

private) should be expended somewhere about half way between this and Chedabucto Bay towards the formation of a town, and so bring into action new resources of an extensive back forest country besides increasing the fisheries and trade of the Province? Halifax is deeply interested, because she must long continue to be the chief town and emporium of the Eastern coast, many of our people who otherwise will go to the United States could with some slight encouragement be led to settle in that direction, we throw out these crude suggestions as it does appear to be a period of great anxiety, and unless industry, frugality and liberality be the general guides of our people we must calculate on further resources.

HALIFAX, Dec. 16.—The Election for a Representative of this Town, in the place of the Master of the Rolls, took place to-day, when no other Candidate appearing upon the Hustings, Mr. HUGH BELL was declared duly elected.

THE BEE.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, DEC. 23, 1835.

By the west ern mail we are in possession of New York papers of the 5th instant, containing London dates to the 31st October, and have made some extracts, to which we refer.

In some late Numbers of the BEE, we have found it necessary to draw public attention to the fearful disarrangement of our Township financial affairs, and in doing so, we had unavoidably to express ourselves in strong language, such as we would not under ordinary circumstances, have done; but the result has justified the deed. Some of our previous statements were fully vindicated by the facts which were elicited at the Public Meeting on Monday last; and if it could serve any good purpose, we could substantiate the others by documents now in our possession: but as the inhabitants have come forward and publicly resolved to do what is right in the premises, we think it most desirable to let the matter rest where it is;—satisfied as we are, that, had we said less than we have done, the result would not have been produced that has now taken place. It is true we have been attacked in the Novascotian, and our own columns, in terms which were at once untrue, ungentlemanly, and indecorous, and some of our friends may expect that we should now refute them; but, we repudiate these charges and insinuations, as things which do not apply to us, and for the sake of peace, refrain from further remark, unless provoked by future aggression; at the same time we beg to state to our Correspondents, that we cannot receive any more communications on the subject, as we can fill the space they would necessarily occupy in our columns to much more public advantage.

We regret that it has fallen to our lot to bring our public affairs under review in the shape we have done, particularly as it has brought us into collision with some of our best friends and patrons; but when we assumed the charge of the Press, we did so with the declared determination, not to pander to the views of any party, nor to shield any from merited reprehension, however sacred their claims might be upon us for personal regard. At the commencement of our labours we found the Press declared free by the highest tribunal in the Province, and, at whatever time we relinquish our charge, it shall descend from us as free as the air we breathe.

THE SEASON.—We have now had a full month of steady winter, and throughout the whole of that time, the cold has been so intense as completely to dispel the theory maintained by many, of the gradual amelioration of the seasons; indeed the oldest inhabitants cannot recollect any year within their memory, more severe than the present, at so early a period.

Last Thursday and Friday Fahrenheit's thermo-

meter indicated from 6 to 10 degrees below zero, in the open air, equal to 38 to 42 below 0 of Reaumur.

LITERARY SOCIETY.—On Wednesday evening last, Mr. GEORGE A. BLANCHARD read an excellent Essay before the Society, on the SOCIAL PRINCIPLES OF ACTION, and Mr. CRENAR gave notice that at next Meeting he would give an Essay on the SCIENCE AND PRACTICE OF ROAD-MAKING.

We have been furnished with the following solution to the Enigma in our last, from three different sources: "JONAH 2. 8. They that observe lying vanities, forsake their own Mercy."

PUBLIC MEETING.—Agreeable to the Notice we gave in our last, a Public Meeting of the Inhabitants was held in the Court House, on Monday last, when J. W. HARRIS, Esq., Deputy Sheriff, was called to the Chair. The Business of the Meeting was discussed with a degree of coolness and unanimity, which has not for a length of time, characterized our Town Meetings. Messrs. Dickson, Primrose, A. P. ROSS, J. ROSS, and others, took a very active part in the proceedings of the day, and contributed largely to the general harmony which prevailed. From what transpired at the Meeting it was very evident, that a strong reaction in favour of Messrs. McKenzie and Geddie had been produced; there appeared to be but one opinion as to their conduct while Overseers of the Poor, and their late unjust imprisonment; all present vied with each other in testifying their disbelief in the unfounded aspersions that had got abroad about their conduct: and, with a view to remedy the injuries to which these men, and several Township creditors had been exposed, on account of the former Township Meetings refusing to assess themselves for sundry debts contracted for the service of the Poor, by the said Overseers, the following is an account of the proceedings and Resolutions, which were had and passed at the Meeting.

At a Public Meeting of the Freeholders and other inhabitants of the Township of Pictou, held in the Court House on Monday last agreeable to the Public Notice given by John W. Harris, Esq. the Deputy Sheriff, calling the said Meeting for the purpose of taking into consideration the state of the Poor's Funds, and remarks published therein in the Boonewspaper, and also matters relating to a number of demands now pending and charged to George M'Kenzie and John Geddie, late overseers of Poor for the said Township, under one of which they have been lately held in prison, and as they allege have not been furnished with funds sufficient to meet the said demands; and also to enquire into the nature and cause of such charges, and to take such measures as the Meeting may deem meet and proper.

