

DOMESTIC.

RAIL ROAD MEETING.—A public meeting was held at River Philip, County of Cumberland, on Monday, the 2nd ult., to consider the report of R. B. Dickey, Esq., one of the Delegates from this County to the Portland Convention, and to suggest measures to promote the enterprise. Joseph Otky, Esq., was called to the chair, and Mr. John C. Phillips was appointed Secretary.

The Chairman briefly stated the object of the meeting. R. B. Dickey, Esquire presented his report, and in an admirable speech of two hours showed, by a large amount of statistics, that this Railway would be self-sustaining, even leaving out of view its being the grand means of international intercourse. He detailed several modes by which it could be built, either as a Provincial undertaking, or by a Joint Stock Company. By which last mode he clearly showed that the humblest individual might profitably invest a part of his earnings; and while his money would be expending he might earn his own investment back again. He considered it to be a grand means whereby an industrious man might better his circumstances.

Much credit is due to the gentleman for his zealous efforts in collecting information with respect to the feasibility of the object, and its practical workings.

The 1st Resolution was moved by Amos Black, Esq., who dilated on the advantages which would accrue to the Province of Nova Scotia, by bringing it into more social intercourse with neighbouring countries, by the construction of this great highway. He believed that the scheme now projected is calculated, if carried into execution, to be of incalculable benefit to the farmers of this fertile county. That by it they would be enabled to choose a market for themselves, near to their home; that it would be the means of bringing home the most of our able-bodied yeomanry, who, by the failure of the crops in this Province, and the pressure of hard times, had been compelled to seek a livelihood elsewhere. Also that it would be the means of suitably eliciting the genius and energies of Nova Scotia.

The Resolution was seconded by Timothy Weatherby, Esq., who stated that he was much pleased and gratified with the information given by their esteemed Delegate, and that the sentiments uttered by the mover of the Resolution met his entire approval.

The 2nd Resolution was moved by Mr. John Scharman, who said that he was always of opinion that Nova Scotia required something more than the writings of Politicians to bring it into notice in the world. The Halifax and Quebec Railway had been talked of, and he had once sanguine hopes of its being carried into operation. But it has been "no go." From all the information he could collect, and from the feasibility of the plans exhibited by the worthy Delegate, he was induced to believe that this, the European and North American Railway, would be built, and that any man who would now offer determined opposition to the enterprise deserved not to be called a lover of his country. In listening as he did with very great pleasure, to the report of the worthy Delegate, emotions were enkindled such as he could not express. In Mr. Dickey—a son of Cumberland County, he beheld a spirit of the right stamp. He had been, he says, "slow in moving," but he had now moved to the purpose. He deserved well of Cumberland for advocating so ably the uninterrupted land route by the head of the Bay of Fundy, which will call into existence the opening and working of the rich mines along the proposed route. He believed the project was well adapted to advance the social, political, commercial, and above all the agricultural interests of the Province, and it should have his cheerful support.

The Resolution was seconded by John Morse, Esq., who expressed his hearty concurrence in the undertaking.

The 3rd Resolution was moved by Mr. Asa Fillmore. His mind was made up for the Railroad, instead of the tardy and snail speed of coaches and other modes of travelling. He cheerfully moved the Resolution, and wished the enterprise every success.

The Resolution was seconded by Mr. John Bragg.

The 4th Resolution was moved by Mr. Robert Donkin, who acquiesced in the remarks of a previous speaker, that their respected Delegate deserved well of the Country. In this project he could perceive features of a very encouraging nature. It could not fail to promote the farming interests, and be the means of raising them to their proper standing. He conceived it to be the bounden duty of every well wisher of his country to do all in his power to hasten its completion.

The Resolution was seconded by Mr. George Johnson.

The 5th Resolution was moved by H. N. Davison, Esq., who felt gratified, that this grand scheme was likely to be sustained by all shades of politicians; for they seemed inclined to forget their old grievances, and cordially unite with each other for the mutual good.

The Resolution was seconded by Mr. James McQueen.

After the Resolutions were disposed of, the meeting, at the suggestion of the chair, was addressed by Mr. Stephen Oxley and others, expressing their confidence in the plans suggested and urging to vigorous and united exertion.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman was passed, and three cheers being given for the Queen, the meeting separated with a hearty good feeling.

