THE ESSEX STANDARD, AND EASTERN COUNTIES' ADVERTISER, FRIDAY, JANUARY 20, 1860.

CONSERVATIVE FESTIVAL AT COLCHESTER.

Yesterday (Thursday) evening there was a festive gathering of upwards of 600 of the Conservative electors of the Borough to commemorate the successful return of their two Members at the last general election.

The New Corn Exchange, in which the entertainment took place, was specially fitted up for the occasion; and was most elegantly and elaborately decorated, under the direction and superintendence of Mr. James S. Cooke, C.E.

The iron pillars were encased spirally in blue-and-white; and the side walls panelled by pilasters of drapery similarly arranged. The roof was festooned with evergreens, interspersed with flags, &c.; at the upper end of the apartment was a very beautiful floral device—a crown surmounting the Borough Arms; and along the sides were the following printed mottoes on a blue ground, surrounded with a circle of evergreens, so as to form medallions:—

Miller.	Papillon.
God Save the Queen.	Queen, Lords, and Commons.
Church and State.	Our Glorious Constitution.
The Army and Navy.	The Conservative Press.
Beresford and Du Cane.	Bramston and Watlington.
Success to the Conservative Club.	Peacocke and Jervis.
	Speed the Plough.
The True Blues of Essex.	The Trade of Colchester.
The Rifle Volunteers.	The National Defences.
Colonial Prosperity.	Commercial Prosperity.

Derby and a Conservative Government.

The building was brilliantly lighted with gas, in addition to which there were several Chinese lanterns, and a variety of other embellishments.

The dinner, a hot and substantial one, consisting of roast and boiled joints, turkeys, geese, chickens, pies, plum-puddings, and the usual *et cetera*, was supplied by the following Innkeepers:—Messrs. John Bromly, Swan; R. Pargeter, King's Arms; J. Gulver, George; P. Clark, Wool Pack; J. Smith, Horse and Groom; and H. Woods, Brewers' Arms.

The following gentlemen officiated as stewards:—Messrs. Bare, Bean, Benham, Bensly, Bryant, J. Coppin, Joseph Cooke, James S. Cooke, R. Ellisdon, R. Evans, T. Hall, H. Jones, S. Manthorp, Mattacks, E. Mayo, C. Mills, R. A. Newman, R. Orpen, Peggs, F. Phillips, Rickword, T. Scott, P. S. Sparling, W. Sparling, and R. Swinborne.

H. Wolton, Esq., occupied the chair; supported on the right by T. J. Miller, Esq., M.P., Capt. Pender, F. Smythies, Esq., H. E. Green, Esq., W. R. Havens, Esq., and the Rev. W. Wright (Queen Street); and on the left by P. O. Papillon, Esq., M.P., G. M. W. Peacocke, Esq., M.P., W. Waylen, Esq., J. P. Bishop, Esq., and the Rev. J. Papillon. In the body of the room we observed W. Howard, Esq., W. Johnson, Esq., F. Keeling, Esq., C. H. Hawkins, Esq., A. L. Laing, Esq., Horace E. Green, Esq., R. S. Nunn, Esq., C. Josselyn, Esq., A. M. White, Esq., S. Turner, Esq., W. Goodday, Esq., J. H. Partridge, Esq., Dr. Duncan, J. F. P. Osborne, Esq., C. Weedon, Esq., S. A. Brough, Esq., H. J. Church, Esq., J. G. Daniell, Esq., and H. Laver, Esq.

The Revds. F. Curtis, L. W. Owen, C. S. Lock, R. Lodge, G. Wilkins (Wix), E. Hall, W. Laing, and G. R. Medley.

