

## Maritime Farmer.

FREDERICTON, N. B., September 30, 1885.

### The Cabinet Changes.

Last week several important changes were made in the personnel of the Dominion Government.

Hon. J. H. Pope who has been Minister of Agriculture since the formation of the Government in 1878, and who has also administered the Department of Railways since Sir Charles Tupper's retirement, relinquished the former office and becomes the permanent head of the latter Department.

Hon. John Carling resigned the office of Postmaster General, and became Minister of Agriculture, vice Pope. Mr. Carling has an especial fitness for his new office, having served in the Sanfield Macdonald Government of Ontario, as Minister of Agriculture. It was under his administration that the Guelph Agricultural College which has been of such benefit to agriculture in Ontario, was established.

The Postmaster Generalship resigned by Mr. Carling, has been given to Sir Alexander Campbell, who retired from the position of Minister of Justice.

Hon. J. S. D. Thompson of Halifax, late of the Supreme Court Bench of Nova Scotia, becomes Minister of Justice vice Campbell, and is the only new blood introduced into the Cabinet by the changes. Mr. Thompson has already been sworn in, and will seek election in Antigonish, the constituency for which he sat in the Local Legislature of Nova Scotia.

The new deal, so far as it relates to Nova Scotia, has given great offence to the Grit papers of that Province. The sitting member for Antigonish, Mr. McLeane, was a staunch Grit. Being offered a County Court Judgeship, by Sir John, he promptly accepted it, and thus left a vacancy in that county's representation in the Commons, which Mr. Thompson, a Conservative will fill, and this is what incenses the Grits. They assail Mr. McLeane for being a party to a scheme that hands Antigonish over to the Conservative party, and they assail Sir John for making a position on the County Court bench, the subject of barter, to accomplish that object. They attack Mr. McLeane for accepting office from a Government to which he was opposed, but the *Herald* in defending Mr. McLeane's appointment, relates how Judge Campbell and Judge Savary, both strong Tories, were appointed to the same bench by the McKenzie Government. The Grits are so angry at this last lever piece of generalship on the part of Sir John, which redeems Antigonish to the Government, and gives Nova Scotia a new Minister of great ability, that they actually know what to say. It has quite taken away their breath.

Judge McLeane is well qualified for his new position. He has been for years the leading barrister of Antigonish, and has sat in Parliament eleven years. He was a strong man personally in his country, and the Grit party have nobody to succeed him. The *Herald* in coming to Mr. McLeane's rescue from the aspersions of his late friends, points out that "he has done nothing that the most honorable minded man in the world might not do. Being offered, he has accepted an office for which he was fairly qualified, and to which he was fairly entitled, on all grounds—except that of partisanship. It is true that thereby Antigonish has been opened, and it is also true that the Grit party without him may not be able to carry it. But that is not his fault. It is the misfortune of the Grit party. If they were what they should be, there would be no difficulty in their carrying Antigonish. But they are not what they should be by any manner of means—and they know it. They know that Judge McLeane carried Antigonish in the past in spite of his connection with the Grit party, and not on account of it. And it is because they are so miserably weak, and so miserably afraid of his personal strength, and win "victories by it, and then claim them as 'Grit victories, that they are now so 'angry and insulting.'"

The Grit party in Nova Scotia are now in quite as bad a way as their friends in New Brunswick. They have only five representatives out of twenty-one left. Gritism evidently is a plant that doesn't flourish in Maritime Province soil.

