

## CO-PARTNERSHIP NOTICE.

W. E. the undersigned, have this day entered into partnership under the name, style, and firm of

**THOS. W. SMITH & SON,**

for the carrying on of the business of

**MERCHANT TAILORS**

—AND—  
**GENERAL OUTFITTERS,**

at the old stand heretofore occupied by THOMAS W. SMITH, on Queen Street.

Dated this 20th day of June, A. D. 1881.

THOS. W. SMITH,  
H. LABARON SMITH.

## Maritime Farmer.

FREDERICTON, N. B., September 16, 1881.

### NOTICE.

Remittances to the "Maritime Farmer Association" should be made by Bank Draft or Post Office Order, made payable to J. J. WEDDALL, Fredericton. When this is not convenient, money may be sent by Registered Letter.

### The Season of 1881.

The farmers of the Dominion will have cause to remember with pain the season of 1881. A few in Upper Canada in spring were so worked upon by their fears that the end of the world was near, that they sowed no crops at all, and others were a week or so ago, so distressed by the destruction by raging bush fires, and the potatoes threatening appearance of the sun, and the heavens that they thought the end was actually at hand. The season has been marked by remarkable variations of weather. In Ontario little rain fell for two months previous to the outbreak of the bush fires. From the beginning of August over much of the Province no rain whatever fell, the crops withered, the Nova Scotia apple crop was ruined, and the wheat crop was ruined. The drought was not without its benefits. The destructive bush fires have been a heavy calamity to many farmers. No section of Ontario was unharmed by them. Day after day, night after night, for a week, it is said the flames were maintained on thousands of farms throughout that Province, amid suffocating smoke, showers of cinders, and a heat rivaling that of the tropical deserts. It is computed that five hundred farmers have lost all they possessed, while thousands more have suffered losses which will take years of labor to repair. The loss to the farmers is estimated at two millions of dollars, and a million more is given as the probable loss by destruction of timber.

How different has been the experience of the New Brunswick farmer. Day after day they saw the grass remaining green under cold and cloudy skies, and the rain falling on cut and standing hay; they have gone to sleep cheered by a sign in the sky, that seemed to indicate a favorable break of weather, and have been awakened in the early morning by the heavy, melancholy splash of the rain. When a break did come, and the bright sun revived their hopes and caused them to take a more favorable view of harvest prospects, they have seen the clouds gather again, and heard again the heavy, melancholy splash—splash of the rain; and this they have seen come again and again. They have seen the waters rise on the intertides, and the tides overflow the marshes; and tons upon tons of hay floated and swept away, and their green crops rotting in the muddy soil. It is to be feared that the loss to the farmers of this Province will be severe.

**A Fishery Question.**  
What with the ingrained love of sport so strong in the Dominion, and the indication of the primitive man, latent in all, with the disposition of some to put themselves above law regulation; what with the difficulty of keeping anything like effective supervision over long stretches of water; what with the tendency of some officers in authority to show some favoritism, to wink hard on some cases of violation of law—what with one thing, and what with another, the proper care and conservation of our river fisheries is a very difficult matter. Nothing, it would seem, will prevent some men from spearing or netting salmon without license, in or out of season. But something, surely, might be done to prevent the setting of nets in our estuaries and rivers, in numbers out of all proportion to their stock of fish, and so placed that quantities of salmon are caught on their way to the spawning beds. The authorities should not issue so many licenses for nets, and examine, and make supervision on the nets which are licensed, to see that they are properly made and set. Great destruction, again, is done to the fish on milling streams by sawdust, and it is impossible to abate this nuisance while some great millowners set themselves above law, and think that their interests are not to be put in comparison with a "few fish." The example set by men of this class is very bad, and encourages a contempt of the law in others. And if "big" men are allowed to escape the penalty that the law says must be pressed on all who dump their saw dust into the rivers and streams, how can the fishery officers with any face punish lesser men? Why should the interest of these men be allowed to prejudice the general good, especially when the expenditure of a little money by them in the erection of a furnace to consume the saw dust, would put an end to a nuisance which the fishery officers complain, as a great obstruction to the performance of their duty.

