

The Weekly Monitor.

BRIDGETOWN, MAY 1, 1878.

FIFTY YEARS AGO.

An old man, with the hoariness of seventy years resting upon him, in looking back upon half a century, without taking time to think, regards it as a visionary panorama of rapidly vanishing years. His schoolboy days seem not far away, and the intervening Summers and Winters, with all their heat and cold—their "lights and shadows," in his view, are budded together, like the fragments of a dream. A half-grown boy, however, in looking forward to fifty years, recognizes a long period, in which he hopes to play an active part in both attainments and enjoyments. The visions of youth are tinted with the hues of deceptive promise, and those of old age are distorted by the bitterness of untoward experience, and the chilliness of depressing disappointment. In early life "distance lends enchantment to the view," but to old age benumbed with the infirmities that are incident to length of days, a darkening haze rests upon the chequered experience of the past. Youth and age are stand-points from which time's flight is seen in very different aspects. Yet the philosophic mind may divert itself of those influences, which naturally tinge men's visions as they survey the past, or undertake to pry into the future.

To-day it is our purpose to look over a portion of the by-gone with a calm and clear mental view of what has been transpiring in our own country and elsewhere within the memory of quite a number of still living men. Not one in twenty of the four hundred thousand, who make up the population of Nova Scotia, had entered our world by birth fifty years ago, and not one in twenty who were then living, are now alive. It may not be out of place, however, just now to take note of some changes that have been going on in the world within the period referred to. The modifications in the civil government of our country are marvellous. Fifty years ago, all official and political power, was vested in a Council of XII, who lived in Halifax, who had no sympathy with the outlying rural Counties who were wholly independent of popular influences of control, and who regarded the people's representative body with little respect; and, in several instances, these irresponsible rulers ignored the power of the Assembly. They sat with closed doors, and no one could criticize their secret doings without incurring the terrible charge of disloyalty to the Crown. But the spirit of reform has triumphed—we enjoy a free constitution—and the policy of both legislation and government is indicated by the people.

Fifty years ago the trade of the country was trammelled with cramping restrictions; and Halifax was the only port of entry in the Province. In process of time, however, Yarmouth and Pictou, in this respect, were placed on the same footing, with the capital, and ultimately every port in the country was thrown open, giving free scope to maritime enterprise, trade and commerce.

Fifty years ago railway operations had just been started as an experiment of doubtful utility in England. Not a mile of railway was laid on this continent for many years afterward.

Fifty years ago successful steam navigation across the Atlantic was talked about as a possibility; but it was twelve years afterward before its applicability was thoroughly tested.

Fifty years ago telegraphic communications by electricity, either over the surface of the solid land, or through the depths of the sea, was not even dreamed of.

Fifty years ago California was a country little known, and its immense mineral treasures were still buried in the bowels of the earth.

Fifty years ago Australia was principally known as a penal colony.

Fifty years ago, the reclaiming of the wooded solitudes of New Zealand from the darkness of barbarism by European emigrants, had scarcely been contemplated.

Fifty years ago Catholic Emancipation in the British Empire was being agitated, but not consummated.

Fifty years ago the despotic spirit of Bourbonism predominated in the misrule of France.

Fifty years ago, the whole population of Nova Scotia numbered less than one hundred and fifty thousand.

Fifty years ago the site on which Chicago stands, was only known as a favorite Indian camping ground.

Fifty years ago Joseph Howe was quite a young man, exhibiting much cleverness in the columns of the Nova Scotian, but he had not then felt the spirit of Reform, that prompted him to achievements which won for him renown in after years.

Fifty years ago the Pictou Patriot, under the management of Jotham Blanchard, was the only newspaper in Nova Scotia that had the moral hardihood and courage to indulge in animadversive strictures on the misdoings of the Government.

Fifty years ago Kings College at Windsor was the only chartered academic institution in Nova Scotia.

Fifty years ago there was a State Church in this Province, looking frown-

ingly on those who were outside its pale. Fifty years ago the interest of primary education was at a low ebb in our Province.

In a few particulars, we have mentioned the condition of the world half a century ago. We need not remind our readers of the changes that have taken place. They are patent to every body; and indicate the accelerated march of progress. What the developments of fifty years to come will be, remains to be seen. Few now living will be on the earth then, to note the go-aheadism of the years that will intervene; but the actors on life's stage, meanwhile, will be "leaving footprints on the sands of time."

