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ROSS & PRIMROSE

Pictou, 13th April, 1836.

TO BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION,

At the Albion Mines' Store, on Monday, the 2d day of May next, at 11 o'clock, forenoon: That WELL-KNOWN FARM,

at Fox Brook, East River, formerly occupied by one Colin McKay, containing one hundred Acres;—the soil of said Farm is of excellent quality and is well wooded and watered.—there is a

GOOD FRAME BARN AND HOUSE

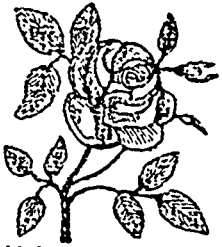
on the farm; from thirty to forty acres of it are cleared and is situated within one mile of Gray's Mills, at Hopewell, and the main Road leading from Hopewell, to the Middle River runs through it. For terms of payment and further particulars, please apply to the subscriber. An indisputable title will be given.

JAMES GERRARD.

Albion Mines, April 4th, 1836.

FEBRUARY 22nd, 1836.

FRESH GARDEN FLOWER, & CLOVER SEEDS.



The Subscriber has just received from London, via Liverpool and Halifax, by the Ship Jo in Porter, an assortment of Garden and Flower SEEDS; also from Boston, via Halifax, one tierce CLOVER SEED, all of

which are WARRANTED fresh, and of the Growth of the year 1835.

JAMES D. B. FRASER,
Druggist

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LENGTH of keel 30 feet, breadth 12 ft., depth 5 ft., admeasures about 25 tons and has two masts. If not sold by private sale before the first day of May next, she will then be sold at public Auction, of which due notice will be given.

Terms—a credit of twelve months, on approved security. For particulars apply to

ALEXANDER McLEOD.

32nd March.

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Little Island

CORDAGE—About a ton of excellent quality, from 1-2 to 4 inches, for sale by

ROSS & PRIMROSE.

April 13.

CLUBS, CHARACTERS, AND CEREMONIES, IN CANADA.

HAVING now established an intimacy with the reader, I shall at once invite him to accompany me to Montreal, and take a glance at that provincial capital. It is situated on an extensive island formed by the St. Lawrence and a branch of the Ottawa, but in its appearance there is nothing very remarkable. Hospitality has here, as in all parts of America, unbounded sway during the winter. But society is on a different footing, as it is in Canada in general, than in any other part of the New World. It is divided: there are two distinct races—Canadian French, and English or Anglo-American. The former, who are descendants of the original French inhabitants, and many of them connected with the oldest nobility in France, still love to retain a feudal system. These Seigneurs, with numerous vassals, cling with extraordinary pertinacity to all the notions, habits, and prejudices, of the "old regime." As Lords of the soil, they cannot brook the idea of becoming traders; nor will they in general ever condescend to mix with the sons of commerce—while the latter, being active, adventurous, and enterprising, are accumulating wealth, acquiring property and living extravagantly. In all mercantile communities wealth constitutes a patent nobility; hence, all here who are rich, or by a profuse style of living appear to be so, are deemed fashionables, and *haut ton*, and eclipse the old noblesse—however inferior in lineage, in manners, and address; consequently, heart-burnings, bickerings, and jealousy, exist to a serious degree among the two races.

To us, who were buds of passage, it was fun to hear both sides; we enjoyed alternately their good fare, without mixing in the embitterment of party feelings. But, from this jarring of interests, I regretted to find that the same benevolent nobleman who had done so much good in Nova Scotia by whom contentment and prosperity were established and ensued in that province, had been less successful in Canada; his enlightened views were frustrated and counteracted; and measures which would have proved of incalculable advantage to both parties, were thwarted by their mutual petty jealousies and unyielding dispositions.

The cold, after the winter is fairly set in, is most intense. I have been out when the temperature was upwards of fifty degrees under zero, but without experiencing any great inconvenience, because the air was perfectly still; but the horses were completely enveloped in a white frosted coating, with long icicles dangling from their nostrils. The beauty of the Canadian sky during the season has often been remarked upon—a pure, clear, blue, and cloudless, yet tinged with a golden hue in the afternoon—its richness and softness almost rival the charms and lustre of exquisite Italy. As usual in these climates, *sledding parties* constituted one of the principal amusements; and to heighten the enjoyment, dinners and balls were combined with the diversion, under the patronage of the heads of families; the married ladies having the privilege (no doubt, in imitation of the Lady Patronesses at Almack's) to admit the bachelors by vouchers; all vying with each other who should furnish the most savoury viands, the choicest fruit, and the most eligible men. These, termed Coventry parties, were usually held at a hotel, in some of the villages within a

few miles of the city; so that we were always certain of a capital dinner, a merry dance, and a safe companion in the cariol, during a chilly mid night drive home.

As spring advances, these assemblies are continued in the shape of shad fishing parties. The proper time is indicated by the appearance of myriads of large brown flies which fill the air; but this plague is of short duration, after a few days they begin to die, and the streets are strewn with them. Parties drive out in the branch of the Ottawa; and there, on the brink of a rapid, the ladies stand to behold the gentlemen, with bag nets attached to a hook, having a long pole for a handle, *scooping out at random one or two* of these delicate fishes at a time, each perhaps weighing four or five pounds: dinner, and dancing in a mill, in some sequestered grove in the forest, conclude the sports of the day.

The great dons of the place in those days were the "Nor-Westers," that is, gentlemen who had realised fortune in the fur trade or north west company. To commemorate the scenes of their youth they had established a society denominated "Beaver Clubs;" and exclusive of all the luxuries money could procure, they treated their friends to a variety of sylvan dainties in the shape of beaver tails, beaver hams, buffalo tongues, &c. After dinner, individuals dressed as Indians enter, holding the calumet or pipe of peace, with other symbols of friendship; one addressed the company with a speech, or "talk," in the Indian language, while another went round presenting the pipe to each guest, who had to take a whiff to demonstrate his good fellowship. After this, all the members stand up in a row on either side of the table, each having a canoe paddle in his hand, and all joining in singing the beautiful Canadian *voyageur* boat-songs in French, keeping time by the motion of the paddle to the varied strains of the tune, as the hardy, venturesome voyagers are wont to do when descending a rapid, stemming a current, or skimming the still bosom of a romantic lake. On one of these occasions, when the Governor General, (the Earl of Dalhousie) was dancing at the club, a member, representing an Indian Chief, after a complimentary speech threw down, at his Lordship's feet, a rich full Indian costume, saying—"father, take that." This magnificent dress was made of whole skins, exquisitely embroidered with stained porcupine quills, and ornamented with the claws, teeth, and tails, of the rarest and most ferocious animals, only found in the far interior of this vast continent. While the head dress was composed of the most beautiful feathers, of birds, I believe, still unknown to us. The whole, including the arms and weapons, was valued at five hundred pounds; and, what is most remarkable, the tribe from whom it had been procured, were so far removed from the haunts of civilized men, that they had never seen an European, nor communicated with one until a few adventurous traders had stumbled upon them in exploring those remote regions.

TRAVELLER.

WOMEN.—Of all other views a man may in time grow tired; but in the countenance of women there is a variety which eots weariness at defiance. The divine right of beauty, says Junius, is the only divine right a man can acknowledge, and a woman the only tyrant he is not authorised to resist.