

At Gilmour's,—Two ships of between 700 and 800 tons each, old measurement.
 At B Nicholson's,—A brig of about 250 tons.
 At Bell's,—A ship, 440 tons, new measurement.
 do. 460 do. do. do.
 do. 375 do. do. do.
 At Nelson's,—A ship, 550 do. do.
 At J. S. Campbell's,—A ship, 350 tons, do.
 At Mann's,—A bark, 600 tons, do. do.
 A brig, 290, do. do.
 At Bonner's,—A steamboat of about 60 horse power.

The new measurement is nearly 50 per cent more than the old, Mr Black's vessel, 746 tons old measurement, being equal to 1071, new measurement.

St. John, N. B., May 10.

NEW TREASURER.—We understand that his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor has appointed Beverley Robinson, Esquire, to be Province Treasurer, in the room of the late hon. Richard Simonds. Mr. Robinson has until very lately filled the office of Deputy Treasurer at St. Andrews, and, we believe, in the execution of his duties gave very general satisfaction.—*Courier*.

CHARLOTTE-TOWN, P. E. I., May 10.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES.—On the night of the 5th inst. while William Douse, Esq. Land Agent for the Earl of Selkirk, slept in the dwelling house attached to Pinette Mills, a large stone was thrown in through his bedroom window which might have been attended with serious consequences, as the bed was immediately opposite the window, had not Mr. Douse, the night previous, taken the prudent precaution of placing a strong pair of shutters inside. Whether the perpetrator of this daring outrage had any felonious intent, or designed it merely for the purpose of intimidation, has not yet been ascertained.—*Gazette*.

THE BEE.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, MAY 18, 1866.

By the arrival of the April Packet at Halifax, we are furnished with London dates to the 7th of that month. Much of the news they bring were anticipated by former arrivals; every thing additional by this source is highly gratifying,—such as continued accounts of the almost boundless prosperity of trade; the passing of the Irish Corporation Act in the Commons, by a large majority; the demonstration made by his Majesty's Ministers to assert the rights of British subjects in the Black Sea, against Russian and Turkish aggressions; and the orders which appear to have been given to the British Naval Commanders on the Spanish Coast, to afford effective aid to the Queen's cause, both by sea and land. We are inclined to doubt the soundness of the policy which has dictated the latter measure. We refer our readers to previous columns for some extracts we have made.

TO THE PUBLIC.

The present Number completes Volume I. of the *Bee*, to which, in a week or two we shall add a Title page and Index. In taking a cursory view of our past proceedings, we regret that the very limited number of subscribers we have had, has not enabled us to print on a larger sheet, and thus furnish additional matter, both for instruction and entertainment, for the same price. Were every family in the district of Pictou alone, to take a copy, we would thereby be enabled to furnish much additional information both useful and entertaining; we believe there are very few families in this district and the adjoining counties, but what could afford to pay 15s a year for a weekly paper, were they to pay that attention to economy, which their health and pecuniary interest, their present comfort and their future prospects demand. To a rising family, we know not a more valuable acqui-

sition than a well conducted newspaper: so much is this the case, that we know many respectable and valuable members of this community, who have derived nearly all their knowledge and education from this cheap and pleasing source.

We are aware that the bygone nature of our local politics have had no small weight in limiting our success and usefulness; but we are glad to see better days dawning on our political horizon; men of opposite opinions, no longer speak and think of one another as demagogues and demons. Instead of turning over to the inside of a Pictou newspaper in quest of the editorial, to see what new slanders and vituperations have been invented against themselves or their neighbours, they quietly sit down, and con over the literary, agricultural, or parliamentary columns of the *Bee*. From this it is quite evident, that the literary taste of Pictou society is gradually acquiring a now and more healthy tone; it matters little from what source this happier state of things has arisen; it is sufficient to know that it is a reality, and it will contribute much to the respectability and comfort which ought to characterize every community, in the estimation of strangers,—that all continue to cultivate a friendly feeling towards one another.

Among other causes which may have contributed to blunt the asperity of party feelings, it would be unjust not to mention the share which the recent formation of Temperance, Friendly, and Economical Societies and Conventions have had in the desirable result, by bringing men of opposite sentiments frequently together, to promote a common cause; and in this town, the formation of a *Literary and Scientific Society* has contributed much to breaking down invidious distinctions, and rooting out unfounded prejudices. Our own humble abilities ever have been and ever shall be devoted to the promotion of peace and good order, and it is only when these are disturbed by the malpractices of public functionaries, that we shall lend the powerful aid of the press to restore them to a healthy state.

We feel grateful to such of our friends as have assisted us, whether in a pecuniary or a literary way, and now solicit a continuance of their favours. To such as have not yet paid us, we would say, that, to the heavy expense of setting in operation a printing Establishment, we have had to add a weekly expense for mens' wages, paper, &c. &c., and we trust that a sense of justice will induce them to act upon the golden rule, to do to others as they would wish others to do to them.

Flour, oatmeal, and butter, are taken at this office in payment for the *Bee*.

