

## POETRY.

## ALLAH CALLA OO.

[Every one who has visited Edinburgh during the winter months, must have been struck with the singularly wild and plaintive cry of the Newhaven fishermen at night. The following lines were written shortly after the loss of several fishing boats in the Firth of Forth.]

HEAVILY, slowly, the fisherman's bride  
Is pacing her weary round;  
And ever her wild halloo, far and wide,  
Is startling the ear with its sound;  
And the bold heart thrills, as the cry floats past,  
And the bright cheek dims its hue,  
For it speaks as plain of the ocean blast  
As the scream of the wild sea-mow;  
While startling the ear through the silent night  
Comes the wild Allah Calla oo!

Sadly and brokenly sweeps it by—  
And how could it mirthful be?  
For the night is mirk, and the wind is high,  
And her Willie's away on the sea;  
And the lonely waves drench his manly breast,  
But his heart is undaunted and true,  
For his thoughts are with her that he "loves" the best,  
And he chants her own loved halloo.  
While startling the ear through the silent night  
Comes the wild Allah Calla oo!

Now solemnly, holily peals the cry,—  
'Twas a bride's—'twas a daughter's prayer!  
And all wildly anon it rings through the sky,  
Like the maniac shriek of despair.—  
Hark! perchance even then 'twas the wail for the dead,  
As they sank neath the waters blue,  
No cornach cried, and no requiem said,  
Save that widow bride's halloo!  
While startling the ear through the silent night  
Comes the wild Allah Calla oo!

Poor castaway! now thou may'st weep by the shore,  
And fade like the sea-weed round;  
But thy wild halloo shall be heard no more,  
To startle the night with its sound,  
Oh! then think of the boatie that rocks in the gale,  
And whisper a prayer for the crew;  
Remember for you they have hoisted the sail,  
That their wives may be widowed for you:  
When startling the ear through the silent night  
Comes the wild Allah Calla oo!

## MISCELLANY.

**NOVEL RAT TRAP.**—Some few days since a large rat was observed making a repast on some dead fish, which were lying on the beach at Falmouth, when its tail was suddenly taken into custody by an oyster, which held on so firmly, notwithstanding the furious attack made upon it by the legitimate owner of the tail, that finding resistance useless, the rat made off with all speed to a neighboring hole pursued by a whole host of persons who were attracted to the scene of action. The hole however being just large enough to admit his body and not the tail, which was still in the possession of the oyster, the rat was soon taken prisoner.

The Dutch transcend even the Germans in homeliness of their description of things. What we should entitle a 'Society for Instrumental Music,' they, at Amsterdam, call 'The Society for blowing and scraping Pleasures.'—*Fraser's Magazine*

Prince Polignac was lately seen among the audience at the sitting of the Chamber of Deputies at Munich. His appearance, the Bavarian papers say, was that of a man weighed down by dejection of spirits.

Sheridan's servant startled a dinner party by knocking down a plate warmer without breaking a single piece of China.—"You don't mean to say, Sir," cried Sheridan, "that you have made all that noise for nothing?"

During at a public ordinary, when one of the company had helped himself to a very large piece of bread, Quin stretched out his hand to take hold of it. The person to whom it belonged prevented him, saying, "Sir, that is my bread." "I beg your pardon," said Quin, "I took it for the loaf."

## AGRICULTURAL.

## PICTOU AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The first Annual Meeting of the Pictou Agricultural Society was held in the Court House of this place on the 27th of December last.

The Secretary read a letter from the President, stating that owing to sickness in his family, he could not attend the meeting.

The Vice President being also absent, owing to indisposition, the Society proceeded to business, when, having called Mr John Murray to the chair, the Rules were called for and read.

The Report was then read by M. J. Wilkins, Esq., and on motion of Mr James Johnston, it was unanimously resolved that the same be adopted.

The Secretary then read the Treasurer's account, when, on motion of M. J. Wilkins, Esq., it was resolved that it be received.

Sundry Documents, and letters of Correspondence, were then read; after which the Society proceeded to elect Office-Bearers for the ensuing year.

*Resolved*, That the sum of Five Shillings, annually, instead of Ten Shillings, as heretofore, shall constitute a Member.

