

"We have scarcely ventured to allude to the prospects of the Railway Delegation, as we are aware of the extraordinary difficulties which lie in the way of complete success, at the present juncture. The unfinished contract still pending, and the extraordinary pressure in the money market in England, are obstacles which cannot easily be surmounted. We know that the most intense interest is felt not only in this but in the adjoining countries on this subject, and we believe that throughout the Province there is very great anxiety as to the result of the Delegation. We trust by this the Attorney General has arrived in Halifax, as the steamer is reported this morning. Of course we can know nothing of what has been done; from some collateral sources we have heard favorable accounts, which lead us to believe that he will, to some extent, be successful, but of his own communications we are entirely ignorant. We have however, never faltered in our hope that he would lay the foundation of an arrangement which will carry forward this Province in the point of material improvement, and our hope is based somewhat upon the success which has hitherto attended his career as a legislator. No man in the Province has originated as many means of public improvement and although often compelled to struggle against opposing influences, and certain circumstances which would effectually have discouraged an ordinary man, his ability and influence have ultimately always made him successful.

"A few days will, we hope, inform the public of the result of his mission. We may also add that the selection of Mr. Robertson as the delegate of the Company, was a most judicious one; no man could have been sent with Mr. Fisher, who would have been more useful; his extensive business connections and experience, and his high standing as a commercial man, united to his earnest desire to see the Railway project succeed, must have made him an invaluable colleague."

The Church Witness received yesterday afternoon, furnishes the following gratifying information respecting the mission of the Hon. Attorney General to England. We hope, sincerely, the good news will prove correct:

"The Hon. C. Fisher, Attorney-General, has returned from his mission to England, and we are happy to say, if the reports in circulation are to be credited, that he has been completely successful, having arranged with the delinquent firm of Messrs. Peto, Brassy & Betts, and also obtained assurances of a supply of money on Provincial security, to carry into effect the railway policy of the Government.—This is extremely gratifying intelligence; but it will be time enough to rely upon it when we hear something more definite from the gentleman himself. The Executive Council is now in session at Fredericton, and we therefore presume the facts will soon be known."

The Halifax Morning Journal publishes the following additional information:

"The Railway mission of the Hon. Charles Fisher, Attorney-General of New Brunswick, has resulted in success. Messrs. Baring and Brothers, we understand, have signified their willingness to advance all the money required for the first year's operations, (supposed to be about £50,000) on 6 per cent. Debentures redeemable in 20 years, at par, and such other reasonable amounts as may be required, from time to time, upon such terms as the state of the money market may warrant."

COUNTY GLOUCESTER.

THE following are the proceedings of a Public Meeting, held at the Court House, Bathurst, County of Gloucester, relative to the Prohibitory Law:

To Henry W. Baldwin, Esq., High Sheriff of the County of Gloucester.
We the undersigned Freeholders and Rate Payers of the County of Gloucester, request that you will call a Public Meeting of the Inhabitants of said County, for the purpose of expressing their opinion in reference to the Act 18 Vic., Intituled "An Act to prevent the Importation, Manufacture, and Traffic in Intoxicating Liquors," on Tuesday, the fifth day of February next, at 11 o'clock, A. M., at the Court House, at Bathurst.

Joseph Read, J. P. M. O'Brien.
John Ferguson, J. P. Thomas Smith.
S. L. Bishop, J. P. John Dunn.
George Smith, J. P. Anthony Rainie.
John Meahan, J. P. Denis Commaeu.
William Napier, J. P. James Meahan.
John Chalmers, J. P. Henry McCullough.
John E. O'Brien, J. P. Robert E. Hodnett.
Charles Meahan, J. P. John McAlister.
Thomas Seaton, Murdoch Smith.
T. H. Carman, James Paul.
Charles McManus, Alexander Rankin.
James Willis, Alexander Cantly.
John T. Carter, William Baldwin.
Joseph Pire, Thomas Leahy.
Bathurst, 26th January, 1856.

PUBLIC MEETING.

A Requisition having been presented to me to call a Public Meeting of the Inhabitants for the following purpose, namely:—
"Of expressing their opinion in reference to the Act 18 Vic., Intituled 'An Act to prevent the Importation, Manufacture, and Traffic in Intoxicating Liquors.'"

In compliance therewith I do hereby call a Public Meeting of the Inhabitants, to be held at the Court House, Bathurst, on Tuesday next, the 5th February, at 11 o'clock, A. M.
(Signed) HENRY W. BALDWIN, Sheriff.
Bathurst, 29th January, 1856.