SOCIABLE.—There will be a sociable held at the residence of Mr. John B. Reed, on Tuesday evening, the 7th inst. All are invited to attend. Tickets 25 cents. Proceeds to help repair the parsonage.

—The weather during last week was more like June than April. The thermometer registered 82 in the shade on Friday, at Annapolis. So says the Journal of Saturday.

—We are requested to state that a meeting of the heirs of Anna and Lydia Church will be held in the Court House, Bridgetown, on Saturday, the 11th day of May instant, at two o'clock, p. m., for the purpose of hearing the report of the delegates who went to Great Britain last year in the interest of the said heirs.

—We were handed on Monday last, by Mr. John Piggott, two stocks of rhubarb, grown in the open air, in the garden of Mr. John Turnbull, Bear River, the finest ever seen by us for the season. They measured twelve inches in length, one inch in breadth, and three-quarters of an inch in thickness.

—Mr. Homer Salter, the late proprietor of the well known hotel called the "Commercial House," Annapolis, has sold out to Mr. John McLeod, formerly of the Foster House. The new proprietor took possession on the 1st of May. Mr. McLeod has been long and favorably known, and we have no doubt the "Commercial" will still enjoy the confidence and support of the travelling public. Mr. Salter will still continue to run his coach line.

THE COMING STRUGGLE.—We have been repeatedly asked during the past week what part we intend to take in the coming election contests. To set the matter at rest, most emphatically say that we are determined to take none whatever, so far as the Monitor is concerned! We are ready and willing to publish the cards of all the candidates if they wish us so to do; but to plunge into the strife for either party would be only to destroy our present usefulness, and alienate a host of friends and patrons.

POLITICAL MEETING. According to previous announcement the Liberal Conservative Party held a Political meeting at the Court House, this town, on Thursday last. The meeting convened at 11 o'clock, a. m. T. D. Ruggles, Esq., Q. C., was called to the chair. John B. Mills, Esq., of Annapolis, was appointed secretary.

After a speech of an hour's duration, by the chairman, a committee comprising three from each ward was appointed to select candidates. The committee retired to one of the jury rooms, and upon returning announced that they had unanimously chosen Avar Longley, Esq., to be the candidate for the Dominion Parliament, and that Wm. B. Troop, and C. W. Shafter, Esquires, be the candidates for the Local Legislature.

The meeting then adjourned for dinner, to meet again at 2 o'clock, p. m. When reassembled, speeches were made by the candidates, committees formed, &c. The meeting broke up about 4 o'clock, three cheers being given for the Queen, and three cheers and a tiger for the candidates.

SCHOOL EXAMINATION. We were unable to attend the examination of the Primary Department of the public school, under the tuition of Miss Annie Longley, held on Friday last. We are, therefore, under the obligation to one present for the following report:—"Notwithstanding the irregular attendance of the pupils of the primary department of the Bridgetown School from sickness or other causes, the examination held on Friday showed an average advancement. All the classes were much in advance of what they were six months ago, and those who have attended regularly gave a good account of themselves. Many did exceedingly well for their years. Miss Mabel Saunders, a six years old, enjoyed the happy satisfaction of seeing much older class-mates in spelling take their seats ere she failed, thus fairly winning the desired place, "Head of the class." Master Fred. Dennison, of the fourth class, was also left on the floor without a rival after a sharp competition with a number of class-mates. Miss Gertrude McLean also showed great proficiency for one so young in reading, spelling, and geography. But few of the parents were present, and a large percentage of the scholars were also absent which is much to be regretted.

—The Newfoundland papers give the names of a large number of steamers and sailing vessels which have recently arrived with cargoes from the seal fisheries. The total number taken thus far this season amounts to 204,866. The exports for the year 1877 amounted in value to \$6,841,582.

HORSE KILLED.—In Lawrence town, on Monday evening of last week, Mr. John Whitman had a valuable horse killed by a collision with a team driven by Mr. Charles Williams, whose shaft entered the side of the horse breaking his ribs and otherwise injuring him, causing his death in twenty minutes afterwards.

THE RESULTS OF THE WAR.

