

The Weekly Observer.

HILLSBORO, N. B., June 20, 1889.

Observations.

A Gentle Reaction. A late despatch from Ottawa to the daily papers is as follows:— Mr. Mills, M. P. for Annapolis, has presented to the minister of finance a number of urgent and numerous signed petitions from his constituents in Annapolis praying for an increase in the import duty on beer, and also for a protective duty on apples. Among the signers who are urging increased protection are a large number of influential electors who have hitherto actively supported the free trade party.

Free traders asking for increased protection looks like a genuine reaction not generally noticed by the Liberal press.

Canada's Oil Field.

Canadians are gradually finding out more and more concerning the resources with which their country abounds. The latest discovery is that Canada has a greater area of oil territory than all the rest of the world put together. The productive region of western Ontario embraces but a few square miles; that of Russia, on the Caspian sea, covers, 1,600 square miles. But in the Canadian Northwest there is an oil district two thousand miles long and of unknown breadth. In fact the whole valley of the Mackenzie river in an oil field, capable of supplying the world with oil, light, and even with fuel, for ages. The southern limit of this field approaches the Saskatchewan, while the northern limit is the Arctic ocean.

Agriculture as a Profession.

Mr. James K. Revie is the author of an excellent article in the May number of Harper's Magazine, upon the above subject. For the benefit of our farmers and gardeners we reproduce the following paragraph:—

"Few men fully realize the possibilities of an acre of ground; the bare statement that it contains 43,560 square feet conveys little meaning. It is not difficult to grow upon an individual foot of that surface a product of flowers, plants, vegetables or small fruits that is worth five cents. This ratio applied to the entire acre would give a product of the value of \$2,178. This result has actually been accomplished, but I am afraid that ordinary cultivators will hardly deem the methods and the outcomes of thorough agricultural education; it is this leaving influence that is mainly instrumental in effecting the decrease in the average size of farms that is now so marked a feature of our agricultural statistics. As to the possible pecuniary results that may be obtained by one who realizes the possibilities of agricultural development and brings to its aid exact scientific methods, it is difficult to speak authoritatively."

Canadian Laborers not Wanted in the States.

From the following despatch it would appear that the United States government does not want Canadian laborers in the country but intend to treat all such as aliens:

WASHINGTON, June 17.—Some time ago the British minister made an informal complaint to the secretary of state with regard to the operation of the act of congress prohibiting the importation and immigration of foreigners and aliens. The complaint was that the United States especially so far as concerned the Canadian border. The secretary of state referred the matter to the secretary of the treasury, saying that the Canadian authorities hoped some arrangement might be made whereby the law might be enforced so far as the United States is concerned. It has not been supposed to be the intention of congress to give the secretary discretionary power to suspend the operation of the law in any case.

The St. John Mayoralty Contest.

Some of the readers of the OBSERVER in St. John take exception to our remarks on the late mayoralty contest. They seem to think we did Mr. Barker and the city an injustice in some way. It appears our observation was couched in such a way that Mr. Barker was the gnat candidate. We did not intend to convey such a meaning. We did consider he owed his election mainly to the rum party and did not hesitate to say so. In mentioning rum and gin as commercial capital's two greatest curses we did not intend to intimate that Mr. Barker was the gnat candidate. We merely held in mind the injury done by city politicians who vote away their own city and country while they applaud everything anti-Canadian, and merely look at criticism with a grin. We always make a distinction between a Gnat and a Liberator. We look upon the Gnat as our country's greatest enemy while the true Liberal is loyal and respected, diffusing from good Convictives merely in certain political views. We saw the names of highly respected Liberals on Mr. Everett's nomination paper so knew he had the support of both parties. Mr. Barker is a distinguished lawyer to have his paper signed by many of the "rum element" and this fact coupled with information received from various sources induced me to think he was considered by the anti-temperance party as its candidate. The fact of his being a conservative did not improve the matter any in our opinion. Mr. Barker must certainly have been less objectionable to the rum party than Mr. Everett else he would not have received its support. It is not a temperance man we fear he is but very pronounced in his views. We

trust however he will make a first class mayor, do honor to himself and the city and so conduct himself that when he again contests the city he will meet with the most determined opposition of the rum party.

Home from British Columbia.

Mr. D. A. Duffy talks about the Pacific Coast and his life in the Province of Vancouver and other places. A great Country for Timber and Fish.

The Vancouver World, June 4: D. A. Duffy, Mayor of Moncton, N. B., sets to-day for that city, after spending four months on the coast. His departure was rather sudden, but business affairs demanded it. "He hopes, however, to return soon and take up his permanent residence in this city. Mr. Duffy would be a valuable acquisition, and we trust he will come and stay with us."

