

The Weekly Monitor.

BRIDGETOWN, MAY 12th, 1880. PROVINCIAL LITERATURE.

Our is a comparatively new country; and the struggles incidental to men, whose chief employments necessarily have been the removal of the "forest primeval"—the bringing of the soil, by hard labor, into such a state of culture as to render it remuneratively productive—in the opening and improving of roads—and in various ways by which a necessitous population have sought the means of livelihood, and of accumulating the elements of wealth; and therefore the development of intellectual power has not in this newly peopled land received such active attention as have older countries, over which the refining influences of centuries have passed.

The above remarks have been evoked by a matter, to which we slightly referred last week, namely, "Poems and Essays by Joseph Howe"—a gentleman who attained a place of lofty distinction among our country's "intellectual giants." Although through his long and eventful public life, the staid energies and incessant activity of his mind were chiefly employed in the political (statesman) he is occasionally in his life-long business labors, found it pleasant, as well as mentally refining, to devote a leisure hour to literary pastimes. In this way he threw off quite a number of little poems that were indicative of genius. Some of them are humorous, witty or satirical; others are rich in sentiment—and all of them abounding with illustrative imagery and sparkings of fancy.

The volume before us also contains some noble specimens of literary effort in prose. The "Lecture on Shakespeare," exhibits chastity in taste, discrimination in thought, and readiness in the choice of elegant language. It is read with as much admiration and pleasure as can be derived from Hazlitt's "sketches" of literary men and their works. The "Philadelphia Locksmith" is an interesting tale, pleasantly told. There is a history connected with this tale, which has been told by an old and intimate friend of Mr. Howe.

In 1838, the year after the "Clockmaker" made its debut on the stage of London publicity, Judge Haliburton, its author, in company with Mr. Howe, visited England. The former at once became a lion in literary circles. At that time "Bentley's Miscellany" was perhaps the most brilliant and popular of London magazines, the columns of which were enriched with the contributions of some of the cleverest literary men of the day. Bentley called upon the author of the "Clockmaker," and offered munificent remuneration for the products of his pen, to improve the status and increase the interest of the Miscellany. Judge Haliburton declined the offer, and recommended Mr. Howe to Bentley as a ready and fascinating literary scribe. The "Philadelphia Locksmith," with which the London publisher was highly delighted, was the result; and the proffered reward was twenty-five guineas. This sum for a single day's exercise of brain and pen, indicates an Englishman's estimation of Mr. Howe's literary merits.

As the energies of Mr. Howe's gigantic mind were mostly expended on journalistic, legislative and official duties, of course it could not be expected that in the department of polite literature he could reach a status of excellence, to which he might have aspired and attained, had his genius been exclusively devoted to the belles lettres. In this Province, he had no equal in newspaper discussion—in parliamentary oratory, no superior—and in statesmanship he transcended all his co-patriots. He was indeed a giant among giants. It is a wonder, then, as his poems were written in hours of mental relaxation, that they are so affluent in beauty, so rich in imagery, so polished in rhythm, so scintillating in thought, and so characterized by a bewitching playfulness of fancy.

Great Britain's People. The recent General Election in Great Britain has illustrated the power of its people, not only in the direction and management of affairs within the Empire, but also in the influencing of statesmen and diplomats on the continent of Europe. The late electoral struggle in England, Ireland and Scotland was as anxiously and as keenly watched by governmental leaders in Paris, Berlin, Vienna and St. Petersburg as it was by those in London. The eye of Europe was wide open to see what the people of Great Britain would do at the polls, because it was certain that the popular political sentiment was irresistible, and that thereby the policy at the Court of St. James, both in relation to international and

foreign affairs, would be shaped and practically directed. However much the strength of Great Britain's army and the supremacy of her navy may be regarded as powers to be respected by neighbouring nationalities, under her system of government, the potency of the people's constitutionally announced expression of opinion, transcends that which is based on mere physical strength. Military force may be defeated, navies may be wrecked, and battlements shattered, but the electoral power of the people still remains. It is a moral adamant rock, on which the Throne itself is based, and it is the main source of the Empire's stability. Statesmen may rise and fall, administrations may change, phases of national policy may undergo marvellous modifications, but the moral power of people is perpetual.

