

The Weekly Monitor.

BRIDGETOWN, MAY 8, 1878.

THE OPENING SEASON.

The smiles of spring are again brightening the earth. Verdure is on the ground—the early flowers are already seen—the budding trees are bursting into leaf—and “the time of the singing of birds has come.” The return of the swallow, after his wintry wanderings in a milder climate, assures us that the warm season is being inaugurated. Vegetation, bursting into new life, is full of promise. The gentle winds from the sunny south, as they murmur among the trees, are like prophetic utterances, foretelling the glories and productiveness of the coming summer. The husbandman, catches occasional glimpses of the bow in the cloud, and remembers God's covenant, which guarantees “Seed time and harvest” to the end of all times.

The look-out, however, just now by some classes of our busy world, notwithstanding the brightness and promise of spring, in some respects, are gloomy and disheartening. In business circles there are cramping stringency and embarrassment—commercial operations are anything but prosperous—manufacturing interests are deplorably depressed, and there are almost universal murmurings, because of “hard times.” If the causes of this state of affairs were unknown, and the present condition of trade and other industrial pursuits was the result of some mysterious providential dispensation, the world might well clothe itself “in dust and ashes,” and mourn over the evil that could not, by human prudence, have been averted, or, by human energy and activity, can be removed. The pressure of the times has not been caused by either war or pestilence; or because harvests in their yield have been below the average; or because the fisheries have been less productive than formerly. The earth has brought forth abundantly—the mineral wealth of the world has showed no signs of exhaustion—and the fishes of the sea have been as multitudinous and prolific as ever. Our present “hard times,” then, are not attributable to a failure in the natural productiveness of either land or sea.—The calamities that fell upon the pious patriarch Job in the “olden time,” had an origin far beyond the range of human pen. They could not be seen by the utmost stretch of mortal vision.

It is not so, however, as regards the prevailing “hard times.” Men of business experience and of broad minds have no difficulty in tracing the causes of the present depression. Perhaps the primary cause has been a greedy desire to become hastily rich. An inordinate desire for the sudden acquisition of wealth has misled multitudes into hazardous enterprise and ruinous speculations. There has been an abnormal rush into trading and mercantile pursuits. Men, without business experience or adequate capital, have become merchants upon a large scale, depending upon credit and bank accommodations to keep themselves afloat; and this system of carrying on trade without financial means has ramified every department of mercantile activity.

Superseded by these rash courses in trade, the costs of living have greatly increased. Men have been drawn into extravagant expenditures in making a show in the world. Many, whose only wealth consisted in the credit system, erected palatial mansions—furnished them in their richest styles—and in all their modes of living, there were extravagant and ruinous outlays of money. Such speculative systems of trade and costly modes of living could not last forever. A crashing time was inevitable. It has come. Bankruptcies innumerable within the last three or four years have disclosed the unsoundness of a system of trade that had too long prevailed. Moreover, the folly of living beyond pecuniary means has been clearly demonstrated. The mercantile world has been taught wisdom in the hour of adversity, and in the reverse which multitudes have experienced. The “hard times,” it is clearly perceived, have originated in longing for a sudden realization of wealth; and thousands have hereby been so inflamed that they have been hurried into wild mercantile speculations, and ultimately into frauds that have resulted in pecuniary and moral wreck. In thousands of instances, poverty has necessitated retrenchment in living; and many, instructed by the past, voluntarily are inclined to relinquish luxuries, and thereby curtail expenditures. We hope, in the matters referred to, the world in general is growing wiser. As the season opens, we think we can see the dawn of returning prosperity. But months—perhaps years—must elapse ere trade will run its legitimate channels, and the old-time financial condition of the world's affairs be restored. Most of our readers are agriculturists; and we may congratulate them that their vocation is such that it cannot be injured by over-competition. Other pursuits may be deteriorated by spasmodic fluctuation; but farming is the great interest of the world. To the culture of the soil the whole of earth's teeming millions mainly depend for subsistence. Farming is therefore in all ages the most important interest in the world.

“Bread,” physically speaking, “is the staff of life,” and it must be annually drawn from the earth.

