

Editor's Department.

MIRAMICHI:

CHATHAM, SATURDAY, MAY 17, 1856.

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COUNTY GLOUCESTER.

WE insert the following account of a Public Meeting held at Bathurst for the purpose of establishing a Bible Society in that locality, with much satisfaction, and we hope numerous friends will be found to contribute of their substance to promote this praiseworthy work.

Minutes of proceedings at a public meeting held at the Court House, Bathurst, on Wednesday, the 15th day of April, 1856, for the purpose of re-organizing the Gloucester County Auxiliary Bible Society.

On motion—The Rev. Noah Disbrow took the Chair.

Hymn sung by the choir—"The Spirit breathes upon the Word." Prayer by the Rev. Mr Murray.

The Chairman explained very fully and impressively the object of the meeting; and then introduced Mr Smith, travelling agent of the N. B. and N. S. Bible Societies, who at once entered very fully into the history, present condition and prospects of the Parent Association, and advocated the claims of the Society upon the support of the Bible loving Christians throughout the British Empire.

Hymn by the Choir—"When Israel through the desert passed."

The following Resolution was then moved by the Rev. R. A. Temple in a very appropriate speech of some length, and seconded by S. L. Bishop, Esq.

Resolved,—That as an experimental knowledge of the word of God is essential to the true prosperity and highest welfare of mankind, this meeting deems it a sacred duty to unite in aid of the great work of diffusing abroad the Holy Scriptures, especially among the destitute in all lands. Adopted unanimously.

The following Resolution was then moved in a brief address by the Rev. Mr Murray, and seconded by Henry W. Baldwin, Esq.

Resolved, That the Bible Society, formerly in operation here, but of late years suffered to decline, be now revived and conducted henceforth in accordance with the following

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

I. This Society shall be called "The Gloucester County Bible Society, the object of which shall be to co-operate with the British and Foreign Bible Society, in promoting the distribution of the Holy Scriptures without note or comment, and shall furnish copies of the Scriptures gratis to the indigent, and at reduced prices to others.

II. In order to give effect to the design of this Institution, benefactions and subscriptions shall be solicited, and books opened to receive the names of benefactors and subscribers.

III. Every person contributing annually Five Shillings at one time, shall be considered a member of this Society, and a donation of Five Pounds shall constitute a member for life.

IV. The business of this Society shall be conducted by a President, three Vice Presidents, Treasurer, Secretary, Depository or Depositories, and not less than six other members as a Committee.

V. The whole of the subscriptions and donations received by this Society, after deducting incidental expenses, shall be remitted annually to the Parent Society in London, or to the N. B. Auxiliary at St. John if found more convenient for the purchase, in the first instance, of so many Bibles and Testaments as may be required to supply the depository or depositories of this Society; the remainder to be regarded as a free contribution.

VI. A general meeting of the Members of this Society will be held every year, on the first Tuesday of September, before which shall be laid the accounts and proceedings of the preceding year.

VII. Every member shall be allowed to purchase under the direction of the Committee, Bibles and Testaments at the reduced prices.

VIII. The Committee, of which the Office Bearers are *ex-Officio* Members, shall be authorized to meet for the purpose of conducting the business of the Society as often as may be necessary, and shall have power to add to their numbers as occasion may require.

IX. It shall be considered the duty of the Committee to ascertain what families or individuals, residing within the sphere of their operations, are in want of Bibles and Testaments and unable to procure them, in order to their being supplied, at prime cost, reduced prices, or gratis, as circumstances may require. Approved unanimously.

It was then moved by Theophilus DesBrisay, Esq., seconded by James Smith, Esq., Resolved, That the following persons be elected Office Bearers and Committee for the ensuing year, viz:

President—Rev. Noah Desbrow.  
Vice-Presidents—Rev. R. A. Temple, Henry W. Baldwin, William Napier, Esq.  
Treasurer—William Napier, Esq.  
Secretary—Rev. James Murray.

