season; some grapes, presented by Mr. Kelman, were the finest we have seen in the colony. The principal portion of the wines placed upon the table during dinner were of colonial production, from the vineyards of Captain Ogilvie, Mr. Kelman, and Mr. King; the white wines, which were very like Sauterne, were much approved. When the vineyards have acquired age, and the gentlemen engaged in the manufacture have become more conversant with an art which has taken hundreds of years to bring it to perfection in Europe, there can be no doubt that wine will form a considerable article of export from the colony. After the cloth was removed port and sherry, and one or two other foreign wines, were placed upon the table.

George Hobler Esq. J. P., presided, and the vice president's chair was occupied by C. M. Doyle, Esq.

From the press of assize and other important news, we are reluctantly compelled to postpone the report of the proceedings at the dinner until our next number.

BOUNDARIES OF TOWNS UNDER ELECTORAL ACT.

(From the Government Gazette, March 14.)

NORTHUMBERLAND BOROUGHS.

Town of East Maitland.—Commencing at the northwest corner of Goldenham's 500 acres, and bounded on the south by his northern boundary line bearing east; then by its continuation as the northern boundary of a portion of 320 acres reserved for the extension of the town; and further easterly at the northern boundary line of Davis's 200 acres to the northeast corner thereof on part of the east by a line bearing north about 100 chains; on part of the north by a line bearing west to a southerly continuation of Eckford's eastern boundary line; on the remainder of the east by that continuation and by the said boundary line bearing north to his northeast corner; again on the north by Eckford's northern boundary line to the river; and on the residue of the north by Hunter's River to its confluence with Wallis's Creek; and on the west by Wallis's Creek southeasterly to the northwest corner of Goldenham's 500 acres as aforesaid.

Town of West Maitland.—Commencing at the River Hunter at the confluence with the river of a creek dividing the allotments of Hall and Balcot, and bounded on part of the north by that creek as far as it bears westerly; thence by a continued west line to the southwest corner of Hall's allotment; on the west by Balcot's western boundary and its southerly continuation to P. F. Campbell's northern boundary line; again on the north by that boundary line bearing west to its northwest corner; again on the west by the western boundary line of Campbell and Luke Ralph's lands to the northwest corner of J. T. Hughes' 4 acres; on part of the south by the northern boundary line of that land bearing east to Swamp Creek; on the remainder of the south and part of the east by that creek to its confluence with Wallis' Creek; and thence by Wallis' Creek to its own confluence with the River Hunter; and on the residue of the east and north by that river to its confluence with the creek, dividing the allotments of Hall and Balcot as aforesaid.

Town of Newcastle.—Commencing at the centre of the Swamp Creek Bridge, on the road from Newcastle to Maitland, and bounded on the west by a line bearing south 73 chains to the south boundary line of the Australian Agricultural Company's 2000 acres grant; on the south by 44 chains of that boundary line, bearing east to the sea coast; on the east by the waters of the Pacific Ocean, northerly; and on the north by the waters of Port Hunter, westerly to the mouth of Swamp Creek; and by the Swamp Creek upwards to the centre of the bridge crossing it on the road from Newcastle to Maitland.

Benevolent Assylum.—On Sunday, the 5th instant, a sermon was preached by the Rev. W. M'Intyre, in the Scots Church, Maitland, in aid of the funds of the Benevolent Asylum, and a subscription of £6 was collected; besides which, 5 cwt. of flour was promised by A. Lang, Esq., Dunmore, and one cwt. flour by a friend.

Maitland Races.—On Monday last a meeting of those gentlemen interested in these races was held at Mr. P. J. Cohen's, the Rose Inn, West Maitland, when it was agreed upon that a subscription for the purposes of the races should be commenced forthwith. It was also agreed that the prizes should be the same as last year, with the exception of the second day's races, which was left open for private matches, and it was further decided upon that the two hurdle races should be abolished.