### Military Discipline.

The unpleasant episode at the military camp Sunday morning, the particulars of which are given in our news columns, might have been avoided by the exercise of a little discretion. The Sergeant who was the victim of his Commanding Officer's displeasure, and who was punished for a very trivial offence under the circumstances, certainly was in the wrong, under the rules of military discipline, but repudiation and censure would have satisfied all the demands of the service. It was very courteous indeed, in the Fredericton Brass Band to place their services at the disposal of the camp authorities, to place the visiting corps to church. The offending Sergeant is a prominent member of that Band, and shared in the obligation under which the Band placed the military by their graceful act. This fact alone, should have mitigated the Sergeant's offence at least, and insured him against the ignominy of arrest and reprimand, publicly and offensively made and administered. If the military discipline in our volunteer force is to be as rigidly adhered to as in the regular service, the matter of starting from a point higher in rank than that of a sergeant, might be worthy of consideration. The strict application of military laws, would drive many worthy military men out of the volunteer service. Our young men are not prepared to submit to martinet practices in the camp. They naturally object to the autocratic superiority assumed by persons, who, clothed in a little better authority, lack discretion and judgment in the use of it, and it is little wonder that the public are incensed by the unpleasant event of Sunday morning, and that there is a feeling, that its occurrence may hasten some very desirable changes in the personnel of the corps concerned.

### Educational Matters.

At the recent meeting of the Carleton County Teachers' Institute, the Chief Superintendent of Education stated that there are in this Province 20,000 children of school age who do not attend school, and of those who pass through the primary terms, 42,000 leave school without being able to write a decent letter, and unfitted to enter upon the ordinary occupations of life.

These are startling statements, and demand attention. Can it be said that our educational system is doing the work it was intended to do, when twenty thousand children are not taking advantage of the opportunities which it offers? But Mr. Crockett's second statement is equally alarming. There may be some good and sufficient reason why a large proportion of the twenty thousand do not attend school. We know that in many back settlements children from quite an early age, are of great assistance to their parents who may be in indigent circumstances, and require the services of their children. In other instances, the school is a long distance from the children, while in the cities, many parents who, not enjoying the advantage of an education themselves, do not appreciate it for their children. But that forty-two thousand children who do attend school, leave it without being able to write a decent letter, and unfitted to enter upon the ordinary occupations of life, is a reflection on some part of the educational system, or upon the whole of it, from the Chief Superintendent down. If this statement is correct, it is quite clear that the primary object of our boasted free school system, namely to give a practical education to the masses, is being lost sight of, and the more quickly a reform is instituted to remedy the matter, the better for the country. Free Schools have done a great work for New Brunswick. The work ought to be large, however, to be commensurate with the great expenditure involved in its execution. We give one fourth of our revenue for educational purposes, and the tax payers of the country contribute a very large sum. It is the duty of those who have control of the expenditure of this large amount of money, to see that it is placed to advantage; to make the effect of its expenditure, as useful and far reaching as possible. Are they doing this? The statements of the Chief Superintendent would indicate that a large proportion of the amount is being abjectly thrown away.

The Carleton *Sentinel* in discussing Mr. Crockett's statements, says that "in listening to Mr. Crockett, one can scarcely fail to read between the lines of his utterances, a depressing conviction that our system is not accomplishing its desired ends. And how can it? With salaries that should not invite the best teaching talent, with a system of crum that without regard to the capabilities, the mental calibre or the future intentions and prospects as regards the vocations of life of the pupil, all are alike doled with a wearisome programme of studies which, in the ordinary time allotted to the majority of children at school, not one in a thousand can master. In our educational reforms, and it is apt to be the case in all great reforms, the movement is too rapid and goes from one extreme to the other. What our common school system should do, with the liberal expenditure made in connection with it, is to afford to every child, of ordinary intelligence, such an acquaintance with and mastery of the three R's, and—if you like mechanical drawing and domestic economy—as will prepare and fit them for the entering upon any of those ordinary avocations for which alone the great majority of children are intended, and to which alone there is for them an opening. This done by the state, let the care of the minority—who from their circumstances, or peculiar ability may desire, or find it expedient to branch out into higher educational courses, be otherwise provided for."

These are remarks to the point, and our legislators, and the officials who administer the educational department, have heard them before. Let the state afford a practical education to the masses, and there let state responsibility rest. Such a work as that properly performed, would achieve all that is expected of the Free School System, and the people ought to hold responsible, those whose business it is to have that work accomplished, if the expectations of the system are not realized.

