

Chignecto Post.

SACKVILLE, N. B., NOV. 3, 1870.

The War!

Strasbourg and Metz have capitulated. The defence of both was gallant. All that engineering skill could devise, all that military strategy could suggest, all that bravery could accomplish, and all that heroic firmness could withstand in the way of dangers and want and sufferings, were realized in the defence of these ancient cities. Battered and pounded, they have lost all semblance of their former selves: their churches, monuments and streets shattered and in ruins; their hospitals crowded with thousands of helpless and suffering wounded; yet France can point to these two vanquished cities with as much pride as the victors. The brilliant victories won by Prussian arms, in a few short weeks, will cover the names of Bismarck and Von Moltke with glory, and add immeasurably to the prestige of Prussia. The unity and patriotism of the French, the bravery of their soldiery, and their determination to resist to the last the spoliation of their country, entitle them to our admiration, and the renown of such men as Bazaine and Trochu will tend to mitigate the misfortunes of their country.

And yet will all this glory compensate for a fractional part of the miseries this war has inflicted upon both countries? This war, which has degraded, if not destroyed for the time, the commercial and manufacturing industries of both countries—spread wide misery and desolation—destroyed millions of property—desolated happy hearths, and numbers its victims by unnumbered thousands—commenced without any openly assignable cause, and continued after no good reason can be assigned for its continuance—shows that the people at large, who are the sufferers by war, have little to say with their rulers as to the causes which led to the war, the manner in which it has been conducted, and the policy which will direct its conclusion.

This much is certain, that Prussia in her military government, has received a system which was universal with barbarous nations before the introduction of gunpowder, and which went out upon the discovery and introduction of that article in war; for her people are all soldiers and ready to spring forth at the command of their rulers to attack or defend, as perfectly as when the whole lands were held by military tenures; and Prussia is the only country which has carried into modern times the principles of defence and aggression which governed barbarous nations, combining with them the inventions of civilization. Napoleon evidently saw the effect of such a combination, and sought by an unexpected attack to defeat what he clearly saw would come. He, however, miscalculated the tremendous power of physical force, directed by science, and the results he apprehended have by his course been precipitated.

Winceys very cheap at A. Ford's.

Presbyterian Church.

The new Presbyterian Church is completed on the outside. It has already cost \$200, and it will take as much more to finish it. About \$1200 has been subscribed, of which Dr. Clarke collected \$100 in the United States. About \$100 more will be required, in addition to the proceeds of the tea meeting. The building is 50x36, and 18 ft. high; it is neatly finished, presents a fine appearance, and reflects credit upon those having it in charge. A tea meeting, held on Thursday last, to increase the building fund, was a success. The following has been handed us for insertion:

Statement of money received at the Tea Meeting held in the new Presbyterian Meeting House, in Sackville, on the 25th October, 1870:

Received at Tea and Refreshment Tables - \$243 19
Also received from Rev. Dr. Clarke, as donations from himself and friends - 44 00
Total - 287 19

The Committee tender their thanks to their friends and the public in general for the liberal support they received.

In behalf of the Committee, THOMAS BAIRD.

NEW BRUNSWICK WHEAT.—The "Telegraph" says Z. Richards raised on his farm this season at Greenwich, Kings Co., 70 bushels of prime wheat from four bushels sown last May. If farmers would pay more attention to raising wheat and corn, less money would be sent away for flour and meal.

Sudden Death.

Mr. James Ferguson, school teacher, of Amherst, died suddenly on the night of the 28th ult. It appears he had been unwell for several days previous, and suffering considerable pain, to relieve which he obtained some laudanum. It is supposed he accidentally took an over dose of it. Drs. Tupper, Black and Morse were called in, but too late. An inquest was held before Dr. C. J. Morse, Coroner, and a verdict was returned in accordance with the above facts. Deceased was much respected by all who knew him, and his death is sincerely regretted.

The Commercial Bank.

At a meeting of the stockholders, held on the 1st inst., the President stated the liabilities were \$115,218; the total assets, \$206,209. The circulation has been reduced to \$404.75. The verdict obtained against the European Guarantee Association for \$21,500 on the late Cashier's indemnity book, would be sustained, and that sum obtained.

Waterproofs very cheap at A. Ford's.

Fire at North Shore.

The grist mill belonging to Mr. William Trenholm, North Shore, Botsford, was burned on Thursday, about eight o'clock p. m. Mr. Trenholm left the mill to take his supper, and when he returned the mill was in flames. It is supposed the fire caught from the stove pipe. About one hundred bushels of grain was burned in the mill belonging to different persons.

