wdwork remained above water. who had seen hodwork remained above water.
By ten or elew o'clock all was over, fragment of the ho and displaced machinery, alone stood as a moument of the catastrophe

The fire dootless began in the stoker's room which from the excessive heat, and the combustible hature of the dry wood, was as imflammable as tinder, and so rapidly did the flames, spread that no hope was enertained of saving

the vessel from the first. We understand that the Queen was insured for £7,000, but ler cost actual was upwards of £14,000, and as our readers are aware, she was a perfectly new vessel. The remains of the machinery can all be recovered easily.

The loss of the Queen will be looked upon, alike in this vicinity and Toronto, as a public calamity, and we are sure the heartfelt sympathies of the inhabitants of both places will be expressed for Captain Harrison who has not only lost, by an occurrence over which he had no control, the savings of years, but has been doomed to witness the destruction before his eves of a steamer which he had watched and superintended, from purchase to completion, and on to business and popularity with all the care and pride that man could feel for anything inanimate. Captain Harrison had more stock than any other individual in the company, and lost beside everything in the shape of apparel and personal property which he had on board.

We cannot conclude these remarks without again alluding to the noble conduct of Captain Masson, in the emergency. But for his exertion the wharf and store-house of Mr. Browne would have been entirely destroyed, and when we mention that the stores were completely crammed with valuable goods, our readers can in some measure understand the importance of the service so opportunely rendered, before he landed a passenger-a service which we trust to see marked by some testimonial from the public, more endaring than a mere newspaper paragraph can bestow. Had our friend of the News been present, the boast which he indulged in a few days ago over Kingston boys abroad, would have been reiterated with tenfold power and earnestness.—Spectator.

THE PHENIX,

VIENNA, THURSDAY, JULY 14, 1853.

Opinions of the Press.

THE PHENIX, AND ELGIN COUNTY CONSERVA-TIVE .- We have received the first number of a neat little paper, hailing from Vienna, C. W., and rejoicing in the above expressive title. whose motto is-"The Protestant religion and the liberties of England," Mr. Richard Abbott, Editor and Publisher. From our personal Mr. Abbott's principles and the he received his first typographical and lessons, we may confidently he Phœnix an able and enerexpect t ause of Truth and loyalty. The Phoenix is a paper of the right sort. Success to it.—Cornwall Constitutional.

We have received the first number of the Phanixpa new paper just commenced at Vienna, County of Elgin. It is Conservative in politics, too much praise cannot be givenneatly printed, and published at 7s 6d per an-We wish it every success.+ Middlesex Prototype,

A new paper has just been started at Vienna, U. C., called The Phanix and Elgin County the following extract from its first leader will indicate the principles adopted by our new con-

"A portion of our title fully and freely expresses our political principles—Conservative; and although as far as possible eschewing polemics, we shall ever be found withal truly PROTESTANT! We believe that Monarchy is the best and safest system of Government, to the preservation of which Conservatism is essential. Canada is no unimportant portion of the mighty Empire of Britain; and it is our proudest boast that we are an integral part of Rev. T. B. READ, from St Paul's second Episthat Nation, in whose keeping lie the destinies of the world. It shall, therefore ever be our humble endeavour to strengthen the ties that bind in fraternal union with that glorious trio, whose emblems are the Rosc. Thistle, and Shamrock. We are Protestant, because when England ceases to be Protestant, her greatness ing down of strong holds: ceases also, (May the hand of an overruling Providence forever forefend the calamity); and because notwithstanding the assertions of many to the contrary, we find Popery ever the same, as strikingly exemplified in the recent riots at Quebec and Montreal. We beleve that a closer union of sentiment and feeling-a more intimate relation between the various Protestant churches-is essential to our common cause, and we find in the Orange Association-happily now extended over every portion of our country-a powerful auxiliary to this end, hence shall that Society in us find a consistent friend," ren again formed in Procession, and returned -United Empire.

