

to "Advalorem, Permits, Packages, Punctuations, and Warehousing."

I observe that a Correspondent has informed you of a visit to Dalhousie of the Governor-General, and part of the Canadian Ministry, in the steamer "Doris," and also of an inquest held at Campbellton, on the body of a man named John Stack, said to have been drowned in the Restigouche.

About the investigation in this case, as your correspondent mentions, a great deal of dissatisfaction is expressed by the public. The word is that the man was murdered: it is really awful, in a moral and social point of view; that a matter of this kind should be carelessly slurred over, and it is due to the community that the Coroner should make public the circumstances of the case.

I am informed that last week a fire took place in a Shop in Dalhousie, occupied by Mr. Thomas Ferguson. It occurred about midnight and was discovered before much damage was done to goods or building; but it is stated that between three and four hundred pounds in notes, and a gold watch were consumed. There was insurance on the goods.

Another Correspondent writing us from Dalhousie, under date of August 21st., says:

"Yesterday the Hon. John Montgomery was returned without opposition, to fill the seat vacated by his appointment as Surveyor General. (Our Correspondent will observe that the fire he mentions having occurred in Dalhousie is mentioned by "Our own Correspondent.")"

#### COUNTY KENT.

A Correspondent at Richibucto has forwarded to us for publication the following Address, from the officers and Brethren of the St. Andrews Lodge of Free, Masons to W.G. Sutherland, Esq., M. D., on his departure from among them, and his reply thereto:—

ADDRESS.

Kingston, Richibucto, August 15, 1856.  
To W. G. SUTHERLAND, Esq., M. D.

Sir and Brother,—

We have received, with feelings of unfeigned regret, a notice of your intention to depart in a few days from amongst us, and we are solicitous under the authority of our Lodge to convey to you an expression of the sentiments of personal regard and esteem which we entertain towards you as a worthy and consistent member of our ancient and time honoured Brotherhood.

Your residence in this County has not only been marked with the characteristics of the gentleman, the citizen, and the friend, but in the more immediate association of our ceremonies, and under the expansive influence of our mystic rites we have had ample cause to appreciate your consistency, to honour your worth, and to respect your principles.

We remember with pleasure that on the organization of the Lodge you were among the first to seek within its pale those blessed truths visible to the eye of faith alone, as they shine, reflected from that Light, which none but crafts-men ever saw, and we would fain hope that the refining influence of their resplendent power will under the guidance of the Great Architect of the universe shed over your paths and around your footsteps a halo more bright and brilliant until the perfect day.

We thank you, brother, for the exertions you have at all times made to further the objects of our grand design, and to develop to a successful issue those mysteries we love so well; and while you carry with you the pleasing knowledge that as a faithful workman your labour is not unappreciated; you will also feel in the self-consciousness of an honest discharge of duty, that fine conviction that you have not laboured in vain, that a brother's love and a brother's fidelity will accompany and protect you.

Work on then! work ever! Know that it is not within the power of frail man to circumscribe the influence which (if you are but faithful and true), you can exercise for the good of your fellow man; and believe, oh, believe with child like faith, that none but Him who sitteth on the cherubims can take from you your reward.

In Him, then, place your trust. On Him let your hopes rest. By him be faithful.

Convey to Mrs Sutherland the assurances of our unaffected regard, and with heartfelt wishes for the health and prosperity of yourself and family.

Believe us, Sir and Brother,

Sincerely Yours,

JOSEPH WETMORE, R. W. M.

CHARLES BROWN, P. M.

ROBERT ROSS, S. W.

SAM. MCGOWAN, J. W.

For themselves, the officers and members of St. Andrew's Lodge of Ancient Free Masons.

REPLY.

Kingston, Richibucto, August 18, 1856.  
To the Worshipful Master and Wardens of St. Andrew's Lodge.

Worshipful Sir and Brothers,—

I receive with pleasure at your hands the gratifying address from my brethren of St. Andrews at my departure from Richibucto, and I beg, Gentlemen, that you will convey to them my thankfulness for this unexpected and flattering mark of their regard and esteem.

