

windows rattled to an alarming extent. At Risca, the colliers ran from their work in a painful state of excitement. At Llandaff, the noise and concussion were so considerable that many of the inhabitants imagined the tower of the cathedral had given way.

### Editorial continued.

#### TO OUR FRIENDS AT THE EASTWARD.

Should the weather and our health permit, we shall make a short visit to our friends at the Eastward, by the beginning of the next week. From those who honoured us with their confidence in sending us to the House of Assembly, to represent their interests, we will be very glad to receive any suggestions or information that may be of service to the District, in the approaching Session of the Legislature.

#### CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE CHARLOTTETOWN REPEALERS TO THE FUNDS OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

We have been requested to give insertion to the following Letter, inclosing a draft for £15 Sterling, in aid of the funds of the Loyal National Repeal Association of Ireland:—

Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island,  
December 27, 1847.

Sir;

I am instructed by the Committee of Repeal Wardens in this place, to enclose to you a Bill of Exchange, on Messrs. Coufts and Co., for 15*l.* Sterling, and to beg that you will be pleased to accept the same, as a contribution from the Repealers of Charlottetown to the funds of the Loyal National Repeal Association.

There has been no regular Meeting of the Charlottetown Repealers since the last time I had the honour to address the Association: and this, in addition to the general poverty of the times—partly consequent on a failure in the agricultural resources of the country—may serve to account for the smallness of the offering which your countrymen in this distant land seek to make on behalf of that cause which has ever been dearest to their hearts, namely, the emancipation of Ireland from a Union, effected by fraud and bloodshed, and continued by oppression—a Union by which Ireland has been robbed of an inalienable right, and whose main consequences have been the destruction of her national prosperity, and the increase of her hatred of English domination.

But whilst I deplore the scantiness of the means which prohibits our contributing more extensively to the funds of the Association, I trust, Sir, that you, as the distinguished Leader of the Irish People, will believe that our hearts beat as warmly as ever for the achievement of the struggle in which your talents, energy and virtues have been so unsparingly employed: And it is with pride and pleasure I have observed, in the progress of the business of the Association, an undeviating adherence to those wise and holy principles which hallowed the career of your late lamented Father, and which, appealing to the noblest impulses of our nature, and commingling with the warmest aspirations of our hearts—shew Repeal to be a question worthy of a moral and virtuous People, and such a People to be worthy of Repeal.

On behalf of the Repealers of Charlottetown,

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient humble Servant,

And Countryman,

EDWARD WHELAN,

President of Charlottetown Repeal Association.

To JOHN O'CONNELL, Esquire, M. P.

#### PUBLIC MEETING.

A number of the Inhabitants of Cove Head and Brackley Point held a Meeting on Tuesday the 28th inst., to address His Excellency Sir Donald Campbell, Bart., on his assuming the government of this Colony.

On motion of James M'Callum, Esq., seconded by Mr. Neil Shaw, David Higgins, Esq., was called to the chair.

Mr. Neil M'Callum moved, seconded by Mr. John Bell, that Mr. John Higgins act as Secretary. The Chairman having opened the meeting, it was unanimously agreed, that the Chairman, James M'Callum, Esq., and Mr. John Miller, wait upon His Excellency with the following Address:—

To His Excellency SIR DONALD CAMPBELL, Baronet, Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief, in and over Her Majesty's Island Prince Edward, and Vice Admiral, &c. &c. &c.

May it please your Excellency:

We, Her Majesty's loyal subjects, Inhabitants of Cove Head and Brackley Point, respectfully request to approach your Excellency, expressing our heartfelt satisfaction at your Excellency's appointment to the Government of this Island, and we request your Excellency's acceptance of a cordial welcome to our shores. We feel a particular interest in your Excellency, being ourselves the Sons of Scotsmen; we hope and pray that the administration of the Government of this Colony by your Excellency may be such as to merit the approbation of our beloved Sovereign; be a source of satisfaction to your own mind, and may tend to the general welfare of the Inhabitants of this our native Isle.

(Signed) On behalf of the Meeting,  
DAVID HIGGINS, Chairman.

#### To the Inhabitants of Cove Head and Brackley Point.

GENTLEMEN;

I beg you to accept my best acknowledgments for your Address congratulating me on my appointment to the Government of this Island, and giving me a cordial welcome to your shores.