At a large and numerous attended Public Meeting of the Inhabitants of the County of Gloucester, convened by the High Sheriff, pursuant to a Requisition, and held at the Court House, Bathurst, on Tuesday, the 5th February, instant, for the purpose of expressing an opinion in reference to the Act 18 Vic., Intituled "An Act to prevent the Importation, Manufacture, and Traffic in Intoxicating Liquors."

H. W. BALDWIN, Esq., High Sheriff, being called to the chair, and Mr. JOHN McALISTER being appointed to act as Secretary.

The following Resolutions were adopted and passed unanimously:—
Moved by Joseph Read, Esquire, and seconded by John Ferguson, Esq.

1. Whereas, this Meeting would recognise any reasonable law, calculated to prevent the abuse, restrain or check an excess in the use of Intoxicating Liquors—while it is of opinion, that moral suasion is the only wise means by which such beneficial result may be accomplished—and not by arbitrary, prohibitory, or coercive enactments—which this meeting repudiates, as being an infringement of, and repugnant to the freedom and inherent rights of British subjects—

Therefore, Resolved, That in the opinion of this meeting, an Act of the last Session of the Legislature, Intituled, "An Act to prevent the Importation, Manufacture and Traffic in Intoxicating Liquors" should be repealed. Because it is the opinion of this meeting—any attempt to enforce said Law will inevitably prove a failure, and will only have a tendency to destroy the harmony and social feeling, which it is so desirable to cherish and cultivate in every community.

Moved by H. A. Caie, Esq., and seconded by John McKenna, Esq.

2. Resolved, That copies of the foregoing resolutions be transmitted to the Representatives of the County, for their consideration at the next meeting of the Legislature; and that the proceedings of this meeting be published in the "Miramichi Gleaner," "St. John Freeman," and "The New-Brunswick," newspapers.

Moved by Joseph Read, Esquire, and seconded by John Chalmers, Esquire.

That the High Sheriff do leave the chair, and that William Napier, Esq., be called thereunto.

Whereupon, the thanks of the Meeting were voted to the Chairman, for his able and impartial conduct in the chair.

And after three hearty cheers for the Queen, the meeting quietly dispersed.

HENRY W. BALDWIN, Chairman.
JOHN McALISTER, Secretary.
Bathurst, 5th February, 1856.

NEWCASTLE PARISH OFFICERS.

At a General Session of the Peace, of our Lady the Queen, held in the Court House, in Newcastle, in and for the County of Northumberland, and on Tuesday, the Eighth day of January, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty Six. Ordered, that the following persons be appointed and confirmed Parish Officers of the Parish of Newcastle, for the year of our Lord 1856.

Trustees of Schools.—Rev. Wm. Henderson, Richard Hutchison, and Alexander Goodfellow, Esqrs.

Surveyors of Lumber.—Peter Clyde, John Maltby, Thomas Maltby, Wm. R. Taylor, Caleb B. Templeman, Joseph A. McLeod, Robert Rennie, John Sinclair, Robert Falconer, Donald Morrison, Walter Johnson, Robert McCosh, Alex. Campbell, James McAdy, Timothy Connolly, James McDonald, Michael O'Donnell, Basil Hayden, Patrick Sullivan, Mark McLaughlan, James Reid, John Robinson, Charles Dimovan, John O'Donnell, Denis McAdy, Jared Taylor, Jr., Thomas B. Maltby.

Overseers of Fisheries.—John Innis, John Milne, Martin Lyons, Isaac McLeod, Hugh McMurray, Wm. Mathison, Thomas Little, Robt. Masson, Thomas Sheehan, James Barry, John Hamilton.

Inspectors of Fish.—James Hay, Jr., John Hay, Andrew Hay, Wm. Loggie, John McKenzie.

Wharfingers.—Wm. Masson, Jr., Charles Marshall.

Ferry-men.—John Wyse, Alexander Fraser, Francis Elliot, George B. Bell, John Wilson, Thomas Drinan.

Collectors of Dog Tax.—Edward Farrell, George Stevens.

Keeper of Fair.—Edward Farrell.

Overseers of Poor.—John Rundle, Samuel Adams, James Simpson.

Constables.—Patrick Wheelan, James Copp, Edward Farrell, Wm. Dalton, John Maltby, John Edgar, Robert Thomson, Alex. Taylor, (Merchant), Dennis McKennedy, John Curry, Wm. Innis, James Nugent.

Commissioners of Roads.—Wm. Park, Francis Elliot, Wm. Russell.

Collectors of Rates.—Edward Farrell, Geo. Stevens, James Stewart.

Town or Parish Clerk.—George Watt.

