

(From The Palladium.) FESTIVAL OF SAINT PATRICK.

The anniversary of the Tutelar Saint of Ireland was commemorated on Tuesday evening last, by the Benevolent Irish Society and their friends dining together at Mrs. Weymouth's Hotel.

We insert below the list of the Toasts, which were received and responded to in right good Irish style.

1. The Saint whose Anniversary we celebrate. His memory is as "green in our hearts" as the emblem of the Trinity on our breasts—

"The chosen leaf Of Bard and Chief, Old Erin's native Shamrock." AIR—"St Patrick's Day."

2. The Queen—God bless Her. The enunciation of her name brings melody from the chords of an Irishman's heart. AIR—National Anthem.

3. Prince Albert and the Royal Family. The Representatives of an Empire's hopes, and the Representatives of its future glory. AIR—

4. Ireland. The scene of our nativity and the object of our affections. On a day so consecrated by its genius the memory becomes redolent of many a stirring reminiscence of "Home, and Youth, and that sweet time." AIR—"Exile of Erin."

5. Daniel O'Connell—The Patriot, Statesman, Orator, and Liberator. His achievements in the cause of Universal Liberty have made him the admired of every land, and the Idol of his own. AIR—"Let Erin remember the days of old."

6. The Reverend Theobald Mathew—The Moral Regenerator of Ireland, whose precept and example constitute the foundation of his country's future happiness and prosperity. By his vigorous achievements among the whiskey jars he has demonstrated the folly and fruitlessness of domestic ones. AIR—"Drink of this Cup"—"Polly put the kettle on."

7. The Army and the Navy—The great Sentinels of the State. The glory of their achievements furnishes the brightest page in the annals of the Empire. AIR—"Rule Britannia."

8. Sir Henry Vere Huntley—Lieutenant Governor of P. E. Island. AIR—"Governor's March."

9. Lady Huntley and the Fair Daughters of P. E. Island.—May the virtues which adorn their characters never cease to communicate a glow to the beauty of their persons. AIR—"Tis when the cup is smiling"—"Green grow the rushes, O."

10. Prince Edward Island—The land we live in. May the sunshine of prosperity brighten her springing hopes. AIR—"Oh had we some bright little Isle of our own."

11. The Legislature of P. E. Island. AIR—"Come send round the wine."

12. The Press. Its Independence, the safeguard of our liberties: Its Thraldom, the mockery of our hopes, or the subverter of our rights. AIR—"The rights of men."

13. The Bard and Minstrelsy of Erin. The lustre of his genius and the fragrance of his melody have imparted a halo and a freshness to the annals of his country's literature which time cannot darken or impair. AIR—"Oh, blame not the Bard."

14. The Clergy of P. E. Island. The Virtues of their lives furnish the fittest adornment of their character. AIR—"The Friar of Gray."

15. The Bar of P. E. Island. AIR—"I'd mourn the hopes that leave me."

16. Our Sister Societies. May their peace-offerings on the shrine of Charity be always ready to appease the cravings of dire necessity. AIR—"Angel of Charity who from above."

17. Our next Merry Meeting. AIR—"One Bumper at parting."

THE BENEVOLENT IRISH SOCIETY of this Island, held their Annual Meeting, at Mrs. Weymouth's Hotel, on the 11th inst., when the vouchers of the receipts and expenditures, for the past year were submitted and passed.

- Dennis Reddin, Esq., President, Hon. Edward Palmer, Vice President, John Little, Esq., Asst. Vice President, Francis Longworth, Esq., Treasurer, Mr. Edward Kicham, Secretary.

FORGERY.—Edward Slattery and Anne Bambrick were committed to prison yesterday, charged with having uttered or offered to exchange an altered or forged counterfeit Note of the Treasury of this Island.

LAUNCHED.—On Thursday last, from the Shipyard of Mr. Alexander Dingwell, St. Peter's, the Schr. Harp, of 78 tons. She was hauled by 56 horses for the distance of 3 miles, and left within two or three hundred yards of the open water.

