

The Weekly Observer. HILLSBORO, N. B., Oct. 11, 1888.

A Trip to Elgin.

Last week we resolved to fulfil a long-cherished desire to visit Elgin, one of the largest and best looking farms seen en route were those at Little River, owned by Dr. Weldon, Albert's worthy and respected M. P., and his brother, Frederick Steeves. Ralph Colpitts and several others appeared to have valuable well kept farms. It was certainly disheartening to see field after field of grain (wheat, oats, wheat) cut down and spoiling on account of the continuous rains. The farmers certainly have much reason for feeling discouraged, as early frosts greatly damaged their grain while the unprecedented wet weather prevented them sowing their hay in good condition and now retards harvesting. Acres and acres of oats remain as green as grass, while buckwheat is sprouting and potatoes rotting in the ground. However, all we are looking for is a speedy change for the better and it was ardently hoped that next Wednesday, their annual Fair day, would prove a fair day in every respect.

Elgin is certainly a large and flourishing parish and abounds in excellent farming privileges. The one thing peculiar, however, appears to be the establishment of manufacturing industries for which the parish is specially adapted. A home market for the farmer's produce is the great requirement which can only be secured by the establishment of manufacturing industries. If the capital now remaining idle in the County or deposited in the Savings Banks were only properly invested in manufacturing enterprises, the prosperity of the County would speedily be assured. If our people would only spend more time and means in making known the vast and varied resources of their own County foreign capital would be drawn hither and our villages would be built up. We live in one of the fairest portions of this glorious "Canada of ours" and all that is required in order to make us prosperous and happy is greater faith in our country and ourselves, more harmony amongst our people, greater inducements held out to foreign capitalists to settle amongst us, and especially a more liberal and intelligent expenditure of our own capital in manufacturing enterprises.

At Elgin's mills, about half way between Petticoat and Elgin Corner, our first halt was made where preparations to "fire up" were made by very tenderly "firing" into the tender's supply of deal bolts from an immense wood pile.

The route from Petticoat to Elgin is chiefly through forest land, which has been recently cleared, by hand-labour, berries do doubt abounded along the route in the very recent past, but what "Sackville professes" and "Miss Mico's Paul's" (the only one) having passed that way before us was of their favorite fruit.

Arriving at Elgin Corner we were surprised to find that, instead of remaining over night at Elgin, the train only stopped an hour and a half, when it returned to Haystack, where it remained till morning. By this arrangement persons visiting Elgin are compelled either to remain one day longer, than expected, or else to hire a conveyance to take them to Petticoat. In time for the morning train to and from St. John. Perhaps the best arrangement possible under the circumstances is now made, but it seems unfortunate for the people of Elgin that the train could not have been run early every morning in time to connect at Petticoat with the early train.

Elgin Corner is a thriving little village, neatly situated on lofty hills and surrounded on all sides by thriving agricultural districts. The "Corner" consists of three stores, a large hotel and a harness shop, three hotels, a blacksmith shop, carriage factory, large school house, Baptist and Methodist houses of worship, etc. Not far distant in the suburbs of the village is a grist and saw mill owned by A. B. Blackow. At the grist mill, the only one in the parish if we were rightly informed, all kinds of grain are turned into flour and bran, quite an export trade being carried on in addition to supplying the home market. A large lumbering business is also done at Elgin. The mill situated on Plover river near the County line and deriving a large supply of logs from the Elgin forests. Steam driving was in progress as we drove along the banks of the river; heavy boats having been caused by the long continued rains of the last few weeks. The Elgin Manufacturing Company's establishment is also, situated at Elgin Corner, but little business is now being carried on in it owing to financial difficulties. It is hoped all difficulties may speedily be arranged that work may be resumed on a large scale, as the manufactory if properly worked could well be proved of great benefit to the people of Elgin. The post office is in charge of Messrs. & Godard, and obliging officials attending to us are indebted for many hours. Messrs. Steeves & Godard appear to be doing a thriving mercantile business, having a large and varied assortment of goods, and plenty of customers requiring the constant attention of three efficient salesmen. Henry Colpitts, A. B. graduate of St. John's College, is in charge of the great school, being assisted by a lady teacher, whose name we cannot recall. The spiritual wants of the people are ministered to by Revs. Parker, Malouin, and Lavers, Baptist. At Elgin's hotel we found several excellent meals with home-like comforts and very moderate charges. We were informed that at "Garland's" and "Temperton's" the first class accommodations are always to be found. We were also pleased to learn that all the hotels are run on strictly temperance principles.

