

been once discussed by them, even when in the State of the Colony, though no less than five sessions have intervened, in three of which the coalition claims to have had a majority, but the Land Question has been avoided as if it were a pestilence, whether they were in a majority or in a minority."

The five Sessions alluded to must be 1850, 1849, 1848, 1847, 1846. Now look Journals of House of Assembly, March 4, 1846, p. 21. See also Bills passed in 1847 and 1848, as to commutation of land tenure. See the resolutions moved when the House was in Committee on the State of the Colony in 1850, and then judge of the audacity of the lies put forth in that paper which Mr. Maclean once denominated "I slander."

Many other falsehoods it would be easy to bring forward, or rather it would cost only some time and type, but one hired or disposed to tell falsehoods can multiply them faster than refutations can be written? Yet how does it end? As the rogue says in the Vicar of Wakefield, "I don't know how it is, but these plain fellows are too many for us at last." Something I was going to have added as to the notorious falsehood published in the Islander, that the lease you held from me was for one year—then again for ten years. It was for more than ten times ten years; nor was the land swamp land. But you and Mr. Maclean were as active as any in the commencement of this system of newspaper slander, and therefore I don't grudge your being hit.

Your most obt. servt.,

ALEXANDER RAE.

Sept. 1850.

THE FAIR.

MR. WHELAN—

I have just come from the Fair, and a pretty affair it was. To see some hundreds of drunken, ill-behaved blackguards, assembled from all parts of the country, gloating over and swilling dirty liquor from the rowdy-like tents, and afterwards galloping through the streets on lean and pig-like horses, shouting like so many demons let loose from the infernal regions. So ends the first scene; the farce commences with a few truckmen after dark seated on their carrion palfreys. Orsion fashion, shouting through the highways and byways, "Who'll swap?" Morphews drops the curtain, and so ends the Fair.

Sir, I would ask would it not be advisable to discontinue the holding of Fairs in Charlottetown altogether, unless they are held in check by an efficient constabulary force. Every rational person will admit that such an assemblage of people is a nuisance and a disgrace to the country, as well as an annoyance to the quietly disposed inhabitants of the town. What good does it do the country to assemble a disgraceful rabble under pretence of exhibiting the agricultural products of the country (Pharaoh's line kine), to gratify the wishes of a few hucksters, and enrich their pockets with a few pence? In fact the people in general are beginning to look upon Agricultural Societies and Fairs as mere political baubles or humbugs, and no earthly use as they are conducted at present, and should not be tolerated in any civilized country. I should, perhaps, leave this subject to be discussed by some abler writer, but feeling deeply the immoral and demoralizing tendency of the late Fair, I could not re-

frain from expressing my views in reference to it. You will, I hope, let us hear from you on the subject.

ANONYMOUS.

Charlottetown, Sept., 1850.

The Examiner.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1850.

The steamer *Rose* arrived on Thursday evening with the Colonial and American Mails. No English Mail arrived at Halifax during the present week—in consequence of an alteration in the route of the Cunard Steamers, which are henceforth to call at Halifax only twice a month in Summer, and once a month in Winter, sailing the other weeks direct for New York, at which arrangement the people of Halifax are much annoyed.

On Thursday evening last, immediately on the arrival of the steamer *Rose* from Pictou, the Rev. Mr. Knox, who came passenger in her, volunteered to conduct to town two ladies and a gentleman who came passengers with him. Having readily accepted the polite offer, the whole party, arm in arm, proceeded on their way, but mistaking the exact direction in which he should go, the reverend gentleman and his friends deliberately walked over the wharf, to the utter amazement of several persons who were near them at the time. The Steward of the Steamer and a gentleman from Pictou, we understand, instantly plunged into the water, and rescued the sufferers from their perilous position. It has been said that they mistook the shining surface of the water for a solid platform, and actually made a jump to get on it when they came to the end of the wharf. This is the most remarkable case of optical illusion we have ever heard.

THE RACES.

