

# Maritime Farmer.

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## A NEW VOLUME.

The Farmer, with its present issue, enters upon its eighth volume, but it does not propose referring lengthily to its anniversary. It may not be out of place to remark, however, and it gives the Farmer and its proprietor great satisfaction to be able to do so, that no newspaper ever published in Fredericton, has met with the same degree of success, in such a comparatively short time, as has the Farmer. Its circulation has steadily increased since its first issue, without any special effort by its management, the paper itself challenging and receiving the cordial support of the public. As an evidence of how well the Farmer is regarded in business circles, we need but point to its advertising columns, the value of which is recognized in a practical way by our business men.

For all the considerations the Farmer has received from a public ready to award its favors where best deserved, the Farmer is thankful, and it hopes, that during the new year upon which it enters to-day, to still further merit the confidence, support and patronage of its friends.

## A Grit Orator on the Tramp.

Hon. Louis H. Davies of Charlotte-town, the leader of the Grit party in Prince Edward Island, is coming to New Brunswick to enlighten the political heathen. He will speak at Moncton on the 7th inst, and at Gagetown, Queens County, on the 9th. Mr. Davies is a very clever speaker, one of the loquacious, free-living orators of the party. Our New Brunswick Grits must be losing confidence in their own leaders when they import Mr. Davies. Where is Charles Wesley Weldon, and Judge Skinner, and George G. King, and A. J. Gilmer, and George W. Allen, and David Irvine, and a host of other Grit lights, that this Island must be brought over to instruct us in political ways. Anyway, Mr. Davies has not such a strong hold on his own constituency, that he can afford to lend his efforts for the redemption of New Brunswick. In the local election in his county, a few weeks ago, his candidates were beaten clear out of sight, although Mr. Davies himself was continuously on the stump during the campaign. But Mr. Davies is a great patriot. He pocketed \$15,000 for his share in the fisheries commission at Halifax a few years ago, and the country has some claim on his services now, even if it be in the rather doubtfully patriotic role of a Grit orator.

## Sir John and the Indians.

Throughout his trip in the Northwest, Sir John Macdonald received the strongest assurances from the Indians, that they have been well treated and are grateful for the assistance given them by his Government, and are anxious to have further assistance in helping them to adopt the white man's civilization and the white man's ways. From all parts of the North-West, the reports are that the Indian farms are the best in the several regions in which they are located. The address of the Sioux Indians, presented to Sir John at Birtle, is significant; from the fact that these Indians belonged across the boundary, and appreciated the difference between their treatment by the Ottawa Government and by the United States Government. The intelligent appreciation of the advances made by the Ottawa Indians under the care of Sir John's Government expressed by the Sioux and other tribes there and in the North-West shows how great a factor the progress of the Ontario Indians is likely to become in the advancement of the Indian tribes of the prairie. They are all well acquainted with the wise legislation of Sir John's Government in behalf of the Indians in the older Provinces, and the granting of the voting power to those tribes is a powerful stimulus to their red brethren in all the West. All the Indians west of Lake Superior, regret exceedingly that reports of their immorality and of their sale of Indian girls to white men for immoral purposes should be circulated by the "big provocators" of the press. They say they have followed the customs of the past in disposing of their daughters in marriage.

During Sir John Macdonald's visit to Stony Mountain Penitentiary, the great attraction was Big Bear, who was in attendance in the garden. The old Indian apparently did not know who his visitors were. Sir John attempted to have a little talk with him, and informed him of the death of Little Poplar. The old chief adopted a know-nothing look and professed ignorance of the late defunct red skin. After Sir John had left, half-breeds informed Big Bear of the character of his visitors. Thereupon the Indian approached Lady Macdonald and said that Little Poplar was his son-in-law and he was very sorry to hear of his death. He also told her that she was a great lady, and that her husband was a great man. Having thus paved the way, he implored her influence to secure his liberty. He stated that he had no idea of the power of the white men. He had thought the white men insignificant; but they had come up on him like mosquitoes, and he was now satisfied that the Indians could not cope with them. He was desirous of living on peaceful terms with the white men, and promised to do so if given his liberty.

The present condition of the Glasgow shipping trade is the worst on record. Thirty-four steamers and twenty-three sailing vessels are rotting at their docks, having been idle some two years. This state of affairs is attributed to low freight, and the general depression in business.

