

Our Highways.

In a former issue we referred to the unsatisfactory results of the present mode of expending the statute labor tax upon our highways, showing that the amount of labor expended under a different system could not fail to produce more satisfactory results.

In the first place instead of a uniform rate on the amount of assessment, it is regulated by a sliding scale, whereby the poor man with his few hundreds of dollars pays ten times as much in proportion to his capital as does the rich man on his thousands.

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Travel Notes.

NEWFOUNDLAND.

First as to the name. Is it Newfoundland, or Newfoundland, or Newfoundland? I have heard it pronounced in all three of these ways by residents or ex-residents of the Island.

A few words will suffice in reference to the former. With few exceptions the inhabitants are rugged and healthy-looking, square-set, and of or below medium stature.

The city of St John's is worthy of careful study. The streets are narrow and winding, telling of hasty construction or an earthquake. They curve along in a charmingly eccentric way, like the farmer's fence, so crooked that the poor man became permanently cross-eyed trying to look from one end of it to the other.

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feel a deep interest, the purpose of this paper will meet its reward.

This land is less known than any other habitable portion of the globe. Few travellers have explored it: by those few, no full account, to my knowledge, has been written regarding it.

Verbal misrepresentation has fostered prejudice and retarded civilization and progress. Yet there is much of real value to be learned. Partial reports to the Royal Geographical Society of England, have been made by explorers specially appointed and directed.

Note in closing the position of Newfoundland. The great wheat regions of the West must supply the overcrowded countries of Europe. The spirit of the coming generation will seek for the conveyance thereof the quickest and safest route, and that route lies through Newfoundland.

Attention has of late years been successively directed to California, Manitoba and British Columbia. That other land, so long neglected, yet nearest to Europe's marts, must ere long receive the merited patronage of the world's nations.

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Horse Notes.

Finding it almost impossible to get such a trotting sire as "Confidential Charley," I have succeeded in purchasing a first class draft and general purpose horse.

"General Gordon" is a beautiful rich golden-brown bay, with black points, small star in forehead, stands 16 hands high and weighs in ordinary condition 1374 lbs. Sired by the great imported thoroughbred Shire Horse.

"Brown Stout." Dam by the "Magnific Horse" who also sired the dam of "Black Pilot"; grand-dam by the old imported "Salidan"; "General Gordon" ought to get large, handsome road and general purpose horses, not big, clumsy, flat footed horses, with hair enough on one leg to fill a placeton-cushion.

I publish this letter for the satisfaction of our farmers and horse-breeders, to show that "General Gordon" is no fraud but is just what he is recommended to be, and will perhaps get some of the best stock that has ever been raised in King's county. Yours truly, J. I. BROWN, Wolfville, Nov. 21st '87.

Death of Dr. Avery.

Yesterday noon one of the most prominent characters in the history of Halifax passed away at his residence, 31 South street, ninety-four years of age, in the person of James F. Avery, M. D., the founder of the extensive drug firm of Brown & Webb, and Brown Brothers.

He was an early governor of Dalhousie university, of which he was a pronounced friend, having given many substantial prizes; a director of the B. A. B. & T. society, and a faithful friend and adviser of many other charitable institutions.

A Magnificent Offer.

IF ACCEPTED AT ONCE. We have succeeded in making arrangements whereby we are enabled to offer the following unparalleled inducements to new subscribers. No such offer has ever before been made by a country newspaper, and advantage should at once be taken of it by those who desire to secure their own local paper, one of the leading agricultural magazines, a most useful book, and some handsome engravings for a mere nominal sum.

Table with 2 columns: THE OFFER and PRICE. Includes items like 'The ACADIAN', 'The American Agriculturist', 'Fences, Gates and Bridges', 'Grant's Rural Life', 'Munckley's great painting', and 'The American Agriculturist'.

We will furnish all the above, postpaid, for \$2.50. Send six cents to 751 Broadway, New York, for mailing you the current number of the American Agriculturist, containing four hundred and seven editorial, contributed and descriptive articles, and two hundred and forty illustrations.

Subscribers in arrears, by paying up arrears and one year in advance, can take advantage of the above offer.

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Valuable property for sale.

The Eight-Acre Lot adjoining College property; to be sold in lots or as a whole; runs to the main road. Apply to Mrs W. J. Johnson, for two months only. Dec. 21, 1887. 2m

Advertisement for 'PAIN KILLER' by Perry Davis, featuring a small illustration of a person in pain.

Advertisement for Burpee Witter's Fall and Winter Stock, 1887. Includes a list of goods such as Dress Goods, Mantle Cloths, Hats, Gloves, and various fabrics.

Advertisement for Burpee Witter's Dressmaking, featuring a list of services and prices for various garments.

Advertisement for Fruit Trees for Sale, listing various types of trees and their prices.

Advertisement for Palace Steamers, listing routes and schedules for international travel.

Advertisement for Webster's International S. S. Co., listing various steamship lines and routes.

Advertisement for Caldwell & Murray, featuring a portrait of a man and text about horse rugs and blankets.

Advertisement for Caldwell & Murray, listing various horse-related products and services.

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Advertisement for The Beehive, featuring a list of goods and services.

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