

past her nonage who will undertake to deny that it is not a great barrier to her improvement and prosperity. What, are we such imbeciles that we can do nothing for ourselves? Are our hands so imperfectly constructed that they cannot make a single article from a piece of broadcloth down to a shoe or a shoestring? Or are we so devoid of tact and resolution, that we cannot open new channels of trade for industry to do her utmost? We cannot, we will not believe it, and yet must not a stranger think so, when looking over the list of our imported articles. The immense quantity of shoes, (to notice but one article) brought into the country is enough to stagger the faith of any person in provincial talent and competition. But we are glad to believe that in some measure our reproach is to be wiped away in this respect, as we perceive by advertisement in some of the papers, that a Boot and Shoe Manufactory is formed, with the avowed design of opposing this importing system. This is taking a bold and determined stand, but but not more so than the necessities of the community required. The public surely will support so praiseworthy a design. But while we wish the proprietor's of this manufactory abundant success, we shall feel grievously disappointed if it do not lead to other and still greater efforts in the manufacturing line. It is with this view we have penned these very hasty remarks, certain of commendation by all the lovers of their country and well-wishers of our provincial prosperity.

PLOUGHING BY STEAM.—While passing through our academical studies, we remember to have been greatly delighted with the views communicated by the principal of the Academy to his pupils, concerning the usefulness and value of steam power as applied to the art of navigation. On one occasion after he had interested us on this subject, he quaintly remarked, "this is ploughing the water by steam but you will one day see the ploughs running across the fields by steam." And this prophecy is coming to pass as this article proves:—

A very successful and interesting exhibition of ploughing by steam took place at Red Moss, near Harwick; on Thursday week. Any description of the process could convey but a very imperfect idea how the work is performed; suffice it to say the engine is not locomotive, but remains stationary while the plough is at work, and that the plough is set in motion by means of two long flexible belts of iron, revolving round another wheel in a frame firmly fixed on the moss, at such a distance from the engine as may be proposed to make the furrow. The ends of these belts are fixed to the two ends of the plough, and pull it to and fro, for it does not turn in working, but cuts a furrow both when it recedes from, and returns to the engine. This operation was most satisfactory, the plough turning a furrow eighteen inches broad, nine inches thick, and more than 300 yards long, in less than four minutes, and that with a precision which no common plough could equal. The moss, when thus turned, is harrowed, manured with charred peats reduced to powder, and being sown with grass seeds, or clover, produces excellent crops, as was very satisfactorily proved by those luxuriantly growing on the spot. As peats also serve admirably for fuel for the engine, the moss itself supplies all the requisites for its own improvement.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH INDIA.—The arrangement between Government and the East India Company for monthly communications by steam-vessels between England and India, viz, the Red Sea, is, that Government shall defray all the expense of the voyage out to Alexandria, and half the expense of the voyage from Bombay to Suez, besides half the expense of the steam-boats; receiving the postage on all letters transmitted by this medium. Mr. Waghorn being appointed deputy agent at Egypt, half the charge of his appointment is also to be paid by Government.

From the Acadian Telegraph.

The appointment of a day of public Thanksgiving to the Almighty, for the signs of an abundant harvest, with which he has blessed the Country, has been suggested by some American papers. If the authorities should not think well to adopt the suggestion, nothing exists to prevent congregations and individuals from acting in its spirit. There is indeed much to be thankful for: What would our feelings be under another such season as the last? What should they be when joy and gladness cover the hills of the land, instead of gloom and fearful forebodings?

Three new members have been added to the New Brunswick Executive Council. The names of these gentlemen

are,—Hon. George Shore of Fredricton,—Charles Simonds, Esq. Member of Assembly for the County of St. John, and Speaker of the House,—and Hugh Johnson Esq. Member for Queen's County. The latter gentlemen may continue to occupy seats in the House of Assembly.

