

POETRY.

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THE NEW YEAR.

A NAVAL ALLEGORY.

BY CAPTAIN BOUTHER HALLORAN, R. M.

Behold the New-Year! how she floats on the tide
Of events, to the Gulf of Eternity bound;
Old Christmas the moon looks on with pride,
And her light with holy and mischievous crown;
And forward she goes, while the Elements roar
Eighteen hundred and thirty farewells from the shore.

The inquisitive Sun, turning pale with the cold
As a mantle of cloud, peeps out from the sky,
And his sister the Moon looks on with pride,
And her light with holy and mischievous crown;
And forward she goes, while the Elements roar
Eighteen hundred and thirty farewells from the shore.

A ball-headed hasty gentleman rules
As the Captain, "Old Time" is his name on the list,
Of revelry by the wine, but dreaded by fools,
Who all hopes of a future promotion have missed;
His command is to drink, and he rises full soon
Each day to see all things in order by noon.

The Lieutenant and Mate are twelve pretty old
Relations they're all—some distant, some near,
(The Mate's family called by the Quakers, I'm told.)
In the Mate's annual list each name will appear.
The Mate's name is Storm, and he's called what they say
The natural offspring of old Lady Day.

To these we may add twenty-four King's blue
A gallant assemblage of men, they're the pride of the crew,
Though the stars they're second, they're the pride of the crew,
Though impudent fellows call each a blue light;
But if they belonged to London's high towers,
How proudly the Cockneys would cry out "they're House!"

Young Summer the hot-headed clerk out composes,
He fills all the mess of the Middlemarch with mirth;
He's a poet, eternal singing of roses,
Looking forward to Autumn, the Purser's good berth;
But Autumn deceives him, he deals out his store,
He foresees his loss, and daily gets poor.

Each Ensign (brother) here holds a good place,
First Master is one, and the other is second;
The Boatman is Thunder, with drink and cloud;
And Lightning and God, a bright one is reckoned;
He's a cracked temper, to blue-rum prone,
And a dangerous mate, as many will own.

Old Frost is the Carpenter, placed to stop leaks,
And the water arrest without hammer or nail;
He was born in the North, amidst iron-bound creeks,
Served his time in the company, and he's still hale;
Unlike Summer the Clerk, who comes down with his dust,
Frosts a Slippy fellow, whom none will trust.

Twelve Minors there are of great birth and good name,
Who whenever at home in high circles they move,
The Tropics and Zones, for their ancestors claim;
As their crests and armorial bearings will prove;
Such as coronets, lions, and fish from the pond,
But amidst his watch, though of sky-faring fond.

Three hundred and sixty-five rated A. B's.
The Ship Company form, some short and some tall,
Some clean, and some dirty, as one often sees,
But they'll stand by their Captain in sunshine and squall.
The Messes are each, in each seven hands;
There are fifty-two bottles by the Captain's commands.

And lastly, the Chaplain is Death, who, though plain
And of simple shape, is to the drink and cloud;
Bringing relief to the pious, in sickness and pain,
And the wicked regard him with horror of mind;
He teaches this world is no haven of rest,
But pilots the way to a region more blest!

Behold then the ship as onward she steers,
A freight is embarked by permission of Time,
Some venture to the Indies, some to the West Indies,
Some Friendship and Love to Uncertainty's clime;
While Avance reckons more wealth to insure,
Ambition considers his prospects secure.

A Venture on board, to all England most dear,
The Love of a People for William its King;
On which this embarked may the gallant New-Year,
Succes and a blessing from Heaven still bring;
And off by the Monarch, and off by the Queen,
May an Annual Vessel like this one be seen!

IMPERIAL PARLIAMENT.

HOUSE OF COMMONS, DECEMBER 17.

COLONIAL TRADE BILL.

Mr. P. Thompson proposed that the second reading of this Bill should be postponed until after the recess, on account of the various interests which were involved.

Mr. Herries had no objection to the postponement of the measure, though he was confident that the late government had well attended to the interests of the different parties.

