

We would advise our readers to be very cautious how they continue to take from the post office newspapers addressed to them, for which they did not subscribe, notwithstanding the promises on the part of the publishers to send them for a period of two or three months free.

No honorable newspaper would resort to such a questionable method of increasing its subscription list. It is evidently done for no other purpose than to entrap those who continue to receive them upon such terms into permissive subscribers.

A similar method was resorted to some years ago in this county and many parties, ignorantly allowed themselves to become subscribers to a paper that was of no value or interest to them and they had to pay for the same.

We are informed that certain publishers of newspapers in this county are now resorting to like means to increase their otherwise meagre circulation. Sending out their papers broadcast with a promise that they would be continued for three months free, and thus insure a circulation it would be impossible to procure by honorable canvass or upon the merits of their several publications.

Such a course is decidedly objectionable as a large number of those who receive them upon such terms will be careless to discontinue them at the exact time when their free subscription expires, and in consequence will become bona fide subscribers ere they are aware of it and against their desires.

The only safe course to pursue is to at once return all papers received in such a manner, and if in want of a good and reliable county newspaper that will give you more local and county matter than all the other papers published in this county, send your subscription to the publishers of this paper and the ACADIAN will be promptly mailed to you postage free, for the small sum of fifty cents per annum.

The Subscriber to the *Western Chronicle* in this place called our attention to the fact that that paper has accused us of stealing facts from it and "distorting" them. He has kindly loaned us the paper, and we find that the article unmistakably refers to us, though under the obscure title of "other sheets." (He may find us a wet blanket yet.) The charge is so ridiculous that we cannot but smile as we read it. The reason why it is so ridiculous is that in the first place there is not one number out of fifty that has anything in it worth copying, and in the second place what little "matter" does appear is so inaccurate that we would not dare risk the reputation of our paper by copying it. He quotes from us as follows:—"We understand that the ship owners in this County intend to appeal from their assessment in April next, to the extent of some \$200,000 which has been assessed upon them, on account of ship property, they claim there is no law to compel them to pay any poor or county tax on ships." And then "sagely" remarks—"It will be seen that this is not a correct statement of the case. Ship owners object only to paying taxes on ships not registered in the County."

The law upon the subject reads simply thus—"One-half the value of ships afloat, whether in the Province or elsewhere"—not one word in reference to where registered, and as we were not informed of the particular grounds of appeal, we refrained from speculating upon it as our court mporary seems to have done. We did not state that the ship owners in the event of their appeal to the Council being disallowed would apply to the Courts, neither do we believe they will do so if they have no better grounds upon which to risk a case than that stated by our contemporary. Had we time or space at our disposal, we could easily show that it would never be safe to copy anything from the *W. C.* without giving the source from which it came. Even in the copy before us its "Facts for the People" are in error several hundreds of dollars.

—Some parties here and at Kentville and probably all over the County are industriously spreading a report that the Scott Act has been declared unconstitutional by the Privy Council of England. For the information of those who are not aware of the facts, we quote the following from the *St. John Sun*, which explains the matter fully.

"The judgment given by the Supreme Court of Canada on Monday disposes, as far as Canadian tribunals can, of the question of the powers of the federal parliament in re licensing to sell intoxicating liquors. It declares that the Dominion License Act is ultra vires so far as hotel, saloon and shop licenses are concerned, and that it is ultra vires so far as vessel licenses, wholesale licenses and the provisions for enforcing the Scott Act are concerned. The effect of this decision will be to throw the licensing of retail business in hotels, saloons and shops into the hands of the provincial authorities, and the licensing for vessels and for all wholesale purposes, and the enforcement of the Canada Temperance Act into the hands of the Dominion authorities.

"Friends of the Canada Temperance Act in the Maritime Provinces will be well pleased to know that the machinery supplied in 1883 and 1884 for the enforcement of that Act, is now cleared of its entanglements. All proceedings properly taken under its provisions are upheld and the judgments given by the lower courts in the Scott Act cases, and which have been appealed on ultra vires grounds need not be further delayed before our Provincial Supreme Court.

"The decision given at Ottawa was, certainly, anticipated to the extent it has gone, by those who had heard the expressions of the judges as to the difficulty of reconciling the decisions of the Privy Council of England in the two cases of Russell versus the Queen and Hodge versus the Queen.

"Considered from a purely local standpoint this decision of the Supreme Court of Canada will give a powerful impetus to the movement for the enactment of the Scott Act in St. John city and county, and for this reason, if for no other, it is unwelcome news to the liquor dealers."

—The many friends of Rev. O. C. S. Wallace will read with interest the following from the *Lawrence (Mass.) Eagle*.

At the call of the First Baptist church of this city an ecclesiastical council convened at three o'clock yesterday afternoon in the above place of worship to examine Mr. O. C. S. Wallace prior to his ordination. The following were the members of the council: Lawrence—Second Baptist, Rev. F. M. Gardner and deacon S. F. Snell. Haverhill—First Baptist, Rev. Henry C. Graves and deacon J. F. Davis. Methuen—Rev. S. L. B. Chase and deacon J. Cliff. Andover—Rev. B. F. Bronson, D. D., and Rev. A. J. Chaplin. Chelmsford, Centre—Rev. N. C. Saunders and deacon David Perham. Lowell—Rev. O. E. Mallory. Providence, R. I.—Central Baptist Church, Rev. Richard Montague. Lawrence, First Baptist—deacons, A. Sharpe and Dr. A. J. French. Cambridge—Rev. George W. Bosworth, D. D. Newton theological institution—Prof. C. R. Brown. The council organized with Henry C. Graves, moderator; Rev. S. L. B. Chase as Scribe. The record of the action of the church in calling Mr. Wallace was read as also the call of the society. He was examined with reference to his personal religious experience, his call to the ministry and views of christian doctrine. The council voted the examination satisfactory.