A Surveying Party started from St. John on Aug. 16, consisting of Dr. Gessner, Capt. Egerton, Mr. Levinge, the Hon. Mr. Cholmondely, of the 43rd. Regt. and five Indians with canoes. They went in the steamer for Salmon river, and intend to proceed overland to the Richibucto, and down that river to the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

A first number of the P. E. Island Colonial Herald, printed at Charlotte Town, has been received,—and is most creditably executed; the printers and proprietors are J. B. Cooper & Co.

UNITED STATES.

A terrible accident occurred on the Portsmouth and Roanoke Rail road on Aug. 11. A company of 150 ladies and gentlemen from places in the vicinity, came down the Railroad intending to visit Portsmouth, Norfolk, &c., and to return next day. About a mile and a half from Suffolk, between 9 and 10 o'clock, they met a locomotive and train of cars, and the two lines of vehicles ran together with a horrible crash. They were going at the rate of 10 or 12 miles an hour. The effects of the collision were dreadful. Three young ladies were so injured, that they died 15 minutes after the shock; another lady, an infant, and a negro girl died before 3 o'clock, and 4 or 5 other deaths were expected to result. Several, besides, were badly wounded.

ANOTHER.—On the 8th of August, near Hancock, Washington Co. A stage coach was precipitated down a precipice of 42 feet. Three persons were killed and others badly wounded.

MARRIED.

On Thursday evening, 10th inst., by the Rev. Mr. Parker, Mr. P. Miller, to Miss Lucy Reeves, of Dartmouth.

DIED.

On Thursday last, Mr. Andrew McMinn, senr, aged 78 years, an old and respectable inhabitant of this town. Funeral will take place from his late residence, Dartmouth, on Saturday, at 2 o'clock, where his friends and relatives are respectfully requested to attend.

On Monday evening last, Sarah Jane Bolton, infant daughter of Mr. William Wilson, aged three months and 13 days. 'Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of heaven.'

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

ARRIVALS.

AT HALIFAX.—Friday, Aug. 18.—Robin Hood, Annapolis. True Brothers, Siacomb, Liverpool, schr. Catharine, Ring, Trinidad, to W. Pryor & sons, Mermaid, LaVache, St. John, N. B.; Meridian, Kimble, do.; Alert, Scott, Nassau, to W. Lawson, jr.; Jean Ann, Therige, Quebec, to Saults & Wainwright; Sarah, Tooker, Yarmouth; Spanish brig Isabella, Aquilla, Porto Rico, to Creighton & Grassie; brig Hugh Johnston, Eaton, Matanzas, to D. & E. Starr & Co. Am. brig Norfolk, Matthews, Philadelphia, to John Clark, Coquette, Wilkie, Kingston, Jun. to W. J. Starr; H.M. Champion; Com. King, Pictou, 8 days.

Saturday, Aug. 19.—Schr. Mariuer, Gerrard, Boston, to T. & L. Piers, H. Fay, and others.

Monday, Aug. 21.—Brig Harriet, De Roche, Arichat, to Debleis & Merkell; schr. Elizabeth, Landry, St. John's, N.F. to S. Binney and Creighton & Grassie; Wm. Walker, Smith, St. Andrews, to S. Binney; Am. schr. Leonidas, Kelly, New York, to J. H. Braine and others. Isabella, Swinore, Quebec, to A. Murison.

Wednesday, Brig Acadian, Lane, Boston, 5 1/2 days—to J. Clark and others. Schr. Industry, to sail next day. Brig General Grant, Trinidad, to Frith, Smith and Co. Schr. Mahone Bay Packet, Cronan, Straits of Belleisle, to D. Cronan. Left schrs Dove, Cindrella, Edward and Margaret, to sail in 3 weeks for Halifax.—The schr. Emerald, Fa. ell, hence 17th July, 10 days out, in a heavy sea, with light winds from S.S.W., carried away her foremast and mainmast head.—had to bear up for Halifax, arrived here.

Thursday, Schr. Ann and Margaret, Margaret's bay. Suowbird, Shelburne.

Friday, brig. Abeona, Mason, Demerara, to J. Ross.

CLEARANCES.