Fence Viewers.—James Neven, James Ledden, Jr., James Fish, John Ellis, Patrick Hays, John Wyse, John Mills.

Pound Keepers.—John Neven, Alexander Jessamine, James Hay.

Clerk of the Market.—Daniel McGruar.

Hogreeves.—John Stothart, James Drinnan, John Beckley, James Falconer, Winkworth Allan, James Dummovan, John Bowie, Jr., Daniel Maged, Robert Anderson, Patrick Bumberry, Michael McDonald, Charles Marshall, Martin McKinnon, Martin Lyons, Thos. Barry, John Simpson, George Smith, George McLean, John Stothart, (James's son) James Colter, John Wood.

Boom Master.—Donald Morrison.

Surveyors of Dams.—William Salter, Robert Falconer.

Inspectors of Butcher.—W. S. Patton, Robert T. Miller.

Sealers of Leather.—Thomas Vanstone, Timothy Sullivan.

Surveyor of Grindstones.—Mathew Lamont.

Assessors of Rates.—Allan A. Davidson, R. T. Millar, James Russell.

Surveyors of Roads.—Alex. Atchison, Patrick Morelay, Joseph Griffith, Wm. Allison, John Crocker, Wm. Stothard, David Thomson, Richard Colter, James Curry, Dugald McDonald, Thomas Johnston, Michael Ingles, Richard Ingles.

Field Drivers.—Wm. L. Scott.

Weighers of Hay and Straw.—George Watt, Wm. Witherrall, Patrick Lawler.

Weighers of Coals.—Wm. J. Millar, Patrick Lawler.

Measurers of Salt.—Robert Gremley, Patrick Lawler.

Measurers of Wood and Bark.—Thomas Maltby, Alex. Jessamine.

Inspectors of Barrels.—Edward Fraser, James Hay, Wm. Loggie, Alex. Stewart, Sr., John Hay.

Commissioners of Bye Roads.—Daniel Witherrall, John Porter, Esq., Wm. Gordon.

Revisors.—William A. Black, Esq., John Lawler, Esq., Dennis McLaughlan.

By Order of the General Sessions,
EDWARD WILLISTON,
Clerk of the Peace, Northumberland.

UNITED STATES.

We are indebted to the St. John Courier for the following despatch:

Election of a Speaker of the House of Representatives.—A telegraph despatch from Washington received in this City on Monday last, informs the New Brunswick that the U. S. House of Representatives elected Mr. Banks to be Speaker on Saturday last, by a plurality of votes, all attempts to elect by a majority, after numerous trials, having failed. The vote stood:—Banks, 103; Aiken, 100; 6, Fuller; Campbell of Ohio, 4; Wells, 1.

COUNTY RESTIGOUCHE.

A Correspondent at Dalhousie writing to us on the 5th February, says:

"We have not a word of news to send from this quarter. The Liquor Law appears to work well enough here, no noise, no opposition, indeed there is little liquor in the whole County. There has been but one person seen tipsey on the street in daylight since the 1st February."

Another Correspondent writing to us from Campbellton, remarks:

"So far we have experienced a remarkably fine winter, not over two feet of snow in the woods. There has no snow fallen in this quarter for five or six weeks back, weather clear and bracing. Lumberers would have had every prospect of doing well, were it not for the scarcity of provisions, and exorbitant prices; times are dull throughout the place, and all anxiously looking for the good time a coming. There is a great deal of talk of steam mills and water mills going up the ensuing summer, but it is thought some will turn into wind mills. There are some prospects and appearances of a trade being opened with the American Market from this quarter, in Juniper knees, spars, shingles, staves, farm produce, &c., all of which may yet turn to good account, and open up a trade hitherto unknown, and be the means of furnishing employment to many who have been in want."

LOCAL.

THEATRICALS.—The Amateurs performed Coleman's favourite Comedy of "The Poor Gentleman," on the evening of Monday last.—The house was full to overflowing, and there appeared but one feeling to exist—a perfect satisfaction in the manner in which the company performed their respective parts. Where all acquitted themselves so well, it would be invidious to particularise—but we cannot refrain from remarking that three or four of the leading characters were sustained in a most masterly manner. The Farce was "Box and Cox," and these two parts were acted exceedingly well, together with Mrs. Bouncer. But it is a long, heavy piece, requiring very superior play to give it effect, and should, therefore, not be attempted by Amateurs.

We understand the Amateurs intend repeating the Comedy, with another Farce, at an early period. We have no doubt if they do, the few defects which were observable will be removed. The proceeds were for the benefit of the Amateur Band who were in attendance, and their music tended much to the evening's entertainment.