Look at the results of this war. Well, let us look at them, and see what Russia has gained. Suppose the Congress of 100 ratify the terms as they are believed to stand, and what are her special profits? A slice of Armenia, which will enable her, if she commands the Black Sea, to send troops thither by water instead of by land, is probably, to save five per cent. of any expeditionary force she may desire to dispatch; and a slight increase in her power of attacking Persia, this she will not, but the only effect of that is that she would have no claim to demand beyond this, except a corner of Bessarabia, and a strip of land which makes of the Roumanian race—fighting race, as they showed before Plevna—her deadly enemies; and some influence in Bulgaria, which it will be the first Bulgarian object to shake off. She has lost, by her method of liberation, the willing aid of the Turkish Christians, and is now so hated in Roumania, Servia, and Greece, that her own people make war on Austria or England in a war for her destruction. All other advantages are indirect. She may be able to use Turkey as a vassal, and so close the Bosphorus, but the only effect of that is that she would have in the event of war to defend a point distant from her own resources, instead of a point close to them. She may be able to control Bulgaria; we believe she will not—that is, she may have to defend a province accessible to all the Maritime Powers, divided from herself by the sea, and liable, whenever Austria interposes, to be attacked in flank and rear. And she has made her army formidable. This one advantage from the war we fully admit, and it is a grave one. By the expenditure of not less than \$20,000,000, she has had 100,000 regulars, the Russian government has been enabled to discover the weak points of its army, to remedy them, to discover a considerable general—we imagine that military history will not forget the ground floor, a formidable soldier—and to make his army what at first it was not, reasonably mobile. That is a great gain, but it has been obtained at a great cost. It is likely, under the Russian system of Government, to be lost again, favoritism resuming its sway in peace time, and it is completely neutralized by the increased dread with which the revolution and Russian strength has inspired her neighbors. We seriously doubt whether cool Russian statesmen, considering the injury done to her finances, could consent to the facilities for aggression offered by the misgovernment of Turkey, considering the enfranchisement of Christian provinces likely, as they advance, to drive her out of the Balkan Peninsula, and to excite in Austria, and considering the strong chance that Constantinople may be placed under protection twice as effective as that of Turkey, may consent to the ground floor of 1877-8 brought Russia an accession to be compared with the loss of strength accruing from the events of 1870, and the probability which then existed that Germany, then Austria, empire, disposing of the whole resources of Central Europe, could, as regards Russian progress, come to a hearty understanding. There are plenty of topics to be discussed in Congress, but we conceive the panic under which we are about to enter that assembly to be an illusion.

A MODERN HENRY MOORE SMITH.

The man known as Ruggles, alias Rogers, now in Windsor jail, has proved a first-class jail breaker. He was taken up at Annapolis, and made good, and lodged in jail, from which he broke out. Afterwards he broke into a store at Shubenacadie, and was again captured and lodged in Windsor jail to await his trial in the Supreme Court. He has twice since made good, and on Saturday week nearly succeeded. The jailer says he always handcuffed him at night so his work had to be done in the day, and he had to be very careful. He hid out with a small awl and the occasional use of his dinnerknife to cut through a two-inch plank to remove the plaster of the cell around a space large enough to admit two men. He also cut through the stone masonry and hid it in the bed clothes and then all that was between him and liberty were the large stones outside which could be easily removed. The prisoner then with stones made into cement plastered the whole arrangement up again and with ashes sifted through a mit managed to give it the appearance of never having been disturbed. The jailer suspecting the wrong was made, had an examination found this cleverly arranged plan of escape. Another night would have accomplished it. The prisoner is now in the upper prison managed from the feet to a staple in the floor and there he will probably remain until trial. We understand that Rogers belongs to an organized band of burglars, of which he is the reputed head. He has broken out of five jails in New Brunswick, and three in this province. —Windsor Mail.

THE SICK WOMAN OF EUROPE.