## Turning a Sharp Corner.

The Pictou News, like our own Grit organ, was one of those who condemned the Dominion Government in advance, on the supposition that Riel would not be executed, and since the rebel was put out of the way, still condemns Sir John and his party. These people accused Sir John of being afraid to execute Riel, and it was a crying shame that the sound-dreel was not to be stretched, but so soon as the gallows had done its work, Sir John was hounded for having the courage to carry out the law of the country. It was a case of, to use Mr. Blair's favorite quotation:—

"You'll be damned if you do."

And you'll be damned if you don't.

Sir John has had both experiences, as witness, the following from the News:—

"On April 17, 1885, that journal said: 'As to the half-breeds themselves, we grant freely that they have no excuse for armed rebellion.' After the conviction of Riel, it said that Riel had been found guilty, and had been sentenced to be hanged; but the French Canadians were already agitating to have his sentence commuted, and 'we do not credit Sir John with sufficient manliness to let the law take its course and brave the anger of the Blues and Rouges combined.' On August 21 the News said: 'So far as our reading serves us, the Liberal press is unanimous in considering that Riel was fairly and promptly tried and should be promptly executed.' 'The Liberals,' it added, 'want Riel hanged.' On September 18 the same paper was in a frenzy of excitement over the circumstance that Riel still lived. Speaking of the Premier, it said: 'When a law is ruled by a man who to save himself from political death, will go so far as to pardon an enemy of the State, and a slaughterer of our young volunteers, then it is time for that land and that country to consider to what depth such a Prime Minister can sink, and how far he should be allowed to go.'"

Now the News hurrahs with its party because Chalmers has condemned the execution, and joins in the cry for "the punishment of the hangman." It is anything to beat Sir John and the Tory party, even if Blake and Laurier and Weldon have to become the apologists for a murderer.

## The Secession Cry.

Attorney General Longley of Nova Scotia, during a recent visit to his constituents in Annapolis, delivered a speech in which he declared that his Government recognized that they had a mandate from the people to exhaust every legitimate means to secure separation from Canada, but at the same time he pointed out, that it would endanger the success of the movement to approach the Imperial Government and Parliament on this question, while the representation of Nova Scotia in the House of Commons bore its present complexion. This is one way of getting out of it. Nova Scotia is at present represented at Ottawa by sixteen Conservatives and five Grits, therefore it is useless says Longley, to attempt to carry out the secession program. There will be a general election shortly, and if Nova Scotia still persists in sending a conservative majority to Ottawa, Longley's hands will still be paralyzed, and secession a thing of the very distant future. Longley and Fielding, it will be observed, have no intention of shouldering their guns to fight their Province out of the Union. The whole thing depends on how Nova Scotia goes in the Dominion election. The secession cry served them well as an election cry, but now that they have been granted a four years lease of power, they laugh at the people who were foolish enough to take stock in the insane agitation. We venture the assertion, that "secession" is now a most abominable word in the ears of Longley and Fielding.

The Parti National of Quebec, have met with a severe reverse in the loss of La Presse, their most powerful newspaper. Mr. Blumhardt, the proprietor and editor, on the eve of his departure for Europe, declares that the journal will once more assume its entirely independent position. This move, says the Montreal Witness—virtual rupture with the Liberals—coupled with Mr. Blumhardt's sudden departure, seems to have given the Rouges a severe blow. The impression among the Liberals is, that the paper has been actually sold, and will go entirely out of Mr. Blumhardt's control, becoming at an early date, a ministerial paper, and the did not deny it. A prominent Liberal said to a Witness reporter, that this sudden loss of a most powerful ally was certainly a terrible blow for his party, and a splendid acquisition for the ministerial wing.

Mr. Blair's organ says that Mr. Temple is representing the Local Government as hostile to the woodstock and Fredericton Railway. We do not know if Mr. Temple has really been guilty of such gross misconduct, but circumstances indicate that the attitude of Mr. Blair is such that Mr. Temple would be quite warranted in making the charge alleged to have been made against the Local Government. Mr. Temple could very truthfully state that no provision has yet been made for a local subsidy to the road, and challenge Mr. Blair and his organ to deny that statement.

The national agricultural convention to be held at the Continental Hotel, Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 14th and 15th, will be the largest and most important gathering of farmers, live stock breeders, and general farmers ever held, as it is to be a congratulatory meeting over the success of the deomargarine bill in Congress and to take counsel for the further promotion of the interests of agriculture by legislation.

The Grits are evidently preparing for defeat in the Halimian election, where they have held almost undisputed sway since 1867. We do not know what the Government prospects are in that country, but judging by the defeat of the Grits in that election, they are being manufactured in advance by the Grit newspapers, we should say, that Mr. Colter, their candidate, stands a poor show.