At a General Session of the peace of our Lady the Queen, held at the Court House, in Newcastle, in and for the County of Northumberland, on Tuesday, the Eighth day of January, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fifty six:

Ordered, that David Ritchie be a Fireward in the place of James A. Pierce, resigned, and that William A. Letson, Richard Hockin, Isaac Mathison, Dr. John Pallen, and John Burke be additional Firewards of the Town of Chatham.

Extract from the minutes.

EDW. WILLISTON,
Clerk of the Sessions.

READING ROOM.—We are sorry to say that the Chatham Reading Room, is numbered with the things which were—the patronage obtained being not sufficient to keep it longer open. This reflects but little credit on the inhabitants of the town.

GRAND JURY PRESENTMENT.—A part of this document is received, but its extreme length prevents our giving it publicity to-day. It will meet with attention in our next number.

NEW WORK.

THE PHILOSOPHY OF SECTARIANISM.

FOR Sale at the Stationary Store adjoining the Gleaner Office and at W. J. Fraser & Co's. Price 5s.

The following are some of the critics on the work.

The Philosophy of Sectarianism; or, A Classified View of the Christian Sects in the United States; with Notices of their Progress and Tendencies. Illustrated by Historical facts and Anecdotes. By the Rev. Alexander Blaikie, Pastor of the Associate Reformed (The first Presbyterian) Church, Boston:—"This is a very curious and interesting classification and analysis of the various religious sects in our country, enlivened by anecdotes and pertinent illustrations of the effects of different forms of faith. If Mr. Blaikie does not leave the mind confirmed to the adoption of particular religious dogmas, he at least rouses it to a wise looking beneath the surface of pretensions and traditions, and to an earnest seeking for the truth which makes free." As a Pastor in the 'Associate Reformed Church,' his own doctrines are marked and clear, but they have not prevented him from giving a candid exposition of other sects."—N. Bed. Merc.

"A valuable classification. A book which every man who has any religious belief will find both useful and interesting."—Hartford Republican.

"The Scotchman stands stiffly by his sect, and that is not a very bad fault. The book is well written."—Watchman and State Journal, Montpelier, Vt.

"A work which we shall prize."—Lawrence Sentinel.

"This work is written with much ability, and contains a great amount of matter of a very interesting character."—Telegraph, Boston.

"This is a decorous exposition of its writer's views of the tenets and tendencies of the various sects in this country. He is a Presbyterian in his religious views, and these impregnate his essay. Yet they are presented in a candid and fair spirit, and no one who does not sympathise with him in his sentiments can well take exception at his mode of expressing them."—Boston Atlas.

☞ We assure our readers in Bonaventure, that the papers are mailed here regularly every week, and we are at a loss to account for their non receipt at the Post Office in New Carlisle and other places.

☞ The letter of our New Carlisle Agent came safely to hand, with remittance, and the paper ordered has been despatched. Also a letter from our Campbellton Agent—all right.

☞ No intelligence of the Steamers at New York when we went to press.

BOWSER'S HOTEL.

ARRIVALS DURING THE PAST WEEK.

Peter Museral, Esq. Richibucto; Alexander Rankin, Bathurst; Christopher McManis, do; John Flannery, do; John LeBoutillier, M. P. P., Gaspe; John Meagher, M. P. P., do; D. McTaggart, Dalhousie; Michael Daily, Bathurst; Robert Ramsey, do; Mr J. Copp, Amherst; Robert Armstrong, Bathurst; John Armstrong, do.

DEATHS.

In Chatham, on Saturday afternoon last, JAMES FRANCIS, infant son of Mr. James Henderson, aged 22 months.

On the 27th ult., suddenly at Point LeNimn, Restigouche, MARY FERGUSON, wife of Mr. William Ferguson, aged 40 years, leaving a large family and a numerous circle of friends to mourn their loss. Her latter end was peace.

POSTSCRIPT.

Gleaner Office, 4 o'clock.

We stop the Press to announce the following Despatch.

New York, January 9.

Persia had arrived. Peace proposals on the increase. The Czar had ordered his army in the Crimea to cease hostilities without waiting formal armistice; but is reported armistice has been agreed on for three months.

It is rumoured that Plenipotentiaries from the several powers will meet either in London or Paris early in February, when negotiations will commence.

London Daily News asserts on undoubted authority that Preliminaries to treaty will be signed forthwith.

No special news aside from Peace speculations.

Consols 90 5-8. Breadstuffs dull. Canal flour 40s.; Ohio 42s.; wheat slightly improved: Corn 6d. lower: Provisions quiet with little change.