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Charlotte County Agricultural Society.

The Thirty-Eighth Annual Meeting of the Society was held on Tuesday the 12th day of January, 1858.

The Chair was taken by the President of the Society, Mr. Robert Stevenson, and the meeting proceeded to transact the business for which it had been called.

The account of the Treasurer was read with the Report of the Audit-Committee, which being satisfactory, was accepted.

The Annual Report for the past year was read and unanimously adopted.

The Election of Officers for the current year took place and resulted as follows, viz:

ROBERT STEVENSON, President.
DAVID MOWAT, Vice Presidents.
R. D. JAMES.
WILLINGTON HATCH, Treasurer.
ALEX. T. PAUL, Secretary.
T. T. ODELL.
J. H. WHITLOCK.
M. J. C. ANDREWS.
HENRY O'NEIL.
STEPHEN McCURDY, Committee.
JOHN LOCHARY.
HENRY HITCHINGS.
ED. PHEASANT.
JOE. H. MEARS.

The meeting then adjourned sine die.

ALEX. T. PAUL, Secretary.

Thirty-Eighth Annual Report of the Charlotte County Agricultural Society.

The Charlotte County Agricultural Society having reached the termination of the Thirty-Eighth Year since its formation, the Committee of the Society on this the Anniversary meeting, are called upon as well in accordance with established usage, as in pursuance of the Rules of the Society to inform the members at large of those schemes which have been devised by the Committee to advance the objects which the Society has in view, and also of the results which have followed the efforts made—and how far the agricultural interests of the locality comprised in the scope of the Society's operations, have been benefited thereby.

The Committee, with feelings of gratitude to the Bountiful Dispenser of all good gifts, would first allude to the results of Agricultural operations in this vicinity during the past season. The crops generally have been of good quality and a fair average yield, with some exceptions, which will be noticed in their proper order, and which resulted principally from the unusually wet character of the season.

The Grass crop was rather above an average yield, and the haying season being very favourable, the principal part of the crop was saved and stored in good condition; and the price of hay is now less than it has been for several years resulting from the abundance of the article, as well as in some measure from the limited extent of lumbering operations, in consequence of which the demand for hay is not so great as it would otherwise have been.

The Oat crop of the past season produced a large quantity of that valuable grain of excellent quality, and your Committee are gratified to learn from reliable sources, that the quantity of oatmeal manufactured in this vicinity since the last harvest very far exceeds that of previous years, and proves that a substantial and wholesome article of food is becoming more extensively used, and its value more generally appreciated by the Agricultural community of this country.

BARLEY, the cultivation of which your Committee are pleased to find on the increase, was also the past season productive and of good quality and harvested in good order.

Your Committee find that more attention is being paid to the cultivation of Buckwheat, and the extent of ground devoted to raising that grain is yearly increasing—the crop of that grain the past season was a fair average one of good quality. Buckwheat meal is now manufactured at some of the mills in this County, quite equal to that imported; and care in manufacturing it is all that is required in order to supply ourselves, with a sufficiency of that description of food, as our soil and climate have proved to be well adapted to the growth of Buckwheat.

The WHEAT crop in this district the past season, was attended with the casualties which more or less have always been connected with the cultivation of that valuable cereal in this country, at all times since its first introduction; the grain grew well and promised favourable results, but the anticipations formed respecting it were frustrated in many fields by the appearance of the weevil, which attacked the grain fiercely and destroyed much of it; where it escaped the weevil the crop was good and the grain of excellent quality.

The POTATO, an unusually large quantity of which was planted in this spring with the hope, which proved delusive in this

vicinity, that it would escape the destructive influences to which it has been subjected for some years past, was promising from its appearance an abundant reward to the husbandman, when its further progress was arrested by the destroyer, and the same results or worse followed than in the previous year. It is a subject worthy of grave consideration by our farmers, whether the expenditure of attending the apparently fruitless endeavour to cultivate the potato successfully, might not be properly diverted to other objects coming within the scope of Agricultural labours.

TURNIPS did not yield as well the past season as in previous years, owing probably to the nature of the season which was too moist to promote the favourable growth of that root; notwithstanding this, a large quantity was raised.

The Committee feel gratified in stating that the field culture of other roots is becoming more general, and the results satisfactory as far as fair trials have been made—the quality of the Carrots, Parsnips and Mangold Wurzel raised by field culture in this locality has proved good, and the yield fairly proportioned to the expense incurred in the cultivation of those roots. And the Committee entertain the hope, that the good results which have so far attended the Society's efforts to promote this important branch of Agriculture, may be followed by a more extended cultivation of those valuable auxiliaries to good husbandry.

