

gomery. In this sceptical position, I am proud to say, I was manfully sustained by nearly every man at the Meeting, and Montgomery, despite his platform powers, was not able to make one convert to his ridiculous and silly assumption.

The Resolutions speak for themselves. I have in vain endeavoured to discover that they contain one fulsome remark. It is equally untrue that Sir Henry was expected to be in Malpeque, the day following the Meeting. Probably the influence of the full moon gave rise to this idea, or perhaps *Duncan* was short of a lie at the moment, and could not complete his sentence without one. So far as Sir Henry has given to the country an official pledge, that he is willing to co-operate with the reform party, I am prepared and determined to support him. I have but to look back to the sacrifice of Governor Smith, for an incentive to caution in every movement. Then was the real friend of the country, through the influence of a despicable oligarchy, whose blasting influence has been too long felt by this ill-starred Colony, compelled to leave our shores; and never since have his good intentions and sincere wishes for the benefit of this Island, been in any moderate measure, found in the person of a Lieutenant Governor, until, fortunately for us, Sir Henry became disgusted by the iniquities of a vampire Compact, and awakened to the wants of the objects of his charge. In my present position towards him, I am willing to be sustained by the voice of my Constituents, or if I have displeased them, to be displaced to-morrow. Will Montgomery appeal to the same test?

From a man so proverbially deficient in capabilities for public speaking as McLean is, one would scarcely expect any detractory remark respecting Mr. Rae's oratory. Any person who has but once heard the two gentlemen address a public audience, need not be reminded of the contrast. So far as I am capable of giving an opinion, I must say that on the day in question, Rae was more than ordinarily eloquent. He was lucid, argumentative, and undauntedly bold in the cause of his country, and well sustained the character which he has so frequently won, of being the best and most irresistible speaker in our political circles on this Island. The small batch of Tories shrunk from his daring exposure of the cobweb-fallacy, that they are the friends of the country.

For "Observer's" opinion regarding my veracity, steadiness and ability, and his covert insinuation that I am an unscrupulous office-snatcher, I have the most utter contempt. For information with reference to those attributes of the *honorable* (?) gentleman himself, I would apply, touching his veracity, to the whole community in which he resides—his *steadiness*, to Mr. John Adams, Whiskey Distiller, New London—his ability, not only to the whole Legislative body, but also to every man and child who has heard and witnessed his unenviable and painful exhibition of *muttering* on the floor of the Assembly—and though last, not least, touching his being an office-snatcher, to the then Secretary for the Colonies, for the facts connected with his impertinent application for the office of Surveyor General of P. E. Island. Verily, Mr. Editor, the day has arrived, when that which is done in a corner shall be proclaimed upon the house top.

Apologising for the length of this article, I beg to be considered

Yours very truly,
WILLIAM E. CLARK.

THE ENGLISH MAIL.

The first September Mail reached Charlottetown on Sunday evening last. The intelligence brought by it is of a miscellaneous and not unimportant character, for all which we refer our readers to the several pages devoted to it.

Respecting the famous Delegates, we have learned from authentic sources that they are busily engaged—sucking their fingers in London while Earl Grey is deerstalking in Scotland. The Mission is likely to prove provokingly expensive, which is sufficiently shown by the fact, that a remittance is called for; and if we may rely on certain information we have received, the fourteen "respectable and influential" gentlemen shall have to pay much dearer for their whistle than they at first bargained for. An amusing document, which will serve to throw some light upon this matter, has lately fallen into our hands, and in our next No. will be given to the public.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

The letter from our friend at Bedeque, touching some Post office transactions in that quarter, is under consideration. Bedeque has long since attained unenviable notoriety for official corruption; but we assure the post office functionary, about whom our correspondent writes, that Mr. Pope's mantle shall shield him and others of his class no longer; nor shall Mr. Pope's example in official affairs be followed as a rule by others. Post offices in the country, when improperly conducted, are nuisances rather than benefits; every whipper-snapper

who may imagine himself a tyro in political affairs, and who may happen to have the controul of such an office, is too often tempted to abuse the trust reposed in him, and encroach upon the just rights of the community. If persons, such as those to whom we allude, cannot hold themselves free of party influence in the management of their official business, they must only be prepared to abide the inevitable consequences of their misdeeds. We know of two country post offices that we believe to be entirely unworthy of public confidence, and we fear that we shall yet be compelled to lay bare the grounds upon which our belief is founded, and cause public attention to be directed to two petty delinquents.

