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Apples, per bushel	Hay per ton	40s a 50s
Boards, pine, pr 2	Herrings, No. 1,	30s
" hemlock - 30s a 40s	Mackerel,	none
Beef, pr lb	5d Mutton	
Butter, -	10d Oatmeal pr cwt	16s a 19s
Cheese, -	5d a 7d Oats pr bush	2s
Coals, at Mines, pr chl	17s Pork	4d
" at Loading Ground	17s Potatoes -	1s 6d
" at end of rail road	17s Salt pr hhd	
Coke	Salmon, smoked,	2s 6d
Codfish pr Ql	16s a 18s Shingles pr M	7s a 10s
Eggs pr doz	7d Tallow pr lb	7d a 8d
Flour, N. S.	22s 6d a 25s Turnips pr bush	
" American s f	none Veal	3d a 4s
	Wood pr cord	12s

### HALIFAX PRICES.

Alcwives	none	Herrings, No 1	25s
Boards, pine, M	66s	" "	2 15s
Beef, Quebec prime,	45s	Mackerel, No 1	none
" Nova Scotia	47s 6d	" "	2 37s 6d
Cod fish, merchantable	17s 6d	" "	3 32s 6d
Coals, Pictou,	28s	Molasses per gal	2s 3d
" Sydney,	30s	Pork, Irish	none
Cod oil per gal	2s 9d	" Canada prime	65s
Coffee	1s 3d	" Nova Scotia	90s
Corn, Indian	5s 3d	Potatoes	1s 8d
Flour Am sup	50s	Sugar,	37s 6d a 42s 6d
" Fine	40s	Salmon No 1	70s
" Canada, fine	50s	" "	2 65s
" Nova Scotia	none	Salt	8s a 10s

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## THE VALUE OF A STAGE-COACH ACQUAINTANCE.

Mr Sergeant Vaughan, as a barrister, occasionally performed some generous actions. I may give one instance out of many which are well known to the profession. Several years ago, while on his way to the Chelmsford assizes, he met with an intelligent and pleasant fellow passenger on the coach. Mr. Sergeant Vaughan, who was on such occasions very fond of what he used to call a little agreeable chat with any talkative person he chanced to meet, soon drew his travelling companion into a lively conversation with him. Having always had a sprinkling of Yankee curiosity, though never venturing to put such point blank American questions to any one as—'Are you married?' 'Are you going to be married?' 'How much money are you worth?' 'Have you got any poor relations depending on you?' 'Have you any children?' 'Was your wife a widow or a virgin when you married her?'—'How much money do you usually spend a year?' Mr Sergeant Vaughan, though never, I repeat, having enough of this Jonathan effrontery to put such questions as these to any fellow passengers he chanced to encounter in his travels, generally contrived to worm out, by a process imperceptible to the party himself, whatever he wished to learn regarding him. On the occasion to which I allude, Mr Vaughan was not long ascertaining from his companion that he also was going to Chelmsford assizes, which were to be held on the following day. 'As a juryman, no doubt?' said Mr Vaughan, on learning the fact itself, 'No, sir, not as a juryman said the other.—'Oh, as a witness I should have said.' Not as a witness either; I wish it were as pleasant as that.' 'Oh I see how it is; you are the prosecutor in some case which is painful to your feelings. However, such things will happen—there is no help for them. 'You are still wrong in your conjecture, sir; I am going to pay away money, for a relative who has a case at the assizes.' 'Ah that's it! very unpleasant certainly, to pay money,' observed the learned Serjeant. 'It is, indeed, for those who have but little to spare,' said the other.—'Well, I hope it is not to any very serious amount?' 'Why, the magnitude of the sum, you know, depends on the resources of the party who have to make the payment.' 'Very true; certainly, very true,' said Mr Vaughan. 'The sum is £200, which to one with my limited means, is a very large sum indeed.' 'Oh, but perhaps you expect to be repaid in some way or other again?' That is very uncertain; it depends entirely on whether my relative who has just taken a public house there, succeeds or not.' 'Well it certainly is a hard case,' observed Mr Vaughan, with a serious and empathic air. 'Aye, you would say so if you only knew it all.' 'Indeed! Are there any particular circumstances in the case?' 'There are indeed' answered the other, with some thing between a sigh and a groan. 'Is the matter a secret?' inquired the Serjeant, his curiosity being now wound up to no ordinary pitch.—'Not in the least,' said the other. 'I'll tell you the whole affair, if you don't think it tiresome,' he added. 'I am all anxiety to hear it,' said the learned gentleman.

Well, then, said the other, about six weeks since a respectable corn dealer in London, when on his way to Chelmsford, met on the coach two persons, who

were perfect strangers to him. The strangers soon entered into conversation with him, and having learned the object of his visit to Chelmsford, said that they also were going there on a precisely similar errand, namely to make purchases of corn. After some further conversation together, it was suggested by one of the parties that it would be much better for all three if they could come to an understanding together, as to what amount of purchases they should make, and under what peculiar circumstances those purchases should be made; for if they went into the market 'slap dash,' and without any understanding together, the result would be that in so small a place as Chelmsford they would raise the prices; whereas, by operating slowly and in concert that would be avoided. The second party pretended to approve highly of the suggestion, and further proposed, in order to show that neither had the start of each other, that they should deposit the amount of money in the hands of the respectable landlord of the principal inn, taking care that they did so in the presence of the witnesses and that special instructions should be given to the landlord not to give up a farthing to either, until all three returned to receive the whole; adding that if he did he would be responsible. The London merchant knowing the landlord of the inn to be a man of undoubted respectability, at once assented to the proposal, and each of the three parties placed in his hands, under the circumstances stated, £240 making £720 in all.—'Well, observed Mr Vaughan, you certainly do interest me in your singular story. And what was the result?' 'Why, this scarcely had the three parties left the inn a minute, when one of the two strangers came running back, and said, that on second thoughts they had all come to the conclusion that it would be better to make their purchases as early in the day as possible, and that consequently the other two had desired him to return and get the money.' 'And the landlord gave him the whole sum at once?' interposed Mr Sergeant Vaughan. 'He did indeed, unfortunately for himself and me,' answered the other. 'And what followed?' inquired the learned gentleman, eagerly. 'Why, the other stranger and the London merchant returned in an hour after and demanded their money.' 'When the landlord, of course, told them he had given it to the other?' 'He did.' On which I suppose, they bring an action against the landlord?' 'Precisely so: and seeing that defence was useless, inasmuch as he delivered up the money to one when his instructions were peremptory not to deliver it until all three were present my friend is to allow the action to go undefended.

The money must be paid to the sharper—for both strangers as the event proved, were sharpeners—and also the London merchant.' And you really have made up your mind to pay it?' 'Oh certainly because there is no help for it!' 'I am a barrister—I am Mr Sergeant Vaughan, and I will defend the case for the poor landlord gratuitously.' The other tendered him a thousand thanks for his intended kindness, but expressed his apprehension that all efforts at defence would be perfectly useless, 'we shall see,' said the Sergeant significantly, 'we shall see. You and your friend the landlord will call on me this evening at 8 o'clock, to arrange for the defence to-morrow.' The