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Correspondence.

For the Standard.

Mr. Editor.—Having so much and so often heard of the beauties of St. Andrews, induced me to extend my travels in that direction, and certainly I was very much pleased with the surrounding scenery and beautiful situation of the place; but alas I was surprised to hear that such an apparently quiet town should be infested by a gang of rowdies who completely take possession of the streets at night. I only remained two nights in the place, and on the succeeding morning I was entertained by the proceedings of the night before.

It appears a band of young men disguised as negroes lie in wait with a horse and trap to pounce upon any unfortunate individual who may be about at a late hour; they blacken and secure him on the vehicle and drive him about the streets amid shouting and hideous screaming.

I think if the inhabitants expect to derive any advantage from the new hotel they are erecting they had better see that these rowdies are looked after as no respectable person would care to be troubled with rowdyism

I was also much disgusted by the behaviour of boys and young men standing about the Post-office waiting for the delivery of the evening's mail, and felt sorry that young innocent-looking girls should be obliged to listen to such profanity and obscene conversation.

Many strangers that might visit St. Andrews during the summer months would be obliged to listen to a repetition of this vulgarity every time they had to go for their letters.

I hope, Mr. Editor, I have not trespassed on your patience, but was asked before I left to write a short article on the matter, and promised to do so.

Yours &c. VISITOR.

To the Editor Standard.

Sir.—An evening with the Fairbairn family, listening to auld Scotch songs an' auld-warld stories, has set me thinking why Charlotte County which contains so many Scotsmen and their descendants, should not have a "St. Andrews Society" in its bounds. A crack wi' a few o' our St. Andrews and St. Stephen bodies anent the subject, has confirmed me in the opinion that the attempt to organize such a society would not be unsuccessful.

In most of the large towns and cities of America, the St. Andrews Society and Caledonian Club, are flourishing institutions, as a matter of course. And why should not we, Mr. Editor, in this County, so largely occupied by Scotch, be able to keep up a flourishing society by St. Andrews, St. Stephen, and St. George, with the other parishes uniting together, and holding an annual dinner in each town alternately. Where Scotsmen, their sons and grandsons, (beyond which I would not extend the membership,) could gather round the social board, and listen to a sang frae Robert Stevenson and a crack frae Judge Stevens, about the "land o' cakes?"

The grandson o' a SCOTCH BODIE.

Ostrich Breeding in Australia.

The last report of the Acclimatization Society of Victoria contains some interesting particulars concerning the attempt to introduce the industry of ostrich breeding into that colony. Three or four nests of eggs were laid, some of which were hatched out by the parent birds in the ordinary manner, while others were intrusted to the incubator which has proved so successful in South Africa, where it has almost entirely superseded hatching by natural means. By both the natural and artificial methods of incubation the young ostriches were safely hatched, but the hopes which were thus raised of rearing a large flock of birds were destroyed, the chicks being killed by sudden storms of rain or by disease which has been observed to attack the birds in South Africa as well as in Australia.

Blackberry Root Good for Summer Complaint.

We have great faith in a decoction of fresh blackberry root for looseness of the bowels. Last Summer it completely cured a severe case of chronic diarrhœa, after the other remedies of the best physicians had proved unavailing, and it invariably cured in many other cases where it was afterward recommended. Dig the green roots, rejecting those that are large and woody. Wash thoroughly clean, and steep in water at the rate of a quart to half a pound of the root, boil down one half and then strain or pour off. Put the liquid in a bottle with about one-eight its bulk of brandy, whisky, or alcohol, to keep it from souring and cork tight. A tablespoon of this, rather less for a child, say before each meal time. We would not go from home, especially southward, without taking this preparation along. The blackberry brandies or cordials made from the berries are of little account as remedies for the diarrhœa. The virtue lies in the roots, not in the berries.

