

The Weekly Monitor.

BRIDGETOWN, AUGUST 28, 1877.

There passed our office on Monday afternoon, the remains of an Indian maiden, followed to the grave by a number of the descendants of the aborigines of this country.

Conspicuous among the number was the father of the deceased, Noel Labadie, now 70 years of age, and who is a descendant of the chief that concluded the treaty of peace between the MicMac Indians and the English at Halifax in 1761.

We have occasionally tried to picture to ourselves, when riding through the valley or gazing upon it from the mountain side what it looked like when in its primeval state and swarming with the dusky forms of the red man as he pursued the game which roamed around or as he floated down the meandering river in his fragile birch bark canoe intent upon catching the finny tribes swimming beneath him; and as the sun sinks to rest in the western horizon, lighting up the sky above with crimson and gold, he lay peacefully to his wigwam by the feet of his Indian bride the trophies of his capture, or perchance present them to the object of his affections as a token of his undying regard for her who is here long to become the sharer of his rude home.

In fancy we see the smoke curling up from some sequestered spot where the council fire has been lighted, and the great chiefs and warriors have assembled to talk over the affairs of the nation, or commence the war dance before departing upon the war path to avenge themselves upon some hostile tribe. We hear the warwhoop and the clash of tomahawk against tomahawk as brave meets brave, the flashing in the summer sun of the scalping knife can be seen, as the scalp is ruthlessly torn from the head of the vanquished foe.

Years ago, centuries, have rolled away since just such scenes as we have tried to depict were no doubt transacted in the lovely valley then in all its primeval beauty, and in which we are now so peacefully dwelling. The red men too, has nearly passed away, but a scattering few are left. Where they once roamed can now be seen comfortable homes surrounded by cultivated fields, fruit-laden orchards, and the hills sides teeming with loving cattle. The meandering river bears upon its bosom the more modern constructed craft of the white man. Where once sounded the warwhoop of the savage, the shrill whistle of the locomotive is heard as it rushes past the spot where once sat in council the Indian chiefs of olden times. The white man's foot has stamped out his red brother. Civilization has taken the place of barbarism.

READINGS.—Poetic Readings, consisting of Select Poems, from various authors, will be given by J. W. Hersey Esq. in Tupper's Hall, on Thursday evening next, 8th inst. Reading to commence at 9 o'clock. Admission, 25 cents.

PIE-NIC.—A picnic is to be held on the Berwick Camp Grounds, on Friday the 10th inst. The Hon. Alexander MacKenzie is to be present, and will address those assembled. A special train will leave Annapolis, at half past nine in the morning, stopping at intermediate stations, and return from Berwick at 6 p. m.

The Premier will commence his address at 1.30 a. m.

BERRIES.—In the upper part of this and the adjoining county of Kings, the crop of all kind of berries has been very prolific this season, and large quantities have been gathered and sent to market. Mr. Amos Burns of Kings, has bought 16,000 quarts of blueberries and 2000 quarts of other kinds for which he paid the pickers \$660.00. Another trader bought 200 bushels. The price paid was from three and a half to seven cents, according to the kinds.

ENTERTAINMENT.—We understand that Wm. Warwick Esq., of Lawrence town, intends throwing open his mansion soon for a grand entertainment, the proceeds of which are for the benefit of the Wesleyan Church, Middleton, now being built to replace the one recently destroyed by fire. Great preparations are being made and no expense or trouble will be spared to make the affair a success. Due notice will be given through the Monitor.

Consign your produce to G. W. STARR, Colonial Market, Halifax, N. S. See advertisement another column.

Good Catch.—The schooner Queen, of Littlefield, has washed out her second fare of fish to two hundred qts. caught in fourteen days, making about four hundred quintals secured this season.—Journal.

DEATH FROM HER MAJESTY.—The Queen has been pleased to send Mrs. Jane McCullough, widow of Bear River, and daughter of the late Lieut. James Anderson, who served in the regiment under the command of His late Royal Highness, the Duke of Kent, her father, at Halifax, the sum of £20 sterling, to relieve the pecuniary demands of her requirements in her old age.—Daily Courier.