There was a time in the history of Great Britain when the people's wishes were disregarded, and the power of parliament defied by the favorites of royalty. In 1688 a new and better system of government was inaugurated, which recognized popular rights. Since then our national affairs, like the machinery of a well-regulated clock, run smoothly. The people is the fountainhead of all official and governmental power. The Queen recognizes it with profound respect, and the Peerage with outspoken homage. Public opinion, whether wisely or unwisely formed and directed, must predominate. Like all other earthly things, it is subject to the laws of mutation, and from time to time undergoes important modifications. Parties, like the moon, may wax and wane; but the people's power, like that planetary orb, is a perpetual gravitating influence.

These remarks have been induced by the following telegraphic scrap: "The Vienna correspondent of the Times, discussing the eventful relations between Austria, Germany and Russia, in view of the changes of government in England, says: 'The vision of the defunct Triple Alliance has been evoked, but it is a spectre more likely to scare than attract.'"

It may be said, however, that it is not Gladstone personally that causes these bugbear apprehensions on the part of governmental European powers, but it is the uttered voice of the English people that fill them with alarm.

LOCAL AND GENERAL EDITORIAL ITEMS.

The Governor General with his private secretary and staff, is expected to arrive at Quebec on a visit on the 19th inst.

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Loss.—Nine lambs and one old sheep, belonging to Phineas L. Chesley, Esq., while grazing on the marsh last week were overtaken by the tide and drowned before they could get off.

Corbett's scold, the "Atwood," has been having her accommodations enlarged for the passenger traffic, has increased so largely of late as to render such a course necessary. A large house has been built on forward, affording increased comfort and convenience to both passengers and crew.

What the deuce has A. C. VanBuskirk, of Kingston, been up to? We clip the following from the Annapolis Journal, in explanation of our query: VANBUSKIRK.—At Kingston Station, on 30th April, to Mr. and A. C. VanBuskirk, a son.

Who is the other man? Last week the Members of our Municipal Council were seen moving majestically about our usually quiet streets. They caused a sensational ripple on the surface of everyday affairs. In physique, we must admit, that they are as impressive as the defunct seasonal bench. The Councilors look well.

Correction.—In speaking of the libel suit, Crosskill vs. Herald Publishing Co., last week an error crept into the paragraph making it read "brought" instead of "brought" against the Herald Publishing Co., should be, brought by it.

Proceedings of the Municipal Council.—We are unable to give the official report of the proceedings of the last sitting of the Council this week, as the Clerk has not yet sent in the MSS. He informs us, however, that he will be able to furnish us with a full report for our next issue.

We are getting almost tired of chronicling the numbers that every week are leaving the County; but the disagreeable fact continually is present to our eyes every express day. Last week several young men and one family (not the one mentioned in last issue) left our shores for the neighboring republic.

The Steamer "Empress" has resumed her trips on the route between St. John and Annapolis. She has been undergoing extensive repairs and alterations. The following explain her improvements, as published by the Agent R. B. Humphrey, Esq.:

She has just been re-classed, after undergoing new painting, new flooring, plank, etc., under the inspection of Wm. M. Smith, Esq., Dominion Steamboat Inspector, and Alex. Sims, Esq., Surveyor for Her Majesty's Navy, and is now pronounced to be stronger and more staunch than when first built; in addition to having been thoroughly overhauled and renovated, including removal of dining saloon to upper part of the vessel.

Capt. Finning is still at his old stand with Mr. Babbitt, clerk, Mr. McCann, chief steward, and Mr. McCarthy, baggage master.

