

THE ACADIAN

WOLFVILLE, N. S., APRIL 24, 1885

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Are we to have no change in our Statute Labor Law for another year? The business of the Provincial Parliament must in the nature of things be near its close, and we have not observed that any reference has been made to it other than what appeared in the Provincial Engineer's report. We had hoped that during the present session something would be done in that direction, so that the present unjust and unsatisfactory Statute Labor Act would not appear in the 5th series of the Revised Statutes.

We have been requested to publish the following from the Municipal regulations:

"That no horses, mares, geldings, cattle, sheep, geese, or swine be allowed to run at large in King's County, except in that part being or lying eastward, south of the lower end of Gaspercaux as far west as the Duncannon Hollow, (so called) thence southerly up the mountain by the Lawrence Davis House, thence south past the John Fuller House to the Township line. A fine of 25 cents on each horse, mare or gelding, and 12 cents on each sheep, goose, or swine, half to be paid to complainant, and half to the School Section therein, in addition to poundage and charges."

The matter of cattle running at large in the Township of Horton has been a vexed question for a long time. So far as we can remember the first objection came from the outlying, or mountain, districts, and petitions were freely circulated and presented to the old Court of Sessions praying that some regulation might be made to prevent parties living in the most productive parts of the Township, near the dykes, from sending their cattle to those remote districts where good pasturing could be found for a portion of the summer, but which, after a short period, became scarce when many of the cattle thus sent out became unruly and broke through the inclosures of those living in the neighborhoods destroying their crops. On the reception of these petitions and upon proper representations being made to the Court of Sessions then sitting it was on motion resolved that no cattle &c. should be allowed to run at large in the Township of Horton; but during the same session the above resolution was reconsidered and amended, allowing them to run at large in all that portion of Horton lying south and east of certain bounds as set forth in the above cited regulation which has been continued from year to year since.

The regulation passed at the last meeting of Council goes considerably further and imposes certain fines in addition to the poundage and other charges and specifies how they are to be appropriated, but fails to provide a way by which they can be collected. If it were intended that the fines should be collected along with the poundage and that the animal impounded should be held as security until paid, it should have been so stated in the regulation. And further there should be some way provided to sell or dispose of such animals as should not be claimed within a certain time, thereby relieving the poundkeeper of any risk which he in ignorance of duty might incur. We have never been able to understand why the south eastern portion of the Township of Horton should be under a different regulation from that of any other part of King's Co. and think it extremely doubtful if any one can. Those living in that locality or a large proportion of them have always been opposed to this innovation upon their rights and claim that they should not be inflicted with the nuisance of large droves of cattle tramping and peaching up their streets, hooking and tearing down their fences, opening and exposing their enclosures, subjecting their crops to destructions, while they are compelled to keep their own animals at home or within the limits assigned them, or run the risk of having them impounded and to pay expenses.

SABBATH SCHOOL MISSIONS.

The Wolfville Baptist Sabbath School met in the Baptist Church on Sunday afternoon, April 5th, to hold a Mission Service in place of the usual quarterly

review. The day being fine there was a large gathering of parents and friends of the pupils; while the attendance of the scholars was unusually good. The exercises were entirely missionary in their character, questions especially relating to this subject were asked by the superintendant, and suitable scriptural proofs in reply were repeated in turn by one or more members of each class. Appropriate music was rendered by the children and teachers, under the direction of Mr. Burpee Witter, assisted by Miss Maggie Bishop at the organ. John W. Barrs, Esq., who has been superintendant of this school for over twenty-five years, in a brief report showed the school to be in good working order. The attendance larger than usual for a winter session. The average (stormy Sundays included) was 125 scholars, and 16 teachers. The treasurer's report showed that last year the school contributed \$66 for the library and \$100 for missions, also that contributions for the quarter just ended were greater than any previous quarter, and it was expected that at the end of this year it would exceed the amount collected last year. Mr. Everett Sawyer in a short but very pleasing address told the children about the countries and the people to whom they sent their money. The various mission stations in which Canadian Baptists are especially interested were pointed out on a large map, and a brief reference made to each of the workers now in the "Foreign Field." Professor Keirstead following, spoke of destitute places in the lower provinces, where the Gospel was seldom preached, and where Sunday Schools were almost unknown. Of the efforts of the Home Mission Board to send the "glad tidings" into poor localities and the good resulting therefrom. Addresses were made by Rev. Geo. Curry, a missionary from India who has been spending a few months in his native land, and by Dr. Rand. The latter gentleman spoke of the need of "systematic benevolence," referring to the school method pursued by the Superintendent and teachers among their classes in this school which was followed by grand results, and which was worthy of being imitated by other Sunday schools in this Province. The exercises ended with a poem, "The Macedonian Cry," recited by Miss Carrie Kempton. This was rendered most admirably, and only the day and the place prevented the listeners manifesting their pleasure by hearty applause. Truly, as the Superintendent stated, "The best was kept till the last." The audience were all deeply interested in the service, and departed hoping that before many months, teachers and scholars, parents and friends might be gathered together for a similar service.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our correspondents.)

