

## THE BEE.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, NOV. 29, 1837.

## COLONIAL TROUBLES.

LOWER CANADA.—Our latest dates from Lower Canada are to the 13th instant. At that time agitation still continued, and the Commander in chief, was occupied in keeping detachments of troops marching and counter marching in all directions in quest of rebels, but could find none.

The tory papers give an account of a fracas which is said to have taken place in Montreal on the 6th, between the "Doric Club" and the "Sons of Liberty." According to their account, the former raised a report that the latter intended to parade the streets on that day, which the Doric men were of course desirous to prevent. Accordingly, the tory Magistrates were induced on Sunday the 5th, to issue a proclamation prohibiting all persons from joining in any procession; and on Monday morning the Doric men posted a placard on the walls, calling on the different ward associations to assemble at half past 12 o'clock, to "crush rebellion in the bud"—[rebellion of their own raising.] They accordingly assembled, but to their great amazement all remained quiet,—no rebels—no commotion, save their own—was any where to be found. About 2 o'clock, however, the reformers perceiving, from the excited state of the mob, that their persons and property would not be safe unless they devised some means of self defence, began to assemble to the number of 250. This was at once construed into an act of rebellion by the sharp-sighted constitutionalists. A hostile collision took place in great St. James's street, where the reformers were assembled. Sticks and stones were in general requisition; a gun was snapped—a few pistols were fired, without doing much damage; the riot act was read, and the royal regiment was ordered to parade the streets, supported by the artillery. The constitutionalists, thus protected by the military, were enabled, contrary to the spirit of the proclamation of their own Magistrates, to perpetrate all sorts of outrages, which ended in an act worthy of such miscreants—the demolition of the *Vindicator* printing office, and windows of the houses of Mr Papineau and other citizens. One circumstance remains to be noticed of the daring violence of this lawless mob. In their progress through the city, they violated the sanctuary of private houses, belonging to the reformers, and searched for fire arms, when, at the close of the campaign, their collected trophies amounted to "a seven barreled, a double barreled, and a single barreled, in all three guns, a sword, and a banner of the 'Sons of Liberty,' which were all delivered over to the authorities."

Upon the whole, we look upon this puny affair, as nothing else than a miserable attempt on the part of the self-styled constitutionalists, to provoke the reformers to acts of violence in self defence—a course they were careful to avoid until 10,000 British bayonets were bristling about them.

The extract we copy to day from the P. E. Island *Gazette*, we take for granted to be only another account of the affair of the 6th.

The Catholic Bishop of Montreal has issued an extraordinary Circular, to the clergy and people under his charge, enjoining them to take no hand in the present agitation. In this document, his gross misapplications of scripture, and the writings of the Fathers, shows that infallibility is not one of his qualifications. The *Vindicator* nobly refuses this flimsy epistle, and boldly asserts that the Bishop is bought by the Gosford party.

The tory papers have raised a report that the reformers intend to burn Montreal and Quebec in the winter, and thus render all their oppressors houseless. As a rider to this, they ask how it would do for the troops to amuse and warm themselves during the winter by burning the French villages?

UPPER CANADA.—Some of our readers may recollect, that some time ago we noticed the publication of a paper by W. L. McKenzie, Esq., late speaker of the House of Assembly, U. C., which was entitled the "*Welland Canal*," the object of which was to expose the tory corruption and iriquity of the promoters of that infamous job. This object he accomplished so effectually that the chief instruments in the "job" dared not face Mr McKenzie before a Jury; but they brought forward with a prosecution, a Mr Beaton, clerk to the concern, in whose case they thought they discovered some ground for a charge of libel. The cause came on, to be tried at the Niagara Assizes, before Mr Justice McAuley. The prosecution was conducted by Messrs Burns and McDonald, on the part of the plaintiff. Mr McKenzie conducted his own defence, which he opened with a speech of six hours' length, and so completely did he establish every point with which he charged Mr Beaton, that the Judge in his charge to the Jury declared they must find a verdict for the defendant. The Jury, however, was a special one, selected by the tools of the Head administration, some of whom were personal enemies to Mr McKenzie; and they, thinking the loss their partisan had already sustained in character, large enough for his share, found for the plaintiff 2s. damages, and costs which were heavy.

NOTWITHSTANDING the laconic reply which Sir F. B. Head is said to have given Sir John Colborne, that he could spare all Her Majesty's troops from the Upper Province, it would appear his dreams of security are not believed in by himself. The militia are being disarmed; and he has authorized a most heartless and brutal system of highway robbery, on the peaceable inhabitants, many of whom have lately been deprived of their fowling pieces, by his constables, in the fields and on the highways, and knocked down if they refused to give them up. This does not savor much of security.

