

CORRESPONDENCE

INFELIX LECTOR.

To the Editor of the Casket.

Sir.—Your last issue contained a mean and sneaky attack on my essay on Education by a cowardly scribbler who takes shelter under a mask. It would be far more honorable for him to give the author's name than to select extracts from a pamphlet that is now pretty well spread through parts of this county, and which will before long be read outside of Antigonish. His sole purpose must have been to injure its sale and reputation and prevent many from reading an essay written, however imperfectly, on a very important subject. He says the most of it is written in Choctaw and that he does not understand this strange language; but he seems to be well up to the cultivation of turnips. I have to prove in the course of this letter that his obtuse mind is not so simple as he would have you believe. He is by the aid of a lower faculty than his understanding, if he has any such, that he can grasp at a knowledge of Choctaw. The work he tries to injure and slander has been before this subjected as fair and impartial criticism from able and competent authorities. And nothing from an ill-cultivated writer under a guise can do the slightest injury to a work so favorably reviewed. The readers of the Casket must be surprised when they compare Infelix Lector's letter with the Casket's own review of what it styled this luminous essay last October. He does not find fault with my views on Education; nor has he the manly courage to attempt to show a single sentence in what he paraded before the public, that he is able to put in clearer or more suitable language. He says that this essay if read aloud would cause any audience to run away in less than three minutes. It was read aloud before a large and intelligent audience, including the Superintendent of Education and others; and I do not scruple to say that the meanest intellect there possesses greater powers of appreciation than does Infelix Lector, judging from his own style of writing. As soon as it was read it was reviewed in complimentary terms by men who evidently knew what and whereof they spoke. The very fact that it was unanimously passed by that brilliant and cultivated audience that this work be published in the popular Canada School Journal shows that little injury or damage Infelix Lector can do to what has already spoken for itself. He supplants many words in my essay by a ubiquitous turnip and proves that every word he eliminates little further he would soon change the whole essay into a vast turnip field and he would call it Choctaw. Therefore as he has a fair idea of a turnip field and turnip he could very easily acquire a taste (not understanding) of Choctaw by the aid of some gross and material faculty. The St. John Freeman of last Saturday contains the following review of the essay from the able pen of the great T. W. Anglin who is one of the greatest authorities on Education in this or any other country. This is what he says:—"Mr. McIsaac deals very thoroughly with the question 'What is Education?' and proves that it is much more than Herbert Spencer states it to be in his celebrated work; that without a knowledge of revealed truth human knowledge is deplorably imperfect; and that that cannot properly be called education from which the teaching of revealed truth is excluded. It is perhaps a fault in this lecture that in his desire to deal with the question thoroughly the lecturer sometimes becomes incomprehensible even to the ordinary teacher, unless indeed the teachers of Antigonish have received an education and training very different from that given in the New Brunswick Training School." This review coming from one of the ablest writers in Canada, from the keenest and most powerful debater that ever spoke in a Canadian parliament, and from the invincible champion of the Catholic Church, must be allowed to do fully as much justice to my essay as a spiteful and low-bred attack can do, coming as it does from a man who in the face of such great writers so have steadily spoken out will probably far ever hide his diminished head. If he wishes to learn the Choctaw tongue I shall have much pleasure in mailing him another pamphlet and an old thumb paper in the bargain. But I cannot find his address unless he comes out over his signature. That I fear he is not very anxious to do. Whether he will or not, but of such a man as he is I have no reason to fear or respect.

Yours, &c., W. McISAAC.

Mr. Editor, Mac the nondescript in the M. Chronicle would not become an intolerable nuisance only that he is no savoring of trash. Even so he is, his unvarnished are too potent to be injurious; and there is too much bathos in them to be taken seriously. He says that a new postal route, of whose advantages he must have

men the sole discoverer some time ago, has already come to represent the vast, noble and extensive aims of the people of Guysborough, "whose attitude," he further says, "is restless and must produce a peaceful and satisfactory issue." I quote his words correctly, and would quote more, only I fear they might add a suspicion of idleness to the qualities I have already ascribed to him. The nondescript does really mean to assert that the "vast and extensive aims of Guysboro" are limited to a pair of horses dragging a sleigh through a snow-drift. What think you, people of Guysboro—"descendants of Englishmen, loyalists, of Bruce and of Wallace"—of "Mac's" representations of your "vast and extensive aims"? Other people, myself among the number, believe that the people of that town, and county have extensive aims, just like their neighbors in other places of the same importance and with the same prospects. "They feel," he continues, "that they alone are responsible in the matter of mail routes." Sheer nonsense, man. They feel no such thing. The govt. is responsible to them and to others; and outside half a dozen confirmed grumblers,—such as is found everywhere,—they know and feel that the present arrangement works admirably. They were never before so well provided; nor has Mac proved that they could be as well provided by his favorite route.

