

COMMUNICATION.

[FOR THE STANDARD.]

Mr. Editor,

SIR,
Your Editorial notice respecting my two former letters, encourages me to resume my pen on the subject of our Railway. It must be obvious to you that I take a deep interest in the welfare and progress of the undertaking, and I think it must be equally apparent that I have given my best attention to the various statements and circumstances relating to it, which have from time to time been made public.

In reviewing the facts, whether of the late or the present Board, and in examining the affairs and position of the Railway Company, no far as they have come to my knowledge, I have at all events formed my opinions independently—uninfluenced by any fear or favor from either party—and therefore in propounding those opinions through the medium of your columns, I may hope that they will carry the full weight of an impartial judgment, not only with the public at large, but also with that section of it more immediately interested in the consideration of all matters pertaining to the Road, either from their being Shareholders in the Company, or merely residents in this vicinity.

It is certainly very generally felt, and I believe also pretty freely acknowledged, that we must depend on the means of the Class A Shareholders, assisted by Government, as our only hope of ever having the line finished. It appears, therefore, of importance to consider, whether the construction of the Board here is such as to secure the confidence of these two important bodies; and this consideration has led me to examine and reflect how the present acting Members of the Board stand, or have been appointed—of the non-resident or distant Members I need not speak as they have, I believe, never been more than dummies.

After the General Meeting in June last, we find that the late President, and those that had acted with him, though proper to resign and I have heard it said, that one of the principal reasons for their so doing, was that Mr. Wilson stated, openly, at that meeting, that unless he came in again with his own control, that he would petition against the issue of debentures, memorialize the Home Government, and agitate in every way he could to injure the concern. This being the case, I think the old Board displayed great good sense in manifesting a different spirit; and determining, if the Shareholders thought proper to elect him after such a declaration, to let him have a fair trial at his own way, without any obstruction from them. This is, however, beside the question; my present object being, as I stated, to consider, the construction of the present Board, and to prove that Mr. Wilson "got it all his own way." The question will then be for the Class A and the Government to decide whether he enjoys their confidence, and is the fittest person to be virtually, if not nominally, at head of such an important undertaking.

The Board now consists, in addition to the old dummy Members, of Mr. Wilson, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Frye, Mr. Hill, Mr. T. B. Wilson, Dr. Gove, and Mr. Ed. Wilson. There are also the Government directors, but as they are nominated by the Executive, independently of the Company, they cannot on the part of the Government at least, be any want of confidence in them, and therefore it is only necessary to speak of the Shareholders' Directors alone named.

The four first were duly elected by the Shareholders; Messrs. Edw. and T. B. Wilson were nominated at one of the first meetings, and Dr. Gove has since been appointed.

I think every one in the community is perfectly acquainted with Mr. Hatch's weakness of character, and how little able to cope with Mr. Wilson's superior shrewdness. Mr. Frye deserves severe rebuke for deserting the policy of the old Board, when he came, from having been a sufficiently frequent attendant at their meetings, have been perfectly cognizant of it; but his motives, I believe, thoroughly well appreciated, and to require no remark from me. Mr. Hill has always been a member of the Board, but has rarely attended or taken part in its proceedings, and, being an old ally of Mr. Wilson's, it is easy to divine at whose instigation he has now so suddenly become such a prominent member, that within the last ten days he has formed one of a deputation to the Executive. Mr. Thos. Wilson's unstable disposition is certainly relieved by his doubtful submission at all times to the behests of his father—so I may dismiss him as the ready tool of his venerable parent.

Wilson has, I believe, never attended the Board, and he is known to be of too independent a character to be a party to measures he does not approve; it is therefore probable that his efforts from attending the meetings, I am at a loss to account for his having been appointed, unless it was to strengthen the family compact by the addition of his name; and I should like to know whether he was consulted on the matter before being appointed. I confess I have my doubts. There only remains the late nomination of Dr. Gove; and this I consider the most objectionable and improper of the whole if I am correctly informed as to his position with the Contractors. I understand, Sir, that he is the endorser of certain bills of Mr. King, which have been procured, and that he holds a mortgage on all the plant and on some of the iron, belonging to the Messrs. Sykes & Co., as well as on some private property of Mr. King. Under such circumstances I conceive he cannot be interested alone for the Company, which as a Director,

he ought to be; and though it may perhaps be very polite for him to accept a position which enables him to look after his own interest, I think the others are highly blamable for acquiescing in his appointment.

