

THE ABLE MEN IN 1867.

To the Antigonish Casket we are indebted for the following interesting article on Reminiscences of the Public Men of 1867.

"The death of Dr. Hugh Cameron, former Federal member for Inverness, and the reminder that Judge A. W. Savery, once M. P., for Digby, still lives, recalls the fact that no more able body of men ever went to the Parliament of Canada from any one of the Provinces than the eighteen representatives who were elected to the first Parliament of the Dominion from Nova Scotia on the eighteenth of September, 1867. The two giants, of course, were Joseph Howe, from Hants, the leader of the Anti-Confederates, and Charles Tupper, from Cumberland, the latter being the one man who had been returned as a supporter of the Union. Two big men had also fallen by the electoral way-side, 'Jim' McDonald, in Pictou, afterwards Minister of Justice in Sir John MacDonald's National Police Administration, and Adams George Archibald in Colchester, was later on returned to Ottawa, was appointed Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia, in the same capacity, where he publicly thanked Riel for heading off a Fenian invasion with four hundred followers, and gave him a little keepsake of 600 pounds into the bargain. Colchester's first M. P. in the new Parliament was A. Woodbury McLean who came out of his shipyard at Great Village, defeated the brilliant Archibald, accepted the situation with Joe Howe, after repeal had been a failure, became Finance Minister in a Tory government, and his brochure on protection was considered one of the finest products of the great National Policy Campaign. The man who defeated Jas. McDonald, of Pictou, was another shipbuilder, J. W. Carmichael, who entertained Blake and Laurier during their Nova Scotia tour in 1881, and who remained as long as he lived a close personal friend of the present Liberal leader. The other county to send two members to Ottawa in the first Parliament was Halifax, which sent Alfred G. Jones and Patrick Power, the first an old Johnstone Tory before Confederation, and the second named a Joe Howe Liberal, and the respected father of the present Senator Lawrence G. Power. Hon. A. G. Jones was a West India merchant, a born aristocrat who wore black kid gloves, as he looked over his fish piles, and was one of the ablest men in the MacKenzie Cabinet, holding the portfolio of Militia and Defence, Patrick Power, although a very strong party man, kicked over the traces and voted with Sir John Tupper when the Washington Treaty came before Parliament for ratification, although Mr. Jones, his colleague, opposed the measure. When Hon. W. B. Vail was taken into the Cabinet, after having carried on the Annand Government in the Lower House for many years, and was defeated in Digby at his second election. Alfred G. Jones took his place, and it was on that occasion that the able and eloquent merchant was almost enough for the Cumberland war horse at a famous debate in the Halifax Drill Hall, the night of Vail's crushing defeat in the County of Digby.

A very clever man also went up to Ottawa from Lunenburg, when the first Canadian Parliament was called in the person of E. M. McDonald, the uncle of the present day "E. M." and quite as eloquent and able in debate, both on the platform, and on the floors of Parliament. Annapolis sent at the same time W. H. Ray, whose "dancing lessons" at the Capital were the theme of some very witty letters written by Martin J. Griffin, then in the press gallery for the "Halifax Herald." The neighboring County of Kings sent Col. L. de V. Chipman, a comparatively able man, who was cut off in his prime by smallpox, although Dr. Tupper, who was a very able practitioner in his time, tried his best to save him.

Shelburne, which has since been united to Queens for Federal electoral purposes, was represented in that particular Parliament by the Hon. Thomas Coffin, a retired master mariner, becoming a member of the Liberal Cabinet when Alexander MacKenzie came to power in 1874, or seven years following Confederation. Another very brilliant man, whom the anti-Confederates sent to Ottawa in 1867 was Hugh McDonald, of Antigonish, who later on became a Conservative Cabinet Minister, with the portfolio of Militia and Defence, while W. Ross was elected from Victoria, and he also entered the MacKenzie Cabinet, making way later for his successor by becoming Collector of Customs for the port of Halifax, the position having been previously held by E. M. McDonald.