Morpeth, March 15.—We were quite alive here yesterday in consequence of the arrival by the steamer Shamrock of his Honor Mr. Justice Burton. Our worthy police magistrate, E. D. Day, Esq., was on the wharf to receive his Honor, and drove him up to Anlaby's Hotel, where he was waited on by the gentlemen of the neighbourhood in the course of the day. A select company sat down to dinner with his Honor.—*Correspondent.*

Durham Election.—On Tuesday last a meeting of the friends of Mr. Andrew Lang was held at Mrs. James's hotel, Hinton, when a committee was formed for the purpose of taking steps to secure the election of that gentleman. Mr. Lang himself was in attendance, and embraced the opportunity to disclaim all knowledge of the authorship of the paragraph which appeared in the Colonial Observer of Saturday last respecting the meeting which was held at Paterson on Monday, the 6th instant,

Lunar Rainbow.—A perfect and beautiful specimen of this rare phenomenon was visible for a considerable time yesterday evening, between seven and eight o'clock.

The Shamrock.—The steamer Shamrock, which left Morpeth on Wednesday morning for Sydney, sprung a leak, we are informed, in going down the river, in some part of her bottom which was recently damaged at Moreton Bay, and in consequence of the boisterous state of the weather she did not put to sea, but remained at Newcastle. We understand she returned to Morpeth again yesterday. The mail from Sydney yesterday did not arrive until nearly six o'clock in the evening.

HUNTER RIVER DISTRICT NEWS.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS.]

MURRURUNDI.

Our district is comparatively quiet, no bushrangers troubling us now; the only annoyance we are subject to is want of business, money being very scarce, and the greater part of what we do get consists of bad orders and forgeries. Scarcely a week has passed since the police force has been established here but two or three persons have been taken into custody for trying to palm their forgeries on the public. In fact, it is dangerous to take orders or cheques without the signature of the party drawing is well known. It would be conferring a great boon on the inhabitants of this and the surrounding districts if the squatters beyond the boundary would let the public know the names of the parties they allow to draw upon them, and also to let them know by public advertisement when they discharge their overseers or superintendents, and if possible so to arrange it as to make their orders payable at one of the banks.

As licensing day is fast approaching, and we have only one unpaid magistrate at Murrurundi, his Excellency the Governor would confer an obligation on the inhabitants of this district, by appointing another, as three magistrates are required. We know of no gentleman residing in our district better calculated for the office than Dr. Gill, of Bickham, a gentleman of independent principles and strict integrity. We should be glad to see him administering justice on our bench.

It is understood that application has been made to his Excellency the Governor to have the proclamation of the court of requests altered from Scone to Murrurundi. This would be a great benefit to our district, and we trust his Excellency will sanction it.

CASSILIS,

A bushranger named William Macarthy was brought into Cassilis by the mounted police on the 9th instant. He was apprehended at Mr. Miller's station, in the Liverpool Plains district, with firearms in his possession. He has been absent from his master, Mr. Edward Sparkes, about 12 months, and is supposed to have committed several robberies during that period.

Forgery.—A man named Mathew Edwards, against whom there is a warrant out from the Cassilis bench on a charge of forgery, has been apprehended in Sydney, and is now on his way up to this place. The warrant was issued against him in December, 1841, and he was apprehended in September last, and committed to take his trial at the Maitland assizes; but on his way to Newcastle gaol he contrived to escape from the custody of the Cassilis police.

PATERSON.

On Friday, the 10th instant, Mr. Sullivan, our chief constable, received information that Melville and Harry, two aboriginals for whose apprehension a warrant had been issued for the murders at Glendon, accompanied by another black, were concealed on Hog Island, in the Paterson river. He immediately proceeded thither, accompanied by constable M'Gone, and several ticket of leave holders; on approaching the island they were perceived by the blacks, who, on being ordered to surrender, raised their war whoop, and commenced showering their spears upon the party. After an encounter which lasted nearly an hour the blacks were obliged to surrender. They were yesterday brought before the bench, and Melville and Harry were identified as being present near Bulwarra, aiding at the murder of a black boy, a servant of Mr. Boydell's, Allyn river; they were fully committed upon this charge, and will be forwarded to Maitland, to appear before Mr. Day, on the charge of murdering the two white children at Glendon, and leaving the mother for dead. Melville is the most ferocious looking black I have ever seen in the country.