A Sermon will be preached to-morrow (Sunday) morning, (D V.), at St. Paul's Church, by the Rev. Charles Lloyd, B. A., in aid of the fund for the endowment of the New Brunswick Bishopric.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE COLONIAL HERALD.

SIR:—Upon the morning of the 16th inst., I found the Islander of the previous day on my breakfast-table, and I beg to assure the Editor of that libellous print, that the perusal of his editorial did not destroy my appetite.

It is a little singular, that a certain Personage in this community can have frequent quarrels with many of its members, and no notice has been taken of these in the Islander; but the moment he and I should have a difference, it is bruted abroad, the causes of it greatly exaggerated, and this "Government organ" takes it up, and denounces me, because I will not quietly submit to be tutored and insulted!

True! he gives me the credit of being a "good whip," for which I thank him; as it is an accomplishment that could only have been acquired by me while receiving the education belonging to a gentleman.

The cause of the difference that exists between the Lieut. Governor and myself is now thoroughly known in this community; and I question if His Excellency do not regret—now that he has had time to cool upon the subject—his having been so impetuously led away by the passion of the moment. He must, ere this, have discovered that his position was untenable, and that he used towards me such language, to which no man having the feelings of a gentleman would for an instant submit.

As regards the epithets applied to me in the editorial, I care not for them a straw; and the Editor may produce weekly a whole column of his prosy abuse against myself, until he is tired; for I do not intend in future to take any notice of him or his editorials, but treat him and them with that silent contempt and indifference which he and they so justly deserve.

I am, Sir, Your obdt. Servt. CHARLES YOUNG. Charlottetown, March 18, 1844.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE COLONIAL HERALD.

"We have a very short answer for our facetious, but inquisitive Correspondent, Bill Blunt. We hold ourselves responsible to no man for our private convictions or opinions. No man has a right to judge us by any than our public ones, while in the discharge of our public functions. These, we have reason to believe, have given the Country all the satisfaction required at our hands. If our Correspondent is not satisfied with our clear and explicit answer to his former enquiry, we invite him to call at our office, and put any question he pleases in courteous, straightforward, and unambiguous terms. If we do not reply to his satisfaction, he is at liberty to withdraw all the support he bestows; but we assure him we are not in the habit of publishing communications, made up of dark and insidious insinuations, and personally offensive to ourselves."—Palladium, March 7.

SIR:—The following communication was sent to the Palladium Office, for publication, about the 24th ult., and remained there unnoticed until last week, when you may have observed the Editor's invitation to a private interview promising me the "satisfaction" I sought for; but the question being of a public nature, and one in which is involved the greatest and most important political consideration that could possibly engage the attention of any, and indeed all persons connected with the prosperity of P. E. Island, I considered that a private solution to the queries which I had so long and ardently sought for, publicly, would wholly defeat the design I had contemplated; and although I feel aware that I am imposing a burthen on you somewhat incompatible with the press of Legislative business which necessarily engrosses your present attention, yet I feel gratified to know, that your consistent zeal for the promotion of our Island's welfare will not allow you to withhold from its inhabitants the following remarks and questions, together with the way and manner that Mr. Whelan has noticed them, and which evinces to me, and will, I trust, evince to a discerning public—allowing the absence of positive proof?—a full portrait of the upas tree existing in the bosom of our community, the original and nourishment of which exists in Halifax.

I am, dear Sir, Your obliged humble Servt., B. B. 14th March, 1844.

To the Editor of the Palladium.

