

THE ACADIAN
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CRUSHED AGAIN.

We feel bad. Awfully bad. In fact extremely bad. That model of politeness and bad grammar coupled with an utter disregard for facts and a sour disposition, the paper printed at Kentville, is at its old "bull-dozing" tricks again. Not satisfied with calling us "a circular," "an amateur," "other sheets," "idiots," "fools," "plagiarists," "an immature contemporary," etc., etc., he now adds injury to insult by threatening us with a libel suit. Through all this persecution we feel to exclaim with the old colored woman who was telling about a terrible accident that happened to her when she was a baby and who on being asked by her companion, "An did you lib?" exclaimed, "Course I did. Why mudder said I libbed and growed nicely." The opinion of the public generally seems to be that we are living and growing nicely. On the matter of libel we are not prepared at present with any remarks. Just what ails our "ripe contemporary" we are at a loss to know as yet, but hope to ascertain later on. Meanwhile our paper will still be issued from the old stand at the exceedingly small price of 50 cents per annum in advance. We hardly expected to become a wet blanket so early in the season, or with the thermometer so far below freezing, but it seems as if these things were thrust upon people sometimes.

A correspondent in the *New Star*, no doubt being misled by the aesthetic example set him by our "aged contemporary," speaks of us as "their amateur neighbor." Our ideas of amateurs are that they are a class of persons who pursue a sport, an art, a study or a trade for the purpose of the instruction and pleasure to be derived therefrom without expecting any pecuniary reward or profit, while on the other hand a professional is one who follows any or all the above occupations for the purpose of acquiring a living or accumulating riches. Certainly in the history of journalism the portion of those who accumulate riches thereby is decidedly small, yet a great number are trying to make a living, and we do think we are one of the latter and therefore must be classed as professional. One thing is certain, our paper is circulated only among paying subscribers and we have not yet had recourse to the questionable practice of forcing our paper on the public for the purpose of showing a large circulation. But we must apologise for devoting so large a space to ourselves.

It is reported that the Government has granted an extension of time to the contractors for the construction of the Port Williams Bridge. No doubt this action will be received with feelings of anything but pleasure by the people of Cornwallis and Horton.

In view of the present state of the poor, and the agitation for a Central Poor Farm for the County, a few facts about the working of such a farm will probably interest our readers. In 1883 the municipality of West Hants, which includes the former poor districts of Windsor, South Newport, North Newport, Falmouth and Kempt, bought a farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Newport for \$2,000. On this farm the municipality erected a house sixty-five by thirty-five feet, two stories high, with basement and frost-proof cellar, at a cost of about \$4,000. In January 1884 the new system went into operation, and at the January meeting of the Council this year the Committee in presenting their report were able to say that the system adopted had "provided a very decided success, not only in the large saving effected in the cost of maintenance, but also in the materially improved condition and comfort of the poor themselves." The following statements will give a clear idea of the working of the system:

Expenses outside, including Conveyance of Paupers to the Farm, \$376.06
Manager and Matron, 300.00
Supplies (January, 1884), 56.90
Supplies, contract, 750.35
Potatoes for table use, 14.80
Fresh meat, 20.43
Material for Clothing, Sheets, &c. \$127.70
Sundries for House and Farm, 40.38

Spreads, &c., for beds, 39.72
Crockery, 9.10
Tinware, 6.85
Yarn, 15.00
Medical Attendance, 36.00
Tools—Forks, Scythes, &c., 17.24
Female Help, 114.54
Boots and shoes, 39.95
Blacksmith, 14.50
Whitewashing House, 10.80
Funeral Expenses, 3.55
Bringing three Lunatics from Asylum, 17.00
Material for Fencing, 52.12
Apple Barrels, 5.50
Printing, 15.50
Interest, 320.03
Postage and Stationery, 6.00
Sundry Small Accounts, 31.82
Insurance, 23.50
Teaming, 6.50
Extraordinary Expenses, 418.08
Stock Account, 183.00

\$3,072.12
Less proceeds of Brick, &c., sold, paid to Treasurer, 44.05
\$3,028.07

DEDUCT.
Extraordinary Expenses \$418.08
Stock Account, 183.00
601.08

Current Expenses for the year, \$2,426.99
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.
Cost for support of poor in 1883, under the old system, \$3,780.00
Cost for support of Poor in 1884, under the new system, 2,426.99

Balance in favor of Poores' Farm system, \$1,353.01
To which add former cost of three Insane patients now at Poores' Farm, 358.73

Making a saving to Municipality of \$1,711.74
Besides Crop valued in the autumn at \$530.00, the increase in value of Stock, and a considerable quantity of Knitted Work.

The extraordinary expenditure was for farming tools, tank, etc., to which we think might in justice be added some of the items in the current account, such as spreads for beds, crockery, tools, etc., still further reducing the cost per head of the paupers, of whom there was during the year an average of about forty. In the item of outside expenses, which is much less than it is either in Cornwallis or Horton, is included the cost of the poor for the townships of Falmouth, Windsor, and Kempt from the 1st to the 18th and 21st of January they not being sent to the poor house till the latter date. By looking at the comparative statement it will be seen that a saving has been effected of \$1,711.74. Showing conclusively that the system if properly managed is a decided success over the old one, and a central farm in this county would probably be as satisfactory as in Hants.