THE PHENIX.-We have received the first number of this paper, published at Vienna. It presents rather a respectable appearance; but we are sorry to say advocates principles of intolerant Protestantism, for which we have not even respect.—Norfolk Messenger.

THE PHENIX -- We have received the 1st number of this newly launched Conservative organ. The "Phœnix" hails from Vienna, in the County of Elgin, is a neatly got up sheet, advocating sound Conservative principles, and has our best wishes for its success .- Guelph

New PAPER.-We have received the first number of a newspaper, published in Vienna, well conducted, and Conservative in politics.-Long Point Advocate.

THE PHENIX.—We have received the first number of a new paper bearing the above title, and hailing from the village of Vienna. It is published Mr. Abbott, (of St Thomas notoriety) is Conservative in politics, a well prin. ed sheet, and bids fair to be a useful auxiliary the cause which it advocates. We wish the nonix every success .- Weekly Dispatch.

The "Phœnix" is the title of a new paper ust started at Vienna, C. W., by Mr. Abbott, Its principles may be called Orange Conserative. - Cayuga Sackem.

THE PHENIX.—Under this title we find that a sound Conservative Journal has been established in the flourishing village of VIENNA, C. W. The Phanix is published weekly, and Elgin, and the surrounding counties. We

mblished at Vienna, in the County of Elgin, in Western Canada. It professes conservative and Protestant principles, and is conducted by Mr. Richard Abbott, a voung man, a native of the County of Carleton, and formerly a resident of Bytown. The Citizen by way of welcome, selects a few phrases from the first editorials, for the purpose of holding them up to ridicule. To pay them the most moderate compliment possible they are as little deserving of censure, as many literary productions that have appeared from time to time, in the columns of the Citizen itself. If they display more of the ardor and fire of youth, than is agreeable to some persons, this is a fault which time and experience will modify. One thing is evident, that the editor of the Phonix writes as his conscientious convictions prompt him, and this is more than can someimes be said, with truth, of his critical confrere. If the editor of the Citizen had always pursued a similar course, the public would have been spared the sickening sentiments enunciated hrough his columns on a late occasion when first alluding to the Quebec and Montreal riots, and he himself the necessity of the retractation of them subsequently made, on the plea of "reconsideration," but in reality because they were discovered to have been distasteful to the more enlightened class of his readers. We need scarcely say, that we wish the conductor of the Phoenix every success in the troublesome under taking in which he has now embarked .- Bytown

The Vienna Gazette has breathed its last. Hopkins! the would-be great gun of Vienna, is thrown into the shade since the appearance of the Phanix .- Omnibus.

We have received the first number of the 'Phœnix" and Elgin County Conservative, pub ished and edited by Mr. Richard Abbott. formerly of this Office. The "Phœnix" is a success.—Orange Lily

THE PHENIX.—A well conducted new paper s now being published at Vienna. It bears on its face every mark of a successful publication, and the talent it displays demands such success. -Galt Reporter.

The 12th July.

LAST Tuesday, the anniversay of the Battle of the Boyne, was celebrated by the Orange-men of the County of Elgin, joined by many of the friends of Protestantism, in a manner which did honour to their loyalty and respect to the religion of their fathers.

The day was ushered in by firing, and other demonstrations of joy. At an early hour the Brethren of the Vienna Lodge were seen moving about our streets, decked in the gay emblems of loyalty and love, Flags were floating proudly from the windows of our hotels, and adorned private residences; the Union Jack was "unfurled to the breeze" from the dome of the "Francisco House;" and from the Vienna Brass Band-to which

"Music arose with its voluntuous swell. And all-west merry as a marriage bell.

About nine o'clock, the Brethren of L. O. L. No. 170, assembled at the Lodge room, where the usual business was transacted. At ten a mounted deputation of the Knights of the Scarlet, headed by the Band, was dispatched to Staffordville in not the hurricane of fierce incovasion, if the order to escort the Brethren from Aylmer, Dorchester, Richmond, Malahide, &c., info town. After returning to Vienna, the procession was formed, and marched through Main Street: thence to Port Burwell, where an appropriate sermon was preached by the tle to the Corinthians, 10th chapter and 4th

carnal, but mighty through God to the pull- time of our greatest need sent our glorious

"Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.'

