

[FOR THE BEE.]

A Public Meeting of the Freeholders of the U. S. West River, Pictou, was held on Monday, 1st August, 1836, to devise the most eligible course to be pursued respecting the approaching general Election. Mr. Alexander McRae in the chair; when, after some discussion, and resolutions passed, relative to the hitherto neglective and injurious mode of electing members for the representation; the almost total disregard to the present commercial and agricultural depression, which characterise the present House of Assembly, and the most effective means of remedying these evils, the meeting formed itself into an Association, drew up and adopted certain regulations for its government, of which the following is the import.

The Office Bearers of the Association consist of a President, Vice President, two Secretaries, and a Committee of eight persons.

Any Freeholder subscribing the Rules, will be a member of the Association.

The Association shall always hold an annual Meeting, some time previous to the sitting of the Legislature, at which the Office Bearers shall be elected, the proceedings of the preceding session of the Assembly, as recorded by the Secretaries (this being a particular part of their duty*), reviewed and carefully investigated; and a written document of the measures which the Association wishes to be brought forward and supported at the ensuing session, drawn up for presentation to the members for Pictou.

Any candidate soliciting the suffrages of the Association may apply to the President, Vice President, or either of the Secretaries, and, if his political sentiments are concurrent with those of the Association, and if he will pledge himself to bring forward and support in the Legislative Assembly, such measures as the Association may deem conducive to the general improvement and permanent good of the Province, will enroll his name, with as many of such as will apply or are nominated; and then call a general meeting, where it shall be decided by a majority, which of these the Association will support, at the general Election.

The members of the Association have pledged themselves to be actuated by no party feeling, in their choice of Candidates.

Office Bearers.—Robert Short, President; William McDonald, Vice President; Alexander McRae, and Alexander Campbell, Secretaries.

In behalf of the Association,

ALEXANDER McRAE,
Chairman.

* By this means we will be enabled, at the end of each parliamentary term, to judge of our Members' conduct, and whether they are worthy of the trust that has been already reposed in them, or of being reentrusted with our rights.

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WEDNESDAY MORNING, AUG. 17, 1836.

LATE NEWS.—By the kindness of Messrs Ross and Primrose we have been favoured with the Boston Daily Advertiser of the 6th instant, containing London dates to the 29th June; extracts from which we give in another column. The French King made a narrow escape from assassination on the 26th June. On the 27th the House of Lords rejected the Irish Corporation Bill as amended by the Commons. Both Houses had nominated Committees of conference on the subject, which will probably compromise the difference. At all events nothing serious appears to be apprehended from the fate of this Bill—nor the attempt on the life of Louis Philippe, neither having produced any sensible effect on the funds.

TRAVEL.—The accounts of the American forces under General Gaines having invaded Mexico is confirmed—the order of the secretary at war to that effect

having been published. The belligerents will probably have come in collision; we shall therefore expect soon to hear accounts of their operations. By last accounts the Mexicans were concentrated on the River Nuces about 7000 strong, under the command of General Urea—Filasola having been superseded and ordered home, to be tried by Court Martial for obeying the orders of the captive ex President. The Texian army is commanded by M. B. Lamar, and is stated to be about 3 to 4000 strong, and daily augmenting. Santa Anna had been removed for greater security to Columbia, and put in irons, with a strong guard over him. What part the American General Gaines is to act in the drama is yet to be seen.

ACADIAN TELEGRAPH.—This paper made its first appearance on the 5th instant, and is very respectably got up; many of its articles are *original*, among which we notice a "Compendious History of Nova Scotia, with co-relative outlines of British and American History, No. 1." "Notice of Chambers' Educational Course," Poetical "Sketches descriptive of the scenery in the vicinity of Halifax, No. 1." "Report of the Commissioners' Court," and a very sensible Editorial on the nature, responsibilities, and duties of the Press. We wish the Proprietor every success.

We are informed that large shoals of mackerel have lately been seen in and about the entrance to this harbor. Will any one inform us what is the reason that our fishing vessels continue year after year to proceed to Canso, Arichat, and other places, in quest of fish, to meet repeated disappointments, while they are to be found in great abundance at our own wharves? And why is there no fresh mackerel in our market?

A large Bear, weighing 361 lbs. was shot last week at the Mill Brook, W. River, by Messrs Charles, Kenneth, and Daniel Fraser of that place.

ELECTION MOVEMENTS.—Messrs McKim and Lewis of Cumberland, Isaac Logan of Colchester, and W. O'Brien, Esq. Hants, have all addressed the Freeholders of their respective Counties, offering their services as Representatives in the next general Assembly; and Mr William Holland of Wilnot, has been put in nomination by the Electors of the Eastern Division of the County of Annapolis, at a public Meeting, at which the proffered services of W. H. Roach, Esq. were respectfully declined.

THE POLICE MAGISTRATES AND CONSTABULARY OF LEINSTER have presented Sir John Harvey, on the occasion of his leaving that Province for the Government of Prince Edward's Island, with a piece of plate, as a testimonial of the estimation in which they held his services, while acting as Superintendent of that station.

