

## Maritime Farmer.

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### A Lively Contest.

This is nomination day in Colchester, and it is probable that some lively work will be witnessed in the Truro Court House. When Sir Adams Archibald was brought out by the Conservatives three weeks ago, his opponents laughed at the idea of an old man like him contesting an election, but they have since found the ex-Governor as lively an old man as has been seen in Colchester or elsewhere for a very long time. If Sir Adams is nearing seventy-five, he is to-day more vigorous and better fitted physically as well as intellectually to sit in Parliament than Mr. Eaton the Grit candidate, who many years ago retired from business because of ill health, and who we regret to say has not improved physically since then. We observe that at Brookfield, Sir Adams and Mr. Eaton met for the first time in the campaign, and there a lively set-to between them. The *Herald's* report says that Mr. Eaton made an attack on the third party, which he declared as "Bulmer's illegitimate offspring." He referred to his attitude on the trade question, and said he was in favor of unrestricted reciprocity, and then defined unrestricted reciprocity to mean the free interchange of natural products between the United States and Canada. He attacked Sir Adams Archibald and wanted to know why he was not in the Liberal party.

Sir Adams made a vigorous speech in reply. Many of his old supporters declared that they never heard him speak better. He first explained where he stood on the liquor question, and referred to his record as Governor of Manitoba. He then took up the Wiman fund and showed how it meant direct taxation to the extent of probably \$15,000,000 a year, the great bulk of which would have to be borne by the farming population. As to Mr. Eaton's criticism of his political career, it seemed impossible for him ever to be able to please Mr. Eaton, for when he (Sir Adams) was an old Liberal, he remembered that Mr. Eaton was one of the Tories of the Tories.

Mr. Eaton—"That was when I was only a silly boy."

Sir Adams—"I must say I noticed the characteristic referred to, and am sorry to find that the silly boy has become even a more silly man." The fact was that he (Sir Adams) had never paid much attention to any party names, but had always through his political career advocated what he believed to be in the best interests of the country, and that was the course he intended to adhere to.

The third party was represented at the meeting by Mr. P. J. Chisholm, a Truro business man, and he spent his half hour attacking the Grit party's peculiar course in Parliament and elsewhere on the question of prohibition. Mr. Lawrence, M. P. P., who replied for Mr. Eaton, answered Mr. Chisholm the prohibition candidate, who has always been a leading light in the Grit party. It will thus be seen that the Grits are badly mixed up in the contest, and are fighting among themselves, an evidence we conclude of the final break up of their party in Colchester. To-day the proceedings at the nomination will be looked for with interest, as it is supposed by many, that Mr. Fulton will be induced to withdraw in favor of Mr. Eaton, and thus ensure a straight party contest.

### Mortuary Statistics.

The mortuary returns of the chief cities of the Dominion for 1887, compiled by the Department of Agriculture, have been issued. The following table shows the death rate per thousand and of population in each city furnishing statistics:

Montreal	30.74
Toronto	19.84
Quebec	28.34
Hamilton	17.94
Edmonton	18.17
Ottawa	21.96
St. John, N. B.	20.96
Winnipeg	16.15
Kiasson	16.86
Charlottetown	11.98
Brantford	16.77
Victoria, B. C.	17.08
Hull	41.91
St. Thomas	16.77
Calgary	16.98
Belleville	20.12
Three Rivers	25.21
Shedbrook	17.08
Peterboro	17.08
Oranienburg	18.18
Woodstock	16.42
Fredericton	16.42
Sorel	36.89
Galt	16.70
St. Hyacinthe	27.10

It will be observed that Fredericton ranks among the healthiest of Canadian cities, only six cities having a lower per centage of death rate, and that the figures for these are only very slightly below those of Fredericton.

A London despatch of Thursday says:—The Pacific Mail Subsidy question was settled to-day between Sir Charles Tupper and the Chancellor of the Exchequer. It will be remembered that Sir Charles Tupper secured an informal promise of a subsidy from Mr. Goschen nearly a year ago, and it was more than once feared that the negotiations would either fall through, owing to the many obstacles, but the matter is now finally settled. A contract between the Imperial Government and the company will be made immediately granting an annual Imperial subsidy of £45,000 in addition to the Dominion subsidy of £14,000, to a monthly line of steamships between Vancouver and Yokohama, Shanghai and Hong Kong for ten years. It is expected the mail service will be commenced in about a year.

The latest reports indicate a good harvest all over Canada, even Ontario showing up under the effect of recent rains. The Grit politicians will have a small platform this year.

