

SELECT POETRY.

THE FIRST.

The first, the first!—oh! nought like it
Our after years can bring,

For many a bitter blast may blow
O'er life's uncertain wave,

FRANCES BROWN.

SYDNEY NEWS.

An estimate of the probable expenditure and resources of the City Council for 1845 was laid before that body by the Mayor at a meeting on Friday, the 21st instant, from which it appears that the expenditure is estimated at £19,000 9s 11d, and the revenue at £20,412 8s 9d.

Three hundred and seventy-two persons have claimed to have their names inserted in the electoral list of Sydney, and fifty-two have been objected to.

The committees of Messrs. Wentworth and Bland and Captain O'Connell were busily engaged in revising and examining the electoral list. The Australian intimates that Mr. Huestler is likely to withdraw from the contest, and that Mr. Cooper is "all behind," the bulk of his supporters, it appears, being unqualified to vote.

BANK OF AUSTRALASIA.—The following is the general abstract showing the average amount of the liabilities and assets of the Bank of Australasia, taken from the weekly statements during the quarter from the 1st January to the 31st March, 1845:—Liabilities.—Notes in circulation, £40,780 17s; bills in circulation, £40,301 13s 4d; deposits, £305,029 10s 7d; total amount of liabilities, £395,722 6s 11d.—Assets.—Coined gold and silver and other coined metals, £131,398 10s 5d; landed property, £14,413 6s 1d; notes and bills of other banks, £3800 17s 4d; amount of all debts due to the bank, £749,486 2s 7d; total amount of assets, £889,044 16s 5d.—Amount of the capital stock paid up at the close of the year ended the 31st December, 1842, £975,000; rate of last dividend declared to the shareholders, 8 per cent. per annum; amount of the last dividend declared on £600,000, £24,000; amount of the reserved profits at the time of declaring such dividend, £68,318.

A rifle club has been established in Sydney, which held its first meeting for practice on Easter Monday, near the new military barracks.

EXPORTS AND IMPORTS.—The manifest of the Eweretta, which arrived here on Monday last, affords subject matter for reflection to every thinking person, as illustrative, though on a small scale, of that reckless contempt of the productive system which has unhappily marked the commercial policy of this colony; and also of that tendency to extravagance and luxury with which it has been so often but so justly tainted. That part of our coasting trade which has been directed to our own timber, is at the lowest ebb, and those who have been engaged in cutting cedar and hardwood on the rivers along the coast are nearly, if not quite, ruined, and yet we find 1035 deals brought from London to the overstocked timber market of this thickly wooded colony. Our pastoral interests are equally depressed, yet we find 120 firkins of butter, sundry cases of candles, 4 casks of boots and shoes, and 70 barrels of pork, in this manifest. Add barrels of flour! hogsheads of brandy, rum, gin, wine, and beer, and behold the cargo of the Eweretta! We have looked in vain for consignments that should mark the progress of New South Wales in industry and enterprise; we find but the glaring proofs of her folly and extravagance.—Australian.

THE ENGLISH WOOL MARKETS.—We have just heard from the authority of private letters from England, of the latest dates, by the Eweretta, that large consignments of Australian wool that had been advertised were withdrawn by the brokers, from the conviction that an unusual advance in price would speedily be obtained from the impetus given to trade by the Chinese pacification. Cotton goods, in one day, had risen from six to seven per cent. advance on former prices; and 6d. per lb. advance on the prices of last year was confidently expected on this year's sales of colonial wool. But, by the way, why should we not attempt to open a trade in wool with the Celestial Empire direct. We are informed by gentlemen acquainted with China and Chinese affairs, that no trade would be more lucrative.—Colonial Observer.

Another calamity has befallen the Southampton docks, no less than the falling in of three of the walls. It will cost £25,000 to repair the damage.

The Canadian Legislature have passed a law admitting the wheat of the United States into Canada on payment of a duty of 3s. per quarter.

BRITISH EXTRACTS.