AIDING THE CANADA PACIFIC.—At the recent annual banquet of the Golden Club in London, the Right Hon. W. E. Baxter is reported to have said: "I observe in the newspapers that a deputation of three gentlemen from Canada sailed yesterday to this country for the purpose of trying to persuade the Ministry and Parliament of Great Britain to guarantee a certain sum, or probably the whole of the cost of working the Canada Pacific Railroad. I venture to think that the practical answer to those gentlemen would be, 'Go back and revise that tariff of yours—(cheers)—a tariff conceived in the most hostile spirit to that Mother Country which you are perpetually blessing in words which your deeds belie.'"

The St. Andrews Standard.

SAINT ANDREWS, JULY 16, 1879.

TEACHERS PARLIAMENT.—Elsewhere we have given a brief report of the proceedings of the County Teachers Institute, held here last week at which there were upwards of forty teachers, and also a number of visitors present. The papers read by teachers, were characterized by an intimate knowledge of the subjects upon which they treated, and the discussions which followed upon each topic, were creditable to those who engaged in them, evincing a considerable degree of speaking ability, to use a hackneyed phrase. We were pleased to hear the remarks called forth from two or three of the female teachers, and the complimentary observations of Dr. Rand and Dr. Jack upon the views of one young lady, with whose ideas they coincided—no small praise from the two leading educationists of the Province.

The meetings were interesting, and will be productive of benefit to the teachers generally, as they led to an interchange of views on the various topics discussed, and also to a personal acquaintance with each other. It is to be hoped that the pains taking instructors of the youth of our County, may enjoy their holidays, and return to their duties invigorated in body and mind, after their brief respite from labor. It is evident from the large number of female teachers, that there is no need of advocating "women's rights" in this section, as their abilities are recognized and utilized.

We were pleased to learn from reliable sources, that Inspector Mitchell is esteemed a competent official, and that his services are appreciated by the highest educational authorities. We trust the local Government will not lose sight of this fact, when they appoint the new Seven Inspectors, but that Mr. Mitchell, who was formerly a successful teacher, will be one of them. This we know, the selection and appointment would be a popular one, on the part of the Government.

Before closing our brief notice, we may mention the harmony and good feeling which prevailed during the session of the Institute, and the able and satisfactory manner in which Mr. Freeze discharged the duties of President, and our young friend, Mr. George J. Clark performed the ardurous duties of Secretary. He is a graduate of our Grammar School—a native of St Andrews, and a young man of very considerable ability. We understand he is studying law.

IMPROVEMENTS.—We are pleased to notice that several persons are having their houses and fences painted, and new enclosures erected. Even a coat of properly mixed whitewash, put on fences, gives a pleasant appearance to such enclosures.

The work on Dr. Parker's residence is progressing rapidly. The cellar and drain have been dug, and the cellar wall built. The frame of the large stables has been erected, and will in a few days be boarded in. Mr. Hannah the architect and builder kindly exhibited to us the working plans and front and side elevation of the mansion, which when finished will be an ornament to the town, and afford from its elevated site, one of the most delightful views of the charming scenery which is not surpassed in the Province, diversified as it is with sea, lakes, rivers, and mountain ranges. We have so often and at length, shown the advantage of St. Andrews, for private residences, healthy climate, sea bathing facilities, pleasant drives, boating privileges, excellent fishing and shooting, that we believe it to be a work of supererogation to more than merely allude to them now.

SUDDEN DEATH.—We were sorry to learn of the fatal accident which occurred on Thursday last, to James Dow, Esq., formerly Mayor of St. Stephen, and for some years editor of the "St. Stephen Journal," which he conducted with ability, and about two years ago sold to the Proprietor of the *Courier*, after the great fire. Mr. Dow had a farm at Lawrence Station, where he resided, and was on the way home in his carriage, and within three miles of his residence, when from some unknown cause, he was pitched out of the vehicle, and broke his neck. Mr. Dow was a man of a genial disposition, and left a wife and family to mourn their sudden bereavement, and many friends throughout the County, who sympathize with them in their affliction.

CHARLOTTE COUNTY TEACHERS INSTITUTE.