The Committee, in order to provide for the wants of the Agricultural community as far as consistent with means under their control, procured in the spring, forty bushels of "Harvey" grass seed, nearly the whole of which met with ready sale, also a quantity of best Red Clover seed procured at the same time.

Since the last annual meeting, Mr. James Russell, Jr., the exhibitor of the Threshing Machine, referred to in the last Annual Report, has claimed the premium awarded to him, which has been paid, and Mr. Russell has complied with the regulations respecting the machine, by giving security to keep the same in repair and operation in the County for four years from the time of its exhibition, for public accommodation, at such rates as may be reasonable for the use thereof.

The Committee deeming it desirable that some addition should be made to the stock of Sheep in the County, purchased from Robert Jardine, Esq., of St. John, two Ram lambs from his flock; which were disposed of pursuant to notice at public auction, on the day of the Society's Cattle Show, upon the condition that they should be kept in the County for three years. Your Committee are enabled to congratulate the Society upon this operation being attended with no pecuniary loss.

The Society's imported Alderney Bull, still remains as at last Annual Report, and the Committee find that it is generally admitted that much improvement has been effected in the stock of the country, by retaining the animal in the Society's possession.

The Committee in accordance with the wish of many members of the Society, and deeming it a matter worthy of encouragement, resolved early in the spring to offer Mr. John DeWolfe the sum of £7 10 as a bonus to induce him to keep his Ayrshire Bull, which had received the first premium at the Society's previous cattle show, over till the first of May next, somewhere in the vicinity of the Poor House, in the Parish of Saint Andrews. Mr. DeWolfe accepted the offer and has kept the animal over in accordance therewith till now. A communication on the subject from that gentleman will be laid before the Society at this meeting. The Committee at the same time resolved to offer Mr. Elias A. Wilson, of St. Patrick, the sum of £8 5 upon the condition that the other Agricultural Societies in the County should pay him the same sum, to encourage him in keeping and travelling his entire Horse, "New Brunswick Hunter" in this County the past season. Mr. Wilson did keep and travel the horse in the County during the season, but your Committee, being without any official information respecting the course adopted by the other Societies on the subject, have taken no further steps in the matter.

The Committee acting upon the instructions given by the Society at the last annual meeting, upon ascertaining the time when the Bond given by the Society to the Provincial Government conditioned for keeping the imported horse Morgan Eclipse in this County expired, it being the 4th April last, gave up to Mr. William Ellis the owner of the horse, his Bond given to secure the Society, in the same matter.

The necessary subscription for 25 copies of the "Farmer Magazine" ordered by the Society at its last annual meeting was duly forwarded to St. John, and that periodical made its first appearance in March last, the numbers for which month with those for

April and May, were received, and a few copies distributed among members who had agreed to take them. Since May last no further numbers have been published, and whether any are likely to be your Committee are not informed, having received no communication on the subject from the publisher since August last, at which time he promised in reply to a note addressed to him by your Secretary, that the paper would be regularly published after the 1st of September last.

The Society's CATTLE SHOW and Fair, at which the Committee deemed it advisable to limit the premiums offered to Cattle and Stock, grain, roots and dairy produce, together with some descriptions of Agricultural implements was held on Tuesday the 20th day of October last in the Town of St. Andrews. The morning of the day being rainy and stormy prevented a large attendance of exhibitors and spectators as was expected; yet the display of stock generally was a very fair one, and showed that a gradual improvement in that department is being effected—the specimens of roots exhibited were both in variety and quality superior to any previously shown on similar occasions; the grain was of excellent quality, and the samples of butter very numerous and generally good, while it would be found difficult to excel some of them in any country. An iron Plow of the improved Wikie pattern, and an iron Cultivator made by Mr. John Wilson, received high commendation for the excellent workmanship displayed on them. Some suggestions which were made by the Judges respecting proposed improvements in the plan of these articles, have been already published with the premium list, and your Committee deem it unnecessary to embody them here. The premiums awarded amounting to £20 2 6 were promptly paid to the parties to whom they had been awarded by the Judges.

Since the last Annual meeting of the Society, "The Committee appointed in pursuance of an address of the House of Assembly, relating to the public encouragement of Agriculture," and to which reference was made in your last Annual Report, have made their report upon the matters referred to them. It appears evident that considerable pains and care have been devoted by the Commission to the execution of their duties.

