

The Weekly Monitor.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25th, 1883. HOME MANUFACTURE.

The subject of manufacturing we have ever regarded to be one of vital importance to Nova Scotia. In spite of our vast agricultural, lumbering and mining resources, we can never expect any great commercial wealth until our people generally realize the importance of working our raw material on the spot and not sending it away to be manufactured into various implements and articles which are in return exported to us, causing us to pay both duty and freight, sending our money out of the country, and compelling our young people to leave our shores to seek a livelihood through absence of employment here.

All history will vindicate the statements that exclusively mining and agricultural countries are usually poor and dependent on the products of the raw material from the fields, forests or mines is not the productive wealth that builds up towns and cities, or at least the kind that most greatly benefits the trading and wage receiving classes. It is a kind of wealth which stands in pools, and does not spread out over the whole country and make the wilderness and the solitary places glad and the desert rejoice and blossom like the rose. It does not thrill and electrify the social, educational and material interests of the country so thoroughly as to cause all parts to pulse with life and health. The reason is obvious. The raw, bulky, heavy material goes abroad at low rates, and returns as the product of the manufacturer at high rates. The difference between the price of the two commodities is the loss sustained by the non-manufacturing producer, and no people can claim to be well on the way to the highest property who are content to be the mere dealers and marketers, the producers of raw material, wholly dependent upon the capricious and fluctuating prices of the foreign purchasers and manufacturers for the necessities and comforts of life.

We study the future in the light of the past, and what home manufacturers have done for other nations, which we may safely calculate they will do for this State. We need only the example of our English brethren. Through England is first known in history by the efforts of the Phoenician navigators to obtain the products of her mines, and although her pastoral and agricultural wealth chiefly attracted the Roman conquerors, still England never emerged as a first class power in Europe until she had learned to manufacture her own products. Her island became a busy hive of industry and wealth. England exports no raw material and what is the consequence? The whole land shakes with machinery, and her sea coast is one long counter, where she trades with the world, buying the crude material and selling the refined and putting the difference into her pocket. Home manufacture has lavishly bestowed the power of France, Prussia and Holland, after being prostrated by long devastating wars. These countries have steadily grown rich—have money to loan and invest in great public enterprises—while Russia, whose exports consist chiefly of the raw materials, is one of the poorest nations of Europe, considering her extent and resources. Home manufactures made New England, with her thin soil, granite hills, and rough climate, rich and self-reliant while the sunny South, with a fertile soil, a delicious climate, and exporting all she raised, languished in poverty. But the claim of a new era of prosperity in that fair clime is evidenced by the fact that her capital is becoming to whiz and whirl in her looms and spindles.

Mr. Toland, general agent for the B. and P. Bible Society for Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, addressed a meeting Monday evening in the basement of Providence Church. He gave a very interesting account of the operations of the Society for the past year. Understanding by Copies, Bibles, Testaments, and portions taken together, the total issue at home has been 1,000,000, and those abroad 1,425,000, in all 2,425,000 copies, or nearly 100,000 for every working day of the year. These figures bring up the number of issues from the Society since its formation to 92,500,000. The total receipts of the Society for the past year were \$100,000, and the total disbursements, \$190,750. About 300 colporteurs are at work in Europe, and 250 more in Canada throughout other parts of the world. Mr. Toland referred to the trials and triumphs of the agents of the Society in France, Italy, the Caucasus, Turkey, Africa, Persia, India, and the Islands of the East. This venerable society is certainly most patient and persevering in its efforts to place the Bible in the hand of every man, printed in his own language. The Society has a very efficient agent in Mr. Toland. His addresses are always both interesting and instructive.

Judge Thompson and Messrs R. Scoble and William Graham of Halifax are visiting some American Universities, to obtain information in connection with the Law School to be established in Dalhousie College. Judge Rigby was unavoidably detained from accompanying them.

The Assizes at Lunenburg. The Chief Justice gave judgment in the Annapolis election case on the 18th inst., setting aside the preliminary objections filed by the sitting member, Mr. Ray, with costs. It is not yet known when the trial of the case will take place, but probably soon after the rising of the Dominion Parliament.

The Quebec Parliament buildings, with the exception of the eastern wing, were burned to the ground on the night of the 19th inst. The loss is estimated at \$100,000. Insurance \$75,000. The fire, it is supposed, originated in the hollow heating pipes, which were set on fire on two of three previous occasions. The most serious loss, it is in the library, which was very valuable and contained the public archives of the Province. About one-sixth of the books were saved in a damaged condition.

Good Unity. Mr. Chas. O'Neil, Englishman, raised last year six bushels of wheat from thirty rods of ground, called the White Russian wheat, which Mr. O'Neil, imported from the States. He says the quality is very fine.

ANNAPOLIS ITEMS.

A book store has been opened in the Goveaux building by Mr. F. Johnson.

Mr. W. E. Johnson, of the late firm of Harris and Johnson, removed to the new place which was occupied by Mr. John Wilson.

Between 75 and 100 passengers on the train Saturday, April 21st, for the Goveaux building.

The public examinations in the Academy took place last week. The interest manifested by parents and others throughout the various departments, was exceeding to teachers and pupils.

The general store of Messrs. W. E. Johnson, G. H. Harris & Co., and W. H. Brown, and Miss Pien-dal's book store were broken into Monday night last.

It is expected to launch the new ship, building at B. B. Bay, by A. Marshall, Esq., on Saturday, May 5th. She will be taken to St. John, to be rigged. She is very fine, and reflects much credit to the skill of J. H. Brown Esq., master-builder.

The people of Bear River are becoming very social. On Monday the 17th, the M. B. school had a picnic. The school had over \$40.00 towards the funds of their Church. On Friday the 20th, the Baptists had a similar gathering, and although the evening was very unpleasant, it resulted in aiding their Church funds, over \$50.00.

Schooner Onward owned by Mr. A. M. Sabourin, has been sold to Mr. Robbins and others, of Lower Granville.

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