

THE ACADIAN.

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Mr. John Donaldson.

It is certainly to be regretted that Mr. John Donaldson could not see his way clear to accept the unanimous nomination of the Kings County Temperance Alliance and become their candidate at the ensuing federal election. Mr. Donaldson would have been an ideal candidate in every respect, notwithstanding the opinion of the editorial writer of the Western Chronicle. It is true he has not had all the experience of that writer. He has never experienced a good sound beating at the hands of the respectable electorate of this county. Neither has he ever had an opportunity of disgracing the title 'honorable' or of sitting in the halls of the provincial legislature, where the news of his defeat at the hands of his constituents was received with undignified satisfaction. He has not had the honor of assisting in the hanging of poor Robinson, or of heaping insults upon a poor wretch at the foot of the gallows. It will become the Chronicle scribe to sneer at a man like John Donaldson, but on the other hand Mr. Donaldson is to be congratulated that he is not counted among those who fall down and worship the 'golden calf.' We will venture the opinion that even Sir Fred Borden would be glad to have among his political supporters an educated, progressive farmer and cultured gentleman like Mr. Donaldson, and we can believe that he would be only too glad to have him as a companion in his canvases of the county and with him on the platform in his future public meetings; but we doubt if all the money in the Dominion treasury, all the influence and sentiment of old political associations would elect even Sir Fred if he had as his companion and 'public assistant' this sneering, discredited, short-sighted editorial writer of the Kentville organ—and we are persuaded that Sir Fred is no fool. B. H. Dodge, M. L. A., A. E. McMahon, Warden, W. E. Ruscoe, K. C. and other respectable and influential supporters will be brought into communion when the federal contest opens, but we venture the prediction that Mr. John Donaldson's sneering critic, will be given other and less creditable employment.

Shortening the Distance.

It was in 1851 that the Hon. Joseph Howe made his famous prediction that Canada would have a transcontinental railway and that the people would be able to cross Canada quite comfortably in a week. It required more than thirty years to fulfill the prophecy that it was done. And since 1886, the date of the fulfilment, much more has been accomplished.

Last year the C. P. R. entered into an arrangement with the British Government to run a mail train from Yokohama via Canada on a twenty-five day schedule. Only once in a full year has that 'Overseas Mail' been late—a truly remarkable performance. Whether the service will be continued is a matter to be decided by the British Government, but certainly the Canadians who undertook the work have carried out their contract in both the letter and the spirit.

Again, it is startling to hear that since June 15th trains are run from Toronto to Winnipeg over the new C. P. R. line via Sudbury in thirty-six hours. This is quite a change from the day when the Red River Expedition of 1870 spent weeks crossing this stretch of land, and quite different too from the days when the troops went west to quell the Rebellion of 1855. When the Canadian Northern and the Grand Trunk Pacific get their lines completed between the Rockies and the East, which will be done within five years, it will be possible to travel from Quebec and back in less than a few short days. In fact, journeys between the cities of eastern and western Canada will be no more tiresome nor lengthy than were the journeys between Ontario and Nova Scotia a few short years ago.

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It is understood that the Prince of Wales will cross the Atlantic in the new armored cruiser Indomitable. The vessel chosen to represent the British Navy at the celebrations are the battleships Albatross, Dromedary, Ramona, and Russell, and the protected cruisers Arrogant and Venus, all of which belong to the Atlantic Fleet. These vessels will be despatched to reach the St. Lawrence before the Prince of Wales, whom they will receive with a royal salute.

Word has been received here of the death in California of the Rev. William B. Bradshaw, A.M. 79, of P. E. I. He leaves three children settled in the west, and a wife, who was Miss May McWhorter, M. E. I., sister of Mrs. W. H. Warren of Bridge Cove.

The Universal Family.