The Commission recommend the establishment of a Stock to be eventually converted into a model farm for the Province, and a central Provincial Board of Agriculture, and also that the grants to the local Agricultural Societies be reduced to £100 annually to each County, instead of £200, as at present provided for by Law; these are the principal alterations recommended by the Commissioners—the remainder of their Report chiefly consists of their reasons in favour of the proposed alterations; and the details of management necessary to carry them into effect. The subject of the establishment of a model farm has been alluded to in some former Reports of this Society. The Commissioners say in reference to the local Agricultural Societies among other things, "that certainly there is a great degree of apathy existing among farmers as to the Agricultural Societies, and it is notoriously difficult to collect the amount required by Law, and to find office bearers who will exert themselves to encourage and promote the objects contemplated under the Law." The former part of this statement your Committee can from their own experience fully endorse.

Without venturing at present to express any opinion upon the merits of the proposed scheme—there is one portion of it which has a direct bearing upon the financial prospects of this Society, and by which if adopted by the Legislature, the Provincial allowance to the Society will be reduced from the sum of £50 annually to which it is now entitled, provided the subscriptions be sufficient, to that of £25. If the Society is to be hereafter kept in operation, it will have to depend upon a largely increased subscription list, by which the loss sustained in its revenues will have to be supplied, and a fair opportunity will thus be afforded to the farmers in the vicinity to substantially express their opinion whether the Society is really of any practical benefit or not—and your Committee think it extremely probable that were the Society's operations limited as they necessarily now are, to be entirely suspended for two or three years—that it would be felt as a serious disadvantage by the Agricultural portion of the community, and that many of those persons whose whole business in reference to the Society appears to be that of criticising and censuring its management will regret that their aid had not been cheerfully given in supporting it, and assisting in extending its usefulness.

All of which on behalf of the Committee is respectfully submitted,

ROBT. STEVENSON, President.

ALEX. T. PAUL, Sec'y.
St. Andrews, Jan. 12, 1858.

Provincial Parliament.

House of Assembly.

TUESDAY Feb. 16.

House occupied in morning in disposal of unimportant Bills.

Read second time Bill to reduce fees on Marriage Licenses.

Bill to modify law relating to Interest and Usury, introduced by Mr. Cudlip, was set apart as order of day for Tuesday next.

Hon. Provincial Secretary laid before the House copies of returns from Banks, Insurance Companies, Custom House returns, etc.

Mr. McIntosh presented a petition from John Richards, complaining of injustice in being dismissed from Post Office Department, and asking compensation for full term of engagement. Petition not read. Subsequently Mr. McIntosh presented petition praying for redress of grievance. Petition was then received.

Progress was reported on Mr. Williston's Bill relating to insolvent or confined debtors.

Mr. Williston moved an Address to his Excellency, asking for correspondence between the Common Council of St. John and the Government, relative to unemployed workmen.

Provincial Secretary replied that information would be furnished without Address. House adjourned at half past four.

WEDNESDAY Feb. 17.

After the disposal of the preliminary business in the House this morning, the Hon. Mr. Tilley presented a petition from B. O'Brien and upwards of 400 others of the City of St. John, praying that Physiology combined with Phrenology may be taught in the Provincial Training School.

Mr. Williston enquired of the Government whether any further appointments to or dismissals from office had been made in Northumberland. The Provincial Secretary replied that no changes had recently been made.

A Bill to amend the Currency Act was introduced by Mr. End, and passed in Committee. The Bill provides that Mexican, Spanish and American silver dollars and half dollars shall be legal tender in this Province.

Mr. Chandler, Chairman of the Northumberland Election Committee, reported to the House that at the request of the petitioning Candidate the Committee had adjourned over to March 3rd, in order to allow time for the attendance of witnesses.

Progress was reported on Mr. Cudlip's Bill relating to Co-Partnership, also on Mr. McLellan's relating to Intestate Estate.

Mr. Williston's Disqualification Bill was set down as the order of the day for Wednesday next.

Mr. Steadman presented a petition from the inhabitants of Moncton, praying that a law may pass for the more effectual securing of the wages of Mechanics and laborers.

The Provincial Secretary laid before the House copies of a correspondence between the Home and Colonial Governments, relating to an inter-Colonial Railway.

The Hon. Attorney General introduced a Bill to amend the act incorporating certain bodies connected with the Wesleyan Church. Mr. Gray gave notice of intention to move an address asking Government to lay before the House copies of Railway contracts, tenders &c.