My connection with you has been but a continuance of a fraternal communion in your rites and ceremonies, and I have sensitively

felt that the tie which cements us together is one comprehensive and indissoluble, and that those universal principles of charity, philanthropy and beneficence are here inculcated which unite men in one common bond, so that "in every land a Mason finds a friend, in every clime a home."

Believe me, Brothers, that in whatever country my lot may be cast remembrances will arise of my associations and friends in Richibucto, and I shall always cherish a lasting consideration of your kindness and good will.

Brothers, farewell! Let us as "one and indivisible" hold on to our ancient land-marks, while we study to maintain by our character, faith and consistency, those time-honoured mysteries inviolate, which (pure and undefiled) have been handed down to us by the good men of old in all their hieroglyphic beauty.

Remember "how good and how pleasant a thing it is for brethren to dwell together in unity," cherish and cultivate those virtues so truly masonic, that all may see and appreciate the benign influence of our order.

"Let us walk uprightly in our several stations, squaring our actions by the square of virtue, and remembering that we are travelling upon the level of time to that undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveller returns." Where

"There's no more occasion for level or plumb line,

For trowel or gavel, for compass or square;  
Our works are completed, the ark safely seated,

And we shall be greeted as work-men most rare."

For the kind wishes you have uttered for the health and prosperity of myself, Mrs Sutherland and family accept our united thanks, and believe me,

Worshipful Sir and Brothers,

Your Friend and Brother,

W. G. SUTHERLAND.

#### THE DISSOLUTION QUESTION IN THE HOUSE OF LORDS.

We are indebted to the St. John Morning Courier for the following account of the proceedings in the House of Lords on the Dissolution of our House of Assembly being brought before their notice:—

"On Friday, in the House of Lords, the Earl of Harrington gave notice that, on Monday next, he would put a question to the Government relating to the dissolution of the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick." (Times, July 26th.) It happened, however, that Monday being the day previous to the prorogation, there was no House, and the question was necessarily adjourned till the day following. Though a reply in the House of Lords was thus prevented, Lord Harrington was enabled to obtain from Lord Harrowby, on the part of the Government, the answers which had been prepared for use on this occasion and from the Alliance, Manchester paper, we take the following remarks with which Lord Harrington prefaced his questions, the questions themselves, and the answers of the Home Government to them.

"Lord Harrington said:—Next let us consider the dissolution of the National Assembly of New Brunswick by the Governor, in opposition to the council and the parliament. I absolve Mr. M. Sutton from all blame. A governor, like a soldier, must obey orders. The blame—if blame there be—is attributable to the government, for no subordinate officer would have dared to have taken so bold and so bad a course, except under the sanction of the government for reasons yet to be made known. No sovereign in this country since the Revolution has ever dissolved a parliament in opposition to his cabinet. Now the colonies have constitutions nearly similar to the parent state, consequently there is no precedent of a similar act of unconstitutional power having been exercised in her Majesty's North American empire."—Here the Earl of Harrington was interrupted by the process for proroguing parliament after the prorogation, the Earl of Harrowby gave Lord Harrington the answers intended to be given to his questions.

"Question 1st.—Whether in New Brunswick in the year 1852, some 30,000 persons petitioned the Legislative Assembly in favor of a Prohibitory Liquor Law?

"Reply.—According to the journals of the Assembly of 1852, there appear to have been 29 petitions on this subject; but the number of the signatures is not stated.

"Question 2d.—Whether the representative body elected in 1854 carried that measure?

"Reply.—The Assembly was not passed in 1854. It was elected in 1851, and passed in 1852, an 'Act to prevent the traffic in intoxicating liquors.' This law, which did not prohibit the importation of intoxicating liquors, was repealed in 1854 by an 'Act to regulate the sale of spirituous liquors.' This latter act has been amended by a third act, of no importance. Finally, in the session of 1855 a fourth act was passed to 'prevent the importation, manufacture and traffic in intoxicating liquors.'

"Question 3d.—Whether the Queen's sign manual had been obtained in 1856 to enforce the prohibition?

"Reply.—This last act, 1856, was not reserved for the crown, but was assented to by the governor. It was 'left to its operation' by the Queen in council, in November, 1855.