At this season of the year, after the cold and storms of dreary Winter have passed away, farmers look abroad upon their fields, and rejoice to see the signs of reviving vegetation. They sow in hope, and confidently look forward to a rewarding autumnal harvest. In our journalistic career, we have never, with so good cause as now, congratulated our readers with the appearance of an unusually early Spring.

—Mr. Peter Johnston, of Port Williams, has had a large addition to his stock this spring; a Durham cow in his possession had three bull calves a few days ago.

BAPTISM.—At Albany, on Sabbath last, the Rev. Mr. Grant baptized seven persons. We understand that Mr. Grant was ordained on Wednesday last as pastor of the Albany Baptist Church. The Albany Church has sent forth in the great work many successful preachers of the Denomination.—Com.

“THE BAY PILOT.”—The first number of a new weekly published at St. Andrews, N. B., called “The Bay Pilot,” is to hand. J. G. Lorimer is editor and manager, and if the contents of the first number is an index of the future numbers, we are of the opinion that the management has been placed in competent hands. The selections and typographical appearance of the “Pilot” are first-class.

—At a parish meeting, held in Trinity Church, Wilmot, on Easter Monday, April 22nd, the following gentlemen were elected to the respective offices, for the year ending Easter Monday, 1878:

Church Wardens.—J. W. James, Chas. Newall. Vestrymen.—Benj. D. Leonard, John Andrews, Chas. Covert, Henry Andrews, Mr. Duncan, Chas. Clark, D. Sinclair, R. D. Macdonald, John Lee, Will. Augustine, E. W. Ross, B. H. Robertson. Treasurer.—J. W. James. Vestry Clerk.—B. H. Robertson.

Correspondence.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinion of our correspondents.

[For the Monitor.] SCHOOL EXAMINATION.

On Tuesday last the half-yearly examination, in the Chesley Section, came off under the management of Mr. McKel, a gentleman of high standing in the profession of teaching, who has had charge of the school the past term. The classes under review were those in Reading, Spelling, Arithmetic, English Grammar and Geometry; in all of which branches the pupils proved that the method of teaching has been such as to draw forth their reasoning faculties. When a question was proposed not only an answer was given, but the why and wherefore, clearly and logically defined. It would seem almost unfair to particularize classes when all did well; but the younger children in Arithmetic and History of British America deserve more than a passing notice.—Certainly their knowledge of the important events, connected with history of their own Province, is above the average, considering their youthfulness.

The school continues under the management of the present teacher. One Present. Granville, May 3rd, 1878.

Sehr. “Portland,” from Annapolis, N. S., for Boston, after making a very quick passage, leaving Annapolis on Saturday afternoon with a fair wind and plenty of it, ran ashore on the beach near Hampton River at 4 o'clock on Monday afternoon, during a thick fog, between Big and Little Round Rock. The captain, C. D. Pickles, is also the owner. The schooner on Tuesday stood upright in the sand, about half way between high and low water mark. At the time of running ashore the sails were wing and wing, and the main at the helm supposed they were at sea away from land standing toward Cape Ann. The first intimation he had of danger was the sound of the breakers, followed by the striking of the vessel on a rock, the waves lifting her over and carrying her upon the sand. The weather was thick, but the crew tried to get ashore. The mate started in a yawl boat with a line, but the waves jerked the line, and the boat capsized in the breakers, and the mate was thrown underneath. He managed to get clear of the boat and swam ashore. A line was got to the mate, and the boat drawn to the vessel. In a second attempt the boat was capsized with two men in it who swam ashore, and all on board were finally saved. The vessel lies near the houses of Richard and Sewall B. Fowler, who entertained the crew hospitably. The vessel appears to be uninjured, and the captain hopes to get her off as soon as the wind shifts. She has on board 70 bbls. of russet apples, 70 bbls. Early Rose potatoes, 1000 doz. eggs, and 25 cords of birch wood. No insurance on vessel or cargo.—Boston Paper.

