

## CHIGNECTO POST AND BORDERER

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## CANADA'S NEW KNIGHT.

Canada perhaps approaches nearest to the attractive, impossible ideal of the American declaration. If all men are not born equal in Canada yet no man is unnecessarily made to feel his inferiority. Canadians feel much of the contempt which the Americans boast for hereditary titles which shine only with ancestral glory, reflected and probably refracted as well, through the mists of thirty or forty generations. Canadians have no sympathy with the American trading spirit which leads Americans to buy titles as they buy old pictures, and statues with no idea of their worth. For titles undoubtedly have a value, and carry with them honor, and win respect in every path of life. No city, society or corporation in fact, is without its titles of honor. Our Canadian titles, for the most part, were won by men who have won them by their own ability and efforts, must be esteemed as high in value above the more brilliant hereditary titles of Old England as the Victoria Cross presented for some remarkable exploit in battle, is more honorable than the jewelled medals given to an Indian Prince because his fathers founded a dynasty hundreds of years before. And it cannot but be a matter of congratulation to the people in this neighborhood that a full share of these honors come to the province of New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia, and that the illustrious sons of Westmorland and Cumberland have not had their merit unrecognized.

Although on the younger members of the House of Commons, and the youngest members of the cabinet, Charles Tupper, now Sir Charles Hibbert, has long been a hard working member of the executive and a leading debater on the floor of the House. At the general election of June, 1882 he was first returned to parliament, and it was principally as the son of his father that he was known to the political world and even to the constituency he represented. But he was not long in proving to friends and opponents that his future, whatever it might be, could be safely left to himself. As a speaker, both on the platform and on the floor of the House, he showed himself to be equal to many other parliamentarians. His ability and his family connection brought him recognition and promotion, and he became a member of the Government as Minister of Marine and Fisheries. He has held that portfolio ever since, and it was as head of that department that he went to Paris to assist in the selection of Canada's new flag, now being considered by the Hon. the Secretary of the Admiralty. Sir Charles Hibbert is a young man, being thirty-eight years of age. He is the second son of Sir Charles, and was born at Amherst on August 3, 1855. He was educated both at McGill and at the University of Toronto, and then took up the law as a profession. In 1878 he was called to the bar, and ten years after he was a minister of the Crown. His political career has been eminently successful and none can grudge him the title now being conferred upon him by the House of Commons.

## A HALIFAX OPINION.

The Halifax papers have never been very enthusiastic about the Bay Verte canal or its substitute the Ship Railway. The *Recorder* of 8th gives the reason. "It would not be of the least advantage to the trade between Halifax and the Gulf ports." If the information of the Editor of the *Recorder* extends so far as to know the locality of the Isthmus of Chignecto, he ought to know that neither the Canal nor the Ship Railway, were designed to invade the shipping of Halifax. The promoters of it have therefore for that reason never considered it worth while to seek very much assistance from such a broad, liberal, and intelligent set of men in that city as the *Recorder* well represents. A slight elementary knowledge of geography might be of advantage in the office of our Halifax Contemporary. Further it says: "It was suggested that it might be of some help to St. John, but the representatives have emphatically denied that it could be." In this statement our contemporary is drawing on that fertile source of information—his imagination. The St. John papers can inform him that all the representatives of that constituency are strong advocates of it. Further there has been no more enthusiastic supporters of it than the leaders of its own party in this Province. The late Sir Albert Smith, the late Hon. Isaac Burpee, the late Hon. Wm. Elias, the St. John *Telegraph* are familiar examples.

Our contemporary further alleges: "In all the Maritime Provinces not one man could be found to say he would make use of it, if it were built." We can refer the *Recorder* to such illustrious members of the opposition as Hon. L. H. Davies and Hon. Peter Mitchell, both of whom have professed sufficient reason to warrant an expenditure three times what the railway costs for a canal. The *Recorder* is at liberty to call upon the Tory government to construct it as necessary to maritime trade. Mr. Mitchell was minister of Marine in a government that adopted it as part of the canal system of Canada. Their old speeches will show the *Recorder* who would use it. At present these gentlemen, much like the *Recorder* are consumed by such a blind, determined and vicious hatred to the Tupper, that they are ready to abandon their own professions and throw dirt at their own records, if they can strike a blow at any work in which the Tupper are interested, however remotely.

The English language is to be placed on an equal footing with that of Germany in the higher schools and training colleges of France.

## TRURO.

HISTORICAL—THE FIRST SETTLERS—PROSPEROUS AND PROGRESSIVE—TRURO—HUM—RELIGION—IDOLATRY.

