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The Proposed Dike Again.

A few weeks ago we published an extract from a letter written by the Minister of Marine to Prof. Tufts in re the proposed Kingsport-Long Island dike. On Wednesday Prof. Tufts showed us a letter dated April 18th from the Deputy Minister of Marine which reads as follows:—"Referring to 'my letter of the 17th ult., in which I informed you that the chief engineer of the department of public works had reported against the construction of a dike from Kingsport to Long Island, I beg to inform you that the dike reported against related to one on the river Habitant or Canning river, while it appears that the dike you refer to extends from Kingsport to Long Island, and its erection is 'supposed to reclaim a larger portion of marsh land. This dike has not been reported against and no action has been taken in regard to it.' From this it will be seen that the matter is yet undecided and that the Government does not appear to be very well acquainted with the situation as yet. We feel confident, however, that if the Government is made fully acquainted with the facts of the case they cannot but decide against the present project as they did against the proposed dam across the Canning river. If that dike could not be allowed because it would impede navigation, how much more should this be disallowed. In one case the dike would close the port of Canning, while in the other it would not only close Canning but Wolfville, Port Williams and other places as well. Besides the injury to navigation, the project in view if accomplished would affect the healthful condition of the neighborhood in a very alarming manner. This should be a strong reason why it should not be allowed. We think our people should move earnestly in the matter and have the Government made fully acquainted with the disadvantages following the construction of the dike, and we believe that if they do this we may have very little fear of its receiving any encouragement from Ottawa.

The Elections.

In a recent issue we stated that the Provincial elections would probably take place about the middle of May. It appears that our conjecture was correct and this week the date of the election is announced officially by Government papers. The dates are as follows: nomination day, May 14th; election, May 21st. This will give very little time, but probably enough, and the campaign will no doubt be a very spirited one. In this county we have as yet heard nothing authentic as to who will be the candidates, but we may expect soon to have them announced. No matter who they may be we hope to see the election so far as this county at least is concerned carried on in a more honorable and respectable manner than is usually the case. It is no doubt well that at such time the acts of the Government should be freely discussed and the party platform should be fully understood by the electorate. However we see no reason why an election could not be carried on without such disgraceful personalities as are sometimes indulged in. We offer the free use of our columns to both sides for a fair and open discussion of party issues, provided anything of a personal nature is avoided.

Improvement Society Needed.

We would like to see our people manifest a little more interest in the appearance of our town. We do not mean by this that our people are careless as to the appearance of their dwellings and grounds, as in this respect Wolfville will we feel sure compare favorably with any town in the Province. What we mean is that our streets and public buildings and grounds do not receive the care and attention that they should. For some years past we have been endeavoring to arouse sufficient interest in this direction to have the old 'Improvement Society' revived and again made a valuable factor in the improving of the appearance of our town. We believe that money laid out in improving and beautifying a town is money well spent and that owners of real estate, business men and all other responsible persons should be made to realize the benefit to more than repay them for the amount invested—besides having the satisfaction of having clean and neat surroundings. A few dollars expended in improving our streets, planting shade trees and other ways, would add much to the appearance of Wolfville and yield a hundred-fold profit.

The members of Acadia Lodge gave a very interesting and successful entertainment in their hall on Wednesday evening. The programme consisted of a dialogue, "We Are All Teetotalers," vocal and instrumental music, readings, &c., and was presented in a very pleasing manner. In addition to this ice cream and other refreshments were provided and the very creditable sum of \$24 was realized.

Be Yourself.

HARL MARICE.