SIR: I believe I am cognitive to you—if not, I can, if you please, be easily cognocible; but, for reasons known only to myself, I choose to figure under my old cognomen. I presume that you have not yet forgotten the straight-forward, unambiguous interrogative which I put to you, a few months ago, in the only communication you have had from me since your arrival here, viz: "Were you sent, or have you come here for the purpose, or do you intend, either directly or indirectly, to advocate, recommend, or even desire, annexation to Nova Scotia?" This, if not verbatim, is the purport of the question alluded to. To your answer to that question I wish, in this communication, especially to call your attention. It was, that you came here to advocate the people's rights; and should a majority of them eventually desire annexation, that you might assist them in the accomplishment even of that; intending, as you supposed, by that reply, to allay any apprehension that I may have entertained on that score. Now, Mr. Editor, I am just in character with the signature below—and, besides, I am a reformer—in principle; yes, in the present provincial acceptance of the term too (apart, however, from the vagaries of insanity). I was born with it, and it has grown with my growth, and strengthened with years; so that perhaps I may be called a Whig-Well, call me anything, or every thing, but a Tory or a Radical; either the one or the other, as developed in this Colony at present, I detest and abhor from the bottom of my heart; and when I heard that a disciple of Howe's was coming among us, to publish a paper, I felt a kind of confidence in my own mind that it would prove itself a lever to uproot every fibre of the gigantic tree of corruption which threatened—and, I am sorry to say, still threatens—to envelop us in the worse than Egyptian darkness of proprietary thraldom, misrule and slavery. Now, Sir, by this time you must be acquainted with my political creed. I am also one of your subscribers; and so far as you or any other man honestly, fearlessly and consistently wields an instrument in the cause of freedom, so far I can and will, to the best of my ability, hold him up to public admiration, and believe him to be at heart "almost a Christian." I trust I have now gained your confidence; and should I say things hereafter a little disagreeable to your taste, you must not shrink, for candour from you, and nothing but candour, will satisfy those whom you profess to serve; and I hope that eventually you will feel grateful to me for affording you the opportunity of eradicating the stain which threatens a speedy annihilation of your political existence in this Province.

Now to the point: With respect to your answer, above alluded to, was it not a little hypocritical?—a kind of getting off the question—a sort of, Hang the fellow!—what put it into his head to ask me that question?—now—so soon—

scarcely begun our career yet—does that chap know any of the public men in Halifax?—is there a pin out any where? I assure you, Mr. Whelan, I read it so—I felt it so; my indignation at that reply arose involuntarily; nor could I suppress it, and for the best of reasons, because it corroborated a broad hint that I was in possession of at the time, viz: that you, Sir—no less a man than yourself—yes, your very self, Mr. W.—were built up in Halifax, and made up, and fashioned, and employed by, a few audacious, monopolising picaroons, for the sole purpose of fanning the flame of discord and agitation, with the fiendish expectation that the British Government would rob us of our Constitution, and hand us over to the tender mercies of a Nova Scotia legislature, to be cajoled out of our representation, as poor Cape Breton is, and like Cape Breton, out of from £18 to £20,000 of an annual revenue, to have appropriated by the liberal and tender-hearted people of the granite Province of Nova Scotia about £3,000 a-year, to be scattered over the whole extent of an Island as large and as populous as our own. Here I beg to refer the public to a document in Lord Durham's Report, as eliciting information on the subject of Cape Breton's degradation, in Mr. Crawley's replies to Major Head's queries, shewing to a demonstration the cruelty to which that unfortunate Island has been subjected, in consequence of its annexation to Nova Scotia. I beg pardon for this digression, for I am writing to you, Mr. Whelan.

When, after the perusal of your reply, I had become more tranquil, I finally concluded that I would sift the sly report; and what is the result? Oh! are you betrayed? As sure as the world you are! Do you ask by whom? Never mind by whom. Is it a fact, Mr. Whelan, that "thou art the man?" And I can indeed name two individuals—how many more there are, I know not—who put their hands into their own pockets; yes, and into the pockets of others also, for the very laudable purpose of sacrificing P. E. Island? Oh, philanthropy! What the proprietors cannot effect, they in very mercy will consummate; yes, our entire degradation, prostration and destruction! Now, Mr. Editor, should the report partake of one solitary ray of truth (and I am sorry to say, from the channel through which I have it, there appears little or no room to doubt its authenticity), I pray you, as you value your own reputation, in the most frank and fearless manner possible, acknowledge it, and in such straightforward and intelligible language as that you may not be misunderstood. If you do not, depend upon it those very persons who have you by the hand now will soon shake you off, as the Apostle did the viper from his hand, into the fire which you may have been the instrument of kindling—a circumstance, perhaps, much to be regretted, for I believe you are well qualified—very well—to subserve the cause you profess to advocate—I say profess, because, notwithstanding your zeal, I feel assured—and I feel no more so, I am convinced, than you do yourself—that the ground which has been occupied for the last ten or twelve years by Reformers (? or Conservatives, and on which you are now treading—apart from or by annexation—will never secure to us the object of our legitimate wishes. The fact is, when Sir Charles Fitz Roy was with us, a plan was suggested to us by Lord John Russell, which eventually would have cost us but an additional £500 per annum, and have secured to us an influential and independent Governor—a Liberal's opinion, in the Islander of Friday last, to the contrary, notwithstanding. But the people madly rejected it, and the consequence is—for I do not despair yet—that the period of our emancipation is more remote than it otherwise would have been. This, however, is a subject that I shall not trouble you with until you are radically cured of the leprosy of annexation. With the best possible feelings for your own, and the Island's interest generally, I beg to remain, Your obliged humble Servt. BILL BLUNT.