Sept. 8th.—Paul Mascarene, President of the old Council at Annapolis, in a report to the Lords of trade in 1720 stated there were about fifty French families settled at Chebeague, the "soil of which produces good grain and abounds in cattle and other conveniences of life. By a river, the inhabitants have communication with Chignecto, a harbor on the eastern coast and by a road across the woods at a distance of about twenty leagues, they fall into the Bay of Vert, in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, by which they drive a trade to Cape Breton. The Indians resort much to this place. Thirty-five years later, on a bright September day, the inhabitants of Chebeague, while at work harvesting in their fields noticed with some curiosity the movements of three vessels which sailed up the Bay, and finally anchored. The people little knew what a terrible fate was in store for them. Four days later, their houses and buildings were in flames, their heads and flocks dispersed and themselves forced on board the vessels beheld on the receding hills for their birth place and their home for the last time. All that remained of the French Colony was the village of French, Chebeague was settled from two directions. A number of families of the 3,000 people brought to Halifax by Governor Cornwallis in 1749, drifted here and the families of a lot of volunteers raised at the Landing, New Hampshire and who had served at Fort Cumberland and were attracted by the appearance of the country, were introduced here by Col. McNutt. They were by descent Irish Protestants and from them have sprung some of the most eminent of our Maritime Colonists. The first grant of Truro issued by Governor Montague Wilmet in 1675 contained the names of 82 grantees, amongst them such well known names as the brothers Archibald, McKays, Botsford, were united in marriage to the Logans, Dickies, McKays, Fishers, Fowlers, Corbitts, &c., &c.

While the name of Archibald is a familiar one in the Imperial and Colonial services, the casual visitor to Truro is reminded of it by the large number of residences owned by members of the family here. They have increased, multiplied and prospered. Major Dand, who settled in Truro in 1762, was the first descendant, the first J. P. Mayor of the town, and M. P. for the township. His son Samuel succeeded him as M. P. P., and his grandson S. G. W. Archibald, one of the most distinguished of Nova Scotians had his memory wedded to all future time by a very interesting biography of his case published by Isaac Lownders Esq., Judge Archibald, Sir Adam G. Archibald and Sir Edward Archibald are well known names in the same family.

To the superficial observer, Truro presents the appearance of an often taken together. Geographically it is a good situated centre for trade and well located for manufacturing industries. A good deal has been done to develop it, both in the way of wholesale houses, and in the way of the dry goods, and the dry goods houses of Wm. Cummings & Co. and Blanchard, Bentley & Co. sell goods over the Provinces, even in Granville St. Halifax. Black & Co. grocers, Fitch & Pailton, stationers, and D. H. Smith & Co., the same. Frost and Wood, agricultural implements and Bigh & Prince, the same, are all wholesale dealers.

In manufacturing, there is successful operation the Hat Company, which makes a large variety of hats, and is the largest in the country. They employ at present about 40 hands.

The Condensed Milk Co., is a well organized concern paying fabulous dividends. The Last and Egg Factory, the only one of the kind in Canada, ships a large portion of its goods to the various continental countries. They employ 20 to 30 hands, according to demand.

The Truro Foundry Co., employs 60 hands. The Truro Woollen Factory, Archibald's Carriage Factory, the Hat and Shoe Factory, the Paper Mill, and the Truro and Egg Furniture Factory of McCurdy, Wilson & Hill employing 30 hands, are all creditable and successful institutions. The Sash and Door Factory has one of the finest manufacturing premises in Canada. The town is lighted with Chambers Electric Light and Power Co., and the lights give most excellent results. A proposal is on foot to organize an electric street car service. The streets are well situated for a loop line, from the Ry. station to Victoria Square, where the public buildings and many fine commercial houses are located. The town is governed by a mayor and six councillors. The rate of taxation is \$1.50 per \$100.00. The Normal School, situated on a beautiful site, is a fine school, established by the Nova Scotia government. For various reasons the school has been but thinly attended by farmer's sons as yet, but it is believed that the efforts of the Fielding government to provide a practical education to the younger generation will ultimately result with success. The object aimed at is most important. The town rejoices in four newspapers. The *Sun* is a solid old style Tory paper with a future as subjects very near the Truro heart. The people stand together for any improvements. They all talk up their town and don't advertise its drawbacks to strangers. This spirit of *amner proprie* inspires confidence, the first element to the

making of any place. The township was formerly a sort of religious Mecca for Presbyterians. It served as an ecclesiastical father to Pictou, Daniel Cook, John Waddell and William McCulloch in succession from 1770, were men who exerted a tremendous influence in religious thought and action far beyond the community in which they labored. The temperance movement early took root here. In old times libations to Bacchus were common, even at funerals. A local historian thinks it important to note that the first funeral without rum took place in 1839. Licenses to sell were refused by the Sessions as early as 1833.