The St. John Freeman reports that a distressing drowning accident has occurred on the North East branch of Long Creek about seven miles from Cole's Lake, Washademoak Lake, N. B. Jacob Snider, while straggling a plank near the sluice of the dam, slipped and went through the sluice. Below the dam the logs were very thick, and the water deep. Snider went under the logs his feet becoming entangled among them. James Johnson, a fellow stream driver, succeeded in getting his arms round Snider's body, lifting his head above water, and the latter told him present, among whom were two of his sons, to get a landskip and free his feet. Being unable to do so, however, the logs backed up, caused by the pressure of the timber, covering Snider's face, and the unfortunate man died in Johnston's arms. His son, George, jumped in after his father and narrowly escaped the same fate, his feet also becoming jammed in the logs. The other son was with difficulty restrained from sacrificing his life also. Mr. Snider was about fifty years of age and leaves a family of seven children.

ITEMS.

A boy was accidentally beheaded on the Harlem River bridge in 1876. The father has just received \$1375 from the city in a suit for \$5000. Boys do not seem to be much in demand or just of much value, in the New York lawyer's opinion.

Monkeys are aggravating the sufferings of the famine-stricken in the northwestern provinces of India. Near Moorablab a number of Brahmins keep thousands of these pests on holy grounds, and allow them to roam at will among ripening fields, which they strip. The cultivators say they are helpless and must submit to fate.

Richard Rice was recently travelling through Nevada. On the way he took up two men into his wagon and the three camped together that night. One of the strangers wandered off, killed a man and returned to his companions. The latter were attacked by the friends of the victim and the man was killed. Rice protested he knew nothing either of the crime or of his companions.

A resident of Ont., has been bothered for some time with the difficulty of getting water from his well and in working the handle of the pump which seemed to be choked up. The pump was taken apart and the cause discovered. A large number of the roots of a willow tree, which stood near, had grown into and choked the hole at the bottom of the pump a distance of nearly forty feet from the tree.

WAGES IN ST. JOHN.—Last week bricklayers were receiving from \$2.00 to \$2.50 per day; stonecutters from \$2.00 to \$3.00 and carpenters from \$1.00 to \$1.50. These are high wages compared with what is paid in other places and especially in view of the fact that St. John is overcrowded with masons and carpenters many of whom are unable to obtain work.—Moncton Times May 1st.

India rubber tires on the wheels of carriages are becoming quite common in London. One of these vehicles silently gliding along on a moon-light night has a very weird effect, and if the horse had india rubber shoes as well, the whole affair would be horribly like a ghost. People who do not know remarkably well ought also to be incased in india rubber to diminish the effect of being over run.

The name of the man lost overboard from the brig Maria Coipel, was Samuel Williams. Capt. Shaw reports that, on April 6th, at 8 a. m., Williams was knocked overboard by the main gale. The vessel, which was running at five knots, was rounded to, and a boat was lowered and rowed to the spot where the man was last seen. The deceased was seen to rise once after getting overboard, and must have sunk immediately after. He was 24 years of age, and belonged to Upper Clements, Annapolis.—Exchange.

There was a sad tragedy in Cambridge Vt., on Monday. Barney Gray a young man working for Thomas Edwards at East Cambridge shot his brother John Gray with a shot gun killing him instantly. They were visiting with others in Edw. Gray's barn when Barney took a gun and pointed at John, saying, “Look out, I'll shoot you,” immediately firing, and the shot taking effect in his neck nearly severing the head. The gun was supposed to be unloaded.

A three-mile ride on a freight train, such as is often taken for a hook on the side of the car was the experience of a tramp the other night at Oxford N. Y. There was not a scratch upon him when rescued but his mental suffering was intense as he expected, momentarily to be dashed to pieces. He had been stealing a ride and attempted to jump off while the cars were in motion.

A few days ago two persons died in the Galway Union one of whom was claimed by relatives and the other was unclaimed. This latter was about being conveyed by night as a subject for the Anatomical School of the College of the procurator in removing it took the wrong body. Next day the funeral took place, and the coffin being light when they reached the graveyard, as the clergyman was about reading a green number of prayers they removed the lid and only fragments were visible. The daughter of the deceased madly rushed forward and taking them in her apron, ran with them to the union and threw them at the gate and the clergyman after much exertion, pacified the people.

