

accompanied by nakedness and hunger in this cold climate.

CORONERS' INQUESTS.

On Saturday last the 16th inst., an Inquest was taken before JOHN STARK, Esq. Coroner, and a respectable Jury, of which Mr. JAMES R. KNIGHT was chosen Foreman, at Saddle-Hill, on the road from hence to Carbonear, on view of the body of MARY KEEFE. It appeared in evidence, that PETER KEEFE, the husband of the deceased, had left his house, on the preceding Friday morning, for the purpose of hauling out firewood from the woods, having left but little fire upon the hearth, locking the door, and leaving inside the deceased in bed; his only child, a girl of about five years of age, he had previously sent to the house of her aunt, Mrs. CONNORS, living only half a mile distant. About ten o'clock or soon after, some men from Musquit, in passing, heard loud cries and moaning in the house, to which they immediately proceeded, and finding the door locked, one of them looked through the window, and saw the deceased lying on the front of the hearth—the door was forcibly opened, the hair of the deceased was found to be on fire, and the body much scorched and burnt—the deceased lingered till about three o'clock on the same day, when she died. It was also proved that the deceased had been seized with Paralysis in Oct. last, and that she had not spoken since, being almost a lunatic. The husband, who is a poor man, explained that recently he had some fear that the deceased would do the child some harm, and therefore he sent it away on that morning. Verdict: "Found much burnt and scorched, of which burning and scorching the said Mary Keefe died; but how or by what means her clothes caught fire, no evidence thereof to the Jury doth appear."

On Monday last an Inquest was taken before JOHN STARK, Esq., Coroner, and an intelligent Jury, of which Mr. JOHN HALLIDAY was chosen Foreman, at Ships Head near this Town, on view of the body of Mr. THOMAS BUTLER. It appeared in evidence that the deceased with five other men, were on Thursday the 7th inst., engaged in hauling a slide load of wood, at the annual haul of wood for the Rev. CHARLES DALTON, R. C.—that the slide—a common dog slide, was laden with 60 or 70 sticks of firewood, and had proceeded safely with such an immense load for nearly half a mile, when it unfortunately upset, opposite Kerry Lane, and fell upon the body of the deceased, inflicting a mortal bruise upon his back, by which the tenth dorsal vertebra was broken, of which mortal bruise he lingered until the 16th inst. when he died. Verdict: "That the said Thomas Butler, in manner and by means aforesaid accidentally, casually and by misfortune came to his death, and not otherwise; with a deadman upon the slide of One Shilling;" thus completely exonerating all the other men employed about the slide from any blame whatever. The Coroner in charging the Jury, dwelt at considerable length upon the law of deadman, which he read and explained to the complete satisfaction of the Jury, who were unanimous in setting a fine upon the slide, in order to mark their opinions against the custom of overloading slides at general hauls of wood in future, by which not only the lives of those actually engaged are placed in jeopardy, but also the lives of other passengers and particularly children in going along the streets. In advertent to this part of the case, the Coroner said he had always admired and taken a deep interest in the annual hauls of wood for Clergymen, because it evinced not only a proper respect by the people for their pastors, but evinced a laudable emulation, and tended to promote good feeling and harmony in the community, which was the duty of all good men to cherish. It was the only like fatal accident that had happened during his residence of thirteen years in Harbor Grace, and the Coroner expressed his earnest hope, that the legal step now taken of setting a small fine upon the slide, would deter all persons, in all time to come, from overloading their slides, so as to endanger life. The deceased has left a widow and five children to deplore the loss of a kind father and an industrious honest man. His funeral took place on Monday last, attended by the Benevolent Irish Society, who walked in procession upon the melancholy occasion.

RULES

OF THE
Mutual Marine Insurance Club
OF
CONCEPTION BAY

Adopted at a Meeting of the Ship Owners, held at the Commercial Room, Harbor Grace, February 18, 1839.

I.—This Club shall consist of all Owners or the Legal Representatives of the Owners of Registered Vessels employed in the Trade and Fisheries, residing within the limits of CONCEPTION BAY, in the Island of Newfoundland, as shall subscribe and conform to the Rules herein after laid down, for the purpose of communicating and receiving reciprocally the benefit of a MUTUAL INSURANCE.

II.—For the management of the business of the Club, the following Officers shall be appointed viz—A Committee of Five Members who shall represent the whole Club individually. A Treasurer and Secretary, and Three Surveyors.

III.—The duty of the Committee is to decide by a majority of their body, all losses which may arise in the Scheme of Insurance, they shall govern themselves in their decisions by these Rules, and such decisions shall be final.—No Member of the Committee shall vote in a case wherein he is a claimant for a loss. The services of the Committee are to be gratuitous.

IV.—The Secretary and Treasurer under the direction of the Committee shall transact the general business of the Club, convening and attending Meetings, collecting Monies, settling Losses, &c. He shall also furnish each Underwriter and Master of every Vessel admitted, with a Printed copy of these Rules, and if required by a Member he shall furnish a

list showing the Names and Valuation of each and every Vessel admitted into the Club, as well as requisite Stationary for the Committee, and also Sell any Wreck belonging to the Club, for which Commission 2½ % cent shall be allowed on such Sale, and for the due performance of his duty as also for all Monies paid into his hands belonging to this Club he shall give good and sufficient security to the Committee in behalf of the Society, and as a remuneration he shall receive Fifteen Shillings from the Owner or Owners of each Vessel admitted into this Club.