The House adjourned a few minutes past 4 o'clock.

Thursday, Feb. 18.

There was no business of importance transacted in early part of to-day. Mr. Allen introduced Bill to provide for Police establishment in the city of Fredericton.

Progress was reported on Bill introduced by Mr. McAdam to incorporate the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of New Brunswick.

Progress also reported on Bill to amend act relating to public debt of city of St. John. House resolved itself into Committee of Supply, and postponed further consideration thereof until Thursday.

Mr. McAdam presented Petition from H. Webber, J. P. and 41 others praying that an Act may pass to authorize Justices of the Peace to make assessment for erection of Alms House, at St. Stephens.

Mr. Gray gave notice of intention to move an address asking for despatches &c. relative to Surplus Civil List fund.

Mr. Ferris introduced Bill in addition to act to regulate Election of Members to serve in General Assembly.

A Bill to amend act to regulate certain bodies in connection with the Wesleyan Church in New Brunswick, passed in committee.

Mr. McAdam presented a petition from F. H. Todd and 214 others, praying that a bill may pass to incorporate Free Bridge at Middle Landing, St. Stephen.

European Intelligence.

HALIFAX, February 15, 1858.

The Niagara which left Liverpool at 10 A. M. on the 30th Jan., arrived at Halifax at 7-30 on Sunday morning last.

Among the passengers are His Excellency the Right Hon. the Earl of Mulgrave, the newly appointed Governor of Nova Scotia with his family and suite.

The Niagara experienced heavy weather during the whole of the passage. She reports having passed on the 30th, the American ships Henry Clay and Ann Hopper, and barque Statesman, of Yarmouth, N. S., bound in. Same date passed steamship Africa, off Holyhead at 6 30 P. M.; 31st, passed American ship Benares off Kinsale.

The Baltic arrived at Liverpool at one o'clock on the Evening of the 28th, and the propeller New York, at Greenock the same time. The North Star, for New York, left Southampton on the 27th ult.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Parliament would assemble on the 4th of February. Lord Palmerston had as usual issued Circulars, soliciting the early attendance of his supporters, as matters of considerable importance would come under discussion.

A numerous deputation waited on Lord Palmerston to urge the immediate abolition of Church rates, but met with such lukewarm encouragement that they adopted an indignant resolution, and pledged themselves to press forward an independent Bill on the subject.

Prince Frederick William of Prussia, has been invested with the Order of the Garter.

The Leviathan has been pushed within twenty five feet of the ends of the launching ways, and her cradles were being removed. She had over seventeen feet of water under her and was expected to float on the 30th or 31st.

A resolution brought before the Court of Directors of the East India Company, deprecating the proposed change in the Government of India, was carried by an almost unanimous vote.

The London Advertiser asserts that the new Bill will not be nearly so sweeping as was generally believed, and as was at first intended, and that Ministers will consent to modifications in the measure in its progress through Parliament or that it will not pass this year, but that if not withdrawn it will be shelved at the end of the Session.

Heavy drafts of troops were under orders to embark for India.

The Bank of England reduced its rate of discount on the 28th to 4 per cent., but the reduction had little or no effect on the money market or stock exchange.

The London Times remarks on this subject, that there is a prospect that the tendency for considerable period may be towards an easier state of the money market.

For the last week or two applications at the Bank for discount have almost entirely ceased, and although the recent alteration led to a little demand, they are still likely to be only of very moderate character, since minimum rate in open Market has not for some days been higher than 3 per cent., while on stock exchange the supply is abundant at 2 per cent. The interest on deposits allowed by discount houses has been reduced to 2 1/2 per cent.

The Daily News says some are disposed to look for further reduction in Bank minimum.

Mr. Caldecott, a great Session lawyer, but known as a dreadful bore, was arguing a question upon the rateability of certain lime quarries to the relief of the poor, and contended at enormous length that "like lead and copper mines, they were not rateable, because the limestone in them could only be reached by deep boring, which was matter of science." "You will hardly succeed in convincing us, sir, that every species of boring is matter of science," said Lord Ellenborough.

The Conservative Government of Nova Scotia promise in their Governor's Speech a Bill to make the Legislative Council elective. Our great progressive Smasher Government seem to have no notion of getting so far in the present century, although some years ago the Street administration actually introduced a similar measure in the Legislative Council. — Freeman.