One of the largest freights which has been sent out to Matanzas, the river Thames last week in the Admiralty steam transport “Sumatra,” having been loaded in the Victoria docks. She has on board forty steam launches for the protection of the iron clad fleet against torpedoes, and a great number of masts and spars to repair possible damages. The men of the first-class army reserve are affording great satisfaction to the authorities by the manner in which they are obeying the call upon them, not one of the large numbers in which they are coming forward several days before they are compelled to do so, but also of the willing and cheerful disposition which they manifest in rejoicing the army. To some of them this is a severe trial, and one who reported himself for duty yesterday stated that he was resigning a salary and emoluments worth £200 a year.

SUDDEN DEATH.—On Monday, 29th ult., Capt. Holmes Israel, of Freeport, Digby Co., arose at 4 a. m., as usual, went out to the barn to feed his cow, and returned in a few moments. His wife who had not yet risen heard him give a groan as he entered the house. He staggered toward the bedroom, fell prostrate on the floor, and died in twenty minutes. Although he lived that length of time after falling he was perfectly unconscious of all that was passing around him. A coroner's inquest was held on the same day by Judge Syde M. D. of Westport, and a verdict of “Death by heart disease” was returned by the jury. Capt. Israel was 41 years of age and had left a sorrowing wife and three children on Tuesday last, 23rd inst., to triplets, the three weighing 8 1/2 lbs. when three days old. The mother and children are all doing well, the children being particularly lively. In point of height I don't think there is a parallel case in the country. The parents are French and very poor.—Newcastle N. B. Times.

New Brunswick Politics.—The Telegraph says the reconstruction of the Government and the dissolution of the Local House will be settled at the meeting of the Executive now in session. Attorney General King is to retire, and the present Provincial Secretary, Hon. John James Fraser, will take his place as Attorney General. The present Speaker of the House, Hon. Wm. Wedderburn, will be Provincial Secretary.

New Advertisements.

NOTICE!

A MASS MEETING OF THE Reform Party OF THE COUNTY OF ANAPOLIS, will be held at the COURT HOUSE, BRIDGETOWN

Thursday, the 16th, inst., at 11 o'clock, a. m.,

for the purpose of

Selecting Candidates to represent the County,

BOTH IN

Dominion and Local Parliaments

IN THE REFORM INTEREST.

SPECIAL TRAINS will run to accommodate parties in the East as follows:—

Leaving Kingston Station morning of meeting at 9 a. m., Wilmot, 9.15 a. m., Middleton, 9.20 a. m., Lawrencetown, 9.30 a. m., Paradise, 9.40 a. m. Leave Bridgetown to return at 5 p. m.

Regular morning and evening trains will accommodate parties from the west.

A LARGE ATTENDANCE of the party is requested.

By order of the Central Committee, J. G. H. PARKER, Secretary.

Journal and tri-weekly Chronicle copy.

Tenders. Tenders.

TENDERS are solicited for a full stock of General STORE GOODS,

Consisting of all kinds of

Dry Goods, Dress Material, Cottons, &c.,

Ready-made Clothing, Furs,

Boots and Shoes, and Groceries,

also, the Book Debts.

The same having been trusted for the benefit of the creditors of D. MACDONALD, and on inspection at his store, Melville Square, Annapolis.

Parties tendering must state the terms on which they are prepared to buy, and if, on time, to name the securities. Said tenders to be received by the undersigned for the whole or any part, of the above until the 18th inst., but the trustees do not bind themselves to accept the highest or any tender.

For inventory and further particulars apply to JOHN B. MILLS, Attorney of Trustees.

Annapolis Royal, May 6, 1878.

Annapolis Journal and Berwick Star copy. 21 1/2

AT HOME! MAY 1ST, 1878.

I will open in my own store at once, a full assortment of

Room Paper, Venetian and Paper Blinds,

Whiting, W. W. Brushes,

Shoe Findings, Hardware & Earthenware

SALT. LIME TO ORDER VERY LOW.

All of which will be sold at the lowest figures FOR CASH.

PRODUCE taken at Cash Prices

Agent for the N. B. PAPER MILLS,

A full line of WRAPPING PAPERS of all descriptions.