The second meeting of the Charlotte County Teachers Institute, was held in the Grammar School, St. Andrews, on Thursday and Friday last.

Dr. Rand, Chief Superintendent of Education, and Dr. Jack of the University, were present, and, by their excellent addresses, added greatly to the interest of the discussions.

In the absence of the President, Mr. J. M. McDowall, Mr. Covey, Vice-president took the chair, and opened the Institute with a speech in which he said that although he regretted the absence of the President, he thought the programme planned by the Committee of Management, would be carried out.

Dr. Rand and Dr. Jack followed in speeches urging on the Teachers the cultivation of a high personal character.

Slips of paper were then distributed, on which those who wished to become members of the Institute placeed their names with the number of the District in which they taught. Thirty nine Teachers enrolled themselves.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

J. H. Freeze, A. B., St. Stephen, *President*.

A. M. Smith, West Isles, *Vice President*.

Geo. J. Clarke, St. Stephen, *Sec. Treas*.

The additional members of the Committee of Management are: Jas. F. Covey, A. M. and Miss Addie Hanson, both of St Andrews.

After the officers had taken their places, it was unanimously resolved "that a vote of thanks be accorded to Mr. Covey for the able manner in which he had performed the duties of President, in the absence of that officer."

The place and time of next meeting were fixed at St. Stephen, on the second Thursday and Friday in July, 1880.

This ended the morning session.

The afternoon session opened with a paper on "The importance of instructing pupils in the subjects specified in Reg. 22," written by Mr. James Vroom, but as Mr. Vroom was absent, the paper was read by Mr. Covey. It discussed in a very able manner the importance of teaching these subjects, and the best method of doing it.

A lively discussion followed in which Messrs. Wathen, Smith, Lawson, Covey, Inspector Mitchell, and Drs. Rand and Jack took part. In his remarks Dr. Rand called attention to the wording, and said that the basis of the Regulation was the principle of morals in action. He thought the playground was the proper place for Teachers to observe the faults of pupils. If they could teach children to be honorable in playground, they would be instilling the highest kind of moral character.

On motion it was unanimously resolved, that a vote of thanks be accorded to Mr. Vroom for his very able paper, and that the Secretary be instructed to send him a copy of the resolution.

Mr. A. M. Smith then read an exhaustive paper on "The teaching of Grammar and Analysis."

Remarks were made on this subject by Dr. Rand and Messrs. Wathen, Covey, Mitchell, Lawson and Clarke.

At the close of the discussion, Dr. Rand said he believed that several Teachers wished to leave for home at noon on Friday. He thought that by having an evening session they could be accomodated.

It was then resolved to meet at 7 o'clock in the evening.

At the beginning of the evening session congratulatory messages from the St. John and Gloucester Co. Institutes were read by the President.

Mr. Freeze read the paper of the evening on "The proper place of written examinations on the school curriculum." He entered very fully into the subject, and in an elaborate manner described the value of the examinations, and their place both in miscellaneous and graded schools.

A discussion followed, in which Dr. Jack, Dr. Rand, and Messrs. Mitchell, Wathen, Smith, Inch, Camp, Lawson and Covey participated.

On the subject of grading examinations, Dr. Rand thought the best way to judge, was by means of a combination of general standing during Term, and written examinations. He thought a great deal of the value of these examinations depended on the character of the questions asked. They should not be given as puzzles, but should be such as would fairly test the pupils' work. Great care should be taken to have the work done honestly.

The session closed at 9.

Friday morning session.

After the meeting had been called to order, the President introduced Mr. Inch, who read a carefully prepared paper on "Thoroughness in teaching."

A discussion followed principally on thoroughness in teaching history, more particularly Canadian History. Many valuable suggestions were offered by the speakers, Messrs. Wathen, Covey, and others. Dr. Rand said that in teaching this branch to children in first grades, fragmentary stories, which could be made interesting, should be told. As the pupils got older, fragmentary stories with some great person as a centre could be introduced, and so on until the Text Book was taken up, when the children would be able to pursue the subject intelligently, and with interest.