The Toronto *World* observes that "when the Scott Act was rejected in Prince Edward County, Ontario, there were moralists of the compulsory school who regarded that county as given over to the sway of drunkards and criminals. The sequel shows how ill-founded that view was. On Saturday last, a pair of white gloves in Prince Edward County. He also found that there were but two cases upon the civil calendar. Had this good showing been made in a Scott Act county, many moralists would be drawn therefrom. Nevertheless the fact is very gratifying as it is."

How speedily and effectively Kent County tried of Mr. George McLeod as a representative, may be judged from the returns of the contests in which he was a candidate in that constituency. Here they are:

George McLeod	1570
Auguste Renaud	1072

G. A. Girouard	810
R. B. Butler	726
George McLeod	510

This is the same Mr. McLeod who now seeks to succeed Hon. Isaac Bumpie in St. John.

### NOTES!

Not the promissory, but facts about WEL-COME SOAP, an article that does not contain one particle of adulterations used to reduce the cost of "Pure Goods," but does possess the full value of legitimate Washing Quality, the demand for which grows the advantage gained by the use of the genuine over Soap of doubtful character. None should be deceived even by Red and Yellow Wrappers, or any of the imitations of the WEL-COME, as a pair of clapped hands stamped on every bar. Made by GRANT DAVIS & CO.

### NEW BRUNSWICK.

A Digest of the Week's Doings from all parts of the Province.

Charlotte County Municipal Elections Oct. 13th.

The Princess Louise Hussars are in camp at Rothesay, Kings Co.

The Argyle Hotel at St. Andrews, has been closed for the season.

The late Freeman H. Todd of St. Stephen, left property valued at \$108,000.

The Victoria Circuit Court, Judge Fraser presiding, opened yesterday at Andrews.

Mr. Tapley, wife of the Police Magistrate of Portland, St. John, died on Saturday.

King's County Court, Judge Wedderburn presiding, opened at Hampton on Tuesday next.

The *Bay Pilot* says, that Sir Leonard Tilley's health during the past week has much improved.

A new pipe organ has recently been placed in the Albert Street, Baptist Church at Woodstock.

Lieut. W. W. Hemphill of No. 3 Co. 67th Batt., is permitted to retire from the militia service retaining his rank.

Nomination in the St. John Dominion Election Tuesday, Oct. 13th, polling the 20th, and declaration the 22nd.

The Annual Session of the General Conference of the Free Christian Baptist Church of New Brunswick, opens at Sussex on Saturday.

Mr. S. D. Scott, the new editorial writer on the St. John *Star*, was married at River Herbert, Cumberland Co., one day last week, to Miss Wood.

Up to Saturday evening on the Carleton Railway, 27 miles of rails were laid and 40 miles graded, which distance will be completed this week.

The St. Stephen yacht "Leila," which visited Fredericton not long ago, will proceed to Florida in October with C. H. Eaton and members of the family.

The annual exhibition of the St. Martin's Agricultural Society will be held in the Masonic Hall, St. Martin's, and the adjoining hall, on Wednesday, October 14th.

G. R. Ketchum, the well known produce shipper of Woodstock, who kept a large farm in farming, raised this year twelve hundred bushels of oats on fifteen acres of land.

Wardens Odell, J. R. Bradford and M. N. Odell, who have decided to take St. John. The Carleton ferry to railway travellers to St. John will then be a thing of the past.

Edward Dunham, a prominent citizen of Carleton, St. John, while out gunning last Wednesday at Gaspeaux, accidentally shot himself dead. He leaves a wife and four children.

The racing season at Moncton, which was closed next Wednesday, when there will be free for all, \$100; free for all flat race, \$100; hurdle race, one mile dash over eight hurdles, \$100.

The marriage of Mr. Julius T. Garden, the popular young druggist of Woodstock, and Miss Agnes Campbell, of Carleton Place, was celebrated on Saturday last.

