

Calendar for April table with columns for days of the month and corresponding numbers.

WOLFVILLE, N. S., APRIL 2, 1886

BUSINESS IN KING'S COUNTY.

Our reply to the query of the Hants Journal in regard to business in King's County, as also the remark of the Star on the same subject, seems to immensely tickle the editor of that paper. It prefaces his remarks by saying that he "waxed" after "ten days." When his paper reached us our columns were full, and we did not consider the matter of such great importance that it could not stand over another week. He then takes the Star's repudiation of the stigma cast on King's because of the rascality of one or two and its condemnation of the course taken by the Journal, and because he can make nothing of that he goes to another article of a strictly political nature and uses it for the purpose of bearing out his statement. Why not, we may ask, use the utterance of the Halifax Chronicle and Herald and all other political journals to prove our Dominion and Province as hot-beds of vice, corruption and rascality. Then he attempts to pervert our articles, and says that our reasons for the cause of "business failures" in King's "apply to any part of Nova Scotia to-day." We would like to ask who said that? Certainly not the ACADIAN. We said failures are nothing new in King's, and we repeat it. Neither are they in Hants or Halifax or any other county in Nova Scotia, and we have given the reasons. We also agree with him that the credit of King's is better abroad than at home, but it is because the outsiders do not take the proper precautions to acquire, the only desire being to dispose of their goods (money being the goods dealt in by the bank), and the question of ordinary business caution is not taken into consideration. He concludes, "We are yet left in the dark as to the true inwardness of the rascality over which King's Co. is mourning to-day." We do not admit that King's is mourning over rascality in the general terms implied by the Journal. We admit that one firm has been guilty of gross dealings, but we deny the right of the Journal to blacken the reputation of all King's on their account. The other failures in King's have been purely and simply the result of the causes we gave last week, and are only on a par with failures like the Halifax sugar refinery, the planter and lumber firms in Hants, and similar cases everywhere in the province. Speculation in potatoes has swamped some; hard times, with the consequent scarcity of money and the reckless over-doing of business by outsiders, others. Why a paper of the professional standing of the Journal should seek to make our county appear so unprincipled outside we fail to understand.

MUNICIPAL ASSESSMENT ACT.

The commissioners appointed by the Local Government to enquire into the working of the present municipal assessment law have concluded their labors and submitted a bill which retains all the objectionable features of the present act and a number of new ones. In addition to the property under the present law liable to taxation, it proposes to tax the income of jurymen, mechanics, laborers, and commercial travelers; incomes derived from an office or place, in or under the government, or in connection with any department of the public service. It exempts mechanic's tools to the extent of \$200; fishermen's boats and nets, and implements of farm belonging to a farmer, to a like amount; churches, real estate of every college, temperance halls, &c., &c. It provides that the tax upon lands of non-residents shall become a lien upon the land, which may be sold after three years' default, by the sheriff of the county; that in cases, when between the making of the assessment roll for any year and the levying of any assessment according to such roll, any person rated therein in respect of real and personal property shall remove from the county or municipality, having conveyed, leased, or otherwise disposed of such property, such assessment shall be a charge upon the property and may be collected from the person in charge of the same. It provides that timber, wood, poles, and other materials on lands of non-residents may be sold under certain conditions to pay the taxes. It does not appear what other materials mean, whether hay or cultivated crop could be taken under the head of other materials or not. Sec. 82 provides that the warrant of distress for non-payment of county rates may be levied and

delinquent in any district in the county, and Sec. 4 qualifies the word property to include both real and personal property. Query—Can real estate be sold under general warrant issued by justice of the peace? It also provides for the creation of a board of revision and appeal, machinery enough to carry the Local Government.

LOCAL TEMPERANCE ACT.

The Act respecting the sale of intoxicating liquors, as prepared by the Temperance Convention, has been presented to the Local Parliament. It is particularly applicable to those counties that have not as yet accepted the Scott Act, yet its general provision will have a wholesome effect (if it becomes law) on the property and temperance principles of the whole Province. The Act provides that the Council may direct the issue of licenses to hotels for \$200, shops \$300, and wholesale dealers \$500; but in no case can a license be granted unless the petition asking for the same is accompanied by a certificate signed by two thirds of the ratifiers of the polling district, in which the premises sought to be licensed are situated, and a deposit of \$10 accompanies the petition. That the passage of the bill will be vigorously assailed we doubt not, as a large number of the licensed liquor dealers of the city of Halifax have already organized themselves into a defensive association and appointed a committee to oppose the bill and get petitions against it.

NOTES FROM OTTAWA.