FOREIGN CATTLE AND PROVISIONS.—The importation of foreign cattle and of salted provisions is increasing, and there is every reason to expect that this will become a very great trade. Hull, which is so conveniently situated with regard to Hamburg, is the chief place for the importation of the former, and Liverpool for the latter. The number of cattle imported into Hull alone has now increased to about 250 head per week, and it will increase steadily, and ultimately become very large. The countries from which live stock have been received up to the present time are Holstein, Hanover, Holland, Belgium, France, and Spain. The places from which salted provisions have been received are the United States, Canada, Hamburg, and Archangel, in Russia. Preparations are also making to send large quantities from Buenos Ayres. This trade also promises to become one of great extent, although the quality of the salt meat yet imported is indifferent, and the mode of preparing it is bad. If, however, the Americans and others can improve the quality of their meat as much as they have improved the quality of their cheese, some of which is now equal to excellent Cheshire, the demand for it will be immense. Even now it is bought up eagerly, not because it is very good, but because it is much better than none at all. Owing to this competition, and perhaps to other causes, the price of meat has fallen at least a penny a pound in Liverpool, and is as low as it has been for many years.—Liverpool Times.

THE AMERICAN TARIFF.—The October number of the American Democratic Review contains a survey of the financial and commercial condition of the country during the month of September, chiefly with the view of showing that the new American tariff has failed in producing those advantages which the people of the United States had been led to expect from it. At first, it is admitted, it was highly popular with the manufacturers of those domestic goods which were supposed to suffer most from foreign imports, and the prices of the raw material being low, an impulse was given to the movements of the manufacturers. It is found, however, that trade has not in fact been increased, and that the only actual result of the tariff has been an advance in the price of some articles of foreign goods which can no longer be imported. In domestic goods there had been no advance, nor was it likely there would be, the stocks being already large; and the only anticipated result of the tariff was a check to the downward tendency of prices. Thus limited were the effects of legislative action, but it was expected that a gradual reaction might be brought about by the lower prices and the abundance of money, and it was thought that there were already indications of an improved "fall trade."

RUMOUR OF ABANDONMENT OF THE SLIDING SCALE.—The following paragraph appears in the Observer of Sunday last:—"The rumour gains ground in the City, and especially in the Corn Exchange, where it assumed yesterday a more decided shape, that Sir R. Peel, seeing the lamentable effects of a sliding scale in bringing down even the oldest and most respectable firms engaged in the importation of foreign grain, has been making anxious inquiries as to the best means of establishing a more satisfactory system, and many of the leading merchants in the City are said to have been consulted in the matter. The result, if rumour be correct, is the determination of the Premier to adopt the principle of a fixed duty of 8s. or 9s. per quarter, to be proposed to Parliament in the ensuing session, the representations of the commercial interests being very energetic upon this point."—Sir R. Peel has already abandoned too many of his opinions to be able to afford to make this additional sacrifice at present, and though he may ultimately be driven to a fixed duty, yet nothing but his own declaration will convince us that he is prepared to make so signal a confession of his own incapacity and factiousness, as he would have to make if he was to support, next year, a measure which he strongly denounced in the two last sessions of Parliament.—Liverpool Times.

THE ANTI-CORN LAW MOVEMENT IN LONDON.—We have been much gratified by observing a requisition, very numerous, signed, already presented to a friend in the Common Council for his signature, of which the following is a copy:—"To the Right Honorable the Lord Mayor. We, the undersigned members of the Common Council, request your lordship to convene an early meeting of the court, to take into consideration the propriety of passing resolutions expressing the urgent necessity of an abolition of all restrictions on commerce and manufactures, and especially those affecting the importation of corn.—Guildhall, London, Nov. 17, 1842."—Leeds Mercury.

CATRO, Oct. 23.—The greatest state of panic prevails, arising from the prevalence of the murrain among the cattle in Egypt—a disease peculiarly alarming, as it is considered the forerunner of the plague. The Pasha had already lost 90,000 oxen, besides other animals, and been obliged to use the horses of his artillery for agricultural purposes, as the destruction of the cattle rendered the number insufficient to get in the seed for next year. The persons employed in the transit of Indian passengers from Alexandria to Suez had also experienced considerable loss. One hundred of their horses perished in a month, and the mortality was increasing.

THE COMET.—The brightness of the new comet in Draco has, up to the present time, gone on increasing as to its nucleus, but there has been no increase in its tail. Its passage to the perihelium will take place in December: and it will continue approaching towards the earth until the 15th. From its elements, it is calculated to be the return of the same comet seen in China in 1301, it having thus made a travel, since that time, of more than 600 years.—French paper.