The kind interests which, as the immediate descendants of Scotsmen, you express towards me, will I assure you, be most fully reciprocated on my part, and I trust that my administration of the Government will conduce to the general welfare and prosperity of the Inhabitants of the Colony.

#### ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

On Wednesday evening, the 4th instant, the Annual Meeting of the Royal Agricultural Society was held in the old Court House. The meeting was called for 6 o'clock, shortly after which hour the chair was taken by the Vice President, the Hon. George Coles. The following Resolution, which had previously passed the Committee, was then submitted, and carried by acclamation.

Moved by the Hon. John S. Macdonald, seconded by Jeremiah Simpson, Esq.

Resolved, That this general meeting of the Royal Agricultural Society do heartily concur in the Resolution passed at a meeting of the Committee of the Society held on the 29th December last, requesting His Excellency Sir Donald Campbell, Bart., to honour the Society by accepting the office of Vice Patron.

At 7 o'clock His Excellency arrived, when the Vice-President announced to him that the above Resolution had just unanimously passed, and then tendered to His Excellency the Chair, when His Excellency declined taking it, and urged the Vice President to continue in it, on the grounds of his being a practical agriculturist, and thoroughly acquainted with the business of the Society.

His Excellency briefly thanked the meeting, saying that he felt much pleasure in accepting the office of Vice Patron of the Society.

The Report being read:

The following Resolutions were then severally proposed and agreed to:—

On motion of Thomas Owen, Esq., seconded by Thomas Pethick, Esq.—

Resolved, That the Report of the Committee be adopted and published.

On motion of Daniel Brennan, Esq., seconded by James D. Haszard, Esq.—

Resolved, That the thanks of the meeting be given to the Committee for their attention during the past year.

The meeting was then addressed by the Hon. William Swabey, Mr. B. Wright, Jeremiah Simpson, Esq., Mr. John Beer, the Vice President, Daniel Brennan, Esq., Mr. George Beer, and others, on the subject of the Report, and other interesting matters connected with Agriculture. After which—

The Vice President having vacated the Chair, His Excellency Sir Donald Campbell was requested to take the same—when the following gentlemen were severally proposed and elected Office Bearers for the current year:—

Wm. Douse, Esq., President, (re-elected.)  
Hon. W. Swabey, Vice-President.

COMMITTEE:—Henry Longworth, Esq. Hon. Stephen Rice, Alexander Laird, Esq. Hon. John S. Macdonald, James M'Callum, Esq. Jeremiah Simpson, Esq., (re-elected.) Charles Haszard, Esq. do. Hon. George Coles, do. Mr. William Inman, (Sable.) Charles Stewart, Esq. Secretary & Treasurer.

Dr. Conroy then addressed the meeting on the propriety of appointing an assistant Vice-President; and after some discussion on the subject, it was—

Moved by John Longworth, Esq., seconded by Theophilus Desbriay, Esq., and unanimously agreed to That Laurence Coddington Worthy, Esq. be elected assistant Vice President of the Society.

His Excellency having left the Chair, and the Hon. W. Swabey having been called thereto—

It was proposed, and carried by acclamation—That the thanks of the meeting be given to His Excellency Sir Donald Campbell, Bart., for his presence at the meeting, as well as for his acceptance of the office of Vice-Patron of the Society.

His Excellency in returning thanks expressed himself highly gratified with the proceedings of the evening, and declared his desire to afford the Society every assistance in his power. In concluding, he requested that his name might be enrolled as a Life Member of the Society. Three cheers, and one more, were then given for Sir Donald.

#### LEAP YEAR AND LADIES' PRIVILEGES.

The present year, 1848, is leap year, as any person may see by consulting any almanac. It is an important year to the interests of unmarried ladies and no less so to unmarried gentlemen—for, what interests the one is also fated to interest the other. The ladies this year will have the sole privilege of making love; which the gentlemen may not refuse, under the most severe penalties. To prove this to be the case, and that it is no new thing, nor owes its rise to any of the extravagant notions of modern times, we give an extract from an old volume, printed in the year of Grace,

1606, and entitled 'Courtship, Love and Matrimonie.' "Albeit, it is now become a parte of the Commun Lawe, in regard to the social relations of life, that as often as every besextile year doth return, the ladyes have the sole privilege during the time it continueth, of making love unto the men, which they may doe either by wordes or lookes, as unto them it seemeth proper: and moreover no man will be entitled to the benefit of Clergy who dothe refuse to accept the offers of a ladye, or who dothe in any wise treate her proposal with slight or contumely."