The sermon was most ably delivered; and was listened to with almost breathless attention by the numerous assemblage present on

Immediately after Divine service the Brethto Vienna, whence, after the 'usual exchange of gratulations, loval cheers, speeches, &c., the Brethren of Vienna and Port Burwell again escorted the the visiting Brethren from a distance, out of the Town. The procession giving "The Orangemen of Ireland." ro again returned to the "Francisco House," where a number of the Brethren sat down to an excellent dinner-just such an one as GEORGE SPURR usually gets up-to which they did more than justice. All was enjoyment and harmony, without the slightest interruption in the remotest degree.

After the cloth was removed, the Chairman, Brother W. F. SPARLING, gave "the by Mr Richard Abbott. It is a spirited sheet, Queen, Tune, God save the Queen, by the to ages past, we will see what an namerciful

> "Prince Albert and the Royal Family," from the Chair. Tune-Rule Brittania.

> "The Governor General, Her Majesty's representative in Canada," From the Vice

> The Chairman then rose and said, the princinal toast of the evening is the one I am about to propose, and in doing so I feel called upon to offer a few remarks, which I trust will not be out of place on this occasion:

KNIGHTS, COMPANIONS, AND BRETHREN-The happy results of which have proved a blessing vengeance from on high. Yes, and Enniscorbids fair to command a wide circulation in to the world-an event worthy of the great ac- thy's blood stained hill, where the bones of mator whose name we venerate and whose princi- ny a loyal hero lie; then Ross' streets, and would welcome the appearance of our Conservative cotemporary, and offer kindly wishes for ples we profess—an event but for which Protestant Folkes' Mills,—all these scenes claim God's venday: previous, which could possibly blacken of a member to fill the place of the Hon. Mr. vative cotemporary, and offer kindly wishes for a long and prosperous career.—Barrie Herald. tantism would long since have ceased to be geance from the skies. On Wexford Bridge the character of the meanest newspaper in Richards (County of Leeds.) has been issued.

persecution and thraldom were hovering over anto the sea. Popery is still the same as it was the heads of our ancestors, and the calm com- 200 years ago. Popery has sacrificed by Intestantism; and this personage was no other every Orangeman ought to be a true christian; than him whose name I am about to propose. He it was who struck the final blow to popish for a true Israelite is he who is one in heart. ascendancy, and secured to us the liberty, civil It gives me great pain when I see Orangemen. and religious, which we now enjoy. To commemorate this victory over freedom and intoleffects of Protestant ascendancy, established by but when I look for the cause I find it is their that victory. Most of you, no doubt, are ignorance of what Orangeism is, and not a willaware that an attempt has lately been made to deprive Protestants of some of the privileges they enjoy, as christians, arise from privileges to which, by the constitution of Eng- that glorious event, the battle of the Boyne; for land every individual within her realms is entifled. This attempt has been made at our very doors; and though weak minded men may tell you it is of trifling importance, remember that small begin nings have sometimes large and widely-extended conclusions.

maginary prophecy to predict, if allowed to proceed with impunity; and the end of this ag- ney uphold that we abhor." At the conclugression on our rig. it may prove fatal, if apathy and forbearance be allowed to take the place of ready remonstrance. Let every one who has paper of the right stamp, and we wish it every the smallest spark of respect for his rights or the inroads popery is daily making on the liberties of the friends of the Protestant religion. And zealously guard against the threatening denger that surrounds him.

