

FRUIT RAISING

Our farmers are beginning to realize the fact that it is neither wise nor profitable to devote their whole attention to the production of any one crop to the exclusion of all others. The experience of the past few years has been such as to convince the most sceptical that in this County at least mixed farming is the only kind of farming that is likely to pay. It has been the opinion of many of our foremost farmers for many years that the cultivation of the potato was the most profitable. And possibly it would be if there were any certainty of a crop or a market at paying prices; unfortunately for us the experience of the past few years has proved that we have neither. In 1883 we had a very large yield of potatoes, but the price was low, and in 1884 the yield was exceedingly small and no market at any price for what was produced; and those of our farmers who were wholly depending upon the potato for ready cash to meet their obligations, were sadly disappointed. Taking it for granted that mixed farming is fast becoming a necessity, the greater question to be solved is, what are the best crops to cultivate? Possibly there is no one branch of husbandry that is so certain of remunerative results as that of the cultivation of fruits—fruits large and fruits small. The production of the larger kinds, such as apples, pears &c. is no new venture and has always proved remunerative to the producer, even when prices were the lowest; but as many localities are unfitted for the successful cultivation of the tree producing fruits and as most of them require years to bring them into bearing, it is only those who can afford to wait for years to harvest the seed of the present sowing, and who are also favorably situated, can take advantage of such; but fortunately we have another class of fruits, or berries, that can be profitably raised in almost any locality and which come into immediate bearing, requiring perhaps less care than most of the hood crops, and gives us much larger returns with an almost certainty of crop, and an unlimited demand for all that can be produced. We refer to the Strawberry, Blackberry, Currant, &c. Strawberries, gooseberries and currants have been raised in our gardens for domestic use for many years; but it is only very recently that any effort has been made in this County to cultivate them for market. Those who have done so have been fairly successful and are beginning to reap large returns for the outlay invested. Strawberries have already become one of the staple products of the County; currants, gooseberries and black raspberries are fast becoming such; and we would strongly advise every one who cultivates ever so small an area of ground, to try a few bushes of some one or more of the berry fruits. Perhaps the Black Raspberry would be as profitable to commence with as any. You need not fear over production, for if they cannot be all disposed of when fresh, they can be dried artificially and thus they always command a ready sale.

ENTERTAINMENT AT LOWER CANARD

On Tuesday evening, March 24th, a large audience gathered at Lower Canard Hall to see and hear the entertainment given under the auspices of the Baptist Church at the above named place. The serio-comic drama entitled "Enlisted for the War; or, the Home Guard," was repeated, with a change in the remainder of the programme. The great snow storm of Friday and Saturday had completely blocked the roads, and they were not in a very good condition, as they had not been broken out until Monday, still various places from a distance were well represented. The well known qualities of the dramatic persona of Canard were well calculated to draw a large audience, and this performance showed all of those present, that the actors were not unworthy of the public confidence. The actors seemed to be perfectly at home upon the stage, and they performed their several parts both with style and effect. The part of Robert Truworth,

