

[FOR THE BEE.]

Middle River, September 16, 1837.

Mr Dawson,

Sir,—I have suffered much in my family by one of my daughters inadvertently chewing a plant called *Poison Oak*. She felt a prickling in her mouth in a few minutes, and in twenty-four hours her face swelled much. Four days after, it had so increased that she could hardly be known by her acquaintances. The swelling spread over her face; her teeth became loose; her ears ached, and she was not only in great agony but nearly deprived of her reason. It is nine days since she chewed it, and she now appears to be getting better. Her brother also suffered much, having his face and hands greatly swelled and blistered by touching the plant.

If by inserting this in the *Bee*, you could prevent one individual from suffering, I think it would be worthy of a place.

Sir, Yours sincerely,

ROBERT OLIVER.

As the poisonous plant referred to above grows plentifully in this country, we give the following sketch of its history:

THE RHUS TOXICODENDRON OR POISON OAK

Has the form of a shrub, from one to three feet high, with leaflets angularly indented, and pubescent beneath. But this character of the foliage is probably not constant, and the stunted growth may in many cases be owing to peculiarities of situation. It grows in woods, fields, and along fences. It flowers in June and July. When wounded it emits a milky juice, which becomes black on exposure to air, and leaves upon linen or other cloth a stain, which cannot afterwards be removed by washing with soap and water, or by alcohol either hot or cold, but deepens by age. The juice applied to the skin frequently produces inflammation, and the same poisonous property is possessed by a volatile principle which escapes from the plant itself, and produces in persons who come into its vicinity, an exceedingly troublesome erysipelas affection, particularly of the face, itching, redness, a sense of burning, tumefaction, vesication, and ultimate disquamation, are some of the attendants of this poisonous weed. The swelling of the face is sometimes so great, as almost entirely to obliterate the features. The effects are experienced soon after the exposure, and usually begin to decline within a week.

A light cooling regimen, with saline purgatives, and the local use of lead-water, are the best remedies. Its effects, when applied internally, does not seem to be so great, as many physicians have used it in nervous and other disorders in considerable quantities, with varied success. It grows from the northern limits of Canada to Virginia.

The juice appears to be well calculated for a permanent ink, or indelible black varnish

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Sir,—Some of those who bore rule in this County when it was yet a district, buoy themselves up with the idea, that the capital of the Province is at so great a distance, that few of the oppressed will surmount Mount Thom in the prosecution of their right. Till 1837, in this County, the assessor of County rates was to assess all within certain limits with impartiality, himself included, and to make a due return of the same to the Clerk of the Peace; for which he afterwards received from the Treasurer, One Pound. But now, whether from a defect in the former code of laws, overlooked by the Treasurer, or a new one, I know not, but the Assessor, after being obliged to leave his home for two or three days, receiving

nothing but angry looks, hunger, and privation, with no other comfort but that of abuse and slander, and every attempt to conceal facts, by the assessed, he returns with a conscientious bill, without a farthing for his trouble. I would ask through the medium of your useful Journal, whether the Treasurer who receives £15, the Clerk his £20 per ann., the Collector his 5 per cent, and need not call a second time,—or the Assessor who paves the way for the three, is most entitled to remuneration. If the former is an Act of our learned representatives, it reminds me of a part of a speech of Demosthenes to the Athenians, "When I compare, Athenians, the speeches of some amongst us with their actions, I am at a loss to reconcile what I see with what I heard" on our late Hustings.

AN ASSESSOR.

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Mr Editor.

As the perusal of a piece in your Paper of last week, entitled "Deficiencies of Teachers" may have produced unfavorable impressions either on the minds of the Teachers, or Parents, who are connected with the Sabbath School in this Town, held in Mr McKinlay's Church, I feel it to be my duty to say, that a long period of observation enables me to assert, that the remarks made therein do not apply to any of the Teachers in that Institution; but on the contrary, their conduct may be considered as a model of punctuality. Had they been designed to apply to the irregular attendance of Scholars, and the inconveniences that result from it, I am sorry to say, that in some instances there would have been found to be just occasion for them. At the same time, it is but justice to you to state that I readily acquit you of all intention, to allude by the piece in question, to the management of the School, which others have been pleased to commit to my care.

ROBERT DAWSON,

Superintendent.

October 2.

We think the above communication altogether unnecessary, as we have yet to learn in what way parents or any one else can apply to the teachers of any particular school, when faithfully discharging the duties of their office, such general extracts as the editor of a paper may select from a foreign journal. The hint given in the communication respecting the attendance of scholars, however, deserves attention.—
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WEDNESDAY MORNING, OCT. 4, 1837.

LATE NEWS.—By the *Georgia*, arrived at Halifax, Liverpool dates to the 22d are received. The elections were closed.—Ministerial majority stated by the *Liverpool Times* at 38. Parliament was to meet on the 7th November. One of the Carlist expeditions had advanced within three leagues of Madrid, and had again retreated.