New Vessel.—The keel of a new vessel was laid down during the past week in the yard at Granville Ferry which is to be ready for launching in November next. Her dimensions are—keel, 85 feet, beam, 24 feet, depth of hold, 10 feet. She will be owned by Messrs. Wm. McCormick, Jas. E. Shaffer, Robt. Delap, Troop & Irvine, and Capt. Joseph Hall, who is also to be her commander. Her rig will be that of a brigantine.—Journal.

THE FISHERY COMMISSION.

From the Toronto Globe.

The term "sharp practice" is frequently applied to American diplomatic action, but seeing that the characteristic so termed is both consistently and persistently practised by our neighbors in determining treaty and other international rights obligations, there is room for believing that it may arise from a radical difference of moral standard rather than from any intention of deceiving their language and ours, so it is possible that there may have arisen a divergence in our respective notions of what is strictly honorable. Thus, when by the first clause of the Reciprocity Treaty of 1854 we accorded to American fishermen the right to use our inshore fisheries, and to land on our coast for the purpose of curing their fish and drying their nets, we naturally put a generous construction upon the matter. The clause does not in so many words accord the right to buy bait, and ice with which to preserve the bait, to procure and transport to the coast. Yet, because these are the obvious concomitants of the concessions specified, they were accorded by us without question, and as a matter of course. But when by the twenty-first clause of the Treaty of Washington the United States accorded us a free market for our fish, it did not prevent them, on the contrary, from putting a strict construction by putting a duty upon the cans in which lobsters are required to be packed. It will be seen, from some special correspondence published in the Toronto Standard, that this same unfortunate characteristic of American diplomacy is cropping up again in connection with the Fishery Commission now sitting at Halifax.

The same fishing privileges which were accorded to the United States while reciprocal relations existed between us and them have been accorded by the eighteenth clause of the Washington Treaty—this time in consideration of their giving us an equivalent in concessions and money; and it is the business of the present Commission to determine the value of privileges granted. Our correspondent in his letter indicates the valuable nature of the collateral advantages which go with and which have before gone with the right to fish in our waters, yet it appears that the Americans are unwilling to pay for the liberty to procure bait, purchase supplies, and transship fish in our ports.

Mr. C. H. Blair. The \$10 bill was forwarded to the Bank of N. A., Halifax for examination and was returned marked "counterfeit." The Provincial Secretary was notified by the Bank and Detective Power was sent to Truro to investigate the matter. He succeeded in getting hold of several counterfeit bills and obtained sufficient information to warrant the arrest of Miss Cuttle. She was brought before the Recorder, Geo. Campbell, Esq., and committed to the gaol. A man who is well known to the Detective was in company with Miss Cuttle in Truro and was seen to have a large number of counterfeit bills in his possession, which he brought from the United States for the purpose of circulating in Nova Scotia. The \$4 bills are the most common, and numbered 74,981, the \$10 notes, Ottawa Bank Bank N. A., No 16,252.—Truro Times.

The LUSHERS FISH TRAP, it will be remembered, was put in operation on the 28th of June, and during the month has taken upward of 700 hundred barrels of herring, and a considerable number of squid. The former have chiefly been sold fresh to the people of the surrounding country at a low figure, supplying them with a cheap article of food which they have never before been able to obtain in this season of the year, while the squid have been used by the fishermen of our bay, enabling them to catch more than double the quantity of codfish than they otherwise could have done. Besides this, six banking vessels have obtained supplies of bait during the month. No mackerel have been taken since the 28th inst. In fact, the fish have not been put down to net for the spring catch. There are, however, good prospects ahead, as latest reports say that they have made their appearance in the Gas harbor in large quantities, so we may expect them here in a few days. Although the enterprise met with considerable opposition from a certain portion of our coast, yet it is now generally admitted to be a great benefit to the surrounding country, and also to banking vessels in search of bait.—Chronicle.

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The Windsor Railway.—The Windsor branch Railway was violently taken possession of by the Dominion Government yesterday. The violence, however, was not very great. The Windsor and Annapolis Railway Company placed a locomotive and engine at the junction, and the Government's men removed it. The same thing occurred at Windsor. The matter was fully discussed and arranged in the Windsor, and it was decided that the company might be able to establish the fact that they claimed a right to the road and that they were forcibly dispossessed. The change in the control of the road does not alter the time table or traffic. The line will be operated precisely as it was before. The W. & A. Company, of course, continue to operate their own line from Windsor to Annapolis.