The opinion is evidently gaining ground on both sides of the Atlantic that Benjamin Disraeli, Earl of Beaconsfield, knows what he is about, and that the sick woman of Europe, as England was contemptuously termed by Continental and Irish satirists, is pretty nearly cured. Britain and Russia are contending for a great stake, namely, prestige in the East, and during the war with Turkey, Russia had far the best of it. So great was her effect upon the Mohammedan mind, that England's raj, or reign, was regarded as past, and the vernacular press of India and the Mohammedan teachers in Constantinople, were not insulting terms, as indeed, did all her enemies elsewhere. In fact, her hour had about come, her influence was gone, she dared not fight, Ireland would recover her independence, and she would be left all that talk was suddenly ended by the passage of a British fleet "without leave," up the Dardanelles on Monday, with every gun shotted and every man in his place, to take up a position before Constantinople. From that time Russia saw a new factor in her calculations—another Sebastopol looming up and felt that it was only a question of time when and how to leave to be kicked out of the extravagant pretensions embodied in the treaty of San Stefano. Not satisfied, however, with one daring act, Britain had been preparing incessantly for a gigantic conflict, and she is now bringing troops from India, probably to be stationed in Egypt until all questions with Russia and Turkey are settled satisfactorily. This move is by far the most significant for Russia yet. It was all along acknowledged that Britain had the naval and financial superiority, but where were her armies? They were made up of contingents as compared with the armies of continental nations. An order for fifteen steamers—loads of Indian troops of the most efficient description indicates the answer to that question. Nothing would be easier than to draw "300,000 more" from that swarming hive of humanity. This Russia well knows, and is now as anxious for a contest to decide on terms of peace as she was formerly haughty and defiant about it. The fact is the Asiatic nations are perceiving that it is Russia from whom the raj is to be regained, and they are flocking to the picturesque way of describing things, the Genius of the Ring, however powerful covers before the Genius of the Lamp, and Asiatics always follow the strongest. Does Britain then wish for conquest? Certainly not; all her interests and inclinations prefer peace, and her gigantic preparations at present are, she believes, just the way of securing it. A wise nation goes to any expense in order to procure the information and advice that will keep him out of lawsuits; and so it is with Britain. She is going to procure information and advice to keep her out of wars, and so it is with Britain. She is going to procure information and advice that will keep her out of wars, and so it is with Britain. She is going to procure information and advice that will keep her out of wars, and so it is with Britain.

ROMANCE IN REAL LIFE.

A MAN DISCOVERS HIS MOTHER WHO HE THOUGHT DEAD FOR 38 YEARS.

About the year 1838, there lived in the village of Ellen, near Aberdeen, Scotland, a young almonder doing a prosperous business. He married, and during the first four years a son and daughter were born. About the end of those four years, for some cause unknown, the husband and wife agreed to separate, the father to take the son and the mother the daughter. The next year the father died. In the meantime the father and son sailed for America, and settled in Canada, the father working at various occupations as circumstances permitted. About the year 1850 he received word from Scotland that his wife had died. From this time all correspondence with friends in Scotland, which had been previously kept up, ceased. The son, having grown to manhood with the impression that his mother had died when he was twelve or one and a half years old, entered the profession of school teacher in the neighborhood of Toronto, where about the year 1860, he married. The father believing that his former partner in life had been dead about eleven years, and since the son had married, he felt lonesome and took unto himself a second wife. The son, after teaching about ten years, left the profession on account of ill-health, for active duties, and finally located himself in Texas. The father and step-mother still lived in Toronto. In the summer of 1868 the father, who was then seventy, visited in Essex and died suddenly of inflammation at his son's residence. After the father's death, the son, anxious to find out the existence of a brother of his father, who he believed to be living, was still alive in Europe, instituted an extensive and thorough correspondence with various parties in Scotland, and strange to say the father's name was mentioned still alive, and leading a retired life in Scotland. The son is now making all the necessary arrangements for bringing his aged mother to Essex. —Windsor Record.

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SEALED TENDERS addressed to the undersigned, and endorsed "Tenders for Post Office, St. John, N. B.," will be received at this office until MONDAY, the 20th of May next, at noon, for the erection and completion of the above building. Plans, Specifications, &c., can be seen at this office, and at the office of Matthew Stead, Esq., Architect, Saint John, N. B., on and after MONDAY, the 20th inst., where forms of Tender, &c., and all necessary information can be obtained. Contractors are notified that Tenders will not be considered unless made strictly in accordance with the printed forms, and—in the case of firms—except there are attached the actual signature and the nature of the occupation and place of residence of each member of the same. For the due fulfilment of the Contract, satisfactory security will be required on real estate, or by deposit of money, public or municipal securities, or bank stocks, to an amount of five per cent. on the bulk sum of the Contract. To the Tender must be attached the actual signatures of two responsible and solvent persons, residents of the Dominion, willing to become sureties for the carrying out of these conditions, as well as the due performance of the works embraced in the Contract. This Department does not, however, bind itself to accept the Lowest or any Tender. By order, F. BRAUN, Department of Public Works, Secretary. Ottawa, 24th April, 1878.

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Entertainment!! A VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT will be held at LAWRENCE TOWN, in WHITMAN'S HALL, on THURSDAY, May the 9th, consisting of: Recitations, Charades, Vocal and Instrumental Music, Piano & Violin. Doors open at 7 1/2 o'clock. Entertainment to commence at 8 o'clock. Admission 20 cents, Children half price. J. W. JAMES, Secy.