THE SULTAN'S PROGENY.—The Augsburg Gazette of the 4th Nov. states that the inhabitants of Constantinople were roused on the night of the 18th Oct. by salvos of artillery fired by the ships of war in the harbour. The public criers announced at the same time the birth of a princess, who received the name of Adilge, or the Just. It is observed that the Sultan, who is but 21 years of age, has seven children living.

IMPOUNDINGS.

(From the Government Gazette.) At Murrurundi, on the 11th April, from the Australian Agricultural Company's estate, Peel's River—One red bull stag, white belly, notch off ear, branded FR, O under, off ribs, apparently 1 off shoulder, a brand apparently flogged on the off rump; one black and white heifer, notch out of both ears, branded ZZ near rump;

one red steer, top off ear, branded apparently xM, x under, or WM, x under, off ribs; one yellow sided cow, notch out of off ear, branded apparently FC off rump, DE, 27 under, off thigh, a white calf by her side, coat rough, illegible brand near rump and thigh; one blue sided cow, a brand on the off rump resembling IH or IX; one yellow and white bullock, cock horned, a brand on the rump both sides resembling TC or EC, apparently VP off thigh; one red bullock, spotted belly, branded 4M near ribs, gB conjoined near rump; one red bullock, white belly, branded SW off rump and shoulder; one yellow and white cow, branded T, 2 under, off rump, a black bull calf by her side unbranded; one dark brindle bullock, top off both ears, branded EF near rump; one red and white bull stag, about 3 years old, a blotched brand resembling P on the off shoulder; one red sided bullock, near ear slit, branded RW, A under, off rump, II, J under, off thigh, AI off ribs, 9 near rump; one red and white bull, about 18 months old, unbranded; one grey steer, notch in both ears, a brand on the off rump resembling RF, 363 off thigh, MI or HL conjoined off shoulder; one brindle sided cow, off ear marked, branded H near thigh, a yellow bull calf by her side; one strawberry steer, top off both ears, branded RH, the R reversed near ribs; one red sided heifer, star in forehead, coat rough, a brand on the off rump, resembling SM; one yellow heifer, white belly, branded D off thigh, 1 off ribs; one blue and white spotted cow, both ears marked, branded X near ribs, blotched brands on the off ribs and shoulder, a black and white bull calf by her side unbranded; one dark brindle and white cow, brand on the off rump IC, I on the off ribs, C or G off shoulder; one brown sided bull stag, about 20 months old, coat very rough, if branded not visible; one red heifer, white flank, branded S in circle near ribs; one brown steer, white belly, branded GA near ribs, HJ off rump; one brown and white spotted bullock, branded W and a bell off rump, 5 off shoulder, 322 near rump, M4 near thigh; one red bullock, branded TF off rump, P off ribs; one red bullock, white belly, branded M in circle off thigh and ribs, DW off shoulder; one brown and white steer, branded apparently RC or IC off rump; one red sided cow, branded HO9; one strawberry cow, both ears marked, branded TL near rump; one red sided steer, branded CS off rump and ribs, top off ear; one yellow cow, branded JH near ribs, JP off rump, six illegible brands on the off thigh, PH off ribs; one brown sided cow, branded L, JA under, near rump, 7 near shoulder, LF off ribs, off ear slit; one dark brindle sided bullock, cock horned, star in forehead, a brand on the off rump resembling JIS, an indescribable brand on the thigh, 3 near shoulder; one brindle sided bullock, top off ear, branded RW off rump, apparently 1 off thigh; one yellow sided bullock, top off near ear, branded GD—L conjoined off rump, 4 off thigh; one dark brindled bullock, notch out of near ear, branded WLF near rump; one red sided poley cow, branded PW off rump, a red sided bull calf by her side; one red sided steer, branded N near rump and thigh; one red bullock, branded TC off rump and thigh; one red steer, branded D off rump, 1 off ribs; one light brindle and white cow, branded W and anchor under near shoulder, 41, O under, near rump; one strawberry steer calf, about 6 or 7 months old, unbranded. If the above mentioned cattle are not released on or before Monday, the 15th May, they will be sold. [£1 12s. 6d.]

