

Maritime Farmer.

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An Important Event.

Today witnesses an event important in the history of Victoria County, the turning of the first sod of the Tobique Valley Railway, a road that will open up to commerce, the rich resources of the Tobique Valley, its great agricultural and mineral wealth. The occasion, we understand will be made one of considerable rejoicing at Andover, and will may it be. Hon. John Costigan through whose influence and industry the road has been started, he having obtained for it a very substantial subsidy from the Dominion Government, will be present to share in the honors of the event, and receive his just reward of praise, and he will be accompanied by Hon. John Haggart, the new Postmaster General who will visit New Brunswick for the first time.

The *Examiner* congratulates the people of Victoria on the auspicious event in which many of them will participate to-day; we congratulate the constituency on possessing such an indefatigable representative in Parliament, a gentleman whose earnest endeavor has ever been to forward the best interest of his constituency, we also warmly welcome to our Province the Postmaster General, and if half we hear is true, the Government have gained a great element of strength and popularity by Hon. Mr. Haggart's accession to position.

In conclusion, we direct our readers attention to a communication elsewhere, regarding the great work accomplished in the construction of the Temiscouata Railway, and we believe we are not putting it too strongly when we say that this important line would still be a dream of the future, had it not been for Hon. John Costigan. It has been that gentleman's chief aim and ambition to see the important constituency he represents connected with the through lines of railway communication; to place his people within easy reach of the centre of population and trade, and his desire is about to be gratified. The completion of the Temiscouata railway will bring the chief points of its constituency within a few hours of Montreal, Quebec, Toronto and the other principal cities of Upper Canada, and must, of necessity, result in the rapid development of the upper country of New Brunswick. We pointed out in a former article, the great importance of the Temiscouata railway as a means of through communication between the Upper Provinces, and the sea board; we emphasize now, the great blessing it must prove to the local interests of Madawaska and Victoria.

It is no wonder that Mr. Costigan has been able to retain to such a large degree, the confidence of his people, for he has not in season and out of season, urged, and successfully urged their interests, while not neglecting the general claims of his country?

How the President is Elected.

Many people have an idea that the electors of the United States vote directly for the President, but such is not the case.

The President and Vice-President are not elected by the people, nor on the election day in November. They are chosen by electors, and under the present law, which was recently passed, on the second Monday in January. It is these electors for whom the people vote in November. In every State each party has a right to name a number of electoral candidates equal to the number of its Senators and Representatives. Take New York. The Republicans name thirty-six, and the Democrats thirty-six. The prohibitionists or any other party may nominate the same number. These electors are voted for on election day by the people. Not a vote will then be cast for Cleveland or Harrison. Their names will not appear on any ticket. The electoral ticket which receives the most votes will be elected. If it be the Democrats, that will be election of thirty-six electors pledged to vote for Cleveland and Thurman. The electors chosen by the people at the poll will meet on the second Monday in January in their respective States to cast their ballots for President and Vice-President. The Democratic electors will be pledged and morally bound to vote for Cleveland and Thurman, and the Republican for Harrison and Morton. But they are not required by any law to vote that way. Each one can vote for whom he pleases. Republican electors may vote for any person not named as a candidate. Voting for the party candidate is a matter of politics, not of law. The candidates who receive the most electoral votes on the second Monday of January will be elected President and Vice-President. This is the law, but the electors are so well known that a day or two after the first Tuesday in November, which this year is the 6th of that month, everybody in the United States will know to a certainty who is the President of the United States for the next four years.

The London correspondent of the *Liverpool Mercury* writes: "Sir Charles Tupper has earned his baronetcy. Few men have done so much as he to keep in cordial relations a strong and independent colony like Canada with the Mother Country. His decoration may be taken as a sort of reply to the reception of the Fisheries Treaty by the United States Senate. He was the chief representative of Canada at the Washington Conference, but above and beyond all that Sir Charles is probably the most popular 'colonial' who moves about in London society. He is a very able man, a good speaker, an excellent dinner-out, and very pleasant in all personal relations. When he is in town he is seen at nearly all festive functions, and he is invariably welcomed wherever he appears."

Notwithstanding all the abuse that has been heaped upon Hon. Mr. Dewdney, the new Minister of the Interior, that gentleman was elected by acclamation in East Assiniboia, Thursday.

Rochoon, the Grit representative of Russell in the Quebec Legislature, is before the election court, and some startling instances of the corruption practised in his election, have been unearthed. Besides debauching the constituency with money, his agents seemed to have made use of a novel plan for increasing the vote of their candidate. Dr. Aubry, a physician, told the court that he had assisted in the personation of over 100 dead men, stating that he had experienced but little difficulty in securing substitutes. The unseemly of Rochoon would seem a certainty, but we shall hear very little from the Grit papers regarding the gigantic system of bribery by which he was elected.

The news of the murder in Africa of Major Bartolotti, the leader of the expedition in search of Henry M. Stanley, has given rise to speculation regarding the great explorer himself. The London newspapers are unanimous in their opinion that Major Bartolotti was betrayed by Tippos Tib, who organized the native portion of the expedition, and the question is asked why may not Stanley have been also the victim of his treachery.

At Toronto, last week, after the Undertakers' Association had transacted their business, the members dined together, everything being of a funeral description, the plates coffin shaped, the napkin rings of coffin handles, the handkerchiefs of funeral shrouds, and the jellies in the shape of urns, weeping willows, etc., all imported from Boston.

A GRACEFUL TRIBUTE To a Deserving Man.

What Hon. John Costigan's Influence has done for Railway Development in New Brunswick.

(To the Editor of the *Farmer*.) Sir,—I have read with much interest your article 6th inst. on the new "short route" between St. John and Fredericton, and I am glad to see that you have not forgotten the compact table of distance which you therein give.

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