It has been discovered in the case of the woman shot recently at Rensselaer, New York, that the ball actually passed through the inner wall of the room. She is, however, now considered out of danger.

W. F. Ganong of St. Stephen a graduate of the University, has been appointed to a special course at Harvard University. He will proceed to Boston in a few weeks, and expects to spend the winter in Cambridge.

Timothy Lynch of Fredericton, is already employed on at Boileau's for his winter operations on the head of the Miramichi waters; he is paying \$20 per month to go men. Mr. Gibson is also preparing to operate as extensively as ever, making a cut of about 50,000,000.

The Charlotte County Agricultural Society will hold their annual fair at St. Stephen, St. Croix Agricultural Society, at St. Stephen, Thursday, Oct. 8th. The St. Patrick's Carnival at St. John, will be held on Saturday, Oct. 10th.

Charlotte County Society's ploughing match, Wednesday Oct. 15th, at the fair at the Bay Side, Thursday Oct. 16th.

The will of the late John Tucker of St. John has been admitted to probate. The value of the real property is placed at \$15,000 and upwards, and the personalty at \$50,000.

The property of the late John Tucker for the wife of the deceased, and at her death the real property goes to Joseph J. Tucker, who also receives one half of the real estate, the remaining half being divided by Mrs. C. W. Weldon.

The Moncton *Transcript* announces that the annual meeting of the Westernmost Liberal Association will be held at Moncton on Tuesday afternoon and evening, October 8th next. At the evening session several addresses will be delivered. The speakers invited are Dr. Sirs Alward, Dr. A. A. Stockton, Hon. R. J. Ritchie, Solicitor General, and E. B. McCreary, M. P., and Geo. V. McLachlan of St. John.

Fire caught in the picker room of the St. Croix cotton mill last Wednesday morning, caused by the friction of a portion of the machinery. The fire spread rapidly, and the flames burst forth, but were extinguished in an instant by a stream of water from the automatic sprinklers in the ceiling and a couple of hand hose pipes. Very little damage was done, outside the wetting of the building and the greater portion of raw cotton stored in the room.

THE ROCK ON WHICH MANY A CONSTITUTION goes to pieces is Dyspepsia. The loss of vigor which this disease involves, the depression it brings about, the mental and physical debility it causes, are all too generally recognized by the medical profession, and it is only a matter of time before the scientific world will be able to give a full and complete explanation of its nature and its cure.

Several journals were present, at the meeting of the British Association in England the other day, and one of them with more humor and courage than the rest, ventured the proceedings to a novel manner. He proposed a bean, stuck small three into it for legs, and with two small beads made ears. This wonderful construction was then carefully placed on a plate, covered with a wine glass, and passed around for inspection. Everyone of the men of science was delighted, and two presidents of sections warmly discussed the merits of the new bean.

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### A BUDGET OF NEWS.

Culled, Clipped and Collected from Everywhere.

The shed, containing engine, etc., at Thor, Ontario, was destroyed by fire on Saturday last.

The exports from Canada during the month of August, amounted to \$8,665,072, of which \$7,664,424, was the produce of Canada.

At Lewistown, Me., C. H. Nelson's 3 year old stallion *Neptune*, trotted a mile in 2:30, the best time for three years old, on record, upon a half mile track.

Charles Smith of Port Grenville, Cumberland Co., N. S., raised this year on 143 rods of land 314 bushels of potatoes, or at the rate of 437 bushels per acre.

If your children are troubled with worms give them *Scott's Emulsion*. Extremes; safe, sure, and effectual. Try it, and mark the improvement in your child.

The Earl of Clarendon, the new admiral on the Halifax station, who has been making a tour of Quebec and Ontario during the past week, is expected in Halifax this week.

Capt. McDonald of the Chatham Company of the 3rd Batt. in Camp at Niagara, has 43 non-commissioned officers and men, not one of whom is under six feet in height.