Mr. G. Robinson complained that the late government had conceded to the U. States a direct intercourse to the West India Colonies, to the injury of our North American Colonies. In doing that, the late government said that they had acted upon the principles of the late Mr. Canning and Mr. Huskisson, but he denied that such was the case. Mr. Huskisson declared that he never would concede such a boon to America without receiving an equivalent in return. In 1826, Mr. Canning, in his correspondence with the Minister of the United States, said, that he would not allow America to enjoy a direct trade with the West Indies, unless this country received an equivalent; and it was promised that before any arrangement was made, all parties should be informed of the nature of it. But in spite of that promise a negotiation took place and was concluded; and the Canada was only informed of the fact through the medium of the U. States Newspapers. In reading the correspondence which had taken place between Mr. McLean the American agent, and Lord Aberdeen, he could not help feeling surprised at the arrogant pretensions of America; and he thought the whole affair disgraceful to the British Ministers, under whose auspices it was undertaken. But he thought that if the Bill before the House was now postponed, our North American Colonies would labour under great disadvantages.

The late Government conceded the privileges to the United States of trading directly with the West India Colonies, but reserved to themselves the right of regulating the duties they might choose to impose on the importation of American goods. He had been told, however, and he should be glad to know whether he was rightly informed, that Mr. McLean had endeavored to re-open a negotiation with the present government, with the daring object of interfering with the government in the regulation of its duties; the consequence of which would be the presentation of another schedule to the House after Christmas. He asked the Right Hon. gentleman (Mr. Herries) whether he did not write out to the Canada that the schedule for the present bill would regulate the rate of duties to be imposed? It was plain on the face of the transaction that he had been out-diplomatized by Mr. McLean, and that as a consequence, the American interests would be promoted at the expense of the British.—He had no hostility against America; on the contrary, he wished that country well. But still, as an Englishman, he felt it right to watch her attempts at maritime aggrandisement with the closest jealousy; the rather, as her shipping and tonnage, as it was, very nearly equalled our own, and would be augmented from 200,000 to 300,000 tons by the Rt. Hon. Member for Harwich's measure, as it then stood.—He wished to know whether there was any negotiation then pending between the American and the British governments in consequence of that measure.

Sir H. Parnell advised the Rt. Hon. Vice President of the Board of Trade not to answer so irregular a question. When the bill was first brought under the notice of the House by the Right Hon. the Member for Harwich, he (Sir H. Parnell) had declared it to be a violation of the newly concluded commercial treaty between the English and American States, judging by the correspondence laid on the table, and was not, therefore, surprised that an American should have in consequence renewed the negotiations. The fact was, the Right Honorable gentleman's measure was neither more nor less than an attempt to revive the old, exploded, and mischievous protecting system, as it was called, though in fact it would be no less injurious to our own than to the interests of the American. He could not, indeed, suppose for a moment, that so injudicious a measure would receive the sanction of the new Government.—If he thought so, he should feel it to be his duty to move for a copy of the correspondence that might have taken place between the English and American Ministers in consequence, and, of course, since that measure.

Mr. Herries must appeal to the House whether it was fair to it—to himself—to his late colleagues—or to the question, to thus enter upon an irrelevant discussion on the merits of a measure which it was agreed on all hands should be postponed. Giving his assent to the postponement, he had studiously avoided provoking discussion, though anxious to make a few remarks on one or two topics involved in the bill, and yet had no sooner sat down than an attack was made on him and the late government, and assertions and misrepresentations made, the falsehood and absurdity of which he would yet take care to expose at a future and more fitting opportunity. The Hon. Member for Worcester was very irregular, not only in the question which he had just put, but in the assumptions on which he had grounded it. He said that America is right, and we wrong, in the late treaty and in the measure consequent upon it. Now he (Mr. H.) in opposition to the Hon. Member, and in possession of fuller and more accurate information, would maintain that we were all along right, and America needlessly wrong. Propositions had been made, on the part of the American Government, to which no English Minister could listen for a moment; but the treaty which had been concluded, and the negotiations since entered into, would, he trusted, be the means of a final and amicable adjustment. He begged the House not to conclude from his not entering into a fuller statement—the proper occasion would present itself very soon—that he could not reply to the assertions of the Honorable Member, and demonstrate their groundlessness. His silence was wholly owing to what he felt, and would at another time prove to be, a sense of duty.

The second reading was then pro forma, (the bill being understood to be withdrawn) fixed for the 11th of February.