Be yourself. No matter what that self is be it. I hate to see a person trying to be somebody else. They never make a success of it, and in the end do not get to be anybody. Don't think you are better than others but try to be as good. When you are better it will be known. A good child never gets whipped at school, and a good man don't often hear that he is a rogue. Do not be deceitful. If you like a person say so. You needn't be afraid of hurting their feelings. When you write to them send your love, instead of your kind regards. Kind regards is cold stuff. It is like a "come over to tea some night" invitation. If you are a barber don't try to pass off for a tonsorial artist. Do you suppose if I was a telegraph operator I would let on I was a lightning maker? You must never let your feelings get above your work. Some people have an idea that some occupations are more respectable than others but it is a mistake. It is the people that make occupations respectable or low. Money if honestly earned, no matter how, will get you anything from a home to a friend. A \$5 bill earned ploughing will buy just as many comforts as if it was got for writing a letter in a dingy law office. Look at the great men that have lived and then think one occupation better than another. Jeremy Taylor was a barber, and so was Turner the great landscape painter. Walter Scott was a lawyer and Andrew Jackson a tailor. Burns was a day laborer and Wm. Carey a shoemaker. So you see it is not a man's trade that makes or lowers him. Who wouldn't be a day laborer if he could sing like Burns, or the son of a clergyman if he could write like Addison or Goldsmith. Who wouldn't be called a brick layer for the sake of being a Hugh Miller, or a wood-chamber if he could be a Shakespeare, or a lord if he could be a Byron or a Bacon. You can't tell by looking at a man what he does for a living. The other day I met a couple of strangers. One of them was a fine looking man. He dressed in the latest style, and he had such a patronizing way of speaking to you. Think I, "that is a great man. It is not Talmage. I think it is Spurgeon or John D. Rockefeller." The other was an unassuming man, and could listen to what was said to him. You wouldn't, though, think he was much, for his clothes hung loose on him and he never wore once during the half hour I talked with him. But I found out afterwards that he was a popular preacher of England, and that the other man traded watches for a living, spelled Tuesday without an "y," and always put in three capitals. To know people we must get acquainted with them, and to be ourselves we must know our selves. Now young man study yourself. Take an evening a week and sit down and try and make your own acquaintance. Study your disposition and look over your talents. See what you are made for and go and learn that trade. Learn yourself thoroughly. See whether you would rather read Samuel Smiles' looks or the exploits of Jesse James. See if you can figure up how much bigger a snowman has to be to keep you home from a party than a prayer-meeting. See if you are just as kind to your mother as she is to you. See whether you like to talk about a person's good qualities or bad. Just see if you can't find out as much about yourself as you know about the other boys in the town. Know yourself, and if you are alright you will want to be yourself.

Halifax City Jottings.

MARINE NOTES.
The schr. W. D. Richards, which capsize off the harbor last week, has not yet been towed in and is not likely to, now, as the continuous strong winds off shore have probably carried her well out to sea. Fortunately her crew were rescued soon after the accident, but the captain loses heavily, his share in the vessel being about \$500 dollars. She hailed from Lunenburg.
A large fleet of fishing vessels is now in port, fitting out for the bank fisheries. They come from the ports east and west of Halifax, the majority from Lunenburg and Shelbourne. Many of them are fine specimens of novel architecture.
Large deal shipments continue to be made from Richmond. Some thirty vessels in all are expected to load within a short time. Two vessels are loading potatoes from Kings county, and caliche plaster from Windsor for West Indies.

RAILWAY NOTES.

A special through train, with some 500 immigrants, who arrived from England per last mail steamer for Manitoba and North-West Territories, left here for Winnipeg on Monday. The previous mail steamer brought 1000.
Changes are talked of in the running of the C. P. R. train between St John and Halifax, in order to give closer connection with western points.
The American Express Co. has now completed arrangements for transporting its American traffic over the W. & A. Ry.; and has opened an office in the city for the transportation of a general express and forwarding business to all parts of the continent.
A wild steer from Cornwallis made things lively at Richmond one day last week. After being let out of the car he took charge of the freight yard, sending the brakemen to the roofs of cars in short order. After charging right and left until he had cleared the yard, he undertook to face a moving engine,

Being a pilot engine with a running board in front, instead of a cow catcher, he got a good brace against it, but finding it was labor in vain he turned his attention to a brakeman who happened in sight. Having lifted him out of the way his majesty thought he would "take a rest." A tail rope was procured, and after some difficulty he was lassoed by a brakeman, much to the satisfaction of the train men and employees generally.

CIVIC NOTES.

The all pre-telling topic just now in civic circles is the coming aldermanic contest for the different wards. But I'll stop now or there will be no space in your paper for anybody else.

ANON.

Notes from Ottawa.

(By Our Regular Correspondent.)
OTTAWA, April 23.—For two full days has Parliament had its attention devoted to the management of the North-west mounted police, and to its commandant, Commissioner Herchmer, in particular. If the latter is half the man that the North west papers and members make him out to be, and no one doubts the unanimous voice of these—then Herchmer is a tyrant in the land of the setting sun. Nicholas Flood Davin, M. P., made a very violent attack stating that Herchmer was unfit for the position he held. Mr. Macdowall, M. P., stated that from the temperament of Herchmer he believed that he was unfit to command the police, and the sooner charged the better. Mr. Sumner, M. P., contended that Herchmer was tyrannical and unpopular in the North-west. Messrs. Fisher, Watson and other M. P.'s condemned the ways of the leader of the police. A motion to enquire into his conduct was negatived on a division by 76 to 62.

