

of their services,—she has pledged herself for their payment. And has she maintained her pledge? No, *proh pudor!* scared by the raven croakings of a PALTRY FRENCH FACTION, she has left those to whom her faith was pledged, for two years and more, without receiving one farthing of their just dues,—to beg or borrow a scanty pittance, that their starving little ones may have bread to eat. Oh! England—England! shall your unoffending sons be treated thus? shall free-born England submit to be thus treated? No, my brave countrymen, we are not yet Helots—we have not yet rung the funeral dirge of liberty. “Thou art not dead, fair freedom, no, thou art not dead! The sons of Britain, united in the cause of freedom, have never yet fought in vain. Yet more in that sacred cause shall we unfurl the meteoric flag—once more contend FOR LIBERTY! But before we stand breast to breast with our enemies in mortal fight, we must make our appeal for redress to the people of the land of our forefathers. The men who have “cheerfully” consented to the spoliation of our rights must be recalled * * * * * and a few short weeks will decide the question,—well; but if not—the mind sickens at the contemplation of what must inevitably ensue.”

Quebec, Dec. 24th, 1835.

UPPER CANADA.—In some late U. Canada papers of the last Session has been published, which assimilates the heterogeneous materials of many former Acts, on the subject of Township Officers. On reading over this Act, we were no less struck with simplicity, than with the efficiency of its provisions, when we compare it with the mass of confusion which stands on our Statute Books, for our Township Acts to thread their way through, we cannot but regret that our fellow Colonists on the wisdom which characterized their Legislature in framing it.

We have not room for reviewing all the leading lines of the Act, but we may state, that a board of commissioners and a Township Clerk are chosen by the freeholders of each Township, the former being empowered for the purpose of overseeing and managing all township affairs, including the funds, property, the poor, the roads, taxes, pounding of carts, &c. &c. Every officer in the township is paid reasonable remuneration for his services, including commissioners themselves and the clerk;—This, the duties each has to perform is so plainly detailed, that the meanest capacity may comprehend its scope and spirit. It is not only clear of those legal intricacies, and quaint phrases, with which our Legislators delight in mystifying our Laws; but it contains principle to the people, which Tories in every city have retained with the most tenacious grasp, which reformers, even in Britain itself, have never been able to obtain. We allude to the nomination of magistrates. This Act requires the inhabitants to nominate as many fit and proper persons as may seem necessary, for the Executive to appoint as magistrates for the Township,—and they hold only during good behaviour.

A similar Bill is now before the Legislature of Lower Canada, and little doubt is entertained of its passage into a Law. We see nothing said in the Act of about their qualification, but in the Lower Canada Bill they are required to be worth £300 before they can be eligible to office.

As subject in particular, and the whole Townships in general, are well worthy the grave attention of our Legislature. Were they to pass a similar law to the one we have referred to, adapting it to the state of this country, and repeal all the old laws on the subject, it would go a long way in establishing them in the confidence of their constituents.

A magisterial principle, we would especially press their attention; there can scarcely be a greater

evil in any country, than an irresponsible magistracy, and no one with his eyes open will venture to deny that Nova Scotia has borne its full share of this evil. We have lots of magistrates in this Province not worth a groat, and some even without a Freehold; and there are many others that live openly on the vices and crimes of the people, which as a matter of course it is their interest to promote. The whole system is rotten to the core, and ought to be swept away here, as it will soon be in the Sister Colonies. While the present system lasts, men of good sense, education, and intelligence, will avoid the Bench as they would the pestilence, as has lately occurred in the case of Halifax, while every upstart that has adroitness enough to secure a spokesman at head quarters, pops into the Commission, to the annoyance and injury of their seniors in wisdom and years.

We have been desirous to intimate, that Dr. Chipman, of this Town, has received Subscribers' Names to Dr. Gesner's work on the Geology and Mineralogy of Nova Scotia.

To CORRESPONDENTS.—“Old Rusticus” is received and will be attended to soon.

If “H” will send us his arithmetical problem in plain prose, we will give it insertion; we do not think it would be intelligible in doggerel rhyme.

[COMMUNICATED.]

On Thursday evening last, a Meeting was held in the school house in Scotch Hill, for the purpose of forming a Temperance Society. A form of Rules on the principle of total abstinence was read and agreed to; the Meeting was then appropriately addressed by Dr. J. W. Anderson and others, after which 19 persons signed the pledge, from whom the following gentlemen were chosen Office Bearers for the ensuing year: Mr. Peter Grant, President; Dr. J. W. Anderson and Mr. George Young, Vice Presidents; Mr. John Grant, Secretary; Messrs. A. Campbell and D. McQuarry, Committee.