THE MENAGERIE which we formerly advertised is now exhibiting in this town, it is upon a scale of magnitude much beyond any thing of the kind we have ever witnessed in this place. Persons who have never before seen such a collection of Animals, Reptiles, Birds, and other rare Curiosities in Nature, and the Fine Arts, will find it worthy of patronage; and the spirited Proprietors deserve every encouragement. Admission to the Menagerie, 1s 3d, Repository of Fine Arts, 1s 3d, do of Rare Curiosities, 1s.

We refer our readers to the advertisement in this day's paper, of the **BANK OF BRITISH NORTH AMERICA**, and to the following ably written article on the subject, by the Editor of the Novascotian. Persons residing in this County, who wish to participate in this speculation, will have no time to lose in forwarding their applications.

"We perceive that an Act of Incorporation for this Company had its second reading in the House of Commons. We feel some anxiety about its decision—and also as to the system of business which the new Company intend to introduce. It is possible that the Act may merely enable the Association to

sue and be sued.* If it interferes with our £5 restriction Act, or in any way compromises the authority of the domestic Legislature, it will probably lead to resistance. Taking for granted that there will be no reasonable ground for complaint afforded, we cannot foresee the dangers which some persons apprehend from the operations of this Institution. A fixed currency will probably be one of the first advantages. If the Scotch system of Cash Accounts, which has been promised, be acted upon—other and very extensive benefits will be derived. This boon was held out by the projectors of the Bank of Nova Scotia. It has never been yielded—and at that, as well as the older Establishment, persons requiring loans, can only obtain them through the peddling system of 60 or 90 day Notes, which keep the borrowers and their endorser teased from January to December—and which adds no trifling addition, in time, to the interest paid for the perplexing accommodation. In Scotland a man goes to the bank with his security, on the first of January, and arranges his pecuniary concerns for the year. He can therefore introduce a certainty into his business, to which traders and others in Halifax are strangers. He need not keep a surplus pound by him unemployed. They cannot tell at what moment they may be put to inconvenience, by having a note thrown out, and must therefore keep a reserve somewhere, comparatively dead and unproductive, to meet such casualties. We are quite aware that the Bank of Nova Scotia will hold up its broken charter and the £5 clause as its excuse—we never approved of this violation—and can only regret that, whatever the cause, the effect has been the adherence to a petty and harassing system. We hope, however, that the Colonial Bank, having no such cause to shrink from its pledges, will introduce the system of Cash Accounts. The people of Nova Scotia should never be satisfied till they obtain it, and indeed until the Scotch system, in all its reciprocal advantages is established in the country. We make these observations in time, that those who are likely to take a share in the management of the new Institution may weigh well what they are about, and lay the foundations of its prosperity in the affections of the people—not attempt to rear it upon the ruins of those who come within its reach. A bank should be the nursing mother of the surrounding industry—not like a baronial castle in former times, an object of terror and disgust."

* Since writing the above, we perceive by Mr Robinson's reply to Mr Roebuck, that this is the case.

COUNTERFEIT STERLING SHILLINGS.—Attempts have been making to pass a spurious description of these pieces. We have seen one, stopped at the Post Office, which it would be very possible to circulate by candle light, or amongst those unaware of the fraud. It is cast from a mould, of hard metal, and duller than silver, and may easily be detected on examination.—*Halifax Times.*

The St. John Observer of the 9th instant, says:—"Mr. Bankhead, British Secretary of Legation at Washington, and Mr Chyostoff, Russian Charge d'Affaires at same place, arrived in this city on Sunday morning in the steamer *Royal Tar* from Portland, and yesterday left town in the steamer *Mail of the Mist* for Annapolis, on their way to Halifax. We learn that they are expected to return to this city in about ten days, when they will proceed to Fredericton, and thence to Canada, over land. We understand they are merely on a tour of pleasure."

MARRIED.

Monday evening, August 1st, by the Rev. Mr McIntosh, Mr Andrew McKim, to Miss Margaret, eldest daughter of the late Mr William Allardice of this town.—*Halifax Gazette.*

DIED.

At Fishers' Grant, on the 11th instant, Samuel McDougall, aged 48 years, after a painful illness of three weeks which he bore with resignation to the Divine Will.

At Up-Park Camp, Jamaica, on the 26th May, Henry P. Hill, Esq. Captain and Paymaster, of His Majesty's 5th regiment, son of the late John Thomas Hill, Esq. of Horton, Nova Scotia—an officer highly respected in the military service, and warmly esteemed by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance.

TRAVELLERS' MEMORANDA.

Arrivals during the past week.

At the *Royal Oak*—Honourable Samuel Cunard, Messrs Cornwall, McGregor and McDonald; E M Dodd, Esq. Captains Rogers, Gray, Davis, Grant, Adamson, Smith, Perkins, Allen, and Prince, wife and child.