

astical government, which confers upon them that influence and respectability which they now enjoy. It is therefore highly proper and becoming for them to cling to that church from which they have derived their authority, and to which they have solemnly sworn to bear true allegiance.

The same remarks apply with equal, nay with greater force, to the Ministers now labouring in the colonial vineyard. They have been all, without exception, educated in the Universities of Scotland, and all of them licensed, and almost all of them ordained by Presbyteries of the National Church, and therefore we can readily believe, that they are from principle as well as from inclination, from education as well as by their ordination vows, resolved and determined to adhere steadfastly to her standards and maintain her cause.

Their influence and usefulness as ministers of religion, labouring among truly loyal and attached Scottish emigrants, depends in a great measure on the maintenance of this ecclesiastical connection. They would not be deserving of the esteem and confidence of their flock, of the countenance and support of the public, or the friendship and favour of their fathers and brethren, by whom they have been set apart to that sacred office, if they were ashamed of such an honourable relation. They have every possible inducement and encouragement to maintain this bond of union entire and unimpaired to the latest posterity. For the affection and liberality of the parent church, towards her colonial offspring, is every year increasing. She is exceedingly anxious to place her Ministers on the most favourable footing, to aid their limited resources by her bounty, and to increase their respectability and usefulness by every means in her power.

We are not claiming favours from the Parent Church which she is unwilling to bestow, or seeking a closer connection with her Ecclesiastical judicatories than she feels disposed to grant. To shew that the connection which we claim is perfect and complete, it becomes now necessary for us to attend as we proposed, to the conduct of the Parent Church towards us, as well as our attachment to her. But it will require more time and space than we have at present, to do justice to this branch of the subject.

(To be Concluded.)

THE SEASON.

We should think that few persons in this Province can take a deliberate and serious review of the course of the last season, now when the labours of the husbandman are drawing to a close, and when the abundance of Autumn has been richly bestowed, without thinking of the Giver of all good, and expressing their sincere and ardent thanks to Him, for his unmerited mercies. Only a few months ago, indeed so late as the end of June, the fields were drenched by almost incessant rains, with scarcely any appearance of healthy vegetation. Now in the end of October, in a little more than three months, one of the richest harvests has been gathered in, which has been reaped in this Province for a number of years.

In the Mother Country after the crops had arrived at maturity, and had been partially cut down, a long continuance of heavy and destructive rains has blasted the hopes of the Farmer, and excited a dread of scarcity and even of famine among the poor. During the same period, we have enjoyed the most delightful weather, and the latest grains and also the potatoes have been all housed in safety. Blind indeed must be that individual, who does not see and recognize the hand of Jehovah, the God of the seasons, in such a merciful dispensation as this, and cold and insensible that heart which is not touched with the tenderest emotions of admiration and gratitude to our Father in heaven, who has filled our barns with plenty, and made our crop to run over.

THE MINISTERS FAMILY.

We have published a number of admirable extracts from this beautiful and instructive little volume, and

the Ordination of Charles Douglas, which appears in this days number, cannot be read without the most melting and tender emotions. We must now take leave of this truly valuable publication, as we have sent off our copy of the work, for the use of a much esteemed friend, and a Minister's lady, in the Eastern part of the Province.

We understand that the minority of the Associate Synod, representing three of the four Presbyteries into which the members were divided (one of the Presbyteries having become extinct by the union with the Church), have resolved to meet, in the meantime, only to engage in prayer for Divine light and direction in their present circumstances, and not for the purpose of transacting Presbyterial business. We repeat the hope we formerly expressed, and in which our readers will cordially join us, that the conscientious scruples of these excellent individuals may soon be removed, and that they may take an early opportunity of following the example of their brethren, who are now uniting themselves to the Church of their fathers. We may mention, as a pleasing circumstance, that the Rev. Dr. Willis, who was received into this presbytery on Wednesday last, exchanged pulpits on Sabbath, with the Rev. Dr. Black, of the Barony, in whose parish *quoad temporalia* Dr. Willis's Church is situated; and that in the interval between the forenoon and afternoon services, the elders of the Barony church waited upon Dr. Willis, and the elders of Dr. Willis upon Dr. Black, in the respective session-houses, and congratulated them on the happy consummation of the long wished for union. Both the Rev. Doctors acknowledged this kind and gratifying conduct in suitable terms.—*Scottish Guardian*.