Erratum. On the Land question in last week's Herald, Mr. A. M'Lean supported the resolution of Mr. D. M'Lean, on his motion for purchasing the land, instead of "would not support either" of the resolutions.

DIED. At St. Eleanor's, on Sunday, the 3d inst., Mr. Benjamin Darby, sen., in the 100th year of his age. The deceased was one of the old American Loyalists, and has been a resident of this Island for the last 60 years.

At Little York, on the 10th inst., Mrs. Alice Deacon, widow of the late Mr. John Deacon, aged 72 years.

CHARLOTTETOWN MARKETS. WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20. Beef, small pes. pr. lb. 4d to 6d, Oats, per bus. 1s 3d to 1s 4d, Do, by the quarter, 3d to 5d, Turnips, per bus. 1s to 1s 2d, Mutton, 4d to 6d, Carrots, per bus. 3s, Veal, 3d to 4d, Rabbits, each 4d to 6d, Pork, 2d to 3d, Fowls, each 10d to 1s 2d, Pork, small pieces 3d to 5d, Eggs, per doz. 6d, Flour, 2d, Homespun, per yard 4s, Oatmeal, 1d to 1 1/2d, Hay, per ton 40s to 45s, Tallow, 10d, Pearl Barley, per lb. 2d, Lard, 8d to 9d, Roasting Pigs, each 2s, Butter, (fresh) 1s, Potatoes, per bus. 10d, Do by the tub, 10d, Ducks, each 1s to 1s 3d, Cheese, 5d to 7d, Partridges, each 9d to 10d, Wool, per lb. 1s to 1s 4d, Straw, per cwt. 1s. to 1s 4d, Ham, 5d to 6d, Geese, 2s to 2s 6d, Tarkies, each 4s to 5s, Sausages, per lb. 7d to 9d

DISTRICT No. 3. THE Subscriber will let, by Auction, to the lowest bidder, on Saturday the 30th of March inst., at the hour of 12 o'clock, noon, on the spot, the building a Bridge at Craswell's Mill.

HARRY C. GREEN, Commissioner. St. Eleanor's, March 8, 1844.

ROAD DISTRICT, No. 8. THE Subscriber will set, by Auction, on Wednesday, the 3d April next, at 11 o'clock, the repairing the Winter River Bridge, Union Road.

Security will be required for the performance of the Contract. JAMES COLES, Commissioner. Commissioner's Office, March 15th, 1844.

ROAD DISTRICT, No. 15. THE Subscriber will let, by Auction, to the lowest bidder, on the spot, on Saturday, the 30th March, at 10 o'clock, the building an additional Block to Launching Bay Wharf; and the same day, at 1 o'clock, will re-let the building of two Blocks to Cardigan Wharf, together with the sum appropriated for it this year.

JOHN GOFF, Commissioner. Three Rivers, March 13th, 1844.