BURBANK SEEDLINGS

TEN BUSHELS of the celebrated Burbank Seedling Potatoes. White Seedlings From the EARLY ROSE, exceptionally fine. For Sale by the subscriber. ALBERT MOORE, Bridgetown, April 17th, 1878. n52 f

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To be sold at PUBLIC AUCTION, on the Premises, on Monday 20th day of May, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, And under and by virtue of a Power of Sale from SAMUEL F. STEELE and MARY, his wife, to Henry D. de Blois, duly registered in the Office of Registry of Deeds for the County of Annapolis, in Libro 66, Folios 570 and 571, as upon reference thereto will more fully appear: All that certain lot of Land and Premises, situate, lying, and being in Bridgetown, in the County of Annapolis, now, or lately, occupied by Alfred Fozzie, and bounded on the North by the Northern half Lot No. 14, on the east by a street, on the South by a street, and on the West by Lot No. 14, measuring 90 feet on the Northern and Southern sides, together with the appurtenances, unless before the day of Sale there be paid in to the said Henry D. de Blois, his certain attorney or assigns the sum of two hundred and seventy-five dollars, with interest from date and costs of Sale. TERMS.—Ten per cent. at time of purchase, remainder on delivery of deed. HENRY D. de BLOIS, Annapolis, April 11th, 1878. 41 4

Light & Team Harnesses

IN SILVER, BRASS, JAPAN, &c. always on hand, manufactured at short notice to suit the purchaser. Also, just received FROM ENGLAND: I CASE RIDING SADDLES. A supply of ENGLISH and AMERICAN HARNESS FURNITURE of the best style and finish. 100 Team and Harness COLLARS, HARNESS, UPPER and SOLE LEATHER, AND CALESKINS ALWAYS IN STOCK. 100 PAIRS BEST MADE COARSE BOOTS & BROGANS. THE HIGHEST PRICES given for Hides and Skins. WANTED.—Good Hemlock Bark. The highest market prices given.

GEORGE MURDOCH.

NERVOUS AND PHYSICAL DEBILITY. A gentleman, having tried in vain every advertised remedy, has discovered a simple means of cure, and he is happy to forward the particulars to any sufferer on receipt of a stamp and directed envelope. Address J. T. SWANSON, Esq., Fishburn House, Fulham, London, England.

New Advertisements.

"Snowflake" Potatoes.

20 BUSH. "SNOWFLAKE" POTATOES For sale by the subscriber, S. S. RUGGLES, Bridgetown, April 27th, 1878. 21 14 pd

Oats. Oats.

MIDDLETON, N. S. 4000 Bushels HEAVY Black Seed Oats, For Sale Low, FOR CASH OR APPROVED PAPER. BESSONETT & WILSON. April 29th, 1878. 21 14

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New Advertisements.

Middleton Corner CHEAP CASH STORE.

Spring Opening. ALL our importations of stock for this season having arrived we take pleasure in announcing to the public our ability to place the same before them this week for inspection and purchase. An early call is solicited. Our stock will be found complete in all departments, and offered for cash only, at a small advance on cost to ensure a living profit. Besides

Grey & White Cottons

Printed Goods. A full line of NEW DRESS GOODS, including: TASSO AND OTHER LINEN FABRICS, Cotton and Linen Costumes, Princess Walking Suits, Mantles, Underskirts, Corsets, Hose, Gloves, Neckties, etc. Scotch and English Cloth, SUITINGS, MANTLE CLOTHS American Cloth and Duck, Ready-made Clothing, OXFORD AND HARVARD SHIRTINGS. Men's Fine White, and Fancy Cotton Shirts, very low. HOUSEKEEPING GOODS in variety. MENS' AND BOYS' HATS in Straw and Felt. LADIES' GENTS' UMBRELLAS & SUNSHADES Full line of LADIES' STRAW GOODS, in late Styles. Large assortment of Millinery Goods In Flowers, Feather & Beads. Dress and Mantle Trimming. Fancy Goods and Small Wares of all kinds. Boots and Shoes, for Large and Small. Agents for RUSTIC WINDOW SHADES, Cheap and durable. COUNTRY PRODUCE at CASH VALUE, taken in exchange for any of our goods. TERMS—STRICTLY CASH.

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