Call and inspect, and satisfy yourselves that bargains are to be had.

J. W. WHITMAN.

To the Electors of Annapolis County.

AS the time is approaching when you will be called upon to deposit your ballots for a Representative to the Local Legislature, I respectfully offer myself a candidate for your suffrages.

Party politics being at the present time a dead issue, it becomes our duty to look more especially to our local interests. I, therefore, pledge myself, if elected, to give my strict attention to the Agricultural, Manufacturing and Industrial interests of this Province and County. I further pledge myself not to be a follower of any political intriguer, and will endeavor to the best of my ability to discountenance any combination of merchants in interfering with the free expression of the farmer at the polls or otherwise.

The farmer is the provider; he furnishes the raw material which is at the basis of human progress.

Still further, the Agricultural interest pays four-fifths of the taxes of this County, and the Agricultural class, more than any other, must defend our country in case of an invasion. I ask, why should not the farmers of this Agricultural County demand and have their just rights—in electing an Agriculturist to represent them in the Local Parliament? I also call upon the voters of this County to stand by their candidate.

I have the honor to be, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. STARRATT.

New Advertisements.

NOTICE.

SCR. “H. K. RICHARDS.” R. POSTER, Master, will run regular trips between St. John, N. B., and Bridgetown during this season.

Having the Storehouse on A. Foster's wharf, freight will be received, storage free, and carried at the lowest rates.

Any prices sent for sale will be sold to the best advantage, and no commissions charged. For freight, &c., apply to the master on board, or to A. D. Cameron, Bridgetown, or R. POSTER, Captain. 5m 11/2

Harnesses, BOOTS & LEATHER.

THIS subscriber in thanking the public for their liberal patronage during the past 25 years, would respectfully remind them that in the above lines he is ever prepared to offer SPECIAL INDUCEMENTS for cash or approved credit.

Light & Team Harnesses

IN SILVER, BRASS, JAPAN, &c., always on hand, and manufactured at short notice to suit the purchaser. Also, just received

FROM ENGLAND: 1 CASE RIDING SADDLES.

A supply of ENGLISH and AMERICAN HARNESS FURNITURE of the best style and finish.

100 Team and Harness COLLARS,

HARNESS UPPER and SOLE LEATHER, AND CALFLEINS ALWAYS IN STOCK.

100 PAIRS BEST MADE COARSE BOOTS & BROGANS.

THE HIGHEST PRICES given for Hides and Skins.

Wanted—200 CORNS Hemlock Bark. The highest market prices given.

GEORGE MURDOCH “Snowflake” Potatoes.

20 BUSH.

“SNOWFLAKE” POTATOES

For sale by the subscriber, S. S. RUGGLES, Bridgetown, April 27th, 1878. 21 1/2

NOTICE.

ALL persons having any legal demands against the estate of SAMUEL T. NEILLY, Esquire, late of Bridgetown, in the County of Annapolis, deceased, are requested to render the same, duly attested, within six months from this date; and all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to

L. S. MORSE, } Executors.

BURTON D. NEILLY, } Executors.

Bridgetown, April 30th, 1878. 6m 12/2

Oats. Oats.

MIDDLETON, N. S.

4000 Bushels HEAVY

Black Seed Oats,

For Sale Low, FOR CASH OR APPROVED PAPER.

BESSONNETT & WILSON. April 29th, 1878. 21 1/2

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

SEALED TENDERS addressed to the undersigned, and endorsed “Tenders for Post Office, St. John, N. B.,” will be received at this office until MONDAY, the 20th of May next, at noon, for the erection and completion of the above building.

Plans, Specifications, &c., can be seen at this office, and at the office of Matthew Stead, Esq., Architect, Saint John, N. B., on and after MONDAY, the 20th inst., where forms of Tender, &c., and all necessary information can be obtained.

Contractors are notified that Tenders will not be considered unless made strictly in accordance with the printed forms, and—in the case of firms—except there are attached the actual signatures and the nature of the occupation and place of residence of each member of the same.

For the due fulfillment of the Contract, satisfactory security will be required on real estate, or by deposit of money, public or municipal securities, or bank checks, of an amount of five per cent. on the bulk sum of the Contract.