DOELLING.—A Mr. Hamilton, an Irish gentleman, has addressed a petition to the King praying His Majesty to immortalize his reign by taking the subject of duelling into consideration. The Petition states some extraordinary facts. Mr. Hamilton says, he can produce four modern newspapers, in which twelve fatal meetings are announced; that before Captain Sandys shot Mr. Kernan, he had already killed or wounded thirteen adversaries in as many combats; that Major P— challenged eight officers and wounded four of them upon a single day; and that George Robert Fitzgerald was introduced to the King of France as an Irishman who had previously fought six-and-twenty fatal duels. That an officer who collected the reports of 170 cases, found 63 individuals were killed and 96 wounded; and that your petitioner has collected several thousand cases, in which the disastrous termination bears an adequate proportion. That constituted as society at present is, the noblemen and gentlemen of the United Kingdom have no adequate security against a challenge or an offence. The remedy Mr. Hamilton proposes is the establishment of a Court of Honor, for the reparation of grievances too delicate for common law, such as formerly existed in England, and has been lately established in Prussia, Bavaria, and other Continental States; and that duelling should be banished by heavy pecuniary fines, part to go to the poor of the Parish, and part to the persons by whom duellists are interrupted or arrested—and that all duellists should be excluded from drawing-rooms and levees, and the survivors of fatal duels incapacitated to hold any honourable, confidential or lucrative situation in the public service; to vote at any election; to follow the learned, military or naval professions; to receive any legacy, premium or insurance; or to appear at any public entertainment.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

By private accounts from Paris, we learn that the greatest enthusiasm prevails on the subject of the anticipated foreign aggression. It is calculated that in the course of a few weeks 1,200,000 troops, including the National Guard, will be in an effective state. Notwithstanding the pacific tone used by the Ministers of the Interior in the last sitting of the Chamber of Deputies, persons in this country, who have access to the best source of information, entertain strong doubts as to the eventual preservation of the peace.—Court Journal.

PARIS, Dec. 14.—This morning the trial of the accused Ministry began. A considerable force of infantry and cavalry is posted at the Luxembourg, and the whole National Guard of Paris is ordered to be ready at the first summons. The citizens of Paris have well obeyed the order of Father Lafayette, as they call him, and do not quit their uniform. What is more important, they leave word with their porter, when they go out, in order to be able to appear at any time. Numerous parties of armed citizens appear in the streets. I am happy to state that, at least till now (three o'clock) not only there is no excitement in the streets, but even no sign of an approaching disturbance. The military aspect of the prison attracts, in fact, a small crowd towards the gates; but even there no mob appears. Whether it is owing to our dismal weather of to-day, or to the deep and serious interest excited by this proceeding of the trial, the fact is, that Paris seems less agitated and less alive than usual. Does this forebode evil or good? The moment of the sentence will be the critical one. If the non-conviction to death of these guilty men brings forth in Paris any disorder, or what is much more dismal, any collision between the populace and the National

Guard, in this case indulgence will wear the aspect of a great crime. After the funeral ceremony upon Mr. Benjamin Constant on Sunday, the young men rallied, and carried to the Pantheon the tri-colored flag, the crowns of laurel, and the silver pall which covered the body. This was done without opposition, and with much order and decorum.—The news from Poland has filled all our Liberals with enthusiasm. It appears that the flame of independence is spreading like wildfire. France would receive the Prussians very warmly indeed were they to brave an armed nation. Such madness is not probable.

The French government proceeds in its exertions to suppress the license of the liberty of the press.

Plaards of a political nature, are forbidden by an express ordinance, and bill stickers placed under the surveillance of the police.

The following speech was pronounced by Lafavette in the Chamber of Deputies on the 14th:—

M. Lafavette.—I decline to enter into the question of cantons or communes. But if I am asked if you are now to discuss whether all France shall arm, I answer the question is already decided; the people did not wait in 1790 or 1830 to deliberate, but marched against the enemy. We must therefore prepare for war, as the best means of securing peace. We cannot hope to make all Europe in love with our institutions.—They are those who still look with a jaundiced eye upon the accession of a citizen King to our throne.—The revolution of Belgium, the eldest daughter of one great week, may yet excite uneasiness. At this moment you see Poland ready to rival in zeal and patriotism the friends of liberty, not only in France but in all other countries. Poland is, perhaps, upon the point of repatriating the shades of the last years of Louis XV. and the immense fault which Napoleon committed when he neglected the occasion of restoring that fine country, after the three divisions which had destroyed it. (Loud acclamations from the left.)