the juvenile hero, was performed by Mr. Freeman Eaton in an able and characteristic manner. Mr. Frank Eaton as Wilder Rowell, the polished villain, did some fine acting. Mr. Harry Freeman as Hosea Jenks, the man of all trades, kept the audience smiling at the droll manner in which he would laugh at his own puns. Also, in the second act, Mr. Freeman personated the cool, impassive General Grant, whose taciturnity was more eloquent than words. The part of Col. Boxer, though short, was well performed by Mr. Newton Eaton. Mr. Chas. Seaman as Hiram Jenks, "the mere boy," drew many a laugh at his odd manner of making love to Mattie Truworth and his comical actions with Crimps, the darkey. This last character was an excellent part for low comedy, and it was performed by Mr. Howard Harris in such a manner as to keep the audience laughing whenever he appeared upon the stage. If the male actors were good, the female actors were excellent. Miss Emma Eaton as Mrs. Truworth was indeed a model old old lady, and Mrs. Lawrence Eaton as Gayle Gifford, the young artist, handled her home guard in a theatrical manner. The part of Mattie Truworth made up the full number of characters, and this part was very neatly performed by Miss Minnie Seaman. The music given during the evening was excellent. The violinists were Messrs. Fred Bishop, Robert Chisholm, William Burbridge, and Earnest Bishop. The song and chorus, "Must we leave the Old Home, Mother?" was very appropriate for the occasion. The song by Mrs. Leverett Eaton only confirmed our ideas of her superior vocal powers. The duet by Mrs. Eaton and Mr. Faubus was a rare treat. Heard Mrs. Chisholm's song, "Erin on the Rhine" before, we were the better prepared to appreciate its excellence. The song by Mr. Newton Eaton was—our complimentary phrases are running short—we will say magnificent. A farce entitled, "One Night in a Medical College" closed the programme. We believe this to be one of the best farces ever produced. The plot was laid during a thunder storm in a Medical College. Mr. Harry Freeman was a medical student pursuing his studies of anatomy, and Mr. Newton Eaton and Mr. Chas. Seaman were his subjects for dissection. Mr. Freeman Eaton was a grave-yard robber who furnished the bodies, while Mr. Frank Eaton and Mr. Howard Harris were travellers. The manner in which the travellers made their entrance upon the stage was laughable. We never realized what a "spare bed" was, until we saw the one they occupied. The curtain went down with the characters all in a mass upon the floor, while a ghostly light illumined the whole stage, and the blowing of horns, ringing of bells, and terrific peals of thunder added to the confusion. Thus fell for the last time the curtain upon one of the most interesting entertainments ever exhibited upon a local stage. ROBERTO.

CORRESPONDENCE

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our correspondents.]

WARD 2.

Dear Editors.—Some of the ratepayers of Ward 2 are quite alarmed about their assessment, because for once they are assessed in some equality with the other Wards. That they have been raised more this year than other Wards, we can plainly see by the published statistics of assessment, but when we compare Wards, as they now appear, we cannot see that Ward 2 need complain. For comparison take Ward 8, and compare it with Ward 2. Here we find Ward 8 assessed for \$936,675 and Ward 2 for \$1,060,958. So you perceive Ward 8 is assessed for more than half as much as Ward 2. Now let any disinterested person compare those two Wards. Ward 8 with its two streets, one bounded by fertile lands, and some good farms, the other a barren, mountainous district with scarcely a good farm in it; and Ward 2 with its four magnificent streets, all having very rich dykelands attached, indeed comprising the finest and wealthiest farms in the County. Why, take Canard Street alone and it is worth as much as all Ward 8, and then you have Church Street with its grand old farms, superior dyke, and rich orchards, as also Belcher Street, equally wealthy, with Port Williams doing and representing more business than Wolfville, and who can value Town Plot! Certainly Ward 2 should be assessed three times as much as Ward 8. There is also an attempt to unite Aylesford with Cornwallis in this cry of unjust assessment. All Aylesford Township last year was assessed less than Ward 8 for Ward 8 was \$573,500 and all Aylesford was only \$468,100. This year, Aylesford has been raised to \$713,510 and Ward 8 to \$636,675, which certainly to persons acquainted with the localities, will not appear too high for Aylesford. It has been asked by some of the ratepayers of Ward 2 that the Council make a similar deduction on the assessment of Ward 2 as was made for Ward 8 last year. The case is not in any respect similar. The assessors this year all met at Kentville and unanimously agreed to assess at full value according to law. They went forth to their work under oath, and having performed it, no council can alter it except as any individual within the prescribed time makes an affidavit that he is assessed more than his property is worth, which I presume no ratepayer of Ward 2 will do. Our assessors deserve great praise for the improvement made

in this year's assessment, which if continued and perfected will gradually become more satisfactory. Yours,
A RATEPAYER.

CANNING, CORNWALLIS, MARCH 25, 1885.
To the Editors of the ACADIAN.