The late attempts at Quebec and Montreal to stifle free discussion, call for a close union of Protestants of every denomination. When an exposition of truth becomes a crime, it is time for the advarsaries of error to be on the alert: and when the religion of our fathers is at stake. t is night ime for their sons to know each other. This then is an important crisis in the history of Canada, -one which calls upon every Protestant to lay aside political fe uds, and like their illustrious forefathers, who signed and sealed the great covenant of freedom, to sacrifice every private consideration, and establish a centralization of freedom upon scch a comprehensive ceive vitality from the parent stem, and which that day. also renders it imperative that loval Britons should at all times be found

"With hearts resolved and hands prepared The blessings they enjoy to guard. How can this be obtained but by close umon By union we are powerful; by division we are weak. Let us then, by every means in our power, cement still closer, if possible, the hap

and of brothers: let Protestants of ever nomination join in one phalanx against the fo untiring energy. Truth is our craft, and we fe union of brotherly love which has hitherto be our pilot be maintained in its wonted purity.

Our association has stood the test of ags others have since sprung up, and sunk again a to insignificance, because their foundation vas not laid upon the firm basis of eternal truth-The Loval Orange Institution was formed the midst of unnatural persecution; when it pious and devoted christian was compelledo suffer for truth and righteousness' sake. lo "For the weapons of our warfare are not thanks to the great Ruler of events, who in a liverer, whose name we bear, to free us fre that thraldom, which popery irrevocably fastes on the necks of its unfortunate victims.

"Banner and badge and name alone At our Monarch's call we tender;

The loyal truth that guards the throne We'll keep, and No Surrender!"

And now allow me to propose The Glorious, Pious, and Immortal Memory of the Great and Good King WILLIAM the II

"The Grand Master of British No America, Brother George Benjamin," for the Chair. Song, by Brother GRIFFITE The Battle and the Breeze.

Brother Francis, W. M. of No. 276.

and spoke nearly as follows:-Memory calls to mind the happy days Ihave spent on like occasions, in celebrating, with my Battle of the Boyne, which, under the great head of the Church, was the means of delivering our forefathers, ourselves and our children from popish intolerance and slavery. Popery has ever been the enemy of truth; it has been the enemy of mankind; and if we look back inthing popery has been. Let us look at the Hugonots, the Albigenses, the scenes of 1641 in Ireland, with the infernal Inquisition, those merciless tortures; tortures which have made thousands and thousands to groan. We, even in our own recollection, can remember the cruel butcheries of 1798. Yes, when we recollect Scullabogue Barn, filled with old men, women, and children, until its numbers forbid the admission of more: there was one old lady still remaining to be sacrificed, in order to complete the atrocity, but they made a virtue of necessity and said they would give her a more easy death circumstances which have called us together on as she was a good woman. They then set fire this occasion are of no trifling nature. We to the barn, and mothers' and their childrens are called upon to commemorate an event, the cries mingled with the flame, and claimed their

fluence every blessing worth living to enjoy. dies, and raised them in the air, and then threw them into the river Slaney, which ran bloody but they are "not all Israel that are of Israel." (so called.) swearing, or in any way breaking ful dislike; for if they understood it, all the that was what God made use of to free the world from Popish intolerance. Therefore I member it is not the men, but the principles ion of Mr. F's, speech, the Band struck up

The Old Folks at Home." Several other volunteer toasts were given and responded to in good style, and all enjoythose of his children, look with a jealous eye on ed to the utmost the conviviality of the evening. At an early hour the Brethren retired to their respective homes, well-pleased with the manner in which they had spent the day

Thus ended the day in Vienna-a day marked by the good feeling and peaceabl demeanour of every inhabitant of the place and one which will long be remembered by all who witnessed the imposing celebration as a general Protestant demonstration. Too much praise cannot be awarded the Marshals and Heralds for the able manner in which affairs were conducted on the occasion; and we sincerely trust that no action of the Orangemen of this County may ever tend to lessen the respect gained for the Institution, basis as will enable every limb and fibre to re- by the orderly conduct of its members on

"Enigmatical ditorial."

