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TRACADIE, Oct. 3, 1890.

Dear Advocate:

In looking down a few notes while on my annual trip from Newcastle around the coast to Bathurst and thence to the coast to Campbellton, it is pleasant to the traveler to record that the roads are in a fair condition, and so far this is the case considering the recent heavy rains and continued wet weather. In driving through Douglastown, I noticed several fine looking buildings which have been erected within the past year or two which evidently shows that in spite of the proverbial quickness said to reign in this village there is some enterprise among its inhabitants. We noticed also that Mr. W. Miller was a small addition to the rest of his store.

Grain is in most places late, and much damage has been done to the greenest of it from the heavy frost of two or three weeks ago. Yet as we get further down the river and approach the salt water the frost appears to have been but light, hardly discoloring the green of the potatoes, and only touching the more tender vegetables and flowers. Potatoes are a fair crop, and turnips promise well.

We are glad to notice that many farmers have planted out fruit trees, and that they have commenced bearing fruit, some of the apples being very fine. We were presented with a very fine sample of a growing at Tabusiaton to-day, and the variety known as the New Brunswick is also a great favorite. We forbear mentioning the name of our friend who favored us with so fine a sample of home raised green apples as we do not wish to inform those hoodlums who make a practice of robbing fruit trees, where such fruit is to be found growing. It is too bad that our farmers are going to the expense and trouble of buying and setting out fruit trees and are annoyed by a lot of hooligan boys who think it is fun to rob them of the few apples they may have growing on their trees. A dose of snipe shot or coarse salt about the legs would perhaps teach them a lesson, and will in all probability be tried.

Mr. Anthony Adams was to leave Newcastle Friday afternoon, in his schooner for P. E. Island with a load of salt her.

SAW AND SHINGLE MILL.—We last mentioned that a saw mill had been erected on Beggs Brook, Neguac. It has been saving a year in June last and does good work. It saws a ten hour daily average about 6000 feet of boards and scantling, and about ten thousand shingles. The lumber is cut from pine, spruce and hemlock, and is exported to P. E. I., Nova Scotia and other North American ports. The mill is driven by a 25 horse power Hercules engine manufactured by Matteson & Son, New Glasgow, and the boiler, a tubular one, is 50 ft. long. Mr. W. B. Stewart superintended the building and fitting up of the mill for the owner, Mr. Alex. Martin, who manages her. Mr. Stewart looking after the engine and machinery.

BLUEBERRIES.—Packing blueberries has become quite an institution in Northumberland, and when this wild fruit is abundant, this is a section in which it is especially so. At the Tabusiaton Bridge I found Messrs John A. & George Morrison with other hands hard at work putting up this dainty. They are putting them up in one pound cans about 27 tons. About 5000 cases have been shipped by schooner from the bridge and the balance will be loaded to Neguac and shipped by the steamer Miramichi.

One of the steamers of Messrs J. C. Miller & Co., of Millerton, passed through the draw of the Tabusiaton bridge about noon to-day, with her last load of hemlock bark for this season. There is much more peeled in some of the upper districts but the wet weather has made the roads too soft to get it hauled out to the river this season.

BARK BURNED.—This Friday afternoon the bark of Mr. Docty Robicheau, a short distance from the Big Tracadie bridge was with its contents, destroyed by fire. It was crammed full of the crops of the season, hay, grain, implements, two pigs, all a total loss, no insurance. Loss will be far short of \$1000. A youngster of five years old, a son of Mr. Robicheau and some matches was the cause.

As I approached the big Tracadie bridge about 8 o'clock this evening, I noticed a canoe with two men, and a fish being speared some kind of fish. The thought struck me that surely they were not spearing salmon in so open a manner, but on enquiry, I found they were spearing eels.

WILD FOWL.—We have not been plenty so far, the weather being too fine. Some few have been captured by such expert gunners as Messrs A. & F. Adams and others. More anon.

W. C. A.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

A recent issue of the New York Sun contains an appeal to the people of America from the American Committee for the relief of farming sufferers in Ireland. The information it is in possession of has been gathered from the most reliable sources and is to the effect that the complete failure of the potato crop in Ireland makes another great famine in that country practically inevitable. When it is taken into consideration that the American people are the most generous and open hearted upon the face of the globe we have every reason to believe that the Committee's appeal for immediate contributions of money, provisions and clothing will not be in vain.