GENTLEMEN.—In your issue of March 20th, referring to the subject of Statute Labor, I noticed some things I cannot quite agree with. Such as minors 16 years of age to perform as a poll tax two days labor each, and the parents become liable for the fulfilment of tax— from experience I quite agree with that clause, and if necessary could state reasons. Again, in the scale of property, \$200.00, one day and \$400.00, twelve days labor. Let us suppose two men start equally in life, the one is prudent, industrious and diligent—the other, slothful, indolent and careless. The former may advance to three, five thousand dollars, or upwards, while the latter sinks to two hundred or less; and so industry and diligence, animality and indolence, do not always go hand in hand together; likely the poor man will have the greater numbers, or what is generally termed the poor man's blessing.

Now it is plain from the present state Law Educational System, which, I look upon as one of the greatest impositions that ever a country became heir to, the man of industry must pay for schooling the idlers children. In addition to this must, or should be compelled to, make and repair all the public roads for them to travel Scot Free, while they can amuse themselves throwing stones in his fields, and he with excessive toil and care has become too much enfeebled to resent it. Add to this another tax for a Police force to keep youth and idleness in order. Had I the making of the road law I would say from ten to eighty, or nine to ninety, according to their ability to use the roads, in place of the present sixteen to sixty. Youth, health, and strength, rightly educated, and properly disciplined, should be considered, and would be, capital of the first order and highest value. Show us the capitalist of years who would not exchange for the enjoyment of youth however poor.

Trusting you will give this publicity in your instructive columns, and others will endeavor to rectify that which they may consider wrong—they need not be the least delicate or particular in doing so—they who are wet do not fear rain—'tis only little minds that take offence in small matters.

I remain, gentlemen,
Yours Respectfully,
W. R. HARRINGTON.

LONGFELLOW AND HIS POEM "EVANGELINE."

The following correspondence has been handed to us for publication, and will no doubt be read with interest by our readers in this locality. Doubtless many will remember hearing M. Beaudry speak at the Grand Pre Methodist Church during his visit here a few years since:

MONTREAL, 7th Feb., 1882.

W. H. Longfellow, Esq., Dear Sir,—I am certain you will excuse me the liberty I take in writing you, when I tell you that I am a descendant of the Acadians of Grand Pre; that I have often read your Evangeline with ever-increasing interest; that I have just returned from Grand Pre full of enthusiasm over the details of that wonderful history; and that now I am very anxious for further information in reference to that people. If it be not taxing you too much, you would do me a great favor by giving answers to the following questions: 1st.—Were you ever at Grand Pre? Everybody I saw in that region of country insists that you never were. 2d.—How did you obtain the facts—as I suppose they must be facts—in relation to Evangeline? 3d.—If the story of Evangeline, Gabriel, her father, be true up to the time of the father's death, may the same be said of her subsequent wanderings and death at Philadelphia?

A few words from you, Sir, will greatly delight a grandson of one of the fellow sufferers of Evangeline.
LOUIS N. BEAUDRY,
French Missionary.

CAMBRIDGE, Feb. 9, 1882

Dear Sir,—The poem of Evangeline is so far historical only as it is founded on the dispersion of the Acadians. The story itself of a maiden separated from her lover and; after life-long wanderings, finding him dying in a hospital, is a legend, or tradition. The name, Evangeline is of my own invention, as are all the details of the poem.

I am sorry to say that I never was at Grand Pre. I am prevented by illness from writing you a longer letter on the subject. Yours very truly,
HENRY W. LONGFELLOW.

THE BOOKSTORE!

The Bookstore, Eagles' Building nearly opposite the Post Office,
Wolfville, N. S.

Dear Customers and other people

Please don't forget that

"The Bookstore" has removed this week to the Eagles' building, nearly opposite the Post Office.

The place has been scrubbed, scraped, swept and painted, by eminent artists of undoubted ability, and in a few days its Manager hopes to have it present such a beautiful and dazzling appearance that visitors will be compelled to wear umbrellas and green goggles.

We are here to stay, as we remarked before, and are bound to keep our customers good-natured. Therefore give us a chance to get our faces washed from the dust and grim of moving, and we will just make you howl with delight. Having more room in the new premises, we will be able to show our goods to better advantage, and our friends can have more elbow room.

We intend to keep our stock up in spite of the hard times and give our customers the best of value for their money. Come in and see us and we will make you smile. Bring the baby and don't forget your knitting and your wallet. Please don't forget our new address:—

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