

Correspondence.

Blissfield, Jan. 1st, 1878.
Messrs. Editors:

DEAR SIRS:—I would not have written again, but the desire to fairly show that the farmers in New Brunswick cannot compete with Ontario and come off as well as prompted me, and any matter connected with a comparison between New Brunswick and Ontario, advantages and disadvantages considered will no doubt be read with interest by your many subscribers. In your comments in answer to your correspondent you remark that the land of New Brunswick cannot be surpassed for raising oats, from the statement that the oats of New Brunswick are heavier than oats raised in Ontario, if our oats are heavier it does not prove that New Brunswick is the best oat producing country, please compare the greatest bulk per acre between the two countries and you will find it greatly in favor of Ontario. Where the New Brunswick farmer raises 680 lbs of oats per acre the Ontario farmer raises 1350 lbs per acre. This is at the lowest comparison for only today I notice in an Ontario paper that Mr. Everatt raised from 7 acres 700 bushels of oats which at 34 lbs per bushel would give 3,400 lbs per acre which if sold at 30c per bushel, the price quoted there, would give \$210 per acre, but when we get from the Ontario paper that the same article we are satisfied knowing that it is all our land will do. The quantity raised in Ontario in excess of what we can raise in New Brunswick is not only a great advantage but it is a great disadvantage to us. Notwithstanding they pay the freight it will even send it to Britain, which they do and leave handsome profits to the farmer, and this profit shows itself in the appearance of the country, such as the beautiful and improved appearance of the farms, the beautiful style of fences and gates, the beautiful gardens, snugly trimmed lawns, the every convenience of the life, the stables show care and attention, the carriage for the family, the agricultural implements of the most improved and labor saving kind, the purchased stock and upon closer acquaintance we find a snug account with the Bank, all of this shows that, leisure, taste and money are in the climate and soil of any country similar to Ontario will give in New Brunswick we do not find the average farmer supplied with the above mentioned luxuries. The Ontario farmer is supplied with the common articles of every day use, and in many houses we find the most elegant and comfortable in order to keep out the cold and wind, and in many cases on moving on to meet any emergency that is made to suit any family. The only reason raised by those who say that the Ontario farmer is better off than the New Brunswick farmer is that the Ontario farmer has a better price for his articles than the farmers have a great deal more for what he has to sell than it is worth, and gets more for what he sells than the New Brunswick farmer. Now if he does more for the appearance of his farm and other surroundings show that he is paid better for his labor than the New Brunswick farmer, his leisure, his taste, his money, his climate and soil, his place side by side with farmers in more favored countries, and he will do as well as they do, and often outstrip them. Now as proof that the Ontario farmer is better off than the New Brunswick farmer, I send you the sample of Wheat which took the first prize and yet it is not a wheat growing country. Please let your correspondent know what you think is the best way to promote the building of the Valley Railroad.

A FARMER.

THE RENOUS RIVER BRIDGE QUESTION.

Rénous River, Dec. 31, 1877.
To the Editors of the Union Advocate.

Sirs, I observe in the last Advocate a communication signed by John L. Scofield, declaring him the writer of the previous correspondence in the Advocate, signed "Renous," concerning the two bridge sites on the Renous River.

I feel satisfied, when I find that it was Scofield who had signed himself "Renous," I will not take much notice of what he says concerning the matter, as I agree with the community generally in the opinion that the bridge very little about the subject. He has been writing, as he says, Mr. Whelan's opinion.

Mr. Whelan, however, strongly denies that he told him anything about the matter, or gave him authority to use his name in any way.

Mr. Scofield says that the road leading from Renous to Fairley's mill is passable for teams and wagons. In this I positively assert he is mistaken, as I am compelled to go a short distance on that road last summer, in company with Mr. Adams, and could not go three hundred yards from the Renous River road with team and wagon. In two or three miles of his own residence? If the road is passable what could induce settlers living at the Renous end of the road, to come down to the Hogan Road, thereby making a circuit of 14 miles, instead of passing over the road which he says is turnpiked and perfectly passable.

