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AGRICULTURE.

The Sabbath School Editor of the Kentville Bulldozer has taken a new departure. After settling the affairs of Europe and Africa, the taxation of the country, and a few more of the important affairs he has turned his attention to the subject of agriculture. Perhaps in view of a prominent appointment on the proposed Bureau of Agriculture. He introduces the subject by some venerable remarks such as the would be Agricultural journalists among Noah's grandsons probably used when writing of the farmers of that day, and which have been stock phrases with the same class ever since, such as "conservative inclinations," "in the rut traced by his grandfather," etc., etc. Any sort of a simpleton, who can use a pen, no matter what his inexperience, can safely criticise farmers and give them advice, and the farmers are used to it and like it, especially when they recognize old friends like the above quotations. So when the Bulldozer man with a cheerful confidence born of utter ignorance of agriculture plunges into the subject there is no harm done if he sticks to the old ruts. But when he makes statements about raising seven hundred to one thousand bushels of potatoes to the acre without hoeing it is another matter, and aims a blow at the foundations of rural peace. If the statement had appeared in a paper when the Sabbath School lesson told of Ananias it might have passed as an appropriate illustration of his peculiar characteristic, but coming as it does in an issue when the lesson tells of christian diligence it is calculated to do harm. Suppose a boy is given the paper to learn his Sabbath School lesson from, and his eye wanders to agricultural articles and he reads the statement about the potatoes, what amount of persuasion, moral or otherwise, can convince him it is right to get the back-ache bending over the hoe through the long summer days when the trout are plenty and the water is just right for swimming—when he knows that by so doing he is lessening the old man's chance of a crop. Does the editor of

the Bulldozer realize what he is doing, or is he a red handed revolutionist and does not care. Does he not know that under ordinary circumstances it requires a large amount of rhetoric to awaken any enthusiasm in a boy on the subject of hoeing potatoes, or does he think a statement like that will convince the conservative farmer that the despised "nohoes" are the best. He should educate the farmer up to his own standard before he sows anarchy in the peaceful rural home. It only remains for him to tell the confiding Sabbath School boy that potatoes left on the ground keep better through the Winter and he will complete the desolation he has begun. The farmers, for their own safety, should insist on his either stopping the S. S. lessons or his incendiary articles on agriculture.

SKATING TOURNAMENT.

The Skating Tournament at the Rink on Tuesday Evening March 11th proved to be the great event of the season. The storm on Saturday made things look bad for a while but Tuesday turned out just right. By 8 o'clock about 400 persons had assembled and the commencement was eagerly watched for. In a few minutes the

FANCY SKATERS

came on in the following order, Bishop, Jongs, Holley, Lovett, Eaton. There were three other entries but for various reasons they did not skate. The programme was gone through with easily, skillfully and prettily, and we think Wolfville should feel proud of her fancy skaters. The prizes were awarded, First, Silver Cup, to Willie Jones, Wolfville; Second, \$2.00, to H. A. Lovett, College. The next on the programme was the

MILE RACE FORWARD.

In this contest five started in the following order from the pole: Balcom, Hoare, Patriquin, Shaw, Higgins, Prescott. On the word go, Prescott sprang at once to the lead with Hoare close behind, and this position was kept for some time when Prescott slowly drew to the front, gaining about half a lap; this was alternately increased and decreased through the rest of the race finishing in that position, with Patriquin three quarters of a lap behind Hoare. Much excitement was raised during the race, the friends of the different contestants cheering enthusiastically all through the race. The prizes were awarded, First, Pair Silver-plated Skates Prescott (time 3.49); Second, \$1.00, Hoare (time about 3.55). Immediately after this race the contestants for the

HALF MILE BACKWARD

were called out. There were seven entries for this race but only three started viz: Crandall, Beckwith, and Prescott. Crandall got away first, the others taking longer to get their stroke. Prescott only skated a few laps and took it easy for the rest of the race. Beckwith was some time getting down to work as he was not used to the round rink, but he

soon began to get ahead. He skates a long powerful stroke which would be very effective on a longer race, but Crandall tripped merrily along seeming sometimes to almost fly and during the last half of the race a little gap of some four or five yards used to open and close continually, and so the race was finished with Crandall still ahead. Both did remarkably well and if possible the race created more excitement than did the forward race. The prizes were Gold Locket, first and \$1.00, second. Crandall's time was 1.49.

QUARTER MILE OVER HURDLES

in which Balcom, Patriquin, Crandall and Hoare started. This race was not so exciting as the others but there was some fun in the frantic endeavors of the contestants to get over the hurdles quickly, Crandall won easily. Prize, Cut Glass Inkstand, no second.

WHO IS THE IDIOT?

"The more an idiot says the more apparent it becomes that it is an idiot. This is especially true of the idiot who recently attempted to write of the bagpipes under the title of 'The Pibroch.' Had he known that pibroch was merely the name of a tune, it might have penetrated his addled brain, that it was just about as appropriate as to write of the violin under the title of 'Pop goes the Weasel.'"

"Pibroch—A wild irregular species of music peculiar to the Highlands of Scotland."—*Collin's Library Dict'y.*

"Pibroch—A kind of Scotch martial music."—*Johnson's Dict'y.*

"Pibroch—A kind of air or martial music among the Scotch Highlanders played on the Bagpipe."—*Worcester.*

"He also illustrates the adage that 'no rush in where angels fear to tread' for he knows the Scottish dialect as well as he knows how to mangle his own, he might have found the word 'screech,' and not have displayed his ignorance, if it is possible for him to do otherwise."

Exactly, we do know the Scottish dialect as well as we know how to mangle our own. We have an idea that there are others who do not know the Scottish dialect and who perhaps if they did, would apply the Scottish spelling of any word they might quote from that dialect.

"If his egotism permits it is just possible that a few centuries study of his grammars and spelling books may teach him to write better English than 'visible common sense,' and a detachment of soldiers was inaugurated."

We confess we were wrong when we intimated that he might by great diligence acquire "even a visible amount of common sense" and now feel that such a thing as "sense" could not enter into his composition in any quantity or quality or under any circumstances.

"And such rot."

Nice expression, is it not?

"Then—but it is profitless kicking against nothing."

We have seen people before kick at nothing and find themselves on their backs feeling rather shaken up and sore. Verily "the more 'the oatmeal editor of the Bulldozer' says the more apparent it becomes that it is an idiot."

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