To-day the Scotch Act is in full force. Virtue and effort, which means that every one can obtain the wherewithal to get on as far as Tam O'Shanter six times a day and that the vendors are occasionally invited to replenish the town revenue. Few towns are so temperate orderly and clean as Truro. The streets are deserted on Sundays except when the bells call the people to public service. There are no pool rooms open and on country roads, no horse trots on the Sabbath day.

The site of Truro is a place of almost ideal beauty. It possesses the suggestiveness of encircling hills in the distance, with green fields and groves and nestling farm houses intervening, and beside it a wall opening out into meadows, are considering to render the place one of pastoral beauty. The town's people have not failed to improve by art what nature has done, avenues of trees line many of the streets, and the homes of people in all directions are half concealed in creeping vines and foliage. The fashion is a good one.

## Point de Bute.

—Titus K. Lauther, of Mount Whatley and Mrs. Lauther left for World's Fair yesterday.

—Miss Mary E., daughter of Silas Robinson, Westmorland Point, and George Oulton of Mount Pleasant, Bedford, were united in marriage last evening. The ceremony took place at the residence of the bride's aunt, Mrs. Doyle. Rev. D. Lawson, assisted by Rev. MacRae, was the officiating clergyman.

—Mr. and Mrs. R. Harrington and family of Sydney are visiting old friends here.

—Capt. Chesley Wells and Mrs. Wells are home spending a few weeks.

—A good harvest is about secured in first rate condition.

## Upper Cape.

—Farmers are about through with their harvest. The yield is good, better than has been for years; marsh grass is also good; English hay about an average crop; the root crop is good; the bugs have not to any extent injured the potatoes.

The pulpit of the Methodist church was occupied on Sunday last by the Rev. Mr. Hanney in the absence of Rev. Mr. Hamilton who is taking a short vacation.

Pursuant to adjournment Band of Hope Lodge met on Thursday evening at Lodge Room in Temperance Hall. After a short opening of lodge work the doors were opened to the public for the purpose of presenting an address. The evening was spent in Royal. The Rev. Mr. Ray, of the North and Mrs. Raworth who are shortly to leave here and settle at Bayfield. The evening was spent in Royal. The Rev. Mr. Ray, of the North and Mrs. Raworth who are shortly to leave here and settle at Bayfield.

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## Dorchester.

—Rev. W. G. Gaynes has been appointed assistant to Rev. A. D. Cormier, C.S.C., chaplain of the Dorchester penitentiary. —Hon. Joseph Henderson has left for the General Synod at Toronto and after that may take in the world's fair at Chicago.

—M. G. Teed of the firm of Hanington and Teed left for Boston Monday.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Jones who have been in town visiting Mrs. Stevens returned to Moncton Monday evening and will leave for their home at Merrimack Mass. on Tuesday next.

—Miss J. Boy Campbell has returned from visiting friends in Amherst and Wallace N.S.

—Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Dobson are receiving congratulations on the arrival of a son and heir.

—Mr. Walter Kelstead who has been in the ship H. R. Emerson nearly all summer has returned home for a few days.

—Miss Crandall of Salisbury is visiting her sister Miss W. J. Trites.

—After his holidays Mr. Chas. A. Atkins has returned to his duties in the office of Teed, Wallace and Hanington.

—Mrs. Trainor of Moncton is visiting Mrs. Judge Landry.

—Rev. J. Boy Campbell has gone for a trip to Montreal and another Canadian city.

—Mr. T. O. Dobson left here Monday for New Brunswick to see the body of E. T. Taylor, North Sydney, C. B. Mrs. Tait went to North Sydney in the early part of the summer, where she was staying with her mother, and had been there but a short time she took sick and has ever since been in a precarious condition. It has only been about five months since she left home, and she is now nearly dead. The remains will arrive here tomorrow night for interment. The bereaved family have the sympathy of the whole community in their loss.

## Local.

—The Rustle Case.—The coroner's verdict in the case of the Miramichi accident referred to in our last issue was as follows:—That Mary Agnes Morrison came to her death from a stroke of timber running into the boat at Kerr's Mill wharf, caused by the negligence of Capt. John Russell in steering his boat out of its proper course 5th Sept. instant. Mr. Thompson, acting for the crown, said the verdict was not long in coming.

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## A Majority Reply.

Mr. Editor.—We thank you for your letter to publish for us a reply to the so-called "Minority report" of Mr. A. Fawcett. We have read that report, and have noted its misleading and unreasonably statements as well as the letter of Mr. J. A. Atkinson which appeared in the last week's issue of your paper. We understand the whole case in connection with the valuation of the Amherst body of marsh, are well acquainted with Messrs. A. Fawcett and Atkinson, and know very well from the hands of Messrs. A. Fawcett and Atkinson that they are not to be trusted. When that party was in a position to come out over his own signature and charges us with wronging him in the Amherst valuation, will trouble you for space in your paper to reply. Until then Messrs. A. Fawcett and Atkinson can have the field to themselves.

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