At St. Aubin's, Scone, from the estate of Satur, on the 11th April—One red and white spotted heifer, branded TOSH near ribs; one brindle sided heifer, branded RW, A under, off rump, O near ribs; one yellow sided heifer, same brand off rump, O near shoulder; one strawberry bullock, branded RV over A off rump, O near ribs, U on near rump, both ears slit; one yellow sided bullock, branded RW, A under, off ribs and rump, O on near rump, both ears slit; one dark brown heifer, branded TOSH near ribs, like DOD off ribs; one white poley heifer, brown about the head and neck, branded RW, A under, off rump, O on the off ribs, O near rump, both ears slit; one red sided heifer, branded M off ribs, KING, TOSH under, near ribs, JM off rump; one white bullock, branded apparently 87 off ribs, brand on the near rump illegible; one red steer, branded 4, 2 under, on the off ribs; one brown sided and speckled heifer, branded DW, H under, near ribs; one red cow, branded GY, WT under, off rump S over, a red bull calf by her side; one brindle steer, branded BR or SR near ribs; one red bullock, branded MM, RW under, off rump, A over, 5 off shoulder, O near ribs, U near rump, both ears slit; one strawberry bullock, same brands; one red sided bullock, strawberry head, branded EA, JD under, near ribs, EA near rump; one red steer, white belly and flank, branded JC off rump, BR near ribs, II on near thigh; one red sided cow, branded TOSH near ribs, AMD near rump, the MD conjoined; one brown and white spotted bullock, branded RW, A under, off rump, O off ribs, O on near ribs, both ears slit. Also, on the 12th instant, from Segenhoe—One black bullock, white belly, branded CB off ribs and rump, CB or GB near rump, notch near ear; one brindle and white heifer, an illegible brand on near rump, a brand resembling TM over a blotched brand, notch out of near ear; one red heifer, branded apparently GE near ribs; one red sided strawberry cow, branded W near rump, over a blotched brand; one yellow sided brindle bull, WA near ribs, off ear marked; one red sided bullock, branded JJ, JR under, near rump, AF near ribs, apparently a brand over, a blotched brand off ribs; one yellow sided cow, strawberry head and neck, branded JB conjoined before JR on near rump; one red bullock, white flank and belly, branded CB conjoined on off rump, O on near rump. The last mentioned two are re-ventrised. If not duly released before the 13th May, they will be sold. [22s. 6d.]

At Muswellbrook, for trespass at Overton—One white heifer, unbranded, age 15 months; one cream coloured cow, branded indistinctly on off rump, but resembling AX, 3 under Also, from Nega—One white bull, unbranded, age 11 months; one blue and white speckled bullock, branded on off rump indistinctly but resembling QR conjoined, a piece of left ear cut off; one red bullock, branded EN on near rump, MS on off rump, apparently MV or MR on off ribs, near ribs, and thigh, a brand resembling MV, 7 under, or MR, 7 under, on near shoulder, resembling C7 conjoined on off shoulder. Also, from Edinglassie—One red bull, an indescribable brand on off rump, ends of both ears cut off, age 15 months; one black filly, a bell brand on off ribs, C or O or G on neck off side, age about 2 years; one red sided cow, branded apparently CB near rump. Also, from Bengalla—One stawayry working bullock, branded indistinctly on off rump but having some resemblance of G, H under; damages 3d. per head. If the above described cattle are not released they will be sold on the 15th May. [14s. 9d.]

THE following Gentlemen have requested their names to appear as supporters of Major Wentworth:—