Whereupon it was moved by Robert McKay, Esq. seconded by Mr. Jas. Skinner Jun'r, that J. W. Harris, Esq. be Chairman to preside at the Meeting.

John W. Harris, Esq. having been called to the Chair, stated that a requisition had been sent to him signed by a number of the Freeholders of this Township, requesting him to call this Meeting at an early day.—He would now read to them the requisition authorizing him to do so; that they were to take into consideration the state of the Poor's Funds; to make provision to discharge several balances that are due by the township to individuals, which monies were contracted by G. M'Kenzie and J. Geddie, late overseers of Poor, while in office; or to adopt such other measures as to the Meeting might seem fit; and he was now ready to hear any Gentleman that would propose any mode for the consideration of the Meeting, to carry into effect the object and intention for which it had been called:

It was then moved by Mr. John M'Kay, and seconded by Mr. J. Ross, whereupon it was unanimously

Resolved—That Messrs. Anthony Smith, John McLean, and James Primrose, be appointed a Committee to investigate the claims against the inhabitants of this Township, incurred by George M'Kenzie and John Geddie, while overseers of Poor, and not considered by a previous Arbitration; and that George Smith and Jotham Blanchard, Esqrs. be requested to procure the passage of a Law enabling the Township to assess themselves for such sum as by those Gentlemen shall be found to be justly due.

It was moved by Mr. A. P. ROSS, seconded by Mr. J. Taylor, when it was unanimously

Resolved—That the second Tuesday of February

next be appointed for holding an investigation in the Court House in Pictou, for carrying into effect the foregoing Resolution—and that public Notice thereof be given.

It was moved by Mr. John McKay, seconded by Mr. Adam Gordon, and whereupon unanimously **Resolved**—That John W. Harris, Esq. the Chairman of this Meeting, do wait on George Smith, Esq. with the following Resolutions—

It was moved by A. P. ROSS, Esq. seconded by Mr. Donald Sutherland, and unanimously

Resolved—That James D. B. Fraser, George McDonald, and Adam Gordon, be a Committee to wait on George Smith and Jotham Blanchard, Esquires, and suggest such improvements in the Poor Laws as they may deem expedient; and that they be requested to give their support to the same in their Legislative capacity.

The Chairman having left the chair, and Mr. Jas. Skinner, junr. having been called to the same.

It was moved and seconded, That the thanks of this Meeting be given to John W. Harris, Esq. for the very handsome and able manner in which he conducted himself as Chairman of the Meeting.

JAMES SKINNER,

Clerk to the Meeting.

Pictou, 21st Dec'r., 1835.

WRECK.—We have been informed that about two weeks ago, the wreck of a small vessel came on shore near Cape St. George. There has been no person dead or living found about the wreck, but two rolls of flannel, some pieces of cotton cloth, and two porks, together with such of the sails, anchors, cables, and rigging as were saved, are in possession of some of the settlers at the spot.

A small vessel is said to have left this some time ago, for P. E. Island, with some people from the E. River, Pictou, and was reported to be lost; but this cannot be her, as Capt. Cummings lately arrived from Three Rivers, and reports her to be safe there.

TRAVELLERS' MEMORANDA.

Arrivals during the week,

At Mr. Harper's.—Judge Savers.

At Mrs. Davison's.—Mr. Janvrin.

DIED,

On Wednesday last, at Carriboo River, Mr. James Carr, aged 58, leaving a widow and eight children to lament their loss.

On the 16th December, at Earl Town, River John, Mr. Donald Sutherland, a native of Sutherlandshire, Scotland, aged 38, leaving a wife and family.

NOTICE.

The sale of Robert Robertson's Stock of Goods, will take place on the 9th of January, instead of the 19th, as already advertized.

22d Dec'r, 1835.

NOTICE.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Township of Pictou, held this day in the Court House, it was

"Resolved, That Messrs. Anthony Smith, John McLean, and James Primrose, be appointed a Commission to investigate the Claims against the Inhabitants of this Township, incurred by George McKenzie and John Geddie, while Overseers of the Poor, and not considered by a previous Arbitration, and that George Smith and Jotham Blanchard, Esquires, be requested to procure the passage of a Law enabling this Township to assess themselves for such sum, as by those Gentlemen shall be found to be justly due."

Now notice is hereby given, that the said commissioners will meet at the Court House, in Pictou, on the said second Tuesday of February, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of taking into consideration the unsettled claims against the Township, which were incurred during the said period; and all persons having such claims, are requested to present the same without delay to said Commissioners, for adjustment, in order that provision may be made for their liquidation.

"By order of the Commissioners."

Pictou, 21st Dec'r, 1835.

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