THE Friends of the Colonial Church Society are requested to afford some assistance towards completing a School-house in New Wiltshire. This building is being erected on the grant of 5 acres recently given to this Society, in addition to the Church Land of 50 acres, by Lord Selkirk, through the kind representation of Mr. Dausch. The Parent Society having appointed Mr. Parkin, as Catechist, it is highly desirable that he should be enabled to commence his duties as early as possible. Subscriptions will be received by J. P. BEETE. March 19th, 1844.

THE Subscriber begs leave to acquaint the Public, that he has commenced business in the Rigging Line, Rigging cut and fitted of all descriptions, in the neatest manner and on the shortest notice. Orders from the country punctually attended to. RICHARD JONES. Dorchester-street (upper end), 14th March, 1844.

TO BE LET. BY THE SUBSCRIBER, and immediate possession given, that commodious and pleasantly situated House in Water Street, formerly occupied by James D. Macdonnell, Esq. to which a good Stable and Garden are attached. Also, several valuable and eligible BUILDING LOTS, in Water Street, King Street and Eustis Street. JAMES PEAKE. Charlottetown, 30th Sept., 1843.

LAND ASSESSMENT.

Treasurer's Office, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, 16th Jan. 1843.

IN pursuance of the Act of the General Assembly of this Island, made and passed in the Seventh year of the Reign of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, intituled An Act for levying an Assessment on all Lands in this Island—I do hereby give public notice, that I have made Proclamation, according to the terms of the said Act, of the undermentioned Town Lots, Pasture Lots, and parts of Lots or Townships, in this Island, in arrears for the non-payment of the several sums due and owing thereon to Her Majesty, under and by virtue of the before-mentioned Act, viz:—

Town Lots in Charlottetown: Half No. 35, in the First Hundred—No. 13, Fifth do. Charlottetown Royalty—No. 539. Georgetown: No. 10 First Range, Letter C. No. 8, First Range, Letter D. 5, Second Range, Letter B. Townships: No. 1, 5843 acres. No. 40, 548 acres. No. 5, 319. No. 44, 3550. No. 14, 112. No. 49, 3351. No. 15, 500. No. 55, 500. No. 27, 869. No. 65, 854. No. 28, 2332.

And the owners of the said Lots and Tracts of Land, so in arrears and proclaimed as aforesaid, are hereby notified, that in case the sums charged on them by the said Act, together with the Costs which have been incurred; shall not be paid within Ten days before the next Easter Term of the Supreme Court of Judicature, to be held at Charlottetown, which will commence on Tuesday the Seventh day of May next, application will be made to the Supreme Court, during the said Term, for Judgment against the said Lots and Tracts of Land respectively. J. SPENCER SMITH, Treasurer.

DISSOLUTION OF COPARTNERSHIP.

THE Copartnership heretofore subsisting between the undersigned, under the Firm of "J. B. Cooper & Co.," and more recently under the Firm of "Cooper & Bremner," is this day dissolved by mutual consent. All Debts due to and owing by the aforesaid Firm or Copartnership, will be received and paid by James B. Cooper. J. B. COOPER, J. S. BREMNER. Charlottetown, 7th March, 1844.

The Printing Business heretofore carried on by the late Firm of "Cooper & Bremner," will, in future, be conducted by the Subscriber, in all its branches, on his own account. All Orders will be punctually attended to, and dispatched in the first style of Workmanship, and on moderate terms. All persons indebted to the late Firm of "James B. Cooper & Co.," or "Cooper & Bremner," are respectfully requested to make immediate payment of their respective Accounts agreeably to the above notice. JAMES B. COOPER. 7th March, 1844.

STATIONERY AND BOOK STORE, &c.

JOHN S. BREMNER respectfully informs his friends, and the public generally, that he has opened Store nearly opposite the premises of Mr. J. T. Thomas, where he has constantly for sale an assortment of Stationery, Books, &c., which he will dispose of at very low prices, for Cash.

BOOKBINDING. COPPERPLATE PRINTING.

executed in a neat and workmanlike style, and on moderate terms. Visiting and Business Cards, and Bill-heads, struck off to order. March 18th, 1844.

MORRIS'S CARDING MACHINES.