J. Norman Ritchie, appointed to the Nova Scotia Supreme Bench, the youngest brother of Sir William Ritchie, Chief Justice of Canada, and of the late Judge Ritchie of Halifax.

W. H. B. and In Bowler of Shelburne, N. S., were shot and seriously injured on Saturday last. They were hunting, and in a thicket, were mistaken by their companions for foxes, and shot.

The appeal in the Dominion liquor license case will come before the Imperial Privy Council early in November. Deputy Minister of Finance will be present on behalf of the Crown.

The election in Antigonish to fill the vacancy caused by Mr. McLeane's elevation to the County Court Bench, will be held Oct. 10th. The candidates are Mr. J. H. D. Thompson and Mr. J. H. D. Thompson.

Society circles in Halifax were excited last week, over the marriage of Major O'Brien, an officer of the Cavalry, and the daughter of Hon. W. B. Vail, M. P. for Digby. The bride is a niece of the late Hon. Dr. J. H. D. Thompson.

J. Norman Ritchie, Q. C., Recorder of Halifax, has been appointed to the Nova Scotia Supreme Court Bench, vice Thompson resigned. Robert Seligson, Q. C., has been appointed to the same position, and is named as likely to succeed to the Recordership.

Miss Allie Vagie, a Bangor heiress, worth \$100,000, highly educated, and a niece of Congressmen, Royce and of the *Wash.* who disappeared from her home five weeks ago, has been discovered at New Haven, Conn., where she had joined a opera company.

A bar of gold worth \$21,000 was brought to Halifax the other day from the Montana mines. It was the result of fourteen days' work, and was the largest bar of gold ever taken from these mines since June 18th.

The unkindest thing that has recently been said about the legal profession is embodied in the remark made in a French paper, "The lawyers are the only class of the community who are not allowed to be honest."

The organization of the new mounted infantry corps at Winnipeg, which Lieut. Col. Taylor is commanding, is progressing, and the corps is expected to be ready for service in full strength of 1,000 men, A and B batteries and Company of infantry school corps, will be relieved from duty on Oct. 1st.

Considering the very great size of his body and the activity of Jumbo's mind, he could not be considered an enormous creature. His weight was 200 pounds of hay, two bushels of oats, a barrel of potatoes, ten or fifteen large loaves of bread, two or three quart jars of molasses, and a small barrel of bread that the children who visited the show took pleasure in giving him.

Mr. G. W. Macall, Pavilion Mountain, B. C., writes: "Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil is the best medicine I ever used for Rheumatism. Nearly every winter I am laid up by the rheumatism, and I have tried every kind of medicine without getting any benefit, until I used Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil. It has cured me of my rheumatism, and I am now able to do my work."

The top-keepers employed on the estate of the Duke of Edinburgh, in the county of Kent, finished their work Friday. The usual work of the top-keepers is to cut and stack the hay, and the Duke offered to pay them a shilling a basket. This created a great uproar among the top-keepers, who refused to do the work, and prepared to carry them out, when the Duke became frightened at the demonstration and yielded to the demands.

The trial of the "Queen of the Turf" died at the Fashion Stud Farm, near Trenton, New Jersey, on Thursday last. She was only a few hours. A post-mortem examination was made, and it was found that she had died of a fatty degeneration and enlargement of the heart. She was 28 years old last May, and had been a favorite of the public since she was first shown at the farm. At the time of her retirement she had trotted 132 races, of which she won 92. Her earnings were nearly \$200,000.

There has been paid up to date in Halifax County, says the *Herald*, the sum of \$13,650 in fishing bonds for both vessels and boats. The distribution of so much money among the fishing classes at any time is a boon of no small moment, but at present, when the price of fish is so low, and the catch so small as usual, the fishermen must feel grateful for the timely aid thus rendered by the Dominion Government. The advantages accruing to the fisherman from the population from Government assistance are increasing year by year and a permanent improvement in the welfare of its members.

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