

day repeating these things? To do so would at first thought appear to me a good deal like one woman kissing another one—a waste of material.

Perhaps, however, it might be worth our while to repeat these things once again for the special benefit of the stranger who may be within our gates. Is there, then, a politician here, or a member of parliament, or a person who wants to be one? and that, methinks, includes most all the men, and some few of the women, judging by the way the new woman is hustling for the right to vote “just like a man.” If there are any of these here then what follows is addressed especially to them while the rest of the audience who know it already, might as well quietly lay back during the next ten minutes, and sleep the sleep of the just.

From points on the Dominion Atlantic Railway to London the freight on a barrel of apples is ninety cents. And it might be said of this charge in the language of the Prayer Book: “As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end, amen.” It was that when the first barrel was shipped long long ago, it was that when the last one was shipped by the last steamers which left Halifax. And I half suspect that if apples are being shipped to England when the last trumpet sounds, the “last man” the poet tells us about will be charged ninety cents on the barrel, unless, indeed, in the meantime some modern Moses arises to lead our people out of the Egyptian bondage to which they are now subjected by the transportation companies. Of these ninety cents, 17 are for railway freight leaving 73 cents or 3s. as the ocean freight from Halifax to London. Comparing this rate with that from Boston, New York or Montreal, it will at once be seen how extortionate it is. At the beginning of the last fruit shipping season the ocean freight from Boston to London was one shilling and nine pence.

Later in the season this rate was advanced to two shillings, or thereabouts, being at the highest but a little over one half that charged from Halifax. Even to-day apples can be shipped from stations on the D. A. R. to London via Boston for 86 cents, while from the same station to London via Halifax it costs 90 cents. That is to say apples can be put on board at any of the stations of the D. A. R., taken to Yarmouth, reshipped there by