We have announced our rule to be, that we will not allow other powers to interfere, not only in our affairs, but in the affairs of other countries. Suppose foreign powers should think proper to seize upon Belgium, or to assist Holland, could we look on in cold blood? Certainly not. The same may happen on the side of Poland. Suppose Austria prevailed upon by Prussia, or for any selfish purpose of her own, was to make herself a party to the quarrel in Russian Poland.

(Several voices)—This supposition is unreasonable.

M. Lafavette (turning towards General Sebastiani)—I speak in the presence of the Minister for Foreign Affairs, who knows that the supposition is very natural. Why not then place ourselves in the fittest posture for defence? Cheers.

PRUSSIA.—It is stated that a revolution has commenced in Prussia. An insurrection, of which the details are not yet known, has undoubtedly taken place at Konigsburgh.

The King learned the revolt of Warsaw, and the disturbances in Konigsburgh, perhaps at the same moment 30,000 troops are marching on Luxemburg; an army advancing towards Poland, (Posen) and more troops are required in the ancient capital of the Kingdom.

ITALY.—Pope Pius VIII. died in November. The Prince was raised to the Holy See in 1829, was a man of mild manners and unassuming good sense. The possession of the latter he proved in a high degree by the instant and cordial acknowledgment which he made of the change of government in France, almost the last act of his reign. The impression his death has made at Rome is certainly that of regret; not so much, however, for his loss, as that the sitting of a new Conclave will close the theatres, and drive for a time, the visitors to Naples or Venice.

It will be perceived by the following that the Italian states are also ready to revolt. Literally all Europe is in a ferment:—

MILAN, Nov. 28.—A conspiracy was got up here against the government. The signal of the insurrection was to have been given a few days since in the pit of our theatre. The police, however, received early information of the plot. At the rising of the curtain, instead of the actors two regiments of Hungarian grenadiers were posted on the stage with their muskets pointed towards the audience. The public endeavored to effect their escape but the doors of the theatre were guarded by strong detachments of soldiers. The inhabitants were arrested en masse, and taken to the fortresses of Munecas and Spielberg. At the latter the judicial proceeding relative to this affair will be held and judgments pronounced as to the guilt of the parties, if it be proper to qualify with the appellation of judgment the arbitrary wish of Austrian Commissioners.

SELLING OFF.

VERY LOW, FOR CASH.

THE Subscribers intend closing their Co-partnership business on the 1st day of May next, therefore the public are respectfully informed that they will sell their remaining

STOCK OF GOODS,

at very reduced prices, until Tuesday the 5th day of April, when all that remains will then be sold at public Auction.

All persons indebted to the subscribers, are requested to call and settle their accounts.

KEATOR & SANDS.

N. B.—They have a quantity of Valley and Cumberland BUTTER on hand, at 8d.

St. John, Jan. 29, 1831.

TOBACCO.

80K EGGS assorted Qualities—just received from New York, via Eastport—

for sale by E. DEW. RATCHFORD.

January 29, 1831.

AT PRIVATE SALE:

SHARES of the Capital Stock of the "St. John Marine Insurance Company."

1 Trunk fashionable London Millinery;

Cognac Brandy; Irish Pot; Teas; Candles; Crates Earthenware, and Blue Dinner Sets, complete; Stoves;

Anchor, Chain Cables, &c. &c.

January 15.

JOHN V. THURGAR.

ANTIGUA MOLASSES.

18PUNCHEONS choice Antigua MOLASSES, now landing ex schooner Ploughboy, for sale low for Cash.

Dec. 11.

E. DEW. RATCHFORD.

JANUARY 15, 1831.

On Hand, and for Sale:—

25PUNCHEONS Windward Island and Jamaica RUM,

100 Puncheons Molasses and 20 Barrels Sugar,

250 Bbls. superfine Flour; 50 ditto Rye ditto,

100 ditto Indian Meal; 50 ditto Navy Bread,

15 Tierces Rice; 20 dozen Brooms,

100 Barrels Irish Moss Pot; 14 cwt. Irish Bacon,

50 do. & 15 Tierces Beef; 1 cwt. Irish Bacon,

30 Bags ditto common and Pearl Barley,

50 Firkins Butter; 100 kitta spiced Salmon,

50 Bags & Bbls. East India and Jamaica Coffee,

50 Boxes Soap and Candles,

50 Crates assorted Earthenware,

50 Casks do. Glassware,

400 Boxes do. Crown Glass,

250 Bbls. bleached and unbleached Canvas,

50 Casks assorted Cordage,

200 Casks fine wrought Nails; 100 do. Cut do.;

500 Kegs London White Lead,

100 ditto Green and assorted do.;