The stubble corn is looking beautiful since the late rains, and most parties are sanguine as to the result of the crop. Ploughing for wheat is also very forward in this district.

Robberies appear on the increase here since the reduction of our police force, for on Tuesday night last two fine fat pigs were stolen from the stye of our conservator of the peace, the chief constable, whose pigstye is only divided from his house by a narrow road. Neither the perpetrators of this outrage, or of the robbery of the puntman, have as yet been discovered, though several have been taken on suspicion.

HINTON.

Death by Drowning.—On Monday last an inquest was held at Berry Park, the estate of J. Eales, Esq., before J. S. Parker, Esq., coroner, on the body of George Eldridge, who was accidentally drowned on Sunday morning while crossing the Hunter, near Mr. Jermain's farm, in company with two other persons, in an old boat that was hardly safe for one man to have ventured in. One of the party, named Ball, who had come from Maitland that morning, had a very narrow escape, and was saved by taking hold of a dog that was in the boat at the time, and which kept him above water till rescued from his perilous situation by one of Mr. Jermain's servants. A verdict of accidental death was returned. The deceased has left a wife and two children to lament his untimely end. The man who took the body out of the water was entitled to a reward of five shillings, which he requested the coroner to hand to the widow of the deceased.

JERRY'S PLAINS.

The Election.—On Tuesday, pursuant to notice, Captain Scott held a meeting at Mr. Alcorn's, Victoria Inn. There were scarcely more than a dozen individuals present. Mr. Ward proposed Captain Scott as a fit and proper person to represent the counties of Brisbane, Bligh, and Hunter; the nomination was seconded by Mr. Simpson. Captain Scott then explained his sentiments, which were of a more liberal nature than was anticipated; and in reply to questions put to him said he was averse to the importation of Coolies, and disposed to afford every protection to the settler. George Bowman, Esq., was then proposed by Mr. John Robertson, and seconded by Mr. Magney, as a fit and proper person to represent this district, but the motion was not pressed, the number of persons in attendance being so limited. Mr. J. Robertson then stated several objections to Captain Scott, which were replied to by that gentleman, and the meeting separated. The small attendance was, I think, entirely owing to the bad state of the weather. Captain Scott's success is very doubtful, and could Mr. Bowman be prevailed on to stand for this district he would no doubt be returned.

The weather is gloomy, and more rain likely to fall, which will be of much service.

The races will come off on the 26th, 27th, and 28th of next month, and we hope our Maitland and Patrick's Plains friends will not be backward in adding to the sports. It would be well if the mail contractors for Jerry's Plains would run their coach each day of the races, to enable parties to attend.

NEWCASTLE.

On Tuesday morning the prisoners for trial, at the Maitland circuit court, 20 in number, left Newcastle under a military escort, leaving 55 in the gaol for trial at the next Quarter Sessions, which we consider to be a great number, the last Quarter Sessions having been held so lately.

State of the Gaol.—The following was the state of the gaol on Wednesday last:—For trial, males 71, females 4; to hard labour, males 8, females 7; in the cells, males 3, females 2; debtor, female 1; confines, males 11; for assignment, females 8; total, males 93, females 22; in hospital, males 5, females 4.

Police Office.—On Tuesday last Andrew Redman, assigned to the Australian Agricultural Company, was convicted of disorderly conduct in the street and insolence to the constable, and was sentenced to be confined in the cells for seven days.

The Markets.—There has been no alteration whatever in prices this week.

SINGLETON.

The Weather.—It commenced raining here on Monday evening, and has continued ever since, without any appearance of abating. The river is rising, and the roads are again almost impassable.