Stewart Campbell, of Guysboro, was also another capable representative from Nova Scotia, he being also first sent as a pronounced anti-Confederate, as was Frank Killam from Yarmouth. Dr. Hugh Cameron, who came up to Ottawa from the County of Inverness in 1867, was a sturdy Scotch Catholic, and having taken his M. D. from an American University, he served as a surgeon in the Northern army during the Civil War,

and returning to Nova Scotia at the close of the conflict, was invited by Howe to contest Inverness, although a native of Antigonish County and a graduate of St. Francis Xavier. Although the great repeal battle was fought over again when Joe Howe accepted the situation and entered Sir John's Cabinet, as Secretary of State in 1869, that great orator was practically followed in his political transition by McLean of Colchester, McDonald of Lunenburg, McDonald of Antigonish, Cameron of Inverness, and McKeagney, of Cape Breton, and when Tupper entered the Government after Howe's death, the old anti-Confederate party, which Howe had led into the Commons, after the election of 1867, the once solid phalanx was soon a thing of the past. Chipman of Kings, had gone over: Ray of Annapolis was accepted by Tupper as the Government candidate in Annapolis; the eloquent "Jim" McDonald had come back in time to make the ever-remembered speech on the Pacific Scandal Debate; Jones and Power were in turn defeated in Halifax, and once more Tupper had a majority of his countrymen at his back before the old Government fell in 1873. It was, indeed, a powerful and brilliant galaxy that entered the House of Commons from Nova Scotia at the first Parliament following the Union.—Montreal Gazette.

BACK FROM THE FRONT.

Inverness Man Past Age and Who Comes of Soldier Stock Has Done His Bit.

W. L. Blair, Chief of the Police of the Inverness Coal Company, passed through New Glasgow this week enroute home from overseas, where though past military age, he did his bit. He is a Colchester born, a son of Col. W. M. Blair, who at one time commanded the Colchester and Pictou 78th Highlanders. A son of Mr. Blair is also at the front.

W. L. Blair saw service in the Canadian Northwest Mounted Police and was in the Duck Lake fight at the time of the second Reil Rebellion, in 1885. En route home he stopped off at Shubenacadie, and spent Sunday with his parents, Col. and Mrs. W. M. Blair, who are yet hale and hearty. He also stopped off and called on old home friends in Truro. He was looking fine.

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 - Stewiacke, N. S., Rev. D. C. Ross, Minister.
 - Certificate, List 1—Winnie May Grant, Una Hazel Grant.
 - Stewiacke, N. S. Rev. D. C. Ross Minister.
 - Certificate List 1—Bessie King.
 - For Correctly Repeating the Shorter Catechism.
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 - Sarah McJohnson, Sarah Kent.
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 - Certificate Irving Dauphinee Cook, Isaiah Emerson Cook.
 - Certificate—Carrie Sinclair Cook.

'BELMONT CIRCUIT' METHODIST CHURCH.

- Services on August 4th as follows:—
 - East Mountain, Preaching Ser. 10:30 a. m.
 - Cent. North River Preaching ser 1:30 p. m.
 - North River preaching service 3:00 p. m.
 - Belmont Preaching ser. 8:00 p. m. Tuesday, Aug. 6th.
 - Cent. North River, Young People's Servs. 7:30 Wednesday Aug. 7th.
 - East Mountain Young People's ser. 7:30
 - Preacher, Rev. F. J. Scoates.

Read our ad in this week's news, it tells you what we think of the dry good situation for the future how we are trying to meet it, and don't forget what we say about your buying staple goods at home, your own store can save you money.—C. E. Bentley & Co.

A ROTARY STEAM ENGINE INVENTED BY JOHN N. SPENCER TRURO, A GREAT SUCCESS.

Mr. John N. Spencer of the Spencers Garage and Machine Shop, Esplanade Truro, gave on the 30th quite a thorough testing out of his recently invented Rotary Steam Engine.

