

the eldest son of the Representative for Sydney, a man considerably below the middle stature and of a fair complexion. Perhaps the age of no man in the Province has so often been a subject of disputable conversation, as that of Mr W. Young; nor is there an individual at whom old Time has shaken his glass more unreluctant. On a late occasion, a gentleman in my hearing pronounced him short of five and twenty. But Chronology with his hazen pen, would, I apprehend, enroll him on the wrong side of forty. His countenance, though unadorned with much that is calculated to excite admiration, nevertheless beams with intelligence and grace. The member for Josteau, in his politics, is liberal, and the cause of Provincial reform has always received valuable assistance from his instrumentality. He usually addresses the House from the Speaker's left near the library at the upper end of the seat. On the second reading of the annual Parliament Bill, for the first time during the session, at both his pro and con, very ably defended, has it been my privilege to listen to so able an orator, so eloquent an address. Succinctly, and judiciously presented to the House, the history of the House of Commons, from the earliest records of its existence to the present time. In debate, W. Young's highly animating. He "speaks the speech of a soldier on his tongue." His action is graceful, his voice clear and musical, and his address captivating. His speech on the subject of Judge's Fees, and in which he emerged fully and fairly into their original nature of that sanction so often alluded to by his opponents, was worthy of the profession. That we are less than already done wonders in vindicating the House from the Olympian load of calumny, heaped upon them by interested demagogues. Young has done for the Country in a tone, and strain, incapable of being misunderstood, that there are lawyers in the Province *the thousand and one Parliament seat*. The Editorials of Joseph Howe to the contrary notwithstanding, who neither fear the scowling frowns of the lords, nor the smiles of men in high places. For in these sketches I have studiously informed my readers, that certain gentlemen of the long robe were *not* in the person of the member for Josteau-Corpe. Do not let him alone. Doyle, DesBarres and McDougall have all recorded their professional opinions, declaring the illegality of their exaction. So very constitutional a manner of treating a subject, such candour in admitting the force, and plausibility of argument of an opponent; so able an application of jurisprudence, and the first principles of ethics, to the data of a case; such research; such familiarity with a whole question; and, above all, so purely forensic, and commendable a mode of conducting an argument, in which every personal attack is carefully eschewed, are circumstances which entitle the orator alike to the estimation of those who wear the ermine, those who wear in hopeful expectation of those who deprecate unconstitutional taxation. I have already said that Young is a Reformer, but in so doing I am not to conceal that his politics are less liberal than those of his competitors. He appears disposed to strike out a path, midway between the Radicals and the Conservatives, and, worse, it is certainly not at all impossible that true Reform may yet be found.

THE WEEK.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, MAY 3, 1837

These remarks in our last Editorial on the patronage of Stage Coaches and Stage Coaches and Communications, have, we understand, elicited no small discussion. This is precisely what we intended they should do, knowing that enquiry and discussion are sure to conduct to sound information. We are very far indeed from having any hostility either to the Post Office Department, or Stage Coach accommodation; but we boldly maintain that as a preliminary step towards affording their aid—that public, who demand the means should see authenticated copies of the annual Accounts exhibited, showing that there is a necessity for pecuniary aid, and until that is done, we should not let the Representatives have to contribute to them a shilling of the public money. As regards the former, if it really has not funds of its own to carry it on (which we do not believe), we think a more legitimate way of obtaining aid would be, to raise the Postage, than to draw it from the pockets of thousands of poor people who, perhaps, do not receive a letter in twelve months. We disapprove of all grants of public money which tend to create monopolies;

and we surely do not ask too much, when we say to all who do receive public money, that the Public want to see their accounts.

If ever economy was necessary in Nova Scotia, it is now, when the public debt is large, education poorly provided for, and agriculture wholly overlooked.

A NEST OF PETTY TYRANTS—House of Assembly, P. E. Island—While certain Messages were being read, Mr Le Lacheur, one of the members for King's County, in the custody of the Sergeant at arms, for a breach of privilege, covered the lobby of the House with his hat on, and without uncovering, went inside the Bar, and passed through to the Library—This being viewed as an insult to the House, an order was issued for his being committed to the common Jail, which was immediately carried into effect.

On the following day, Mr Le Lacheur sent a card to the speaker, disclaiming any intention to insult the House, yet making a most humble apology—when the House was pleased to order him back into the custody of the Sergeant at arms, on paying the Jail fees. The reader will recollect that Mr Le Lacheur, together with Messrs Cooper and McIntosh, have all, at the suggestion of the King's representative, been prisoners to this precious set of Legislators for nearly three months, for exercising a constitutional privilege!

The Legislature of P. E. Island was prorogued on the 20th ultimo.

The Embargo Law appears in the Gazette of the 25th ult.; it prohibits the exportation of all kinds of grain and potatoes—and also making the former into malt. To be in force till the first of August.

THE ADDRESS—We have this day copied the Address of the House of Assembly to the Throne, on the Constitution of H. M. Council. It contains the substance and spirit of the 12 Resolutions, and we sincerely hope it will meet a gracious reception.

We also copy his Excellency's Speech, at the prorogation of Parliament.

RELIEF TO THE POOR—The sum of £350 has been allotted to the County of Pictou, for supplying the poorer part of the inhabitants with seed grain and potatoes—for which the receivers are to give security that payment will be made in cash or road labor.