The San Joseph Tribune estimates the population of California at 597,250. This estimate is based upon the returns of the local assessors. Of this population 332,250 are Americans, 6,000 Indians, 38,500 Chinese, 15,000 French, 15,000 Mexicans, 10,000 Irish, 2,000 English, and about 4,000 colored persons.

European Intelligence.

Arrival of the Baltic.

The steamer Baltic which sailed from Liverpool on the 3rd inst., arrived at New York on Thursday last.

The Leviathan was easily and safely floated off on Sunday, the 31st ult.

The Atlantic Telegraph Company publish a report to the shareholders. They require additional capital to pay for the 700 miles of cable now making. They are very hopeful of success next summer.

The Prince and Princess Frederick William embarked at Gravesend on the 2d inst. for the continent.

A French decree appoints the Empress Regent in the event of the Emperor's death, before the Prince attains majority.

It is said that the Pope, and also the Kings of Sardinia and Naples, were to have been assassinated the same time as Napoleon.

Unfavorable rumours from the Punjab have been received, but no details.

MARKETS.—Breadstuffs nominal and dull. Provisions the same. Consols 93½.

INDIA.

The correspondence from Calcutta is to Dec. 24th but adds nothing of importance to the telegraphic despatches which anticipated the mail.

The Times correspondent gives a circumstantial account of the Windham affair, but the facts do not differ from those already before the public. The scenes after Windham's defeat are said to have been awful.

The hospitals were crowded to suffocation, and the enemy directed their fire especially upon them, and it was not till Sir Colin Campbell arrived, and with a dozen haughty words brought every man to his place, that order was restored.

The following despatch was received late last night:—

BOMBAY, Jan. 9th.—Sir James Outram defeated the rebels near Alumbagh on Dec. 22nd and took 4 guns. His own loss was trifling. Sir Colin Campbell on Dec. 12th advanced towards Farnakabad and intended to proceed thence to Agra. Col. Seaton's column re-occupied Myrpoor on the 27th, Dec., after defeating the rebels and taking 6 guns. Brigadier General Chamberlain proceeded with a column in Rohilund and afterwards joined Sir Colin at Agra. The Deccan mutineers have entered Assam country. Her Majesty's 54th Foot were in pursuit. The conduct of the 31st Regiment of native infantry has excited suspicion. Sir Hugh Rose proceeded immediately with a force to the relief of the garrison. The population of Indore have been disarmed and tranquillity restored.

The Punjab and Scinde are all quiet, but strong suspicions are entertained of Khilafat Rajal's movements. All quiet now. A grand entertainment has been given by native gentlemen of Bombay to all the European troops in the garrison.

Australian mail steamer has arrived at Suez, with advices from Melbourne to Dec. 16th and Sydney 11th. Trade at Melbourne had continued very dull, and several failures are reported. Little gold leaving.

The Bishop of Calcutta died on the 31st inst. The Pope has addressed an autograph letter of congratulation to Napoleon.

The Daily News city article says:—"This has been a dull day in the stock exchange, funds have experienced very little variation and closed the same as yesterday, but the share market, especially for British Railways, was weak. In the stock exchange it was scarcely possible to find money on Government securities at any rate, however low."

CHINA.

The correspondent of the Times, writing from Canton River, under date Dec. 16th, says the Yeh had returned an insolent answer to the ultimatums of the English and French Plenipotentiaries, and that the two forces would in a few days attack Canton.

Lord Elgin's demand was of a most temperate character, and asked for no more than the treaty should be carried out; that Canton should be put upon the same footing as other treaty ports, and its gates opened to commerce, and compensation given for damage done to British merchants and occupation of Henan acquiesced in as a material guarantee, until all matters are settled.

A letter from Hong Kong says that Yeh's answer to Lord Elgin was couched in a sarcastic vein, and tells his friendship that the question of the treatment of foreigners at Canton has been settled by a decree of the Emperor; that Sir George Bonham was made a Baronet for respecting this decree and recommends Lord Elgin to follow his example and that as to compensation he has suffered also and has a demand on the English Government for losses by Chinese.

A few days before this answer was received the American Commissioner solicited an interview in the City of Canton. Yeh replied he would meet him outside the City, but that no barbarian should set foot within limits of Canton.

The Paris Pays published accounts from Cochinchina and Tonquin on 15th November. The persecution of the Christians continued with unparalleled violence. The country was also in a state of the greatest confusion.