## A Great Exhibition.

Governor Loch opened the Centenary Exhibition at Melbourne, Australia, Thursday, amid great pomp and display. Salutes were fired from the batteries, and a procession marched through the streets headed by the naval brigade, the rifles, artillery and militia, followed by the rifle brigade and trade associations. The streets were decorated with flags and festoons and garlands of flowers. Seven thousand persons assembled within the exhibition building to witness the ceremonies. The Avenue of Nations, 1,350 yards long, was lined with troops and seamen from the Imperial fleet, guarding the grand hall. The Governor entered the north door of the hall and was received by the President and Executive Committee of the exhibition, and was conducted to the dais with the members of the Australian Ministry, the Supreme Court and leading officers of the Government. The Governor then declared the exhibition open and the national hymn was sung by a chorus of 800 voices accompanied by an orchestra of 100 players. This was followed by the national hymns of America, France, Germany and Austria.

The are not personal in discussing politics in Nova Scotia, but we observe that in the Halifax *Recorder*, Sir Adams Archibald is described as "a fossilized and decrepit antiquarian—the plastic instrument of the worst forms of Macdonaldite hypocrisy and the pliant tool of a party whose misdeeds are a stench in the nostrils of the people"—a candidate nominated in the Tory interest, necessarily the representative of all that is vile and hateful in the politics of this country. The record of that party, says the *Recorder*, is smirched with forgery, robbery, swindling, ballot-box stuffing, bulldozing, gerrymandering and systematic corruption."

Some of the Yankee politicians are making a stir in the Senate, because the C. P. R. is gobbling up the trans-continental trade. One of them has shown by reliable figures that Atlantic ports in Canada and the United States are two days nearer China and Japan by the Canadian route than by the American, and that the only thing to stop the destruction of trade on the American railway systems is the enforcement of the interstate law. Canada is glad to hear from such distinguished people as United States Senators that we can beat them in the carrying trade across the continent.

A statement compiled by the Victoria, B. C., *News-Advertiser* shows that of 43,387,000 pounds of tea shipped in the year ending April 30 last from Japan to North American ports, the Canadian Pacific Steamship Company carried nearly 24 per cent, while of the proportion of this to New York, Chicago and the Middle States, the same line carried nearly 24 per cent. As the line was only in operation about ten months of the period referred to, the Canadian system really obtained about 30 per cent. of the traffic.

### A SIGNIFICANT EVENT.

The SS. "Perth," which sailed from Vancouver for Yokohama on Wednesday, had in her cargo 60,000 sacks of flour and 630 bales of Canadian cotton. This is a single incident of that character tells more eloquently than language can do of the development of commerce, and the immense possibilities which open before her. Ten years ago the cotton trade in this operation west of Lake Huron; the city of Vancouver was a dense forest; the cotton manufacturing industry of Canada was small and insignificant, struggling with difficulty with the competition of British and New England mills; a steamship line between Japan and British Columbia had not entered the conception even of enthusiasts. To-day a continuous line of railway stretches from the Pacific coast, having its western terminus in a thriving export trade three years ago and now embracing a population of nearly nine thousand; the cotton industry has so rapidly developed as not only to displace foreign products in the Canadian market, but to reach out to the markets of Asia; and a regular line of steamships connects Yokohama and Vancouver. Ten short years have wrought these changes and many others; progress, progress, progress, progress, the coming decade bring to Canada of trade expansion, of industrial prosperity, of growth of population, settlement of territory, and utilization of the wealth of field, forest, and farm? He would have been a bold prophet who ten years ago forecast that the Canadian line of steamers to Japan, yet these things have been done, and we stand on the threshold of a commercial and industrial development which will place the progress of the past, great as it has been, pale into comparative insignificance.

### AMERICAN JEALOUSY

Prompt a Resolution in the United States Senate.

In the United States Senate, Friday, Mr. Oullom offered resolutions instructing the committee on Interstate Commerce to ascertain whether any United States railroad line are owned, operated or controlled by the Grand Trunk, Canadian Pacific or any other Canadian railway company; also whether commerce originating in the United States is diverted from American to Canadian lines, to what extent and in what manner; also whether for any American vessels in the Willard and St. Lawrence canals; also to inquire into the question of the regulation of commerce carried on by railroads or waterways between the United States and Canada; the committee to report what legislation is necessary for the protection of the commercial interests of the United States, and to promote the enforcement of the interstate commerce act. Mr. Oullom made a long speech to show how by the aid of the Pacific coast and the Canadian governments to railroads and steamships, Canadian lines are obtaining the control of commerce and especially of transportation of goods, 42 per cent of the business being now carried on through Canada. A long debate ensued but the resolution was finally adopted.

About 2:30 Wednesday afternoon, fire started in St. John's mill, about four miles from Ottawa, and burnt with great rapidity. The fire was piled up, the whole of which was destroyed, together with a large quantity of saws, edgings and cordwood. The fire spread rapidly for about five hours. The loss is estimated at a quarter of a million; insurance \$50,000 on the mill and \$80,000 on lumber. The mill was built many years ago by the late Senator Sheel, at a cost of nearly \$100,000. It was bought a few years ago by E. B. Eddy for \$45,000, and was being run by Eddy & Co. The cause of the fire was one of the greatest ever seen in Ottawa, the space burnt being over two miles in circumference.

