

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.
Discoveries in South Africa—Progress of British Civilization.

The news from the interior show that there is considerable turbulence prevailing among the different native sovereigns or tribes, and this fact was causing injury to the settlement in various ways. One of the frontier papers states that about two hundred lives were lost last year by the collision of different savage tribes, and that similar results will follow in successive years if the impetuosity of the barbarous people be not stopped. This, we suppose, is intended as a hint for the annexation to British sway of the disturbed districts.

The Cape Town Mail gives an amusing account of the proceedings at a session of the "Boer's Raad," or Assembly. One of the members proceeded to argue against resistance to the English and Queen Victoria as impossible. He was interrupted by cries from the other members of—"He's mad, turn him out," the unfortunate member was forthwith turned out neck and heels.

Discoveries are daily making in regions beyond what was denominated the frontier. Among others, travellers have arrived from the Zulu country. In some places it was fertile and beautiful, with vegetation luxuriant; in others, the land was barren, with not a tree to be seen for miles. The chief food of the inhabitants is milk, rice and sweet potatoes.

In one place, a party of travellers came to the Kraal of one of the principle Zulu chiefs, styled by the natives En Corzan. Here they were hospitably entertained for four days. Corzan, the chief, rejoiced in the possession of twenty wives all of whom were daily dismissed to the labors of the fields, except one favorite dark beauty, who seemed exempt from this un-feminine occupation. A cup-bearing, too, figured at the festive board, reminding the travellers of Pharaoh and the kings of ancient times—a tall, stalwart native, whose head was bound with a large blue shawl, in Oriental style.

United States.

NEW YORK, Jan. 21.

Nicaragua.—Advices from Leon Nicaragua to the 29th ult., have been received. The neglect of the American Government to enforce the terms of the treaty between the United States and Great Britain, has created great dissatisfaction. The movements of the canal company are also freely and justly censured. It has thus far done nothing, and the party of engineers which was sent out are only occupied in laying out the road for transit, from Lake Nicaragua to the Pacific.

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.

The Empire City arrived from Chagres a little past three o'clock, with 100 passengers and \$1,000,000 in gold. She brings advices from San Francisco to the 1st January. The mails are not on board.

The news from the Isthmus is unimportant. About 80 houses were destroyed at Gorgona on the 23rd ult. Loss not known.

The Indians have commenced depredations, and all efforts to pacify them have proved unavailing. There is a greater amount of crime against property and life than heretofore, and no doubt is entertained but that there is an organized band, mostly convicts, from the British Colonies, whose trade is pillage and murder.

Considerable apprehension is entertained for the safety of the steamer Panama, which left for this port on the 4th December, and has not been heard from since.

The Constitution has arrived, but brings no tidings of her.

The weather for the past two or three weeks has been lovely in the extreme, scarcely a cloud has obscured the Sun for that entire period, and its rays have poured down warm and cheerily. The health in California is generally good.

The steamer Caroline was to sail from San Francisco on the 24th for Panama, and the Columbus to sail in a few days.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 7.

The Savannah passengers received this morning say that Capt Rhodes, of the Woster, had arrived at that place, having seen on Thursday the 30th ult., at 2 p. m., Cape Hatteras light bearing North West, the hull of a steamer, apparently blown up. All her top works were gone, and fragments of the wreck, including a mahogany steering wheel, chairs, tables and various other articles, which indicated that the ship was elegantly furnished. Capt Rhodes says that the wreck was drifting in every direction about his vessel and he thinks the disaster could have occurred but a short time previous, as the fragments had the appearance of being in the water but a short time. He distinguished among other articles a board painted white with a timepiece on it, surrounded by a line of gilded stars. He could see no one on board. The hull was sunk to the water's edge, and was going down very fast. We are unable to conjecture what vessel this may be, unless the steamer America, as before reported.

OGDENSBURG, Jan. 21.

SHOCKING ACCIDENT.—Last evening about 7 1/2 p. m., Mr John Armstrong, produce dealer, from Rochester, while attempting to cross the river to Prescott with a double team, accidentally drove into an air hole and was drowned. He had with him two young ladies, the Misses Bernard, sisters of a Hotel keeper at Prescott, who narrowly escaped being drowned. They were rescued by Mr Holmes, who was driving behind them in a cutter; Mr Holmes was so much frozen, that he was unable to get them into the cutter, and tying the reins around them he dragged them on the ice to the shore. Mr Holmes and the ladies lie in a very critical state this morning. The horses and cutter were lost. Mr Armstrong had some very valuable property about his person.