In the Counties of Pictou, Guysborough, and Cumberland, the following persons are appointed Commissioners, for carrying the Act into effect:

County of Pictou—J. W. Harris, D. Fraser, A. D. Gordon, Pictou. George McLeod, James Carter, Robert Murray, Maxwelltown. John McKay, James McGregor, Egerton.

County of Guysborough—Wentworth Taylor, Francis Cook, Wm. Walsh, Guysborough. Charles Archibald, County Harbor. Thomas Glenecross, Hugh McDonald, and William McKeen, St. Mary's.

County of Cumberland—Daniel McFarlane, Junr. Morse, Joseph Oxley, William Smith, Wm. Donkin.

NEW PAPER—The prospectus of another new Paper, appears in the last Halifax papers. It is to be called *The Farmer and Mechanic*—to be published weekly in the quarto form, at the moderate price of 10s a year in advance, or 12s 6d paid in six months. Its name is significant of the field it is to occupy.

Subscribers' Names for the above Work, will be received at this office.

The following notice of the sudden death of a person said to be from this place, is copied from a Philadelphia paper:

Coroner's Inquest—Justice Lownds was yesterday called to the House of Mr Hall, No. 29 Fletcher street, to view the body of Thomas Cook, aged 50, who had lately arrived hither from Pictou, Nova Scotia, and who died suddenly at Mr Hall's yesterday, while sitting at the table eating his dinner. Verdict accordingly.

MEXICO—Our latest dates from Mexico are to the 15th March, at which time great excitement prevailed in the capital; and to all appearance, a bloody revolution was on the point of breaking out. The Government had declared the ports of Texas in a state of blockade.

UNITED STATES—We have to notice a further depression in the price of provisions in the American market: At New York, on the 12th ult. the average prices of Flour were \$9 to \$9 50c. Wheat \$1 25c to \$1 50c. Mess Pork \$20 to \$22; Prime do. \$17 to \$18. A further decline was expected. It appears the Americans have overstocked the market with the above articles, and hence the sudden fall in prices, and the consequent distress in the Mercantile interest, which had not in the least abated at the above date.

LITERARY SOCIETY—Last Wednesday evening, Henry Blackadar, Esq. read an Essay on "Botany." He confined his remarks, principally, to the general properties of the Vegetable Kingdom; and terminated his intention of bringing the subject again before the society, during its next session.

Mr James D. B. Fraser will lecture this evening on the sources of Heat; after which, being the last meeting of the session, Office-Bearers for the ensuing year will be elected.

THE WEATHER—On Saturday and Sunday last, the weather became warm, and the thermometer rose above 60°. On Monday, it rained all day, with the winds variable from S. E. to W. Several vessels and boats arrived. At 7 a. m. the wind veered suddenly to N. W. and blew with great violence, accompanied with thick snow. The gale continued the whole night and yesterday, with the wind at W. to N. W. and it became intensely cold. The thermometer which stood at 50° the previous evening, fell during the night to 18°. We much fear that a storm so sudden and severe, will have been productive of many casualties.

We are informed a schooner of about 40 tons, is on shore between Toney River and Carriboo—name not known.

A material rise in the price of coal has taken place, which will be inserted in the Prices Current next week.

MARRIED.

On the 25th ult., by the Rev. David Roy, Mr James Grahame, New Glasgow, to Miss Elizabeth Fraser, of the Hill, in that neighborhood.

At Mount Thom, on Thursday last, by the Rev. D. McIntosh, Mr George Cameron, to Ann, daughter of Mr James Reid, both of that place.

DIED.

On Monday last, Mr John Hamilton, aged 56 years, leaving a wife and 3 children. He was a native of Glasgow, Scotland.

At Mount Dathousie, on Friday last, Mary, relict of the late Thomas Rie, aged 80 years. She was a native of Dumfriesshire, Scotland; and has left a numerous offspring to lament their loss.

At Merigonish, on the 24th ult. after a long and painful illness, Mr Owen McKowen, in the 80th year of his age. He has left a circle of friends and acquaintances, together with 10 children, 59 grand children, and 10 great grand children, to bewail their loss; he was a native of Ballygowan county Down, Ireland, and one of the first settlers in Merigonish.

At Roger's Hill, on the 20th ult., Ann, relict of the late Robert Fraser, aged 26 years—leaving 2 orphan children.

At Scots Hill, on Sunday last, Mr John Cameron, sen'r. aged 70 years; a native of Morven, Argyleshire, Scotland.

At Miramichi, on the 13th ult. Roderick, fifth son of Mr Duncan McKenzie of Pictou, aged 11 years.

At Lunenburg, N. S., recently, Mr Philip Rudolf.—He bequeathed £100 to the parish for the benefit of the Church.

SHIP NEWS.

CUSTOM-HOUSE—PICTOU.

ENTERED.

April 26—Sch'r Sarah, Mattital, Tatamagouche—boards.

April 29, Isabella, Goodwin, R John—deals.

Monday—Sch'r Bee, Graham, Halifax—goods; shal. Catherine, Millard, Tatamagouche—ballast.

Tuesday—Mary Bell, Cameron, Halifax—goods.

A brig from Newfoundland has arrived, but not yet reported at the Custom House.

CLEARED.

Monday—Sch'r Mary, Taylor—fishing voyage.

LAUNCHED, April 20, from the ship yard of Mr B. J. Kirkpatrick, the new brig *Nancy Giban*, 280 tons burthen. April 27, from the ship yard of Henry Hatton, Esq. brig *Highlander*, 186 tons burthen.