Said Mazzini, in that splendid work of his on 'The Duties of Man,' that ought to be a text book on the higher patriotism in our Canadian schools. 'Your task is to found the Universal Family. When each of you, loving all men as brothers, shall reciprocally act like brothers; when each of you, seeking his own well-being in the well-being of all, and his own interest with the interest of all, when each shall be ever ready to sacrifice himself for all the members of the common family, equally ready to sacrifice themselves for him; most of the evils which now weigh upon the human race will disappear, as the gathering vapors of the horizon vanish on the rising of the sun.'

Wonderful words are these, and worthy of being given deed and large where every Canadian citizen might see them, and seeing them, be stirred to nobler deeds. Splendidly they declare the principle upon which any nation can make real progress toward the goal of real success. They hold for their reader the truth that lies at the heart of things, at the base of being, at the hub of progress, at the very core of civilization. They define that patriotism that may most truly be accounted real and good, and most conducive to human good.

They state, with incomparable clearness and beauty, the ideal toward whose fulfillment every Canadian should struggle with unabated ardor and complete devotion. That ideal is the Universal Family. The thought is not new, save in its civic and economic interpretation and application. But the application is of supreme importance. The brotherhood of man is more than a religious rhapsody, a thing to dream of and plan for in some far away ethereal realm, a pretty jingle of words to soothe the harshness of the economic and social discord. It should be recognized as an ideal to be realized here. It should be incorporated into the industrial relations of man to man. It should be sought as the sublime culmination of the age-old struggles of the progress of the race.

The definite acceptance by the Canadian people at this early stage in national development of such an ideal as that set forth by Mazzini will be of untold gain to us in the future. To set it clearly before us the only ideal that is worth while, and to bend our energies intelligently toward its realization, will give us a vast advantage over all the nations that have ever been in the past. Without exception they have had other and lower ideals, accepting the class idea, the industrial conflict, the separatist struggle, an inevitable and of good purpose.

But higher, better, truer, is the ideal of the Universal Family. The one great fact that daily grows more clear is that of the unity of man, the solidarity of the race, the oneness of humanity. Upon that fact must build the nations that shall be the nations of the future. The law whose national transgression brings its inevitable penalty of disaster and death. If Canada simply adds one more to the long list of nations that suffered class to feed on other class, and permitted a gulf-barred aristocracy and proletariat, her progress can only be progress toward the common fate, ultimate extinction. Division will mean death.

Let it be proposed here that we, as Canadians, set forth on our national way as a Universal Family. Let the self-seeker be henceforth branded as the traitor to the state. Our interests are one, and where one gains at other's loss, there is no real gain, but only a loss of sympathy and fellow faith. Whatever other nations may have done, let us be true to this greatest of all laws, the laws of unity in love.

The Central Association.

The Central Association of the United Baptist churches, which meets in Windsor on Saturday of this week, formerly consisted of four counties—Halifax, Hants, Kings and Lunenburg—but last year a new Association was formed and Lunenburg joined the Western branch, and the Central at present consists of the three first mentioned. The central comprises 44 churches with a membership of 8,800 members and about 30 pastors.

The following is the program of the Association during its days of meeting commencing on Saturday—

The Association will begin its meetings at 10 a. m. on Saturday with an address of welcome by the Rev. Neil Herman.

At 2 p. m.—Reports from chairmen of Home Mission Districts.

At 7:45 p. m.—Reports on Education.

Sunday at 11 a. m.—Association sermon by the Rev. F. H. Beals.

At 2:30 p. m.—Report on Sunday Schools and addresses on Sunday School work.

At 2:30 p. m.—Address on the Laymen's Missionary Movement by Mr. A. B. Smith of Halifax. Also address on Foreign Missions by Miss Helen Blackader, returned missionary from India, and Rev. W. V. Higgins.

Monday, 10 a. m.—Report on Denominational Literature; also a report on Beneficence.

At 2 p. m.—History of churches by Rev. S. B. Kempton, D. D. Also a report on Temperance by Rev. J. J. Vincent.

At 7:45—Address on Home Missions.

On Sunday it is expected the pulpits of the other churches in town will be filled by delegates to the Association.

The regular annual school meetings throughout the province will be held on Monday next, June 29th.