"Vital interests essential to their happiness," says the nondescript, are involved in the postal route. "Is Bill Sly present?" said Wellington at Waterloo. "Yes," quoth Bill. "Then the battle may begin," said Wellington. "All vital interests are secured." Of course it was Bill himself told the story, just as Mac tells his now; and the vapors of the one are worth about as much attention as the drivel of the other.

I pass over the nondescript's charge of falsehood against hundreds of respectable people in this county, who favored the Heatherton route and signed a petition to that effect. They are above the reach of Mac's shafts, though his shameless effrontery in hurling the epithets of "false," "surreptitious," &c., against so many first-class men is not on that account excusable. I prefer rather to notice one or two of his other absurd statements.

He says that Afton has a large railway traffic; and refers to the number of carloads that went from that station last fall. Yes, there were some car loads of wrecked potatoes from the Nova. Does Mac assure us that there will be another carload of potatoes from Afton this year? No potatoes were sent by parcel post—they were not sent even to Guysboro. Perhaps he intends to employ Wiggins to send along a storm whenever there is a favorable opportunity thereby of procuring a wrecked cargo at Bayfield. He could thus furnish some railway traffic at Afton; and he need not fear that the public would regard him as compromising his reputation in such an enterprise.

He also with equal reason makes a flourish about other Afton institutions. Now what are the facts? The tanneries all told do not give employment to more than three men, owners included. The carding and gret mills between them employ two men not three-fourths of the year. The saw mill, one of which is on the Indian reserve, employ two men about three months of the year. The Temperance Hall is a log house, which many years ago was a comfortable enough dwelling of the respectable pioneer, but subsequently was a heavy's shanty. There is a neat little Methodist church about three quarters of a mile from the station; but if postal routes are to be established to run to every church in the country, the number of carriers would nearly equal the scriptural enumeration of fools. Suppose all that the nondescript tells us were true, it would have no more bearing on the question than if he were to tell us that there are in Afton a birch tree, a road drain, and an Indian camp. But it is not true in the sense which his words convey to a stranger. No doubt, if you had a guide, and would stay there long enough, and would go in a different direction from a given point every day, you could find a mill, a tannery, and a church, etc., before you would stop;—just as if you would start from Beech Hill you would come to St. Andrew's church in one direction, and to the County Court House in another. Mac's line of men in the world would therefore locate both at Beech Hill, as he now locates things widely apart at the place he calls Afton village.

Mac himself shows, that without intending it, that the Afton road is unfit for a postal route, when he tells that the P. O. Inspector, in September last, "expressed his willingness to adopt that route provided a sum of money would be expended on it the ensuing summer." The P. O. Inspector had no knowledge

of the Heatherton route at that time. If he had, he certainly would not have given him that much hope. At the time he came down to inspect that route he was unacquainted with the Heatherton route; and because the people of Antigonish and Heatherton did not allow him to remain so, they are accused by the nondescript of resorting to "surreptitious means" and "fraudulent schemes" in desiring that the interests of the public should be honestly served. It is pretty well understood how some parties at Bayfield and Afton endeavored to hoodwink the people of Guysboro in this matter, and to smuggle into adoption, as a mail route, a road that is a disgrace to the two counties.

SARDE, Antigonish, Feb. 27, 1883.

CARD OF THANKS.

I feel great pleasure in tendering my sincere thanks to all who so generously came to my assistance in my present difficulty. My special thanks I tender to my friends in Antigonish Town, where, I may add, I got in cash and goods, &c., the magnificent sum of one hundred and eighteen dollars. I must not omit to mention that I received the sum of five dollars and two dollars, respectively, from two friends living a few miles out of Antigonish. I would also avail myself of this opportunity to tender my thanks to those of my neighbors who so kindly volunteered their assistance to enable me to rebuild my forge. Yours, gratefully, THOMAS LYONS, Maligant Cove, Feb. 21, 1883.

The Casket.

ANTIGONISH, MARCH 1, 1883.

The Most Rev. Dr. O'Brien has addressed a pastoral to his people, which has been published in the Halifax Recorder. It is a remarkably fine and appropriate production, and bespeaks the elegant literary tastes and profound piety of the writer.

In the House of Assembly on Wednesday of last week, Mr. Phips moved the second reading of the bill respecting Sheriffs, the object of which is to vest the appointment of Sheriffs absolutely in the hands of the Governor-in-Council. Mr. Phips briefly and lucidly (says the Guardian) explained its provisions, and was supported by Messrs. Ross, McCoy, Longley, McNeil, Haley, and Fraser. Messrs. Bell, McDonald, Widdow, and Stewart opposed it. The debate was resumed on Thursday, and the second reading of the bill was carried on the following division:—

For—Bachman, Church, Cook, Dudge, Fraser, Fielding, Gayton, Haley, Jones, LeBlaine, Longley, Mack, Mann, E. J., McCoy, McDurdy, McNeil, Phips, Power, Robicheau, Ross, Weeks and White—22. Against—Be. J. Blair, Campbell, Corning, Hester, Jones, Harris, Hocken, McDonald, Molcann, McRae, Munro (C. H.), Paterson, Spence, Townsend and Whidden—15.