AT HALIFAX.—Friday, August 18.—Brig Elizabeth, Green, Boston, by the master, brig Planet, Ritchie, Mediterranean. 19th, Pictou, Deane, New York, by R. D. Clarke. schr. Eight Sons, Jacobs, West Indies, by J. Fairbanks. 21st, schr. Planet, Williams, New York, by W. Donaldson. 22d, schr. Jean Ann, Thivierge, Quebec. Meridian, Kimball, Newfoundland, by G. P. Lawson. brittanica, Covill, St. John, N.B. by G. C. Whidden and others. Enterprise, S. L'Isanc, Miramichi, A. Fraser and W. A. Black and Son, North America, nears, N.F. to Fairbanks and Allison. brig Loyal, Wm. Facobel, do. Creighton & Grassie. schr. W. Walker, Smith, St. Andrews, S. Binney.

MEMORANDA.

Yarmouth, Aug. 11.—The schooner Frances, Fielos, lately ashore on Mud Island, arrived in this harbour, on Wednesday, bound to St. John, N. B.; she is very leaky, and pumps kept constantly in operation.

Brig Dapper, Dickson, dimasted off Barbadoes on 1st July. The schr. Mary Alice, McLean, was lost at St. Lucia, on the 9th July, in a gale—captain and crew saved.

The Mail Boat Margaret, hence, was ashore at Bermuda, but has been got off with the loss of false keel, &c.

A severe hurricane at St. Lucia, on the 20th July, drove all the vessels in port out to sea. A Steamer supposed to be lost. Spoken off Whitehead, 4th inst., brig Pleides, from Halifax for Quebec.

PASSENGERS.

In the Alert from Nassau, Messrs. F. Allen and Captain Kenny.—In the Margaret for St. John's N. F. Mrs. Archibald and 2 children, Mrs. Morris and Mr. J. Richardson. In the Lady Ogle for Bermuda, Mr. Wainwright, sr.—In the Roseway for Boston, Mr. A. B. Jennings.—In the Pictou for New York Mr. and Mrs. and Miss Haverstock, Miss Rule, Miss Nugent; Messrs. R. D. Clark, Ross, Fitzpatrick.—In the Acadian from Boston, M. Sweeney, Esq. and Lady, from Montreal, Mrs. Carrol, Miss Craig, and Messrs. Bell, Cochran, and Morton, and Dr. Fraser, of Pictou, and 10 in the steerage.

SALES at AUCTION.

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August 25.

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In submitting a new weekly newspaper to the judgment of the public, it becomes a duty incumbent upon its conductors to state candidly and fairly what are the objects contemplated by its publication.

The professions of Prospectuses are generally and justly regarded with considerable suspicion, therefore we shall for the present make no formal avowal of our Politics—these shall be gradually unfolded as events arise; but we have no hesitation in stating, that our design is, to establish a Journal absolutely and essentially free, bold and uncompromising, ready at all times to support sound principles and useful measures, regardless of Party, and regardful alone of Truth and Honesty—having ever before us the sound maxim, that "that alone is the best policy which secures the greatest happiness of the greatest number."

To go into the whole range of subjects which will necessarily form the contents of such a work as the present, would be tedious and uninteresting. Selection, in a Weekly Paper, is the art in which its conductors ought to excel; and perspicuity of statement and expression, combined with a luminous arrangement of matter, ought to be the aim of their labours. In the news department it shall therefore be our constant object, to present a faithful chronicle of Public events, whether foreign or domestic, literary or political, condensed and arranged in such a manner as to comprise every thing important in the fewest words, compatible with clearness and fidelity.

Independent of our own selections, our columns shall always be open to receive such communications as may tend to give our Paper an Agricultural character. It shall be our ambition to secure for our Journal, among Agriculturists, a friendly reception, and to make it the humble instrument of promoting the comfort and happiness of the practical Farmer.

Original communications, particularly if calculated to convey information and instruction, will be promptly attended to; while the utmost possible care will be taken to exclude from our pages every thing offensive to religious or moral feeling. With no other ends to serve than those of Justice and Truth—no ambition but to be useful—we put forward our claims to a share of public favour; and from the kindly disposition which has already been evinced in behalf of our undertaking, we have no doubt that our expectations of its success will be realized.

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