Elgin, on a basis of many reliable loans and carriage houses and the pleasure of driving over a beautiful road owned by Thomas Smith, Esq. We passed through Little River, where Mr. Laver, Pleasant Vale, Province of Ontario, Mountain, etc., all of which were thrifty looking, farming districts though in reaching them some rough, hilly country has to be traversed. Two of the largest and best looking farms seen en route were those at Little River, owned by Dr. Weldon, Albert's worthy and respected M. P., and his brother, Frederick Steeves. Ralph Colpitts and several others appeared to have valuable well kept farms. It was certainly disheartening to see field after field of grain (wheat, oats, wheat) cut down and spoiling on account of the continuous rains. The farmers certainly have much reason for feeling discouraged, as early frosts greatly damaged their grain while the unprecedented wet weather prevented them sowing their hay in good condition and now retards harvesting. Acres and acres of oats remain as green as grass, while buckwheat is sprouting and potatoes rotting in the ground. However, all we are looking for is a speedy change for the better and it was ardently hoped that next Wednesday, their annual Fair day, would prove a fair day in every respect.

Hillsboro Debating Club.

Mr. Editor: In accordance with notice given in the last issue of your paper, a meeting of prominent citizens was held in the office of B. A. Marston, M. D., on Monday evening last, for the purpose of organizing "The Hillsboro Debating Club," and transacting such other business necessary in the premises. The meeting was called to order by John A. Beatty Esq., who was elected to the chair and A. W. Bray was appointed Secretary for the evening. The following resolutions were then adopted: 1st. That the name of the society be "The Hillsboro Debating Club."

2nd. That the object of the society be the acquiring of knowledge by debating the leading important subjects of the day, the promoting of social intercourse and good fellowship and the determination of the members to become worthy of the noble parish in which they reside.

3rd. That the officers of the Society be a President, Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer to be elected the first night of meeting in each month. 4th. That B. A. Marston, M. D. be President, Watson H. Steeves, Vice-President and A. W. Bray Secretary-Treasurer.

5th. That M. P. McLatchy, John T. Steeves and Harrison Gross be a business committee and with the assistance of the other officers to prepare the bye-laws, rules and regulations of the Society. 6th. That a small registration fee be charged to members sufficient to cover necessary expenses, and that ladies be admitted to membership free on presenting their names to the Society Registrar.

7th. That we hold a public meeting on Saturday evening at 8 o'clock at 8 o'clock in the Masonic Hall, on the question "Should the right of franchise be extended to women?" and that the ladies and gentlemen of Hillsboro be cordially invited to attend and such as choose take part in the debate and by the social and moral influence of their presence assist us in building up our society. 8th. That F. H. McLatchy Esq. open the debate supporting the rights of the ladies to the franchise; and that Harrison Gross Esq. reply.

9th. That we adjourn to the Masonic Hall on Saturday evening next at 8 o'clock in the evening.

A. W. BRAY, Secretary Hillsboro, A. Co., N. B., Oct. 8th, 1888.

Travellers' Record.

Rev. W. C. Hill and family returned to their home in Hill and Thurgate from Fairville, where they had been visiting friends.

Rev. A. A. Watson, of Riverview, who has been spending his vacation in N. S. returned home last Friday.

Deputy Sheriff Gray, of Upper Cape, was in Hillsboro on Thursday.

R. B. Bennett, of Hillsboro, was in New Brunswick last Saturday.

Miss Iva Bray, of Upper Cape, was in Hillsboro last Saturday.

Hon. G. S. France was in Hillsboro last Saturday.

Miss Emma McDonald, of Moncton, who has been visiting friends in Hillsboro, returned to her home in Moncton last Saturday.

Master Samuel Steeves, who has been visiting friends in Hillsboro, returned to his home in St. John last Saturday.

Mr. Louis McNeil, of Hill and Park, Mass., came to Hillsboro on Thursday to visit his brother, A. O. Dunlop.

Henry Bennett, of Upper Cape, visited Hillsboro last Saturday.

Bliss Duffy, of Hillsboro, visited Moncton last Friday.

Mrs. Geo. Lyon, who was visiting friends in Hillsboro, returned to her home in Harvey last Saturday.

Chas. A. Scott last forenoon in OBSERVER office. Hillsboro last Tuesday at his home in Bedford, Westmorland Co.

Origin of the Postage Stamp.

Quite an interesting and curious study is connected with the origin of the postage stamp. One day a young girl came forth from an inn located in the northern part of England, and received from a postman a letter, which she turned over to her hand, as she inquired the price of the postage. "The man asked a shilling, a sum too large for one so poor as herself to pay, and so she returned the letter to the postman with sadness, although she knew her brother had sent it. The postman had departed, the kind-hearted girl, Hill was surprised to find that the letter was not used for his city; for the envelope, the young girl explained to him, contained no written communication, but on its outside were certain markings, as she held the letter in her hand she noticed the words "Hillsboro" and "Hill" and at this moment in the throbbing of her mind she seemed to herself, although the girl seemed strongly averse to his doing so. When the postman had departed, the kind-hearted girl, Hill was surprised to find that the letter was not used for his city; for the envelope, the young girl explained to him, contained no written communication, but on its outside were certain markings, as she held the letter in her hand she noticed the words "Hillsboro" and "Hill" and at this moment in the throbbing of her mind she seemed to herself, although the girl seemed strongly averse to his doing so.