V.—The duty of the Surveyors is, when required, to examine any Vessel proposed for admission, and see that she is well found in Anchors, Cables, and Sails, supplied with a spare Rudder, (with lower and transom Pintles affixed thereto,) and every other requisite, and particularly to ascertain that the Hull is tight, staunch, strong, and in all respects fitted to encounter the dangers and difficulties of the proposed voyage. It shall also be incumbent on them to see that the Gunpowder in each Vessel is stowed away in a safe and proper place, previous to the Vessels sailing. They shall be satisfied that the Master is competent to take charge of the said Vessel, and having in every respect satisfied themselves that no impediment exists against her being received, they shall examine her Register, copy the heads thereof into the Record Book, with her valuation, previous to the Secretary's delivery of each Certificate to the Owner or Broker, which Certificate shall state the Sum the Vessel is valued in, and shall be as valid as any Policy at Lloyd's. Every Vessel shall be inspected by at least Two Surveyors, no Person shall Survey a Vessel in which he is interested. And no Vessel to be admitted into this Club after the Tenth day of August.—For the due performance of the duties the Surveyors are to receive from the Owners Seven Shillings and Sixpence for each Vessel Surveyed and admitted into this Club. Vessels entered in the Spring must be Surveyed before they proceed on the Seal Fishery or other Voyage, and again before proceeding on any other Voyage or Voyages within the limits prescribed by these Rules.

VI.—No Vessel in this Bay at the opening of this Club will be admitted for the Seal Fishery, unless the Rules of the Club are signed by the Owner, for such Vessel on or before the First day of March, and any Loss that may happen after that date shall be paid for by the Underwriters of the Club, agreeably to the valuation that may be made by the Surveyors.

VII.—The Owner or legal Representative of several Vessels shall sign these Rules separately for each admitted into the Club, and be bound to make good to the Secretary his or their proportion of any Loss that may be admitted.

VIII.—Each Member shall Underwrite on each particular Vessel according to the valuation at which his Vessel or Vessels are entered in the Club, and bear reciprocally the proportion of any Loss that may happen (for which each Vessel shall be liable) whether at Sea or in Port, arising from the Winds, Seas, Rocks, Shoals, Ice, and all other dangers and accidents of Navigation; as well as from Lightning, Fire, Enemies, Pirates, or Thieves, provided the Master has done his duty to prevent the same.

IX.—This Club does not insure against any loss arising from illicit Trade, or from Barratry of the Master or Mariners, nor against average losses, unless the Vessel be Stranded, and the average loss sustained by such stranding amount to Fifteen % cent on the Fisheries and Coasting Voyages, and 30 % cent on all other Voyages within the limits of this Club.

X.—The Committee shall be invested with a discretionary power to allow average losses in certain cases not provided for in these Rules where they may consider it in justice due to the claimant, and they shall also have a discretionary power to reward the crew of any Vessel with a certain proportion of any wreck saved by such crew as may appear to them, the Committee, just and reasonable, the parties claiming are not to be present at the meeting of the Committee during the discussion respecting their claim.

XI.—This Club shall insure all Vessels entered and approved of for the Seal and Cod Fisheries, including the Bank and Labrador, also Vessels engaged in the Coasting Trade within the limits of this Government and its dependencies, and on Foreign Voyages—to the United Kingdom, Copenhagen Hamburg, Portugal, Spain and Gibraltar, (not east of the latter point in the Mediterranean nor to the Azores, or the Madeira Islands) and also to British North America, and the United States, as far South as New York inclusive,—from twelve o'clock at night of the first day of March until twelve o'clock at night of the fifth day of December following. But any Vessel leav-

ing Newfoundland or Labrador for Europe, after the twenty fifth day of October, or leaving Hamburg, Copenhagen or Gibraltar, for Newfoundland after the twenty-fifth day of September, or leaving any other port in Europe for Newfoundland after tenth day of October, or leaving Newfoundland for any port in British North America (without the limits of this Island) or the United States after the fifth day of November, or leaving British North America for Newfoundland after the twentieth day of November, or leaving the United States for Newfoundland after the fifteenth day of November, shall not be insured, and if lost shall not be paid for by this Club.

XII.—Any Vessel may be withdrawn by the 5th day of June, on notice being given to the Secretary in Writing, but such Vessel shall only be responsible for her proportion of any loss which occurs up to that date, unless for losses on the Seal Fishery agreeably with these Rules.

XIII.—This Club does not insure Vessels in the Summer Sealing Voyage; and no Vessel shall remain at the Ice after the first day of June at the risk of this society unless unavoidably detained.