MISS HALE, aged twenty-two, owner of the Hales estates, Canterbury, Kent, England, took the veil in Paris, on the 6th ultimo, as a novice of the Carmelite Nuns. The ceremony was performed by the Archbishop of Paris. The novice, a woman of overpowering beauty, was dressed in white, and her hair was adorned with orange blossoms.

The persuasions of her friends to renounce her intention were fruitless. Her mother, who was present, was deeply affected whilst witnessing the ceremony which took from her the only child of her widowhood. Miss Hales, it is said, intends making over the whole of her estates—roughly valued at one hundred and fifty thousand pounds—to the church of Rome; only excepting a small annuity in favour of her mother.

Provincial Parliament.

House of Assembly.

The following standing Committees have been appointed by the House of Assembly:—

Privileges of the House.—Messrs. Hanington, Kerr, Chandler, Steadman and Connell.

Contingent Expenses.—Messrs. Mitchell, Kerr, Cudlip, Gilmore and McMillan.

Lumbering Interests.—Messrs. McMillan, Read, Mitchell, Desbrisay, Hanington, Lewis, Wright, McAdam, Scovill, Ferris, W. R. Perley, Macpherson, Connell and Tibbitts.

Marine Interests.—Messrs. Lewis, Connell and Steadman.

Cultural Interests.—Messrs. Hanington, Kerr, C. Perley, McMillan, Read, Scovill, Gilbert, McPhelim, Mcintosh, Wilmot, Tibbitts, Lewis, Hon. Mr. Brown, and Mr. Tapley.

Fisheries.—Messrs. Williston, Chandler, Read, Gray and Botsford.

Shipping Interests.—Messrs. Mitchell, Wright, Desbrisay, Gilmore and Read.

Trade.—Messrs. D. Brassy, Cudlip, McPhelim, Mitchell and McIntosh.

Public Accounts.—Messrs. Kerr, Wilmot, Gilmore, McMillan and Steadman.

Messrs. Hanington, Kerr, Chandler, End and Wilmot, were appointed a Committee to revise the Rules and Regulations for the government of the House of Assembly.

Friday, Feb. 19.

The House opened at 10 o'clock. Mr. Steadman obtained leave to introduce a bill to abolish the Inferior Court of Common Pleas in this Province.

Hon. Atty. General laid before the House a report of the Registrar and other reports relative to the Fisheries.

Hon. Mr. Scovill presented the petition of the Rev. Mr. Richey and others, praying that an Act may pass to enable the Trustees of Mount Allison Wesleyan Academy to establish a College.

On motion the Bill relating to the Carleton Water Works was referred to a special committee to report thereon.

The House unanimously passed the following resolution:—"That an humble Address be presented to Her Most Gracious Majesty, upon the marriage of the Princess Royal."

The resolution was moved by the Atty. General and seconded by Mr. Gray. Both gentlemen made short and appropriate speeches.

It was also resolved that the Legislative Council be requested to join in the address.

The Bill to amend the Act relating to interest estates passed in committee after a long and animated discussion.

Further progress was made on the Bill to incorporate the Standard of the Presbyterian Church of New Brunswick. House adjourned at 6½.

Saturday, Feb. 20.

The House was occupied this morning in discussing the Bill brought in by Mr. Chandler for compulsory Registration of Bills of sale and Mortgages of personal property.

The Bill is not to interfere with other means of transferring property than by Bills of Sale and Mortgages, ordinary business transactions not to be interfered with by it. The Bill was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Ryan's petition against the return of Mr. Scovill for King's County at last general election, was discharged in consequence of the recognizances not having been entered into in proper time.

The petitions against the return of Mr. End and Mr. McLeod were also discharged on the same ground.

Mr. Cudlip presented a petition from St. John against the Carleton Water Works. Also a petition to the same effect from the Corporation. These petitions were referred to a select committee.

The debates are to be printed in French.

A man named Shannon was found frozen to death a few miles from the Nashuaak on Newcastle road so called during the early part of the present week. The circumstances, so far as we have been able to learn, are—

the deceased, a man named Slavin, went to the residence of a Magistrate near Little River, in order to arrange a lawsuit pending between them, but failing to do so returned together towards their own homes. On the way, as Slavin states Shannon was taken with a cramp in his stomach, and being unable to proceed was (as stated) advised by the former to return to a camp at Little River. Slavin says he then left him; but it appears he gave no notice of the affair to Shannon's family nor did they now know where he was, until the time of his being found dead on the road.—*Reporter.*

An old man named Sam Moore, a pauper, hung himself last week in Sheffield. It appears he had in a fit of passion attempted to stab a young woman in the vicinity of Tilley's landing, and being held to for the assault, he became in his own person the funder of the law.—*Id.*