Now, Sir, I ask how can either the Class A or the Government have any consideration or reliance on a Board so constructed, and therefore I again say, that the sooner the present men yield up their offices and make room for better and firmer men, the better for our hopes of getting the Railroad finished. In my next I will give you an account of the statements which have reached me of the contradictory nature of some of the late transactions of the Board; and if I have time enter into an explanation of the policy which I think ought to be pursued.

I am your obdt. servt.,

CIVIS.

TRADE WITH THE BRITISH PROVINCES.—The trade with New England and the British Provinces is steadily increasing, and under the influence of the new treaty, will grow to great importance. The arrivals from the Provinces at this port only, for the past two days, number fifty-seven vessels, all of which bring cargoes of coal, lumber, wood, fish, plaster, &c., and in return they will take more or less of our productions. The trade is one of profit to both parties, and is yearly extending to new points of intercourse along the coast of New England.—*Boston paper.*

TERRIBLE DEATH OF A MOLDER.—We have already recorded the accident which befell Mr. John Brady, a molder in Algier's Foundry, South Boston, on Thursday last. He, with a number of other men, was engaged in swinging a ladle of melted iron from the furnace to the mould, when the ladle was upset, and Mr. Brady, who was holding the handle, was, by some accident, thrown into the fiery fluid. He was burned in a shocking manner, and yesterday, after intense agony, he died. He was one of the best molders in Mr. Algier's employ, a good citizen, and he leaves a young wife to mourn his untimely death.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.—The Rev. Wm. Donald has received by last mail—from Wm. Young Esq., W. S., Edinburgh, Secretary to the Church of Scotland's Colonial Committee, and Treasurer of the funds contributed by the Church in aid of the wives and families of the soldiers and sailors engaged in the eastern war—the following acknowledgment of the collection made for that purpose in St. Andrew's Church of this city:—*Edinburgh, 13th Sept. 1854.*—Received from the Rev. Wm. Donald, £65 2s. 2d. (79 11s. 7d. ex. gr.) being a collection made in St. Andrew's Church, N. B. in aid of the wives and children engaged in the Eastern War.

W. Young, Treasurer.

In his letter to Mr. Donald, Mr. Young says:

It will be gratifying to you to know that the St. Andrew's Church collection is the largest I have yet received. It will also be gratifying to the friends of the Church of Scotland in this Province to learn that Mr. Young intimates to Mr. Donald, that the Colonial Committee have made two appointments of Missionaries to New Brunswick, namely, the Rev. Robert Stevenson, and the Rev. Peter Keay, and that Mr. Stevenson is now on his way out by the Europa, which was to leave Liverpool on Saturday last.—*Nbr.*

CAPTAIN COOK'S CLOCK.—United Service Institution.—To the many attractions with which this institution abounds, one that will be highly appreciated, has lately been presented by Rear Admiral Sir Thos. Herbert, K. C. B. It is a valuable chronometer by Laurence Kendall, London, 1771, which was carried out by Captain Cook, on his voyages to the Pacific, and was taken out again by Lieut. Bligh, in 1787. When the Bounty's crew mutinied, it was carried by the mutineers to Pitcairn's Island. In 1808 it was sold by Adams to an American, Mr. May Fletcher, who sold it in Chili. It was purchased for 50 guineas by Sir T. Herbert from M. Goldclough, at Valparaiso, in 1840, and has now, owing to Sir Thomas's generosity, found its appropriate resting place among the valuable relics deposited in this institution.—*British Army Despatch.*

A POOR MAN'S WISH.—I asked a student what three things he most wished.—He said, "Give me books, health and quiet, and I care for nothing more." I asked the miser, and he cried, "Money—money—money." I asked a pauper, and he faintly said, "Bread—bread—bread." I asked the multitude around me, and they lifted up a confused cry, in which I heard the words, "Wealth, Fame and Pleasure." I asked a poor man, who had long borne the character of an experienced Christian. He replied, "All that I wish is Health, Wisdom, and to have a constant Love for my Maker and Redeemer."