In the evening, notwithstanding the stormy weather, the attendance was very large. The pulpit platform was beautified with elegant pot plants. The exercises, which were as follows, were conducted by the moderator, Rev. Henry C. Graves of Haverhill: Organ voluntary; anthem, "The Lord is my Shepherd," MacFarren; reading of scriptures, Rev. S. L. B. Chase, pastor Baptist church, Methuen; prayer, Prof. C. R. Brown, Newton theological institution; hymn 946; sermon, Rev. O. P. Gifford, pastor Warren avenue Baptist church, Boston; Prayer of ordination, Rev. Geo. W. Bosworth, D. D., Cambridge; hymn 952; hand of fellowship, Rev. Fred M. Gardner, pastor Second Baptist church, Lawrence; charge to the candidate, Rev. O. E. Mallory, pastor Branch street Baptist church, Lowell; charge to the church, Rev. Richard Montague, pastor Central Baptist church, Providence, R. I.; singing of doxology, congregation; benediction, Rev. O. C. S. Wallace.

Rev. O. C. S. Wallace was born in Canaan, Nova Scotia, November 28th, 1856. He first attended Horton academy, Wolfville, Nova Scotia, and afterwards Worcester (Mass.) academy. He then continued his studies at Acadia college, Wolfville, N. S. He obtained his religious training at the Newton theological institution. At the age of seventeen years he preached in Nova Scotia, and the year following he was the stated supply (and so continued for two years and one-half) of the Baptist church at Chelmsford Centre. While studying at Worcester he started a Baptist society at Spenser and preached there for some time. While in the theological institution at Newton he was supplying at Rosindale, Boston, and received a call to the pastorate of the church, which he declined. He is unmarried.

CORRESPONDENCE.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our correspondents.

Dear Sirs,—I have been thinking for a long time of writing you a letter and giving my high opinion of the ACADIAN, but somehow never got a good square chance till this evening. It is great fun to write letters if you only know how; but if you don't, there's not much satisfaction in it. I don't mind writing letters to some people, because I know they never take the trouble to read them; but writing for the press and running the risk of making the I. C. cross, is no funny matter. You bet I'll always remember about two or three years ago when I was in a Printing Office. As it was the first time I had ever been in one of those establishments, I wanted to learn and see all I could in the short space of ten minutes I had, for I was on a little picnic that day and had to get back to the station before the train left. Well, I had not been there long before the office boy came up stairs with a roll of manuscript, which he handed to the I. C., and then walked back to the door, with a sarcastic smile on his face. I guess, likely, the I. C. had been teasing him about something. He didn't go down stairs, but waited at the door, looking in the direction of the I. C. who was trying to read his copy—it was correspondence. All went well and good for about two minutes, when a wicked scowl suddenly overspread his countenance. I guess the office boy was rather better acquainted with that scowl than I, for he didn't wait for further observations, but made a wild rush for the door and went down head first, closely followed by a copper galley from the hand of I. C. He then turned round to me and said, just as if nothing had happened, "Look here, sonny, are you any good on the read?" "Well," said he, "try your brains at this, then." I walked over as large as life to where he stood, and, as I glanced over the paper that he handed me, I could not help thinking of a little selection from a poem that Harry Longfellow once wrote. It is this:

"Footprints on the sands of time"—only it was foolscap instead. "Well," said he, after I had spent something less than half an hour trying to puzzle out six words, "cant you make it out?" I calculated it was easy enough if a person only had the time, but I hadn't very much time that day. He then got mad at me, too; and, as I noticed another galley on his stand that wasn't doing anything particularly, I thought I wouldn't wait to have it out with him, but followed the office boy, though not the same way, but perhaps every bit as quickly. The next Thursday when I saw that paper, for I didn't get it till the day after it was printed, I looked carefully for that correspondent, and when I had found it, I couldn't help wondering if it came natural for that man to write—I guess it did. But I don't suppose there's any good in my telling you of instances like that, as probably you could tell twice as good ones; but ever since that eventful afternoon, I have always felt a deep interest in journalism. Well, Messrs. Editors, yours is a boss paper, and as far as brains and printers' ink go, you are to be highly congratulated. I hate to flatter people and tell them they are doing well when they're not, but when a fellow is doing well, I like to tell him so; and when a little paper can be published here in the Village by Wolfville boys that knocks spots out of the other county paper, and then when another paper comes into the Village, and it gets away off with that, too, I like to say a good word for it. Yes, yours is a boss paper, and I shouldn't wonder but what the *New Star* would find out, before it loses its prefix'd adjective, that Wolfville boys are bad boys to fool with; I see that truth became quite forcibly impressed upon the minds of the editorial staff of the *Western Chronicle* last winter about that "Pibroch" business, and since has had very little to say. Oh, I didn't think I'd written so much. Yes, sure enough, here I've been nearly all the evening scribbling this stuff down, and after all dare say you can't read some of it; but if there be any places you can't make out, just send for Wolfville, P. b. 2d '85. JACK HYDE.

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