Chief John Smoke Johnson died at his residence on the reserve, Brantford, Wednesday evening. The deceased was 94 years of age, and the oldest Indian of the Mohawk tribe. He fought in the American war of 1812, and knew the great warrior, Chief Joseph Brant.

Duncan Campbell, the historian of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, died at his home in Halifax, Thursday.

## OUR WOODSTOCK LETTER.

Crop Prospects.—The Electric Light.—The Mikado's future to connect—Cricket and Snow Fever.

(Regular correspondence of the Farmer.)

WOODSTOCK, Aug. 30th. Farmers in the adjoining country are very busy just now, harvesting the grain. Taking into consideration the very dry time in the early summer, covering exactly the time when the grain needed so much needed, the grain crop promises abundantly. Wheat is especially fine everywhere, and a plentiful supply of the staple of life is guaranteed to a great extent for some years past. Indeed this is the case in dry and light soils—the flats and intervals, and even upon the hill tops, this popular crop is probably as good as usual.

The prospect of lighting the town by electricity is quite the question of the hour, and is being freely discussed by men of ideas and practical ability. At a late session of the Town Council, the question of lighting in a business-like fashion, and a committee of investigation appointed to report at the next meeting, whether the electric light is the most advisable mode of illuminating the town at night. One thing is quite sure, the town or another must be lighted. Before the early closing system can come into vogue, ten or eleven o'clock the streets were passable on account of the lights from the shops; but now, after half-past seven, it is dark as pitch. Woodstock has always had a good name for its promptness in keeping up with laudable innovations. It is not likely to be far behind on the lighting question, and there are many people who are richly aware of the necessity of the thing. The electric light would probably be in time before the town is dark as pitch.

The Mikado did not make it appear much to the dignitaries, not only of the proprietors of the Opera House, but to those who expected to attend the first performance of a large number of tickets had been sold, persons from up river and from Houlton in and attended to come, and the Mikado was made between the owners of the Opera House and the company, and notice given in the local papers, the company telegraph inability to fulfill their engagements without expressing a professional opinion, I can say nothing but a most elegant and unjustifiable breach of contract. The rumor that action will be taken against this company. This course will depend on the result of the Mikado's performance. There has not been much done at the Mikado, little practice since the attack at Houlton, viz—County Town, the County being the Mikado's headquarters. The ground that the Houlton club was not behind any I have seen, and under the able direction of Messrs. Carr and Strong, the Mikado will soon be found at that stirring place.

## POISONED BY CANNED MEAT.

The Narrow Escape of a Fredericton Man and his family at St. Paul.

(From the St. Paul, Minn., Globe.) Few such heart-rending scenes as that which met the gaze of excited neighbors at the residence of James B. Coombs, at St. Paul, Minn., last night. A little two-year-old girl was convulsed in agony, a father and mother in the room, and a little while before had presented a picture of domestic merriment, a five-year-old daughter sat in the corner, cramped with grief, and the mother, a few minutes before, had been seen at the well-laid table at 6 o'clock yesterday evening, to celebrate the twenty-third birthday of John B. Coombs, a job compositor of the Pioneer Press company. Constituting this party were Mr. and Mrs. Coombs, their little daughter, Sadie, five years of age, and their son, George, three years of age. Also present were Mr. Coombs' brother, George H., a young carpenter living there, and Joseph Sayler, a stone setter and contractor, the husband of Mr. Coombs. Among other meats upon the table was a dish of canned corn beef and this was served. Considerable of this was partaken of, and when the supper was finished, the mother went to her room, and the father, who was sick, but all except the baby, who was not old enough to eat meat. Mr. Coombs became alarmed and rushed out doors and across the street to Harry A. Schuch, a druggist. He gave the intelligence that he believed his wife's father was poisoned from eating corn beef. Dr. Hawkins was summoned immediately, and all the victims were removed upstairs to their sleeping apartments. As the physician administered hydropathic treatment, and gave a small quantity of opium for water at the feet and on the legs of the sufferers, it was a sad and horrible scene. Near a bay window of the room, Mr. Coombs in convulsions, groaning and screaming. Upon a bed Mrs. Coombs in a comatose state appeared. The little five-year-old daughter with pale face and appealing eyes. George Coombs suffered in the rear bedroom, by his side weeping the little name of his mother. The doctor's wife, Mrs. Schuch, and uncle Dr. Darling was soon called and assisted Dr. Hawkins. The father, who was sick, was telephoned. At 2 o'clock this morning all the victims could talk with effort, but did not vomit except the little two-year-old, the emetic having been given to her only upon her. Dr. Hawkins feared that had he not been dead in two hours. It was terrible, and the little two-year-old daughter, who had been in the hospital, died. Mr. Coombs purchased the beef at Miles Coombs, at the corner of 437 Ohio street. The physician administered hydropathic treatment, and gave a small quantity of opium for water at the feet and on the legs of the sufferers, it was a sad and horrible scene. Near a bay window of the room, Mr. Coombs in convulsions, groaning and screaming. Upon a bed Mrs. Coombs in a comatose state appeared. The little five-year-old daughter with pale face and appealing eyes. George Coombs suffered in the rear bedroom, by his side weeping the little name of his mother. The doctor's wife, Mrs. Schuch, and uncle Dr. Darling was soon called and assisted Dr. Hawkins. The father, who was sick, was telephoned. At 2 o'clock this morning all the victims could talk with effort, but did not vomit except the little two-year-old, the emetic having been given to her only upon her. Dr. Hawkins feared that had he not been dead in two hours. It was terrible, and the little two-year-old daughter, who had been in the hospital, died.