Committee—Dr. Bishop, Dr. Gordon, John Ferguson, James Smith, Theopt. DesBrisay, Thos. H. Carman, Esq., and Messrs. Bela Packard, John Waterson, Samuel Miller, John Strong Dawson.

Do for New Bandon—Hugh A. Caie, John Richey, Richard Dawson.

Do Caraquet—James Blackhall, and John M'Intosh.

Do Shippegan—John Doran, and F. Stedman Baldwin.—Carried.

A dismission Hymn and Doxology being then sung and the benediction pronounced by the Chairman, the meeting was dismissed.

NOAH DISBROW, Chairman.

COUNTY RESTIGOUCHE.

EXTRACT of a letter from Dalhousie, dated May 15, 1856:

"Your paper has chronicled a number of disastrous fires this short time past, the last you mentioned took place in Bathurst.

"The calamity appears epidemical, and is extending to the northward. Last week the dwelling house belonging to Mr Rufus Chamberlain, Oak Point, on the Canada side of the river, was burned to the ground. On Tuesday last a fire broke out in a building in the upper part of this town. The house was occupied by three families, who all suffered loss to a considerable extent, but the principal sufferer is Mr Charles Gautier, who occupied the apartments nearest the top of the building, where the fire originated. In addition to the loss of his furniture, clothing, bedding, and a large quantity of household supplies, a sum of money exceeding £50, the fruit of his industry and economy, was consumed. The weather was dry, and the wind blowing freshly at the time, and the whole range of buildings on one side of the street was in imminent danger of being burned down. Three dwelling houses and a new store in the range had caught fire at one time. The accident occurred at the dinner hour, and a number of active persons were speedily on the spot, whose praiseworthy exertions, and a good supply of water, prevented much individual suffering, and a great loss of property.

"Have you an old Fire Engine, in capital order, to give away?"

[We shall make enquiry of our Firewards, and notify our correspondent when we receive a reply. Surely the town of Dalhousie is not without such a necessary article as a Fire Engine.]—Ed. Gleaner.

LIVERPOOL TIMBER MARKET.

EXTRACTS from Farnworth and Jardine's Timber Circular, dated Liverpool, April 24.

"The high freights in the cotton ports this year have prevented American ships engaging in the Deal trade, and as the rates current for Deals in London, and for St John Pine in the Clyde, have been so much in excess of the prices ruling here, several new ships have been diverted from this port; consequently the import for the past three months has been very trifling compared with former years. The demand during the past month has improved, and a fair quantity has gone out of the market. This is very little alteration in the value of any article.

"Pine Timber.—Quebec and Saint John.—The sales have been chiefly by retail. The quantity of the former taken out of the market has been small, but of the latter the consumption has again been large. The stock of Pine is estimated at about 1,080,000 feet Quebec, 480,000 feet of Saint John, and 55,000 feet of Lower Ports. A parcel ex 'Vocalist', from St. John, 14 3-4 inch calliper, sold at 17d per foot.

"Hardwood.—Prince Edward's Island of last year's import was sold at 13 1-2 per foot. The stock is 47,000 feet. Large sized fresh wood is very saleable.

"Spruce and Pine Deals.—The import continues light, being three cargoes for the month. The sales from the quay are, ex 'Merchant Prince' at £8 15, and ex 'Vocalist' at £8 17 6 per standard, both from St. John. In the yard several cargoes St John have been sold at £8 16 6 to £8 17 6 for Spruce, and £8 5 to £8 7 6 for Pine, and one cargo St. Stephen's at £8 12 6. The consumption for the past month has been large, and the stock is estimated at 17,000 standard.

"Lathwood.—Hemlock Lathwood is scarce and wanted. St John and Quebec wood sells at £8 10 to £7 per fathom.

"Railway Sleepers.—The market is almost cleared of Hackmatack and Yellow Pine Sleepers."

EUROPEAN NEWS.

WE have devoted considerable space to extracts copied from our files of British Papers received by the Mail Steamer at Halifax. Some

later intelligence by the Steamers at New York, received by Telegraph, we copy below.

