

The following Address was presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor by the Inhabitants of the Parish of Madawaska, on the occasion of his late visit to the Grand Falls:—

To His Excellency Sir EDMUND WALKER HEAD, Baronet, Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province of New Brunswick, &c. &c. &c.

We, the Clergy, Magistrates, Merchants and other residents of Grand Falls and in the Parish of Madawaska, in the County of Carleton, beg leave to tender to Your Excellency and Lady Head, our most cordial welcome on this your first visit to the Grand Falls.

We cannot but view Your Excellency's visit to this remote part of the Province, so soon after your assumption of the government thereof, with any other feelings than those of sincere gratitude, entertaining as we do the most fervent hope, that under Your Excellency's enlightened administration, the inconveniences and difficulties to which we have been so long subjected in consequence of the claim advanced by the Province of Canada to a large portion of New Brunswick, may be speedily and advantageously adjusted to the interests of this Province, under the jurisdiction of which we ever wish to remain.

We trust that under Divine Providence Your Excellency may long continue to administer the government with which it has pleased Her Most Gracious Majesty to intrust you—as well for the best interests of the Province at large, as the welfare and prosperity of its inhabitants, and that Your Excellency's rule may be conducive of all those benefits which a free and loyal people can constitutionally enjoy.

With our best wishes for the health and happiness of Your Excellency, Lady Head and family, and your safe return to the Seat of Government,

We have the honor to be, with every respect, Your Excellency's most obedient humble servants.

To which His Excellency was pleased to make the following answer:—

To the Clergy, Magistrates and other Residents of the Grand Falls and the Parish of Madawaska:

GENTLEMEN,—I acknowledge with sincere satisfaction the welcome which I now receive at your hands on my first visit to this part of the Province.

I can assure you that I have the greatest pleasure in acquiring a personal knowledge of the resources of the County and of the wishes and feelings of its inhabitants.

It will be my study so to apply that knowledge as best to promote the general interests of the whole community.

I observe what you say with reference to the Boundary between New Brunswick and Canada; I am fully alive to the importance of the question, and I know how desirable it is that it should speedily be settled. From a communication which I have lately received from the Secretary of State, I can inform you that Her Majesty's Government hope very shortly to be able to arrive at a decision in a matter which they know much interests the inhabitants of Madawaska.

Lady Head rejoices in this opportunity of seeing the picturesque neighbourhood of this settlement, and she unites with me in thanking you most heartily for your good wishes.

MELANCHOLY ACCIDENT.—It has seldom been our lot to record so melancholy an accident as that which occurred on the River St. John during the last week, occasioning the death of three most promising young men, Messrs. Richard M. Magee, William Fairbanks, and John M. Smith. They, in company with Mr. J. A. Venning, left this City on Tuesday the 19th inst. as a party of pleasure, intending to return on the 23d, but owing to adverse winds they were detained, and about three o'clock on the 24th, when only twenty-nine miles from the City, a sudden squall overturned their vessel, which immediately sank, and only one (Mr Venning) was saved! The bodies of Messrs. Magee and Fairbanks were found on the same day, but that of Mr. Smith not until Tuesday evening following. On Wednesday they were laid in the silent tomb, attended by a large concourse of our citizens; all business for the time was suspended—the streets were filled with spectators, and every countenance bore evidence of sympathy and regret. The touching allusions which the respected Ministers who officiated on the occasion (the Rev. I. W. D. Gray, of the Episcopal Church, and the Rev. Mr. Mackay, of the Congregational Church,) made to the unfortunate circumstances, and the deeply solemn and impressive services in which they engaged, produced an effect which we trust will not soon be forgotten by those who took part in them, especially the young men of our City, with very many of whom the departed were connected by the bonds of mutual friendship and esteem.

There are many circumstances connected with this tragical event which render it doubly painful. Mr. Magee was shipwrecked only a short time since, and saved, with difficulty: he was on his way to New York, to prepare a home for his wife and family, who were to follow him, merely calling here to visit his friends in this City.—He was a young man very highly esteemed, a sterling friend, and one who had only to be known to be loved.

Mr. Smith was a resident amongst us; he arrived from London about eighteen months ago; it is not a week since the melancholy intelligence reached the ear of his widowed mother that his brother was drowned in Canada, and now the letter is on its way, bearing the intelligence of a similar fate having happened to another son in New-Brunswick!

Mr Fairbanks was also a resident amongst us, he arrived from London about two years ago,—of him and the former it may well be said "Lovely were they in life, and in death they were not divided;" they were as brothers together, the similarity of their dispositions was manifest in all their acts, and their amiable and unassuming demeanor won the esteem of a large circle of friends who deeply lament their untimely end.

We are gratified to learn that there is a movement amongst the friends of the deceased to erect a monument in the Rural Cemetery to their memory, for which already a considerable amount has been subscribed.—*Com. for Courier.*

We regret to learn that another accident occurred on the River, about 11 o'clock on Monday night, near the head of Long Island, by the collision of two steam boats. The steamer "New Brunswick," on her way down from Fredericton was, we understand, lying to, while landing a passenger; at the same time the "Rowland Hill," was going at full speed on her upward trip, and the night being dark, the "New-Brunswick" was not seen until she was run into by the "Rowland Hill," the New-Brunswick received a great injury forward of the paddle box, which caused her to make so much water that she was run ashore, where she now lies, with about two feet and a half of water over the lower cabin floor. The Rowland Hill, a short time after the collision, proceeded on her trip to Fredericton. The steamer "Fredericton," Capt. Mowry, also on her upward trip, stopped alongside the New-Brunswick, and Capt. M. very kindly took off her passengers and brought them to St. John, and then again proceeded on his trip to Fredericton. Competent persons have proceeded up in the steamer "St. John," with the necessary materials, and it is confidently expected that the New-Brunswick will soon be afloat again, and take her station on the river.—The Rowland Hill was on her first trip since her repairs, after being injured by fire in June last. We learn that none of the passengers or crew of the New-Brunswick received any injury.—*Obs.*

The injury to the New-Brunswick is not so great as at first supposed. She came through the Falls yesterday morning for repairs, and is expected to resume her trips next Saturday.—*Courier.*

MELANCHOLY OCCURRENCE.—On Saturday last, Thomas Hayward, youngest son of Mr. Leacy Hayward, of Musquash, in a fit of insanity, ran into the River at that place, and drowned himself. It appears that the young man had, for a week or so previously, betrayed symptoms of insanity, which had increased so much that his friends thought it necessary, in order to his recovery, to remove him to the Lunatic Asylum, and that a short time before the coach which was to have conveyed him thither, had arrived at the house, he had escaped—notwithstanding the vigilance of his friends—and, we grieve to say, met with a watery grave. The body has not yet been found. He was a young man of much promise, and greatly respected. It is a heart-rending circumstance to his parents, who are both aged people.—*Chronicle.*

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