**Thomas W. Smith & Son.**  
Fredericton, July 7.

and at the lowest prices going; and hope to procure from the citizens of Fredericton, and the country generally, that patronage to which their work and cleanliness, low prices, and courtesy and prompt attention to business must entitle them.

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Fredericton, July 7.

August 10th.  
**MORE NEW GOODS**  
—AT—  
**EDGECOMBE'S**

New Grey Cottons,  
New White Cottons,  
Pillow Cottons,  
Ticking,  
Cotton Duck.

NOVELTIES IN  
English and American Prints,  
**SCOTCH & CANADIAN TWEEDS,**  
Ladies and Gents' Underwear.

ANOTHER LOT OF THOSE  
**PERFECT FITTING CORSETS,**  
Canadian Manufacture.

ONE CASE OF  
**LADIES' STRAW HATS,**  
**SEAMLESS BAGS,**  
**COTTON WARPS,**  
**SMALL WARES & CO.,**  
All marked at Bottom Prices.

**GREAT BARGAINS.**

**REMNANTS OF ALL KINDS**

As usual, at this season, the stock in many departments will be cleared out at reduced prices, including a large lot of summer

**DRESS GOODS.**

EVERY PERSON WELCOME.

Doors open 7 A. M. Close 7 P. M.

**ALBION HOUSE,**

Queen St., Fredericton.

N. B.—Will take any quantity of good Hosiery, Socks, Mitts, Drawers, Domestic Yarn, &c.

F. B. EDGECOMBE  
Fredericton, Aug. 4.

### Homelessness in the West.

If all the stories told in the papers are true, there must be a good number of very homeless Bluenoses out West, in the regions of Minnesota, and adjoining States. In fact, setting aside the homelessness, it is not surprising that, people accustomed to the well behaved climate of these Maritime Provinces, should find it hard to live in a country where the elements play stupendous freaks, where droughts, floods, and tornadoes are quite common occurrences; where houses and barns, cattle, and human beings are whirled about like dried leaves in the air, by cyclones, and where destruction seems to go on on a reckless and gigantic scale. No wonder, then, that the poor Bluenoses, who have, perhaps, seen their cattle perish from drought, or have been rendered homeless for a time by a cyclone, when the fever attacks him should feel profoundly dispirited and long sickly for the green woods, the cool breezes, the genial sunshine, the occasional rains, and the security of his former home in the East. We are continually coming across paragraphs in our exchanges, which show how sad and regretful to the discomfort of settlers from these Provinces in the West. In the last *Ottawa Sun*, the editor talks, on authority, of a letter from a gentleman formerly of Pictou, of the great afflictions that have come upon many settlers in Minnesota from the unhealthy climate, and from malignant typhoid fever which was then prevalent, and making increasing ravages. "I," says the *Sun's* correspondent, "meet with our Nova Scotia boys, and we have a talk, especially when we get the blues, as everything is just lively out here. No matter what stories you may hear, any sensible man would rather have fifty dollars a month in Pictou or Truro, than one hundred dollars a month here. It is a pity that the Nova Scotians did not come to the sensible conclusion before settling out West, but if the confession of their want of sense is made, young men in this and the neighboring Provinces resolve on the sensible course of remaining at home, content with lesser nominal earnings, but with less made martyrdom of themselves in vain."

**Fires, Rains, and the Circus.**

Nature operates on a very extensive scale, with severe impartiality. In the Dominion, in one part, the fires have scorched the good and the bad; in another, the heavy rains have fallen on the just and the unjust, and suffering and loss have been inflicted on thousands; but the great mass of the people have gone on, and in the early morning by their ordinary routine of business and pleasure, subject to the ordinary ills of the earth, while the favored few have been rolling up riches and basking in good times. Every calamity has a wide searching effect, but neither the fires or the rains will at all disastrously affect the property of the country. They are certainly not spoiling the holiday season. In Upper Canada, the farmers are flocking to exhibitions and shows; soon from all parts of Canada within, at least, at all convenient railway stations, there will be a rush of visitors to Halifax to the Dominion Exhibition. Conventions of our own Province, we believe, that on the last of this month, will be seen in the streets of Fredericton, crowds of the people of York, in holiday attire, with not a trace of anxiety for the shortness of the hay or potato crops on their faces, but all going to view the great circus.