XIV.—This Society do not insure any one Vessel at more than One Thousand Pounds currency, and in the event of any Vessel being valued at more than that sum, the Owner or Owners shall be at liberty to insure elsewhere the extra value, who shall be entitled to his or their proportion of any wreck that may be saved, should the Vessel be lost.

XV.—Should the Owner or Agent of any Vessel wish his Vessel to be entered for a less sum than her valuation, such Owners or Agent shall be at liberty to take the risk of any sum not exceeding one third of the valuation, on his own account, in this case he must within forty-eight hours after having received the Certificate exchange the same with the Secretary, under the direction of the Committee, and a note shall be made in the records of the Society and also on the Certificate, showing the sum not insured by this Society, and the Owner shall be entitled to his proportion of the wreck in case of loss as in the 14th Rule.

XVI.—In the case of any property being saved from wreck or stranding the Master shall call in two or three special Surveyors, and if practicable employ an auctioneer to sell it by public vendue for the benefit of the underwriters, or if it shall appear to be for their interests he shall freight it to Harbor Grace where it shall in like manner be disposed of, and any wreck occurring in this Bay shall be placed at the disposal of the Committee.

XVII.—When any loss shall be admitted by the Committee, the Secretary shall be allowed Twenty Days to collect the proportions payable on demand, who shall hand the amount to the proper claimant reserving Fifteen % cent until the Twentieth Day of June, if the loss occurs previous to that date, and if the loss occurs at the Cod Fishery or Coasting, Fifteen % cent until the Twentieth Day of December, to meet any loss which may occur in the respective seasons.

XVIII.—Any Vessel sailing before the First day of MARCH, although she may have been surveyed, shall be excluded the benefit of this Club.

XIX.—It shall be understood that all transactions in money affairs, shall be in the currency of this Island, viz.—Dollars at Five Shillings each.

XX.—Those persons who at the present date have not paid the amount of their losses for the last year's Insurance shall not be permitted to enter their Vessel in this scheme before they pay the said amount.

XXI.—Any person appearing at any of the meetings of the Club to represent an Owner or Owners, and who is not his or their accredited Agent shall produce a Power of Attorney which document when so produced shall be recorded by the Secretary.

XXII.—In the absence, resignation, or neglect of either of the surveyors the Committee are empowered to appoint a Surveyor or Surveyors.

The following persons are nominated Officers for the present year.—

Committee.

Messrs. Daniel Green, Thomas Ridley, Charles N. Thorne, Francis Parsons, Thomas Foley, John Munn, Peter Brown, William Donnelly, Joseph Soper.

Treasurer and Secretary.

MR. JOHN FITZGERALD.

Surveyors.

Messrs. Daniel Green, Francis Parsons, Henry Webber.

SEALERS Agreements

For Sale at this Office.

On Sale

Just Landed

Ex Jane Elizabeth, Nathaniel Munden, Master,

FROM HAMBURG,

Prime Mess PORK
Bread
Flour
Oatmeal
Peas
Butter.

Also,

15 Tuns BLUBBER.

For Sale by

THOMAS GAMBLE.

Carbonear,
Jan. 9, 1839.

The following Valuable Merchantile and Fishing Establishments situate at St. Mary's, belonging to the Insolvent Estate of Slade, Biddle & Co., of Carbonear.

Will be offered For Sale

By Public Auction,

On WEDNESDAY, the 1st day of May next

At 12 o'Clock,

AT THE

COMMERCIAL ROOM

(St. John's.)

THAT Eligible Room, known as RIDOUT'S ROOM—consisting of a Large DWELLING HOUSE, with COUNTING HOUSE adjoining; Three STORES, One SHOP One COOK-ROOM, Two STAGES, ONE BEACH, FLAKES, MEADOW, and GARDEN.

That Eligible Room known as PHIP-PARD'S ROOM—consisting of one DWELLING-HOUSE, ONE STAGE, ONE STORE, Extensive MEADOW GROUND with right and privilege of Piscary at Great Salmonier.

That Eligible Room known as CHRISTOPHER'S ROOM—consisting of a DWELLING-HOUSE, FISH STORE, STAGE, FLAKES, BEACH, GARDEN, and MEADOWS.

Also,
10 FISHING BOATS, carrying from 16 to 30 qtls Round Fish.

Together with sundry SKIFFS, PUNTS, CRAFT, CASKS, &c.
Particulars of the Rooms may be made known on application to Mr. LUCK, at St. Mary's; Mr. J. B. WOOD, at St. John's or at Carbonear, to

J. W. MARTIN,
Agent.

Carbonear,
9th Jan., 1839.

TWENTY GUINEAS REWARD!

Cow Stolen.

WHEREAS some evil disposed Person or persons did on the night of the 12th instant, or early on the morning of the 13th Instant, break open the door of the STABLE on the Premises of SLADE, BIDDLE & Co. and STOLE herefrom a

MILCH COW,

Any Person giving information of the offender or offenders, so that he or they may be brought to Justice, shall receive the above Reward

There is also a further Reward of

10 Guineas

offered to any person who will give information of the Persons by whom the Meadow and other FEACUES belonging to said Estate, have been destroyed

JOHN W. MARTIN,
Agent

Carbonear,