On Friday afternoon a whisper ran through the corridors, "Blake is speaking;" and at 6 o'clock, through the city, "Blake will speak to-night." The galleries consequently were crowded, and many were turned away. Of course the Liberals were all in their places, and more of the Conservatives than I have seen at any time except on a division. The very air was full of expectation, the Speaker was anxiously looking for, and it seemed as if he would never come. As the clock pointed to eight Blake slipped into his seat, and a whisper, "here he is," ran round the long galleries. At last the Speaker came quietly in and took the chair. There were some twenty motions to be disposed of: this occupied about half an hour. Then Mr Speaker settled himself back in his chair and Blake rose to his feet, and amidst loud and long applause proceeded with his speech. This was not an oration. It was the legs as yet, or review, of the execution of Louis Riel for high treason. The speech occupied over five hours, closing at 1 o'clock a. m.; and though much of it was close legal reasoning, interspersed with lengthy quotations from English jurists, the interest did not flag; and hundreds of persons, including many ladies, remained till the close. He commenced in a deliberate, cool manner, not as though he was feeling his way, but as if he wished all to be convinced. He laid down his propositions, stated his facts, and advanced his theories, and then proceeded to argue his points and substantiate his position by legal quotations. At the end of four hours of the closest argument, the most logical reasoning, the most elaborate and extensive references to legal precedents, taking in judicial history in England, France and Canada, for the last fifty years, and amidst the closest attention and almost breathless silence, he reached his first and main conclusions. The last hour was devoted to summing up; in which he gave a few of the previous speakers, especially Mackintosh and Chapleau, some hard rubs. But his speech was entirely free from denunciation, sarcastic thrusts, for which he is noted, and irritating taunts. Only twice was he interrupted, and he indulged in these. Once Chapleau denied a quotation which was read from one of his recent speeches, and Blake told him to settle that with his friend the editor of Le Minerve—Chapleau's own paper! He afterwards referred to it as "this unreliable paper." And on an interruption by Hesson, who said concerning a quotation he was reading, "that's too thin," Blake blandly replied, "will settle that with your friend Mr Royal, it is from his letter!" In summing up Mr Blake made the following points: (1) Riel was annexed by this his first rebellion and the execution of Scott; and unless we are prepared to trample underfoot the sacred and solemn prerogative of amnesty we dare not introduce his former crimes. (2) He was indicted and legally condemned for the rebellion of 1855. (3) Though legally condemned, the Privy Council had the right to commute that sentence to imprisonment for life. (4) This should have been done, because no civilized country has carried the law into effect for merely political offences, as Riel was tried for, for the last fifty years. (5) The extenuating circumstances of the wrongs done the Metis, etc., should have had great weight. There have been, are now, men in Canada in high political places, who have been indicted for treason and rebellion. And lastly, this man, as shown by the fact that he has been three times in lunatic asylums, by the opinions of scores of people, by the opinions of doctors, including the doubtful government commission appointed to report on his state of mind, and by his acts and writings from beginning to end was to be altogether irresponsible, yet too mad to be hanged. It was a masterpiece of legal argument and pleading, and has

peroration seemed to take the breath from his opponents, and has lifted him to a place of enviable grandeur in the minds of all men who are not actuated by mere political expedient; men of principle and righteousness. He said his opinion was that a great wrong had been done and a grave blow inflicted upon the correct administration of criminal justice in this country, and that for this the Executive were responsible. Many persons for whom he had the highest respect had been unable to reach the same opinion as he had, but he blamed no one. He had been threatened with political annihilation on this question, and so far he agreed with those who opposed him that the note he was about to give was an ineffectual one, and if politics were a game it would be a false move. But it could be said of no one, and least of all himself, that his continued occupation of a share of public confidence, of the lead of a party, or of a seat in Parliament, was essential or even highly important to the public interest, while it must be said of all that was needed was that they should retain but that they should deserve public confidence; not that they should keep, but that while they did keep them, they should honestly use their seats in Parliament. To act otherwise would be to grasp at the shadow and lose the substance. We might be wrong; we must be true. We should be prepared to end, but resolved to keep unstinted our public careers. He was unable honestly to differ from the view that it was deeply to be regretted that this execution should have been allowed to take place, and therefore in favor of that view he must record his vote. [Prolonged applause.] Hon Mr Thompson has the floor to reply on Monday. Much depends on his ability to break the force of Blake's arguments—though not perhaps as regards the vote. OTTAWA.

WANTED—A WIFE.