This new type of steam engine is certainly an advanced step in the principle of steam engine construction.

Mr. Spencer's model 7 h.p. steam rotary engine in size is only about fourteen inches in diameter and four inches in width and weighs not more than sixty pounds. It develops great and steady speed and runs as smooth as a sewing machine.

There are no parts or gears, the engine occupies but little space and can be connected up if desired direct to the shafting in any place required. No belts or other fixtures, are required to drive the attach machine.

Mr. Spencer has invented a wonderful engine. He has applied for patent rights in Canada and United States.

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Mr. Spencer is to be congratulated on his success in producing such a valuable and effective new power producer for the world use.

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A British Army Piggery in France.—Camp waste utilized to produce food.



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Miller's Worm Powders will not only expel worms from the system, but will induce healthful conditions of the system under which worms can no longer thrive. Worms keep a child in a continual state of restlessness and pain, and there can be no comfort for the little one until the cause of suffering be removed, which can be easily done by the use of these powders, than which there is nothing more effective.

OBITUARY.

Charles Campbell Nickerson.

Under the shadow of the great conflict which has drenched the world in blood and sorrow the lesser tragedies which happen around us every day pale into insignificance. But to those immediately affected by them they are none the less sore and heartrending.

On July 15th the community of Upper Stewiacke was shocked and saddened beyond all remembrance by the sudden and tragic death of Charles C. Nickerson, a young man in the full vigor of life and health, known to everyone as "Charlie". The deceased had since childhood been subject to periodic fainting spells and it was one of such which brought about his untimely end. He was going about his work as usual on the morning of the 15th. Not coming to dinner at the regular time, his uncle and aunt with whom he resided, became anxious and starting a search, found him lying dead in the barn, he having fainted and fallen from considerable height while doing the noonday chores.

Charlie Nickerson was known and remembered by everyone who ever spent so much as a few days in the quiet little community of Springside Upper Stewiacke. His constant cheerfulness, despite the heavy cross of the affliction laid upon him; his obliging off-hand manner; his ready rejoinder, made him a favorite with all. He had resided with his uncle, Mr. Jas. Creelman, since the death of both of his parents when he was only a child, and in that home he will be sorely missed. A faithful, energetic toiler from dawn till dark, no matter who came or went, Charlie was always there. He was a member of Springside congregation for the past eleven years and in church and Sunday School his place was never vacant.

The funeral, which was held on the 17th, was conducted by his pastor, Rev. Dr. Archibald, and was one of the largest, if not the largest ever seen in Springside church. The sudden passing of one whom we knew so intimately for so many years reminds us of that immortal verse:

Oh! why should the spirit of mortal be proud?
Like a fast flying meteor, a fast flitting cloud,
A flash of the lightning, a break of the wave,
Man passes from earth to his rest in the grave.

This is to certify that fourteen years ago I got the cords of my left wrist nearly severed, and was for about nine months that I had no use of my hand and tried other Liniments, also doctors, and was receiving no benefit. By a persuasion from a friend I got MINARD'S LINIMENT and used one bottle which completely cured me, and have been using MINARD'S LINIMENT in my family ever since and find it the same as when I first used it, and would never be without it.

ISAAC E. MANN,
Metepedia, P. Q.
Aug. 31st, 1908.

An auction sale of grass will be held on the farm of Dunlap Bros. Otter Brook, Col. Co. Monday, August 6th at 2 o'clock p. m.

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This is the Tractor which, in competition with all others, was selected by the British Government as being the most efficient and economical. They purchased 6,000 for use in the British Isles this summer.

It was also this Tractor which was selected by the Canadian Food Board as being the one best adapted to Canadian needs when they contracted for 1,000 for this spring's seeding in Canada.

Orders for this 1,000 came in so fast that 1,073 were actually distributed on this contract.

They were distributed as follows:—

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Alberta.....	327
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