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EDITORIAL NOTES.

We see by the dailies that the United States wants reciprocity on coal and a few other things. It would be splendid for Ontario and Quebec perhaps but the Maritime Provinces should most strongly object. Coal is about the only thing that those provinces buy from us and if they could get reciprocity they would go to the States for it. Meanwhile they want the duty kept up on other things so they can send their trashy goods down here. If we are going to allow them to get American coal they will have to allow us to get American boots and shoes, American hats and caps, American clothing and other goods which we are now getting from Canada. Nova Scotia never yet has asked for any favors. All she wants is fair play and it is our humble opinion she has a very good right to insist upon having it.

NEW WHARF.

The committee appointed by the County Council for the purpose made a survey of the proposed road to the new wharf on Friday last. We also learn that the engineers have reported very favorably on the subject and that they recommend a wharf similar to the one now at Kingsport. Mr. Woodworth is now working hard to get an amount put in the estimates for this year so that operations can be commenced in the Spring. We hope to see this matter vigorously pushed forward and when it is once completed let us work for direct communication with Boston or New York by water. It can be accomplished and we feel certain it will be and that at no very distant day.

IN MEMORIAM.

REV. S. W. DE BLOIS, D. D.

On Monday evening, Feb. 4th., Rev Dr. de Blois passed to his heavenly rest. His loss will be keenly felt. He was one of those men that have many friends and few, if any, foes. His pious, faithful, unostentatious life greatly endeared him to the people of his charge. Nor was any of his popularity due to his prophesying smooth things: he was

careful to declare the whole counsel of God. He was indeed a faithful under-shepherd, and lived in the affection of his people. Long will his memory be cherished by the members of Wolfville Baptist Church, to whom for twenty-eight years he so ably and faithfully ministered in holy things.

He loved to preach the Gospel. His whole soul was in the work. He chose his life-work wisely and hence his great success. As a preacher he held no mean rank. The sermons of his palmiest days were marked by great originality and power. He spoke from the heart, spoke to the heart, and then the truth was fastened upon the conscience. Many of his discourses, fraught with evangelical truth, were models of directness and power. His preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstrations of the spirit and of power. He was born, we believe in Halifax, in 1827. His thirst for knowledge and desire to be useful brought him to Acadia College at which he was graduated in 1846. He spent three years as a law-student in Halifax, and three more as one of the masters of Horton Academy. He is also a graduate of Newton Theological Seminary, and was a member of a very distinguished class. He was ordained at Chester in 1854, and became pastor of Wolfville Baptist Church in 1855. In 1857 he was made Secretary of the Board of Governors of Acadia College, and discharged the duties of that office with singular ability. In the same year in which he was made secretary the degree of M. A. was conferred upon him, the degree of D. D. in 1881.

A beautiful life has just closed. He has entered into rest, and is now in high employ. May his mantle fall upon his successor that the ways of Zion may not languish. He who has left us, and whom we so deeply mourn was indeed rich, not in gold, but in a good life.

School Book Monopoly.

Allowing one house the exclusive right of publishing any authorized school book, has long been a disgrace to our educational system, and we would like to see some steps taken in the direction of breaking up this monopoly. At present the public are paying at least double the price they should for school books, which they not only require, but are forced to buy, and the retail dealers throughout the country will endorse us in saying, that they are not the parties who are making the profits as in many cases it does not pay them to handle school books, and they only keep them out of necessity.

Let us by all means have the best books the brains and skill of our country can produce, but let us have them at reasonable prices. Down with monopoly, say we! Let the publishing of all school books be open to competition, as the National Series of Readers has been for some years past. The decision of the Hon. G. W. Ross on the Reader Question has not yet been published but we feel satisfied that with his experience in educational matters he will not tolerate a system so detrimental to the best interests of the country, as the present scandalous mode of defrauding the public.—Free Lance, Toronto.

GENERAL NEWS.

—Salt has been struck at Park hill, Ontario, at a depth of 1100 feet and a company has been organized to work it.

—A German sculptor has been given an order for a statue of General Garfield over ten feet high, for San Francisco.

—The Iron Depression has caused a suspension of operation at ten of the largest blast furnaces in the vicinity of Glasgow, Scotland.

—Robert Kettle & Co., cotton yarn merchants, Glasgow, Scotland, have failed with liabilities of a million and a half dollars.

—Mr. Edison, the famous electrical inventor, has won a law-suit between him and a Mr. Swan, in Germany, over an Electric lamp patent.

—An explosion in a colliery in the Rhonda Valley, Wales, killed sixty-eight persons. A thousand men are thrown out of employment.

—Gold has been found in fair quantities and extensive deposits of silver, copper, iron and coal have been found in the Rocky mountains of Canada.

—Small Pox is reported very prevalent in Louisville, Kentucky, there being 70 cases in the hospitals and many scattered throughout the city.

—The Hon. Fred. Douglas, the famous and somewhat aged colored orator and statesman, was lately married to Miss Ellen M. Pitts, a white woman.

—On the night of the 26th Jan. a gale, almost without parallel, blew over England and France. Damage to property is reported from all parts, together with considerable loss of life.

—In a Chicago court the Judge decided that a telegram was no more privileged than any other communication and must be produced in evidence when required in the interests of justice.

—The amount of coal mined in Nova Scotia yearly is about 1,350,000 tons employing some 5,000 men and boys at a sum of \$15,000,000 in the transportation of which 300 vessels and 5,000 people find employment.

—A new line of steamers is to be established between New York and St. Johns, Newfoundland, via Halifax. Service will be begun April 1st. with chartered boats, awaiting the completion of new boats for the company.

—J. G. Frazer, said to be a wealthy merchant of Liverpool England, sixty-two years of age, was on the morning after his arrival in New York, found frozen to death in a cellar-way. His money was missing but his other valuables were untouched.

—Cases in which farmers gave notes of hand to a fraudulent agricultural implement concern in Montreal, and received no value therefor, have been decided against a third party who held the notes and sued to recover the amount, by the Supreme Court of New Brunswick. The defendants had however, a narrow escape from being heavily swindled, and the matter should be a warning to all farmers not to sign their names in books for strangers upon any consideration.—Weekly Messenger.

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IN WOLFVILLE.

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100 BBLs. FLOUR,
40 " Kiln-dried
CORN-MEAL,
25 " OAT-MEAL.
25 " Feeding Flour,

Which will be sold cheap for Cash

TO ARRIVE NEXT WEEK,
CHOICE GROCERIES,

Look out for change in adv. next week.