"Question 4th.—Whether the Lieutenant Governor, Mr. Manners Sutton, has now dissolved the parliament in direct opposition to his Council, in order to appeal from the Legislative body to the appetites and judgement of the people concerning the Prohibitory Law,

—an act intended to save the laboring classes from sickness, pauperism and crimes, and to secure to the State a sober and healthy race of men, the great source of power and of wealth?

"Reply.—Mr. Manners Sutton, contrary to the opinion of his then advisers, considered a dissolution of the Assembly to be requisite. On his insisting on this point, his executive council resigned, and a new administration was formed, on whose responsibility the Assembly was dissolved. The motives which influenced Mr. Sutton in this proceeding are disclosed in a despatch of the 31st May. A new Assembly has been called, and is now sitting.

"Question 5th.—Whether in her Majesty's North American empire there exists any precedent for the exercise, on the part of a governor, of such an act of power in opposition to his council?

"Reply.—I know of no such instance; but responsible government has only been established ten years in Canada, and about five in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia."

#### NOVA SCOTIA.

WE copy from our Halifax exchanges the following notice issued from the Secretary's Office:—

"PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE.—Halifax, 14th August.—His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, has been pleased to make the following appointments, previously, until the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure

"The Honorable Lewis Morris Wilkins to be one of the Justices of Her Majesty's Supreme Court of Judicature for the Province of Nova Scotia, in the place of his Honor Mr Justice Thomas C. Haliburton, resigned.

"The Honorable William A. Henry to be Provincial Secretary for the said Province, in the place of the Hon. Lewis Morris Wilkins, appointed to be one of the Justices of the Supreme Court.

"The Honorable Adam G. Archibald to be Solicitor General, in the place of the Hon. William A. Henry, appointed to be the Secretary of the Province.

"The Hon. William A. Henry, to be Clerk of the Executive Council, in the place of the Hon. Lewis M. Wilkins, appointed to be one of the Justices of the Supreme Court.

"The Hon. Adam G. Archibald to be one of the Members of the Executive Council of Her Majesty's said Province, in the place of the Hon. Lewis M. Wilkins, vacant by his appointment to the Bench of the Supreme Court."

The Halifax Sun in speaking of the above change, says:

"It is understood that the Hon. Mr Howe will be proposed to fill the seat in the representation of the Township of Windsor, vacant by the elevation of the Hon. Lewis Morris Wilkins to the Bench of the Supreme Court."

"Objections—grave and valid objections—might be raised to the honorable gentleman's sitting at the Board of the Executive Council;—there can be none to his having a place in the representative branch of the Legislature; on the contrary we think the presence in the people's House of the gentleman, holding a deeply responsible office as Chief of the Railway Commission, every way, and for obvious reasons, desirable."

"It was felt, in the last session of the Legislature, that Mr Howe's place was not in the lobby, but upon the floor of the House; over the debates and decisions of which, whether he be in or out of Parliament, his views and opinions expressed or understood, will not fail to weigh heavily in management of the affairs of the Province."

The Railway is progressing rapidly, and our Nova Scotian friends will have the pleasure of riding upon their Railroad from Halifax to Windsor, long before the first mile of our New Brunswick line is completed, about which so much fuss was made some two or three years ago in St. John, where His Excellency with the great and mighty of the land, met in state to turn the first sod. A Correspondent of the Halifax Journal writing from Windsor says:—

"I send you the pleasant tidings that it is rapidly progressing from Windsor to Halifax. A splendid wharf is in progress of erection—a number of old buildings that block up the further extension of Water street, as I may call it, are to be removed to erect a Station house which will be a decided improvement. The first feature that attracts the notice of a stranger on entering Windsor, is the winding embankment in process of construction for the Railroad threatening with its wavering and serpentine folds to coil round the town and shut up all egress save by the harbour, Falmouth bridge, and the Railroad; and passengers by Stage will not regret to glide along its iron path without the trouble of looking after their baggage, shifting seats, and trying your patience waiting for a start, when the steam of the locomotive is heard. Windsor will start into new life, and open a career of enterprise for which her active and enterprising inhabitants are rapidly preparing."

