

[FOR THE BEE.]

MR EDITOR,

Sir,—When disgusting and profligate scenes are exposed in a public print, it cannot be a pleasing task to its conductor to exhibit such, and particularly when such attach blame to a community that stands high on its merits as a moral and an orderly one. But a stranger viewing the scenes acted on our streets during last week, would put his positive and unqualified negative on any claim we have to either. I in common with many others was compelled to witness human nature in its most degrading and profligate state. Men and women for this some time, have been exhibiting the humiliating condition to which the love of strong drink is capable of reducing humanity. But it is only of late, that the hitherto retiring and modest character of the female Indians has entirely disappeared, (with the exception of elderly females). A few, very few years ago, and who was more sensitively alive to female delicacy? But alas! they are now what rum has made them, dead to every feeling that adorns the female character! How strongly they exhibit the polluted source they have come in contact with! I dare not ask you to pollute your pages, by reciting the degree of profligacy and total disregard of shame which now characterises the once modest daughters of the *red Man*.

I put it to you sir, I put it to every man in this community, I fearlessly ask every man in this town, whose duty and example should be otherwise than it is, as regards the original proprietors of the soil, what palliation of our conduct towards them can we plead at the Bar of retributive Justice, who, instead of mitigating their untoward position in the scale of humanity, have stood by, and looked on as unconcerned spectators? Instead of endeavoring to impart to them morality and sobriety, we are daily viewing them made the victims of unprincipled beings who supply the article that has undone them. To the disgrace of this town five houses at least are tolerated to sell spirits, not to Indians only, but to all that choose to apply, and that even without the licence the law requires. Two of those houses are in the east end, two in the centre, and one in the west end of the town. Hoping something will be attempted to redeem Pictou from the very just odium that such proceedings are calculated to attach to it, I am, &c. G.

22d August, 1836.

P. S. How would it do to call the attention of the Inhabitants to a public Meeting, in order to exclude such beastly scenes from our streets?

In reply to our Correspondent's query, we think some good might be effected by a public Meeting, provided he is prepared to name the five houses which are so grossly violating the law of the land, and insulting morality and common decency. There is another plan which we think would put a stop to this gross immorality, and that is, to offer a reward to any person who will give such information as will lead to the conviction of the offenders. We are aware that this is the duty of the conservators of the peace; but as they are determined to leave their duty to others, others who cannot but feel deeply interested, must perform it. We are therefore ready to join our Correspondent and any other respectable townsmen, in the performance of this laudable, but unpleasant duty. Many of the Indians have lately been reduced to pauperism with the beastly vice of intemperance, and unless a speedy stop be put to it, their extermination will speedily be accomplished.—EDITOR.

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WEDNESDAY MORNING, AUG 24, 1836.

The arrival of H. M. packet *Skylark*, Lieutenant Ladd, at Halifax, has put us in possession of London dates to the 6th July; we perceive however, that we anticipated every article of interest in our last publication, with the exception of the cheering fact, of the year's Revenue ending the 5th July last, having exceeded that of the preceding year by upwards of £2,000,000 sterling.

THE late trial of Lord Melbourne, the Prime Minister of England, for crim. con. with Mrs Norton, has excited a good deal of interest, and many of the English papers, and also some of our contemporaries in the colonies, have published it at length; but we think their doing so proves every thing but good taste, and certainly displays a wanton disregard of the moral feelings.

Many parts of the trial are extremely indelicate, and wholly unfit to meet the eye of British youth of either sex. The evidence produced on behalf of the prosecution was so vague and contradictory, and the characters of the witnesses themselves were so low or suspicious, that the Jury, without leaving their box, gave a verdict for the noble defendant; thus we admit, although it frees Lord Melbourne from the legal consequences of the charge, still leaves him and the fair Poetess before the bar of public opinion; and could we believe that one tithe of the evidence adduced against them was true, we would say, that such conduct in the first officer of the crown, ought to disqualify him forever from holding office of any sort, even although his Royal Master is said to have congratulated him on his acquittal; and we would say of Mrs Norton that she is a disgrace to her sex, and is well deserving of the obscurity and odium to which we fear she is now irrevocably, though perhaps unjustly, consigned. But we believe, as we always did, that the whole affair is a plot got up by his Lordship's political enemies, who stick at nothing to get him removed, and that Mr Norton has been made the miserable dupe of this faction; Mrs. N. with whom it appears he lived happy until March last, being the unfortunate victim. She is a grand daughter of the famous statesman, Mr Sheridan, and can boast an ancestry of five or six generations, famed alike for their literary talents and splendid genius.

When we first heard of this love affair, we fearlessly pronounced it to be a tory plot; a British Jury has now confirmed that opinion, and were any thing wanting to exculpate the parties, we think the very fact of Lord Melbourne being on the verge of 60 years of age, might well have put his enemies to shame in charging him with crim. con. with a young and beautiful woman, living in the affections of a young husband of her own choosing, to whom she had several children; neither do we think it comes within the compass of probability, that the pride of lineage would have permitted her so far to forget herself, as to risk her own happiness and the prospect of a peerage to her family in a *tete a tete* with a single gentleman of fifty nine.

