

Notes on Annapolis History.

The Winnett Family. (Continued) BY W. A. CALNEK.

The House of Assembly of the province held its first Session in 1759, and three years later Joseph Winnett was elected to a seat by the suffrages of the people of Annapolis township...

It seems to have been regarded as a very early period of his life, as a capable and trustworthy agent by the governing powers of the country, and was frequently employed by them in the discharge of difficult and confidential transactions.

In 1761 he made a formal complaint to the administrator of the Government against the conduct of Captain Sinclair, the officer commanding at Annapolis, who had taken forcible possession of a vessel which had been furnished him, some years before, by the Provincial Secretary...

In July 1761 he was granted to the appointment of first Justice in Inferior Court of Common Pleas, for the County of Annapolis, a position which he filled during the remainder of his life.

He had been previously appointed Deputy Register of Deeds for the county, Deputy Collector of Customs, Collector of Imports and Excise, Judge of the Court of Probates and Wills, commissioner for laying out, building, and repairing roads and bridges, and Justice of the Peace; and such was his complete mastery over the details connected with the duties attached to these various employments...

His land was in the hands of a larger constituency than before. He continued to serve the country as its member until the dissolution of the Assembly in 1802; but he did not become a candidate at the general election that ensued in 1770.

It may be fairly presumed that the discharge of his obligations as a representative member was found to be incompatible with the proper and efficient performance of the functions connected with the various local offices which he then held, and as there were no emoluments attached to the former position, while the latter were held, he naturally inclined him to forego further legislative honors.

In the census returns of 1765, Mr. Winnett's family is stated to have consisted of twelve members—all of American birth, save one who is said to have only six children born to him at that time of the household were probably servants. In the like returns for 1770 his wife and six children are named, besides a few negroes, and a boy who had been born in the interior, &c. of these must have been employees. In the latter year he was the owner of 665 acres of land, and possessed four horses, four oxen, eight cows, and twenty-four sheep, besides a few swine and poultry.

On the 26th day of September, 1751, (O. S.) or January 6th, 1752, (N. S.) Joseph Winnett was married to Mary Dymon, a native of Annapolis, and daughter of a gentleman of the name of Dymon, who is known to have been a merchant in that town, in 1755, at the time the French inhabitants were sent away, and who was at that period a partner in the mercantile business of Mr. Winnett.

Washington Letter.

IMPROVEMENT AT THE NATIONAL CAPITAL. A NEW LIBRARY BUILDING. SWAMPS TO BE TURNED INTO GARDENS. A NEW EXECUTIVE MANSION WANTED.

(From our Regular Correspondent) WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 10th, 1882. There seems to be a very general impression among interested parties in Washington and also among legislators, that this Congress will make large appropriations for the improvement and beautification of the National Capital.

Millions have been appropriated, within the last few years, for the streets, parks, public edifices and monuments of Washington, and the Capital City has grown from a straggling village, with a few scattered buildings, into a city of some 25,000 inhabitants, with such facilities for walking and driving as no other American city possesses, and such resources for the scholar, the literateur, and the artist, as can be found in only the largest cities of the world.

By far the largest library on this side the Globe, is the Congressional Library, and when to this is added the libraries of the House and of the Senate, the Government libraries purchased by the Government for the various departments, the National Library of Medicine, the Library of the Smithsonian Institution, and of the Medical Museum, it will be readily seen that there is here an immense accumulation of books, and it only needs to be added that these books are accessible to every citizen of the United States.

Among the other improvements which the city is now undertaking, is the erection of a new Presidential mansion. The old White House is unfit for longer use as a Presidential residence. Indeed, it has not, for many years, been suitable for such occupancy. It is literally a shanty, and requires a million dollars to be expended to make it fit for the use of a President.

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Another improvement which is being undertaken, is the reclamation of the swampy lands in the vicinity of the city. These lands are now used for agriculture, but they are very fertile, and would be a great benefit to the city if they were reclaimed.

There is also a project for the construction of a new executive mansion. The present executive mansion is a small building, and is not fit for the use of a President. A new mansion will be a grand structure, and will be a credit to the city.

The following is a statement of the revenue and expenditures on account of the Consolidated Fund of the Dominion of Canada, as far as returns furnished to the Finance Department, to the right of the 31st December, 1881:

Table with columns for Revenue and Expenditure. Revenue: Amont of Customs \$349,342.00, Excise \$65,780.00, Post Office \$169,498.00, Public Works, including Railways \$182,170.00, Ways \$14,188.00, Miscellaneous \$147,095.00. Expenditure: Total \$2,366,281.00, Revenue to 30th Nov, 1881 \$1,801,342.00, Total \$1,167,939.00. Grand Total \$1,167,939.00.

Correspondence.

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

Mr. Editor:—The agreement between the Government and Mr. Plunket, (the railway syndicate), having been published, with your permission I have, through the columns of the Monitor, a few words to say in reference to the position of the Niagara and Ontario Railway.

For three years the Government have persistently refused the Niagara and Atlantic Railway Company permission to complete the work, although the said company at last offered to pay all claims against the former contractor, and also to deposit one and a half millions of dollars in any Bank in Halifax, as security, and agreed to draw none of the security until the road has been in operation three months; also to have the road finished, equipped, and in operation before the close of this year.

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My attention having been called to the report, being circulated throughout this country, that I have no authority to practice medicine and surgery under the laws of Nova Scotia, I would ask as a favor that you would insert the accompanying certificate and oblige.

G. W. GUNTER, M. D. Provincial Medical Officer, Nova Scotia Registrar of Offices, 17th, 1881.

TELEGRAPHIC NOTES OF THE WEEK. Ottawa, Jan. 9.—Private legislation, to come before Parliament next session, will be unprecedentedly large. Already the clerk of the House of Commons has received an extraordinary number of bills.

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