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Hon. J. A. Chaplain has abandoned his proposed trip to the Maritime Provinces. Henry Talbot of Winnipeg, has fallen heir to an annuity of \$35,000, a big thing for Henry.

Hon. John Hagar, postmaster general, will likely be returned in South Lanark by solicitation.

General Philip Sheridan, commander-in-chief of the United States army, died at Norfolk, Mass., Sunday night.

The Bathurst station of the Carleton railway, with the freight shed, was totally destroyed by fire Thursday afternoon.

Rev. Mr. Gordon, pastor of Leicester street Baptist church, St. John, has resigned to become general superintendent of the Baptist seminary at St. John.

John O'Brien, the well known Montreal merchant who died recently, left an estate worth \$300,000, to be divided equally among his children. He left not a cent to charitable objects.

Bickerdike & Co. of Montreal, shipped on Thursday from Calgary, 350 head of cattle, the first consignment of the kind for export to England. The average price paid is \$60 per head.

The women are taking great interest in politics than ever before. The progress of all parties notice this feature of the Presidential campaign. "Front seats reserved for ladies" is the rule at most political gatherings.

Mrs. Catherine Gaffney, an old lady in the New York almshouse who has just fallen heir to a portion of \$120,000, left by her brother, at Chicago, writes that she is quite comfortable where she is and doesn't want any of the property.

The Inman Line new steamship City of New York, left Liverpool, Wednesday, on her first voyage to New York. She carries 1,000 passengers, among them James G. Blaine, wife and daughter, and is expected at New York, to-day.

Though beaten by Peter Kemp for the championship of the world in Australia in May last, Haulan has 24th round victory over the antipodean sculler, and on September 28th, he will again measure blades with the title and Sir John Gorton.

Notwithstanding the declared intention of Doctor Daniel Wilson, president of Toronto university, to refuse knighthood, the same is officially granted, and he reported that Dr. Wilson has changed his mind because his honor will benefit the university.

The New Zealand Government is advertising for qualified persons to act as the best of symptoms of dairy farming, and competent to instruct dairy farmers in New Zealand, who are preparing their produce for the English market.

Reports give glowing accounts of the growing grain and of high yields in wheat in the North-west, where the average of the week last past was about 80 bushels per acre. Oats and barley will be heavy crops.

The C. P. Railway is making extensive preparations for the handling of the surplus Manitoba grain this autumn and winter. Besides the Thunder Bay elevator of 1,200,000 bushels capacity, another of 1,000,000 bushels of construction with storage room for 1,400,000 bushels. About 200,000 bushels will be handled weekly.

Mrs. James McCoy, one of the oldest and most esteemed residents of Woodstock, died suddenly on the 31st ult., of paralysis, at the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. J. W. McCoy, in the 76th year of her age. Mrs. McCoy was the widow of the late James McCoy, who was for many years a resident of the Carleton County grammar school.

Lord Albenbury, the Waterloo veteran, is a small, spare man, with bright eyes. He was a black hair and wore a white wig. He is now eighty-nine years old, and is the sole survivor of the eighty-four officers who sat down to the table at Wellington's Waterloo dinner. He is given a reception every year on the anniversary of that "world's earthquake."

Ireland's better export to England amounts to 40,000,000 pounds per year. The superiority of this butter is what gives it such a large sale in English markets. Some of the larger ocean steamers will carry nothing else for use on their trips, and the steamer declines to take no other butter will retain its flavor and consistency under the many climatic changes.

At Chatham, Ontario, Thursday night, W. Graham of the *Times* and Geo. Gorman, together with several other young men, all members of the 24th Battalion, were killed or injured by jumping from the point of Graham's hill penetrated Gorman's train, entering near the right eye. He died about midnight. The coroner's jury returned a verdict of accidental death.

It is said that Dr. Lewis, who recently resigned his seat for Albert County in the Local Assembly, will again be a candidate. At the general election of last year, Dr. Lewis and his colleagues, Hon. Mr. Turner, were declared elected by acclamation. They were opposed, but the voters declared that the nomination papers of the Opposition were informal with respect to the declaration of qualification. Sheriff Willis agreed with the objection, and Dr. Lewis and Turner elected.

The Irish recruits will land in Quebec, Sunday, and will play at Kingston on the 21st and 22nd. The recruits will be 27th and 28th, Toronto 30th and 31st and Sept. 1st, and Hamilton 3rd and 4th. They will be quartered in the States, and will be met by the gentlemen of Canada, and the following have so far been chosen to represent them: W. A. McLeod, W. A. McLeod, Jones, St. John, E. R. Ogden, D. W. Saunders, A. C. Allan, W. Ross Wilson, W. W. Jones, Fleury, Toronto, A. Gillespie, Hamilton.