He further says, who are the people settled at Site No. 1, and that it is himself to suit his own purpose. I consider it would be a difficult question for him to answer correctly. I do not deny that there are a great many people in Renous who are in business with whom I accommodate by ferrying. I made no difference, however, with them, let them do with whom they wish. There are a great many persons settled here who are dealing with "John L. Scofield" and living on the north side of Renous. They obtain cars for a passage in order to cross by the Hogan Road instead of crossing on Site No. 2, and going across by the road to Fairley's which he says is passable and turnpiked.

He says his arguments are flimsy, but I state they are facts, and for his benefit I append Mr. Whelan's statement.

I remain yours truly,
DANIEL McLAUGHLIN.

STATEMENT OF MR. WM. WHELAN.

Rénous River, Dec. 31, 1877.
I hereby deny ever having given John L. Scofield permission to use my name in any manner concerning the two bridge sites on Renous River, or ever having had any conversation with him concerning the bridge. I further assert I never asked him to sign a petition opposed to bridge No. 1. I never saw any conversation with him concerning the bridge. I pronounce the statements of John L. Scofield concerning this matter

absolute falsehood, and I am willing to attest to the truth of what I say. I would be obliged to Mr. Scofield, when writing to the Advocate or any other paper (although he may do his own writing) not to use my name without my authority.

WILLIAM WHELAN.

Messrs. Editors:—Does a Legislative Council prevent extr advantage in the management of the public affairs of a country? Let the following facts answer for themselves.

Nova Scotia has a Legislative Council.

Last year her expenditure was \$80,000,000, and her income was \$80,000,000 in excess of her income.

New Brunswick has a Legislative Council.

A few years ago she had a large surplus of funds to her credit, now her indebtedness to \$800,000.

Quebec has a Legislative Council.

Four years ago she had \$1,000,000 to her credit. Now her indebtedness amounts to \$8,000,000, and her income is \$8,000,000 more than her expenditure, which will make her total indebtedness \$11,000,000. Ontario has no such valued safeguard to her interests.

Yet we find that instead of being in debt, like the other provinces, she has \$6,000,000 to her credit bearing interest.

Yours, &c.
ECONOMIST.

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WEDNESDAY, JAN. 9, 1878.

MR. SNOWBALL AND HIS PAPER.

As we predicted he would do, the "gentleman" who has been hired to write up Mr. Snowball and, (if possible, to write down Mr. Mitchell, persists in his course of slander and misrepresentation. Those who have followed the course of the Advocate since its owner and director established it to further his own amfurious views, will know how utterly incapable its leading manager has shown himself to be of "intelligently discussing any question on its merits."

As soon as he is convicted of falsehood in his assertions, and of fallacies in his arguments, his inevitable resort has been to personalities and abuse. By mean insinuations and ingenious misrepresentation, he always manages to stir the real question, and escape in some side issue. Because in our last paper we replied to his sneers against Mr. Mitchell, and continued the comparison which he had provoked between that gentleman and his master, he now pretends that he was "thus attacked simply because a large number of his fellow citizens desire to maintain him in an honorable contest for the representation of this County." How "honorable" this contest has been, the readers of the Advocate can judge for themselves. We have done only what Mr. Snowball, through his paper, himself provoked—a drawn a comparison between himself and our representative at Ottawa.

Those who know both men can judge for themselves whether the comparison was overdrawn.

Not because Mr. Snowball aspires to represent this County in Parliament—not because his ability to do so is far inferior to that of the gentleman he seeks to displace—have we carried out the comparison of which his paper now complains. But because of the manner in which his paper and his hired man blows his trumpet.