This is the heading of a article in the Weekly Dispatch of the 12th inst., in reference to a request we made of him it our first

says, was made during his "unavoidable abence," albeit some one was left to exercise the editorial functions, by noticing the advent of the Phanix in somewhat of a complimentary manner. But let us solve the "enignatical editorial" of which our friend complains. He says:

"It is the first time that we have been notified as to our having made a treacherous and groundless attack upon the genile manly and refined editor of the Phanix, a journal that was not in existence until within the past fortnight, and how it could have been possible for us to have attacked a person that did not exist in his official capacity at the date he alludes to, we are really anxious to find out. We have no otention of treacherously attacking our warm riend of the Phoenix except his concluct demands our censure, and in that case, he may rest content that ample justice will be awarded to him without fear, favor, or affection."

"It is the first time!" Well this is rich in the extreme!! Come now, Mr. Dispatch, did you not in a most undignified and ungentlemanly-nay treacherous-manner, use the name of the editor of the Phanix on the date? Did you not conveniently FORGET to spark of honesty to be found even in a Radical send him a copy of that paper? And did Editor. you not actually REFUSE to send him a From every side—far as ink or elicyou for one? What became of the letter he July has been celebrated in the most becomwrote you on the 29th of May? Did you ang manner. Kingston, London, Cornwall, Countrymen, the glorious anniversary of the the receipt thereof? Come, Mr. Dispatch, das, Guelph, Brampton, Caledonia, Barrie, is the first time" you have been notified of have nobly done their duty-nothing occurhaving made an attack on us. Once more ring to mar the enjoyment of the day in any from our veracious friend:-

"in his official capacity at the date he alludes in all parts of Canada.

"to, we are really anxious to find out." Ah, now, Pathrick avourneen, jist be aisy, wnd ve, an' we'll relieve yer longin' anxiety The editor of the Phanix called upon the publisher (and as we thought the editor) of the Dispatch, at his own office, about the 20th of May last-was introduced and received as such. The fast man then asked for a copy of the Prospectus of the Phanix, that he might publish it in the Dispatch: but behold, in the very next number of that Aylmer, on the 14th proximo, when a splenand personal abuse of the very individual to Currency each. whom he made those fair promises, but three

nber of a pa- known, and popery, tyrany, and bloodshed (the the Protestants were brought and place d kneel Christendom. So much for his ignorance of offspring of popery) continue to curse the land ing in a row, and pike-men sent behind and be- cur "official" existence!! Mr. Dispatch, you of our faihers, and blight with its withering in- before them drove their pikes into their bo- say "Justice to all men," is the motto you wish to imitate; if so, be pleased to send us a copy of your paper of the 24th May, 1853, (which you have twice REFUSED, when forts of peace and quietness were lashed into quis ition, by flame, sword and other deaths 68 you KNEW perfectly well who and what wild commotion by the strrong tide of popish millions of the human family. But Orangeism we were,) so that we may have an opportuatrocity and intolerance, there was yet a help- being true Protestantism, and true Protestant- nity of defending our character against the ing hand to save—a ready sympathizer and a ism being true Christianity, and Christianity be- shameless slanders and insinuations contained had time to judge, but may take another opporprotecting friend to care for the welfare of Pro- ing the only true way which leads to heaven, therein. Pray do us the "justice," and tunity to do so. yourself the honor, of meeting us in an open manner, and not assassin-like, "behind the bush," where there is no chance of defence. Remember that we will not accept Billingsthe rules and regulations of the Society. I am gate for argument; while you preach "jus- the loval hearts that compose the Institution erant despotism, we are met together to day. surrprised and astonished that men calling them- tice," you ought to practise it also, and save in that County. The Brethren from Sim-To show to the world that we revere the happy selves Protestants are enemies of Orangeism, your actions the disgrace of betraying your