INQUEST.—An Inquest was held at the Barracks on Wednesday afternoon, on the

body of an Artilleryman of the name of Thomas Wall, who came to his death the previous evening by drowning. The deceased, it appears, was about to proceed to Partridge Island in a boat, and being in a state of intoxication, fell off the wharf and was drowned before he got out. His comrades it is said, were also the worse of liquor.—*Verdict "accidental death."—Leader.*

THE COUNTESS MULGRAVE.—We are pleased to observe by the Halifax Sun, that the Countess of Mulgrave, on her first appearance in public, evinced a regard for that moderation in dress which in the present day characterizes many ladies in the highest circles of society.

Her Ladyship will no doubt be surprised at the extravagant and inappropriate dresses worn by Colonial ladies, so wholly out of place in a humble Colony; and it is to be hoped that her ladyship's example will have a good effect, and produce a reform in ladies' dresses which seems greatly needed.—*New Brunswick.*

Visiting, Invitation, and other Cards struck off at short notice.

The Standard.

ST. ANDREWS, FEB. 21, 1858.

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.—In another column we have published minutes of the proceedings of a public meeting held in the Town Hall, with the design of organizing a Mechanics' Institute, in this place. A more harmonious meeting never was held in this place; the selection of Officers is good, and the whole business was ably conducted by our friend, Mr. B. R. Stevenson—to whose zeal and praiseworthy exertions, the community is mainly indebted for the establishment of a Mechanics' Institute. We learn by telegraph, that the petition to the Legislature for an Act to incorporate the Institute, was presented by Mr. Chandler on the 22d inst., and the Bill read a first time. We hope that in our next number we will be able to give notice of the delivery of the first lecture.

THE LEGISLATURE.—From the telegraph reports and correspondence we notice that the members of Assembly have gone to work in good earnest. Petitions are presented and Bills brought in, and from what we can learn the time is not wasted by the long windy speeches which were the principal characteristic of the two former legislatures. Whenever a member asks for information—or copies of correspondence, contracts, &c., he is answered at once by some of the members of Government, stating that the official papers will shortly be laid before the House. Mr. Chandler has introduced a Bill for the abolition of Imprisonment for Debt, which is favorably noticed by the Press—also a Bill for registering Bills of Sale and mortgages of personal property, which will, no doubt be passed. A Fredericton correspondent has furnished us with some information, which we append:—

FREDERICTON, Feb. 20, 1858.

DEAR SIR.—The House proceeds rapidly with the business of the country. My object in writing you, is to let your readers know what their members are doing—the more so, as I observe that your old correspondent "Jack Robinson," altho' at his post, has not furnished you with the sayings and doings of the House, nevertheless you may depend upon my writing you occasionally—and as you are aware, I am not now, nor never was a member of the "collective wisdom;" my opinions at all events are not interested ones—they may be tinged with a spice of what shall I call it—liberal conservatism. You know I feel an interest in "old Charlotte," and will deal principally with her interests. As you are already informed Mr. Chandler moved the address in reply to the opening speech, which passed by a large majority. He also introduced an excellent Bill for the abolition of Imprisonment for Debt. Mr. Gilmore, who by the bye, can speak well, has been busy attending to the interests of his constituents and found no time as yet to make any lengthy speech, introduced a Bill to alter the time of holding the Circuit Court in your County. From all I heard respecting this alteration, I should judge it would give great satisfaction, particularly to the Farmers, who were much annoyed at being obliged to attend as jurors and witnesses at the very time when they required to be on their farms. Gilmore will add to his popularity by the introduction of this Bill. Mr. McAdam has been quietly sticking to his duties and looking sharp after the interests of his County; he has brought in three or four Bills, and the quiet, easy manner in which he manages his legislative business, is a sure guarantee of his success; he speaks seldom and briefly but every word tells; he is undoubtedly very plain—and I may add sincere. He is very much improved since I first met

him, and apparently understands his duties as a legislator. Of the Surveyor General (Mr. Brown,) I see very little, he is an old member and "knows the ropes." Between his Office, the Executive Council, and the Assembly, all of which he attends with the utmost punctuality, he has no spare moments. I have written of the Charlotte members, without allowing my political feelings to bias me in the least, for altho' I am not of them, nor do I admire their politics, yet I trust I have common sense enough to do them justice.

