

ARRIVAL OF THE STEAMSHIP AFRICA.

New York, July 11th.
The Africa has arrived. There is no general news worth telegraphing.
The weather in England was fine, and the agricultural prospects were never better.
Another Battalion of Riflemen has been ordered to Canada.
MARKETS.—The Cotton Market was inactive. Broadstuffs very dull, with declining tendency. Nothing doing in Provisions.
The Bank of England has reduced its discount to 4 per cent.
Consols 95½ to 95½.

The Standard.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16, 1856.

PUBLIC DINNER IN THE TOWN HALL.

On Thursday last, a public dinner was given in the Town Hall, under the auspices of a Committee formed by gentlemen from every section of the County in celebration of the victory achieved by the Constitutionalists throughout the country in support of the late exercise of the Prerogative by His Excellency the Lieut. Governor in dissolving the House of Assembly, for the purpose of appealing to the people on the question of the obnoxious Prohibitory liquor law. We have seldom had the pleasure of being present at any political gathering of more importance as demonstrating the sentiment of loyalty and attachment to the Crown and the Constitution which pervades the hearts of the people of this County.

Upwards of 50 gentlemen, representing every class of society, from the statesman to the mechanic, were assembled on the occasion, among whom we noticed:—Rev. Dr. Thomson, Rev. Dr. Alley, Rev. John Williams, Rev. Thos. Street, John McCoskery, Esq., Henry Simonds, Esq., M. H. Perley, Her Majesty's Commissioner for the Fisheries, John and Nehemiah Marks, A. J. and D. Wetmore, Jas. Porter, C. W. Wardlaw, Julius Thompson, Jas. W. Street, and Wm. Whistock, Esquires, Capt. Thompson, and Capt. Moses. The special guests of the evening being the Hon. the Attorney General, John H. Gray, and the Constitutional Candidates at the late Election for this County, Messrs. Boyd, Street, and Dr. R. Thomson, Mr. G. J. Thomson being unfortunately prevented from attending by illness.

The chair was occupied by Capt. J. J. Robinson, R. N., most ably supported by A. J. Wetmore and William Porter Esquires, as Vice chairmen.

On the removal of the cloth, after the usual loyal toasts of the Queen, Prince Albert, and the Royal Family, the Emperor of the French and our allies had been given and responded to, with a marked and fervent burst of applause in each instance.

The chairman next proposed the health of His Excellency the Lieut. Governor—prefacing the toast with some very appropriate remarks on the step taken by His Excellency, which led to the late Election.

The toast having been most enthusiastically received with three times three and "three cheers more."

The Hon. the ATTORNEY GENERAL rose and said:—Under ordinary circumstances he should not have thought it necessary to return thanks on behalf of His Excellency; as on all public occasions and at all meetings of the people of this Province, the health of the Lieut. Governor is proposed and received with the respect due to the Representative of our beloved Sovereign; but on the present occasion, he felt, from the more than usual warmth of the reception with which the toast had been drunk and responded to—that something more than a mere expression of feeling towards him as the Representative of the Queen, was intended by the cheers with which that toast had just resounded—and that a feeling of admiration for him as a man (hear, hear,) and gratitude to him as a benefactor, had mingled with the feelings which vibrated in every heart then present. (Loud cheers.) Under such circumstances he (the Atty. Gen.) considered that it was his duty as the leader of the present Government, and as one of those who are responsible to the people for the late exercise of the prerogative by the Lieut. Governor in dissolving the House of Assembly, to return thanks on behalf of His Excellency: for the more than enthusiastic manner in which his health had been received. The hon. gentleman went on to say, that he had the more pleasure and gratification in doing so, as it enabled him to explain the position which His Excellency assumed in the crisis which led to the dissolution of the House—which he then fully entered into, exposing at the same time the determined opposition evinced on the part of the late Council to allow any appeal to the people on the subject of the Prohibitory law, which was doing almost irreparable injury to the Province. The hon. gentleman concluded a most powerful and convincing speech, which we regret our space prevents us reporting more fully; by again thanking the gentlemen then present, (whose feelings he was convinced were largely shared in Charlotte by those who were absent

from that festive board) for the manner in which they had received the toast, and which he did not hesitate to say would be most gratifying to His Excellency, to whom he should particularly report it on his return to Frederickton.

