

General News.

SHADOWING SMUGGLERS. LIVELY WORK OF THE FRONTIER—THE CANADIAN CUSTOMS OFFICERS—THEIR MANY ONEROUS DUTIES—RECENT SEIZURES.

The Canadian customs officers on the frontier stations have been bothered to a considerable extent of late by parties who carry on a system of petty smuggling. To follow up and bring to an account the bulk of these small cases is as disagreeable a duty to the gentlemen in the employ of Uncle Sam on this side of the line. The very thought of demanding to know where the small quantity of tea used in home consumption was brought, seems utterly absurd; still more so would be the confiscation of such a commodity if a satisfactory explanation is not given. Nevertheless, such an extreme has this small business been carried that the most prominent and apparently honest merchants who pay their duties and never (7) smuggle, have entered complaints that the frontier is not guarded in a manner to protect their interests and enable them to obtain the amount of trade necessary for their support. It seems scarcely possible that any one could even desire the Majesty's officers to stoop to such insignificant work as that of the class above mentioned, but so numerous and persistently repeated have been the complaints that the most unimportant frontier have received orders to look into the state of things more thoroughly or the department would send them to the States.

It is in seeking for the true cause of this state of things, there are in addition to those engaged in the "petty" business, two other parties owning stores which are built exactly on the line, thus enabling them to carry American goods in one half of the store and Canadian goods in the other. This is a decidedly tantalizing situation, for of course the authorities cannot be always on the watch to seize a person who has just purchased a limited quantity of American merchandise, neither is it pleasant task to search the residence of parties who are in the majority of cases, still it is proposed to pursue it vigorously until the present nuisance is effectually abated. A large number of these small stores have been recently made along the line, in the St. Armand district, particularly, and a partial list of some of the articles which are offered for sale is here appended. Illustration of the kind and quantity of the articles smuggled. In one lot, which is of articles that have been sold, are mentioned a quantity of fancy cloths, pieces of cotton, including printed, bleached and unbleached, cambric, cotton, flannel, cotton hose, cotton yarn, buttons, several pairs of coats, some overcoats, &c. Another lot includes two horses, of great value, one single wagon, one lumber wagon, harnesses, blankets, &c. &c. &c. One of the articles advertised for sale by the Customs officers, seems out of place when mentioned in connection with the above. This is designated a "cow boat" and was seized from parties who were endeavoring to get a barrel of kerosene oil across the lake from Highgate into the Dominion, without the usual formality of testing its quality or paying the required duty. And just here a word about the Dominion law in regard to the quality of kerosene or petroleum. All oil of this sort that is refined in Canada is required to stand the test of 105° Fahrenheit, while any that may be imported from the States must reach at least 100°. It will easily be seen that seizing oil is, therefore, not a very profitable operation, as it is fails to reach the required standard cannot be used until it is again refined, and with a higher test in order to bring it up to 105°. The barrel above referred to is now held by the officers until the captives, a young man from the custom-house department at Ottawa, relative to its disposal. Officers have been permitted to take a considerable amount of money until the issue of the present order, which obliged them to obey the instructions of the latter. From this will arise many curious situations. The following one illustrates the predicament that thoughtlessness may get a person into. Several days since, a meat pedler, on his way to Highgate from Franklin, was taken by an elbow in the turkeys temporarily on to Canadian soil. While passing a house he was accosted by the inmates with a request for some meat. Not realizing the frontier, he proceeded to give the quantity asked for, the value of the same being twenty cents. At this moment one of Her Majesty's officers, who was patrolling the frontier, happened that way, and, as the pedler had the meat in his hand, he was struck by the law seized the team and its contents. The feelings of the owner can be much better imagined than described, and though the meat was immediately sold by the authorities to prevent loss, he can probably make arrangements to recover his team on payment of a nominal fine. Before the recent occurrence, this case would have furnished a nice opportunity for the display of the officer's common sense, but under the existing state of things this could not be allowed.

A haul of more importance was made at Highgate, on the night of the 9th inst., when two large loads of American Cottons were seized by custom officers who had in some way obtained information that the goods were to be landed. The value of the loads is estimated at from \$600 to \$800, and not \$2,000, as it has been erroneously reported. The persons in charge were closely interrogated as to where he got the goods, and to whom they belonged, but he apparently was not sufficiently versed in the language of the country to give any satisfactory answers, the teams and contents were taken in custody, and will probably be disposed of for the benefit of the Government. A prominent merchant of Highgate is reported to be the consignor, but as he declines to say anything in the property, the report is, doubtless, a mistake. Many important things are stored daily, which, when sold, scarcely bring enough to pay for the trouble, and goods are found concealed in every conceivable manner. A lot of fancy cloths were recently taken from a denumer, who was striving to hide them with the assistance of a female companion. The train inspector had examined all visible parcels, and interrogated the man as to whether everything had been exhibited. On receiving an affirmative reply, he was about to pass when he was attracted by the unusually extended spread of a lady's dress. A little delicate inspection brought to light from underneath the garment so dextrously applied, a sample case containing nine "tickers." As the duty on them amounted to almost as much as the first cost, the drummer reluctantly consented to have them confiscated. Not the least amusing part in the daily drama is the surprising innocence of Dominion residents who frequently visit the States and return bringing with them dutiable articles. On being reminded that there is duty to be paid, they suddenly remember that on their return trips something of the kind was in style and accordingly promptly contribute their mites to the treasury of the Queen. Yankee ingenuity and labor-saving machinery have incited products of all kinds to such an extent, and competition with English products, that at the present time there is some smuggling into the Dominion than

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New Advertisements.

L. H. S. THE HIGH SCHOOL, at Lawrencetown, opened for THIRD YEARS' work, OCTOBER 28th, 1879.

FULLY EQUIPPED STAFF OF TEACHERS. Liberal Courses of Study. SPECIAL ATTENTION PAID TO TEACHERS' COURSE. Room, Board, Fire, Light, and Plain Washing, \$2.00 per week. For particulars, address for Circular, C. F. HALL, Principal, or C. S. PHINNEY, Associate Principal.

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Services on Sunday Next. Episcopal Church, 11, a. m. 7, p. m. Methodist Church, 11, a. m. Baptist Church, 11, a. m. Presbyterian, 11, a. m. Roman Catholic Church, 4th Sunday of every month.

Marriages. FOSTER-JONES.—At Kentville, by Rev. John B. Logan, on the 12th inst. George B. Foster, Nictaux, to Jemima Jones, Alton.

Deaths. BARTEAU.—Suddenly, on Tuesday last, Freeman, youngest son of Mr. Freeman Barteau, born, aged 18 years.

New Advertisements.

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