

The Poet's Corner.

Dr. Holmes to His Judicial son.
[Oliver Wendell Holmes, whose son was recently appointed to the Supreme Bench of Massachusetts, read the following poem, with reference to that event, at the annual banquet of the Boston Bar Association:—]
"His Honor's" father yet remains
His proud paternal posture firm in;
But, while his rights he still maintains,
To wield the household rod and reins,
He bows before the filial crine.

WINTER IN DAKOTA.

Not so Bad as Reported by Some.

An Optimistic View of the North-West—Healthy Winter Weather—Moon-Light Excursions.

The prevailing idea among Canadians, and others in the East, seems to be that winter out west, in the great "Lone Land," partakes entirely of an unpleasant nature, without any redeeming feature whatever in its character. Being somewhat acquainted with a western winter, and knowing from experience that there is as much of sunshine as shadow in it, permit me here to mention some of the facts with which I am impressed, in vindication of my statement. Cold weather we certainly have, we do not pretend to deny it; and "blizzards" too, enough to make the winters spicy. The country would lose its reputation if it failed to produce an occasional "blizzard." But we have fine weather, too—clear, bright days in which it is a luxury to live. Often in the clear, early morn, the first sight to greet us is the appearance of our neighbors' houses close at hand (though none are nearer than half a mile) drawn so straightly near by the wonderful mirage. On such a morning we can see for miles around us, and some have declared they could count the houses in a town 9 or 10 miles distant. We have known the thermometer to fall to 50° below zero, but if it ranged so low in Canada, the consequences would be serious, because, for some reason or other, which some explain satisfactorily, we do not feel the cold here to such an extent, as they would in Canada, were the mercury to fall as low there. A more healthy country could scarcely be found,—very few complaints are heard. The scarcity of rain during the winter months preventing a "drow," all under foot is dry and comfortable; and in consequence, coughs and colds are not so prevalent as they are farther East. In short, here the climate bears the same relation to life to many; and no winter instances are recorded of persons coming here in delicate health, who are not well and strong. During our past experience we have struck no more from the severity of the cold than in Canada, and, happily, however, it has not fallen so low as to take much part in our door work during the winter; but what part we have taken has not occasioned us any great inconvenience. Before coming here, we heard much about storms being so severe as to prevent people from leaving their houses, and that they were so violent as to surprise and find themselves able to deal with as much regularity as is necessary to these duties. The women folks of the house, also, to whom is assigned the daily work, are quite punctual in the discharge of their duty. In passing, I may state that horses and cattle do well in the winter, having sufficient time from one feeding to another, to fatten. Poultry, if properly cared for, do well. Some have written us regarding vegetables, asking how we keep them from freezing. Well, we have had no difficulty at all, and have been obliged to keep the vegetables leading from the cellar, up, because the potatoes were "growing." Of course, our houses are not generally so large as those in Canada, we have not reached that stage yet; therefore do not require so much heat to keep them warm—but they are large enough to allow for comfort and happiness, if they are not stylish. It seems, rather, that we possess an advantage in having our houses all, or nearly all, about the same size, so that there are very few brothers of high degree, but we have all things in common, and know very little of pride except native pride. Although in some parts, neighbors are pretty widely scattered, there is no lack of visiting, feasting and hospitality in general; and

where good nature and sociability prevail, minor inconveniences are forgotten. The roads, though not to be compared with Canadian roads, are scarcely ever very bad except after a blizzard, and some roads in our vicinity have been so well beaten as to furnish good sleighing for the most part of the winter. For miles around, the friends come to visit, and the arrival of the moon is always eagerly hailed to give free scope to moonlight excursions. Moonlight on the prairie is magnificent. Often, as I have gazed out upon the boundless plain, have I wished for words, to properly express the enchanting scene. Never does it appear so beautiful as when the moon shines on a mantle of newly fallen snow. Then looking out over it, one is forcibly reminded of the broad ocean, the mounds of snow here and there bearing a striking resemblance to the swells of the retiring waves, while the whole view sparkles like silver sheen. The long winter evenings afford ample opportunity for reading and various amusements, so that our time is fully occupied; and though we deplore the fate that separates us from absent ones, we have very little time to indulge in loneliness. Education, though at first somewhat unavoidably neglected, is now receiving due attention, and school matters are progressing favorably. The neighboring towns have excellent comfortable and commodious school-houses, and the interests of the rising generation are well considered. We are fortunately situated at no great distance from several rising towns, and the way in which these towns are increasing in population and general improvement, is astonishing to see. We have had communication from all parts pretty regularly, considering the way the roads have been blocked in Canada, and enjoy nothing so well as hearing from the old folks at home. DAKOTITE.