GUELPH HERALD.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1851.

CONSTERNATION IN WATERLOO.—We copied an article from the North American in our last, under the above caption, concluding thus:—"Next week we shall call your attention to the recorded votes of your member, and by these let him stand or fall." We anticipated quite a treat in collating the last summer with the present winter reading of the political creed of the Member for Waterloo. From some cause, however, the North American has not this week fulfilled his promise, and we are consequently without our text. We look to have the desired list in next number of our contemporary. Meantime, it must be gratifying to Mr. Ferguson to be aware that he has so largely earned the esteem of one section of the constituency as the annexed extract from the Galt Reporter makes manifest:—

"The Clear Grit press, with all the savage ferocity of fox-hounds on the trail of their victim, are out in deadly chase after the Member for Waterloo, and have cartered him so completely, that all the spades and barrows on the Great Western Railway are not enough to dig him out. The North American is chief whipper-in of the pack, and he uses his instrument with slashing severity evidently in the hope of securing the bench of the hunted member, as a trophy for our friend Caleb Hopkins, to astonish the office hunters at the next meeting of Parliament at Quebec. Mr Ferguson deserves no mercy. With a cringing servility to individuals, far beneath him in station and intellect, he has sacrificed every public principle to scrape pelf or influence into the hands of those individuals, who will be the very first, when their turn is served, and he is sacrificed, to turn upon him, and add mockery to their ingratitude. And when he comes to recollect with what unmitigated hatred and insult he has treated the Reformers of Dumfries and Waterloo—at one time his warmest—his most sincere—his firmest and most principled supporters—he will bitterly recall to mind that it was to gratify the host of hungry leeches that he has forfeited the confidence of such men; and that those for whose avarice or ambition he has sacrificed the goodwill of his Dumfries and Waterloo constituents, have neither sympathy with him in his rejection, nor will lend him the slightest hand to retrieve his character or regain his station.

One of those false friends, who have done much to ruin the character of Mr Ferguson, whilst feathering their own nests, thinking that he has yet a Session's Parliamentary influence left, has been endeavoring to whitewash the Hon Member, and induce him to persevere in his suicidal course.

COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The ninth Annual Meeting of this association was held in the British Hotel Tuesday last, Col Saunders the President, in the Chair, and was numerously attended. The Chairman stated that both the Parent and Branch Societies were in a flourishing condition. A saving of £11 had been effected last year in consequence of the Government grant having been paid in cash, instead of debentures as formerly, and a balance of £7 8s 6d remained in the hands of the Treasurer on the year's transactions.

He stated that the annual account of receipts and disbursements, having been directed to be published in the form of hand bills, would be in circulation in a few days. A considerable accession of members had been obtained in the township of Woolwich, and a new association formed under the designation of the Pilkington and Elora Branch. The President also called the attention of the members to the recent Act for the establishment of a Board of Agriculture in the Upper Province, and intimated that an application for a contribution towards its support had been received. A unanimous vote of thanks was passed to Col Saunders for his gentlemanly conduct and strict attention to the interests of the Society during his period of office.

The following office bearers were then elected:—

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.—President, Jas Wright, Vice Presidents, A. A. Baker, Chas. Allan, John Cockburn, and John McKelvie. Secretary and Treasurer, J. Harland. Directors for Guelph, James Davis, Arthur Hogg, John McCrea, F. Maroon, Wm Whitlow, Robert Campbell, A. Quarry, Thomas Keating, Andrew Ritchie, John Card, Directors for Erasmos, J. Loghrin, H. Tolton, Donald Black, W. Phin, A. Smith, J. Gutton, T. Ellis, John Clark, Directors for Nichol, D. Allan, G. Jardine, G. Barron, A. Harvey, Thomas Loghrin. Directors for Pilkington and Elora, P. Hay, James Ross, G. Caldwell, E. Farnore, W. Allardice. Director for Wilnot, Daniel Tye.