*Resolved*, That Quarterly and Annual Meetings of this Society, shall hereafter be held on Monday, instead of Wednesday, as at present.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this meeting be given to Mr John Murray, for his conduct in the chair.

## OFFICE-BEARERS FOR 1835.

J. W. Harris, Esq., President.  
A. Patterson, Esq., Vice President.  
Mr R. Dawson, Treasurer.  
" J. Dawson, Secretary.

## Committee.

Martin J. Wilkins, Esquire,  
Mr Daniel Hockin,  
" J. D. B. Fraser,  
" M. McCulloch,  
" Thomas Campbell.

## REPORT.

We regret that, at the expiration of this, the first year of our Society, we have very little of importance to communicate to its members. It was not to be expected that much could be accomplished, in so short a space of time; but we will not attempt to conceal our conviction, that there exists a languidness, on the part of the farming population, greater than we could have expected from the inhabitants of a County so peculiarly adapted to agricultural improvement. This is evidenced by the circumstance of the subscription list exhibiting an extraordinary scarcity of names; and we anxiously set about enquiring into the cause of this evil, as it is impossible that we can succeed in accomplishing much, while our means are so very limited. From this enquiry, we have been led to think, that, from the failure of suc-

cess in former societies, established here and elsewhere in the Province, the people do not entertain any very sanguine expectations from us, in the way of improvement; and therefore, and in consequence of the scarcity of money, do not feel disposed to advance the present amount of our annual contribution. But we think it highly probable, that, were the rate reduced to five shillings, a very great number of individuals would be induced to join us.

We are more strongly fortified in this opinion, by referring to the experience of the very excellent and useful Society, established in Prince Edward's Island, which commenced with a ten shilling subscription, and found it expedient, eventually, to reduce it to five shillings; whereupon, a very striking improvement took place.\*

Although for the above mentioned reason, we cannot boast of having accomplished very much, we are, nevertheless, far from thinking that our having formed ourselves into a society, has been barren of results. On the contrary, it has excited a very pleasing spirit of enquiry, particularly among our members, many of whom are applying themselves zealously to the improvement of their farms, by the application of lime, (which we hope ere long to see in general use as a manure,) by the introduction of winter sowing, and a closer attention to root crops, &c.

While we express our anxious hope, that this Society, having for its object the best interests of this valuable County, will daily increase in usefulness, we feel it our duty to impress upon its members, the necessity that exists for their close attention to their respective duties, by punctually attending all the stated Meetings of the Society, and by explaining its desirable objects to all around them, and soliciting their co-operation and support.

The amount of funds realised, have been disposed of in the purchase of Seed. In the Spring, when timothy was exceedingly scarce, we had the good fortune to procure a quantity, which proved of great service to the country; and we have even advanced upon the receipts, in orders for wheat and clover seed, as the accounts will show.

Hoping that we shall soon experience an increase in the income of the Society, sufficient to enable its officers to introduce an improved breed of cattle, better qualities of seed, and the principal improvements in agricultural machinery,—we would encourage to united and individual perseverance, not doubting but that we shall ultimately arrive at the attainment of our objects.

\* Account of monies received from dues of membership to the Central Agricultural Society of Prince Edward's Island, for 10 years, ending 1836,—showing the result of reducing the dues from ten to five shillings:—

1827,	Subscription	10s.	£24	0	0
1828,	"	"	28	10	0
1829,	"	"	35	0	0
1830,	"	"	34	0	0
1831,	"	5s.	47	15	0
1832,	"	"	44	0	0
1833,	"	"	55	0	0
1834,	"	"	42	5	0
1835,	"	"	41	10	0
1836,	"	"	42	5	0

AGENTS  
FOR THE BEE.

Charlottetown, P. E. I.—Mr. DENNIS REDDIN.  
St. John, N. B.—Mr. A. R. TAUBO.  
Halifax—Messrs. A. & W. MCKINLAY.  
Truro—Mr. CHARLES BLANCHARD.  
Antigonish—Mr. ROBERT PURVIS.  
Guysboro'—ROBERT HARTSHORNE, Esq.  
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Wallace—DANIEL MCFARLANE, Esq.