

THE ACADIAN.

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Orcharding.

Probably twenty-five per cent. of the fruit trees planted in this valley during the last twenty years have been failures; and as the time approaches in which large numbers of new trees will be planted, it behoves those intending to start new orchards to inquire as to the cause. It is patent to everyone that an orchard will not thrive if planted in sterile soil and allowed to grow as best it may, without feeding or cultivating. Yet in going over the county we find many new orchards in this condition; some planted in fields in which traces of the "forest primeval" are still visible, others in old worn-out ground that has been so thoroughly exhausted of the original elements of the soil that even the natural grasses refuse to grow. Trees planted under such conditions cannot be successful. Another error is in planting too closely together, even on the richest soils, as experience has abundantly proved. Orchards in which the trees are planted closely together produce less fruit and of an inferior quality to those in which they are planted at a greater distance apart. Experience has proved that under ordinary circumstances apple-trees should not be planted at a less distance apart than forty feet. Many of our orchardists who have orchards planted years ago when the usual custom prevailed of crowding as many trees as possible on an acre have found it necessary to thin their plantations by cutting out every alternate tree, in order to grow fruit of good quality. Instances are known where the roots of apple-trees have been found to extend from thirty to fifty feet in one direction from the parent stock. When we remember that if left to grow without being cut back or pruned the limbs will grow to an equal length with the roots, the effect of close planting will be readily seen. Our most successful fruit-growers find it necessary to keep their orchards in the highest state of cultivation possible. They also find that to grow a young orchard successfully from the start the land should be thoroughly cultivated and enriched previous to setting out the young trees. During the first year they should be kept well mulched through the dry season and afterward cultivated as carefully as would be a crop of vegetables. The practice of growing evergreens in the orchard with fruit-trees is also attracting attention at present. Hon. R. W. Scott, at the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association last month, recommended the planting of evergreens in our orchards. He advised that about every fourth or fifth tree in every row should be an evergreen, and was sure that a great measure of his success was due to evergreens planted among his fruit-trees.

Our Public School.

The terminal examinations of our public school take place on Friday next beginning at one o'clock. The primary department will be dismissed at 2:30 o'clock; the intermediate at 3:30 o'clock; and the advanced at 4:30 o'clock, thus giving parents and others interested an opportunity of visiting and witnessing the exercises of each department. We hope our people will show their interest in the school by giving their attendance on this occasion. Our public school is an institution in which all must feel a keen interest as upon it to a large degree depends the success of a rising generation. We have a good staff of teachers, and the work done during the past term will, we have no doubt, prove highly satisfactory to the section. Let us have a good attendance of the parents on Friday next so that the teachers may see that they have the sympathy and encouragement of the people in their important work.

Mock Trial.

The mock trial in College Hall on Friday evening last was generally conceded an entire success. The case on trial was that of McCullochmore vs. Muck for assault and battery. The plaintiff was personified by Mr. N. A. McNeil and the defendant by Mr. E. H. Borden. Messrs A. E. Shaw and L. A. Palmer appeared for the plaintiff and Messrs H. H. Wickwire and A. W. Foster conducted the defence; while the court was presided over by Mr. J. R. Hutchinson in an admirable manner. The parts were all performed in a manner which reflected the highest praise on those interested. The make-up of the witnesses was good and the examinations highly amusing. The opening and closing addresses indicated that the speakers had made a wise choice in their intended professions.

Our Ottawa Letter.

OTTAWA, April 8.—The debate on Sir Richard Cartwright's resolution in favor of unrestricted reciprocity with the United States was ended at 4:20 on Saturday morning by Mr. Fontaine, M. P. for Chambly, the seventy-second speaker since the debate began, and a division was then taken on Mr. Jones' amendment to the amendment, which was defeated by a majority of 57. The amendment of Hon. Mr. Foster was then declared carried on the same division reversed, and after Sir John had announced that the fisheries treaty would be proceeded with on Tuesday if Sir Charles Tupper were well enough, the house adjourned at 4:45 a. m. For the five hours previous to the division fun and frolic reigned supreme around the Parliament buildings, and while the division was in progress a number of well-known songs were indulged in, even the ladies in the gallery, of whom there were many, joining, and after the adjournment was moved, "God Save the Queen" rolled out, and the longest debate in the history of the Canadian Confederation was at an end.

THE WIMBLEDON TEAM.

From present indications Colonel McDonald, of Halifax, will take to Wimbledon this year one of the strongest teams which has ever gone. The refusals, it seems, will be very few, and there are an unusual number of old Wimbledon men at the head of the list of the first twenty. Thirteen have already represented Canada at Wimbledon, three having been thrice across and four others twice each. The Dominion Rifle Association pays all the necessary expenses of the team from the time the numbers report at Quebec until they disembark at that port after having made the trip. But the association takes no portion of the prize money, most of which is parted and divided evenly amongst the members of the team, so that each is peculiarly interested in the shooting of all the rest.

