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FUTURE PROSPECTS.

In looking over the columns of the last *Scottish American Journal* we noticed that a representative of the firm of McRae & Sons, woolen manufacturers, of Gait, Ont., is visiting Halifax in quest of a suitable site for a woolen mill he proposes to erect, and which will give employment to two hundred hands. The same gentleman, Mr. D. McRae, proposes establishing a jute manufactory, which will be the first of the kind in Canada. When we look at the many advantages possessed by our County, it does seem strange that some of our leading men do not take some steps towards establishing an industry or industries which will open up an avenue for the use of capital now lying dormant in the county, and which will furnish constant employment to a number of our artisans and laborers. On every hand we hear of cotton and other factories being started in new fields, while others are in progress towards establishing a jute manufactory; Westmorland its sugar refinery; Charlotte its cotton and other factories, and other counties might be named as possessing factories of different kinds, furnishing labor all the year round to the bread-winner; while Northumberland remains still in the cold.

We have on our river a number of saw mills which give employment during the summer months only, but even this cannot last long, as our forests are rapidly being stripped of products, and ten or fifteen years at the outside will see this lumbering industry in a vastly different condition from that in which it is found to-day. In view of these things it is the duty of those who possess the capital to enter into, as well as the ability to carry on new enterprises, to leave no stone unturned to open up new avenues of labor, by co-operating with outside capitalists who are looking about them for suitable localities in which to engage in manufacturing pursuits. This is a question of paramount importance, affecting as it does the future welfare of the County. If by sheer neglect in refusing to seize upon golden opportunities as they offer, Northumberland is left in the rear in industrial enterprises, we shall have ample time to ponder over our apathy when it is too late, and when the past cannot be retrieved. A free site has been offered by one of our public men in Chatham (Senator Muirhead) to any person or persons who will start a factory in that town, and we have no doubt that others will be willing to do likewise. Two gentlemen in Newcastle, R. C. Call and Jas. Mitchell, Esq., who own the property at one time in possession of the New Brunswick Steam Company, are willing to take stock in any Company to the extent of the value of the same. The property consists of a wharf extending out to deep water, with store, warehouse and large building suitable for a factory.

The County Council will be willing to extend aid to any company wishing to start any enterprise here, by exempting the land, buildings and plant from taxation for a term of years. We have a noble County—rich in natural resources, and well adapted for manufacturing pursuits. What say our leading men? Will they make a move.

The Coalfield Bishop.

The Rev. Dr. Kingston, Coalfield-Bishop, who lately arrived from England, and who stopped over at Sussex to visit Canon Medley, reached St. John yesterday morning in company with the Metropolitan who was also visiting Sussex. They were met on their arrival by Rev. Canon Briscoe, and went with him to his house. In the afternoon a reception was given at the residence of the city and the lay members of the church an opportunity to meet the newly appointed Coalfield-Bishop. There was quite a large gathering among whom were noted: Rev. Canon Briscoe, Canon Briscoe, Rev. George Armstrong, Rev. W. Armstrong, Rev. Canon DeVeber, Rev. Mr. Irving, Rev. Mr. Partridge, Rev. Mr. Underhill, John Sears, Mr. C. H. Fairweather, Dr. Botsford, Mr. C. H. Fairweather, Mr. J. De W. Spurr, Mr. G. H. W. Jarvis, Mr. W. W. Weldon, M. P., and many others. Dr. Kingston was introduced to the clergy and the gentlemen present by the Metropolitan, and a short time was had with each. The Coalfield-Bishop is a gentleman of medium stature, strongly built and of erect form, and created a most favorable impression on those who called on him. The formal introductions over, the Metropolitan expressed his thanks to the present, saying that he knew the time was inopportune, as business men had their secular duties to perform, but he had the opportunity of introducing the gentleman whom he had chosen for his Coalfield-Bishop. Dr. Kingston was the friend of his most intimate friends in England, and he came here highly recommended, and he knew that his (the Coalfield-Bishop's) association with the laity and clergy of the Diocese would be pleasant and productive of good results. His Lordship made some very feeling remarks about his own case when first Canon Briscoe and he were in the Metropolitan, followed by the best wishes of all who had heard the few remarks he had made.

Frederick, June 3.—Rev. Dr. Kingston, Coalfield-Bishop, elected, accompanied by the Metropolitan, arrived at St. John to-night, and is the guest of His Lordship at Bishopscote. The bells of the Cathedral and of St. Ann's Church pealed forth a joyous welcome to the distinguished stranger.—Sun.

County Restigouche.

JACQUET RIVER ITEMS.

Dear Advocate.—This has been a very cold, backward spring in this locality, but the last fortnight has been all that could be desired and farmers are getting on very rapidly with their spring seeding. Fish are very plenty here this spring. Herring has scarcely ever been known to be here in such large quantities. Capelin, (for which Belledune is famous), are also making their appearance and seem to be very plentiful along the river. There is not much activity in the lobster business this spring, but those who are fishing, report a very good catch. A lot of fish were landed at Belledune and Petit Rocher. Fishermen in this vicinity have not set their nets yet.

Mr. Peter Nicholson has mysteriously disappeared from this place, leaving his intended bride to mourn his departure for fresher fields and pastures new, as he was to be married to Miss Quin, the intended bridegroom who it seems changed his mind, very suddenly almost at the last minute.