Accident.—On Friday evening an accident occurred here which was nearly proving very serious. The mail coach arrived at the post office at its usual hour, and while the mail driver was getting out the mail bags, one of the horses commenced kicking violently, and the whole immediately bolted. The coachman jumped off the step, and attempted with all his strength to check them, but, either from the reins breaking, or from exhaustion, he let them go again, having just checked them long enough to enable two gentlemen to jump out. There was still a woman left in the coach, whose death seemed inevitable; the horses were proceeding at a frightful pace, followed by several people, who shouted to the woman to keep her seat; fortunately, in her extreme fright, she heeded them not, but threw herself out, and the next moment the coach caught against the stump of a tree, and was dashed to pieces, releasing the horses, who proceeded at a furious gallop to their stables. The poor woman was not severely hurt, but so much frightened that she required medical assistance. Not the slightest blame can be attached to the coachman.

Electioneering.—On the 10th instant upwards of forty gentlemen from this neighbourhood met Mr. Foster on horseback, and escorted him for about eight miles on the road to Cox's hotel. A meeting was held in Cox's large room on the following day, at which upwards of 200 inhabitants of the district were present; Dr. Stolworthy in the chair. Mr. Foster addressed the meeting in an able and effective speech, which elicited repeated bursts of applause; it was in substance the same as that delivered by him to the electors of Maitland. A resolution, to the effect "that Mr. Foster was a gentleman every way qualified to represent the county of Northumberland in the new Legislative Council," was then adopted. After a vote of thanks had been passed to the chairman, the meeting separated.

March 15, 1843.

Three first-rate, three second-rate, and four third-rate men of war are ordered to be brought forward at Sheerness, ready for commissioning. India and China are reported as being the destination of some of them.

Height of Nonsense.—For two men, composed of real flesh and blood, to stand up like two targets to be shot at upon a mere point of *honour*.

IMPOUNDINGS.

At Cassilis, 7th March—one cow, brown sides, white back, branded By near rump, G off rump; one red cow, branded By, 45 over, on near ribs, CB conjoined, 24 over, on near hip; one red cow, branded IN, 24 over, JB under, on hip, By on ribs near side; one yellow sided cow, branded By on near ribs, 26 on near hip. If not duly released, they will be sold.

THOMAS BARNARD, Poundkeeper.

At Merton, March 12, from Mr. Bettington's station—a rusty black and white spotted steer, branded CFC off ribs; a white and strawberry bullock, snail horns, PD near rump, ꟻF OD off rump. If not duly released, they will be sold.

H. STENT, Poundkeeper.

At West Maitland, from the estate of —— Urnford, Esq., on the 11th March—a black bullock, back, belly, and tail white, star in forehead, branded on the off rump RW, A under, on same side shoulder DW, cocked horns, damages laid on by impounder 2s. 6d.; a red bullock, back, belly, and tail white, star in forehead, branded on the off rump RW, A under, on same side, shoulder DW, damages 2s. 6d. On the 12th March, by order of Mr. Crofton—a bay horse, black points, short square tail, white down the face, branded on the off shoulder A, damages 6d. If not duly released, they will be sold.

JOHN LEDSAM, Poundkeeper.

ABSTRACT OF SALES BY AUCTION.

WEDNESDAY,

Mr. E. Turner, at the Union Hotel, East Maitland, at twelve, allotments in Singleton, Trafalgar, and West Maitland.

Birth.

At St. Aubins, Scone, on Saturday, the 11th instant, Mrs. Thomas Dangar, of a daughter.

Bricks Wanted.

WRITTEN TENDERS will be received until the 1st day of April next for Two Hundred Thousand (200,000) of BRICKS, either to be made on the Estate of Woodville, or delivered, free of all expense, on the site of the Village of Brisbane, opposite Mr. Lang's Steam Mills; the bricks to be of best quality, and subject to survey. Tenders will be received either for the whole quantity or any part thereof, and security will be required for the performance of the contract before the end of June next. Application to be made to the undersigned, or to Mr. Alex. Peters, at the Hinton Post-office.