Mr Wright acknowledged the compliment paid him in his election to the presidency of a society comprising so many intelligent and influential individuals. He approved of the institution of the Provincial Society, and recommended that application should be made to the County Council for a grant of money towards its support. It was afterwards moved by C. Allan, Esq., seconded by Col Saunders, that a memorial be presented to the Council requesting them to contribute £20 for that purpose.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.—We are requested to state that Marriage Licenses may be obtained at the residence of the Agent, R. F. Budd, Esq., half a mile from Guelph on the York Road.

FARMERS' AND MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.—On Friday Evening, the Rev. Mr. Spencer delivered the second of a course of lectures on Galvanism in the Temperance Hall, illustrating the science by several exceedingly interesting results of the galvanic battery. The lecture was one of the best attended of the season.

TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.—The Monthly Meeting of the Society will be held in the Temperance Hall on Friday Evening at 8 o'clock, when several clergymen and gentlemen are expected to deliver addresses.

BUILDING SOCIETY.—Yesterday eleven shares were sold—one at 52 per cent bonus, two at 57, one each at 53, 58 1/2, 59 1/2, and 60, two at 62 1/2, and one at 61 1/2—averaging nearly 58 1/2 per cent—a very large rate of bonus.

THE PROPOSED MARKET HOUSE.

There has been some talk in town during the by-gone week in reference to the propriety of erecting a Market House, and much industry and zeal has been displayed in procuring subscribers to a scheme for a Joint Stock Company, with a Capital of £1000, in Shares of £5 each, to effect such erection, the necessity for which has all at once been discovered to be immediate and imperative; and there is no doubt that, in the meantime, the inhabitants would, by the adoption of such a plan, be relieved from all the trouble and distaste which might result from their managing their own affairs, whatever might be the result in the long run.

From the heading of the subscription list, the only thing that has yet been written or printed in reference to the proposed association, it would appear that the erection and management of the projected building is to be exclusively vested in a Committee of the Subscribers. In most towns the public Market House, erected by the Municipality, and protected by the By-Laws of the Corporation in the enjoyment of a certain monopoly and of certain privileges, forms a source of public revenue—not of private gain—the regulations for its management are adapted to the public convenience, not for individual benefit, and the officers appointed to carry these into effect are under the direction and control of the Municipality.

We contend that the erection of a public edifice, the cost of which must eventually be defrayed in some shape or other by the rate-payers and other inhabitants of the town, ought to be undertaken by the corporation, but yet not without the consent of the constituency, nor until all parties interested have had sufficient opportunity to become acquainted with the details. The necessity for the erection—and that being conceded—the most eligible site, the cost of construction, the most judicious mode of raising the necessary funds, are matters to which the attention of the constituency should be directed; and the will of the constituted authority having been first ascertained, should afterwards be religiously carried into effect.

We do not see any legitimate reason why such of the electors as may not find it convenient to subscribe their £5, or £10, or £15, to a scheme of this sort, should be deprived of all voice in an affair in which their interests are involved, and a proportion of the cost of which must ultimately come out of their pockets; and we hold that the Town Council, as the representatives of the constituency, and not any private company, are the proper parties to take action in the matter.

But we are told that so soon as certain persons having a special interest in the matter shall have arranged as to the site, plan, and other details of the proposed building, the affair will be handed over to the Corporation, who will be permitted to carry out the views of the projectors. What an admirable and exceedingly liberal idea is this! and how grateful ought the electors to feel towards gentlemen who, far above being actuated by any selfish or private motive, so generously condescend to attend to the public business for the public good!

It seems to us abundantly evident, that the plain and straightforward way of going to work in the matter is for the Council to call a Meeting of the Electors—none of your private coteries, but a Public Meeting in the Court House—where all, poor as well as rich, may have an opportunity and a right to state their sentiments in the matter; and should the object be deemed desirable, let the Council be empowered to carry it out in accordance with the views of the majority, and let us have no favoritism in the matter—no promise of jobs to procure signatures—but let the work, if agreed on, be done by public contract, fairly and above board.

Since writing the above, we understand a meeting of the shareholders of the proposed company was held in the British Hotel yesterday evening. We were told we could only be admitted on condition of signing the subscription list, and consequently were not present. We are informed that John Smith, Esq. was appointed Chairman, Mr. James Hough, Secretary; and that the following gentlemen were elected a Committee of Management:—

Messrs. James Hodgert, Robert Corbet, David Allan, A. A. Baker, A. J. Ferguson, G. Sunley, John Smith, Frederick George, and John Thorp.