Pinaree.—Last Friday night the Opera League Opera Company performed "The Pirates of Penzance," to an appreciative audience in Victoria Hall. The part of Capt. Cochrane was taken by Mr. Pike and could not have been done better. Josephine, as Rachel, was perfect. Mrs. Pike rendered Little Buttercup in an admirable manner. The music and song were "cut" by Duke Devereux for the past term will be paid by the Inspector of Schools to Teachers or their written order at Mr. Balcom's Hotel at Lawrencetown on Friday 21st inst., between the hours of two and three o'clock P. M. After the adjournment of the meeting of the Board of Commissioners for Annapolis East—at the office of Miner Tupper Esq., London House, Bridgetown on Saturday the 22nd inst., between the hours of four and twelve A. M. and two and four P. M., and at Perkins' Hotel at Annapolis on Monday the 24th inst., between the hours of ten and twelve A. M. and two and four P. M. The latter is a new and very superior variety. Particulars of any of the above Wines, can be obtained by applying to PHINEAS'S MILLS, Farmington.

Disasters Fire. On Sunday morning, about half past two o'clock, the startling cry of Fire! Fire! resounded through our streets. Of course the community was sleeping soundly. Here first was a steady raving in Mr. S. N. Fallesen's large building, part of which he occupied as a dwelling and part as a tailoring shop and a clothing store. The fire engine, with the efficient company, was soon at work, throwing a stream of water on the devouring flames. The company worked hard, effectively and well. Most of the inhabitants—men, women and children—were there, ready to afford relief. By dint of their appliances the fiery destroyer's ravages were stayed, and did not extend beyond the building. About half the furniture was saved. A large stock of cloth and other tailoring material were rendered utterly valueless. A dwelling, owned by Mr. Fallesen, not more than five feet from the large building, owing to the extension on the part of the firemen, and a number of the townspeople, was saved. We understand there were \$1,800 insured on the house and the stock, but notwithstanding this in itself, we are told, it was worth less than \$2,000. He was doing a large and prosperous business, and from the disaster it will be hard for him to recover. He has our sympathy, and we may say, of the whole community, in which he is universally respected.

Our wharves present quite a busy aspect, the Forest, Capt. Nicholson from Boston is unloading a cargo of flour. The Ivica, Capt. Longmire, from St. John's is also discharging. The H. K. Richards, Capt. Foster, is loading for St. John. The Magie Blanche is discharging a cargo of coal. May it continue until the end of summer.

Accident.—A stone-mason named Winslow Jefferson, of this town, had a narrow escape for his life last Thursday. He was engaged with several others in repairing the base of the brick flue in the moulding shop of the Iron Foundry, when owing to insufficient propping, the whole shaft came toppling over, completely burying young Jefferson. He was, however, on being released, found to have sustained no very serious injury; but he received an ugly wound on the back of his head and he was also considerably bruised about the neck and hips.

The Dominion members of Parliament are returning home with only one thousand dollars each in their pockets, being, as some of them allege, inadequate remuneration for their valuable services; but, like other self-denying patriots, they are willing to make a personal sacrifice, and are being of their country. Such compensations transcend seasonal pay in the appreciation of genuine patriots. Fame, richly achieved, and prices, in our dollars and cents, philosophically considered, are mere dross.

Municipal Council. This Board of County officials terminated its semi-annual session on Saturday last. Of course a good many things occupied its time, and received attention, which we have neither space nor time to lay before our readers in detail to-day. We presume it will be laid before them in official form within a few days. We may, however, at present, say that the Provincial Road Grant, for over \$200 (three thousand dollars) was apportioned to the 15 Wards, as follows:—

Table with 2 columns: Ward No. and Amount. Ward No. 1: \$300, Ward No. 2: 225, Ward No. 3: 225, Ward No. 4: 140, Ward No. 5: 140, Ward No. 6: 175, Ward No. 7: 140, Ward No. 8: 210, Ward No. 9: 210, Ward No. 10: 210, Ward No. 11: 210, Ward No. 12: 210, Ward No. 13: 300, Ward No. 14: 300, Ward No. 15: 200.