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the Treaty of Washington, where Canadian interests are involved, the culpable carelessness appears. In regard to the Alabama claims, the Washington Treaty expressly declared that all questions (including the final award) shall be decided by a majority of the tribunal to which they were referred. But in dealing with the fisheries question no such provision was made, although appointments made by a neutral Commissioner shows that the same was intended. Thus the protest of the American Commissioner, unlike the protest of Sir Alexander Cockburn, in regard to the Geneva award, effectually keeps us out of the award made by a majority of the Fishery Commission. We are glad to see that the general tone of the American press in discussing this matter, is in favor of interpreting the twenty-second clause of the Treaty of Washington according to its manifest intention, even if this should be done, it is not Sir John A. McDonald we have to thank for it. For the rest, the compensation due to us is all a matter of evidence. Had the construction of the twenty-second clause of the Convention of 1818 been determined upon before the present Commission met, and had the twenty-second clause of the Treaty of Washington duly provided for the majority of Commissioners deciding upon the award we would have confidently trusted to the honorable body now in session at Halifax making an adequate award.

CANADIAN CATTLE.

We read in the Liverpool "Courier"—Yesterday some Canadian cattle were exhibited in Dixons' show, in front of the opposite the Stanley railway station. The animals are part of a herd of 280 fat cattle that have just been imported from George Morloch, Esq., on the old stand, and on Thursday from the screw steamer "Dominion." The owners are Messrs. Frankland and Reeves, who, ever since inaugurating the trade of Great Britain, in 1875, have had consigned to this country an enormous number of prime oxen. Their opinion is that it is impossible to carry fresh meat to Great Britain during the summer months and to preserve it nice and free from taint during the voyage, and so they are taking up the "live transport question" with entire getting hold of the Agricultural Show yesterday, certain specimens of the cream of Canadian oxen, and they looked quite as well as if they had only been moved a distance of a few miles. One of them weighs about 30 cwt., and is said to be the largest bullock in the world. Its price is 100 guineas. During the day many farmers and exhibitors from all parts of the island, and several of them seemed much struck with their size and fine condition. Only five of the cattle were shown, the remainder being in the field adjoining.

In our last issue we warned our readers to look out for counterfeit bills. We have since learnt that an attempt was made to counterfeit the \$10 bill, but failed, to pass a \$10 bill at the store of Mr. W. H. Miller, who informed her that it was spurious. She afterwards passed it to the dry goods store of Messrs. F. B. Blair & Co., and also a \$4 counterfeit note on Mr. C. H. Blair. The \$10 bill was forwarded to the Bank of N. A., Halifax for examination and was returned marked "counterfeit." The Provincial Secretary was notified by the Bank and Detective Power was sent to Truro to investigate the matter. He succeeded in getting hold of several counterfeit bills and obtained sufficient information to warrant the arrest of Miss Cuttle. She was brought before the Recorder, Geo. Campbell, Esq., and committed to the gaol. A man who is well known to the Detective was in company with Miss Cuttle in Truro and was seen to have a large number of counterfeit bills in his possession, which he brought from the United States for the purpose of circulating in Nova Scotia. The \$4 bills are the most common, and numbered 74,981, the \$10 notes, Ottawa Bank Bank N. A., No 16,252.—Truro Times.

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The subscriber tenders his thanks to the general public who have so largely patronized his dry goods store for the last twenty years as a largely of Hay, Stock, &c., and as he has just had a more modern and capacious scale erected on the old stand would solicit a continuation of the patronage of his friends. Correct weights given at any moment of Hay, Live Stock, &c. GEORGE MURDOCH. Bridgetown, Aug 1st, 1877.

CERTIFICATE FROM DIRECTOR OF SCALE.

This is to certify that I have just erected a new scale of 8000 pounds capacity from the celebrated works of Fairbanks & Co., for the purpose of weighing the produce of the country, and am prepared to warrant them to give correct weight at all times and seasons. They are the most accurate and reliable scales ever made and are in every respect a first-class article. C. A. CARPENTER, Fairbanks' Builder & Agent. Bridgetown, July 31st, 1877.

FLOUR & CORN MEAL.

JUST RECEIVED PER SCHOONER AT WOOD 50 Bbls. American Flour choice brands. 25 Bbls. Corn Meal. Casks American Kerosene Oil, which will be sold very low for cash. JOHN LOCKETT. Bridgetown, August 1st, 1877. [21117

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