**Hon. Mr. Landry's English Address.**

Hon. Mr. Landry at the close of the late Acadia Convention at Moncton, which, as we have said in English. His speech, which appears in full in the last *Moniteur Acadicien* was an eloquent vindication of the objects sought for by the Convention. We make a short extract from it, to give our readers an idea of the tone of such a speech. A true interpretation of the enthusiasm which you have witnessed since yesterday, and which you have heard and perhaps not understood, would convince you, our fellow citizens speaking the English language, that we have met for no other purpose than to have united with no disloyal intention, and that we have spoken with no spirit of exclusiveness, but with a sincere desire to see the French Canadian people, and even thought that did not breathe a spirit of loyalty and of fellowship. True we have spoken in French, true we have called our reunion a French Acadia Convention, but equally true it is that our speeches like all our actions have been for peace, harmony and mutual forbearance; and true it is that we have had the general advancement of our people, that their prosperity might add to the general prosperity of our country. We have met and we have labored with a sincere desire to promote the success of the French Canadian people, and to detract from that of our neighbors; we have encouraged union of sentiment, union of action and mutual aid and assistance among ourselves, not to use our influence in hostility to our neighbors of different origin, but rather to enable us to work hand in hand with our same neighbors with better success and with greater credit to ourselves. We have pointed out to you, speaking the English language, had been long and we have said to you, we in the past, in matters of education, wealth and influence, not to excite envy or prejudice, but as a means of stimulating our energies and of encouraging the legitimate use of all the advantages within our reach, knowing that what we have achieved we can achieve in a country where all are equal before the constitution and the Sovereign. We have talked of past hardships and of severe trials of our people, and we have said to you that we are an inferior race. If we are the heirs of the sturdy qualities that sustained our fathers in their struggles with adversity, we are a race that will not be overcome by small things, but by the steady and the worthy descendants of that small but hardy race who suffered all these things for the sake of duty and of conscience without becoming extinct or even losing faith in a bright destiny, we do not think it will be long before we can achieve what it required of patience, toil, faith, hardship, perseverance and resignation during such severe trials as they underwent. We do not think it will be long before we will be the recipients of the fact that the time of war in this country, and we can never be called upon to suffer and undergo the hardships of other days for the sake of existence.

**Lord Derby.**

There has been much doleful writing on the decline of British agriculture and trade. It is pleasant to come across a more hopeful view of the situation, and when it is given by a man like Lord Derby, who never goes to extremes on any subject, whose judgment is not clouded by passion or self-interest, and who is about the last to give expression to opinions which are not formed after due reflection on authenticated facts, one feels no little confidence that the destruction of British agriculture and trade by American competition, and by the protective duties of foreign nations, is not near at hand, as some gloomy prophets are predicting at Southampton, England, he said that—

"He did not agree with these views. His material property had received a check, but he considered it only such a temporary fluctuation as individuals or nations are subject to. Nature has been against us, but there was no reason to suppose that our climate had permanently changed and he believed the land was likely to be profitable. He looked upon our trade position and prospects as favorable. Thirty-three of the most industrious ingenious people with unbounded capital, and with connections in every part of the globe, are not easily dislodged from the industrial position they have secured."

Gen. Liard says the Pictou Garrison Artillery is the best organization of the kind in Canada.

### The Emperors.

The Emperors met last week, on the 8th inst., at Danzig. The first was when the meeting of the three Emperors of Germany, Austria, and Russia was looked upon with something like awe, as pertaining to the destinies of the nations. Argus-eyed spectators watched over the meetings of these crowned heads, and whispered about that they were plotting war and aggression against the liberties of the people. But, events have shown that the kind of alliance that they have only to will such an act, and before the last war with Turkey, and it was believed that the difficulties that, at last, led to war between Russia and the Porte arose through their misapprehensions and jealousies, and that, in short, they had received no such message as to the Eastern question for good and all, and beneath the Turk from Europe. 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