JOHN GALT SMITH.

Woodville, March 14, 1843. 245

Notice.

J. H. DIECKMAN, Tailor and Draper, begs leave to announce to the public that he has purchased those premises built by Mr. John Shannon, in High-street, West Maitland, opposite the Scots Church, where he intends to remove shortly, of which due notice will be given. He takes this opportunity of soliciting the continued support of his friends and customers, and pledges himself that all articles ordered from his establishment shall give the same satisfaction which has hitherto ensured for him the liberal support of the gentlemen of the Hunter River generally.

17th March, 1843. 247

Mr. A. W. Scott's Committee.

"Unity is strength."

THE following Gentlemen have consented to act as a Committee for the return of Mr. Scott for the Representation of the Northumberland Boroughs:—

Messrs. Jos. Chambers
R. Johnson
R. Smith
Tuck
Glew
Galway
Plaistowe
Walthall
Shaw
Lee
H. Tucker
Pender
Carruthers
Campbell
Sloan
Green
A. P. Foster
W. Eckford
H. Eckford
J. Whittel
Ward
J. Ledsam
Crofton
Samuel Cohen
Mutlow
Taylor
Harrington
William Payne
Robert Cottrell
Daniel Morgan
Edmund Mulcahy
James Stilsby
A. Ross
Brett
J. Scott
Robins
Jesse Pullen
Alexander Welsh
John Saunders
David Cameron
Thomas Grace
Thomas Ashton
Robert Ballard
George Chittenham
Jeremiah Fitzgerald
Robert Bussell
James Holdstock
Benjamin Cutler
William Hatt
Edward Richardson
Patrick Comerford
William Hocket
Patrick Brian
Smithers
Thomas Cooper
William Pelling
Galloway
Mosley
M. Wood
M'Intosh
Piddington
Collins
Kingsmill
Wildow
Stark
J. Scott
P. J. Cohen
N. Hart
Hudson
M. Richardson
Rouse
Steele
Ranclaud
Kemp
Lapier
Dr. Wilton
Messrs. Reynolds
Norton
Beck
Groves
Buxton
Flood
Tighe
Lawson
Hannell
Perry
W. Scott
Roberts
Usher
Davies
Jackson
Bolton
Dr. Brooks
Messrs. J. Clarke
Jos. Shaw
Bridges
Shandley
Graham
Latham
Croasdill
Henderson
Hainshaw
Harrison 214

Page's River Races.

AT a MEETING of the Subscribers to the Page's River Races, held at the White Hart Inn, on the 14th instant, it was resolved that the Page's River Races come off on TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY, the 4th and 5th of April.

FIRST DAY.

Page's River Purse of Fifty Sovereigns, for horses of all ages; heats twice round the course; weight for age. Entrance five sovereigns each; three entrances or no race; second horse to receive back his entrance money.

Ladies' Purse of Thirty Sovereigns, for horses of all ages; heats once round and a distance. Entrance £2 10s.; three entrances or no race. Weight for age.

Hack Stakes of Ten Sovereigns, for untrained bona fide hacks, that never won an advertised prize. Entrance £1 each; five entrances or no race. Catch weight; post entrance.

SECOND DAY.

Reserved for the Beaten Stakes, Private Matches, and Hack Races.

All horses to be entered at the White Hart Inn the Evening previous to the race, between the hours of Seven and Nine o'clock.

Weights.

Two years old	......	6st.	12lbs,
Three "	......	8	0
Four "	......	9	0
Five "	......	9	8
Six " and aged	..	9	12

The decision of the stewards to be final.

THOMAS HAYDON,
248 Honorary Secretary.

HAY ON SALE, at Rutherford, by the truss or ton.
Apply to Mr. Dalzell, on the Farm. 114

Durham Election.