New York, May 13.

The Atlantic from Liverpool at 5 o'clock, P. M., April 30, arrived this forenoon.

The Asia arrived out on the 28th. The Treaty of Peace has been officially published, and the documents laid before parliament. It is essentially the same in substance as brought by the America.

The friends of Palmerston and Derby are equally active in meetings, &c. Things are tending towards a change of Ministry. A motion of a censure respecting the fall of Kars, was to be the test question.

Wheat advanced 1d to 2d, per bushel.—Indian Corn 6d per quarter and Flour 1s per barrel since the sailing of the America. Provisions dull and generally unchanged. Consols 92 to 92 3-8.

New York, May 16.

Asia arrived. General news unimportant. State of English market unsatisfactory.—Bullion in the Bank of England had decreased £200,000, and is now less than in 1847, the year of the panic.

Flour in better demand at an advance of 6d. Wheat fair enquiry, advanced 2d per 70 lbs. Corn inactive and unchanged.

Consols fluctuating, closing at 92 3-8 to 92 1-2.

In Parliament Whiteside's motion of censure for the fall of Kars, was lost by a vote of 127.

LOCAL.

FIRE AND ROBBERIES.—Just as our paper was put to press last week, we received from a friend in Douglstown, the following particulars of the Fire which had occurred at that place, and also an account of the Robbery of two Stores in that town the preceding night:—

"Our usually quiet little town has been thrown into a state of great excitement within the last few days by the following occurrences. On the morning of Thursday last, the Barn of Mr Alexander Jessiman, was discovered to be on fire. The Barn and Outhouses with nearly all their contents, were totally destroyed. Mr Jessiman has been a severe sufferer; he has lost from Four to Five Hundred Pounds worth of Property. One part of the building was occupied by R. T. Millar, as a provision store, and Flour and Meal to the amount of Two Hundred Pounds were destroyed. Mr John McCosh, also lost to the amount of Twenty Pounds in Agricultural Implements. The origin of the Fire still remains unknown. There was no insurance on either Millar or Jessiman's property.

"On Friday last, the stores of Mr Charles Marshall and Mr Alex. Taylor, were broken into by some burglars, and cash to the amount of between £8 and £9 was taken from the desk of the former, and between £60 and £70 from the latter gentlesman. No clue as yet to lead to the detection of the parties."

Information having been lodged with the authorities, casting suspicion on a man named Kenneth Bigger, a warrant was made out and placed in the hands of Messrs. McRae and Kelly who, having learnt that the accused party had left for Bathurst, proceeded at once in pursuit, and arrested him at a house about twelve miles from that place. Much credit is due to Messrs. McRae and Kelly for the interest they manifested in the matter, and for the prudent and skilful manner in which they performed their unpleasant and hazardous duty.

The prisoner was examined before John T. Williston and William Letson, Esqrs., who committed him for further examination on Tuesday next. It is improper to state the various rumours that have been afloat respecting this man, but if he be the guilty party, we hope something will be elicited on Tuesday to bring the matter home to him.

POST OFFICE.—A short time since a number of the inhabitants of this County petitioned the Lieutenant Governor and Executive Council, for some alteration in the present postal arrangement to facilitate the transmission of the British Mails from Halifax to this section of the Province. We have been kindly furnished with the following answer which has been forwarded to the Petitioners.—It is all very well to talk of economy in these hard times, but we cannot see the justice of incurring expense to accommodate the inhabitants of one portion of the Province and close the purse strings when another part seeks the same privilege or right. All should share alike, for all pay equally into the public exchequer. The answer is not considered satisfactory, or the plea set up of sufficient weight to justify the Government in non-complying with our reasonable request.

Secretary's Office, 7th May, 1856.

Gentlemen.—Your Petition complaining of delay in transmitting the English Mails to Miramichi, together with the Report of the Postmaster General proposing a remedy, having been duly considered by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor in Council; I am directed by His Excellency to inform you that the present state of the Income of the Department will not warrant the expense of applying the remedy proposed.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen, your Obedient Servant,

S. L. TILLEY.

To John T. Williston, Esq., Mr. George Russell, and others, Petitioners, Miramichi, Northumberland.