To the Tender must be attached the actual signatures of two responsible and solvent persons, residents of the Dominion, willing to become sureties for the carrying out of those conditions, as well as the due performance of the works embraced in the Contract.

This Department does not, however, bind itself to accept the Lowest or any Tender.

By order, F. BRAUN, Department of Public Works, } Secretary. Ottawa, 24th April, 1878. }

New Advertisements.

Middleton Corner CHEAP CASH STORE.

Spring Opening.

ALL our importations of stock for this season having arrived we take pleasure in announcing to the public our ability to place the same before them this week for inspection and purchase. An early call is solicited. Our stock will be found complete in all departments, and offered for cash only, at a small advance on cost to ensure a living profit. Besides

Grey & White Cottons

Printed Goods.

A full line of NEW DRESS GOODS,

including: TASSO AND OTHER LINEN FABRICS.

Cotton and Linen Costumes, Princess Walking Suits

Mantles, Underskirts,

Corsets, Hose, etc.

Neckties, etc. Scotch and English Cloth,

SUITINGS, MANTLE CLOTHS

American Cloth and Duck, Ready-made Clothing,

OXFORD and HARVARD SHIRTINGS.

Men's Fine White, and Fancy Cotton Shirts,

very low. HOUSEKEEPING GOODS

in variety. MEN'S AND BOYS' HATS

in Straw and Felt. LADIES' & GENTS' UMBRELLAS & SUNSHADES

Full line of LADIES' STRAW GOODS,

in late Styles. Large assortment of

Millinery Goods in Flowers, Feather & Beads,

Dress and Suite Trimmings, Fancy Goods and Small Wares

of all kinds. Boots and Shoes,

for Large and Small. Agents for

RUSTIC WINDOW SHADES, Cheap and durable.

COUNTRY PRODUCE AT CASH VALUE, taken in exchange for any of our goods.

TERMS—STRICTLY CASH. J. HENRY SMITH & Co.

Middleton, N. S., April 17th, 1878.

1878. SPRING. 1878.

WE are now receiving our Spring Stock of

BOOTS, SHOES, HARDWARE,

PAINTS, OILS, and General Groceries,

which we have marked low to suit the times, and would respectfully invite intending purchasers to inspect our stock wherever.

In Boots and Shoes we have a large assortment, comprising:—

Boys' Youths' and Men's Buckle-shoes, BROGANS & CONGRESSES,

Misses' and Womens' KID, BUTTON and PRUNELLAS,

in variety, and a full line in Infants' Fancy Ankle Ties, Shoes and BUTTON BOOTS.

Garden & Field Seeds. Beans, Peas & Field Peas, Garden & Field Cabbages, Parsnips, Carrots, Onions, Mangold Wortzel, Radish, Turnips, Cucumbers, Squash, Turnip.

Our Onion Seed is from GREGORY'S Marblehead, this Spring, and recommended as fresh and reliable.

Just received a lot of Valises from \$1.50 to \$5.00.

ON HAND:— 500 Bushels of Oats, 50 Bushels of Barley.

MURDOCH & CO. MORE

New GOODS From England.

For Last Steamer.

1 BALE Prints, a good variety, 2 Cases Dress Materials, Figured and plain.

1 Case Cloths for Ladies Summer Scaques, 2 Cases Cloths for Girls' Summer Costings,

1 Bale Fancy Trouserings, 1 Bale Tweeds for Pants, and Boys' Clothing,

1 Case Black Cashmeres and French Merinos, 1 Case Black Lustres, Paramattas, &c.,

1 Case Fancy Shirtings, 2 Bales Bleached and Grey Cottons, Shirtings and Sheetings,

500 yds. All-Wool Union and Tapestry Carpets, 200 yds. Hemp Carpets, 100 yds. Star Carpets.

A good and cheap assortment of CURTAIN NETS and VALANCES.

A large assortment of Ready-Made Clothing.

The remainder of the Spring Goods to arrive by next steamer.

JOHN LOCKETT. VISITING CARDS.

Neatly executed at the office of this paper.

New Advertisements.

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