The thanks af the Institute were unanimously tendered to Drs. Rand and Jack for their attendance, and instructive addresses at the Institute.

After some concluding remarks by Dr. Rand the meeting was adjourned.

Topics of the Week.

LAUNCH.—Our young townsman Mr. James Starkie, noted for his ability as a master builder, will in the course of a couple of weeks, launch from the building yard at Indian Point, a full decked Fishing Craft, of 26 ft. keel, 11 beam, and 5½ ft. depth, of 14 tons carpenters tonnage. The vessel is owned by the builder but will be for sale. We understand that Mr. Starkie after launching the vessel now on the stocks, purposes laying the keel of a 150 ton vessel, to take the place of the lost "Greta." The vessel will be owned by a company, and is to be commanded by Capt. John Maloney, formerly of the "Julia Clinch." We heartily wish Mr. Starkie success in his praiseworthy enterprise.

MACKEREL.—This delicious fish is now entering our Bay. Upwards of 100 were caught in a weir at Bocabec on Monday, which sold rapidly at 6 cents a piece.

Another of our young men has chosen the sea as his future profession, Mr. James Green, son of Capt. D. Green, "has gone to be a sailor" with Capt. M. Andrews, in the Bqe. Christina, of this port.

Hon. R. Hutchinson was here last week, and left for home by Monday's train.

Mr. Watson, M. E., is here on a short visit, having recently arrived from England. His many friends gave him a hearty reception.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—One at a time on a given subject, is enough. We have two other letters on the same matter as alluded to by "Visitor," and as the people are aroused, there is no doubt the evil will be stopped, and the offenders punished—only in St. Andrews could such conduct be tolerated for one day.

The topic discussed by our respected friend, "The Grandson of a Scotch Bodie," is timely, and we believe will result in the formation of a "St. Andrews Society." We will be pleased to hear from our correspondent on other subjects.

The Orange celebration at Moncton passed off peacefully.

The British Government has decided to largely reduce the European army now in India, as no trouble is apprehended in Burmah or Afghanistan.

In the Quebec Legislative Council a motion was made for production of papers in connection with Mr. Joly's mission to England on the Letellier question. Would it not be advisable to be informed as to the cost of Mr. Langevin's trip to England, as well as the nice bill of his legal adviser; and why so much time was spent there. Surely the House authorities were well posted on the question.

☞ A supply of pure Scotch Ale is for sale at DONAHUE'S.

INDIANS.—The Report of the Minister of the Interior, states that there were 99,690 Indians in the Dominion on the 30th June, 1878, and of that number 1,459 resided in New Brunswick. It appears from the report that notwithstanding their nomadic life, the number does not decrease.

Work on the Grand Southern Railway has we are happy to state been commenced.

Bqe. Christina, Andrews, sailed from this port at noon on Monday, for Liverpool with a cargo of deals.

Work at the New Hotel was commenced yesterday, and we have daily trains.

A heavy thunder shower accompanied by sharp lightning took place last night.

From the large number of arrivals at Kennedy's Hotel, it is apparent that this hotel is as popular in its new location, as it was at the old stand.

Strawberries and cream are all the rage. Rich cream however is not easily obtained.

The work on Dr. Parkers new building is proceeding rapidly, a number of mechanics are engaged on the work.

STARVATION PRICES.—We are informed that men employed building the Branch railway from McAdam to Vanceboro, are receiving the paltry sum of 30 cents a day and board, How can men support their families on such a small amount.

We have devoted considerable space to a report of the proceedings at the Teacher's Institute, held on Thursday and Friday last in the Grammar School. It was not generally known that the meeting was open to the public, and but few visitors were present. It would be invidious to particularize, or we could give the names of the lady and gentlemen teachers who delivered capital addresses upon the papers read by some of the male teachers.

☞ *Subscribers we trust, will be prepared to pay promptly a collector from this Office, who is on a collecting tour.*

From the Scotsman.

