

son to the Overseer, instead of his making the necessary inquiries, or doing his duty in one shape or other, as I should certainly think him bound to do, the applicant is generally treated by him in any thing but a civil manner, and harangued about the Poor Laws of England, &c.—as if their tale of woe had been untold, or told to a person void of common humanity. I may further add, that if it were not for subscriptions daily going round among the charitable for the relief of the distressed—and for the liberality of the Ladies' Society, towards their more unfortunate fellow-beings, there would be much more suffering than at present exists, though God knows there is quite enough to keep the feelings of the benevolent on the rack.

The invariable answer of the Overseer when applied to for relief is, that *there are no funds*. Query—What has become of the funds while the poor have been starving?

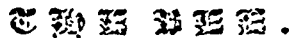
I am, Mr. Dawson,
Yours truly,
A FRIEND TO HUMANITY.

[FOR THE BEE.]

To the Youth of Pictou.

There is a certain text of Scripture, the number of the book, chapter, and verse making up forty-two. The book is quadruple the verse, and the verse quadruple the chapter; what are the words of the verse?

A PICTONIAN.



WEDNESDAY MORNING, DEC. 16, 1835.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

By way of the United States, we have London dates to the 25th October. Their contents are not important, but we have made some extracts, such as they are, in another column.

THE TEXIANS are getting on gloriously. A mere handful of the Colonists, about 60 in number, indifferently armed and worse trained, surprised the fortress of Goliad, and with very little fighting made prisoners of the whole garrison, excepting a few who fled. This place, during the revolutionary war, was defended for some months by a small body of patriots, against a Spanish army 2000 strong. By its capture the communication between General Cos and Mexico is cut off; he has therefore thrown himself into Bexar, which place the Texian General Austin was preparing to invest.

From present appearances we can scarcely entertain a doubt, but that Texas will shortly become an independent State; it must however nestle for a time under the protection of the American Eagle. We refer our readers to two articles on this subject in this day's paper.

AMONG the Political parties of Lower Canada, there appears as yet no disposition for accommodation. The French party are in high spirits, as they seem to have got a Governor to their heart's content; he concedes to them every thing, not even excepting the salary to the Assembly's agent Mr Roebuck, and that out of the Public Purse.

The House of Assembly passed a Bill appointing this personage the Provincial Agent in England, but the Legislative Council throw it out;—since which the former body have named him their own Agent.

We do not see a single measure of importance that has yet passed into a Law, as the fruits of the Session. The Quebec and Maine Rail Road Bill had been read a second time.

Lord Gosford seems extremely anxious to conciliate parties, but appears altogether deficient of the necessary tact to accomplish his object. On the 25th of November His Excellency gave a Ball at the Castle of St. Lewis, and invited the leaders of both par-

ties; but such is the unhappy state of society, that they are said to have remained entire strangers to each other during the evening. His Excellency also gave high offence by giving precedence to the Lady of the Mayor of Quebec, before those of many other Worthies who enjoyed it before, according to established etiquette.

The British residents are getting out of all patience with His Excellency, they charge him with betraying the confidence of his Sovereign and their interests, by throwing himself into the arms of the French faction, and conceding their unconstitutional demands. Upon the whole, we think the troubles in Canada are far from their termination.

The Constitutional Association of Lower Canada, held its Annual Meeting in Quebec, on the 25th Nov., at which about 400 members were present. The Executive Committee submitted their Annual Report, and also read a Report from their Agent in England, Mr. Nelson, who was present. These Reports are important documents, but we have not room for their insertion. After these papers were read, it was moved by Mr. Bonner, seconded by Mr. Burnet—

“That the Executive Committee be requested to prepare resolutions on the present state of public affairs as regards the complaints contained in their petitions presented to his Majesty and both Houses of Parliament, praying for protection and security in their just rights as British subjects, and to report to the General Meeting on the 7th December next.”

After an animated discussion, this motion, with some trifling amendments, passed, by an immense majority. In the course of debate, a great deal of strong feeling at the conduct of the Executive was elicited; the following we copy from a speech of Mr. John Nelson, as a specimen:—

“The case was very plain, and one which every man of common understanding must perfectly see into. It was this—money was raised from us for the public uses of the Province, and deposited under the charge of the Governor. The Governor or the House of Assembly takes possession of this money, or both take possession and divide the spoils between them, without any law authorising them so to do. These things were all to be considered, and set forth in such a way as to admit no longer of any doubt as to our determination. We were, in the first place to appeal to the British Government,—next to our fellow subjects on the other side of the water; and if all this failed, we had still the Almighty and ourselves. (Loud cheers.)”

PUBLIC MEETING.—The Committee on the Poor-Rates' Accounts, to which we referred in our last, not deeming the authority under which they acted sufficient, agreed to call a Public Meeting: a requisition to the sheriff was accordingly signed, and we refer our readers to the notice below. We sincerely hope that this meeting may be the means of settling the question at rest; it is a matter of serious importance, and has already created a great deal of ill-feeling. Those intending to attend the meeting, should come prepared to do justice to all the parties concerned, and to conduct the business of the meeting with that gravity and coolness which its nature demands.