It is not to be doubted that in a large majority of the committee the community repose every confidence, and we trust they will at once make apparent their equity and liberality by placing the affair, without stipulation or condition, in the hands of the Town Council, the legitimate representatives of the Rate Payers, leaving them to take such steps in the matter as they may deem advisable. Should it be the wish of the inhabitants to have a Market House, the Council can issue debentures for the required amount. The parties who take these up will receive the stipulated interest, and will have no further demand on the public. As the matter now seems arranged, the parties furnishing the cost will not only have the interest of their money, but the right of selecting a site, and the planning and patronage of the work to boot, which, would be rather too much of a bonus.

We shall take an opportunity, next week, of saying a few words as to the most eligible site for the proposed building, merely noticing, in the meantime, that the small morsel of a market-square belonging to the corporation, the only breathing place the inhabitants will possess when the town comes to be built up, ought not, while equally eligible sites may be acquired to be lumbered up with a Market House.

MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL.

The Council met yesterday evening, when all the members were present, with the exception of Mr. Carroll. Tenders were given in for the printing of the Council. The Reeve and Mr. Stevenson were of opinion that the lowest tender ought, as a matter of course, to be accepted.—Mr. Hubbard suggested that the work should be divided between the two offices. It was finally resolved that the tenders lie over till next meeting.

By-law No. 2, for imposing a dog tax of 5s, each, and for the destruction of dogs under certain circumstances, was read and passed.—Mr. Hubbard having made and withdrawn an amendment permitting all proprietors of 10 acres of land within the town to keep one dog tax free.

A Petition from the Fire Company, praying the Council to grant them the means for procuring a Water-cart, and to erect an Engine-house, was ordered to be taken into consideration at next meeting. On the motion of Mr. Thorp, seconded by Mr. Hubbard, the thanks of the Council were in terms sufficiently grandiloquent—were given to James Wright Esq., and Dr. Clarke, for their services in originating and constructing the Brock Road.

A Petition was presented from the President of the Township Benevolent Association, praying a pecuniary grant for the purpose of the Society, and was laid over till next meeting.

The Council adjourned till this evening at 5 p. m.

SONS OF TEMPERANCE.—We learn that the Dundas Division S. of T. are to have a grand anniversary celebration on Tuesday next, including a procession, soiree, &c. We would recommend such members of the Guelph Division as can make it convenient, to support and advance the interests of the cause by their presence, remembering that "union is strength." We understand that at last meeting of the Guelph Division, it having been intimated that Mr. James Ferguson had removed from this locality to reside in Fergus, the following resolution was moved by Alexander McDonald, Esq., seconded by the Rev. J. J. Braine, and carried unanimously—"that the thanks of this Division be given to Bro. James Ferguson for his eminent and efficient exertions in the cause of Temperance, and more especially for his services rendered this Division." It will be encouraging to the friends of the cause elsewhere to know that the Guelph Division has increased over 50 per cent in the last four weeks, with every prospect of continued prosperity.

MASONIC BALL.—The Ball of the Wallington Lodge came off on Friday evening last in "The British," and was attended by a large gathering of the elite of the town and vicinity. Dancing commenced soon after 8 o'clock, and was kept up with much spirit until 1 a. m., when the assembly adjourned to the supper room, where a sumptuous repast was served up. The usual toasts having been drunk, dancing was resumed, and continued until a late hour—or perhaps we should rather say an early—hour, when the party separated, highly delighted with the enjoyments of the occasion. The music, led by Mr. Day, was excellent; and the ball and supper rooms were beautifully decorated with evergreens, banners, emblematical devices, &c. The whole arrangements were such as to do much credit to Mr. Ellwood, the host of "The British."

TOWNSHIP COUNCIL.—At a meeting of the Council held yesterday, Messrs. Anthony Stephens and William Hisecock were named Assessors, and a By-law was passed for the regulation of Taverns.

CURLING.—A second game was played between the Galt and Paris Clubs on the 1st instant, resulting in favor of the latter, by 16 shots. To-day, the Paris and Fergus Clubs are engaged, at Fisher's Mills, particulars in our next.

SCHOOL TRUSTEES.—The Meeting of School Trustees for the Town of Guelph, called for Saturday last, was not held for want of a quorum.