Mr. Duffy reached Moncton by the C. P. E. express Thursday evening, and was seen by a Times reporter yesterday. He left Moncton in February last, going to California, where he left his daughter for the benefit of her health. At Sacramento he took the Union Pacific for Portland, Oregon, where he remained five weeks. Mr. Duffy was well pleased with Portland, including the commission on both sides of the river, which are, however, under separate municipal government, the population is 60,000. It is a great wholesale centre, Front and First streets containing some establishments that are not excelled in any of the large eastern cities. Portland is a very healthy city, having over 20 million of the richest being Laid and Tilden, bankers. There are a number of New Brunswickers in Portland, among them X. N. Stevens, formerly of

COVERDALE, ALBERT COUNTY, now a lawyer and doing well. He also met Mr. Gunning, a son of the now deceased leader of the sect known as the Bannockites, who has been in the Pacific coast for 40 years; also Rev. Mr. Rattery an eastern man, who has charge of the second Baptist church, and Rev. John Gordon, pastor of the First Baptist church. The climate of Portland is very healthy. It is a trading centre, mostly for lumber, but also for various other goods. When Mr. Duffy got there in February he saw an apple tree in bloom with last year's fruit unpicked. The Chinese are a large element in Portland. They have their own quarter and control the market garden and several other lines of business. From Portland, Mr. D. went to Seattle, in Washington Territory, where the great fire occurred last week. Seattle is a city of about 25,000 inhabitants, and a great shipping point, being the supply centre for the mines and lumber districts on the Puget Sound. It is a trading centre and is always full of strangers, speculators, immigrants and others from the East, who contribute largely toward

the stupor of the city.

There are quite a number of New Brunswickers in Seattle, among them whom Mr. Duffy met, were Alex. McRae, formerly of Albert County, who is doing well and L. A. Wilson, a stone cutter, who was formerly in St. John. Mr. Duffy met a contractor on the penitentiary.

From Seattle Mr. Duffy proceeded to British Columbia. Victoria he found to be a beautiful city, with splendid scenery and is being built up on a solid basis. Vancouver is the boom town of this Pacific province, and is going ahead very fast. It has a population of 60,000 and over and is being built up on a solid basis.

Mr. Duffy says that the land in Vancouver is laid off for a fine city, it is 2 1/2 miles in extent, with very wide streets, the principal ones being 100 feet wide. It is, in fact, the best laid out city on the Pacific coast, 100 real estate agents keep things coming, pointing out all the advantages possessed by the new city and the council is now considering the advisability of spending \$1,200 in getting up a pamphlet

for circulation abroad. Mr. Duffy thinks that if the land business in Moncton were in the hands of live real estate agents, it would be better for all concerned. Speaking of the agricultural interests Mr. Duffy says there may be good land in British Columbia but he did not see it. The timber grows to immense size. A tree will make 40,000 feet of lumber. A tree is cut into three or four logs, to each one of which requires five or six cords of wood to load on a firm road. An order from China for a piece of timber 110 feet long, to square 4 feet. The order could be filled easily enough, but no vessel could be found to carry it. The land is cleared with great difficulty, the stumps and roots of one tree covering a large part of an acre by building. It often costs as much as \$50 to get out a single stump. The salmon are also very plentiful in the Fraser river and at other points along the Pacific coast. Jackson, a Nova Scotian, who was formerly located in Moncton, is making a statement that people have walked across the river on the backs of the fish, but it is said for a fact that the bears catch and eat the fish, and that it is sometimes difficult to row in the water on account of them. A fine salmon can be brought at any time for 50 cents. The population of Vancouver is estimated at 12,000, but this is probably a little too high. The scenery along the C. P. R. Grand and the passenger traffic is considerable. Mr. Hand, a Nova Scotian, is one of the wealthiest men in Vancouver and is now building a fine residence there.

Mr. Duffy left Vancouver the day that Sir Alexander Tilly arrived and consequently did not see him. Judge Gray, whose day was recently reported, had great expectations of meeting Sir Leonard, and was to have had the address, but was stricken down before the arrival of his old friend and will-guest, and died the day after.

The weather on the Pacific coast is colder now than here. Mr. Duffy found the nights decidedly cold, in fact. The climate is warmer in winter and cooler in summer; the thermometer seldom going over 55 in Vancouver. He considers that the day market on the Pacific coast is overdone—there is not enough work for the men already there. Moncton Times.

Mr. Duffy was for many years a highly respected citizen of Hillsboro which was his birthplace. He has a large circle of relatives and friends in it, it is believed would be pleased to welcome him back as a permanent resident of the town.

Meeting of the Albert Methodist W. M. Society.

The first public meeting of the Albert Auxiliary of the Methodist Women's Missionary Society was held in the Albert Methodist church on Tuesday evening, June 6th.