P. E. ISLAND.—Public meetings, numerously attended, have recently been held in King's and Queen's County, and Belfast District, at which petitions to the Governor on the Escheat question and other grievances, were drawn up and numerously signed; and on the 15th instant, a meeting of delegates from the above places was held in Charlottetown, for the purpose of embodying their opinions in an Address to the Governor, on the same subject, and requesting his Excellency to dissolve the Assembly. At the latter meeting a deputation was appointed to wait upon him with the Address and Petitions; but upon their sending him a letter, requesting to know when it would be convenient for him to receive them, he ordered his secretary to inform them, that he declined seeing them, as he had already expressed his determination not to grant the prayer of the Petitions. As the Petitioners are exceedingly numerous, we would think the next session of the Island Legislature will be rather a stormy one.

THE ALBION MINES, we are informed, have been on fire for some days past; but we are glad to learn it has been nearly extinguished, and that the damage will not be serious.

MELANCHOLY ACCIDENT.—On Sunday last, while a number of men were employed shifting the moorings of the barque *Minerva*, while undergoing repairs in this harbor, Edward McDonald of Little Harbor, was unfortunately upset off a stage, by the bow-er anchor, and drowned. An inquest was held on the body on Monday. Verdict—"Accidental death."

LITERARY SOCIETY.—The Rev. James Ross lectures this evening, on Provincial Improvement.

Passengers.—In the Sally, for Liverpool, Henry Hatton, Esq, Mrs Hatton and two daughters, and Mrs W. Romans. In the Nancy Givan—Mr Robert Hatton.

SOMETHING FOR THE ELECTORS OF NOVA-SCOTIA TO RUMINATE UPON.—The remarks we made on the structure of H. M. Council, in a late No. of this paper, has elicited from the Editor of the *Novascotian*, some hard hits against us personally, which we pass unheeded, as we have no desire to occupy our paper with editorial controversies, however well such matters may suit the columns of the *Novascotian*, and reformers should not fall out by the way. But we mention the circumstance for the purpose of introducing an extract which appears to be an admonition to the Electors of this and other Counties, whom the Editor represents as having sent to the Legislative Halls "blind" "leaders of the blind." We hope the electors will see to this serious charge, and store up this sage council of our learned contemporary in their memories, to serve them in time of need.

Before giving the extract, we may notice that we deem it rather ungenerous in Mr Howe, to identify us with the political crimes of the electors of Pictou, as he well know, while he was writing, that such identity was no more applicable to us than to himself.

We agree with the Editor of the *Bee*—that no change will be so satisfactory as one founded on the principle of Election; and we were one of the almost forlorn hope, following in the track of Messrs. Doyle, Huntington, and other unflinching Reformers who struggled for that change while there was a chance of obtaining it; and who ultimately succeeded, against powerful opposition, in securing a majority of two in its favor. But we were not so simple as to believe that, upon the demand of such a majority, an Elective Council would be conceded; nor have any of the Gentlemen who laboured in all sincerity but without success, to swell that majority, any such expectation. Having done their own duty, they have only to deplore that Pictou and other places have sent in some twenty members, who have done and will do their best to "blind the People" on this measure, and who render its success almost hopeless during the existence of this house of assembly. Under these circumstances, it is folly to make ungenerous attacks upon those who are compelled to conform to the circumstances in which others have placed them; and who really cannot bring themselves to believe that even the Editorials of the *Pictou Bee* will procure an Elective Council, while a majority of the members from that County, and eighteen or twenty more, are so "blind" as to continue in determined opposition."

## MARRIED.

At New Glasgow, on the 14th instant, by the Rev. David Roy, Mr Thomas Dand, to Miss Isabella Fraser.

On Monday evening, by the Rev. Edward Doyle, Mr John Brennan, to Miss Mary McLean.

## DIED,

At Four Mile Brook, on the 5th inst., Mary, relict of the late Mr Murdoch Innis, aged 79 years.

At Mount Ephraim, on the 13th inst., Mary, relict of the late Mr Hugh McPherson, aged 72 years.

## SHIP NEWS.

CUSTOM-HOUSE—PICTOU.

## ENTERED.

Monday, Nov. 27,—Sch'r Lucy, O'Brien, Halifax—goods.

## CLEARED.

Wednesday, Nov. 22,—Sch'r Catherine, Buckler, Tatamagouche—goods; Linnet, Mattatol, do.—do; Catherine, Millard, do.—do.; Bee, Graham, P. E. Island—coal; Nimble, Howit, do.—do.

Friday,—Sch'r Two Brothers, LeBlanc, Halifax—coko.

Saturday,—Brig Nancy Givan, Davidson, Liverpool—timber; barque Sally, McKenzie, do.—do.; sch'r Elizabeth, Sutherland, River John—goods; Gracieuse, O'Brien, P. E. Island—coal.

Yesterday,—Sch'r Rebecca, Dunn, Merigomish—goods.

## WRITING.

PERSONS desirous of having DEEDS, MORTGAGES, RELEASES, QUIT CLAIMS, &c., written, can be accommodated on application to the subscriber at the Record Office.

ABRAM. S. HARRIS.

Pictou, Nov. 29, 1837.

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