To the Editor of the Advertiser.

Sir:—The Reeve of Derby's raving trade against the Government—fomented in Council on the 29th ult., and which, on his mere *dixit*, evoked from the Wardens the more CUTTING than dignified anathema commencing with "A more infamous system than that adopted by Government for SHAVING the townships he had never known," &c., &c.—was surely apology enough—for one who esteems it his endeavor to neutralize the effects of such mis-statements, by impugning their truth and ridiculing their motives. Falseness, however, like everything else nowadays, seems progressive; for on the following day, the 29th, the said voracious Reeve asserts in Council, that "in January, 1850, the proceeds of three licenses (for Derby), amounting to £23 10s 6d were paid over to the Inspector, and only £15 12s 6d had been received back."

Now, when I affirmed, in opposition to Mr. Carney's assertions, that 12 1/2 per cent. was all the deduction made by the Government on the fund in question, I possessed no direct information, nor, then, access to any, on the subject; but his assertions last quoted stand on a very different footing, and admit of the following statement of facts to rebut them:—

There were only four licenses altogether issued for Derby in 1850—all taken out by Innkeepers in the village of Sydenham, which village is said not to be in the township of Sydenham but in the township of Derby—Q. E. D.—but of that more anon—at £7 10s each, amounting to, as per my former letter, and statement accompanying it, £30.

TWO LICENSES ONLY.—Coleman's and Orr's were issued in January—Mr. C.'s veracity to the contrary notwithstanding—and no more, till long after the time stated by me when the return was required by Government, (9th Feb.) These two, at \$30 each, amounted to £15; and if Mr. C., as he says, received £15 12s 6d for these two Inns, "the Government sieve," instead of being so fine as he would insinuate, had been so coarse and gross as to let through 12s 6d more than was put into it.

The third license—to Mr. Corbet—was paid and returned in the quarter ending 5th April; and the fourth was paid and returned in the quarter ending 10th October.

And who do you think, Mr. Editor, took out the fourth—the last license? Oh! tell it not in Gath—nor whisper it on the shores of the Huron! Who but the IMMACULATE MR. CARNEY HIMSELF? And he, perhaps, may explain how it—Mr. Coburn's license—was "the last of the Hurons"; and might add how long its money was rattling in the Carney sieve—the fineness of its mesh—and any other truth regarding it that it may not injure himself to divulge.

Yours,
JAMES HODGERT.

Guelph, 9th Feb., 1851.

MR. HERALD:—You, if you please, will insert the above as it is addressed. I promised the Editor of the Advertiser, that any future communication on the subject of that "unfortunate letter" would be made through him; but to me it seems an age, in such a case, to wait till Thursday;—I wish he would copy, but shall not "stop my paper" if he does not; besides, I am not in the habit of contracting obligations from gente of your "Estate."

[We must state, in justice to Mr. Carney, that the above statement appears to us to be made in misapprehension. We find by our notes, that Mr. Carney said that in the two first quarters of 1850, three licenses were taken out in the township of Derby, amounting, at £7 10s each, to £23 10s, of which sum only £15 12s 6d was received back by the Municipality, amounting very nearly to the difference of 33 per cent., as affirmed by Mr. C.]

The fourth license—that of Mr. Coburn—was certainly not taken into account at all; and if we understood Mr. Carney aright, there had been no return whatsoever received on account of it at the time he left Derby. —Ed. HERALD.]

TEACHERS' CERTIFICATES.

To the Editor of the Guelph Herald.

GUELPH, Feb. 4, 1851.
Sir:—As I find many Teachers and Trustees are ignorant, from inattention, of the consequences which will follow the neglect to apply for certificates to the Board of Public Instruction, I beg to call their attention, through your columns, to the 15th section of the School Act; which, as it is possible that many of them may not have it at hand, I will quote:—

"And be it enacted, That no Teacher shall be deemed a qualified Teacher within the meaning of this Act, who shall not, at the time of his engaging with the Trustees, and applying for payment from the school fund, hold a certificate of qualification provided by this Act."

I trust that those Teachers who have to the present, presumed on a license to loosely construe the School Act, will by availing themselves of the opportunity afforded by the coming meeting of the Board, on the first Wednesday in March, (see advertisement,) place themselves in an unequivocal legal position; and that Trustees will be careful how they involve themselves by assuming responsibilities to parties on whose behalf, however able Teachers they may be, they cannot claim a penny of the School fund.