The Convention of the Temperance men of the Maritime Provinces which was held at St. John last week is said to have been quite a successful one. J. T. Bulmer was re-elected president and during his address to his colleagues he informed them that he had every reason to believe that the Prohibitionists would carry their men in every county in the Maritime Provinces, in Parish, Provincial, and Dominion elections. The Scotch was thoroughly discussed and a considerable discussion it was decided to

bring forward Prohibition Candidates whenever possible and in all the choos of the party will support the lower Provinces before next Dominion elections advocating the move.

The McKinley Bill went into force in the United States on Monday last. We learn from our Quebec and Ontario correspondents that the members of the United States in view of the high duty placed on Canadian holly, which they are forced to use, were busy engaged last week in buying and rushing over the border as much of the article as they could secure. Over 2,500,000 bushels are reported as having been shipped across in a few days. There was also a brisk business in eggs carried on and it is said that some 50,000 dozen were sent from the two Cities of Berlin and Guelph, Ont., in one day. In fact the railways and steamers have had all they could do to meet the demand of shippers for transport.

THE PREMIER AT HALIFAX.

One of the most remarkable men of the age is Sir John A. Macdonald, the veteran Premier of Canada. As a proof of the truth of this remark we need only refer to the length of time he has been in public life and the high important positions he has filled during that period. When he commenced his public career, the present Dominion of Canada was a group of separate provinces that had little or no intercourse one with the other, and as a natural consequence, had no interests in common. In bringing about their union he took the most prominent part, and with the exception of the few years that he was out of power, he has been the moving spirit that has brought about the great changes that have made this weak and insignificant Province a great Dominion, extending from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean. That this was a great work nobody will dispute. But when we consider the care, the anxiety and the difficulties he had to encounter in his efforts to accomplish it, his bitterest political opponents must acknowledge that he is endowed with abilities of a far seeing statesman that can see the gathering political storm in the future and be prepared at all points to meet it when it bursts upon him. During his long and brilliant political career he has not only encountered but safely weathered many of these storms, and it is the earnest hope of every true Canadian who has the interests of his country at heart that so long as he has health and strength and is willing to do them to his country's service, he will remain Premier of Canada. The patriotic address which he delivered at the Liberal-Conservative picnic at Halifax the other day has a truly patriotic ring, and shows most clearly that no matter how gloomy the present may appear to the faint hearted, his political foresight can discern through the cloud a brilliant future for Canada, if—in the struggle of political factions and parties—her people to themselves keep true.

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The Fourteenth Annual meeting of the Northumberland county Institute will be held in the Grammar School building, Chatham, Thursday and Friday, Oct. 10th and 11th, 1890.

Delegates who pay a full class fare for any session on the P. C. Ry to Chatham, will on presentation of certificates at Chatham, receive a return ticket free of charge.

Delegates by the Canada Eastern Railway can purchase return tickets at one first class fare, good to return till 18th inst. The same privileges have been granted by the Miramichi Steam Navigation Company.

The following is the Programme:—Thursday, 1st session, 10 a. m. Enrollment of members; Election of officers. The best method of teaching composition before using the text-book—Miss B. U. Lock.

2nd session, 2.30 p. m. "Science Teaching"—Miss A. M. Lock. Should reading lessons be long or short?—Miss A. G. McIntosh.

Friday—3rd session, 9 a. m. "Derivation"—F. P. Yorston. "The Kindergarten"—Misses Brown and Creighton.

4th session, 2.30 p. m. The teaching of Geometry to beginners—J. P. Owens, B. A., and J. J. Clark. The development of Character—P. Cox, B. Sc. Question box.

S. Andrew's Church.

The annual meeting of the Sunday School Teachers' Association for the Diocese of Chatham was held in the school room of the above church on Tuesday afternoon, Sept. 23rd. There was a large attendance, about 20 being present, including representatives from most of the parishes in the Diocese. The Rev. Canon Forsyth, Rural Dean, presided. Reports from the various Sunday schools were presented; all showed good work being done in this particular department of church work. In addition to all the Clergy who are ex-officio, vice-presidents, the following three were elected by ballot from among the teachers and superintendents for the ensuing year—Mrs. J. Sweet, Mrs. Jackson and Mrs. Huggell. The Rev. J. H. Sweet was re-elected Secretary-Treasurer. Six teachers presented themselves for the annual teachers' examination comprising papers on Holy Scripture, Church History and the Prayer Book. On Tuesday evening a public service was held in the Church where instructive and interesting address bearing upon S. School Work were given by the Rev. W. J. Wilkinson and Canon Forsyth.

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