The Chairman then said that he felt sure the next toast he would offer, would call forth their heartiest sympathy and applause. He was about to propose the health of a gentleman, who had nobly come forward to assist His Excellency, the Lieut. Governor, at a moment of the deepest importance to the interests of the Province—at a moment when he was deserted by his then advisers, who shrink from assuming the responsibility which it was their duty to take upon themselves. Mr. Gray had instantly undertaken as a loyal and true subject of the Crown, to stand by the Governor when called upon; and the country owed him a debt of gratitude for the course he had taken. He (the chairman) would say no more, fully assured that in proposing the health of the hon. Mr. Gray and the other Members of the Executive Council, that the toast would be received and responded to with the enthusiasm to which it was entitled.

The Hon. Mr. Gray said, that on rising to return thanks on behalf of his colleagues as well as for himself, for the very kind and handsome manner in which the toast from the chair had been received and responded to, he felt that it would ill become him, not to enter into some account of the manner in which the crisis had been brought about, which led to a dissolution of the House of Assembly—and also into the reasons which had prevented himself and his colleagues after they had been called upon by His Excellency to form an administration, from filling up the whole of the Council. He went fully into these questions, and it is with regret, that we feel ourselves constrained to admit, that having been so deeply interested in the statements which fell from his lips, we neglected taking notes sufficiently copious to warrant our attempting to repeat his words. Mr. Gray, after explaining the present state of politics in the Province, and vindicating the act of His Excellency in dissolving the House, as a perfectly constitutional act, proceeded to dilate on the course of policy which it was his intention, as well as that of his colleagues to pursue, in the administration of the affairs of the Province, so long as he might remain in office. Their conduct should be guided by an even handed justice to all parties, without reference to creed—sectional interest or party bias of any sort;—for, in the emphatic words of the Lieut. Governor, "when Justice ceases to be even handed, it ceases to be Justice."

The hon. gentleman concluded a most impressive and eloquent speech, which was listened to with the most profound attention, amid a long protracted cheering from all parts of the Hall.

In rising to propose the next toast, the Chairman said, that although we had only succeeded in returning two instead of four members from this County on the side of the Constitutionalists, yet, that by an equalization of the votes of the separate Parishes, it was perfectly certain, that the two opposition members who had been returned, had not obtained their seats by a fair expression of the voice of the people; (cheers) but only by an influence, which he need not describe, and which was brought to bear more particularly upon the Parishes of St. Stephens and St. James. (Hear, hear.) In all the eight Parishes of the County the four Constitutional candidates had a large majority over the Radicals. (Loud cheers.) He then spoke volumes; and he believed when the people calmed down after the excitement of the canvas and the poll, and had time for reflection, that they would understand how they had been deceived. He considered under all the circumstances against which they had had to contend, that the Constitutionalists had gained a great victory even by returning Mr. Street in the place of Mr. Brown, (who was afraid to face the constituency, (cheers)) and in putting their old and well tried member, Mr. Boyd, so high at the head of the poll. He felt it would be unnecessary to occupy time, as they had a long list of toasts to go through, to expatiate on the services of Mr. Boyd, and his claims on the confidence and gratitude of this County—but would simply propose his health with the usual honors, which he felt sure would be cordially responded to.

Mr. Boyd said that he had now served the constituency of this County, in the Provincial Parliament during a period of seventeen years, and had had the honor of being returned on six different occasions. They had now returned him at the head of the poll, by a larger vote than had ever before been cast for any single individual, at any previous election in this County. He thanked the electors from the bottom of his heart for the compliment thus paid him, and the trust which such a vote evinced in him, and he assured them that such as he had ever been found—true and firm to the last—so he would ever remain. The hon. gentleman then reviewed the course of the late Government during their tenure of office, and the circumstances which led to a dissolution of the House, denouncing the Lieut. Governor against the unjust and scandalous charges which have been brought against him, and declaring his firm conviction of the constitutionality of the appeal to the people, and his determination to support his Excellency, and to vote for the repeal of the Liquor law. (Cheers.) He was also determined to support the present administration, which he believed to be composed of men of true liberal principles—friends of the people—of civilization and progress—whereas the party who unfairly assumed the title of "Liberals," were in reality

obstructives, and perhaps something worse. He explained how he was compelled much against his own inclination, in obedience to requisitions from his constituents, in order to obtain the passing of the Bills for the Railroad from this place, to vote for the general railway scheme of the late Govt.—and after again reiterating his acknowledgments of the compliments they had paid him, sat down amidst loud cheering.