REPLY TO "LEGAL RATES."

DEAR ACADIAN:—In your last issue a correspondent asks if the commissioners of the Grand Pre or any other dyked marsh have the power to build a piece of new dyke inside of the old one, without first obtaining the consent, in writing, of two thirds of the proprietors? and quotes Sec. 4, Chap. 40 of Revised Statutes. There are always people who are continually finding fault and trying to make trouble, as well as people who jump at the first chance to evade the payment of their just debts. Some such people have lately been trying to make trouble about the rates on the Grand Pre and I suppose "Legal Rates" is one of them who takes this opportunity to get himself noticed. I would tell "Legal Rates" that Sec. 4 is not the whole Chapter, and the commissioners probably knew what they were about before commencing the work, and had as good legal advice as even the Grand Pre Attorney General could give. If "Legal Rates" is not satisfied with the action of the commissioners he can turn them out—that is if he and his friends are able to do it.

ONE WHOSE RATES ARE PAID.

LETTER FROM MR. HARRINGTON.

To the Editors of the ACADIAN.

GENTLEMEN,—I notice in your issue of the tenth of April "Escaped the Draft," by "Patriot." I should consider "Patriot" a little more patriotic. A condemnation of one without a reason does not make right or wrong or give any general information to the reading public. If politicians, hungry office seekers, and land grabbers have gone to the North West and encroached on the rights of the inhabitants and their grievances and representatives treated with contempt, can anything less than what has already happened be expected. Would they not have a better plea and as good a right to come here and drive us from our holdings as we to go there and do so by them. Our ancestors usurped this country from their race, but I have not heard of any instance of their attempting to do so

with us. What has this great Canada Pacific Railway done for us, or what is it likely to do any more than it has already, to overburden us with debts and taxes. At this present time many of our best and most worthy and enterprising people are leaving the country in disgust never to return. To escape the draft is natural, either naval or military, leave their certificates and pass off under assumed names and like spirits of the deep, not there when called for. Playing sailor or soldier boy is all very well so far as pay and rations go, but to be called into active service is another thing. The only inducement that I can see to bring the volunteers forward would be to give them each double holdings and two daughters of the West as an inducement. Should the natives, as they say, get behind their Winchester, and volunteers enough sent to disperse them, the female supply will likely be far in excess of the demand—what then?—another tax for Emigration Agency to supply the deficiency, would it not be more economical to give them each three? I remain, gentlemen, yours respectfully,
W. HARRINGTON.

P. S. Thanking you for past favor trusting you will give this publicity,
W. R. H.

Our North West Rebellion.

WINNIPEG, April 16th.—The Hudson Bay authorities received a dispatch to-day from Battleford stating that the Indians were rounding up all stock across the Saskatchewan and driving it off. Gen. Middleton camps with the troops to-night at a place named Clark's general, 18 miles from Clark's crossing, where he expects to arrive by to-morrow night.

FORT QU'APPELLE, April 16th.—Another day has passed and no news has been heard from Fort Pitt, although every effort is being made to ascertain the actual condition of affairs at that point. As stated yesterday, a messenger was sent from Battleford for the purpose of communicating with the besieged garrison and was captured by the Indians. It will be a very difficult matter to get a messenger through the Indian lines. The report that Fort Pitt has been captured is generally credited, but no confirmation has been received from any authoritative source and there, therefore, remains hope that the place has not been captured.

CLARK'S CROSSING, N. W. T., April 17th.—Troops arrived on the banks of the Saskatchewan, at this place, about 11.30 this morning. A flying column, with General Middleton, came here last night to seize the ferry at the point. A report reached here this morning that half-breeds had seized Riel and Dumont, and were holding them as prisoners, but this is not credited. Weather the past two days been very cold and wet with a strong wind blowing in the face of the troops, which made marching very difficult. They will probably remain here till the 10th Royal Grenadiers arrive and also forage for horses. The Royals are expected to arrive to-morrow evening.

WINNIPEG, April 19th.—A despatch received here to-day by the Hudson Bay authorities from Calgary via Edmonton, pronounced the report regarding the massacre of Frog Lake as false. This seems to confirm the idea entertained all along by Archbishop Tache that he doubted the reliability of the report of the atrocity.