Goderich Township.

Holmesville, April 2, 1883.

Council met to-day pursuant to adjournment. Members all present—minutes of last meeting read and passed. Moved by J. Cox, seconded by J. Beacom, that W. Elliott be refunded \$2 dog tax for '81 and '82, he not having any dog—Carried. Moved by J. Cox, seconded by J. Beacom, that the members of this council act as road commissioners for the present year as follows: Reeve for Nos. 4 and 5 sub-division; Deputy Reeve for No. 2 S. D., J. Cox, No. 3 S. D.; J. Lathwait No. 5 S. D.; J. H. Elliott No. 1 S. D.—Carried. Moved by J. Cox, seconded by J. Beacom, that each road commissioner be allowed to expend \$200 in the sub-division over which they preside—Carried. The following amounts were paid, viz: A. Knox, keep of township horse \$1; Huron News Record, printing five check books, \$7.50; J. Connolly, taking horse from Holmesville to Clinton, \$1; Mr. Houston, selling horse, \$1; Goderich Star, printing \$9.64; clerk to get 7 copies pamphlets for use of council \$2.15; Jos. Miller, indigent, \$18.75; Deputy Reeve, salary, \$75; Mr. Drysdale, gravel, \$31.60; Miss Stevens, per John Hunter, needed assistance \$15; assessor, four additional columns on roll, \$5; Jos. Elliott, flour for Geo. Abbott, \$6.20; C. J. Spence, error in taxes, 92 cents; Geo. Dyke, for digging drain, \$20; R. Bray, indigent, \$10; W. Collins, indigent, \$18.75. Moved by J. Lathwait, seconded by J. H. Elliott, that this council do now adjourn to meet again on the 28th May, as court of revision—Carried. JAS. PATTON, Clerk.

Seaforth.

FARM SOLD.—Mr. Simon Young has sold his farm on the Huron Road, Hull-lett, near Seaforth, to Mr. Christopher Dale, for about \$6,000. The farm contains 100 acres. Mr. Young intends to retire from farming.

STUBBEN DEATH.—Mr. John Kidd, hardware merchant of this town, died very suddenly on Monday night last. He had been in poor health for some time, but recently was sufficiently recovered to be able to attend to his business. He had been in the store all day Monday. In the evening he was amusing himself with some of his children when he was suddenly seized with illness, and lying down upon the sofa he expired in a few moments and before aid could be procured. Mr. Kidd was one of our pioneer business men, being of those who removed from Harpurhey to Seaforth soon after this place commenced to attract the business from the surrounding country. He was an enterprising and honorable business man and was widely known and universally respected. He leaves a widow and a large family to mourn his loss. The funeral took place on Wednesday, and the remains were interred in the Maitland cemetery. Out of respect to deceased all the business places on Main street were closed while the funeral cortege passed out of town. Mr. Kidd was a comparatively young man, being in his fifty-first year.—Expositor.

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Brussels.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.—James Connors has sold his house and lot on John-st., to Mr. Geo. Backer.

Mrs. John Leckie was entertained by her lady friends at a social in the town hall on Wednesday evening last. A very pleasant evening was spent.

Mr. A. Hingston, machinist at Brascara foundry, left for Winnipeg on Wednesday last, to take a position on the fire department as engineer of one of the steamers. The city has secured a good man.

James Watt has sold the two acres of ground on which his saw mill lately stood to Mr. D. Payne.

PERSONAL.—The many friends of Mr. Donald Scott, of this village, License Inspector for East Huron, will learn with deep regret of the continued illness. Mr. Scott has been suffering from ill-health since early last fall, and although not able to be around much. It is hoped, however, that with the return of warmer weather he will recuperate, and that before the close of the summer he will be wholly recovered. There are few men in Huron more highly respected than Mr. Scott, and all will rejoice to learn of his speedy convalescence.