To argue against the imposition of protective duties upon our imports of agricultural produce may seem a work of supererogation. As Lord Derby pointed out to the Lancashire farmers even those who are talking most loudly about Protection and Reciprocity are eager to disclaim any intention of reimposing taxes upon imported food. Of their sincerity in making this declaration there may, it is true, be some doubt. We have seen, for instance, how Lord Bateman, while loudly professing his desire to secure the free importation of wheat, was constrained to admit, in the course of the debate on Reciprocity which he lately inaugurated in the House of Lords, that what he called a "Custom's entry" upon corn was one of the chief weapons he proposed to use in his final crusade. It was the name of Protection not the thing itself, he disclaimed; and there are many, it is said to be feared, of whom the same may be said. But the very fact that none of those who are seeking to undermine Free-trade dare to openly advocate a policy of Protection with reference to our food supplies, shows how hopeless they consider any attempt to induce the nation to revert to the state of affairs that existed prior to 1846. It might be thought, therefore, that since Free trade in food is in no danger of being overthrown, the assaults of those who are wasting their strength in attacks upon it might safely be ignored. But it is always unwise to allow contempt for an opponent to beguile us into disregard of proper precautions; and, besides, a feeling of pity for those who persist, to their own injury, in running their heads against the hard wall of facts and experience should induce us to attempt to open their eyes to the folly of their proceeding.

ARRIVALS AT KENNEDY'S HOTEL.—E B Davis, Eastport; C E Jarvis, D Roach, Mrs W Marvin, St. John; R Stevenson, Geo Hannah, H Thompson, St. Stephen; J Chapman, Mrs W Todd, Eastport; W L Young, West Isles; Dr. Rand, Fredericton; W G Holmes, Deer Island; A M Smith, West Isles; John Farmer, Campobello; J E Freeze, C B Waltham, J D Lawson, St. Stephen; Geo A Inch, John Ludgate, St. George; S G Olive, St. John; W Camp, Thos O'Malley, St. George; McMann, Canterbury; Mr. and Mrs. Brown, Boston; Rev. Mr. Harrison, wife, and Miss A Harrison, Richmond; Miss N McDonald, Halifax; L J Tullock, A Fairbairn, wife and two daughters, Boston; W Clerke, M. D., R Spencer, C B Eaton, St Stephen: S Johnson, St. George; A Corney, Deer Island; R J Anthony, Bear River; Miss Curry, Fredericton; Fred Harmon, H Moody, St. Stephen; Henry Jack and wife, St. John; J M McDonald, and F S Williams.

MORRISON'S HOTEL.—Mr and Mrs Tatton, Penfield; Mr Boyd, St. Patrick; A Bell, Bocabec; W Toal and wife, Dumbarton; H J Boardman wife and two daughters, Boston; Geo M Hyslop, Tower Hill; Mr Greenlow and son, Dumbarton; J Cathcart and daughter, Rolling Dam; Mrs. Curry and niece, Bay Side; R McKinney, Rolling Dam; H W Caswell, W H Foster, Boston; D Pratt, Mrs Linton, St. Patrick.

Mr. Vanasse, Conservative, has been elected for Yamaska in the place of Mr. Gill, raised to the Bench.

H. R. H; the Princess Louise, as would have been seen by the telegrams, distinguished herself by catching several big salmon, and as all good European children have done in the past, and are expected to do in the future, sent a magnificent specimen to her Royal mother. The example which she has thus set is one which may well be followed in this country by others in less exalted situations, among whom the only commandment with promises has comparatively few observers.

The Rt. Hon. W. E. Gladstone, in a recent letter to the proprietors of a new Liberal paper at Deptford, England, said: "I congratulate you and I congratulate your borough on the establishment of your journal. It will never, I hope, through cowardice or affectation, be ashamed of the character of a party paper. Party papers, so far as I can see, are, generally speaking, the most upright papers and the most respected by their opponents." Unfortunately, Mr. Gladstone's remarks cannot be held to apply in Canada, where most of the party papers are either organs or hacks.

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