IMMIGRATION PROSPECTS.

The endeavors made to direct some of the emigration from Great Britain and the continent are beginning to bear good fruit, as will be seen by the larger number of arrivals in the last year. The bountiful harvest in Manitoba and the Northwest of last season has already shown, on the other side of the Atlantic, that our country is a good one to come to. The department of agriculture has just received information that there will be a large influx of immigrants during the coming season. The colony of German emigrants who located in the Northwest Territory last year have been so successful, and they have sent such encouraging accounts of their new homes to their relatives and friends, that large numbers have signified their intention of joining them here this coming season.

NEWFOUNDLAND STATISTICS.

Information is received from Newfoundland that the amount of their imports in 1887 was \$5,397,000, and the exports \$5,819,000. Comparing these statistics with those of 1886 they show that in the matter of exports a falling off of \$613,000 is noticed, but in imports a gratifying increase is noticeable. In 1887 the exports were \$5,819,000, while in the previous year the total exports were \$4,862,951, an increase of \$956,049 in 1886. The revenue of the colony shows an increase of \$286,522 over that of the year 1886, while the expenditure is \$308,299 less than the revenue received, which shows that financially the province is living within its means. The estimated expenditure for the current year is \$1,253,600 and the estimated revenue \$1,347,881. The Labrador coast, which forms a part of the province, exported \$503,000 worth of products during last year, a large increase over the corresponding year of 1886.

THE GRAIN TESTS.

The staff of the Central Experimental Farm have been kept very busy for the past few days making tests of the various wheats, barley, oats, etc., recently received at the farm from Regina, the continent and England. The tests relating to the vitality of the Ladoga wheat, which have now been completed, shows a germinating power of 100 per cent., the best test that has ever been made on any variety tested on the farm. The samples of other wheats, barleys and oats imported from Europe for test and which will be grown on the central farm the coming season, show an average test of 90 to 98 per cent. vitality. The Danish barley recently imported is an exceedingly plump article, weighing fifty-seven pounds to the bushel, which is nine pounds above the ordinary standard. A limited number of samples of this barley is being distributed in the central and eastern provinces and Manitoba, the quantity obtained not being sufficient for a general distribution. Prof. Saunders expects great things from this barley and next year a larger quantity will be imported, and with the expected yield of that which will be sown at the central farm, a sufficient quantity will be received to make a general delivery possible next year.

THE OCEAN MAIL CONTRACT.

It is reported to-night that the Government will extend the present contract of the Allan and Dominion lines of steamers for carrying the British mails for one year, it being decided advisable to wait a few months to see how the new class of fast vessels now building turn out. The Government is desirous of procuring the very best service that can be obtained.

Winter Birds.

It is winter. The cold north wind sighs through the leafless branches of the trees upon the hill-side. The ground, hard with frost, is covered with snow, which only yesterday came dropping from the clouds so quietly and yet so steadily, covering up the beauties of the earth in its mantle of pure white, and which now glitters and glows in the sunshine like a heap of varicolored gems. As we pick our way through the forest no sound is heard except the chink, chink, whir, whir, whir-r-r-r of a squirrel, as he sits upon a slender branch contentedly munching a spruce bud, which he has just taken from a neighboring tree; and the sound of the woodman's axe chopping, chopping, almost as regularly as the ticking of a clock. We wander on, climbing over fallen trees, pushing our way through dark thickets, confusing our tracks with those of the rabbits, who have entangled the trees in a network of irregular meshes composed of their peculiar "wilt-trodden" tracks, here forming a three-footed path, there looking as if the three points of a triangle had joined hands and gone a walking, through the woods. Just as we enter a grove of large hemlocks, which seem immovable in their staidness, we hear the "soft, hissing, conversational" notes of the Golden Crested Kinglet, coming nearer and still nearer to us, and soon these beauties of the wood slight on the topmost branches of the surrounding trees, jumping and skipping, twittering and chirping they go from tree to tree, turning their lovely heads from side to side and showing to best advantage their crown of crimson. With the exception of the humming-bird, this is the smallest bird of our woods.