In conclusion, for the present, we would unprofitable in days to come. If we have the misfortune to be somewhat youtliful, where's the crime? It's not our fault! And hope that many who are now enemies of the if our beard floes not present the appearance Orange system -although they are good chris- of a cedar swamp, must that circumstance tians-will ere long see their error, and join call forth the vindictive wrath of one who were erected for the speakers, and every arthank with my Orange Brethren, to put might have served a long apprenticeship in rangement which could add to the comfort The end of such a beginning is a matter of down that monster, Popery, in our land. Refor the credit of the craft, desist from using such degrading epithets as "low buffoon," "clown," "scalliwag," &c., and more particu- mon apropos to the occasion, followed by arly when directed against a "beardless most admirable discourse from the Rev. poy."-which you term him-when you Kennedy, Wesleyan Minister, of Aylm have, coward-like, DENIED him the means of Everything passed off in the utmost harm defence; for those, together with your favo- ny, each vieing in making the domonstrated self the ignominy of being convicted of Per-SONAL SLANDER, and the public of being afflicted with such a sickening display of the hero: 'tis another to act the vampire; ing to Burk the former-see to the conse- tion, and hope to hear from him often, on

> California.-We saw a letter the other day from the golden diggins, dated 13th May, 1853, and written by Mr. B. T. Bond, formerly of this neighbourhood, from which the old maxim eceives tenfold force, that "it is not all gold that glitters." The letter is a tissue of complaints, throughout, without one inviting or the importance of an immediate step towards encouraging feature, and truthfully pictures the securing a better road from Port Burwell to number, to the effect that he would do us contrast between a happy home in Canada, and Port Rowan, and so on eastward. Such a "the justice, (heretotore denied,) of forward- a to some pilgrimage through the barren wilds, ingranumber of said **Dispatch*, whenever it of california. Every description of hyrdships, may contain a treache rous and groundless is there to be encountered—anything of profit Macadamized road from the two above menack" on us personally: This request, he is as a lottery. M. B, would not advise Cana- tioned places, would, beyond doubt, pay making a fortune, as money at the expense of alth and comfort is too dearly bought.

> > e inquest on the Pro treal was still going or nflicting evidence wa during the exnination, and no de onclusion can be arrived at till the whole f the deposition's are to see the papers heard at length. We are take it up so generally, and trust the revelation of popish wickedness made at the Inquest, may have its due weight with over liberal Protestants of every denomination

HONORABLE COURTESY.—The Bytown Citizen criticized the first No. of the Phanix. unfavorably, and like our St. Thomas oracle forgot to send us a copy containing the review. It was not, however, forgotten by our old friend of the Gazette, who, in his wonted justice to wrongly accused parties, unmasked the real features of our reviewer. Will the Citizen be kind enough to forward us a number of his paper containing the censurable remarks he has thought proper to make? This much is 24th of May last, in connexion with the pro- due us, if for nothing else, but the days of ceedings of a certain Public Meeting, held "auld lang syne." Even though our politics in St. Thomas a few days previous to that be adverse, still you can show that there is a

copy after specially and personally writing tricity can bear the tidings—the Twelfth of ever fulfil his request, or even acknowledge St. Catherines, Streetsville, Woodstock, Dunanswer those queries, before stasing that "it Toronto, Norfolk, St. Thomas, and Carleton, of the above places. Never was there "How could it have been possible for us Twelfth which passed over so peaceably, and to have attacked a person that did not exist never was a worthy occasion better observed

TWELFTH JULY IN TORONTO.—This great Protestant anniversary was celebrated in Toronto in splendid style, by a general jubilee. A grand procession moved through the principal streets of the city, in which many thousands joined. All passed off peaceably and quietly, to the satisfaction of the Brethren and

A grand Lottery will take place at paper-intead of the Prospectus, which he did Piano, and other fancy and ornamental charteered and promised to publish—ap- articles, will be disposed of. Sixty tickets peared a tirade of the most blackguard trash, only will be issued, at the low price of 10s.