To our correspondent at St. Eleanor's we have to say, that Mr. Sheriff Wright has not yet made his appearance with the horse-whip; when he does, the Printer's Devil shall be in readiness to receive him. We despise the blackguard practise of the horsewhip and all who deal in it, when used to settle disputes. We would suggest to Mr. Wright that, as writing for the newspapers is not his forte, whether his lucubrations appear in the shape of affidavits or not, he will find his blustering and vapouring still more fruitless and unavailing. In noticing his affidavit we acted in the discharge of our duty; and if ever Mr. Wright should again be induced to court unnecessarily the public notice, he may rest assured we shall make every effort to convince him that we are not intimidated by his threats. For the present we shall only observe, that a coward never displays his real character so well as when he villifies and rails at an adversary behind his back.

FAIR AND CATTLE SHOW.

The Fair and Cattle show, under the management of the Royal Agricultural Society, took place on Wednesday last. The weather being very unfavourable, and the roads being in a bad condition for travelling, many persons must have been prevented from attending, especially those who live far from the Town. There was, however, a fair share of business transacted, and we believe that the most of the Cattle which were offered for sale found purchasers—a circumstance that did not often occur at former Fairs, and one that must be highly encouraging to the farmer.

The show of horses was not large, but one or two which we noticed indicated a decided improvement in the breed for general purposes. The show of mares was very considerable, many of which cannot fail to be very serviceable either in the saddle or harness, and clearly show that great benefit has resulted from the importation of horses in former years, which, with the late importation of the thorough-bred horse Saladin, will, no doubt, produce Stock superior to any yet found in the Island, since the stock of Roncesvalles. Some of the colts on the ground rated from twelve to twenty pounds.

The show in horned cattle was not so large as might have been expected; but the superiority of those exhibited amply atoned for the deficiency in number. The heifers were principally of the Durham breed, and a few very superior ones of the Ayrshire and Alderney breeds. There were not many bulls, but those which appeared showed the improvement which has followed the recent importations of Ayrshire and Durham Bulls.

The show of sheep was small, but of a very superior breed; and the scarcity of pigs must be attributed to the failure of the potatoe crops, which formed the principal article of their food.

The usual business of horse-swapping and dealing went on pretty briskly throughout the day, notwithstanding the heavy showers of rain which fell at intervals—the clerk of the weather evidently determined on supplying the "heavy wet" for every bargain that was to be made.

Towards the close of the day, the Agricultural Committee, with the Judges appointed by the Society, and several Farmers, retired to the "Prince Edward Island Hotel," where the premiums were awarded; after which about thirty gentlemen sat down to dinner, served up in excellent style by Mrs. Pippy,—the Hon. George Coles, Vice President of the Society, officiating as Chairman, assisted by the Secretary, Charles Stewart, Esq.

We give below a list of the prizes awarded by the Judges:—

The best Entire Colt, to John Thorne, 40s., by 'Islander,' dam a thorough bred, out of an imported mare.

Second best do. do. to James Ferguson, 20s., by Mc-Innis' horse, out of a Roncesvalles mare.

The best Filly, 3 years old, to Hon. George Coles, 40s., by Revenge, dam out of a Roncesvalles mare, by the Suffolk Punch.

Second best do. do. to Peter McRae, 20s., by Columbus, out of an Island mare.

The Judges considered a Bay Filly exhibited by Mr. W. Inman, of Sable, worthy of notice, and recommended that a premium should be given. The Committee ordered the sum of 10s. to be given to Mr. Inman.

The best Bull, calved in 1844, to William Bagnall, Hazlegrove, 40s., by Ayrshire Bull 'Jupiter,' out of an Island cow.