The County was divided into three districts for the maintenance of the Poor: The Eastern section to comprise the whole Township, and all the Upper part of the Township of Annapolis, lying eastward of Alfred Langley's western line, extending southwardly in direction of the said line till it reaches Queen's County. The middle section, all the rest of the County, except the Township of Clements, which is the southwest section. It was resolved by the Council that in the said section suitable buildings and a farm should be purchased as comfortable homes for paupers. In the Township of Clements, for several years there has been such accommodation provided for the poor; and it has had the approval of the ratepayers. Committees were appointed to make inquiries respecting the purchase of farms and buildings, to report at future sessions.

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New Advertisements. GREAT REVIVAL! HERE WE ARE AGAIN!

John Lockett, GRANVILLE STREET, is a busy place. He has and will receive by steamers now due from Manchester, London, Glasgow, Montreal and Boston—

300 Yds. New Curtain Net, 30 PAIRS LACE SETS, 150 YARDS NEW VALANCE, LAMBRONANS for top of windows.

2 Boxes New Kid Gloves, Lisle Thread Gloves, Silk Umbrellas and Parasols, Bleached & Unbleached Damask & Colored Table Covers, 1 Bale Grey Shirtings and Sheetings, 1 Bale Bleached Shirtings and Sheetings, 3000 yds. Prints at 9c. & 10c.

TWEEDS! WINNETS WHITE DRESS SHIRTS, REGATTA AND OTHER SHIRTS AND SHIRTINGS, READY-MADE CLOTHES, R 2 CUTLERY.

10 Cases BOOTS and SHOES, 50 BBLs. CHOICE BRANDS OF FLOUR, which will be sold at a VERY SMALL ADVANCE for Cash only.

10 Chests and 14 HALF CHESTS CHOICE CONGOU TEA, from 38c; 25 KEGS ASSORTED SOFAS from 46c; 4 KEGS BAKING SODA, 5c per lb.

10 Cases Best American Oil, 30 cents per gallon. 2 BBLs. MORTON'S PICKLES.

WANTED IMMEDIATELY.—300 doz. Men's good Straw Hats, and two tons of washed Wood, for which I will pay the HIGHEST MARKET RATE.

For Sale, or To Let. A SMALL PLACE CONTAINING FOUR ACRES OF LAND, with comfortable HOUSE AND BARN. PARADISE, May 10th, '80. B. STARRATT.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT. THE SUBSCRIBERS, in thanking the Public for their liberal patronage for the last five years, would draw their attention to the reduction in prices of all our Goods, intending to close business, we offer them at a very small advance on COST.

Room Paper, In Stock, we offer at COST. TIME given on SUITABLE CREDIT. MURDOCH & Co. BRIDGETOWN, May 10th, 1880, 4f.

SEED-OATS! SEED-OATS! SEED-OATS! CHOICE Seed-Oats for sale by BESSONNET & WILSON. MIDDLETON, May 7th, '80. 216

SEED - WHEAT! SEED - WHEAT!! THE SUBSCRIBER has just received from a select cargo of SEED WHEAT LOST NATION and GOLDEN DROP. The latter is a new and very superior variety. Particulars of any of the above Wines, can be obtained by applying to PHINEAS'S MILLS, Farmington.

ELIAS PHINNEY, Farmington, May 6th, 1880. 115

Notice of Assignment. FREDERICK C. HARRIS, OF Bridgetown Trader has by deed of Assignment bearing date the seventh day of May, A. D. 1880, conveyed to the Underwritten Trustee, all real and personal estate and effects in Trust for the benefit of his creditors, and the said deed now lies at his office in Bridgetown, and persons claiming any interest in the said real estate and effects in Trust for the benefit of his creditors, are required to present the same within three months from the date of the said deed, and creditors are required to present the same within that time, will be excluded from all benefit thereunder.

TEACHER WANTED! FOR MORSE ROAD School Section, 3RD CLASS. Apply to J. P. McLAUGHLIN, Secy. May 3rd, '80.

