

practice of the Mother Country to this Province, and of which the following is an extract:—"That all and every person who shall drive any carriage, cart, waggon, drag, truck, sleigh, or sled, of any description, or ride upon any of the public roads, and who shall meet other persons driving or riding in the opposite direction, such person or persons so meeting others as aforesaid, shall keep to the left hand side of the road, leaving those whom they may so meet on the right: And if any person so driving or riding upon the public roads, shall have occasion to pass any other person who may be driving or riding in the same direction, then such persons, so wishing to pass, shall keep to the right of those whom they may wish to pass, leaving them on the left."

This, like many other useful laws, appears to be but little known, though the ignorance of its provisions will probably lead to the occurrence of serious accidents; but in the common inattention paid to it, a person acquainted with the enactments, meeting another travelling in an opposite direction, will of course turn to the left, or lawful side,—and as assuredly as he does so, he will be in direct collision with the other; and the person on the wrong, or right hand side, must not only sustain whatever damages he may have incurred, but also pay the losses of the other party.

The generality of persons who are riding and driving on the public ways have few means of making themselves acquainted with this law, which is in direct opposition to the long established practice of the country; and I think that the several Commissioners of Highways in the different Parishes, could not do better than by promulgating the above section in advertisements, exhibited in the most public places. The expense of such a measure would be very trifling, and the good resulting from it would be incalculable.

By inserting this, Mr. Editor, you will not only in my opinion confer a general benefit, but oblige a subscriber who is now pleased to call himself

TOUCH-AND-GO.

Fredericton, 10th January, 1829.

KING'S COLLEGE.

It afforded us very sincere satisfaction that it fell to our lot, to commence our first number of the present year, by reporting the proceedings at the interesting Ceremony of opening KING'S COLLEGE, and of inaugurating the CHANCELLOR: thereby presenting to the Inhabitants of this Province in general, an unequivocal testimony of the watchful care of PROVIDENCE over the best interests of this fast rising Colony. Could we have begun the new Year with a better article? It was impossible; and under that conviction we anxiously laboured to give the fullest publicity in our power to those important proceedings. That article is now before the public; and we doubt not its inestimable purport will be cherished as it deserves to the remotest period. We ardently trust that the subject of that article will ever stand as a glorious beacon, shedding its illuminating powers upon the minds of the juvenile branches of this and of every succeeding generation within the boundaries of New-Brunswick: and we fervently pray, that the benefits which we doubt not will result therefrom, may ever continue to enlighten, direct, and govern, all who shall be nurtured within the classic walls of this noble Edifice.

THE INDIANS.

From the College, His Excellency the LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR, proceeded to the new Government-House, where, after a short time, the Commissioners for superintending the affairs of the INDIANS, introduced a large party of the Tribe to His Excellency, according to the usual custom on the first day of the year. The Band of the 81st was in attendance, and commenced playing as the Indians entered the Ball Room. His Excellency welcomed them individually, and in a manner that evidently appeared to be very gratifying to their feelings. They then partook of a slight refreshment of Wine and Cake; and after the lapse of a considerable time, during which the merry laugh and joyful interchange of salutation, evinced how cordial were the greetings, and how happy the Indians felt on the occasion; two of them, MOULTON FRANCIS from Maductic, and LEWIS THOMAS from Tobique, were presented by His Excellency with a gun apiece; and a circle being then formed, His Excellency, addressing them all, in the course of a long speech, which we are unable to report distinctly from the peculiar though necessary form adopted on the oc-

casional, congratulated them, as near as we can recollect, on the improvement in their good moral condition, and the advances they had made in Agricultural pursuits; strenuously urging them to continue their exertions in that direction, while His Excellency pictured to their minds the beneficial advantages they would reap therefrom whenever their common occupation should fail them through an increasing settlement of the Province—alluded to his departure, but at the same time kindly assured them, that nothing would give him more real satisfaction than to meet them again in health and contentment, and to find that they had laid his advice to heart, by the evidences which His Excellency hoped he should then see in their improvements and social happiness. At this period, had the genius of a HOGARTH been present, he might have given to the world a rich picture, which none but those who were present can form a just conception of; while the talents of a LAWRENCE would have been profitably exercised on one individual of the Tribe, whose listening gesture, fine manly form, long black hair falling thickly upon the shoulders, noble countenance and penetrating eye, together with his romantic particolored dress, enriched with a profusion of diversified silver ornaments, must have attracted the notice of every attentive observer in the room. They were also highly delighted at the attentions paid them by the Ladies and Gentlemen who had been invited by His Excellency to witness the interesting scene. On leaving the noble mansion, the joyful hearts of two of them made so swift a communication with their richly-worked-moccasins' feet, that ere one could form an idea of such a thing, the impulse became uncontrollable—they could stand it no longer—and "a jig" was the word passed to the Band—and again the pencil of a Hogarth would have found profitable and delightful employment.

The Commissioners led the way—His Excellency again took each by the hand as they passed, with a kind repetition of his good wishes—and the Indians followed to the Government House in Town, where they were furnished with Bread, Meat, Flour, &c., as usual, which was prepared for them, and taken by them to the French Village where all partook.

We believe this annual meeting between His Excellency and the Indians, was the affectionate and original plan of Sir Howard himself; and it is satisfactory to add, that the grateful Indians duly appreciate the notice, as well as the cordial interest which His Excellency has always taken in their affairs since his residence in the Province.