## A Charlotte County Sensation.

An Old Man Beaten and Robbed of a large sum of Money.

(From the St. Stephen Courier.) About twenty years ago, John and William Wright, with their mother and sister, came to this country from Ireland and purchased a farm at what is now known as the Baster Settlement. The mother died some years ago, and in May, 1885, William Wright passed to his eternal rest. His widow, having only the brother and sister to run the farm. By hard labor, William had been enabled to pay something over five hundred dollars in gold coin, and this was kept in the farm house, the brother and sister looking forward to support in old age from the amount which was now in the house. They live quietly and are greatly respected by the residents of the settlement, and so far as the neighbors are concerned, they are a good family. From time to time, they have been neighbors to their little store of money, which was kept in a small trunk in John Wright's bed room, but the exact amount contained in the trunk was not known. On Friday morning the 20th ult., William Wright was awakened from his sleep between twelve and one o'clock, by the sound of footsteps in an outer room, and hastening to the door, was confronted by three men, who ordered him to "give over" at the same time placing a revolver at his head. A scuffle ensued and Mr. Wright, sixty-two years of age, was soon lying on the floor with his face pressed hard against the boards, and held there by a strong hand. Sarah Wright, about ten years younger than her brother, rushed to the room and was seized by one of the robbers who threw her on the floor and placed a cloth over her eyes and mouth. Another man went directly to the trunk where the trunk, containing the savings was kept, and with his companion, made good his escape. The farmer, so soon as released, rushed to the door and seeing the

## GENERAL NEWS BUDGET.

The Doings of the Week Concisely Chronologed.

Archbishop Lynch of Toronto is visiting Prince Edward Island. Sir Charles Tupper arrived home from England Saturday, and is now in Nova Scotia. Meerebeka, the bicyclist, has arrived at Los Angeles, Cal., from New York, on route to San Francisco. The Intercolonial Railway station at Darby, Northumberland County, was burned with its contents Sunday morning. Dr. Herbert Bayne, a professor in the Military College at Kingston, Ontario, is dangerously ill at his home in Ficton, N. S. Tuesday, August 24th, was the hottest day ever known in the Northwest. The thermometer registered 100 in the shade at Winnipeg and 105 at some points. For Blotches, Pimples, Paleous, Loss of Appetite and Debility, use *Bard's Quinine and Iron Tonic*, it enriches the blood, thereby fortifying the constitution against disease. Sir A. T. Galt has been appointed chairman of the Dominion Railway Commission, to enquire into the advisability of establishing a court of railway commissioners for the Dominion.

## He had never Travelled Before.

Editor Clarke apologizes to Woodstock.

(From the St. Stephen Courier.)

And just here we must pause for a personal explanation and apology. We have never thought much of Woodstock. It has always been associated in our mind with ideas of peace and quietude, and elegant public buildings, town, possessing, perhaps, a few elements of prosperity. To us its streets have been hitherto a wilderness of unpaved and unlighted streets, and its people, uneducated and unrefined, its stores, those of the average country village, its religion largely hypocritical, its politics the madness of the untutored crowd, its boasted enterprise the talk of a few young men within its limits has changed all that. It has now become a place of progress and advancement, its streets are paved and lighted, its stores are elegant and its people are educated and refined. The Woodstock we found was a modern town, bristling with the latest improvements, and its people were as good as the residents of a city. 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