New Advertisements. Spring Goods Arriving cheaper than Ever. 6 Chests Extra Black Tea, Crushed and granulated Sugar, 10 dozen Bottles Morten's Pickles, 3 Kegs Baking Soda, 1 ton Brandem's White Lead, 4 Casks Raw & Boiled Oils, 25 Boxes Glass from 7x9 to 18x36, 600 lbs. Putty, and other goods too numerous to mention.

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New Advertisements. Dressmaking AND MILLINERY. Miss E. A. HARRIS

THE BEST and cheapest stock of HATS, BONNETS, LAWRENCEVILLE and vicinity that she is prepared to fill all orders in the above lines. Having had three years experience in her business in one of the best houses in Kentville, she is assured that she can fully satisfy all who may favor her with their patronage. Charges Moderate. Rooms at J. W. TOMLINSON'S. Lawrencetown, May 1st, 1880. 316p.

Just What the Doctor Ordered! THE New Spring Mattress for Health, Comfort and Cleanliness surpasses. Don't fail to get one.

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Table Cutlery. THE Nobbiest lot of WHIPS in town, from 15 cts. up.

Room Paper and Borders. Washable, Stain, Scrub, Shoe and Dandy Brushes, Brooms, Whisks,—in fact almost all the articles at lowest prices.

J. W. Whitman's. LAWRENCEVILLE, April 10th, 1880.

MARSH! MARSH! THE SUBSCRIBERS offer at PRIVATE SALE seven acres of MARSH, situated in Bridgetown. Terms easy. No money required. O. & C. RUFFEE. Bridgetown, April 26th, '80. 1f

GREAT BARGAIN! THE Subscriber offers for SALE or RENT by Private Contract, His Beautiful Residence at LOWER MIDDLETON.

LOWER MIDDLETON. The House contains 11 rooms, all in thorough repair, good stabling for 8 or 4 Horses, carriage House and Wood House. The grounds consist of 2 acres in a high state of cultivation with a very fine orchard of 100 trees of superior trees, (choice varieties of fruit) nearly all which are in bearing, some trees producing 25 to 30 barrels, and with care will soon increase to 100 or more barrels. Cuts about 14 tons Hay yearly, with a superior quality of Hay, Potatoes, and other crops. The situation is convenient to Railway Station, Post Office, and within 5 minutes walk of three places of worship. Location desirable, and very healthy.

ALSO, Small Farm, situated in NORTH WILLIAMSTON, about two miles from Lawrencetown, Railway Station. The House contains 8 Rooms, the ground flat only being finished. Good Barn, and a number of well arranged outbuildings. The Farm consists of about 70 acres, 30 of which are in hay and under cultivation. A good orchard, in bearing, producing yearly 25 to 30 barrels, and with care will soon increase to 100 or more barrels. Cuts about 14 tons Hay yearly, with a superior quality of Hay, Potatoes, and other crops. The situation is convenient to Railway Station, Post Office, and within 5 minutes walk of three places of worship. Location desirable, and very healthy. Terms for both places easy.

EDWARD H. PHINNEY. MIDDLETON, Annapolis County, May 1st, 1880.

ANNAPOLIS, SS, In the Supreme Court in Equity, 1880.

Cause: Timothy D. Ruggles, Plaintiff, vs. James A. McGregor, Defendant. Upon reading the affidavit of Timothy D. Ruggles, the above named plaintiff in this cause, the original writ and the Sheriff's return endorsed thereon, I do order that unless the said defendant do appear and plead thereto in 30 days from first insertion of this order in the Weekly Monitor newspaper, published at Bridgetown, in the County of Annapolis, the plaintiff shall be at liberty to make a default against him; and I do further order that the publication of this order in four consecutive issues of the said Weekly Monitor, newspaper, shall be deemed sufficient notice upon the said defendant of the writ in this cause. Dated at Annapolis Royal, in the County of Annapolis, this sixth day of April, A. D., 1880. 515 Prothonotary.

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