Although we intended to make some observations on the Address of the House of Assembly of Lower Canada in answer to His Excellency Sir JAMES KEMPT'S Speech at the opening of the Legislature; as well as on the Resolutions in answer to the important MESSAGE communicated to that Body, by command of His MAJESTY; yet as subsequent advices appear to encourage a hope, that the past misunderstandings are in a fair train of adjustment, we will for the present confine ourselves to the mere remark, that we have published those articles agreeably to a former intimation, and that we hope the prosperity of that Province will henceforth experience no farther interruption.

MIRAMICHI, Dec. 30.

At a Meeting convened at Newcastle, on Monday the 22nd inst., by R. S. Clarke, Esq., High Sheriff, at the request of a number of respectable Freeholders, to nominate a fit and proper person to represent the County in General Assembly, it was moved by W. Abrams, Esq., and seconded by John Clarke, Esq., that Mr. Joseph Cunard was a fit and proper person to fill that situation. It was also proposed by J. Nesmith, Esq., and seconded by Mr. A. Fraser, Jun., that Mr. James D. Fraser was a fit and proper person to represent the County. Mr. Cunard declined for some time, but was at length prevailed upon to offer himself. The Election is now going on with spirit; and we are happy to say, that all evince, so far, a desire that harmony and good understanding should prevail.

A Poll for the election of a Member to represent this County, was opened yesterday morning, at the Court-House, Newcastle. The candidates are Joseph Cunard, and James D. Fraser, Esq's.

At the close of the Poll yesterday evening, the numbers were—

Mr. CUNARD, . . . 84
Mr. FRASER, . . . 48

We regret to state the loss of the Barque Hope, Captain Kyle, which sailed from this Port for Belfast, on the 22d Dec. The particulars of this disaster as far as we have been able to collect, are as follow:—On the night of the 23d, in a gale, towards Mount Desert, lost one man, a Welshman, from the yard arm. About six o'clock, on the evening of the 24th, thought themselves clear of the land, wind fair, going 6 knots, struck a rock off Cape Sable Seal Islands, supposed to be the Blond Rock; in a few minutes struck again and broke her Rudder off. The ship then became unmanageable. About 10 o'clock next day made land, at 12 o'clock the wind came from N. W. a perfect gale, and about 4 o'clock she was driven on shore as high as the tide would admit. The cabin filled with water, the passengers went into the fore-castle, the floor of which was a foot under water, and remained there all night. Next morning sent a boat to take a rope on shore, the boat swamped, and several other expedients were tried to get a rope on shore, but without effect. At low water succeeded in throwing a rope on the rocks, which was made fast by the people on shore, after which they made a sling with a canvas bottom to traverse on the rope, by means of which they all got safe on shore at Cranberry head, near Cape Forchu.

The passengers speak in high terms, of the firmness and of the indefatigable exertions of Captain Kyle; and of the kindness and hospitality of the people upon whose shores they were cast, and of the inhabitants of Yarmouth.

The passengers were, Mr. and Mrs. John Hammond, jun., Mr. John Robertson, and Mr. John Wishart, Merchants of this place. Mr. Ronaldson, England, Captain, Wife and child, and several steerage passengers. Mr. Robertson and Mr. Wishart went to Halifax, to take passage for England, and Mr. and Mrs. Hammond arrived at this place last night in the Digby Packet. Mr. G. Partelow from Halifax also arrived in the Digby Packet.—ST. JOHN CITY GAZETTE, JAN. 7.

ST. JOHN'S, N. F. DECEMBER 18.

In all the conflagrations that have almost devastated this Town during the last twelve years, it never fell to the lot of any Public Journalist to record a more disastrous event, or one more dire and heart-rending in its consequences, than that which forms the subject of the following extract of a letter received from Port-de-Grave, Conception-Bay, on Tuesday evening last. The melancholy facts speak for themselves—we cannot bear to comment upon them.

Port-de-Grave, Tuesday Morning, Dec. 18:

"About four o'clock this morning, the house of Mr. John Jacobs, merchant of this place, was discovered to be on fire; it was then too late for effective assistance to be given, and the house with all its unfortunate inmates, consisting of Mrs. Jacobs, her three children, and two servant girls, were involved in one common ruin! Mr. Jacobs was himself in St. John's. A store immediately opposite the house was consumed; but, by great exertion, the adjacent buildings were preserved from destruction. The particular cause of the accident is not known, as not one of the people of the house has escaped to give the least information of the origin of this dreadful calamity!"

A schr. laden with Lumber, and said to belong to Halifax, was, we regret to state, lost at Conception Bay in the gale of the 3th instant.

Married.

On Thursday evening, the 1st instant, by Thomas Jones, Esquire, Mr. JOEL EVERETT, of Kingsclear, to MARY B., second daughter of Mr. NEHEMIAH ESTY, of Queensborough.

Died.

At St. John, on Friday the 2nd inst., AMELIA, infant daughter of Mr. Samuel Mason; aged 3 months.

At the same place, on Monday the 5th, after a lingering illness, which he bore with the most exemplary and christian fortitude, Mr. JOHN FREDERICK HARRIS, aged 32; leaving a large circle of friends to lament his loss.

At St. Andrews, on Friday the 2nd, after a short illness, MARIA, Consort of Dr. Edward De Wolf, aged about 38 years. On the same day, GEORGE EDWARD, infant son of the same.

At St. John, on Saturday the 3rd, aged about 52 years, Mr. WM. ELLIS, after a protracted illness of many months.

ALL persons, who have unsettled Accounts, and are indebted to the Subscriber, will please to call and settle them satisfactorily, or they will be put into the hands of an Attorney to collect without discrimination.

Fredericton, April 22, 1828

JEDEDIAH SLASON.