

will warn against one little defect. The second paragraph commences as follows: "Notwithstanding *its* having rained heavily during the night." Whatever veterans may do—and those who have received the polish of a classical education—let not smatterets in composition use the little possessive pronoun, so vaguely as they see it used here; and as the agent of an action, without having any Noun whatever as its antecedent. Translate the *its* of this phrase, and what will it amount to?—*Its*, is either an abbreviation of *it is*, or denotes the possessive case of some understood substantive. Either way is it used correctly here? We hate mere pedantry, but if purity of style be not necessary in a history, where should it be expected.

By this calamitous Fire, we are told, that, 160 persons lost their lives; 875 head of cattle, and 594 buildings were destroyed. Estimated loss of property £204,323—of which, was insured £12,050. Amount of relief furnished in cash, clothing and provisions—by Nova Scotia £4,364 16s.—by New Brunswick £5,713 9s. 4d.—by the Canadas £5,334—Newfoundland £700—P. E. Island £170—Great Britain £4604 1s. 5d.—United States and other places £13,472 16s. 6d.—Total £39,659 2s. 10d.

Towards the conclusion of this chapter we have the following judicious remarks.

"Let us now relieve the mind, by turning from the consideration of past misfortunes, to the contemplation of present enjoyments. The only lingering traces of the ruin now visible, are the leafless trees, and they at once serve for an admonition and a memorial, while, by contrast, they highten the natural beauties of increasing cultivation. A great deal of the scorched and burnt land, saved by the timely application of grass seeds, and other seminal reclaimants, is re-invested with a smiling sward. Newcastle, like a Phenix, has risen from its ashes, and now blossoms over its original site with renewed beauty. A larger, as well as handsomer Douglastown, has emerged from the ruins of the old one; and Moorfields, Bartibog, Nappan, &c. also display an equal share of the general renovation. The zeal and perseverance of the people have triumphed over the influence of debilitating casualties; and under the guidance of prudence, a resuscitated enterprize has sprung from the late depression of trade."

Chapter six—Northumberland, value of Imports in 1828 amounted to £120,648—Exports £118,306.—1829 Imports, £116,077—Exports £113,138—1830—Imports £119,190.—Exports £123,676. Total Provincial Revenue for three years £19,126 6 8. Imperial ditto £4, 982 17 10. In 1830—32 vessels of 2,709 tons belonged to the Port of Miramichi; and within the last ten years 36 were built there, of 9,747 tons, supposed value £97,470.

Of Lumbering we get the following remarks; written with pene-