THE SEASON.—The weather still continues extremely dry, and up to Wednesday the wind prevailed from the Eastward, which rendered the air cold and disagreeable. Since then it has been soft and balmy, with strong wind from the West and South-west. With the exception of a few small schooners from Pr. Ed. Island, there have been no arrivals, and consequently everything appears dull and listless in the town. We perceive by the Picton paper that the Gulf was full of ice. This will account for the non-arrival of vessels at our port.

We are pleased to see that considerable preparation is being made by our Agriculturists, that a large amount of ploughing has been done in this locality, and an unusually large quantity of potatoes, wheat, oats, &c. planted. The weather has been extremely fine for all kinds of out door work.

Since the above was put in type, we have had a few slight showers of rain, which were very welcome.

HERRING FISHERY.—We understand this Fishery has been prosecuted with unusual vigour in several localities, and that the catch has been very satisfactory. Our Fisheries are a mine of wealth, and why they have been so long neglected has always been a mystery to us.

ALARM OF FIRE.—About half-past ten o'clock on Wednesday night last, the Bell gave an alarm of fire, which fortunately proved to be but a blaze from a chimney. It is well to be at all times on the alert, but persons should be very cautious not to give unnecessary alarms, as it causes suspicion to be excited. This leads persons to doubt and hesitate when their prompt attendance and aid are actually required.

We are again compelled to issue a half sheet. We trust speedily to resume our usual size, and at an early day will make up the deficiency to our subscribers occasioned by the curtailment. We ask the indulgence of our advertising friends for omitting their favours.

SHIP NEWS.

PORT OF CHATHAM—MIRAMICHI.

ENTERED.—May 10.—schr. Jasper, Pillman, produce, master, P. E. Island; Garland, McLeod, P. E. Island, do.

15.—schr. Phantom, Ellis, E. E. Island, produce, Master.

16.—schr. Independence, McIntosh, P. E. Island, produce, D. & J. Ritchie.

CLEARED.—May 10.—schr. Mary, Arbuckle, Pictou, Cedar Posts, Wm. Munsie.

16.—schr. Mairmaid, Gattaul, P. E. Island, bricks and lumber, Master.

Last night three schooners arrived, the Alexander, from Halifax; Mary Ann, P. E. Island, and we do not know the name of the third vessel. This morning, schr. Susan, from Halifax.

PORT OF DALHOUSIE.

ENTERED.—May 11.—Bark Champion, Cook, Inverness, Wm. Hamilton, 29 days.

14.—bark Stirlingshire, Tullington, goods, Liverpool, A. Ritchie & Co., 32 days.

Several Schooner belonging to the Bay arrived for shingles, but none as yet from sea.

The vessels from Britain saw a great deal of ice on the Banks.

PORT OF HALIFAX.—Cleared May 8—Curlew, Bay Chaleur. 9—Susan, Richibucto; T. R. Goodman, do; Crimea, Bay Chaleur, May 6—schr. Alexander, Miramichi.

Boston, May 6.—Cleared—Responsible, Bay Chaleur.

Quebec, May 3.—Cleared, Seaboard, Dalhousie.

New Advertisements.

BIBLE SOCIETY.

A Public Meeting in aid of the objects of the BRITISH & FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY, is appointed to be held in the SONS OF TEMPERANCE HALL, on TUESDAY EVENING next, the 20th inst. —To commence at seven o'clock. All persons friendly to the cause are respectfully invited to attend. Chatham, May 16, 1856.

LIVERPOOL.

(Near the Sailor's Home.)

DUKE AND HANOVER STREETS.

CORNER OF

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NOTICE.

The Subscriber has this day taken into Copartnership his Son, JAMES JOSEPH PIERCE, and the Business in future will be conducted under the style of JAMES A. PIERCE & SON.

JAMES A. PIERCE.

Chatham, May 17, 1856.