

The Weekly Monitor.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1st, 1882.

The Manitoba question is being pretty thoroughly discussed by Mr. Kerr, "Z" and Mr. Fowler, a letter from the latter appearing in this issue. By some have been blamed for publishing letters, extolling the North West. All we can say is, that there are some inhabitants in this County who are blind to the advantages and the bright prospects of our own future valley—and will emigrate to other lands; therefore it is a duty we owe to our country to furnish them with whatever reliable information we can obtain in regard to our heritage in the far North West. As far as our own County is concerned, it is growing and growing fast. On every hand may be seen the evidences of prosperity—all our local industries are working full time, and our proprietors are working full time. Our farmers do not work nearly as hard as they do in many other agricultural countries, yet all of them appear to be steadily increasing in wealth year by year. The majority of them drive good turnouts, and many of them have come to town, and altogether take life comparatively easy during the winter months. In the spring, summer and autumn time they work hard; but harvests are sure, and every good orchard is now a gold mine for its proprietor. No better argument for our country's prosperity is needed than to drive through it during the summer season, and observe the comfortable houses and snug farms that abound on every side. Up to the last few years we admit that we did not advance very rapidly, but still the advance could be seen to be sure if slow. The opening up of the London market has proved pretty conclusively what manner of material we are made of when the necessity for action made itself felt—and it has also shown that our resources are some of the best in the world. The trade is yet but in its infancy, and we have freighted three and part of another large steamship with the surplus products of last year's crops, and more are yet to come. Last year we built a magnificent frost-proof warehouse and pier, and now we see that the shareholders of the A. S. S. Co. have decided to put a steamer on the route between Annapolis and Boston. All this has been accomplished in a short time in a country perhaps as conservative in its ideas as any in the Province. The indication of it all may be summed up in one word—prosperity.

In Winnipeg we hear of fortunes being made in a few days by land speculations. The failures are never mentioned, and it would be the first speculation that numbers of people have gone into at once in which the failures did not preponderate. We heard of one man buying a lot of land, represented to be good farming land, and on going to locate his purchase found it situated in the midst of Lake Manitoba. This land speculation here is productive of danger to the future of Winnipeg, as it is a way far-seeing men. They say prices are inflated far beyond what the business of the country will allow.

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Nictaux Railway.

Our readers will know that we have always been the staunch friend and advocate of this railway, and now that the Halifax Consolidation may be taken as a fixed fact, and although the M. R. has been excluded from the compact made with the Nova Scotia Railway Syndicate, we see that the Legislative Assembly has passed a bill to renew the act of this road, and power has therefore been given the American Company to go forward with the completion of the line. The Company say they will commence operations in the spring as soon as possible, so we may now hope to see this long neglected public work finished.

Millions of tons of excellent iron ore exist near the north terminus of this road, and are largely owned by gentlemen connected with the Company, who have undertaken to build it, and it is because we wish to see these mines developed that we feel so much interest in the railway which it is said is necessary to their being worked. A quarter of a century ago furnaces were in full blast at the "Falls" ore were smelted, and their products shipped to England where they were purchased to be of good quality. For reasons which it is not necessary for us to re-fer to, these furnaces were allowed to cool, and all work was suspended. At that time we had no railways in our valley; the line was used as a fire-escape, and the iron ore was shipped to the same port for shipment, all of which was attended with great expense of money and labor, and proved a great discouragement to those engaged in the enterprise. What are the prospects now compared with then? Railways have been built and are building

affording a much cheaper and ready means of transportation, and a flux, limestone, has been recently discovered in the immediate vicinity of the mines, so that the whole aspects of affairs have been changed in favor of future operations in iron manufacturing. These mines will make an immense difference in our County's revenue, therefore the prospects for the immediate resumption of work on the rail-road, and the consequent opening up of the iron mines will be hailed with joy by all right thinking persons in the County.

The New Hotel at Middleton.

THE AMERICAN HOUSE.