RESOLUTIONS.

1st. Resolved, That the Resolutions adopted at the recent Convention, held at Portland, Maine, meet the cordial approval and full sanction of this meeting, and that the future prosperity and welfare of this Province mainly depend upon the early construction of this great National Highway, which has received the very appropriate title of "the European and North American Railway."

2nd. Resolved, That this meeting viewing it on national grounds, as well as for social, political and commercial reasons; but more especially for the advancement of the agricultural interest of the Colonies, believes that it becomes the bounden duty of every well wisher of his country to forward this great enterprise, by every means in his power.

3rd. Resolved, That a local committee of nine be appointed in this District to co-operate with committees, that are or may be appointed in this Province, for facilitating this enterprise, and that it consist of Joseph Oxley, Amos Black, Timothy Weatherby, Thomas Johnson, Henry Purdy and Jacob G. Purdy, Esquires, and Mr. John Scharman, John Bragg and Robert Donkin.

4th. Resolved, That this meeting have listened with much satisfaction and interest, to the report of Robert B. Dickey, Esq., one of the Delegates from this County to the Portland Convention; that this gentleman is fully entitled to the thanks of this meeting for his zealous exertions in procuring an uninterrupted land route by the head of the Bay of Fundy.

5th. Resolved, That the importance of the subject renders it necessary to take immediate action in co-operation with the people of New Brunswick and Maine. It is therefore the opinion of this meeting that a Special Session of the Legislature of this Province, be called forthwith to pass an act of Incorporation and the committee here appointed do draw up a Petition to His Excellency to that effect.—Communicated.

The above communication has been necessarily abridged.—Ed.

MELANCHOLY ACCIDENT.—This community was thrown into a state of painful excitement on Tuesday morning, by the intelligence that a respectable resident of this county—Angus McDonald, Esq., of Merigomish—had met a sudden and violent death on the Alton Railway. The circumstances are these: A large number of persons from the eastern part of the county having arrived at the Mines for the purpose of taking passage by the Railway and steamer to Pictou, to attend the Railway meeting, the passengers were found quite insufficient to contain them, and deceased, in company with many others, secured a seat on a trolley, a low wagon used for carrying barrels and lumber. On arriving at the head of the loading wharf, the loaded train is usually separated from the engine and tender, each taking a different track. At the time of this separation, a jar took place, and deceased occupying rather an insecure seat, was thrown down in front of the train, and before he could be rescued, three or four of the loaded wagons passed over him, completely severing him in two. When extricated, he breathed only about three minutes. The deceased was a Justice of the Peace for several years past, and was generally esteemed and respected throughout this county.—*Eastern Chronicle.*

THE BLIGHT IN THE POTATOE CROP is said to have again made its appearance in this Island, though in a less degree than in past seasons. A letter from L. Robertson Esq., of North Sydney, thus alludes to the disease in question:—

"Much as we wish to resist the belief, that the potatoe blight or disease will again appear, it is nevertheless certain that it will be at least partial this season. I examined a field of potatoes on the farm of the Rev. Norman McLeod, St. Ann's, last Friday, (about two acres in extent) and I may say that it is completely gone—every part of it is affected, and as black on the whole as any field could be during the worst years of the disease. I saw this field a fortnight before, and a more luxuriant, promising field of potatoes you would not wish to see. The potatoes were planted in hills, in a large open field, and early in the spring. I examined other fields on my way home, and could see no appearance of the disease—they generally looked well and healthy—as do all kinds of grain. It is indeed cheering to visit the Country at this season, and view the extensive fields of grain; and the heart must be callous to every emotion of pity that does not feel grateful to God for such a prospect of an abundant harvest."

The fields of potatoes in the vicinity of this Peninsula, with very few exceptions, look well, and we trust that the present partial indications of destruction may be only the "last lingering remains" of that disease which, for the last three

years, swept away this staple dependence of the husbandman. The grain crop looks promising, and the weather is favourable to its security.—*Cape Breton News.*

ATTEMPTED ROBBERY.—The Counting House and Store of Messrs. Fairbanks & Allison in this city was broken open on Monday about 2 o'clock in the morning by some villain or villains who favoured by the darkness and storm thought to plunder secure from detection. We are happy to learn that they did not succeed in obtaining any property of value. They burned and destroyed some papers, but nothing of any great consequence. The desks and chairs were also cut and injured, and had been evidently attempted to be set on fire.