She should be between the ages of sweet sixteen and sweeter thirty-two. Somewhere in the neighbourhood of twenty-four, would be most acceptable. She should dress in the height of fashion and should have a stylish and striking dress for every day in the month; no two being alike in material or make. She should confine her reading to looks of fashion and novels, so as to be posted in the mysteries of the art of captivating sensible young men and retaining their love after marriage. She should train her countenance to a happy alternation between smiles and frowns, the one assumed and the other natural. The smile should be a perfect work of art, to which the eye-brows should render their assistance. She should be an adept in conversation, dividing her time with great exactitude between praising herself and the trudging of others. This is very entertaining and would be a great recommendation. She need not be very good looking, if she was she would have other admirers and even my handsome mustache and luxuriant whiskers might not prove an irresistible attraction.

SOLITARY.

Belle Vue March 5th, '86. P. S.—Applications may be made personally or by letter. In the latter case please enter fully into particulars and to each of the requirements and do not wait for leap-year. "There is a tide in the affairs of men," and as Shakespeare says, "let woman also."

MARKET REPORT.

Table with market prices for various goods including flour, wheat, and other commodities.

Boston Market Report.

Table with Boston market prices for flour, wheat, and other commodities.

My dear Mr Editor, you are the "devil." I beg pardon, I mean the one in the office, will ruin me. A pin is nothing without a point, so with a joke. I tried to be like I mean, about that

but, but the point is off, and alas! alas! It is like the professor's story about the boy with a short coat. The boy said to the professor, when he remarked, "Boy, your coat is very short."—"Yes, Professor, but it will be long enough before I get a new one."—"A long time, indeed," said the professor, "I don't see how it can be helped, now. I just looked up the MS. and found that the joke of which you speak was set just like the copy. But I don't think you're to blame; it was a genuine mistake of the careless editor. The only conclusion I can arrive at is this, that you must have sent the point by itself, and when the editor opened the letter he dropped it on the floor and the 'devil' swept it out the back door. In the future please pin the point to the joke—not necessarily for publication, but to guarantee the editor's faith. "Unmentionable Official."

ORIENTAL LACES!

100 pcs. Oriental Laces and White & Col'd Embroidery Just Received

H. S. DODGE'S,

Direct From Germany, In The Leading Fashionable Shades In Silk And Cotton. THE LARGEST ASSORTMENT SHOWN OUTSIDE THE CITY AT PRICES THE LOWEST!

NEW SPRING STOCK

ARRIVING EVERY WEEK!

Kentville, March 19th, 1886.

NEW SPRING GOODS!

Burpee Witter

HAS JUST OPENED

2000 YARDS CINCHAMS,

In a large variety of beautiful patterns for ladies' dresses.

1000 YARDS SHIRTINGS,

For men's and boys' wear.

Ladies' Spring Mantle Cloths,

1 Case Clothing,

1 Case Scotch and Canadian Tweeds.

WHITE AND GREY COTTONS,

BROWN AND PLAID DUCKS,

COTTONADES!

Balance of Men's and Boys' OVERCOATS

will be sold out

AT COST!

Oats, Butter, Eggs and Dry Apples taken in

Exchange as usual.

Wolfville, March 4th, 1886.

SAVE MONEY!

By ordering your Hard Coal from us you will Save Money on every ton! And by giving me your order for the

Celebrated Acadia Coal

you will get the Best Soft Coal in the World at a low figure and Save Money

Remember that a few tons of the celebrated Acadia Coal will give as much heat and last as long as a whole vessel load of almost any other kind and will not choke you like other kinds do.

We will sell for cash and sell low. Save money by giving as an early order.

D. MUMFORD.

W. & A. Railway Station, August 18, 1885.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER

Absolutely Pure.

This powder never varies. A marvelous purity, strength and wholesomeness. More economical than the ordinary kinds, and cannot be sold in competition with the multitude of low test, short weight alums or phosphate powders. Sold only in cans. ROYAL BAKING POWDER Co., 205 Wall St., N. Y. (12-11-85)

JOHNSON'S ANODYNE LINIMENT advertisement with text describing its benefits for various ailments.

PARSONS' PURGATIVE PILLS advertisement with text describing its benefits for digestive health.

MAKE HENS LAY CHICKEN CHOLERA advertisement with text describing its benefits for poultry.

Oriental Laces! Oriental Laces! advertisement for H. S. Dodge's.

NEW SPRING STOCK advertisement for H. S. Dodge's.

NEW SPRING GOODS! advertisement for Burpee Witter.

Burpee Witter advertisement for clothing and fabrics.

WHITE AND GREY COTTONS, BROWN AND PLAID DUCKS, COTTONADES! advertisement.

Balance of Men's and Boys' OVERCOATS will be sold out AT COST! advertisement.

Oats, Butter, Eggs and Dry Apples taken in Exchange as usual. advertisement.

SAVE MONEY! advertisement for Acadia Coal.

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Flour! Flour! advertisement for G. H. Wallace.

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