SABBATH PROFANATION.

On the afternoon of Saturday the 28th ult. a large drove of Cattle, arrived at Richibucto, on their way to Miramichi. Early on Sunday morning, peremptory orders were given to have the cattle forwarded, and accordingly George Bell, the Ferryman, and two or three assistants, were actively employed during nearly the whole time of Divine Service, in transporting them across the river. Although the practice of driving cattle through Richibucto on the Lord's day, has long been a source of extreme annoyance to the sober and religious portion of the community, no means have hitherto been adopted in order to put a stop to it. On the contrary, it is deeply to be lamented, that the attacks of wicked and ungodly men upon the institution of the Sabbath, have been encouraged by the indifference, if not by the positive countenance of those who should defend it.—*Miramichi Gleaner*.

It is pleasing to observe the increasing interest that is evinced in behalf of Sabbath School institutions. An appropriate sermon was preached in St. Luke's Church, Portland Village, last Sabbath evening, by the Rev. Mr. Harrison, from Ecclesiastes, chap. xi. verse 1, "Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days,"—and a collection (including a gold ring which was redeemed for £1 5s.) amounting to £22 5s. 6. was taken up, in aid of the funds of the Episcopal Sunday School in that place.—*St. John, N. B. City Gaz.*

BAY OF FUNDY STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

We are most happy to learn that measures are in progress—with every probability of an early and successful result—to establish a steam communication between Parrsboro' (in this Province), and the adjacent Ports of Windsor, Horton, and Truro, in the Bay of Fundy, and to make occasional trips to St. John, N. B. A Prospectus of the scheme has been put forth by the Hon. Mr. Ratchford of Parrsboro', now in Truro, in which it is proposed to raise the sum of £5000, by shares of £50 each; and we refer our readers to the Prospectus, which may be seen at Mr. Ratchford's in Parrsboro', and also at the office of J. Leander Starr, Esq. and at the Reading Rooms, in Halifax; and at the office of Messrs. Ratchford & Brothers, in St. John, N. B. where further information as to details will be given.

The Editors of Papers in this Province and New Brunswick, will no doubt aid in forwarding a scheme, which promises to be so highly useful, in promoting not only internal communication in this Province, but also the communication between Nova-Scotia and New Brunswick.—*Journal*.

The Hon. George Wright, Surveyor General of Prince Edward Island, and George Peacock, Esq. of Her Majesty's Ship *Andromache*, the two Commissioners appointed by the Lieut. Governor to make a Nautical Survey of the Harbours of Charlotte-Town, and George-Town, Three Rivers, have reported that the plans of these Harbours are completed for publication,

and that the necessary Buoys and Beacons have been already placed for the safe navigation of the Harbour of Charlotte-Town and the channel leading thereunto. The Buoys for the Harbour of George Town, will not be ready for laying down until the spring of 1840, but a Beacon will be erected in the course of a few days as a leading mark.

AWFUL DESTRUCTION BY FIRE.

It is our painful duty to record, this morning, the commencement of another fire in the coal pits, apparently of much greater extent than any that has preceded it.

At an early hour last evening, this community was thrown into the greatest excitement, by the appearance of a brilliant illumination of the atmosphere, in the direction of the East River. The general impression appeared to be, that New Glasgow was in flames; but on the arrival of a young man at 9 o'clock, who left the Albion Mines between 5 and 6 o'clock, it was ascertained that a fire had broken out in pit No. 4—out of which a dense column of flame was shortly afterwards rising 70 or 100 feet into the air. The fire was caused by blasting, about 2 o'clock, p. m., and continued to increase until the evening, when a violent explosion took place—producing a concussion so great, that two houses were raised from their foundations, and one of them shattered to pieces—some of the inmates of which had not been found at a late hour in the evening.