His Worship the Mayor has properly offered a reward of \$200 to any person or persons who will give such information as will lead to the discovery of the offenders.

IMPORTANT FROM PICTOU.—Falling in of the Mines.—A Telegraphic Despatch from Pictou, brings information of the falling in of some rockers across the roof of the Mines, including a portion of the main road; no lives were lost, and all the horses were got up in time. So far the buildings had not been injured. The extent of damage was not exactly known when the despatch left.

COLONIAL.

New Brunswick.

THE RAILWAY.—We learn that the Directors of the Dublin and Galway Railway have taken the matter up warmly, as indeed was to have been expected, for the scheme offers as many advantages to Ireland as to New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

The subscription for Stock is progressing in quite a satisfactory manner—not fast enough, of course, to satisfy the sanguine, but as fast as is consistent with a prudent forethought as to ways and means. Our folks have not been accustomed to the large sums required for such an undertaking, and have to think twice before subscribing. All those, however, from whom public spirit could have been expected, are coming to the front with larger amounts than any one counted on. Those who have the best means of knowing, calculate that the subscriptions for this City will come well up to £100,000.

It is the general opinion, that if the Legislature of Nova Scotia is called together, ours also ought to meet, as it is of great importance that the question of Charters, grants, and aid, should be speedily settled.—*St. John Courier.*

BLACK LEAD MINES.—The prospects of the St. John Mining Company still continue extremely encouraging, as the article has been examined by a great many persons who pronounce it of excellent quality. There are seven persons now employed in extracting it from the vein, which is simply done with a pick and hammer. They are now procuring as much as forty barrels per day, and during the four weeks that they have been in active operation, they have procured over nine hundred barrels—viz, four hundred of the first quality, and five of the second. It is supposed by some persons that it will realize about £2 per barrel, and should this supposition prove correct, and the quality of the article suit the British or American markets, there is little doubt but that the fortunate individuals who compose the company (which is divided into six shares) will in a short time be in the possession of handsome incomes from the undertaking. The St. John Mining Company has secured the right and privilege from Government to carry on their operations for twenty five years, to the extent of three square miles in that locality, on the usual terms of paying to the Government an upset preference price of £5 per square mile, and five per cent on their produce. Lead ore has been discovered by some parties on the company's ground, and an offer has been made by the said parties to point it out on condition of their receiving a share in the concern.

Our prospects, altogether, are quite cheering now,—with Railroads—increasing remuneration for Lumber, our staple article of Export,—and Black Lead,—this Province, we think, is bound to go ahead sooner or later.—*Id.*

CARLETON IRON WORKS.—We are happy to learn that the works of the Carleton Mining Company are now all but completed, and that the Company will commence smelting iron ore as soon as the furnace can be heated to the proper temperature. It will be recollected that these works were totally destroyed by fire some months ago, and have since been built of stone and brick, instead of wood, as formerly, and we trust they will now be secure against the recurrence of a similar accident. The company deserve great credit for the spirited exertions which they have made to re-build their establishment, and recommence their useful operations.—*Id.*

EXPORTS OF WOOD GOODS.—From a tabular statement of the shipments of the principal articles of Wood Goods from the Port of St. John to the United Kingdom, from the 1st January to the 1st September, 1850, posted in the News Room, we find that there were 69,518 tons of Pine Timber shipped in 1850; Birch Timber, 11,400 tons; Spruce Timber, 592 tons; Deals, 60,225 M. feet; Railway Sleepers, 33,294 pieces, 1293 M. sup. feet.