Capt. Robinson next called on all present to fill a bumper to the toast he was about to offer. He said he never felt more proud in his life than in performing the duty which now devolved upon him, of proposing the health of his friend Mr. G. D. Street. It needed no eulogy from him to extol the character or merits of that gentleman who was known throughout the county as a man of the highest integrity and talents—and one who would do honor to the position he was now called upon to fill. He begged to propose the health of Mr. Street, with three times three, and one ever.

Mr. STREET said it was with no ordinary feelings of satisfaction that he rose to return his thanks for the toast which had been introduced to their notice by their worthy chairman in such flattering terms to himself, and received by the friends around him with so marked a warmth of feeling and cordiality. It was indeed a proud moment in his life, and one that he should never forget, to find himself greeted by such an assembly of his fellow countrymen, with so evidently sincere an expression of their sympathy and confidence in him. It would be a stimulus to him in the discharge of the new duties which now devolved upon him, to fulfil them with an energy and devotion for the advancement of the interests of the Province, and of this County in particular, that should merit a continuance of the good opinions which he could not help feeling the cheers he had just heard were intended to convey towards him. He felt proud too, of the position in which he stood, as the Representative of so important a section of the Province as Charlotte and undoubtedly is, to uphold their glorious constitution in its integrity, and to support their excellent Lieut. Governor in the just and legitimate exercise of his prerogative. He had come before them as a candidate for their suffrages unsupported by any hidden influence, to battle against a combined influence of bribery and intimidation—ledger influence and long purses,—and he felt that it was indeed a victory and a subject of congratulation not only to himself, for the handsome manner in which he had been supported at the poll—but also to the county, that the principles of loyalty in the people had so largely withstood the temptation which had been exercised to overcome their sense of truth and justice, (hear, hear.) He proceeded to review the act of the Lieut. Governor in dissolving the House, the operation of the Liquor Law, the great Railway scheme, passed during the last Session, and the general conduct of the late government, and particularly dwelt on the shameful attempts which had been made during the Election by the opposition party, to import religious feelings and sectarian views into the contest,—and concluded a most eloquent speech, which we regret want of space prevents us reporting more fully, by an earnest assurance of his entire devotion to the interests of his constituents without bias or favor to any party or Government; and after again expressing his deep appreciation of the compliment they had paid him by drinking his health sat down amidst great cheering.

The Chairman then gave in succession,—"The Visitors who have honored us with their presence," to which Mr. Henry G. Simonds responded on behalf of his father, in a speech replete with feeling;—"The Army & Navy," which was acknowledged by Capt. Moses;—"The St. Andrews & Quebec Railroad," to which Mr. Julius Thompson responded;—"Mr. A. W. Smith and the Press," to which he replied;—"The hon. Mrs. Manners-Sutton and the Ladies," which was drunk with acclamation;—"The Lord Bishop and the Clergy of the diocese," was also given by the vice chairman, Mr. Wetmore, for which both the Rev. Dr. Alley and the Rev. Dr. Thomson returned thanks.

The hon. the Attorney General proposed the health of the Chairmen, and eulogised his character and public spirit, speaking in the highest terms of the independence and uprightness of his conduct during the time he represented this County in the House of Assembly. (Loud cheers.)

Capt. Robinson expressed his warmest thanks for the manner in which his health had been received—disclaiming any merit for anything he had done, as it had all been no more than his duty—and if ever he was called upon again, he would always be found ready to do it again.

Mr. PERLEY also in the course of the evening proposed "Prosperity to the trade and Commerce of Charlotte County"—but, as our space totally prevents us this week from doing even an abridgement of justice to the very eloquent and interesting address with which he delighted the company—and as his speech did not refer in particular to the political object of the meeting but treated almost exclusively of the importance of the fisheries, and contained some most valuable information on that subject, which is one of the deepest moment to the inhabitants of this County; we shall postpone making any report of it on this occasion, in order that we may give it in an enlarged form next week.