More Protection Wanted.

A deputation of manufacturers of agricultural implements were at Ottawa last week, to urge upon the Government the necessity of imposing an additional specific duty upon all imported agricultural implements, in order to give Ontario manufacturers a monopoly of the business of Manitoba and the North-West. The gentlemen composing the deputation are Messrs. S. Crawford and John Elliott, London; R. Cochrane, Brantford; and Cockburn and Reekie, of Hamilton. They waited upon the Minister of Finance, and complained that the farmers of the North-West were obtaining their agricultural implements from St. Paul dealers. The total value of agricultural implements imported into Canada last year was \$79,059, paying \$19,750 duty. Of the total importations, Manitoba took \$46,550 worth, all being from the United States.

Sir Charles Tupper.

Sir Charles Tupper will leave Canada a disappointed man. He fully expected that by this time he would be leader of the Conservative party. Sir John frequently said in his speeches that he did not intend to remain much longer in public life, and that Sir Charles Tupper would succeed him. Sir Charles took him at his word, but Sir John still holds on to the leadership. It is said that Sir Charles had a definite promise from Sir John that the change would take place after the first session of the last parliament, but as session followed session and no change occurred. Sir Charles began to see that he was being duped. Years ago Sir John used to speak of retiring. He used to say that he had "calculated." But there he is at the head of his party, apparently as vigorous and as lively as ever. He will never give up the leadership while he has strength enough to hold on to it; and this is the fact that Sir Charles has at last discovered. Waiting for other men's shoes is all a wearisome task, and sometimes it happens that the owner of the shoes outlives the person that is waiting for them.—[Toronto Telegram]

Tory "Temperance" Men.

Temperance electors will scarcely expect a satisfactory license law from a Government which contains the Hon. John Carling, Canada's principal brewer; Hon. Frank Smith, a large liquor dealer; and Sir Alex. Campbell, a bitter opponent of the Scott Act, whose ally, Mr. Meredith, leader of the Conservative Opposition, is solicitor to the Ontario Trade (Liquor) and Benevolent Association; and which receives the solid liquor vote at every election. These may be unpleasant facts, but they are facts nevertheless.—[Hamilton Tribune]

An Excellent Report.

Hon. Jos. G. Goodridge, of Brooklyn, N. Y., writes:—"I cannot express myself in sufficient praiseworthy terms of Barlock Blood Bitters, which I have used for the past two years with great benefit."

The Death of John Brown.

Various rumors are afloat in London, concerning the cause of the death of John Brown. The doctors' explanation that death ensued from erysipelas is not credited. The loss of her faithful servant has profoundly affected the Queen. John Brown's younger brother succeeds him.

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Good Maxims.

A greedy man God hates. A great mark is soonest hit. A great tree hath a great fall. A hasty man never wants woe. A honey tongue, a heart of gall. A hungry man is an angry man. A great ship must have deep water. A great reputation is a great charge. A guilty conscience needs no accuser. A happy heart makes a happy visage. A handful of trade is a handful of gold. A jest driven too far brings home hate. A great man will not tramp on a worm. A headstrong man and a fool may wear the same cap. A great man's foolish sayings pass for wise ones. A handsaw is a good thing but not to shave with. A joke never gains an enemy, but often loses a friend. A joyful evening may follow a sorrowful morning. A handful of common sense is worth a bushel of learning.

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Early in his career he was made famous by the remark that he could not be "like a bird, in two places at once." He added to his reputation by saying, "I would gladly, Mr. Speaker, sacrifice not only a part of the constitution, but the whole, of it, to preserve the remainder."

Once, to express his horror at what might happen if the leaders of the Irish rebellion should succeed, he exclaimed, "Our heads will be thrown, Mr. Speaker, upon that table to stare us in the face!"

"I smell a rat, Mr. Speaker," said he one day, trying his hand at a metaphor; "I see him floating in the air; but I shall yet nip him in the bud."

Yet the blunderer, whose "bulls" and metaphors made him the laughing-stock of an Irish parliament, once gained a victory over Curran, the prince of wits and orators.

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