- Adams, Henry
Ashford, John
Archer, Thomas
Anthony, William
Anderson, John
Brackenteg, James
Baldwin, Otto
Barry, Alexander
Brown, William
Biddolph, Captain
Boggs, John
Brown, Thomas
Bowman, George
Bendall, C. H.
Blackwell, John
Beardmore, Frederick
Bolsom, George
Badcock, James
Brett, William
Barker, James
Buckland, Charles
Bridckirk, Joseph
Berry, H.
Balmain, John
Benson, William
Boyne, Lachlan
Bowman, George
Capper, E. P.
Cummings, R. P.
Cathrowe, Charles
Crew, Charles
Clark, Charles
Connor, John
Cox, James
Coulter, Ross
Crott, James
Cremmin, David
Crump, Mr.
Cavanagh, Hugh
Connor, John
Crutcheley, William
Cuttis, Robert
Clark, William
Cooper, Thomas
Cahill, James
Chick, George
Crook, Henry
Chenter, William
Chapman, William
Caldwell, John
Carson, Samuel
Callahan, John
Connolly, John
Cain, William
Clift, Samuel
Doyle, C. M.
Doyle, J. F.
Dangar, Henry
Dickson, Thomas
Dee, Thomas
Dicks, Alexander
Dods, Alexander
Dunmore, Richard
Derry, James
Dangar, Thomas
Duncan, John
Donnelly, John
Eales, John
Evans, Thomas
Early, Henry
Evans, Owen
Eckford, John
Eckford, H.
Edey, Dr.
Edmondstone, E.
Furber, George
Ferguson, James
Ford, Valentine
Fay, William
Foreman, Larkin
Fagan, Patrick
Fleming, John
Forebone, Luke
Farrell, John
Fairbrother, Luke
Green, Peter
Graham, James
Griffiths, John
Gamble, George
Gordon, R.
Graham, James
Gunter, Henry
Greer, Robert
Horton, James
Halfpenny, James
Holcombe, John
Heugh, William
Hindson, Captain
Hannon, John
Hawkins, Edward
Hughes, Charles
Hannell, James

Durham Election.

At a Meeting of the Friends of Mr. Richard Winderley, held by authority of the Provisional Committee, at the Victoria Hotel, Hinton, the following Gentlemen were nominated a Standing Committee, with power to add to their numbers, and were instructed to communicate with the Electors of the County, and to form District Committees for the purpose of promoting the Election of Richard Winderley, Esq., as Representative of the County of Durham in the forthcoming Legislative Assembly.

- Messrs. Walter Scott
J. Fred. Castle
John S. Parker
Daniel Capol
Alex. Carmichael
Henry Livingstone
J. B. Robertson
W. H. Jarman
George Hill
P. M. Rapsay
P. J. Cohen
James Cox
Richard Lang
F. G. S. Street
James Phillips
Francis Phillips
F. Thornto
W. Hindson. 291

Durham Election.

THE following Gentlemen have consented to act as a Committee for the purpose of promoting the interests of Richard Winderley, Esq., as Candidate for the representation of the County of Durham, in the coming Election:— Edward Johnstone, J.P. Messrs. Gilbert Cory W. Ross James Phillips Francis Phillips. 292

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Mr. A. W. Scott's Committee.

"Unity is strength."

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- Messrs.— Jos. Chambers Stark R. Johnson J. Scott R. Smith P. J. Cohen Tuck N. Hart Glew Hudson Galway M. Richardson Plaistowe Rouse Walthall Steele Shaw Ranclaud Lee Kemp H. Tucker Lapier Pender Dr. Wilton Carruthers Messrs.— Reynolds Campbell Norton Sloan Beck Green Groves A. P. Foster Buxton W. Eckford Flood J. Whittel Tighe Ward Lawson Ledsam Hannell Crofton Samuel Cohen Perry W. Scott Mutlow Roberts Taylor Usher Harrington Davies William Payne Jackson Robert Cottrell Bolton Daniel Morgan Edmund Mulcahey Dr. Brooks James Stilsby Messrs.— J. Clarke A. Ross Jos. Shaw Brett Bridges J. Scott Shandley Robins Graham Jesse Pullen Latham Alexander Welsh Crossadill John Saunders Henderson David Cameron Hainshaw Thomas Grace Harrison Thomas Ashton Henry Smith Purdon, Charles George Chittinham Robert Ballard Court Jeremiah Fitzgerald Prayer Robert Bussell Simpson James Holdstock Henry Rae Benjamin Cutler Honeysett William Hart Whittaker, E.M. Edward Richardson Ransom Patrick Comerford Felton William Hockett Connelly Patrick Brian Crutcheley Smithers Cowell Thomas Cooper William Collins William Pelling Luke Holmes Galloway Irwin Mosley Lockhart M. Wood Lawless M. Antosh Donald M'Laghlan Piddington Pringle Collins Woods Kingsmill John Stone 340 Wildow

Five Pounds Reward.

TOLEN, from the undersigned, on Saturday night, the 15th instant, an Iron Grey MARE, branded JS on the near shoulder, rising four years old, white saddle marks, long square tail, a splint on each fore leg, about 14 hands high. The above reward will be paid on conviction of the thief, if stolen; or, if strayed, one pound will be paid to any person delivering her to me.

J. SOLOMON. Maitland, April 17, 1843. 351

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