MR. MORRIS intending to visit the Island early in the season, will execute orders for the above Machines, forwarded prior to the First of April, on more favourable terms than if deferred to a later period. For particulars apply to C. C. DAVISON. Charlottetown, 16th March, 1844.

THE SUBSCRIBERS have completed their Importations for the FALL, consisting of

A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF GOODS, Suitable for the Season.

Comprising superfine black, blue and coloured Cloths, Cassimeres, Tweeds and Doeskins, in great variety; Welsh & Saxony Flannels, Mouslin de Laines, Orleans and Parisian Cloths, Flannels, Mouslin de Laines, &c. for Ladies' Dresses, & 6-4 Cheene Chusans, Printed Velvets, &c. for Ladies' Silk Velvets, black Paramatta, for mourning; black and coloured Silk Velvets, Ribbons, Gloves, Laces, Hosiery, Silk & Cotton Handkerchiefs, Muslins, Braces, Stocks, superior Cotton Warp, Indigo, Fur Caps and Beaver Hats, Blankets, &c. &c.

ALSO, Jamaica Spirits, best pale and coloured Brandy, Holland's Gin, Port and Madeira Wines, Hyson and Souchong Tea, Loaf and Moist Sugar, London Porter, boxes Raisins, Currants, Spices, Mustard; Earthen, Glass and Hardware.—The whole of which will be disposed of at their usual low prices for Cash, on delivery. LYDIARD & FINLAYSON. No. 1, Queen Street, Dec., 1843.

P. S.—They beg to inform those persons whose Accounts have been due for some time, that unless they make a satisfactory arrangement, on or before the 15th day of March, their Accounts will be placed in the hands of an Attorney. L. & F.

TO CONTRACTORS AND BUILDERS.

SEALED TENDERS will be received at the Store of the undersigned (where all further particulars will be given), until the 1st day of April next, for the following WORK and MATERIALS, viz:—

1 1/2 and 1 inch SPRUCE BOARDS and PLANK, 6, 3, 2, 1 1/2, 1 1/4 and 1 inch clear PINE Boards and Plank, or Good BUILDING STONE for a Cellar Wall (land stone, or that which is free from Salt water, will be preferred,) with or without the mason-work thereof. The excavation of a Cellar, 120 feet long, 5 feet deep, and 40 feet wide. The Framing, Roughboarding and Shingling of a Three Story Wooden Building. The Sinking and Walling with Stone of a Pump or Well. DANIEL BRENNAN. Charlottetown, 16th February, 1844. [6w]

BUILDING.

SEPARATE Tenders will be received at Winsloe Barton, for erecting a Dwelling-house, according to a plan and specification to be seen at the Office of Mr. Isaac Smith, in Charlottetown, or at the Subscriber's, for the following work:—1st. Mason's work, including all labor; 2d. The Framers' and Carpenters'; 3d. The Joiners'; and 4th the Plasterer's. EDWARD BUXTON. Winsloe Barton, 26th Feby. 1844.

Mr. Buxton does not pledge himself to accept the lowest Tenders, nor will any be received after the 10th day of May next. 4w

FOR SALE, that superior new fast-sailing BOAT CHARLES, 24 feet keel, 8 feet 9 inches beam, depth of hold in proportion; Sails and Rigging complete; carved built. Plank Juniper. She is well known in the community as a safe and commodious Boat, and well adapted either for Pleasure, Fishing, or carrying Cargoes. For Particulars, apply to Mr. C. C. Davison, Charlottetown, or to the Subscriber, W. HUBBARD. Elliot River, (South Side), March 5th, 1844.

The First class Brig SIR HENRY HUNTLEY, will sail from Liverpool, G. B., for Charlottetown, on or about the First of April. Will take Freight and Passengers on moderate terms. For further particulars, apply to Messrs. David Cannon, Son & Co., Merchants, Liverpool, or at Charlottetown to the Subscriber, JOHN DAVIS, jr. Charlottetown, 13th Jan., 1844.

WANTED—A steady Active LAD, about 14 years of age, as an Apprentice to the Printing Business. Inquire at the Office of the Colonial Herald.