So long ago as the above was printed, it will be seen to have been a 'parte of the Commun Lawe,' that the ladies should have the privilege—and not only so—but the sole privilege of making love, every fourth year; and what has been binding as common law, is equally binding now, since it has never been superseded by any statute.

The love making privileges of the 'lords of creation,' are now suspended, and must so continue for one long year of 366 days. They cannot make love during this tedious interval, nor can they refuse a lady who makes love to them.

This, to gentlemen who have a taste for gallantry, and are particularly tenacious of what is usually considered the male privilege will be an unpleasant reverse of the order of things; while to your very diffident or indolent gentlemen, who want resolution or activity for the arduous duties of courtship, it will be a change no less pleasant than interesting.

To the latter we need say nothing, but that they have before them a year of hope, wherein they may cast off their single blessedness, provided they always can nerve themselves to the acceptance of such ladies as heaven or their own inclinations may send to solicit their hands. To the ladies we beg leave to say, this year is yours; and if you have never yet made love it is your privilege to do so, for the whole of the year. You need have no scruples, as to the certainty of your rights. They rest upon the 'Commun Lawe,' which has been in power even since the days of Queen Elizabeth, and we know not how much longer. Those rights are very ample—they not only allow you to make love, but also make it obligatory on the lords of creation to accept of your offers.

How far you shall insist upon the exercise of your privilege depends on yourselves. Your power for one year, is absolute: and if you choose you may revenge yourselves, by making love to such gentlemen as ought long since to have made love to you. This you will be perfectly justified in doing; and the lordly delinquents cannot, as they ought not, to say nay.

But in as much as your power is absolute, it will become you to exercise it gently. Hear what Portia says of the quality of mercy:

'It is not strained;  
It droppeth, as the gentle rain from heaven,  
Upon the plain beneath: It is twice blessed!  
It blesseth him that gives and him that takes.'

With these brief remarks we commend you to the year 1848, which we hope you will so use as not abusing it, remembering that the fashion thereof passeth away; and that if this important year be misspent, you will have to wait until the year 1852 for the recurrence of your quadrennial privilege.

#### BIRTH.

At Souris, on the 25th December last, the wife of G. N. Kay, Esq., of a Daughter.

#### MARRIED.

On Tuesday evening last, at the residence of the Hon. the Chief Justice, by the Rev. Dr. Jenkins, Ecclesiastical Commissary, the Hon. Thomas H. Haviland, Colonial Secretary and Registrar of this Island, to Amelia Janetta, fourth daughter of the late Dr. Boyd, of the Medical Staff of New Brunswick, and widow of the late Captain Emslie, H. M. 83d Regt.

At Brackley Point, on the 23d ult., by the Rev. James Allan, Mr. George Lawson, of Stanhope, to Margaret, eldest daughter of Mr. Neil M'Callum, of Brackley Point.

At Spring Hill, New Glasgow, on the 31st December, by the Rev. Mr. Allan, Mr. James Moffatt, to Jane, eldest daughter of James Arthur, Esq., both of that place.

#### DIED.

At his seat, Coxhill Bank, Lancashire, England, James Simpson, Esquire, aged 71 years.—Uncle of Mr. David Wilson, merchant, of this town.

On Tuesday last, on the 6th inst., after a lingering illness, which she bore with Christian fortitude and pious resignation to the Divine will, Georgiana Hackstaff, eldest daughter of Mr. George Thresher, Deputy Secretary and Registrar of this Island, in the 36th year of her age.

On the 8th December, Catherine, eldest daughter of the late Mr. Patrick Dunn, of this town, aged 18 years.

#### STRAY COW.

A RED COW, giving Milk, has been on the premises of the Subscriber for several days past. The owner can have her by proving his property and paying expenses.

ROBERT ELLIOT.  
New Bedeque Road, Lot 31, Jan. 8, 1848.