We have received a file of Newfoundland papers to the 9th ult. The House of Assembly was in session. A bill was before them for establishing a college in the Island. We have copied a part of a speech by Mr Nugent, in bringing forward a motion for an enquiry into the conduct of the Police Magistrates, at the late election, in which Judge Boulton seems to come in for a fair share of notoriety. The House had addressed the Governor for copies of various papers on the subject, and were refused.

The Governor of Lower Canada is dismissing the Magistrates and Militia Officers in the Papineau interest, by the dozen; and in order to facilitate His Excellency's intentions, Meetings have been held in some Counties, at which resolutions have been passed declaring it disgraceful to hold any commission under such a Government, and recommending to all lovers of their country to resign them.

AGRICULTURAL REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER.—We have merely to say, in common with the people of every other civilized clime from which we have heard, that a bountiful Providence is making our barns and cellars teem with plenty of the necessaries of life, both for man and beast; for which we cannot be too thankful.

About one hundred and eighty sail of square-rigged vessels arrived at Quoboc on the 14th and 15th ultimo.

MARRIED.

At Yarmouth, N. S., on the 20th ult., by the Rev. John Ross, Mr ALEXANDER LAWSON, Editor and Proprietor of the *Yarmouth Herald*, to Miss FRANCES CAMPBELL RING.

DIED.

Of scarlet fever, on the 21st ult., Margaret, aged 6 years; on the 26th, Donald, and on Sunday last, John, twins, aged 9 months,—all children of Mr John Ross, ship-carpenter, of this town.

9th Month, 29th day. Interred in the Friends' Burial Ground, Hannah Maria, only daughter of William Kitchen, painter, in the third year of her age.

On board the *John Francis*, from St. John, New Brunswick, for Cork, Mrs Rebecca Ann Ferguson, wife of Captain William Bonyman, of that vessel. Mrs Bonyman was the third daughter of Mr A Ferguson of Quoboc, and half sister of Mr Cairns. Her death took place on the 13th July, about 100 miles west of Cape Clear, and she was buried at Cork the next day, sincerely regretted by all who knew her.

SHIP NEWS

CUSTOM-HOUSE—PICTOU.

ENTERED.

Wednesday, Sept. 27.—Sch'r Janot Grant, Simpson, Boston—ballast and three passengers; Elizabeth, Hayden, River John—deals; Calypso, Stewart, P. E. Island—ballast.

Thursday.—Sch'r Elizabeth, Simpson, Magdalen Islands—codfish; George, Wood, P. E. Island—fish.

Friday.—Sch'r General Cobb, Cobb, Bath—ballast; ship Mary Ann, Childs, New York—do; brig Envoy, Holmes, do—do; sch'r Matilda, Robinson, P. E. Island—do; Mary Jane, Jones, do—do.

Saturday.—Sch'r Plato, Arnison, Magdalen Islands—oil and two anchors.

Monday.—Brig Grand Turk, Chambers, Providence—ballast and one passenger; barque Palmira, Dillingham, Boston—2 boxes merchandize and one passenger; sch'r Eliza Ann, Hopkins, Canso—ballast.

Tuesday.—Sch'r Brothers, Eison, P. E. Island—fish; Nimble, Howet, do—barley.

CLEARED.

September 27th.—Sch'r Mary Ann, Graham, Miramichi—coal and produce; Four Sisters, Woodon, Halifax—coal; brig Laurel, Wakefield, Providence—do; barque Isabella, Auld, Greenock—timber, &c.

28th.—Brig Haleyon, Blanchard, New York—coal; Grand Turk, Bartlett, do—do; Paulina, Smith, do—do.

29th.—Brig Nectar, Moore, Newburyport—coal; Mary, Hannah, Boston—do; sch'r Bee, Graham, Miramichi—do; Juventa, Coffin, Pugwash—do.

30th.—Brig Poland, Simpson, Providence—coal; sch'r Calypso, Stewart, Miramichi—do; Dolphin, Hoskins, Boston—do; George, Wood, P. E. Island—do; Lucy, O'Brien, Halifax—stone. From Tatamagouche, ship Tigor, Legendre, Liverpool—timber, &c.; Enterprize, Webster, do—do; Mersey Panington, do.—941 tons square timber, 87,000 feet deals, 4,600 staves, 20 S-4 cords lathwood.

October 2d.—Sch'r Elizabeth, Simpson, Merigomish—ballast.

The barque *Isabella*, Auld, hence to Greenock, is on shore at the south entrance of the Gut of Canso. Expected to be got off.

Arrived at Halifax, on the 2d instant, the barque Sally, McKenzie, master, 26 days from Liverpool, G. B., with wheat, sperm oil, and dry goods.

CATTLE SHOW.

THE West River annual CATTLE SHOW or FAIR, will be held at Mr Duncan Cameron on the 10th instant.

(October 10.)