Mr. Feindl's new Hotel is now completed and furnished, and is all ready for the accommodation of the travelling public. The house is large, light and airy; all the rooms are pleasant, even the single rooms have large windows and are in all respects exceedingly comfortable. In the main hall there is a large base-burner stove which heats the upper halls and entries nicely, and in the lower hall there is a large square stove which is an additional comfort in that part of the house. There is a smoking and sample room, and a public parlor in the front on the first floor, a pleasant dining room with a large bay window, back of which is a large kitchen, a washroom, and, on the other side of the hall, a small but comfortable bedroom. There is also between the diningroom and kitchen a good pantry which we have no doubt will generally be filled with all the delicacies of the season. On the next floor are two large parlors, neatly furnished, besides large square bedrooms. Under the whole house there is a splendid frost-proof cellar, in which were stored this winter over 3000 bushels of potatoes. From the roof of the house, a magnificent view of the surrounding country may be had, and take it all in all, the establishment is an acquisition to Middleton and a credit to its enterprising proprietor.

Now that the Nictaux Railway is a settled fact, and on which work will probably be commenced early in the spring, this establishment will not lack patronage. We think Mr. Feindl has built a magnificent frost-proof warehouse and pier, and now we see that the shareholders of the A. S. S. Co. have decided to put a steamer on the route between Annapolis and Boston. All this has been accomplished in a short time in a country perhaps as conservative in its ideas as any in the Province. The indication of it all may be summed up in one word—prosperity.

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Great destruction to property and much distress is being caused by floods in the Western States.

General Ulysses S. Grant has been placed on the retired list, with the rank and pay of a general. Senate passed a bill to this effect in recognition of his eminent public services.

Lake Detroit, one of the passengers per coast S. S. Peruvian which arrived into port with several cases of cholera aboard, died of small pox at Salmon River, Yarmouth County, on Saturday last. Cases in Yarmouth town were reported, but investigation proved to be the contrary.

MARGARETTEVILLE is said to have a sensation in the return of a person named James Davies, who was supposed to have been lost when a boy on the Bay while going from Margarettville to Boston some forty years ago. He was, however, picked up and carried to a foreign country where he resided a while, and he is now returning to the scene of his childhood.

A SAD JOUJOUR.—Mr. Benj. Randall, formerly of this town, now of Boston, arrived here on Saturday evening last, with the body of his only remaining son, Mordecai, who died in Boston, suddenly of apoplexy. Mr. Randall left Boston, on Tuesday morning the 21st, inst., and consequently was five days on the road, being detained by the snow blockade. The son's remains were interred in the Bridgetown cemetery on Monday afternoon last. Mr. Randall himself, though getting gray is looking hale and hearty.

Last week we suffered another snow blockade and delayed trains, mails, &c., making the third blockade for the winter. We had no mail in Bridgetown from Wednesday until Saturday. On Wednesday evening the engine carrying the snow plow on the W. & A. R. R. ran off the track and into the platform of Wolfville station, smashing the plow, damaging the engine and trestle, and about twenty feet of the platform. Two engines were sent out to clear the track between Kentville and Annapolis.

Port Louis.—On Tuesday night, Feb. 21st, the Baptist Meeting House at Port Louis was strangely saved from burning. The interior of the house had just been set on fire by a fire which had been started by a person who had been drinking. The fire was extinguished by the fire department, and the house was saved. The fire was caused by a person who had been drinking.

—Tin being placed on the free list will be a great aid to the corn growers. We trust our farmers will read and follow the advice of "R" in another column. The corn which the crop will pay, it is our present purpose to publish in a few weeks the names of a few of our corn growers who found the crop a profitable one to grow. A number have used the argument that potatoes would be a better crop, but in ordinary years the corn pays better, and we are sure that a good share toward our business standing. Give the corn one more year's trial at all events.

—The horse trot on the river next Saturday between the Aylesford horse and "Alec" and "Bridgetown" will be a fair to be of more than usual interest. From all accounts the two horses are fairly well matched, and the most exciting contest will probably be the result. The interest among the sporting men of this town is great. Both horses are to be driven by experienced drivers.

During the day there will probably be a race for horses of the second class, and also one of the third class. The first heat of the \$100 race will take place between one and two o'clock in the afternoon. The race is said to be three out of five, and the second of three as we stated in our last.

Fire.—Between nine and ten o'clock on Monday evening the steam Tannery belonging to Mr. C. W. Bay, in Annapolis, was discovered to be on fire, and in a short time the entire building, with its valuable contents, was completely destroyed. The fire is supposed to have originated in the boiler room, which had been burning some time before being discovered. A large number of people from the town and neighborhood were soon on the spot and rendered efficient service in saving the surrounding buildings from conflagration. Loss estimated at about \$50,000.

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