So great was the danger of the buildings around, that at 10 o'clock a despatch reached Pictou, for the Fire Engine Company, who with their Engine, left Town in a steamer about midnight. When the despatch left the pits, they were removing the goods from the store adjoining.

It would be useless now to attempt to state the loss of the Mining Association, or find words to express the commiseration of the community, on this trying occasion. The fire continued visible in Pictou during the night—at some periods so brilliant as to produce a distinct reflection from the clouds above, and from the houses in town.

After day-light two immense columns of dense dark smoke rose in the air, shewing that the fire had already extended to another pit.

A part only of the horses were saved.

With the above calamity, we have to record the very sudden death of Mr. Duncan Grant, of Fisher's Grant. He was killed at the shoots below the mines, before the fire occurred, by the discharge of a loaded waggon on the shoots while he was below. He has left a wife with a family of small children.

[We are happy to learn, by accounts received this afternoon, from Pictou, that the river had been let into the pits, and it was expected that the fire would be shortly extinguished; we are also gratified to learn that no lives have been lost in the pits.]—*Journal*.

Seven thousand one hundred and forty-nine passengers arrived in Quebec from England, Ireland and Scotland, from the opening of the navigation to the 21st Sept.—In the same period last year the number arrived was 2,834, showing an increase this year over last of 4,315.

Her Ladyship the Countess of Westmoreland and Suite, accompanied by Captain Granville, 23d Regt. left town on Tuesday morning the 15th inst. for P. E. Island.

PASSENGERS.

In the Liverpool, from Liverpool, G. B. Miss Seely, Miss Barrs, Mrs. Collins, Mr. Seely and two in the steerage.—In the Portree from Boston—Miss Lowe, Messrs. Cochran, McAuliffe, Hemeon, Nugent, Robinson, and 6 in the steerage.—In the ship Robert Bruce, from St. John, N. B. for Liverpool—the Rev. Stephen Bamford, Wesleyan Missionary.—In the Elizabeth from Liverpool, at St. John, N. B.—Rev. Mr. Strong, Wesleyan Missionary, Mrs. Strong, and family.—In H. M. Packet Star, for Falmouth, Mrs. and Miss Stewart, 2 Miss Griffiths, Mrs. Street, Mr. Street, Major Wood, Capt. Campbell, 7th Hussars, Capt. Powells, 23d Regt. Mr. Tennant, 85th Regt. Mr. Griffiths, 37th Regt. and Mr. Pineo.—In the Acadia from Boston, Rev. Mr. Lusher, W. B. Barry, Capt. Hamilton, and 40 in the steerage.

MARRIED.

On Thursday evening last, by the Rev. John Martin, Mr. JOHN T. SMITH, of the Bay of Islands, to Miss SARAH ANN SMITH, of the same place.

On Saturday evening last, by the Venerable Archdeacon Willis, Mr. SAMUEL TOWNLEY, Painter, to Miss ANN DAVIS.

On Tuesday evening last, by the Rev. John Martin, Mr. EBENEZER SMITH, of Hammond Plains, to Miss ANN MELVIN of that place.

On Tuesday the 15th inst. at Dartmouth, by the Rev. Mr. Blackwood, Mr. Wm. RUTHERFORD, to Miss SUSANNA FULTON, of Stewiacke.

At Yarmouth, on 5th inst. by the Rev. Mr. Burton, Capt. THOMAS FOWLES, of the new brig *Calla*, of Halifax, to Miss SARAH MAIR GOUDY, only daughter of Mr. Thomas Goudy, of Yarmouth.

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