EVENHANDER JUSTICE.—In Sacramento recently a man was tried for the wilful murder of a Chinaman, and notwithstanding the testimony was positive against him, he was acquitted. A poor Chinaman, however, stole \$200; the money was recovered, but he was tried, convicted, and sentenced to five years imprisonment at hard labor.

The performances of a new repeating pistol, patented by Messrs. Down and Adams, were tested recently at Woolwich, Eng., when 1000 successive shots were fired from one barrel, without cleaning, oiling, or otherwise regulating, until the whole series was

completed, and without a single miss—fire, or the slightest derangement.

Arrival of the "Atlantic."

SEVEN DAYS LATER FROM ENGLAND.

The steamship Canada, which sailed from Liverpool on the 23d Sept., arrived at New York yesterday morning.

It is officially announced by the French and English Governments that on the 14th Sept., 58,000 of the Allied Forces landed at Eupatoria, without opposition, and immediately marched on Sebastopol. The Transports at once returned to Varna for 14,000 more French soldiers.

It is reported that the Czar, at the last moment, had consented to terms, but it was not generally credited.

It is said the Russians have only 38,000 of a disposable force in the Crimea.

The Allied fleets were off Sebastopol.

The news from England is unimportant.

Spanish affairs unchanged.

MARKETS.—Breadstuffs buoyant; Flour had advanced 2s; Wheat 4d; Corn 1s. 6d.

Provisions were dull. No change in fish. Tea had advanced. Consols 95.

THE STANDARD.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 11, 1854.

MEETING OF THE LEGISLATURE.

We learn from St. John papers that the Legislature is summoned to meet on Thursday, the 19th inst. "for the despatch of business."

There cannot be a doubt, that the first business of the "Collective Wisdom" will be to decide on the acceptance or rejection of the Reciprocity Treaty concluded between Great Britain and the United States—but there are other weighty matters which demand attention—viz: the Election law.

The time has fully come, when a sound measure should be introduced not only for registration of voters, and vote by ballot, but also to extend the franchise. A majority of the new Members, pledged themselves at the hustings in the different Counties, to advocate some such measure, and we look forward to them trusting that they will redeem their pledges. There is no necessity to clog a bill with cumbersome machinery—we trust that Mr. Brown will take up the matter and bring it before the House without delay.

THE ENGLISH NEWS received by the Steamer Canada, which arrived at New York on Friday last, will be found in another column. It appears that the allied forces landed at Eupatoria without opposition, and marched on Sebastopol. In the course of a fortnight, news of an important nature will be received, as the season will not permit much more being done after that period.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—We again inform Correspondents that unless their letters reach our Office on Monday, their favors cannot be published until the following week. And further we beg leave to inform them, that we will not insert an anonymous letter, unless the writer sends us his name, which he may rest assured will be kept strictly secret. Amicus must give us his name, "Zero" and "Cris" will find their letters in our columns.

SHIP BURNED.—A fine ship of about 600 tons, ready for launching, at Red Beach, near Robinson, was destroyed by fire, on Sunday night last, together with the shed containing the carpenter's tools. The vessel was owned by Mr. Lowe, of that place, we did not learn whether she was insured. The cause of the fire is unknown.

LOSS OF THE ARCTIC.—The American Steamship which sailed from Liverpool on the 20th Sept., for New York was lost off the Banks of Newfoundland having run into a French steamer. A number of the passengers were lost, among whom were Mrs. Collins (wife of the owner), and six children. The captain also perished with the steamer.

NEW YORK ILLUSTRATED JOURNAL.—Our thanks are due to Mr. B. O'Brien, of St. John, for the October number of this popular work, containing 80 pages and 40 illustrations. As a work of Art, the Journal is not excelled on this Continent. Published by P. D. Orris, New York—price \$2 per annum, exclusive of postage. Mr. B. O'Brien agent, St. John. Specimen copy may be seen at the Standard Office, and subscribers forwarded to the agent.