The meeting was conducted throughout with the greatest harmony and good feeling, and the greatest credit is due to Mr. and Mrs. Phelan of the Railway Hotel, for the

very handsome manner in which they set out the tables, and catered for the occasion.

The Legislature will meet tomorrow—the Session will be an interesting one, and the relative strength of parties will soon be known. The Liquor Law will be repealed by an overwhelming majority—a new License Law will be enacted, and also a Bill brought in for the purpose of giving power to the Justices to call an extra Session and grant Licenses. No doubt the opposition will offer an amendment to the Address in answer to the Speech—and perhaps they may try another "Barker house" dodge—but in vain; that "trick" will not bear repeating. A member from old Charlotte as usual, will move the address.

Monday last was the warmest day this season—followed on Tuesday with light showers. The grass and other crops promise an abundant yield.

THE FISHING LIMITS.—Our Washington correspondent alluded recently to the labours of the joint commission appointed under the first and second article of the Reciprocity Treaty. It consists of the Hon. M. H. Perley, of St. John, N. B., Commissioner, and George Hayward Perley, Esq., Secretary and Surveyor on the part of the British Government; and of Gen. G. G. Cushman, of Bangor, Commissioner, and R. D. Cutts, Esq., of Washington, Surveyor on the part of the United States. Last summer they visited various rivers and harbours in the British Provinces, without arriving at any conclusion.

This summer, the Commission has had its headquarters at the Tremont House, and yesterday, documents establishing the fishing boundaries of the following rivers were signed:—The Pisicataque, Merimac, Ipswich, Taunton, and Seabrook. At the same time it was decided that it was not necessary to treat on the Sagus, Charles, Mystic, Neponset, and Acushnet. The commissioners have visited these ten rivers, and their decisions were made after due consultation and deliberation.

The Commission adjourned yesterday, to meet at Prince's Edward's Island in a fortnight, to examine the various rivers and harbours there, and return here in September; Gen. Cushman left afterwards for Bangor, and Hon. Mr. Perley will return to St. John by the next steamer.—*Boston Journal.*

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE at Lowell.—A destructive fire broke out on the morning of last Tuesday week in the "picker" of the Richmond wadding mill, a large three-story building, filled with light dry material. Scarcely was the fire discovered before the whole building was enveloped in one sheet of flame; it then spread with fearful rapidity to the adjoining mills, burning to the ground, two two-story dwelling, and partially destroying two store houses. The loss is estimated at about \$21,000, and is uninsured; notwithstanding active efforts to confine the fire to the mill yard the north west wind wafted the flames to the dwelling outside, which being of wood and very dry, instantly caught, and three buildings were destroyed. Several others more or less damaged, were partially insured.

SCORN IN VERMONT.—We learn from the St. Albans (Vt.) Messenger that during a recent storm a young lady who was humped up in extreme fashion, while on her way from church, was lifted up by the wind, and borne quite a distance, but landed without serious damage to herself. The Narrows Bridge across the Missisquoi River was blown down and a barn on the farm of a Mr. B. H. Snelly.

MASONIC.—At the last regular Communication of Albion Lodge, of Freemasons, 570, R. E., the W. M. presented to Bro Dennis Morton, a quadrant, bearing an appropriate inscription, the gift of the Members of St. Andrews Lodge, 732, R. E., of Sydney, Cape Breton, as a testimonial of regard.—*Courier.*

The Pictou Chronicle says that Captain Green of the brig Oregon, lying in the stream ready to sail for Boston, was assaulted by the mate and crew, who were under the influence of liquor, and was pursued to his cabin, the crew smashing in the door and windows.—The captain found it necessary to resort to fire-arms, and shot the foremost with a pistol in the stomach. The wound is not likely to prove fatal.

A WARNING.—A late number of the Courier du Pas de Calais, contains the following:—"Two men lately entered an inn in Cambria, ordered coffee, and died shortly after swallowing a cup each. The landlady summoned the police, who declared that the men were poisoned. 'Impossible!' cried the landlady, 'they have only drunk a cup of coffee a-piece, and that can do no harm.' She sat once drank a cup to prove its innocence. The same result, however, ensued in her case, as she was seized with terrible pains and also died. On examining the pot a box of lucifer or locofoco matches, was found lying in it."