We have never witnessed in this place so many good races as those which were run yesterday and the day previous; and we are quite sure that the numerous assemblage of people, amongst whom we noticed many persons from Pictou and Halifax, who had gone out to see them, have seldom enjoyed two days of better sport than they had on Thursday and Friday. The first race run yesterday was splendidly contested, between Mr. George Campbell's mare, Dr. Boswell's, mare, and Mr. John Shaw's horse, the latter winning the race after running five heats, each heat being closely contested with whip and spur, and in the three first a sheet would have covered the three horses all the course round. The Course was well prepared for the occasion, and the weather could not possibly be more agreeable and pleasant than it was. We shall insert in our next number a detailed account of the races run.

THE FAIR.

"The Fair and Cattle Show," as the motley gathering of Wednesday was designated by the Agricultural Society, is generally admitted to have been the worst affair of the kind ever got up in the Colony. The Stock exhibited was of an inferior description, compared with that of previous years, and very few sales were effected. We insert below the

awards of the judges appointed by the Agricultural Society to distribute the prizes:—

HORSES.	
Best Entire Blood Colt, foaled in 1846.	Mr. M Kinnon. 13 0 0
Second best do., John Arthur, New Glasgow.	2 0 0
Best Blood Filly, Wm. White, Elliot River.	3 0 0
Second best do., Donald M Lauchlan.	2 0 0
Best entire Cart Colt.—No competition.	
A very good animal shown by Mr. Henry Longworth.	
Second best do. No competition.	
Best Cart Filly, Mr. Maclean.	3 0 0
Second best do., Mr. John McNeill.	2 0 0
(very inferior and very little competition)	
Best Entire Horse of any age, Horse Saladin, Hon. Capt Rice.	3 0 0
Best Mare of any age, Mr. Alexander M Beth.	3 0 0
WILLIAM SWABEY, } Judges.	
ROBERT FELLOWES, }	
CATTLE.	
Best Bull, calved in 1843, Hon. C. Hensley.	3 0 0
Second best do., Mr. W Cranston.	2 0 0
Best Heifer, do., Mr. W. Hyde.	3 0 0
Second best do., Mr. G Beers.	2 0 0
Best Bull of any age, Hon. S Rice.	3 0 0
Best Cow of any age, G. Coles, Esq.	3 0 0
EDWARD G. HAYTHORNE, } Judges.	
HENRY LONGWORTH, }	
ROBERT MUTCH, }	
SHEEP.	
Best Leicester Ram, Mr. H Longworth.	11 10 0
Second best do., Mr. J. McLeod.	1 0 0
Best Southdown Ram. No competition.	
Second best do. No competition.	
Best Ram of any breed, Mr. Josiah Ayres.	1 10 0
Best pen of Ewe Tegs, Leicester, Mr. John Thorne.	1 10 0
Do., Southdown. No competition.	
Do. of any breed, Mr. Benj. Wright.	1 10 0
JEREMIAH SIMPSON, } Judges.	
GEORGE BEER, JUN, }	
CHARLES HASZARD, }	

In the evening about forty gentlemen, chiefly of the Agricultural Society dined at the Globe Inn, where Mrs. CAIRNS prepared dinner for them in capital style. The Hon. Mr. Hensley presided, assisted by the Hon. Mr. Rice.

The frame of the new Temperance Hall, lately erected on Fitzroy street, was blown down this morning between three and four o'clock by the heavy gale which prevailed at the time. The timbers are damaged to a great extent, and the loss to the contractor by the occurrence, it is thought, will be about £100.

Bennett declares that high as has risen public expectation—the reality of Jenny Lind's performance will surpass it. The young Lady is no doubt a prodigy in song—and no mistake.

A letter from St. John N. F. states that several of the Spanish vessels which had been long awaiting cargoes were preparing to sail in ballast.

The barque *Messenger* of St. John, N. B. owned by Messrs. Allison & Spur, was capsized at sea by the gale of Sunday night week, and ten of the crew lost.

A Telegraphic Dispatch from Montreal announces that Mr. Justice Rolland has resigned his office, and that Attorney General Lafontaine has been appointed successor. Mr. Solicitor General Drummond succeeds Mr. Lafontaine, as Attorney General.

A notice of Mr. Lawson's letter in the last *Gazette*, is unavoidably deferred.

DIED.

This (Saturday) morning, after a short illness, GEORGE A. HUGHES, Esq., late of Her Majesty's Commissariat Department at Halifax, aged 62 years.