"THE UNIVERSAL AYER." On my journeys over the continent—through Turkey, India, China, Japan, Peru, Chili, Argentina, Brazil, and Mexico, and the United States—in them all to some extent and in some to a great extent, I have found the universal Ayer represented by his family medicines, which are often held in fabulous esteem. Whether they win their marvellous reputation by their cures, I know not, but I know they have it to such a degree that it frequently gave me a distinguished importance to have come from the same country.—Field's letters from abroad.

STRANGE PHENOMENON.—The Brig "Waverley" of New York, when off Rio de La Plata, on a voyage from Cadiz to Montevideo, was struck on 3rd Sept. by a tornado, which whirled, which carried away the foremast head above the eyes of the rigging, the foretopmast, topgallant mast, main-topmast, foretop and jibboom, sails and yards. No wind blew below the foreyard nor abaft the mainmast, nor above the topsail yard. It struck the ship like a cannon-ball, and passed as quick. It came without warning. It must have been perfectly round and about 12 feet in diameter.

Dress Goods very cheap at A. Ford's.

The Brig "Three Sisters" from St. John N. B., of Havana, before reported abandoned, was entirely dismantled, and had cabin swept away, with everything movable, on deck, during a gale on the 19th ult. The crew, in addition to being without water for five days, were unable to light a fire to do any cooking, and but for the timely appearance of a French barque, which hove in sight and took them off, all hands would have shortly perished. On board the barque they received the kindest treatment and every attention from her officers and crew until they fell in with the schr. "Brilliant," from Nassau for Savannah, to which they were transferred.—Exchange.

A TRUANT BRIDEGROOM.—A woman in the deepest distress called at the Police office yesterday, a little before noon, to seek the aid of the authorities. She said she was engaged to be married at ten o'clock to a discharged sailor of the "Royal Alfred." The wedding party were invited and all preparations made for the happy event, but the bridegroom came not, nor did she know what had become of him. The matter was one in which the police could not give her much assistance.—Chronicle.

BOARD OF TRADE.—A Dominion Board of Trade was organized and constituted modelled, in Montreal, last month. It is composed of delegates from local boards. Its objects are to secure a united opinion on financial, commercial and industrial questions, and public works, that will influence Parliament. The President is Hon. John Young; Vice President, Wm. McGivern, Esq. In the Executive Council is Hon. Jas. Robertson, of St. John.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Free School Question.

WASPELAND, 1st Nov. '70.

To the Editor of the Chignecto Post:

Sir: It is evident to my mind that between Governors, Judges, Lawyers, Professors, Schoolmasters, and others, who neither toil nor spin for their daily bread, that an attempt will soon be made to force a school law upon this Province, resembling in the main that in force in Nova Scotia. Having myself spent some weeks during the past summer in the western part of that Province, and seen the hardship of that most iniquitous law, I beg to suggest that some of our law makers go and do likewise, and not take for gospel what public speakers and penny-a-liners say in reference to it; whereas in point of fact they do not know what they are talking about. I will here remind our law-makers, however, that the Assembly who passed the Nova Scotia school bill were routed, "horse, foot and artillery," at the very first opportunity the people got at them afterwards, and if I am rightly informed, the present Government of that Province will also, if they do not alter the law in the coming session, be found down among the dead men." I, sir, voted at our last election for the "old four" on the express understanding to go against direct taxation for schools; and I am not afraid of any of the three who have not forsaken their friends turning traitors; yet it is certain, that we will again shortly be called upon to select another, to whom we must entrust our rights and our hard earnings; and hence it behoves us to be up and doing. We ought to remember that one vote might give a man his election, and that one vote at Fredericton might bind us to a school bill like that of Nova Scotia. We should meet and reason together, and decide who to trust in this (to us) most important matter.

It is all very fine to talk about the rich educating the poor; but the N. Scotia law does nothing of the kind: This is perfectly understood by the persons who are really at the bottom of the agitation for a new school law. The people who pay the tax in Nova Scotia are the middle classes, as the Governors, Judges, &c., call them—the farmers and others who have in their possession all they own, they are the people whose property the assessors can readily get at. The rich schemes and shavers have their money in the hands of the poor, in mortgages, &c., and not only avoid taxation, but make the poor pay for them. Can you give me the names and amounts paid by some of those characters, as I took them from the rate roll, that would perfectly astonish you. I ventured myself, in one shire town in Nova Scotia, a prayer-book and some yearning apparatus—the property of a man who had seen better days—sold at auction by a Shylock to a Constable, for a school-rate, while a very near relative and neighbor of the unfortunate man had thousands at the moment in Provincial debentures and other hidden securities, that was not taxed a cent. But moreover, to say that because a man is industrious, sober and prudent, that he shall pay for the idle, improvident spendthrift, is not only a bounty held out to the indolent and extravagant, but a discouragement to those who would try to do well. If I am rightly informed, a very large proportion of the money levied off the industrious classes in Nova Scotia goes into the pockets of Superintendents, Deputy Superintendents, Inspectors, Commissioners, Trustees, Clerks, &c., and not to educate the poor. If you think proper to insert this in your next paper, I will give you my ideas wherein improvements can be made in the school system, where the principle of socialism and spoliation will have no part.