Second best do. do. to Donald Livingston, Dog River, 20s., bred by James Mutch from his Ayrshire Bull.

The best Heifer, calved in 1845, to Mrs. Grubb, 40s., by a thorough bred Durham Bull, out of a half bred Ayrshire cow.

Second best do. do. to Mrs. Grubb, 20s., by same bull, out of a half bred Island cow.

Best Ram, two years old, to James Robertson, Brackley Point Road, 40s.

Second best do. a yearling, to N. Moorside, 20s.

Best pen of 3 Ewe Tegs, to Hon. W. Swabey, 40s.

Second best do. do. to Mr. George Beer, 20s.

Best Sow, to Mr. William Hyde, West River, 20s.

The Judges of the Colts and Fillies were: E. C. Haythorne, Esq., Dr. Poole and Mr. W. Bagnall. Of Cattle, Sheep, &c., Messrs. Arthur, Miller, and Malcolm Stewart.

JOHN DALZIEL, ESQ.

Wonderful—yea startling is the announcement we have to make, but nevertheless true, that JOHN DALZIEL, Esquire, ex M. P. P., has "immortalized" himself at last, and has conferred enduring honour on the "Islander," for in that respectable, popular and influential paper appears his mighty name, in all the glory of Roman capitals, appended to a communication, wherein Mr. J. W. Le Lacheur and ourselves stand accused of divers crimes and misdemeanours. That John Dalziel, Esquire, did write the aforesaid communication, there cannot be a shadow of doubt,—although we apprehend that commentators will be disposed to raise a quibble upon the point in after times, and question the veracity of our contemporary Journal,—yet we must say, for the information of posterity, that we happen to know the style, and to John Dalziel alone is due the honour of its invention.

We, of course, will not presume to enter upon a controversy with the great author of this great letter—it is enough for us to stand at a respectful distance, in the crowd of other humble mortals, to watch the dazzling blaze shed upon our periodical literature by this incomparable luminary.

"And still they gazed, and still the wonder grew
That one small head could carry all he knew."

The least the proprietor of the "Islander" should do, on this auspicious occasion, is to give his devils a holiday in honor of the event,—and that Mr. Collard—we beg pardon, the Editor—will hold a levee at "the bowler" for at least a week, is what every proper-thinking man must expect.

To Mr. Dalziel we would humbly say,—know, gentle reader, that we touch our hat, in reverence to so great a name, for we frequently write with our pericranium covered—that we never for a moment supposed "that these elders who were at said meeting" "would find much enjoyment in our company," because we are most sinfully given to laughter, and if confronted with them on the subject of "said meeting," their gravity would ill consort with the merriment we should be inclined to indulge. Indeed, any person who has the least conception of Mr. Dalziel's entertaining qualities,—his wit, his anecdote, and his erudition,—could not expect "that these elders" "would find enjoyment" in the company of any one, after having been honoured with that of John Dalziel, Esquire.

MELANCHOLY CATASTROPHE.—We deeply regret to announce, that a most melancholy accident occurred at Crapaud on Thursday last, by the falling of a frame, in the course of erection in that place, intended for a Catholic Chapel. Workmen, to a considerable number, were employed about the frame, when the tie beam broke, and brought every part of it to the ground, knocking down all who were engaged about it, breaking the arms and legs of some, fracturing the skulls of others, seriously injuring altogether about twenty-five persons. We are not aware that death has resulted, but we are informed that the sufferers are in an extremely precarious condition.

THE COLONIAL MAIL arrived yesterday. We have not space for any selections from our files; they do not, however, contain matters of any great importance. Sir John Harvey is undergoing a severe castigation from the liberal press of Nova Scotia, on account of some unseemly coquetry with Mr. Attorney General Johnston, to damage the triumph lately won by the Liberals. If he deserves it, let him not be spared.

A CONVERT TO "SNATCHERISM."—William Cundall, Esq. late High Sheriff of Queen's County, has been graciously pleased to accept the First Mastership of the Central Academy, vacant by the resignation of E. R. Humphreys, Esq. whose discharge of the duties of that office has been distinguished by great ability, and attended by marked advantage to the Institution.