Prof. Saunders, director of the Central Experimental farm, at Ottawa has returned to visit the Capital from his tour of inspection. Experimental farm at Nepean, N. S. The area under cultivation, he says, is not large, but the crops are looking well. Col. Baird is in charge of the farm. The professor advises that the crops throughout the Dominion excepting in portions of Ontario, will be a good crop, and that the weather will be favorable for the progress of the grain, great as it has been, will pale into comparative insignificance.

A terrible accident happened near Nelles' Corner, Ontario, Saturday. A son of John Stewart, aged 15, and a young man named John Stewart, were driving a horse-drawn team to work, and before Stewart could get out of the road of the machine he was caught in the rear wheel, and his body was run over several times, cutting both legs and one arm very nearly off and cutting a piece of flesh out of his chest four or five inches square, leaving his lungs exposed to view. The doctors have no hopes of his recovery.

On Saturday, Sept. 8, Mr. of the 71st Battalion, reached St. John on his way home from Winnipeg. Sergeant Adams of the 92nd Battalion stopped off at Moncton. Lieut. Smith of the St. John Rifles, the other New Brunswick riflemen, did not leave until the other members, but will be home in about ten days. Sergeant Miner says the weather during the shooting was wretched and he is surprised that such good results were made. The Canadian team, he says, did better than usual, much better in fact than last year. The month's shooting between the members of the team was over 221. The New Brunswick men secured about three prizes each.

English society is somewhat staggered over the marriage of Duchess Dowager of Montrose, who, on Thursday last, at Fulham, announced for her third time, her long-lost and only, the bridegroom being younger than some of her grand children. Her latest venture in husbandry was Marcus Henry Miller, who was born in 1836, while his bride has been visible on earth since the good old year of 1818. The Duchess is a well-known figure at all race meetings and enters and runs her horses with great alacrity under the track name of Mr. Mantos. She was a lady at the recent Epsom race meeting, and was seen on board, saw it and thought it would be a good idea to have a shot at it from one of the big guns, to see what effect the shock would have on the monster. Accordingly, he ordered one of his expert gunners to load up and fire. The mid eppers carried out the order, when, much to the amusement of the onlookers, the shot failed to strike the monster, missing its mark by quite a wide range. The admiral was very wroth over the bad marksmanship, and no more shots were levelled at that iceberg.

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The report that the new magazine rifle will be withdrawn from the British army is not true.

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Durham University has conferred the degree of D. D. on the Metropolitan of Canada.

The farmers of the United States use 35,000 tons of twine annually upon the self-binding harvesters.

Over a million dollars, was received from licensees for the sale of liquor in England and Wales last year.

Capt. Silver of the 63rd Battalion, Halifax, has been offered and accepted the post of A. D. C. to Lieut.-Governor McLellan.

The annual meeting of the Supreme Grand Orange Lodge of British North America, is to be held at Winnipeg, 22nd inst.

Emperor Frederick was a prominent Freemason, but his son, William III, has an unquenchable prejudice against the brotherhood.

The names of five priests who urged the tenants on the Vandeleur estate to resist the evictions have been forwarded to the Pope by the clerical authorities.

A Parliamentary return shows that during 1887, according to the coroners' verdicts, thirty-two persons were found to have died of starvation in London.

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## LIKES CANADA BEST.

A Nova Scotian who advises our People to Stay at Home.

Mr. W. E. McLellan, who is well-known as a former editor of the *Windsor Free Press*, but who more recently has resided in the Western States, has returned to Pictou, N. S., his home, and in an interview with a reporter of the *Enterprise*, New Glasgow's newspaper, he said:

"My residence in the United States only had the effect of making me a more thoroughly loyal British subject than ever. Canada may not be as great commercially as the neighboring Republic, but dollars and cents cannot be accepted as the measure of that which is desirable in social or national life. This country, to my mind, is a very much more congenial and attractive place to live in than any of the American States, and I cannot understand why any well-informed Canadian should wish to forsake his British nationality for that of the United States. I have serious doubts as to whether the people of the United States as a whole, are really more prosperous than ours. Certainly more and larger fortunes are made there. It is at that side of the question that we are too often wont to look, forgetting the poverty that exists side by side with the wealth. Out of a hundred men going from here to the other side of the line, perhaps one makes more or less money. Of that one we hear much, but not a word of the ninety and nine who do not."

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For a bare subsistence in a foreign country removed from all the comforts and pleasures of home. No one who ever has come here from the still more important fact than that of another hundred who stay at home, perhaps one makes more or less money. Of that one we hear much, but not a word of the ninety and nine who do not."

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