3 Casks and 40 Jars Boiled Linseed Oil,

25 Hogs Ties; 1 chest Indigo,

Assorted Bar Iron and Copper,

Best Madeira and Sherry Wines,

3 Bales assorted Slops,

200 Reams assorted Writing Paper,

100 Assorted Blank Books,

50 Kegs and 25 Bladders Putty,

50 Barrels Day & Martin's Blacking,

25 Pieces Carpeting, and 50 Hearth Rugs.

—A L S O—

Lamp Black in barrels; Ivory Black in bbls.;

Whiting in do.; Red Ochre in do.;

Yellow Ochre; casks of Gild; Powder of Litharge;

Lead; Orange Red; English Umber; Ground

Pink; Brushes and Sash Tools; patent Floor

Cloth and Painted Bait; Table Mats & Dyeing;

men; Rose and Point Blanks; 300 pair of Flannel

Drawers with a further assortment of British

DRY GOODS, too numerous to detail.

All of which are offered at as reasonable

rates and terms of payment as possible.

J. & H. KINNEAR.

FLOUR, BREAD, &c.

The Subscriber has received per Brig George,

from New-York—

200 B BLS. best Western Superfine Flour,

100 ditto ditto Fine ditto,

160 ditto Pilot and Navy BREAD,

10 Hogsheads Leaf TOBACCO,

50 Barrels PITCH and TAR,

30 Barrels Newtown Pippin APPLES,

20 M. (New-York inspection) Red Oak Hogs-

head STAVES.

—A L S O—

100 Puns. high port Jamaica & Demerara RUM,

20 Bags COFFEE;

Which will be sold low for satisfactory pay-

ments.

N. MERRITT.

St. John, 15th January, 1831.

SOAP, CANDLES, RICE, &c.

The Subscriber has just received, per Schr.

Frances Ann, from Boston—

50 B BLS. best Mould CANDLES—

short 6's and 8's;

9 do. Sperm Candles; 8 Tierces new RICE;

50 Barrels TAR and PITCH—All of which will

be sold low.

Also, on Consignment:

30 Boxes Yellow SOAP.

E. DEW. RATCHFORD.

Jan. 8.

COD OIL.

10 B BARRELS COD OIL—For Sale by

DANIEL & LEWIS SMITH.

1st January, 1831.

FOR SALE,

FRANKLINS of different sizes and pat-

terns.

—A L S O—

40 Tons BIRCH TIMBER.

27th Nov.

HENRY BLAKESLEE.

PORK AND BEEF.

JUST received, a few Barrels of Nova-Scotia

and Irish PORK; do. do. BEEF—all of excellent

quality, and for sale at very low prices, by

E. DEW. RATCHFORD.

Jan. 15.

MACKEREL.

250 B BLS. No. 1 & 2 inspected Prime

Fall MACKEREL,—for sale for

D. & L. SMITH,

Jan. 8.

No. 4, South Market Wharf.

RUM AND MOLASSES.

Just landing on board the brig ROSEAF,

from Dominica—

50 PUNS. fine flavored RUM;

5 do. choice retailing Molasses,

For sale very low by

December 18.

JOHN V. THURGAR.

CANDLES & MACKEREL.

100 B BLS. No. 2 FALL

MACKEREL;

A few bbls. and half-bbls. best No. 1 do.;

Do. Canso HERRINGS;

Just received, and for sale low by

Nov. 20.

E. DEW. RATCHFORD.

SAW LOGS,

WANTED BY THE SUBSCRIBER.

ANY person wishing to contract to supply a

quantity of SPRUCE or PINE SAW LOGS,

delivered early in the spring, will please apply to

St. John, Jan. 22.—4th.

GEO. BALL.

SPRUCE LOGS.

PERSONS wishing to contract for supplying

SPRUCE LOGS, to be delivered the ensuing

Spring, will please apply

GEORGE THOMSON.

St. John, January 8, 1831.

SPRUCE or PINE SAW LOGS,

WANTED.

PERSONS desirous of entering into contract

for the delivery of a quantity of SPRUCE or

PINE SAW LOGS, early in the Spring, may do so

on advantageous terms, by applying to

January 12.