#### UNITED STATES.

WE learn from late papers that the Enlistment Question is at last ended. Having fully accomplished the objects for which it was intended, the American Government have come to the conclusion to drop further proceedings in the matter. Consequently, all prosecutions against individuals engaged in the business have been suspended, and those persons imprisoned

the President has pardoned and set at liberty. A letter from Attorney General Cushing has been published from which we take the following extracts:—

"The international question which grew out of the general fact of the enlistment of troops in the United States for the British service having been happily and amicably disposed of in a manner so honorable to both countries, and the British minister, Mr Crampton, and the other official persons who directed or participated in the acts violating both the municipal law and the national rights of the United States, having ceased, by the order of the President, to continue to exercise an official functions near this government, it has not been conceived to be necessary, in any consideration of the subject, to pursue further the municipal offence of subordinate persons concerned."

We perceive by our exchanges that there has been a series of terrific storms throughout the Union. In Massachusetts particularly, the freshets brought on by the immense quantities of rain that had fallen were the heaviest experienced there for years. There has been a rise of from ten to eleven feet in the Merrimac and Connecticut Rivers, while most all the smaller streams have overflowed their banks carrying away bridges, and destroying or severely injuring the meadow and interval crops over a large extent of Country.

A bug, resembling the lightning bug, and about the same size, is committing serious depredations on the potatoe crop, in Wilson County, Ten. They set upon the vines by thousands, and strip them of vegetation from top to bottom.

There are three Candidates in the field for the Presidency:—Messrs. Fremont, Buchanan, and Fillmore; and the Elections for the Officers of the several States have begun. In Iowa the Fremont party have been completely successful. In Kentucky, which is a Slave State, the elections have gone in favour of the Fillmore Know-Nothing party.

Business throughout the Union is very dull; money markets tight; capitalists timid; and things will remain so till after the President's elections.

#### THE SEASON.

DURING the past week the weather has been very unfavourable for completing the Hay Crop, (raining almost incessantly,) a considerable portion of which is still in the field. The morning fogs have produced a blight in the Potatoe, causing very unpleasant odours before sunrise and after sunset. It does not appear to have affected the stalk as yet, and it is hoped that it may be confined only to the leaves, which it is feared will retard the further growth of the tubers. The wheat, oats, and other crops lately promised a plentiful harvest, but we are sorry to observe at present, no sign of a permanent change of the weather for the better, trusting that all will yet be well, we rely on His word who has said that "seed time and harvest shall not fail."

Since writing the above, last evening, there has been a decided change in the weather, the wind setting in cold from the northward.

MR HOWE'S LETTER.—In another page we have commenced the republication of a letter addressed by Mr Howe to the Hon. E. Gladstone, M. P., on the Foreign Enlistment Question. It is an able and a masterly production and handles the late Chancellor of the Exchequer without gloves.

WE are requested to state that the Temperance Hall School Pic-Nic, advertised in our last issue, will come off on Monday, the 25th inst. If the day be rainy it will be deferred till the first fine day.

THE Revd. Mr McKay, from P. E. Island, will preach in the Methodist Chapel on the evening of Sabbath next. Service will commence at half-past six.

WE understand that the Revenue Officers of Miramichi, seized on Friday morning last, at Murdoch's Meadows, sixteen Casks of Spirits, and ten from on board the Schooner Lady Smith, from Boston, being illegal sized packages, amounting in all to about 1000 Gallons.

WE call the attention of the Assessors and Revisors of the various Parishes, to those Sections of "the Act to Regulate the Election of Members to serve in the General Assembly" which pertain to their respective duties, and require to be at once acted on.

MR James Danford's GOLDEN PIG has again presented him with another litter of young and able Porkers. Any person wishing to be possessed of one or more of this valuable breed, had better call at once. The price of each will be 22s. 6d.

Hon. Mr Tilley passed through Chatham on his way South on Wednesday last.

WE understand Mr Elliot has been appointed Road Commissioner between Newcastle and Fredericton, in place of D. Crocker, deceased.