Hon. Mr. Phips, on Tuesday last, introduced a bill to authorize the Government to acquire the Eastern Extension Railway and Truro Branch, &c., according to agreements already made.

The Local Elections in Ontario took place on Tuesday last. So far as heard from the Grits claim a majority of 19. They had a majority of 25 in the last House.

On Monday last a vote of want of Confidence was moved in the New Brunswick House of Assembly and carried 22 to 18. Mr. Hannington, leader of the Government, has asked for a dissolution.

Ottawa, Feb. 27.—The Supreme Court gave decision to-day in the Queens County P. E. Island, election appeal, unseating Mr. Jenkins and deciding in favor of Mr. Brockton. The decision was handed to His Honor the Speaker this afternoon, and Mr. Brockton will take his seat to-morrow. (Special to Mr. Herald.)

On Thursday night last a shocking tragedy occurred at Fort Hope. A man named John Mullen, aged sixty, was living with his wife aged seventy. They were supported by township funds and did not live happily. About eleven o'clock the house was discovered by neighbors to be on fire, and rushing to the scene they succeeded in extinguishing the fire with snow, and rescued the remains of the old man, still unconsumed when it was found that his throat was cut from ear to ear. The old woman was not then to be seen but was found afterwards in a neighbor's house. She asserts that the old man cut his own throat and fired the house. The former's jury has returned a verdict that the accused came to his death at the hands of his wife, who set fire to the house to hide her crime. The

woman has been lodged in the County Jail to await trial for the death of her husband.—16.

The floods in the valley of the Ohio and other districts are subsiding. Property to the value of many millions, and thousands of dwellings have been destroyed and tens of thousands of people have been rendered homeless. A mine in Illinois, in which 200 people were at work was flooded by reason of the heavy rainfall, and it is thought that 190 people perished. [Aurora.]

Dustin, Feb. 18. 18.—Conspiracy trial resumed this morning. James Carey was the first witness put on the stand. No incident of the trial has caused so great a sensation as Carey turning informer. Holding an official position, he was regarded by the secret society as a safe man when sworn in as a member, and was trusted with all plans and orders of the League. He is making a clean breast about the Phoenix Park murders, and promised to tell the Court all he knows.

Dustin, Feb. 20.—The prisoners charged with murdering Cavendish and Burke were again brought up to-day, to hear the formal reading of the depositions taken in the case which was necessary before the committal of trial was completed.

A \$20.00 Bible Reward. The publishers of Rutledge Monthly offer twelve valuable rewards in their Monthly for March, among which is the following: We will give \$20.00 in gold in the person telling us which is the longest verse in the Bible by March 10th, 1883. Should two or more correct answers be received, the reward will be divided. The money will be forwarded to the winner March 15th, 1883. Persons trying for the reward must send 20 cents in silver (no postage stamps taken) with their answer, for which they will receive the April Monthly, in which the name and address of the winner of the reward and the correct answer will be published, and in which several more valuable rewards will be offered.

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DIED

At Briley's Brook on the 17th ult., after a short illness, William McDonald, aged 78 years. Ever attentive to the duties of religion, and a close follower of the paths of virtue, the Church of which he was a dutiful member did not forsake him in the end, but strengthened by her consoling rites his end was peace R. I. P. At Cape George, Jan. 27th, after a long illness, fortified by the last rites of the Church, Margaret McInnes, aged 58 years, daughter of the late Donald McInnes. May her soul rest in peace.

At the Cross Roads Ohio, on the 1st ult., Angus, aged 5 months, son of Roderick and Rebecca McDonald. At Jacksonville, Florida, on the 16th ult., of consumption, Thomas Fennell, aged 24 years, a native of Salt Springs, Antigonish. Fortified by the last rites of the Church he died happily. R. I. P. At Sydney, C. B., on the 7th ult., Angus Campbell, aged 65 years.

At the South River, on the 14th ult., fortified by the rites of the Church, John Cameron (Big), aged 78 years. May his soul rest in peace. At Londerry, on the 29th Jan., Colin Alexander, aged one year and five months, son of John McRae, Maligant Cove, Antigonish.



Mail Contract.

SEALED TENDERS, addressed to the Postmaster General, will be received at Ottawa until Noon, on the 30th MARCH, for the conveyance of Her Majesty's Mails for the Mail four times week each way between

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