England's Battles by Sea and Land, including the present expedition against Russian aggression in the East, by Lt. Col. Williams. We have been presented with part No. 1, of this interesting work, published by the London printing and publishing com-

pany—price 1s. 3d. each part, illustrated with two steel engravings. Subscribers names received at this office. Mr. George Gay, agent.

LABORER'S WAGES.—We notice by St. John papers that owing to the shortness of the days and the fall in the price of flour—laborers' wages have fallen to 4 shillings a day, in St. John, and on the Railroad at the Bend. Flour is also reported to be falling in price rapidly—only a few speculators who have a quantity on hand, are desirous of keeping up the price, viz: 88.

Arrival of our New Governor.—The Steamer Governor arrived on Thursday last at noon from Portland, having on board His Excellency J. H. Mannes Sutton and Lady, with five children and suite. On the steamer's approaching the wharf, a salute was fired from the ships John Bannerman and Joseph Tarratt, belonging to the Black Ball Line of Liverpool Packets. His Excellency was received at the landing by the principal officers of Government then in the City, and a number of respectable citizens, and proceeded on foot to the St. John Hotel, escorted by the Hon. the Provincial Secretary, and Col. Gardiner, the senior Military officer in the Province, Colonel Hayne, &c.

In the afternoon His Excellency visited several parts of the City, and some of the Ship yards, and seemed to be much interested in what he saw. On the following morning His Excellency and family, with the Members of the Executive Council and other official personages, proceeded by steamer to Fredericton, where His Excellency took the oath of office at noon to-day.—*Courier.*

MEETING OF THE LEGISLATURE.—We have just heard by telegraph from Fredericton, that a Royal Gazette extra was issued to-day, containing His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's Proclamation, summoning the Legislature to meet on Thursday, the 19th inst. "for the despatch of business."—*B.*

Nearly all grades of flour are declining, notwithstanding the severe drought, and the prediction, that prices would reach \$15 to \$20 per barrel during the Fall and Winter. The receipts from the South and West are rapidly increasing; producers have become pretty well satisfied that present high prices cannot be sustained for any length of time, are pushing forward their stocks with considerable vigor. There is no demand for export, and each succeeding steamer from Europe confirms the impression, which has now become pretty general, that not a single barrel of flour will be wanted from this country either in Europe or on the continent.

The best grades have declined \$1.50 per barrel within a week, and holders can only make sales by continually submitting to lower prices.

Although the receipts of wheat are small, yet in the absence of any foreign demand, prices are gradually sinking.—*New York Paper.*

STORE BREAKING.—On Thursday night, not less than four stores in Dock Street, and on the North Market Wharf were entered by burglars, who ransacked the premises and broke open desks, &c. The stores entered were those of Mr. T. S. Magee, and Mr. A. Hastings, on Dock Street, and Messrs. Thorne & Lee's, and Mr. James N. C. Blacks on the North Market Wharf. The robbers entered from the rear, and ransacked the several stores, their object being to obtain money; but with the exception of the change found in the drawers, which was very small, the thieves carried away nothing of much value. We understand that they did not succeed in obtaining more than about five pounds altogether. Their attempts to open the safes, in which the money was deposited were unavailing. We believe that this city has been visited by a gang of thieves, and the people should be on their guard.—*New Brunswick.*

RECIPROCIITY.—A telegraphic despatch received at the News Room, from M. H. Percy Esq., and dated Washington, Oct. 4th, says:—"The American Government cannot bring the treaty into operation without Colonial Legislation. Nothing else will do. There is great desire here to put the treaty in force instantly, but the Colonies must act first. The question of Colonial produce in bond, to be duty free when the treaty is perfected, is under consideration to-day."—*Ibid.*

FRIENDLY ADVICE.—A lady desired Dr. Johnson to give his opinion of a work she had just written, adding, that if it would not do, she begged him to tell her, for she had other irons in the fire; and in case of its not being likely to succeed, she could bring out something else. "Then," said the Doctor, after turning over a few leaves, "I advise you, madam, to put it where your irons are."

DEATHS.