Soon the restless band has fluttered away one by one, and again we are about concluding that we are alone, when our attention is attracted by a slight scratching sound, and looking we see the little Brown Creeper, jumping about upon the bark of a large tree, prying into every crack and crevice with its slender bill for the insects and larvae which it knows are concealed there. But listen! *Tu-de-gay, tu-de-gay, teip, teip* comes in rippling notes from yonder bush and is almost immediately followed by a soft *peep, peep*, as the Black Capped Chickadee answers the call of its mate who is not far off. Then looking skyward it fills its little throat and pours out the well-known and always welcome song: *Chickadee-de-dee, chickadee, chickadee-de-dee-dee.*

After enjoying this music for some time we turn our steps toward home, well satisfied with our afternoon's concert. When we hear the *tuud, tuud, tuud*, of a Woodpecker on a distant tree, and advancing carefully we soon have a good view of the Black Backed Three-toed Woodpecker hard at work, seeming almost too busy to notice us, although he contrives wonderfully well to keep on the opposite side of the tree. He takes to his wings as we come up nearer, and soon we hear him hammering away far behind us. Coming down over the hill we slowly notice the Crows as they fly slowly and solemnly from the dikes where they have been seeking food, to the roots of some thick spruce or fir, away on the mountain-side; and the *cau, cau, ca-a-a-u, bra-a-a* sounds cheerful and pleasant as if wishing us good night.

"Boston Ideal Concert Co."

Under this title Miss Jennie Hitchens (formerly vocal teacher at Acadia Seminary) has engaged a number of concert artists of first-class ability, and proposes introducing them to the music-loving people of the Maritime Provinces during the coming season. The artists for the first tour, will be "The Cecilia Ladies' Quartette," (vocal) assisted by Miss Annie Park, the well-known cornet and zither soloist. Male quartettes have been so favorably received by concert goers, that ladies' quartettes have been introduced within a few years past, and are now warmly welcomed in concerts and church entertainments, etc.

The "Cecilia" stands in the front rank of such organizations in Boston, and is highly endorsed by the leading musical critic of Boston, Mr. Ticknor, of the *Times*. All its members are soloists of established reputation. Their repertoire embraces solo, duets, trios, and quartettes. The effect of the four voices is very pleasing. It is no easy matter to bring together four voices of the different grades of compass, necessary to sing the four parts. The second alto, corresponding to the base in the mixed quartette, is especially rare. Miss Park is in constant demand. A lady cornetist is a novelty, and Miss Park is a performer of high ability on both cornet and zither. The fact that she is already engaged for the great Chateaux gathering, that takes place at Lake George (New York) in June next, is a guarantee of her ability as a performer. She plays at large temperance and religious gatherings at Music Hall, Tremont Temple, People's Church, Boston, and numerous towns in vicinity. She is the leading performer and manager of the "Park Concert Co."

Miss Hitchens has been prosecuting her studies in vocal culture in Boston, during the winter, and has had a good opportunity of selecting persons for her enterprise. They have been well chosen and are certain to please. I was afflicted with Sick Headach last summer and autumn; had it awfully bad about every fortnight. When it would come on, everything turned green before my eyes, and I would fall down and vomit until I thought I would die. This would last two or three days at a time. I tried the doctors, who failed to help me. Three bottles of Dr. Norton's Dock Blood Purifier cured me.

The Middle Church St. School.

Messrs EDITORS.—Please allow me a little space in your paper for a few remarks in reference to educational matters in Middle Church Street. This section has been very fortunate for several years past in securing the services of competent teachers. Some four years ago the trustees engaged Miss Borden of Town Plot for one term, and she gave such perfect satisfaction as a teacher that they kept her until the end of the term of 1887 when she concluded to take a rest for the benefit of her health. The section as well as the scholars was very loth to let her go, knowing her place could not be easily filled. The trustees felt they were in a pretty hard place knowing as they did that the section would expect them to keep up the standing of the school and would not be satisfied with an inferior teacher. They had many applications for the school when it was known that Miss Borden had given it up; but they made haste very slowly. Finally they employed Miss Gilmore of Lower Horton for one year, and that young lady opened the school last autumn under rather unfavorable circumstances, she being a stranger in the section and all the scholars prejudiced against her or any other teacher except Miss Borden. However as the school went on and as teacher and scholars got better acquainted, the latter found that they had not much to complain of, and now the section and scholars believe they have one of the best teachers on the staff.

Judging by the examination I am of the opinion that they are about right. It came off on the tenth inst. The house was well filled with the parents of the children and spectators not a few. Miss Gilmore appeared perfectly at home and mistress of the situation. The children were examined in all the branches usually taught in a district school, and acquitted themselves admirably. At the close of the examination prizes were given for good spelling and for the best essay, &c., after which several of the interested parties present expressed themselves well satisfied with Miss Gilmore and with the advancement made by the scholars during the winter term. Thanking you, Mr Editor, I am yours, ONE PRESENT.

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