The whig and tory papers are upon this question, as upon all others, antipodes. The former assert that upon the Grand Jury pronouncing the verdict, the house was filled with the most deafening plaudits of joy, cheering, &c., the latter could hear nothing but groans and hisses, and both admit that order was with difficulty restored. We present our readers with specimens of the opinions on both sides, in our extracts.

THE "ODE" on our last page is no mean production, we hope our Correspondent will continue to cultivate his acquaintance with the Muses.

We invite the attention of our Agricultural readers to the article on the culture of Beets. We know no root so well adapted to extensive field cultivation in Nova Scotia as the Beet, in all its varieties; it is not liable to disease as potatoes, nor to the attacks of insects as turnips or carrots, nor is it so liable to be destroyed by either drought or rain as these roots are.

Beets are easily preserved all winter and even into the succeeding summer, and are exceedingly valuable as food for man and beast. The best mode of preserving them is in dry sand, either in covered heaps in the field or in the cellar. In the United States as much as 2000 bushels have been produced on a single acre, and in Great Britain upwards of 3000 bushels,

besides an immense quantity of tops which are fed to cattle.

The varieties our articles treat of is the Mangel Wurzel, a large pale red beet, and the Sugar Beet which is also large and white. With a view to introduce these roots we have sent for a pound of the seed.

LAUNCHED on the 12th inst. from the shipyard of Messrs. Nelson, Hyndmar, & Millard, Tatamagouche, a Brig of about 150 tons burthen. Built for Alexander Campbell, Esq. This is the fourth vessel which has been launched this season for her enterprising proprietor and his Brothers.

THE Legislature of Lower Canada are summoned for the dispatch of Business on the 22d Sept. next.

SCIENTIFIC.—We understand that the Rev. Dr. McCulloch arrived in this city last evening, for the purpose of delivering a course of lectures on Chemistry. While we bid him a hearty welcome, we also most sincerely hope, that our fellow citizens will at once evince their love of science, by becoming pupils of such a truly worthy and scientific proceptor. When we reflect on the amusing and instructive course of lectures which the Rev. Gentleman delivered in this city last winter, we feel satisfied, that those who then heard him will again embrace the present opportunity of improving themselves, as well as encouraging others to drink deep at the pure fountain of science while they have it placed within their reach. As knowledge is power, we hope that every person of ambition in this community will avail himself of the present and every other opportunity of acquiring scientific, as well as practical information on every subject, whatever, for it is only by keeping pace with the march of improvement that we can expect to retain a respectable standing in society.

As the Rev. Lecturer's stay in this city, must necessarily be of short duration, we hope that those intending to study with such an excellent teacher, will at once enroll themselves under the true banner of science.—*Courier, St. John, August 13.*

MARRIED.

At Truro, on Tuesday 17th inst. Mr. John A. Dickson to Miss Jane Walker, daughter of the Rev. John Waddell.

DIED.

At Rogers Hill, on Monday the 8th inst. Mrs. Nancy Rogers, widow of the late Mr. John Rogers, in the 68th year of her age.

TRAVELLERS' MEMORANDA.

Arrivals during the past week.

At the Royal Oak.—James Gilmour, Esq. and family (Miramichi), Mr. A. Gilmour (Quebec), Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Jost, Captains Harden, Berner, Churchill, and Turner.

At Mrs. Davison's.—Mrs. McDonald and daughter, Messrs. Hendry and Miss Hendry, Mr. Owens, and Mr. Nichol.

At Mr. Harper's.—Messrs. Galt, Ross, Kay, and Willard.

SHIP NEWS.

CUSTOM-HOUSE—PICTOU.

ENTERED.

Wednesday, 17th.—Sloop Lady, Dwyer, R. John.
Friday.—Sloop George, Wood, P. E. Island—ballast; schr. Mary Bell, Cameron, Miramichi—dry fish; Tom Cringle, Pickering, St. John, N. B.—ballast; Mary Nickerson, Halifax—do; Restigouche, Grant, New York—Am. produce; Brig Attacapas, Cousins, do—do.
Saturday.—Schr. Catherine, Millard, Tatamagouche.
Monday.—Schr. Diana, LeBlanc, P. E. Island.
Tuesday.—Shal. Lucy, O'Brien, Halifax—goods; Brig Agnes, Blye, Fall River; Euphrates, Smith, Boston; schr. Kosiusco, Duell, Fall River.

CLEARED.

Wednesday, 17th.—Brig Jubilee, Burnham, Newburyport—coals.
Thursday.—Schr. Queen Adelaide, Clawson, Miramichi—meal; Brig Emerald, McKenzie, New York—coal; Caspian, Ryan, Philadelphia—do.; Busy, Allen, Providence—do.

Friday.—Brigs Stirling, Chase, New York—coal; Hibernia, McDonough, Miramichi—meal; Schr. Elizabeth, Simpson, River John—pork, &c.; Sloop Lady, Dwyer, do.—flour, &c.

Saturday.—Brigs Tuscany, Prince, Fall River, coal; Florida, Gorry, Newark—do.; Ship Charlotte, Rawson, Fall River—do.; Schr. Elizabeth, Hadley, Guyahoro—salt; Catharine, Millard, Tatamagouche—anchors, ropes, blocks, &c.