23 We learn that the writ for the election-

and that the nomination will take place on the 19th inst-the polling to commende on the 26th. Mr. Ormond Jones is the Conservative Candidate, and there was no opposition of which we

We have received a pamphlet, entitled vindication of the order of the Sons of Temperance," against certain " statements made by J the Rev. Geo Kennedy, at a public meeting in Avlmer." What its merits are, we have not

Twelfth July in Norfolk.

The 12th July was celebrated in Norfolk in a true Protestant manner, well becoming coe, Colborne, Windham, Fredericksburg, Walsingham, Middleton, and Charlotteville, assembled at Vittoria, where they were joined tender you a little advice, which may not be by the Brethren of that Village, and—enlivened by the strains of the Dover, Simcoe, and Waterford Brass Bands-proceeded in marching order through the principal streets; thence to the beautiful grove of Col. Rapelje, to spend the day. Here suitable platforms proper hour, the Rev. Francis Evans, Rec tor of Woodhouse, preached an excellent s rite selections, such as "foul lips,," "spooney," pleasing and acceptable to all. Tables were 'apish arrogance," "contemptible," &c., when laid in the grove 400 feet in length, and calpersonally applied, come with bad grace culated to accommodate 700 persons. We from their great patron, and are no credit need hardly add that this branch of the prowhatever to the press. If our PRINCIPLES be ceedings was well attended to. At an early adverse to your own, out upon us like a hero; hour in the evening all separated for their if they are not, for honour's sake save your- homes, highly delighted with the festivities of the day.

P. S.—Since the above was in type, we received a communication containing the parweakness and folly. It is one thing to play | ticulars of the celebration; but want of time prevents our giving it publicity. We are you've proved yourself the latter, by attempt- much obliged by our correspondent's attensubjects of general importance.

For the Vienna "Phanix."

MR. EDITOR,-In the Simcoe Standard, of the 29th ult., is an able letter* from the pen of John Burwell, Esq., addressed to the people of Walsingham and Houghton, upon also much enhance the value of real estate along the lake shore. A good road is one of the greatest auxiliaries to happiness and comfort, and gives to a country or locality a popularity that will induce capitalists to inamount of vest in real estate, where there is easy communication.

I cannot think there is a single farmer on the Front but would take more or less stock in such an enterprize, knowing, as they do, that it would be directly to their interests.— This being the case, no time should be lost: let there be a Public Meeting called for the ourpose of ascertaining the general feeling on the matter. The Squire's suggestion about the matter, through the Standard, has been very favorably thought of in this town, and cannot think that the forming of a Joint Stock Company would find the least oppo-

I think if Squire Burwell would state when t would be convenient for him to meet the people interested and talk to them a little in a public way, he would find a hearty response. I think Houghton Centre would be the most convenient place for a Meeting of that kind.

Yours, &c., SEVERAL. Port Rowan, July 10, 1853.

To the Editor of the Phanix.

Post Office, Houghton, July 9, 1853. Mr. EDITOR,-In the "Notice to Correscondents" contained in your last issue, I oberved a reply from you to N. S., Houghton Centre, in whose communication it seems, my character has been assailed as an Officer of the Post Office Department, for taking part in the hoisting of an American Flag on the

As I cannot suffer so infamous and false an accusation to pass unnoticed, I wish thro' the columns of your Journal, to give a proper explanation. On the morning of the 4th inst., was informed by a person calling at my office, that a Flag, purporting to be the Stars and Stripes, was hoisted to a tree a few rods below. I immediately proceeded to the spot; unaided by any person, and requested the parties to take it down, who hesitated—upon which I loosed the halvards and hauled it down myself. I found, however, that it came far short of an American Flag, but a very good representation of a British East India Company's Banner. I, in presence of several, forbid the hoisting again of the same, under any pretence, on such a day. I noticed in the afternoon of the same day, a red Flag uspended from a staff, with the British coat of arms upon it. This flag, (I have it from undoubted authority,) was torn down by those who term themselves the Loval Conservatives of Houghton. As regards any other display made on that day, by fire-crackers, &c., was merely a getting up among the boys, and not

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