Suddenly at Summerside, Bedeque, on Sunday last, Mrs. Hannah Green, wife of Mr. Joseph Green, and daughter of Mr. Joseph Baker, of that place, aged 50 years.

On Tuesday last, North Creek, Charlottetown Royalty, Mrs. Rennells, wife of Mr. Richard Rennells, aged 70 years.

Of Dysentery, on the 18th inst., at the Wood Island Road, Alexander Fraser, eldest son of Mr. John McDonald, aged 7 years. On the same day, Catherine, youngest daughter of the same, aged 1 year and 10 months. On the 20th inst., Anne eldest daughter of the same, aged 4 years.

LAUNCHED.

At Grand River Ferry, from the Shipyard of Mr. Humphrey McLaren, on Monday, the 23d inst., a very superior copper-fastened Brig. of 170 tons burthen, called the *Majestic*, built for James Yeo, Esquire.

PASSENGERS.

In the Steamer *Rose*, arrived on Tuesday morning, 5½ hours from Pictou—Major Norton, American Consul; Messrs. D. Crichton, D. Taylor, J. Noonan, H. R. Narroway, R. Dowall, J. P. McLennan, Mr. & Mrs. Edward McDonald, Mrs. O'Neill, & daughter, Mrs. Fraser, Misses Grey, Crichton, Dawson, Lithgow, and Capt. Berry, and several others who left on Monday morning on a pleasure party. In the Steamer from Pictou on Thursday night—Messrs. Stephen Swabey, Ass. Com. General Edwards, J. M. Wolhampton, J. Williamson Wyatt, T. E. Green-shields, Archibald, Fraser, A. P. Patterson, Taylor, McPherson; Mrs. Williamson, Miss McCallum, Miss Lock, Mrs. M. Archibald Mrs. Blanchard, Rev. John Knox.

The Bark *Montgomery*, Chisholm, Master, from Greenock, arrived at Pictou on Wednesday, the 25th inst. Passengers, James Walkinshaw, Esq., Lady and Family, for this Island.

SHIP NEWS.

ENTERED.

Sept. 19—Schr. *Virgin*, Mattell, Sydney; coal. Three Brothers, Boudroit, Boston; goods. Cousins, Gallant, Pugwash; limestone. Dorothy, Chappell, Bay Vert; limestone.

CLEARED.

Sept. 16.—Trial, Gerrior, Miramichi; ballast. Velocity, —, Tatamagouche; do Olive, Pigot, New York; lumber. Three Brothers, Boudroit, Pictou; ballast. Sovereign, Hayden, Richibucto; sheep.

PRICES CURRENT.

CORRECTED THIS DAY.

PROVISIONS.	
Flour American superfine seconds	40s a 45s none
P. E. Island per lb.	13d a 14d
Rye per barrel	none
Corn Meal per barrel	26s
per lb	14d
Oatmeal per lb	14d a 15d
Beef small pieces, lb	24d a 26d
per quarter	34d a 36d
per barrel	47s 6d
Mutton per lb	3d a 5d
Veal do	2½d a 4d
Pork per barrel	80s
per carcass	3d a 4½d
Butter, fresh, per lb	10d a 1s
tub. do	8d a 9d
Cheese, P. E. Island lb	3d a 6d
American do	9d a 10d
Eggs per doz	6d
Potatoes per bushel	9d a 1s
Turnips	11d a 1s
Tallow per lb	9d a 10d
Lard do	7d a 9d
Pearl Barley do	13d a 14d
Ham do	5d a 7d
Rice do	4d
do per cwt	20s
Turkeys each	
Wild Geese do	
Fowls do	1s a 1s 3d
Codfish per quintal	12s a 14s
Salmon each	none
Herrings per barrel	
Mackerel do	
GRAIN.	
Oats per bushel	2s a 2s 3d
Barley do	2s 4d a 2s 6d
Wheat do	6s a 7s
Hay, per ton	50s a 60s
Clover Seed per lb.	1s
Timothy, per bush.	16d a 18d
Wood per cord	10s
Boards, Pine 100 feet	5s a 6s
Spruce do	2s 6d a 3s
Hemlock do	2s a 3s
Shingles	6s a 10s