If they confined their efforts simply to laudations of himself, we should silently join in the laugh efforts have raised; but when they seek to exalt him by degrading and slandering Mr. Mitchell, we do not feel disposed to allow the falsehoods to remain uncontradicted. If these slanders originated with the puppet who manufactures them, it would matter little in what shape they went to the County; but when it is currently reported and generally believed that the pretended proprietor of the paper simply obeys the behests of the real proprietor, and when the "immediate source of its political utterances" screens himself behind his echo, and then points to his paper as expressing the feelings and opinions of a portion of the constituency, we think it our duty to unmask the mean trickery. Mr. Mitchell needs none of our services in this respect, for his friends of his efforts to serve the best interests of the County. The proofs of his devotion to them are all around, and therefore the column of twaddle which the Advocate innocently thinks is "discussing a question on its merits," needs no reply from us. But when that paper endeavors to slight the efforts of Mr. Mitchell in the matter of the Intercolonial route, it simply presumes too much upon the supposed ignorance of its readers. The people of Northumberland will not soon forget the anxious days when the decision of this matter lay suspended in a balance so fine that straw would have turned the scale. They know what all who were in Parliament during the first session knew, that had it not been for the indomitable energy and unwearied perseverance of Mr. Mitchell, the route would never have gone by the North Shore. If any proof of this is now necessary, we have only to point to the nearly completed New Brunswick Railway to River du Loup to convince every one except the proprietor of the Advocate and his "gentleman," that some extraordinary influence must have been used to carry the route by Miramichi and the North. As to the charge of "deliberately advising the Government to injure the interests of Northumberland," we notice that he to his counter last week—it still remains there—we challenge them to lift it and make good the proof of their assertion.

As to the non-resident cry, it shows how badly off the Advocate is for a thing at Mr. Mitchell, when it resorts to this

one, and mistakes what he said regarding the late Mr. Street. In these days of railways and telegraphs, Montreal is practically nearer to us than Fredericton was when Mr. Street took up his abode there. For all practical purposes, Mr. Mitchell is still in our midst, and we showed in a recent issue that his residence in Montreal gives him more influence and greater facilities for serving the interests of his native County.

There is no more hollow or rapid cry than this, and many of the ablest men in Parliament do not reside in the Counties they represent. When the Advocate raised such a shout over the return of Mr. Laurier for Quebec East, its proprietor quite forgot that he resided in Arthabaska, a constituency which had just rejected him when he sung paeans of joy over the return of Mr. Anglin for Gloucester, he forgot that this gentleman resides in St. John, and never did reside in Gloucester; when he alludes to the representation of Kent, he forgets to mention that the representative is a non-resident. When he abuses Dr. Tupper he does not think it worth while to allude to his non-residence. All these, and many more of the ablest men in Parliament are non-residents; but is any one except the Advocate so stupid as to suppose that this renders them less capable of representing their constituents?

In our last issue we reprinted from a Halifax paper some sensible remarks called out by the foolish cry of the Advocate. These are so pertinent, and so completely demolish the "Advocate" men, that we shall be excused for repeating a portion of them.

"That a man must live in the County he represents in order to be able to represent the people of that County, and to be able to represent the people of that County, he must live in the County he represents."

"But an advocate of his because he is a resident of the County, is a poor specimen of an advocate, and is not a part of his supporters that he is not in this position as to compete with Mr. Mitchell on his own merits."

When the proper time comes Mr. Snowball can make his charges in a more manly way than insinuatingly through the columns of his paper, and he will find Mr. Mitchell ready to meet him, and give him a challenge to discuss them on their merits, a feat which has not yet been accomplished in his paper.

Our Hatching House.

One of the charges made against Mr. Mitchell in our last paper is that he established the North West Hatching House, and that we support his policy in having it maintained and supported. The Advocate people call this a "public fraud," and advise its suppression. They will show the fishermen of Northumberland how much the Advocate cares for their interests. Salmon hatching establishments are now in operation in Restigouche, Gaspe, Bedford, Tadoussac, and Newcastle, Ontario; and there is also a very large and successful White Fish Hatchery in operation at Sandwich, on the Detroit River. The great advantage of these as a means of increasing our fish supply is well known to all who have any acquaintance with the subject. Our American neighbors are adopting them in various sections of the country, and we consider their establishment in Canada as not the least of the good works of "our representative at Ottawa." "If any anti attaches to Mr. Mitchell in connection with this important enterprise it is that he has done so little for the Maritime Provinces in this respect."