Local Superintendents cannot reasonably be expected to assume responsibilities in direct violation of the Law, in the distribution of the School fund in favor of parties who have by their own neglect created the difficulty, and who have far more interest than the Superintendent can have in the consequences resulting from their compliance or non-compliance with its unquestionable requirements.

Yours truly,
JOHN KIRKLAND.

To the Editor of the Guelph Herald.

Sir:—Some time ago, I informed you that it was the intention of our friend Mr. J. C. Wilson to bring out with him, from England, a first-rate Stallion and a number of Leicester Rams; since which time, many of that gentleman's friends have expressed their apprehension that not only he, but Mr. Hodge also, were passengers in the Atlantic, and that consequently we could scarcely expect to see either of them again. To allay any such apprehension, I beg to say that I have heard from both gentlemen this morning, who are enjoying themselves in England, and there is every prospect of their returning to this place shortly.

Mr. Wilson speaks highly of the Horse which he intends to bring out, and feels quite confident that Mr. Jackson will deem him worthy to be associated with the best Mare he ever possessed. The Stock which Mr. W. will bring out with him is the property of the Hon. H. Wilson, of Kythorpe Hall, Leicestershire, whose Stock ranks very high in England; and I understand that if the present speculation does not turn out unprofitable to him, we may expect that it will be repeated on a larger scale at no distant period; and there can be no doubt of such a circumstance being of great advantage to the agricultural community of this County.

Yours respectfully,
JOHN HARLAND.

THE OPELANE, 11th Feb., 1851.

REPORT
Of the Committee of the County Council on Basis for Assessment.

The Committee appointed to read over the New Assessment Law, and to recommend an Assessment Basis for the guidance of the Assessors through the County, that a fair and equitable Assessment may be made through the Townships and Incorporated Towns and Villages within the County, on all the rateable taxable property in the County, beg to report:—

That the Committee carefully read over the said New Assessment Act, and beg to refer the Council to Section No. 11 in said Act, where a basis is laid down for the guidance of Assessors, namely:—

"That the sums which shall be required by law, or by any by-law of any Township or County for any lawful purpose, shall and may be taxed, rated, and raised upon estimate of the amount required for any such lawful purpose for each year in which such tax is to be levied; but in Cities and Incorporated Towns or Villages, the taxes shall be imposed by by-laws, declaring the yearly rate in the pound to be levied on the yearly value of all taxable personal property shall be held to be six per cent. on the assessed actual value thereof." So that the rate, it appears, should be levied according to the actual value of all landed property not within Incorporated Towns and Villages; but in Incorporated Towns and Villages, the rate shall be levied on the yearly rate or full yearly value thereof, and that it appears to your Committee that six per cent. only of personal property is liable to taxation.

Your Committee would also refer to Section 46 of the said Act, wherein it is enacted, "That the Assessors of the several Counties in Upper Canada shall, on or before the first day of January, 1851, make out and submit to the Municipal Council of the County, a true list of the lands in their Counties respectively, lying within the limits or on the borders of such County, on which any taxes shall then remain unpaid, &c., together with the names of the owners respectively, as far as ascertainable; and the Assessors may be enabled to ascertain the same; and the said arrears shall be certified to the Clerk of the proper locality by the County Clerk, and shall be added to the Assessment Roll for the year 1851" &c.

Your Committee, in drawing attention to the aforesaid Section, would remark upon the necessity of the provisions of Acts of Parliament, laying down a special duty to be performed at a specific time, being adhered to as strictly as possible, to prevent any ill consequence following its neglect, especially when such provisions affect such a numerous proprietary as the owners of Wild Lands. Your Commit-

tee would therefore recommend that the Treasurer be required if he has prepared the List in question, and if not, whether, to comply with the provisions of the Act, such a List should be made out and laid before the Council at its present session.

Your Committee conceive that the other provisions of the said Act are so plain that they require no special notice from your Committee; as, by a little attention from the parties who may have to carry them into effect, what seems difficult and obscure at the first reading becomes perfectly plain.

All which is respectfully submitted.
(Signed) R. CARNEY.
Committee Room,
30th Jan., 1851.