Poultry Hints.

(Continued.)

The Leghorns are non-sitters, (although one will cluck occasionally when old age comes creeping on) feather very quickly, and are in every respect hardy. They are very precocious: pullets hatched in May and well fed frequently lay the following October, and occasionally in September. In some hands they have commenced laying in October and continued on through the winter with scarcely a break. Speaking for ourselves we have not been so successful in this respect. When our pullets have commenced to lay in October, continuing through November and December, we have almost invariably found that they rested the greater portion of January and sometimes part of February. The cockerels (young cocks) have been known to crow when under two months old. They are handsome, sprightly, active birds, and as egg producers are unequalled. When killed their flesh is fine flavored, but being very small when dressed, as marketable birds they are less saleable than Plymouth Rocks, Langhans, Cochins, or Brahmans. In close confinement they are somewhat restive, and will not succeed penned up in summer as well as some of the larger breeds; but when a large grassy range can be provided, they will lay more continuously, and furnish more eggs than any other breed. In confinement spacious airy yards should be provided, surrounded by fences six or eight feet in height; as the flying capacities of Leghorns when suddenly disturbed are something wonderful, in fact almost equal to those of partridges. Clipping one wing will, of course, prevent high flying, but this besides spoiling their symmetry prevents them easily reaching their roosts. A stormy controversy has been carried on among breeders as to the relative merits

of White and Brown Leghorns. There are certainly no reasonable grounds for any such contention. After all the arguments on either side are heard, to an unprejudiced mind, the matter resolves itself into a simple case of "Tweedle-dum and tweedle-dee." In cities exposed to dust and coal smoke Brown Leghorns most assuredly appear at best advantage and easily preserve their high glossy plumage, while the White Leghorns become grimy and sooty under the same circumstances. In the number of eggs, and in the size of their eggs one has no superiority over the other. Some fanciers claim that the White Leghorns lay the largest eggs, but have failed to establish the point. Individuals who have a large experience in poultry state that among every variety of fowls are found some hens that lay more eggs than others, and some under similar conditions that lay larger eggs. In other cases shape and color vary without any apparent cause. An occasional Plymouth Rock will produce eggs nearly white, in the same pen of fowls, the majority of which are laying very dark eggs. From a yard of Brahmans apparently all alike are received eggs, pointed, oval, or almost spherical in shape, and in color varying from that of "weak tea" to dark "terra cotta." In a like manner flocks of White Leghorns and Brown Leghorns, will be found producing larger eggs than other flocks similar in color. In all probability the nature of the soil as well as the quality of the food largely influence the color and the quantity of the eggs. Where absolute purity of bred is a matter of indifference, it will be found that the Leghorn may with great success be crossed, with some larger breed. Chickens from a yard of "White Leghorns" headed by a vigorous young Light Brahma cock will be unusually good.

(To be continued.)

GENERAL NEWS.

—Cunningham and Barton, dynamiters, are to be tried for high treason.

—It is estimated, that 75,000 men and women are out of work in New York City.

The dynamiters threaten to blow up St. Paul's Cathedral and the Bank of England.

—An anti-dynamite bill was introduced in the New Jersey Legislature on the 16th inst.

—The total value of rateable property in the municipality of Yarmouth, N. S., is \$5,588,023.

—The Knagler cotton mills, at Blackburn, England, were burned a few days ago; loss £100,000.

—Early Rose potatoes have advanced in Boston to 60 and 65 cents per bushel and are likely to be higher.

—Miss Eva Mackay, daughter of the American millionaire, has been married in Paris to the Prince of Colona.

—The New Glasgow glass factory employs about 130 hands, and the sales for the past year amounted to nearly \$1,000,000.

CALCUTTA, Feb. 18th.—A camel corp numbering 2,000 and 500 laborers for the railway are going to Suakim immediately.

—Nancy Cass Wilmore died in Wellesington Ill. last week aged 116. She related the history of her life on her death bed.

—We are glad Judge James has so far recovered from his recent illness that he is able to drive out on fine days.—*Dartmouth Times*.

—Gen. Sir Herbert Stewart died Feb. 16th at Gakdul wells and was buried at the entrance of the valley leading to Gakdul, with military honors.

New York, Feb. 19th.—The *Times*, London, special, says excitement in political circles is at fever heat. There is a general conviction that the ministry will be beaten on a direct vote of censure.

VICTORIA, B. C., Feb. 19.—Instructions have been received from Ottawa to enforce the Dominion liquor law. It is believed the provincial and city authorities will resist its enforcement with police.

OTTAWA, Feb. 20.—The deposits in the Post Office Savings Bank during January was \$709,377, and the withdrawals \$484,937. This is the largest amount deposited in any month of January in the history of the Dominion.

—Dr. Franklyn Ernest Weatherbe, a native of Charlottetown and brother of Judge Weatherbe of Halifax and of Mrs. G. R. Beer of this city, died on the 16th ult. in California after a brief illness. For some years he had practised dentistry in Boston, Mass., where we had met him on several occasions, but removed to California last September.—*Charlottetown Herald*.

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