Such duplicity at Mr. Hill to think that a postal system which incited people to conceal notes from the post office, he argued that "if the price of postage was lowered from an exorbitant rate to one that came easily within the means of the mass of the people, so many letters would pass through the mails, that the financial condition of the treasury would not be impaired, while society would derive an additional benefit. He became so interested in the matter that he managed to bring his views to the notice of the British Government, which gave them a favorable reception; and on the 10th of January, 1840, which day is considered the birthday of the postage stamp, letters began to be circulated in every part of the United Kingdom at the postage rate of only a penny. The experiment was successful to an extent much beyond expectation. Rowland Hill became secretary to the post-office general, and during the next five years of his reign of office he had placed that in 1850 the number of letters sent through the mails was 7,239,982, again 1,500,000 in 1840.

They Hanged a Boy in Fun.

BALTIMORE, Md.—Samuel Thomas, colored, aged 15 years, was playing with some companions in the packing room at the "Metzger" factory, at Frederick, Md., on Tuesday last, and some of the others suggested that they hang Thomas. A thin cord was procured and fastened about the boy's neck. Before the workmen in the room realized what was being done, the cord had been fastened around the boy's neck. This "hug" caught the boy's attention and he was rapidly taken up, carrying the string around his neck, and he was hung to the gallows. He was hanging there for some time, and the workmen in the room realized what was being done, and they were all laughing and making fun of the boy. The boy was taken down and his neck was cut with a knife. The boy was then buried in a shallow grave.

A Boatful of Seal Skin Cloak.

A boatful of seal skin cloaks was taken up by a party of hunters in the bay near the mouth of the St. Lawrence river, on Tuesday last. The hunters were out for a day and had been successful in their hunt. They had taken up a large number of seals, and they were now taking up the seal skin cloaks. The seal skin cloaks were of various sizes and colors, and they were all of excellent quality. The hunters were very pleased with their haul, and they were now taking up the seal skin cloaks.

A Handsome Store.

Mr. K. B. Bousson's jewelry establishment in Hill and Steeves' new building, near the corner of Hill and Steeves' streets, was opened on Tuesday last. The store is a handsome one, and it is well furnished with all the latest styles of jewelry. The store is also well stocked with all the latest styles of watches, and it is a very attractive one. The store is a very handsome one, and it is well furnished with all the latest styles of jewelry. The store is also well stocked with all the latest styles of watches, and it is a very attractive one.

Silk Ribbons!

Those of our lady readers who would like to have a elegant large package of extra fine Assorted Ribbons (by mail) in different widths and colors, and of various patterns, adapted for Busts, Straps, Neckwear, Scarfs, Trimmings for Hats and Dresses, Bows, Fancy Work, &c., can get an astonishingly large quantity of the recent importations of whole sale Ribbon Manufacturers, by sending only 25 cents (stamp) to the address we give below.

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READ THE FOLLOWING: "Bible's Own, New Series, June 20, 1888. My dear friend, I have just received your kind letter of the 10th inst. and I am glad to hear that you are well. I have been thinking of you very much lately, and I hope you are all the same. I have been thinking of you very much lately, and I hope you are all the same. I have been thinking of you very much lately, and I hope you are all the same."

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CHARGES MODERATE. Correspondence promptly answered and articles furnished when desired. (Circulars, 1888.)

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PREMIUM LIST OF HARVEY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY FOR 1888.

Table with 7 columns: Prize, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th. Lists various agricultural products and their corresponding prize amounts.

The Annual Fair of the Harvey Agricultural Society will be held at Harvey, on Thursday, October 25th, 1888. Parties intending to exhibit are requested to have their articles on the grounds at 10 o'clock. All stock, and articles exhibited to remain on the grounds until 15 o'clock. Subscription Fee \$1.50.

Please cut out and save for future reference. E. H. ROBINSON, SECRETARY.

THE WORKS for the construction of the canal, above mentioned, advertised to be let on the 23rd of October, 1888, are unavailably postponed to the following date:—

Tenders will be received until Wednesday the 7th day of November, 1888. Plans and specifications will be ready for examination at the office and at Sault Ste. Marie on and after—

By Order, A. P. BRADLEY, SECRETARY, Department of Railways & Canals, Ottawa, 27th September, 1888.

Mail Contract. SEPALED TENDERS, addressed to the Postmaster General will be received at Ottawa until noon, on 2nd November for the conveyance of Her Majesty's Mails, on a proposed Contract for four years, once per week each way, between Albert and Lumsden from the 1st January next. The conveyance to be made in a suitable vehicle drawn by one or more horses subject to the approval of the Postmaster General. The Mails to leave Lumsden on Thursday of each week at 11 o'clock a.m., reaching Albert at 1 o'clock p.m., returning to leave Albert same day as soon as practicable after arrival of mail train from Salisbury reaching Lumsden in 2 hours.

Printed notice containing further information as to conditions of proposed Contract may be seen and blank forms of Tender may be obtained at the Post Office of Albert and Lumsden and at this office.

S. J. KING, Post Office Inspector, St. John, N. B., October 4th, 1888.

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