On the 6th inst., Mr. JOHN McLACHLAN, aged 58 years, a native of Scotland. Mr. McLachlan was formerly a Merchant and Magistrate, in this place, and for some time editor and proprietor of the "Charlotte Gazette," which was discontinued last year.

On the 29th ult., Percy Charles, the infant son of Charles A. Thomson, Esq.

Suddenly, on Friday evening, at Indian Town, John S. Taylor, Esq., of Sheffield, Sunbury Co. He has left a circle of friends to mourn their loss.

Public Notice.

WHEREAS William Babcock, Administrator of Frederick Augustus Babcock late of Saint Andrews in the County of Charlotte, deceased, has this day filed his Petition duly verified, in the Court of Probates for the said County, for Licence to sell the Real Estate which the said Frederick Augustus Babcock died seized of, for the payment of the debts due from the said Estate. Notice is hereby given, that the said Petition will be taken into consideration at a Court to be holden at the office of the Clerk of the Peace in Saint Andrews, on Tuesday the seventh day of November next at the hour of noon. Dated the third day of October 1854.

By the Court.
GEO. D. STREET,
Clerk.



CROWN LAND OFFICE, Oct. 2, 1854.

THE undermentioned Lots of Crown Lands will be offered for sale by Public Auction, on Tuesday the seventh day of November next, at noon, by the respective Deputies, at their Offices, agreeably to the Regulations of 11th May 1843, and no sale on credit will be made to any person who is indebted to the Crown for previous purchases.

(Not to interfere with the right to cut Timber or other Lumber under Licences applicable previous to the applications for the purchase of the Land.)

(No person is allowed to hold more than one hundred acres payable by instalments.)

By Deputy Clerk, at St. Andrews.
100 acres, division A of lot 101, west side Grand Manan, John Wilson.
100 acres, division B of lot 101, west side Grand Manan, John Wilson.
100 acres, division C of lot 101, west side Grand Manan, John Wilson.
125 acres, division D of lot 101, west side of Grand Manan, John Wilson.
(50) R. D. WILSON, Sur. Gen.

Ships' WHEELS and CAPSTANS.

THE subscribers inform Shipbuilders, and all others whom it may concern, that they have commenced manufacturing STEERING WHEELS and CAPSTANS, of a superior make and finish, at their shop on Peters' Wharf, which they will sell lower than articles of the same description can be purchased for at any other establishment in the City.

WHEELS and CAPSTANS will be kept constantly on hand.

Orders from all parts of the Province will be punctually attended to.

Orders left with Mr. WILLIAM GUNSON, St. Andrews, will receive prompt attention.

HUGHES & GIBSON,
St. John, Oct. 10, 1854 3a

C. C. AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

SEALED tenders will be received by the undersigned, until Tuesday the 31st October, instant, at 10 A. M. for the purchase of the Entire Horse ECLIPSE, (belonging to the C. C. Agricultural Society,) to be kept in this County till 1st May 1857, under the penalty of £300, to be secured by bond with approved sureties. The tenders to state the Parish in which the person tendering proposes to keep the horse.

Tenders will also be received until the same time, for keeping said horse till 1st April next, subject to the regulations imposed by the Society as to the manner of keeping him; which tenders must also state where the proposer intends keeping him.

The Society reserves the right of rejecting all or any of the tenders received. An adjourned Meeting of the Committee of the above Society will be held on the 31st October, at 11 A. M. at the Office of the undersigned, when the tenders will be opened.

By Order of the Board,
ALEX. T. PAUL, Sec'y.

St. Andrews, Oct. 10, 1854.

To Let,

And possession given on the 1st November. THAT commodious D. W. E. L. I. N. G. HOUSE, at present in the occupation of Mr. Hatch, corner of King and Queen streets. Rent moderate.

ROBERT ALEXANDER,
Sept. 27, 1854.

Bricks for Sale.

MANUFACTURED and for Sale at Chamcook, a quantity of BRICKS, low for Cash: Apply to subscriber. THOS. B. WILSON, Chamcook, Sept. 27, 1854.

Notice to Farmers.

THE GRIST MILL, to grind Country GRAIN—in operation at Chamcook.—Also, BARLEY MILL. THOS. B. WILSON, Chamcook, Sept. 27, 1854.