Messrs. G. Ager, P. Aggio, W. Alden, G. Allen, W. F. Allen, J. Archer, E. Auston, Batterham, A. Barnard, T. Bacon, Joseph Bennell, J. Biggs, W. H. Bland, G. Bowler, J. Boyden, W. P. Brand, W. Bremer, W. F. Brill, B. Bromley, C. Bromley, J. P. Bromly, sen. (Ardleigh), P. Bromly, P. K. Bromly, James Brown, J. H. Bryant, Jas. Bryant, G. H. Cant (Mile End), W. Cant, R. Cannell, G. W. Carman, W. Chaplin, E. Chopping, E. Clubb, W. H. Cobb, Geo. Coleman, Geo. Cooper, T. Cooper, G. Crowe, W. K. Dawson, W. T. Eade, G. Farmer, Foster, A. Frost, W. Gardner, J. C. Garrad, D. A. Green, G. Green, W. Green, W. D. Green, J. Grimes, J. Habgood, T. Hall, T. R. Harrington, T. B. Harrington, S. Harvey, J. Harwood, J. Heard, B. Hewes, S. C. Hewes, C. Hicks, G. Joslin, sen., G. Joslin, jun., R. C. Joslin, John Joslin, W. Kingsbury, O. Knight, J. Lambard, G. M. Lazell, P. T. Ladbrook, E. Ladell, S. Lee, E. Leech, S. Lissimore, — Lugar, C. Mills, W. Middleton, Peter Mortlock, T. Mothersole, T. Moy, J. Nevill, J. E. Orpen, Taylor Osborne, A. Phillips, C. Phillips, T. R. Quilter, G. Quilter, S. C. Rand, T. Raven, John Root, J. Roper, A. Roscher, R. P. Rose, T. Rouse, J. Rudkin, J. T. Rudlin, John Salmon, jun., J. D. Salmon, J. W. Salter, E. S. Sanders, R. Sanders, J. Saunders, G. Sansom, J. Saxty, T. Scott, T. W. Shave, J. Sibbald, G. F. Simpson, W. Slaney, T. Smith, F. Smith, S. Start, T. Strutt, S. W. Syer, W. M. Tabrum, H. Tayler, R. Tayler, T. K. Theobald (Braxted), B. Tiffen, J. P. Tracy, G. Vince, J. Ward, W. A. Warwick, J. Wenden, W. Williams, W. Winterbon, H. Wisbey, G. Wright, A. Wright, jun., W. Wyncoll, T. Wyncoll, &c., &c.

Among the Vice-Presidents of the several tables were Mr. J. H. Church, Mr. J. Taylor, Mr. A. Garrad, Mr. C. E. Hitchcock, Mr. E. Sallows, Mr. J. Pattison, &c.

At the conclusion of the repast the CHAIRMAN announced that he had received letters of apology and regret from several gentlemen who were unable to be present, and amongst them Mr. Du Cane, who up to yesterday had the full intention of

LATEST INTELLIGENCE.

Essex Standard Office, Friday Evening.

England and France.—The Treaty of Commerce.

The Treaty of Commerce with England will be signed before the present week is out. Lord Cowley has returned to Paris with full power to do so, and there only remains some minor details to complete that most important act. The Emperor is, as you are aware, bound by engagement till July, 1861, in favour of the French manufacturers; but it is said that the treaty will take effect in England forthwith, though not in France for 18 months to come. This satisfaction will, perhaps, not be grudged, considering the difficulties that had to be met here.—*Second Edition of the Times.*

We read in the Second Edition of the *Morning Chronicle*:—"We do not yet know all the details of the Treaty, but we feel persuaded that both France and England will find it greatly to their advantage, because, from what has come to our knowledge, the general bases will be as follows:—

"On the side of France, suppression of prohibitions, and diminution of the duties on coal and iron.

"On the part of England, reduction of the duty on wines, spirits, *articles de Paris*, and silks."

The New French Policy.

A Paris letter in the *Nord* says:—"On Sunday evening last, at the Tuileries, the Emperor, we are assured, replied as follows to certain observations which had been made:—'The manufactures which exist solely because they are protected have been aware of my intentions for five years past, and they have had plenty of time to prepare for the change. The system of prohibitions has had its day, and I have not the power to raise the dead.'"

COUNTRY MARKETS.

COLCHESTER, Jan. 14.—The supply of Wheat was not large to-day; dry fine samples sold at fully last week's prices to the millers, but ill-conditioned parcels continue quite a drug on the market. Barley same as last week. Beans and Peas 1s per qr cheaper. White Wheat, 44s to 50s; Red ditto, 37s to 43s; Rivets, 36s to 40s. Grinding Barley, 21s to 25s; Malting ditto, 30s to 44s. Oats, 18s to 24s. Grey Peas, 35s to 37s; Dun ditto, 35s to 35s; White ditto, 38s to 40s. Tick Beans, 34s to 36s; Mazagan ditto, 30s to 32s per qr.—The supply of fat Beasts was moderate in number and in quality, and prices ruled a shade lower; fat Sheep (chiefly half-breds) were in rather large numbers, and were disposed of for the London trade, but there was difficulty in realizing former rates. Store Beasts were enquired after—a few shown; a few pens of store Hoggets and Sheep, which command high prices. A very limited trade with Horses and Colts.

SAFFRON WALDEN, Jan. 14.—The Wheat trade was slow to-day, but samples in good condition realized last rates.

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