CLARK'S CROSSING, N. W. T., April 21st.—A despatch just received from Battleford says a messenger just returned from Pitt says that Pitt has fallen. Two police have been killed, and it is feared the whole party has been massacred. An Indian told a messenger that Indians had gone down the river, but this is not credited.

CLARK'S CROSSING, N. W. T., April 22d.—News from Battleford says Fort Pitt police, 21 in number, had a fight on Wednesday last with about three hundred Indians of Big Bear's and Little Poplar's bands. One policeman, D. L. Cowan, son of Wm. Cowan, Ottawa, was killed.

WINNIPEG, April 22d.—The latest news from Clark's crossing just before the wire went down indicates that Middleton would not reach Batoche's before Friday morning, upon which day exciting news may be expected from the seat of rebellion.

SASKATCHEWAN CROSSING, via SWIFT CURRENT, April 22d.—Col. Otter is pushing on a flying column of cavalry, artillery, one galling gun, scouts and infantry in wagons to-night. He has advanced about sixty miles from the river. Indians were seen on bluffs on the north shore of the river, but they appeared to be friendly. There is no truth in the rumor that one of Riel's spies was captured near here, as the intruder was simply an old Indian on a begging expedition.

THE BOOKSTORE!

Eagles' Building, Wolfville, April 9th, 1885.

Dear Fellow Citizens and Citizenesses:

Ahem! Hear ye ye while we assert the most astounding truths. We have combed our hair and performed our ablutions, and now appear before you clothed and in the last suit we possess. But, in spite of all these great natural advantages, we have determined to be great public benefactors.

Owing to the war in Egypt, the impending war with Russia, and the North-Western Rebellion, and the fact that we may be called out at any minute to defend our beloved Country, and possibly to be numbered with the missing, with the missing mother but never found among the slain, Not for Joe! We have determined to sacrifice all our Magnificent Stock of Fine English Room Paper at Less than Cost.

Oh ladies of this beautiful County of King's be advised ere it is too late in the season, that we are selling the same paper for 10 cents that is sold elsewhere for 15, and it is full width too. Our other papers are marked down to like proportions. We are selling American Gilt Papers (19 inches wide) at 50 cents and every one else charges 65.

Why? do you ask. Well, we must reduce our stock and are determined to do it at any cost.

Come early and often. The trouble has commenced and people are already scrambling for our papers. Don't bring the children this time for you will need to devote all your attention to the large lot of patterns, numbering over One Hundred in all.

We want you all to have first choice, and if you come at once you will get it. Beware of cheap imitations and have none but the genuine.

We are not remarkable for the good looks of either ourselves or our staff, but we have a good rat trap and the neatest display of everything in our line to be found in this county. And our Room Paper, Oh my!—But do come and buy it.

Yours till death,

WESTERN BOOK & NEWS CO.,

A. M. HOARE, MANAGER.

P. S.—A nice wife and family, in good repair, will be taken in exchange for Room Paper.

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To our Customers in Wolfville and elsewhere.

We have not had time to paint our Store, whitewash the hitching post, or straighten up our wood pile this spring, but we have cleaned up the old paint, washed the windows, and are selling that unsightly pile of wood as quickly as we possibly can.

What has kept us so busy? Why we have been selecting, receiving and putting in store one of the finest stocks of Dry Goods, Boots & Shoes, and Furniture, etc. that we have ever had the pleasure of showing in this place before.

We are a good deal like the proverbial singed cat, better than we look, and don't try to look better than we are.

We now ask you to come in and see for yourselves that we can back up what we advertise.

Seasonable Dry Goods,

In Dress Goods we have a splendid variety of shades in the following fabrics—Ottomans, Nun's Cloths (plain and fancy), Serges, Satens (plain and fancy), Galateas, Peques, etc.

House Furnishings

LACE CURTAINS, LAMBREQUINS, BORDERS, CRETONNES, DAMASKS, TABLE LINENS, NAPKINS, TOWELS, &c.

DOMESTICS

GREY and WHITE COTTONS, PRINTS, SHIRTINGS, SHEETINGS, HESSIAN, OSNABURG, &c.

Cents' Furnishings

READY MADE CLOTHING, HATS & CAPS, SHIRTS, COLLARS, TIES, ETC.

BOOTS & SHOES

WE HAVE GIVEN SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THIS DEPARTMENT AND HAVE A FULL ASSORTMENT.

FURNITURE and CARPETS

Just come and see the improvements we have been making in our Furniture Store. Nothing stale or old to be seen, everything fresh and sparkling.

Come and see for yourselves and if you buy

WE CAN SAVE YOU SOMETHING!

CALDWELL & MURRAY.

WOLFVILLE, APRIL 16.

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