WHO GOES BELOW?—A son of Erin having hired his services to cut some ice, was asked if he could use the cross-cut saw. He replied, 'he could, surely.' He was sent accordingly, in company with some of his co-labourers, to cut some ice, and on reaching the centre of the pond the saw was pro-

duced with handles still in their place. The verdant son, looking at the saw, very coolly put his hand in his pocket, and drawing from it a cent, turned to his companion, and raising the cent, said, "Now, Jamie, fair play; head or tail, who goes below?"

JOY TO THE INVALID.—Persons afflicted with any of the diseases arising from a disordered liver, stomach, nervous debility, dyspepsia or liver complaint, should try PERRY DAVIS' PAIN KILLER. It seldom fails to effect a cure in a very short time. Sold by Druggists generally throughout the United States and Canada.

DEED.—On the 8th instant, Mrs. Jane Watson, widow of the late Mr. David Watson, aged 70 years, deeply regretted by a large circle of relatives and friends.

Shipping List.

PORT OF ST. ANDREWS.
—ARRIVED—
July 11, Ship Osprey, Tomlinson, Halifax, ballast.—H. Frye.
—CLEARED—
July 8th.—Schr. Utica, McInerney, Boston, wood.
—Cleared at St. George.—
July 7.—Schr. Julia, J. Waycott, New York, lumber, by H. E. Seelye.

Notice to the Public.

THE MAILS FOR ENGLAND, will close at this Office on Friday July 16, at 6 A. M., via New York, per British packet—Tuesday 22d, at 6 A. M. via New York, per U. States packet. Sunday, 27th, 9 A. M., via Halifax. Tuesday 29th July 6 A. M., via New York, per U. States packet.
The Postage for the United Kingdom, via Halifax, is 7½ single rate, via New York by British Packet 10d, and by United States Packet 1s. 5d, pre-payment optional.
By Order,
G. F. CAMPBELL, P. M.
Post Office, St. Andrews,
July 15, 1856.

House and Lot for Sale.

To sell or Let, and immediate possession given, that commodious and comfortable COTTAGE, on west side of Frederick street, owned by the Subscriber: it is situated in one of the pleasantest parts of the Town, in close proximity to the Court House. There is a well of good water in the yard, a Garden plot stocked with Fruit Trees—Apple, Plum, and Cherry—besides currants and gooseberry bushes. Terms of payment made easy.
JOHN SNELL.
St. Andrews, 15th July, 1856.

TEA, CRUSHED SUGAR, PAINTS, &c.

Ex "Imperial" from Liverpool via St. John, JUST RECEIVED:
TEA—20 Chests } Fine Congou TEA
" 10 half " }
CRUSHED SUGAR } 3 half Refined Crushed
" 10 half " } SUGAR
PIPES—20 Boxes Glasgow T. D's
SHEET LEAD—1 Roll 3 lbs.
WHITE PAINT—10 Cwt. best White
PAINT
DECK SPIKES—22 Cwt. assorted sizes
Boxes TIN, &c.
J. W. STREET.
July 5, 1856.

Best Superfine Flour.

Just received ex schr. "Bonita" from Philadelphia, via Calais:
50 Barrels best superfine Philadelphia Flour.
J. W. STREET.
July 9th 1856.

Steam Boat Landing.

TENDERS will be received by the subscribers until the 15th day of July next from persons willing to CONTRACT for the Extension of the Steam Boat Landing, in St. Andrews. For plan and other particulars, apply to
THO. TURNER ODELL,
M. S. HANNAH,
Commissioners.
St. Andrews, June 30, 1856.

GOVERNMENT EMIGRATION OFFICE.

St. John, 10th April, 1856.
NOTICE is hereby given, that JOHN SHANNON, has been appointed keeper of Hospital Island in the County of Charlotte, and of the public buildings thereon.
M. H. PERLEY,
H. M. Emigration Officer
for New Brunswick.

NOTICE.

HAVING transmitted to the different Bye Road Commissioners the Bonds to be signed for the various Bye Road services, in the County of Charlotte, I have to inform all concerned, that arrangements have been made with the Charlotte County Bank for the payment of the Monies, one month after the Bonds have been duly executed, and that similar arrangements will be made with the St. Stephen Bank, or the different Deputy Treasurers within the County; Bonds are also ready for the Commissioners to expend Special Grants, on application to the subscriber.
JAMES BOYD,
St. Andrews, June 17, 1856.