Out of the seven hatcheries now in operation, but two of them are in the Maritime Provinces; the other five are in Ontario and Quebec, where the fishing interest is of much less importance than it is in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and P. E. Island. We wish to see these houses multiplied, for the time has come when, without their aid, the fisheries must, in the very nature of things, continue to fall. Our fishermen know very well that the placing annually of a million of young salmon in our rivers must have a good effect upon the future supply of this fish, and all the twaddle of the Advocate men will fail to convince them to the contrary. It is true that our North West house has had a series of difficulties to contend with, which is matter of regret, but the best efforts of those who are charged with making it a success have been devoted to overcoming them, and making it a success. If the proprietor of the Advocate really had the best interests of the fishermen at heart, he would direct his "skilled labor" man to render the House all the assistance in his power, instead of seeking to destroy its success. We call the attention of our fishermen to this fact—they will do well to bear it in mind. Though this House has had many drawbacks to contend with, we know that some hundreds of thousands of young salmon have been hatched in it and distributed to our rivers. We have good reason to believe that the difficulties heretofore experienced can be removed, and there is now every prospect that nearly a million of fry will be hatched the coming spring. Though the site is not, perhaps, the best that could now be selected for such an establishment, still it seemed at the time of its selection to be the best that could be obtained, and no blame can attach either to Mr. Mitchell or to the Superintendent of fish-breeding, by whom the selection was made under the conviction that it was well adapted for the purpose. The House is there—it has cost some money—and surely it is not wise to demolish it, and then to seek to overcome obstacles that could not be foreseen, than to close it up, and thus deprive our fishermen of all the advantages its success must confer upon them. But when the Advocate men, who are the representatives of the fishermen. There was a chance of having a fine at Mr. Mitchell, and their main could not be the temptation. As we have so often said before, all this must, in the end, recoil on their own heads. We bide our time. But if they wish to expose real fish, both small and bass, now going on under the name of "fish," instead of working at it for purposes best known to themselves. Real evils are the ones to grapple with, and not those which are conceived in prejudice and distorted imagination.

Restigouche Election.

The resignation of Geo. Moffat, Esq., has necessitated a new election for the electoral district of Restigouche. Sheriff Phillips has received the writ bearing date December 31st. Nominating day is appointed for Saturday, 12th inst. Should a poll be demanded, polling booths will be opened on Saturday 19th inst. The candidate election will be held on the 22nd inst.

We are informed on the most reliable authority, that Mr. Moffat, in resigning his seat in the Commons, has not done so as a Candidate, and that he will not "under any circumstances" do so.

The reasons assigned are, falling health and the requirements of an extensive business.

We are also informed that Geo. Hadow, Esq., a prominent merchant of Dalhousie, and a gentleman of good natural abilities is now in the field. We do not at the time of writing know of any other gentleman as likely to offer for the vacant seat.

Concerning Mr. Hadow's political leanings we know nothing, but we have heard it rumored that he will offer as an Independent, not caring to commit himself to either party.

We do know however that the public sentiment of the district is in favor of the present administration, and that the people desire to send to the Commons a representative who will carry out their views in the most judicious manner.

Since writing the above we have received a publication of the card of David Ritchie, Esq., a prominent merchant, and for some time past the Secretary and Treasurer of the Restigouche Agricultural Society. Mr. Ritchie is a gentleman of high standing in the County and its requirements. He has some square out as an opponent of the corrupt and inefficient local administration, and in doing so will merit the approval of a very large number of the electors.

Lead Lost Under the Ice.

A correspondent sends the following:—

While a number of persons were hauling up loads from Newcastle on Friday last, they stopped at the North West Bridge and consulted as to the advisability of venturing under the bridge with their loaded teams. All agreed that it was not safe, and a lead for James Somers, Esq., concluded that the ice was not safe. Mr. Johnston insisted on going through, in spite of the protestations of Mr. Somers and others who were present. The consequence was that the team was lost, and the horses were killed. The lead was found, and the horses were saved. Mr. Johnston had a narrow escape.

Enthusiastic Temperance Meeting.

On Thursday evening last an influential delegation of the Chatham, Dutch Tenperance Reformers assembled in the Masonic Hall, Newcastle, for the laudable purpose of inaugurating a society or club in this town, if approved by the citizens. The delegation numbered over forty persons, and was headed by Dr. Davidson, Esq., President of the Chatham Club. Some minutes before the time appointed for opening, the speakers were crowded, many persons standing, and quite a number retired when they found that the hall was too small.

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