A Meeting of the Society will be held at the same place on Thursday, the 21st instant, at 6 o'clock in the evening.

PICTOU TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.—The Third Quarterly Meeting of this Society will be held to-morrow evening in the Court House, at 7 o'clock. As an Address will be delivered by the Rev. James Ross, the Inhabitants generally cannot spend an hour in the evening to better purpose than by going to hear him.

PICTOU BIBLE SOCIETY.

The Annual Meeting of the above Society, will be held in the Court House, on Monday next, at 7 o'clock in the evening. The friends of the cause and the public generally are requested to attend.

JAS. DAWSON, Secretary.

SHIP NEWS.

Arrived at St. John, N.B. on the 1st January, ship Scotia, Risk, Liverpool, 61 days. Nov. 25th, at 2 P.M. saw a wreck to leeward, with a signal of distress flying—bore down and found it to be the John Miller, of Liverpool—hard gales prevailing from the N.W. have too under her lee, and remained by her until 10 A.M. on the 27th, when our boat was got out, and we succeeded in boarding the wreck and rescuing the officers and crew, 21 in number. The weather continuing stormy, and being rather short of water, bore up for Flores on the 29th, where a supply was obtained, and 14 fourteen men belonging to the John Miller were left in charge of the British Consul.—[The J.M. sailed from Liverpool for Savannah, on the 1st of November.]

We regret to state that the Brig *Indian Lass*, Capt. Stabb, (belonging to Messrs. Thomas Chacey & Co., of Carbonary) from Nova-Scotia bound to Carbonary with a cargo of spars and lumber, was totally lost at Horse cove (near Portugal cove,) during the heavy gale and snow-drift on the night of Thursday last. It is afflicting to add that Cap. Stabb

and one of his crew lost their lives on this melancholy occasion.—A. F. Public Ledger, Dec. 9.

MARRIED.

On the 7th instant, by the Rev. David Roy, Mr. John Ross, to Miss Catharine McLellan, both of East River.

DIED.

At New Glasgow, on the 6th instant, Mr. James Miller, in the 46th year of his age, son of the late Isaac Miller of Truro.

At New York, on the 22d December, Dr. David Hosack, well known as an eminent physician and naturalist.

At Halifax, on the 31st Dec. Mr. W. Macara, Druggist, aged 46 years; a native of Scotland, and an old and respectable inhabitant of Halifax.

SALE BY AUCTION.

ON Friday the 22d instant, at 12 o'clock noon, the AMERICAN BRIG, PARAGON, burthen per register, 147 tons. This vessel is about 11 years old.

THE HULL AND SPARS will be sold at the wharf of the General Mining Association, in this town, where she now lies, and the Materials either in one lot or as may suit purchasers. ROSS & PRIMROSE.

11th January, 1836

TO BE SOLD OR LET.

THAT commodious new HOUSE, on Water st., adjoining the property of Ross and Primrose to the east. It is divided into two self-contained sets of apartments, each containing a Kitchen and frost-proof Cellar on the ground floor; a SHOP 20 feet by 16, and a Parlour on the second floor; a Dining Room and Drawing Room, in the third floor, with the addition of a bed-room to one end; two good bed-rooms in the attic story. Possession can be given early in May.

ALSO, FOR SALE:

That two-story House and Garden, corner of Queen and George st., presently occupied by Mr. James Smith, grocer.

ALSO:

THAT two-story House on Water st., at present occupied by Varnel Brown, and as a Printing Office. This House is well finished and has a never-failing spring of water in the cellar.

Terms of purchase of either of the above will be made easy. For particulars apply to JAMES DAWSON.

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TO LET.

AND IMMEDIATE POSSESSION GIVEN: TWO ROOMS and part of the CELLAR, in that house formerly A. G. McKay's, adjoining the residence of Mr. Geo. Craig, on the upper side of Church Street.

ALSO:

ALL that HOUSE lately occupied by John Adamson, on Water Street.

ALSO:

ALL that HOUSE lately in the occupation of Edw'd Roach, Esq. This House is calculated for two families, and can be had in separate divisions or in whole.

The Rent for the two first mentioned premises will be required to be paid monthly, and for the last quarterly.

Apply at the Office of the Subscriber, THOMAS DICKSON. b.w.

HEALTH SECURED BY MORRISON'S PILLS,

THE VEGETABLE UNIVERSAL MEDICINE OF THE BRITISH COLLEGE OF HEALTH, The Subscriber has been appointed agent for the Eastern Division of the Province and Prince Edward Island, for the sale of the above valuable Medicines, of whom only they can be had genuine, with Morrison's directions for their use.

JAMES DAWSON.

Pictou, May 6th, 1836.