

vicinity of town, as they might have done, in late years, for a picnic. Ostensibly they met, as was their wont in former years, like sisters and brothers of one family; but there was a demon of discord in their midst. After the clams, and the muscles, and the drinkables, speeches were made as speeches had often been made before; but now some of them breathed the novel spirit of disloyalty. These called forth angry and indignant responses. I am not sure but what there were "hats upon the green" before the day was over. At all events, people went home from the feast carrying with them heart burnings which were not to be extinguished for many a day,—perhaps never. The citizens of Halifax have never met since to commemorate "Aspinquid's Day."

Perhaps some contributor to the "*Antiquarian*" may be able to furnish a better account of the origin of this term than that which has suggested itself to me. If so, one at least of your readers will be much pleased to hear the true explanation.

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REGULAR monthly meeting of the above Society was held on March 14th, in the House of Assembly, Halifax, Dr. Allison presiding. His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor and the members of both branches of the Legislature attended. Since the last meeting, the Society has received several donations of books, etc.,

The Secretary read a paper prepared by Moses de la Dernier, an old settler in Nova Scotia, written in 1795, and