Our several AGENTS are respectfully requested to receive payment for the present volume, and also for volume 2nd in advance, and give receipts accordingly; they are also requested to give us the earliest information of removals, or other causes whereby we may sustain loss.

SOMETHING NEW.—We have been favoured with some copies of a new paper in the quarto form, about the size and shape of the *Bee*, called the "*John O' Groat Journal*," published at Wick, Caithness-shire, Scotland. It is a well executed paper, and the selections show that the editor is neither void of talent nor discrimination. Some time hence we may have occasion to notice an Orkney Gazette, or a Shetland Courier. What comes next?

A report appears in some of the American papers, of a battle having been fought between the United States' troops in Florida, and the Seminole Indians. It wants confirmation.

CAPRICIOUS WEATHER.—On Wednesday and Thursday, last week, we seemed to be transported to the tropics; the heat was unusually intense; all nature seemed to be sensibly affected by the sudden transition; the process of vegetation advanced with almost

magical rapidity. But on Friday the wind veered to the N. West and North, and towards night it snowed, blowed, and froze, as in one of our last Deco'r nights. On Saturday morning the snow was from three to six inches deep, and since then the air has been very cold.

By a letter just received from Miramichi, dated 14th instant, we are informed that the snow was of such depth that sleighs were in requisition. Several ships had arrived. Fears were entertained that the timber would not be got down for want of water.

There seems to exist a considerable degree of dissatisfaction among the constituency of P. E. Island. Some Meetings have been held and resolutions passed, expressive of the propriety of taking an early opportunity of petitioning the new Governor to dissolve the Assembly.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—We think the Communication of "*Echo*" premature, and would request the writer to have a little patience; his remarks may serve a good purpose hereafter; this we will keep in view. The verses by "*Bryan the Grinder*," had they been sent us in time, would have had our best attention; the writer must be aware that they are out of season.

TRAVELLERS' MEMORANDA.

Arrivals during the past week.
 At Mrs Davison's,—Mr Redden and Son, Mr. and Mrs Ramsay, Mr Wilson, Mr Brennan, and Mr McGill.
 At the Royal Oak,—Mr McDonald, Capt. Smith, and Mr McDonald.
 At Mr Lorrain's,—Capt. Horsford and Mr Brown.

PASSENGERS in the British Merchant, from Liverpool, G. B., Mr and Mrs Purves, and Mr J. Gordon

MARRIED.

At Roger's Hill, on Thursday last, by the Rev J Ross, Mr Mathew Craig, to Miss Nancy Stewart, both of that place.

DIED.

At the West River, on Friday the 22d ult. in the 87th year of his age, respected and admired by all who knew him, Mr. Donald M'Kenzie, a native of Ferintosh, Ross shire, Scotland, leaving ten children, sixty-nine grand children, and five great grand children, to lament their loss.
 On Sunday last, at the West River, after a lingering illness, which he bore with christian resignation to the Divine Will, Mr Joseph McDonald, formerly of Merigonish, aged 87 years.

SHIP NEWS.

ARRIVED.

Thursday 12th May—Brigs Helen, Smith, Providence—Apples to Master; Elba, Edmands, do.—bal.; Schrs. Meckanic, Martin, St Peters, U. S.—ballast; Bee, Graham, Halifax—a general assortment of groceries, goods, fruits and furniture to N. M'Kay, A. Campbell, J Blanchard and others; Gentlemen, Babin Arichat—ballast.
 Friday—Barquo British Merchant, Kirkby, Liverpool, 34 days—sailed on Sunday for Miramichi; Schrs. Dispatch, Cormick, P E Island—oats, wheat and barley; Shallop Catharine, Buckler, Tatamagouche.
 Saturday—Swedish Barquo Rattursin, Hedlund, New York—ballast; Sloop Sarah, Mullins, Three Rivers, P E Island—oats, wheat and barley.
 Yesterday—Brig Mary Selsby, Staples, Portland, Maine—flour and bread; Schrs. Pictou, Graham, Miramichi—bound to Halifax.

CLEARED.

Friday—Schrs. Royal Miner, Babin, Boston—coal by the Mining Association; Albion, Landres, do.—do.; Teazer, LeVacho, do.—do.; Courier, Gervois, do.—do. Shal. Catharine, Tatamagouche—pork and meal by J. Dawson, and British goods, fruit, &c. by G. Campbell.
 Saturday—Schrs. Luke, Blanco, Boston—coal; Greyhound, Landres, New York—do.; Arichat, Boudrot, Boston—do.; Meckanic, Martin, Boston—700 fathoms chain cable, 300 grindstones, anchors, and a box fur; Marie, Murio, Bridgeport—bricks.
 Monday—Schrs. Mary Bell, Cameron, Dalhousie, bay de Chaleur—oat meal, corn meal, & pork.
 Yesterday—Brig Elba, Edmands, Providence—coal by the Mining Association; Helen, Smith, do.—coal by do.; Schrs. Gentleman, Babin, Nantucket—do. by Ross & Primrose; Bee, Graham, Halifax—pork, meat, hams, and lard, by W. & J. Ives.