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More About the Aboiteau.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ACADIAN.

DEAR EDITOR.—The loss sustained by the proprietors of the Wickwire Dyke for a century is a strong argument in favor of the proposed aboiteau across the Cornwallis River from Wolfville to Star's Point. Since the dyke was first built the tides of the river have cut away at the rate of an acre a year of reclaimed land. The condition of the dyke is so deplorable at the present time that it is proposed to ask the government for \$3000 to spend on breakwaters to protect the pier, and to assess the dyke for the same amount to supplement this protective work. Few persons have faith in the proposed work as it is shown that the pier itself has been a cause of damage to the bank of the river alongside. As the long outer curve of the Cornwallis River is forced along the Wickwire dyke for a mile or more the water is driven to the pier, and the loss heavy. Star's Point dyke is being extended and built up in consequence. This loss of land causes other and more serious losses, viz: (1) loss of portions of dyke which have to be replaced with new work and the consequent cost of this; (2) the loss of salt marsh which would otherwise make good dyked marsh; (3) loss of the productive powers of the land taken by the tide; (4) loss of rateable property; (5) damages awarded to owners of dyked land upon which new dykes are built; (6) low valuation of the whole Wickwire dyke because of the cost of maintaining the dykes; (7) poor security and high rate paid on loans; (8) heavy yearly expense for labor, causing extremely high rates year after year.

The loss of too acres in a century represents about \$8,500. The loss in dyke rates cannot be less than \$2,000 the acre, making \$10,000, and the loss of hay alone to the owners has been \$60,000 estimating one ton and a half to the acre. The other losses are difficult to approximate but enough is shown to make it evident that something must be done if this serious loss is to be checked.

The dyke has lost so much of its salt marsh a graver danger faces the owners as the whole remaining dyke is nearer the river every year. The force of the current of the river must be stopped. This is the only security. To effect this the aboiteau across the river is necessary and the sooner the better.

The cost of the proposed aboiteau divided into three parts could be reasonably borne by the three interests concerned, viz: the county generally, the owners of the reclaimed marsh, and the owners of dyked land which would be benefited. The estimated cost of the aboiteau, \$120,000, at four per cent, \$4,800, makes \$1,600 only to be paid yearly by each of the three interests concerned. The benefit and advantage would be so great and the need is so urgent every effort should be made to have the aboiteau built and the further ravages of the tide stopped.

J. F. HANSEN.

Dr. William B. Boggs, returned missionary, who with his family are spending the summer at Bedford, has been appointed Dean of the Gordon Missionary School in connection with Newton Theological Seminary.

The Lumbermen's Meeting.

The Lumbermen's Association of Western Nova Scotia, on the invitation of the Liverpool board of trade and members of the association, will hold a meeting at Liverpool, N. S., on June 30 and July 1. These annual meetings are held for the purpose of interesting the public in forestry, the preservation of the water supply and the protection of Nova Scotia's lands from fire. Tickets or standard certificates will be issued by the railways, and are intended to visit Liverpool and attend the meeting. A special feature will be a trip over the Milton and Liverpool railway to the pulp mills, and a first of July celebration. The invited speakers will be: Lieut. Gov. Fraser, Attorney General Pipes, Dr. B. E. Fernow, Dean of the Faculty of Forestry of the University of Toronto; Mr. Justice Longley, Prof. Haycock, Acadia College; Dr. DeWitt, Pres. N. S. Forestry Association; Leslie R. Fair, Sect. N. S. Forestry Association; J. R. McLeod, McLeod Pulp Co., Ltd.; E. K. Spiney, Yarmouth.

Recently two counties had voted against it but he believed that this was chiefly due to the defect which he proposed to cure. The debate was quite lively. Finally the bill was passed. It makes it unlawful to send liquor into a Scott Act county.

Sen. McGregor in the Senate on Thursday on the second reading of the bill to amend the Canada Temperance Act said that 12 out of 18 counties in Nova Scotia had for many years enforced the act.



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