The Sergeant-at-Arms question was very badly managed by our friend Allan,—had he adopted another course Garden might have been restored, without any material injury to the Government. Many of the members feel well towards Garden and would like to see him at his old post—but not at the expense of vote which would have been tantamount to "a want of confidence." Connell's annual farce of introducing a Bill to abolish the Grant to King's College is played again this season, but I hope without success. I can gather his motives from the fact that a petition was presented, praying the Legislature to pass an Act to enable the Trustees of Mount Allison Academy Methodist to establish a college. One college is quite sufficient for a small Province such as New Brunswick—besides Mr. Connell is aware that should the provincial grant be withdrawn—the Imperial grant would at once cease; and then after the immense outlay—the buildings would be to a great extent become useless.

The time here, as elsewhere, have been dull, and confine so—although the House is in session—and a number of strangers are here. You will hear anon from

Yours, ALPHA.

MARRIAGE LAWS.—A Bill is now before the Legislature for the reduction of fees on Marriages. This bill has our hearty approval, and we trust will pass. While legislating upon this subject a Bill should also be introduced, giving every ordained clergyman the power to marry without a license; then all denunciations would be placed on an equal footing, which is not the case at present.

Mechanics' Institute.

We have been furnished, with the following epitome from the minutes of a meeting, held in the Town Hall, on the 19th inst., for the purpose of organizing a Mechanics' Institute:—

R. D. James, Esq., was called to the chair, and Wm. Gibson was chosen Secretary to the meeting.

Mr. B. R. Stevenson, explained the objects of the Society, and read the Constitution, By-Laws, &c.

The Chairman being called away, S. H. Whitlock, Esq., was chosen to fill his place. The society then proceeded to elect officers for the ensuing year, and on the ballot being taken, the following gentlemen were declared elected:—

Geo. D. Strick, Esq., President.

Mr. Thos. Berry, & Vice Presidents.

W. M. Buck, Esq., &

Mr. T. F. Odell, Treasurer.

Mr. B. R. Stevenson, Secretary.

Messrs. Nathan Treadwell, John Watson, Donald Clark, Chas. Stevenson, Sen., Directors.

After the election, the president took the chair, and briefly addressed the meeting.

A petition to be presented to the Legislature, for an Act to incorporate the "Saint Andrews Mechanics' Institute," was then read to the meeting, and signed by several of the members present.

It was resolved, that the proceedings of this meeting be published in the St. Andrews papers.

WM. GIBSON, Sec'y to the meeting.

MAJOR GENERAL INGLIS.—The Legislature of Nova Scotia, in order to mark their admiration of the gallant conduct of Major General Inglis, a Nova Scotian, have voted 150 guineas for the purchase of a sword to be presented to him by that Province. On Monday last, the following resolution passed both Houses unanimously:—

Resolved—That His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor be requested to expend the sum of 150 guineas in the purchase of a sword to be presented to Major General Sir John Inglis, K. C. B., as a mark of the appreciation of this House of the distinguished military services, and in particular of his gallant and heroic defence of the residency of Lunenburg.

QUICK VOYAGE.—Schr. Jane, Montgomery, which arrived on Monday from the West Indies, performed the voyage hence to Porto Rico, where she discharged, thence proceeded to Turk's Islands, and loaded with salt, and made the passage back to Yarmouth, all within the space of thirty six days. Her previous voyage over the same route was made in forty days.—Yarmouth Herald.

A HUMAN DEMON.—A correspondent of the News, writing from Armstrong Brook, Rest, N. B., under date Feb. 9th, gives an account of a man named McLean having turned his sick wife off her bed and out of doors during one of the coldest blowy days of this winter, swearing that he would kill her with the axe he had in his hand if she

refused to go. She was afterwards found about a quarter of a mile from home a corpse.

3 Days Later from England.

New York Feb. 22d.

The steamship Africa arrived on Sunday morning.

The Prince and Princess Frederick William reached Cologne on the 4th.

Nothing later from India.

The Bank of England has reduced the rate or discount to 3½.

Mr. Perry Davis-Sir:—I have used in my family your medicine, called "Pain Killer," for many purposes, and have found it a very useful and valuable article. I therefore very cheerfully recommend it to the public regards. HENRY CLARK.

Pastor of the Baptist Church in West Randolph.

DIED.

On the 17th inst., after a short illness, Mr. John Berrington, Watchmaker and Jeweller, of this town, in the 47th year of his age. He was formerly of Bolton, England, and came to this country seven years ago. He leaves a widow to mourn her loss.

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