtained but one mail from the Southward during the week, that which was due on Sunday, which came to hand about three o'clock on the morning of Wednesday. We learn by telegraph that the mails due on Wednesday and Friday morning, left the Bend at 6 o'clock on the evening of Thursday. They arrived at Richibucto yesterday morning at ten o'clock. The Fredericton mail also lags sadly behind.

In the absence of the mails the telegraph wires keep us well posted up in Legislative and European news. The intelligence thus furnished, is of a highly interesting character, and to them we refer our readers for the latest news.

THE SEASON.

THE weather continues cold, and every other day we have a fall of snow, to add to our already over-abundant stock. On Thursday night about 6 or 7 additional inches fell. It is with the greatest difficulty communication it kept up between the town and the settlements around. We question if such another season for snow, and cold, boisterous weather at this advanced period of the year, was ever witnessed in the Province.

The Annual Public Meeting of the Miramichi Religious TRACT SOCIETY, will be held in the Hall of the Sons of Temperance, Chatham, on the evening of Tuesday first, 20th inst., at half-past seven o'clock.

DEATHS.

On the morning of the 10th March, of scarlet fever, DAVID NORTHRUP, son of Robert Wasson, Esq. of Blissfield, aged 13 years and 7 months, much regretted by his relations and friends.

[Calais State of Maine papers please copy.]