The tonnage of the vessels carrying the above, was 123,222.—*Id.*

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE AT FREDERICTON.—On Tuesday evening a fire broke out in an out-house occupied by Mr. P. McAloon, on Regent Street, which in a few minutes communicated with other

buildings, and finally destroyed the dwelling house on King Street, occupied by the dwelling of two small dwelling houses owned by Mr. H. S. Beck, a barn attached to the premises occupied by Mr. McIntosh, and several other buildings. A horse and some pigs were destroyed. The exertions of the officers, non-commissioned officers, and privates of the 97th Regiment were beyond all praise, and fully sustain the high opinion which the inhabitants had already formed of their character, discipline, and good feeling. The Royal Artillery were at their post, and, as usual, did their duty. The fire companies and the civilians worked with their accustomed spirit, when danger to the city generally appeared. His Excellency the Lieut. Governor was on the ground, and at work with those saving property.—*Id.*

TRAGEDY IN QUEEN'S COUNTY.—In our paper of Saturday last, we gave all the particulars we were able to glean relative to the melancholy death of Mr. John T. Mayes, of Hampton, Queen's County. A correspondent has since furnished us with the following particulars. He says:—"On the 23rd ult., the cattle of John Mayes got on the premises of Wm. Mayes, whose children drove them off, when John's son led to loud words, and caused William Mayes to go where the disturbance was. On his appearance, John's son and his uncle clenched, and were in combat on the ground, when the cries of the children brought John Mayes to the spot, who was about to interfere, when two colored men being present, one of them, named Birk, caught him, and was in the act of holding him, when the other colored man, named Hope, struck him a blow with a club on the head, which was repeated with violence, causing almost instant death. An inquest was held before Thomas T. Hewlett, Esq., Coroner, and a verdict of 'Willful Murder' returned against Hope, who is now in Goal. Mr. Mayes has left a wife and seven children.—*New Brunswick.*

CANADA.

THE INDIANS IN LOWER CANADA.—It appears that sixty thousand acres of land on the Gatineau River, have been granted to the Roman Catholic Bishop of Bytown, for instructing the Indians. This is a princely grant; but we know not in what it is a justifiable one. The Indians of Eastern Canada, notwithstanding all the money expended upon their literary, moral and religious education, are in a deplorably low condition. Nor have we any hope that their condition will be much improved by such an agency as the Bishop's Church furnishes. In hardly any class of people is there a more striking difference than between the Indians of Eastern and Western Canada. Hundreds in the West adorn their Christian profession and are no discredit to civilized society. We wish we could say half as much for the Red Men of Eastern Canada, who have been almost entirely given up to the Papal Church.—*Toronto Chris. Guar.*

DARING ROBBERIES.—The house of J. M. Strange, Esq., on Church Street, was entered on Saturday night last, and property to the value of about £50 stolen. The dwelling-house of Col. Antrobus, also on Church Street, was robbed of money and other articles—in value nearly £100. In this case a gold watch was taken from under the Colonel's pillow, where he was lying with a light burning in the room.—*Id.*

LAKE SUPERIOR COPPER.—The Cliff and Minnesota mines have recently been turning out immense masses of copper ore, and great difficulty appears to be in getting it from the mines in pieces small enough for shipment. Seven pieces taken from the Cliff mine weighed 29,850 pounds; four from the Minnesota, 15,641. The masses are so heavy that it takes teams of ten, twelve, and sometimes fourteen horses, to haul them the distance of three quarters of a mile from the mines to the lake. The copper is too tenacious and compact to be broken in pieces in blasting, and has to be cut up in pieces with a long chisel, three-fourths of an inch in width, by chipping off piece after piece with a heavy hammer. By this slow and expensive process these large masses of copper are cut up into pieces for shipment. A schooner recently sailed for a port down the Lake, with upwards of sixty tons on board, and the docks are filled with masses of the most enormous size, waiting shipment. It is not possible that this copper could be sawed much easier than cut with the chisel?

MISCELLANEOUS.

CALIFORNIA.—The Calais (Me.) Advertiser states, that six of the persons who went to California in the Agate, that sailed from Machias last fall, are no more. One of the six died on the passage out, and the other five in the land of gold. The survivors, one and all, are heartily sick of the undertaking, and wish themselves back.

Two men belonging to Van Amburg's Messenger are in custody at Toronto, for passing counterfeit notes. The notes are said to be on the Citizens' Bank of Montreal, there being no bank of that name in existence.—*Mont. Gaz.*

BISHOP OBERDORF.—Rumour says that this prelate will, at the next convocation of the fathers of the Church, offer his resignation and indicate his preference for a successor.

At Portage Falls, N. Y., a cow jumped down a precipice 150 feet into the river, and escaped without injury.

Advertisements.

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