LITERARY SOCIETY.—On Wednesday the second instant, an Essay on SLAVERY was read before the society by the Rev. CHARLES ELLIOT; and this evening, Mr GEORGE A. BLANCHARD will give an essay on the SOCIAL PRINCIPLES OF ACTION.

MARKED.

On Friday last, by the Rev. John McKinlay, Mr. Alexander Ross, West River, to Miss Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. John Crocket, Middle River.

On Thursday last, by the Rev. James Ross, Mr. Duncan Marshal, Green Hill, to Miss Nancy Crocket, Middle River.

DIED.

On Saturday last, Mrs. Fraser, wife of Mr. Hugh Fraser, Bason, East River, aged 62.

On the 17th ult., at Bytown, U. C., in the 27th year of his age, Mr. William Hogue, a native of the Parish of Cannoby, Dumfriesshire. His conduct was regular and pious; he has left a widow and numerous acquaintances to lament their loss.

TRAVELLERS' MEMORANDA.

Arrivals during the week.
At Mr. Harper's.—Mr. Pinio, Mr. Oxley, and Capt. Chapman.

SHIP NEWS.

ARRIVED.

Dec. 14th.—Shallop Lucy, O'Brien, Halifax—general cargo to R. McKenzie and others.

SUPPLIES.—The Schr. Elizabeth, Capt. Chapman, from St. Johns, N. F. bound to Bay Verte, laden with W. I. produce, was totally lost on Madamo Island, on Sunday 29th ult.—Crew and passengers saved, except the mate, Thos. Meek, who was drowned in attempting to get on shore on the boom. Capt. C. estimates the loss of his vessel and cargo, neither of which was insured, at £600.

Captain Chapman and crew of the Schr. Elizabeth, beg to express their thanks to Mr. John Burge, of Madamo Island, for his kindness and attention to them while at that place.

PORT HOOD, Nov. 25, 1835.

The Brig Jabez, of Prince Edward Island, William Grigg, master, was totally destroyed by a violent gale, on the 6th Nov. near Cape St. Lawrence, Island of Cape Breton. She was bound to Cork, with a cargo of Lumber and Deals. The sailing Master, John Haig, and Richard Westick, a seaman, were lost in endeavouring to reach the rocks from the Jibboom end, the rest of the crew had a very narrow escape—the Master's Son, a lad of about twelve years of age, hung by a rope from the Jibboom for about half an hour after all the rest had got on shore, but was finally rescued by his father. Most of the crew having taken off their clothes in the expectation that they would be obliged to swim, came on shore almost naked and totally destitute. A Newfoundland dog, in attempting to reach the shore, was lost. In less than two hours after the vessel struck, she was wholly destroyed, nothing whatever was saved, not even a rag to cover the poor naked fellows on shore. The survivors passed this place on their way to the Gut of Canso, on the 20th; they spoke highly of the kindness they received from every person on the road.

PUBLIC MEETING.

WHEREAS a Requisition, signed by a number of respectable Freeholders of this Township, has this day been presented to me, requesting me to call a PUBLIC MEETING of the INHABITANTS, to take into consideration the state of the POOR'S FUNDS, and remarks thereon published lately in "THE BEE" Newspaper; and also matters relating to a number of demands now pending, and charged to GEORGE MCKENZIE and JOHN GEDDIE, late Overseers of Poor for said Township, under one of which they have lately been held in Prison; and, as they allege, have not been furnished with funds to meet said demands; and also to enquire into the nature and cause of such charges, and to take such other proceedings as the Meeting may deem meet and proper.

THE SAID MEETING will therefore take place at the Court House in Pictou, on MONDAY, 21st instant, at 12 o'clock, noon, and all persons are requested to take notice thereof.

JOHN W. HARRIS, Deputy Sheriff.
Pictou, December 9th, 1835.

TO BE LET,

AND IMMEDIATE POSSESSION,
THAT Dwelling HOUSE, and GARDEN, and also the SHOP, lately occupied by Mr James Beaton, tailor. The house is well adapted for a small family. For Particulars apply to the Subscriber, who offers

FOR SALE,

1. That valuable LOT of LAND, on Sutherland River, Merigomish, formerly possessed by Hugh Skinner, containing 200 acres, and on which there is one of the best MILL SEATS in the Province.

2. That HOUSE and LOT on Colerain Street, situated between Messrs. Adamson's and McKenzie's properties.

3. A LOT of LAND, containing 120 acres, on Mount Dalhousie, bounded on the East by land belonging to Mr John Robertson, W. R.

4. A LOT of LAND, containing 71 acres, on Scotch Hill, bounded on the North, by land belonging to Mr Thomas Lowden.

A liberal Credit will be given,
THOMAS G. TAYLOR.
15th. December, 1835. m-m. ce-s.