HALIFAX, Feb. 3.

The revenue schooner Harodis returned from a cruise about Sable Island on Saturday, but saw no traces of the Atlantic.

The Cape Town Monitor of the 14th December, gives an account of a dreadful massacre in the interior. It is furnished by the Rev Mr. Hann, a missionary, who says that his mission was on the brink of destruction, in consequence of one of the native tribes having fallen upon another tribe at the station in question. Numbers were butchered with all the horrors of savage warfare.

SIR J. FRANKLIN.—Mr. Win Kennedy, of Kingston, latterly of Saugueen has proceeded to New York on his way to England at the request of Lady Franklin, to assist in the search of her lost Sir John. Mr. Kennedy some time ago proposed a plan of search which it appears has at length been adopted. From his experience in Arctic journeying and his vigor of both body and mind, and remarkable firmness of character, we think the choice could not have been better made. May his labors be attended with success.—*Quebec Gazette.*

ELECTIVE COUNCILS.—We observe it stated that the Queen's assent has been given to the petition of the Legislature of New Brunswick, sent "home" last year, praying for an elective Legislature Council; and that the despatch will be shortly promulgated.—*Kingston Argus.*

A CHANCE FOR THE BUTTER.—The privilege of selling refreshments in certain stalls in the Glass Palace, during the World's Fair, have been put up at auction. One of the conditions is that "no wines, spirits, beer, or intoxicating drinks can be sold or admitted by the contractor."

BIRTH.

On the 29th ult., Mrs. Miller Gilbert, German Mills, Waterloo, of twins. They were grown together in the same way as the well known Siamese twins, and were still-born.

MARRIED.

At the residence of the bride's father, by the Rev. John G. Macgregor, on Wednesday, 5th instant, Mr. James Wilson, to Nancy, fourth daughter of Jas. Lynd, Esq., merchant, Guelph. In the city of Toronto, on the 4th inst., by the Rev. Mr. Baldwin, at the residence of the bride's father, the Hon. John Ross, M. L. C., to Eliza, second daughter of the Hon. Robert Baldwin, Attorney General for Canada West. His Excellency the Governor General and the Countess of Elgin, and numerous friends, were present at the ceremony.

At Owen Sound, on the 22nd ult., by the Rev. John McKinnon, Robert Hadden, Esq., to Alice, eldest daughter of Mr. James Coleman, all of Owen Sound.

DIED.

In Montreal, a few days ago, Mr. Wm. Matland, at the advanced age of 95 years. Mr. Matland was the oldest merchant in Montreal. He was a native of Montrose, in Scotland. He came to Canada about the year 1775, at which time there were only a few inhabitants in Upper Canada, and Toronto was but a village of a few houses. At Chipping Sodbury, Gloucestershire, England, 14th December, after a few days' illness, in his 61st year, Elizabeth, wife of Mr. George Hies, grocer, deceased, respected by all who knew her. Also, at the same place, on the 15th, Mr. Gabriel Williams, in his 68th year. The deceased were brother and sister of Mr. Thos. Williams, brewer, of the town of Guelph.

MARKETS.

GUELPH, Feb. 11.
At the "Guelph Mills"—Wheat, best samples, 5s 6d to 5s 8d; Barley, do., 2s 3d to 2s 6d; Oats, 1s 3d currency; Rye, 4s York, or 2s 6d currency; Indian Corn, 4s York, or 2s 6d cy; per 60 lbs. Superfine Flour, 18s 9d cy per bbl; do. per 100 lbs., 8s 9d.

Victoria Mills (Mr. James C. Present)—Fall Wheat, 5s 6d to 5s 8d York; Oats, 1s 2 1/2 to 1s 3 1/2, currency.

GALT, PRESTON, & NEW HOPE, Feb. 7.
Wheat, per bushel, 3s 6d—Flour, fine, per 100 lbs., 10s—Oats, per bushel, 1s 1d—Barley, 2s 6d—Beef, per 100 lbs., 17s 6d to 20s—Pork, do., 11s to 2s 6d—Timothy Seed, per bushel, 8s 1/2—Hay, per ton, 40s to 50s. Our markets remain steady, and a good deal doing.—*Reporter.*

DUNDAS, Feb. 7.
We have no change to note in our quotations, except in Pork, which is a little lower.—*Warder.*

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