THE following Gentlemen have consented to act as a Committee, with power to add to their number, for the purpose of forwarding Mr. Lang's Election:—

John Galt Smith, Esq.
William Evans, Esq.
Messrs. Cobden
Keddie
Coulter
Donald Cameron
Humphrey
Herkes
Andrews
Waugh
Blair
Allan Cameron
Roebuck
Ferguson
Garland
Heugh
Houshold
Captain Peter
Dr. M'Kinlay
Messrs. Angus Cameron
Byfield Wornesley
Richard Swan
M'Master
M'Clymont
Hollingsworth
M'Leod
M'Pherson
Peter Bowers
George Aitcheson
Duncan Cameron
Thomas Bower
Martin Laughlin
M'Kenzie.

The Committee will meet on Tuesday, the 21st instant, at Two p.m., at Mrs. James's Hotel, *Hinton*, and every successive Tuesday during the registration of voters.

Communications from other parts of the county are requested to be addressed to Mr. Andrews, Dunmore, Morpeth. 246

Jerry's Plains Races.

THESE Races will take place on WEDNESDAY, 26th day of April, 1843, and two following days, when the following prizes will be contested.

FIRST DAY, WEDNESDAY.

1st Prize.—The Jerry's Plains Purse of £35, for horses of all ages, carrying weight for age; heats twice round the course. Entrance £3 10s.; three entrances or no race.

2nd Prize.—The Ladies' Purse of £20, for all two-year-old horses, carrying 7 st.; heats once round the course. Entrance £2 2s.; three entrances or no race.

3rd Prize.—A Hack Race for a Watch, value £12 12s., for untrained hack horses; heats once round the course; carrying 7st. 6lbs. Entrance £2; four entrances or no race.

SECOND DAY, THURSDAY.

1st Prize.—A Sweepstakes of £5 each, with £10 added from the funds, for all horses, carrying 11st. each; one heat, three times round the course. Gentlemen riders, jockey costume. Entrance £1 1s.; three entrances or no race.

2nd Prize.—A Hack Race for a Saddle and Bridle complete, for untrained horses, carrying 7st. 6lbs.; heats once round the course; the winner of the first day's hack race to carry 7lbs. extra. Entrance half a guinea; four entrances or no race.

THIRD DAY, FRIDAY.

1st Prize.—The Members' Purse of £25, for horses of all ages; the winner of the first day to carry 7lbs. extra. Entrance £2 10s.; three entrances or no race.

2nd Prize.—The Beaten Purse of £15, with entrance money added, for all horses beaten during the meeting; to be handicapped by the stewards, or whom they may appoint; heats once round the course. Entrance £1 1s.; three entrances or no race.

3rd Prize.—The Hack Race for £10, for bona fide hack horses; heats and conditions same as first day; the winner of either of the previous hack races to carry 7 lbs. extra. Entrance £1 1s.; five entrances or no race.

Stewards.

John Robertson, Esq.
A. Doyle, Esq.
R. L. Jenkins, Esq.

Judge.

Lieutenant Scovel.

Weights to be carried at this meeting.

Two years old	......	7st.	0lbs.
Three "	......	7	10
Four "	......	8	6
Five "	......	9	2
Six " and aged	..	9	12

Mares and geldings allowed 3lbs.

All decisions of the stewards to be final.

Riders to appear in jockey costume.

No person allowed to enter a horse who is not a subscriber to the amount of £2 2s.; hack races excepted, for which £1 1s. will qualify.

All horses to be entered on the Evening previous to the races, at the Victoria Inn, between the hours of Seven and Nine, p.m., at which time the gate will be let to the highest bidder.

Application for booths, stalls, &c., to be made to

E. DYTE,
240 Clerk of the Course.

Notice.

IF Mr. JAMES LYALL, who was formerly in the employment of Mr. Henry Dangar, and is now supposed to be about Patrick's Plains, will communicate with the undersigned he will feel obliged, as he wishes to see him on particular business.

J. ANLABY.

Morpeth, 16th March, 1843. 250

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