Petitions have been presented to the House of Commons praying the House to adopt the necessary measures to secure such revision of the Constitution of Canada as will leave the several Provinces free to abolish separate schools supported by rates levied by process of law, and prevent the making of grants of public funds to denominational institutions of any kind.

The Equal Rights party had a demonstration last week in the capital. Addresses from the Equal Rights Association were presented to Dalton McCarthy, Q. C., M. P., Jno. Charlton, M. P., Col. O'Brien, M. P., and their associates in Parliament, endorsing their action on the female and dual language question. Very few deputations are in the capital this week, the tariff apparently getting a rest.

The railway muddle in Cape Breton has been settled as far as this session is concerned by Mr. Pains' bill being washed overboard.

The election for the House of Commons vacancy in Ottawa city is causing some excitement. There will be an Equal Rights candidate and a split in the Conservative party, but there is no likelihood of a Liberal contesting.

Everything appears to be quiet on Nova Scotia railway matters. A great many bills will come in for the slaughter at the end of the session.
On the tariff question before the House Hon. Peter Mitchell took the floor in opposition to the changes in the tariff in particular, and the N. P. in general. He entered into a short historical sketch of Confederation and his share in bringing about this constitution, and how much Peter Mitchell did for the Dominion. He then delved back to attack the duty on pork, flour and stereotype plates. Mr. Kenny made a vigorous reply in defence of the tariff from a Maritime Province standpoint. Every member who went home for the Easter holidays came back to Parliament with a new speech on the tariff regulations.

Nothing has yet been definitely settled about the proposed demonstration in honor of the Duke of Cornwall's visit to the capital. The capital is too much excited over politics just now to think of anything else.

Berwick Jottings.

No Surrender Lodge, I. O. G. T., Waterville, paid Longfellow Division, of this place, a fraternal visit on Friday evening, April 12th. The time passed very pleasantly in listening to readings, recitations, songs, farces etc. interspersed with instrumental music by A. A. Ellis and Miss Mabel Ellis. W. H. Snyder, on behalf of Longfellow Division, read a short address of welcome. During the evening refreshments were served and added greatly to the evening's enjoyment. The gathering broke up, hoping to meet again at some future date, by singing "God Save the Queen."
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—COM.

An interesting marriage ceremony took place at Aylesford yesterday. Mr. Chute, of Broughton, oversee of the Aylesford Canning factory, and Miss L. Graves, of Aylesford, were the contracting parties. The marriage took place at the Baptist meeting house, Rev. Mr. Perry being the officiating clergyman. The bride was given away by her brother George. Miss Aggie McIntyre acted as bridesmaid and Fred Harris accompanied the groom. A sumptuous repast took place at the bride's home at the conclusion of the ceremony. The happy couple took the 4 o'clock train for Halifax next morning and it is said they spent their honeymoon.—*The Herald, Thurs.*

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"When Leslie L. Davison went down to the grave, the bright rays of his intellect went out. Although he had not yet reached that age when the mind of man takes its predestined stand and shines forth in all its brightness, yet the morning beams had already begun to tell of the approaching noontide which, alas! never came. His mind was eminently of the poetic class—the class which receives a sermon from the dying leaf, learns a song from the robin, exults with nature, and feels itself to be 'part of the mighty universe around'; for the poet's soul rises with the storm, glows with the sunshine, and darkens with the shadow. His prose overflows with poetic diction and sparkles with genius—poetic genius."—*(E. B.)* in *ACADIAN* of December 11th, 1889.

"On the death of Leslie L. Davison, the author of the 'Book of Wonders,' Nova Scotia certainly lost a brilliant writer. It was with real regret on my part that I read the concluding article in that very interesting series of articles which has been running in the *ACADIAN* during the summer months, entitled 'Book of Wonders,' contributed by Ben Zeene. Such articles as 'Dawn,' 'The Happy Hunting Grounds,' 'A Graveyard Vision,' 'The Last Hour,' and the poem in the concluding article, 'The Long Ago,' are really extraordinary. In reading them it is difficult to imagine that their author was but a boy of sixteen. The author of the series of articles tells us that he wrote a story, but does not give it to the public. Will not Ben Zeene favor us with this story? Better still, why not collect his complete works and publish them in book form? I am sure every one who has read this series of articles would hail such a course with delight, and would be impatient for its publication."—*READER,* in *ACADIAN* of Sept. 27th, 1889.

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