Rev. J. Embro, assisted by Rev. Mr. Allison, opened the meeting, after which the President of the Society, Mrs. G. S. Turner, was called to the chair and gave a very interesting address.

The Secretary, Mrs. J. S. Atkinson, then read the report of the Society.

Resolutions were given by Mrs. D. N. Baldwin and Lena Atkinson and a quartette by Mrs. Murray, Miss Brewster, and Messrs. Truman and Brewster.

A debate on abolishing missions, in which Mrs. Truman, Mrs. Murray, Mrs. Baldwin, Miss Brewster and Miss Bates took part, proved to the audience that missions should not be abolished.

The choir under the leadership of W. A. Trueman rendered choice selections during the evening.

Mrs. Baldwin presided as the organ with her usual acceptance.

Com. Found in a Fish. June 15 there arrived a Halifax harbor the fishing schooner Hattie D. from the banks commanded by Robert P. Izenhour. Being short of drinking water and provisions the captain was obliged to run into port to replenish his supplies.

On Tuesday evening, while the vessel was lying to on the fishing banks, one of the men named William Robinson hooked a halibut. The fish was of such large proportions that it took several of the crew to haul it on board.

Upon opening the halibut a portion of a woman's hand with the thumb and fore, and a cord finger were found. On the second finger was a plain gold band, ring, on which were engraved the letters G. W. G. The ring was secured and is now in Capt. Izenhour's possession.

Interesting Items. A FEET IN NOVA SCOTIA.—Caterpillars have begun to get at their deadly work in the orchards throughout the whole of Nova Scotia. Grapes which promised well in early spring, will it is now feared be utterly destroyed, with the consequence of great losses to Nova Scotia farmers this year.

A MIGHTY HUNTER.—Joseph Rowan, of Upper Clyde N. S., writes to the Barrington Advertiser that having only during his leisure time, he has captured with his hands one hundred and eighty-six wild cats, thirty-seven foxes and two bears.—Eco.

STRANGE FREAK OF NATURE.—A child born in Dartmouth a few days ago presents a strange appearance. The right arm, part of the side of his head and part of the side of his face, are black, while the rest of the flesh is white and clear.—Eco.

ACTIVE IN OLD AGE.—A Sydney paper asks: "What do you think of a horse 31 years old who can jump over a six-foot fence and trot a mile in three minutes? That is the record of a John Dorway's old mare, Gypsy, produced Saturday by actual occurrence. It simply shows what blood and good care in her old age will do. Gypsy is a half-sister of Capt. Burrell's famous horse 'Duff'.

PHILIP EWE.—Mr. Joseph Wells, Genl. of the 1st Bn. Buffs, has a cow which has given birth to five, four and three lambs several, in all twelve lambs, and all within two years.

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A LL the right, title, interest, property, claim or demand, that the late Miles Peck had on the twenty-fourth day of June, A. D. 1887, his necessary right and right of entry, both at law and in equity, of, in, and to, all those certain lots or parcels of upland and marsh land, situate in Hopewell, in the County aforesaid, and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the mouth of a ditch that empties into the Calkins creek on the line of the Calkins farm; thence so North along said ditch to the upland; thence straight to the rear of the lot of the Calkins farm; thence Easterly along the rear of the said farm until it comes to the line of lands sold by Obadiah Calkins to Harris K. Calkins; thence South by the line of the said Harris K. Calkins land to a certain ditch in the marsh which empties into the Calkins Creek; thence by the said ditch to the said creek; thence by the channel of said creek up stream to the place of beginning, and containing by estimation two hundred and eighty four acres of upland and twenty four acres of marsh land, be the same more or less.

Also a certain piece or parcel of marsh land situate in Hopewell aforesaid, and bounded and described as follows, viz: Beginning at the mouth of the line ditch, so called on the north side of the Calkins Creek and running up stream the different courses of the said creek to Bray's line near the saw mill; thence Eastward along the edge of the upland to the said ditch; thence Southerly by the said line ditch to the said Calkins Creek or place of beginning, containing by estimation 10 acres more or less; together with all the improvements and privileges and appurtenances belonging to the same, excepting nevertheless, a certain piece of marsh land heretofore sold to the late W. A. Coleman on the south side of the Highway.

Also all other lands of the estate of the said Miles Peck, wherever situated and however described within my Bailiwick.

The same having been seized and taken under and by virtue of an Execution issued out of the County Court of Albert, at the suit of the Halifax Banking Company vs. the said Miles Peck.

ASABEL WELLS, Sheriff.

Dated Sheriff's Office, Hopewell, May 20, 1889.

NOTICE.

All persons having legal demands against the Estate of the late David Duffy, deceased, are hereby requested to render the same, duly attested, within three months from the date hereof. And all persons indebted to the said Estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

PETER DUFFY, ADMINISTRATOR. Hillsborough, N. B., April 29, 1889.

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