I am, sir,

Yours truly,

RICHARD.

Letter from Memramook.

MEMRAMOOK, Oct. 31.

To the Editor of the Chignecto Post:

Mr. Post—Recovering from a protracted indisposition, I presume again to communicate with you; and having no travelling wonders to describe, I must content myself to jot a few notes from where I at present chance to be transiently staying. News in general is scarce, yet ever and anon we may see men congregated at the corners, &c., discussing the various claims of Dan and John, frequently interrupted with the claims of demijohn. What a god send that vacancy was to the hungry office-seekers and others interested! Being a non-political, non-party sort of an individual, I can sit calmly looking on; yet I would wish to see a man elected who knew something, even if not more than enough to believe himself properly. Those who wield the franchise, it is to be hoped, will do so with due care, and send a man who will give us a good sound school bill, or aid in bringing it about.

In regard to local affairs, we are quiet—always are so, at least I never saw any otherwise.

The frame of the new building at St. Joseph's College, which is intended for a convent, was blown down by the gale of last week, but has since been raised.

Saving is being prosecuted with vigor by the mills hereabouts. Yours, &c. E.

Letter from A. Templar.

To the Editor of Chignecto Post:

Sir: As your paper professes to be an independent one, and its columns open for the discussion of matters relating to the public welfare, I ask you to publish a few remarks concerning a public evil, which is, or ought to be, in the power of the public to suppress. I refer to the illegal granting of liquor licenses in the Parish of Sackville. How is it that the Clergy of the Sessions allows parties to sell liquor without having obtained a license from the County Sessions? It appears that between the meetings of that body, it is only necessary to send an application, accompanied with ten dollars, to Mr. Charles E. Knapp, County Clerk, &c., and forthwith open a rum shop. If Mr. Knapp, who is professedly a strong temperance man, is justified by his obligation as a Templar (which I doubt) in signing and issuing licenses which have been legally granted by the Sessions, for the sale of "that which intoxicates," I protest he has no right to accept a subsidy and allow persons to sell without proper authority from that body, who alone has the right to grant such licenses. Nor does it speak well for the temperance principles of Mr. C. E. Knapp, that he should, for the sake of a few paltry dollars, forget his pledge as a Good Templar, by causing to be furnished "intoxicating liquors." He is very glad, both in the press and on the platform, in advocating the cause of temperance, and depicting the horrors of intemperance; but I doubt if he has the good of the cause at heart, and I fail to see that he proves himself a consistent temperance man. The Sessions decided, some time ago, to grant only three licenses in this Parish; and gracious knows! they were enough, without Mr. Knapp permitting others illegally to sell the cursed stuff. Mr. Knapp may not be prepared to sacrifice his salary and subsidies as Clerk on the shrine of temperance; but let us have no more buncombe speeches and communications from one who evidently pays so little regard to his obligation.

Yours, &c.

A. TEMPLAR.

November 2nd, 70.

TELEGRAPHIC.

PRESS DESPATCHES.

LONDON, Oct. 27.—A long interview occurred yesterday between Lord Lyons and M. Thiers. M. Thiers has left Italy, and is now on his way to Tours.

The English at Paris are under the protection of United States Minister Washburne, as the British Chargé Affairs is not recognized by the Republican Government, and has no authority to act.

The garrison of Toulon has been sent into the field, and the National Guard has taken its place.

The Prince and Princess of Wales are visiting Eugenie at Chislehurst. Greece has recognized the French Republic.

The four boats of the "Cambria" were found empty to-day at the Giants Causeway, but no trace of the passengers or crew were discovered.

BERLIN, Oct. 27.—The King telegraphs to-day: "This morning Bazaine and Metz capitulated. There are 150,000 prisoners, including 20,000 sick and wounded. The army and garrison laid down their arms this afternoon. It is one of the most important events of the war. Providence be thanked."

LONDON, Oct. 28.—A telegram from Basle announces that the Prussians have suffered a defeat between Montbelliard and Besancon. They fell in disorder taking with them 52 wagons filled with wounded and leaving 1200 killed on the field. Three hundred of the fugitives crossed the frontier into Swiss territory. They were disarmed and directed to proceed to Posentray.

A soldier of Sparta grossly insulted Lord Loftus the British Minister to Prussia and was severely punished.

LONDON, Oct. 29.—Paris dates on the 20th state that all was going on quietly and well. There were no signs of discontent, nor any pressure for the necessities of life.

The Prussian army under Prince Frederik Charles marched into Metz yesterday, and occupied all the forts.

Advices from Tours report several hot skirmishes, in which the French were victorious.

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