There has been a very good freshet on the river here this spring. The drives are all well across the river, and the lumber that is stuck on the river last year has been got out this spring. The spool factory is running over time to-day, and a large number of men and boys are employed and quite a village has sprung up near the site of the factory. The mill is doing well, and the manufacturing of the spools may not be out of place here. The wood is cut in 4 1/2 feet lengths, and is corded in the yard adjacent to the mill. The corded wood is employed drawing it into the mill, where there are two large circular saws running day and night, and is sawn into boards from 1/2 inch in thickness. The boards are then passed to the strippers, so called, and saved into strips, great care being taken to get the strips square. It is then piled in the yard until it is to be put into the kiln or dry house where it is dried by steam heat. The wood is then turned into round, and the wood to the required length for the spools. The spools are then made by the strippers, who are taken to the second floor, where they are polished, sorted and packed. Quite a number of girls are to be employed in this branch of the business.

Mr. Beckett is also removing a hobbler from St. John to the mill, to be in connection with the spool factory at this place.

Mr. John Jeffery has opened a blacksmith's shop. Mr. Andrew Murphy is erecting a carpenter's shop. Mr. E. Duplace, Esq., of Drummondville, Que., has opened a dry goods and grocery store in opposition to the one at Belledune. Mr. James Brown was severely bitten by a savage dog 30th May. The dog was shot immediately.

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Spring has been later than usual in this section of the Province, and farming has in consequence been greatly retarded. Another drawback to the season is the late start of the preceding one, which has been more favorable and things are now progressing rapidly.

On Monday, 30th May, a number of persons assembled at Black Point Church to witness the marriage of Mr. John Curry, Merchant, of Belledune, to Miss Curry, daughter of Mr. J. Curry, of Belledune. Miss Annie Doyle (sister of the bride) was bridesmaid, and Mr. Daniel Curry, of Belledune, was best man. The ceremony of both bride and groom was performed by Rev. Canon Briscoe, who, after the ceremony, gave a large sum of money to the poor of the parish, and the bride and groom, accompanied by a few friends, drove to the residence of the bride's father, where an excellent dinner was being prepared for them. They have the best wishes of their many friends.

Persons engaged in stream driving have been rather scarce this season, owing to the late start of the season, together with the heavy rains of spring, have made quite a freshet, enabling the drivers to take down the lumber without much difficulty.

All the mills have commenced sawing for the season. The situation of foreman of the mill at Belledune, Mr. J. Curry, was occupied by the late lamented David Curry, who was killed by a cow on the 29th inst. The mill is doing well, and the manufacturing of the spools may not be out of place here. The wood is cut in 4 1/2 feet lengths, and is corded in the yard adjacent to the mill. The corded wood is employed drawing it into the mill, where there are two large circular saws running day and night, and is sawn into boards from 1/2 inch in thickness. The boards are then passed to the strippers, so called, and saved into strips, great care being taken to get the strips square. It is then piled in the yard until it is to be put into the kiln or dry house where it is dried by steam heat. The wood is then turned into round, and the wood to the required length for the spools. The spools are then made by the strippers, who are taken to the second floor, where they are polished, sorted and packed. Quite a number of girls are to be employed in this branch of the business.

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The London Horror.

AS VIEWED BY A GENTLEMAN FROM ST. JOHN.

London, Ont. May 31.—Having just witnessed the wreck of the stern wheel steamer "Victoria," I thought you would like to learn a few particulars, some of them not yet generally known. The steamer "Victoria" was a piece of one of the vessels' ribs, and the wreck was not as it is, except at each end, where it was supported by rotten pieces not over 30 inches at the widest part. The wreck was broken down by half-inch bolts. Just fancy 600 persons, men, women and children, in so frail a craft. Looking at the lower deck door of the upper part, which was 1/2 inch thick, and the craft was only 80 feet long and 22 feet wide.

There are plenty of corks near St. John fully as wide as the Thames is at the spot the accident occurred, and unless it all happened—the shipping of water, the panic and the capsize—in an incredible short space of time, it cannot for the life of me see why such steps were not taken as would have prevented the loss of a single life. Two seconds would have taken the steamer into shallow water, either to one side or ahead, but the fool-brain captain kept on her course, even when the danger was plain. A crowd was causing her frail timbers to give way. The river is only some 60 to 70 yards wide, and one is to be seen, and the water is so shallow, that the vessel, surface, to be compelled to believe that within five feet of shallow water a vessel would be wrecked. The vessel was 200 tons. I am convinced, however, that apart from the frailty of the vessel, the sale of intoxicating liquors was the immediate cause of that dire calamity.

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The Kennedy family will visit St. John in August.

Dr. McDonald leaves for Chatham next week.

Slack Reeves, the English tenor, is very ill, and his life is despaired of.

Lord Rowton, it is said is a suitor for the hand of the Princess Beatrice.

London, June 3.—Hon. Alexander Mackenzie has left London for a tour in Switzerland. He is expected to return on the 10th inst. and will benefit his health.

A cablegram of the 30th ult. from London says:—Sir John A. McDonald is intended to visit St. John in August. He will come to London to obtain medical advice.

The death is announced at Epworth, France, of Mr. McDonald, the well-known fisherman, who manufactured the Moet and Chandon champagne. He left a fortune of more than \$300,000.

Master Frank Livingston, son of the editor of the *Zealand*, and April, escaped from drowning on Wednesday. He fell overboard from a schooner lying at the South Pier, St. John, and was rescued by the crew of the schooner, who were on duty for the charge of a sailor, who plunged in and swam with the lad to land.

His Excellency the Governor General has received the following official advice relating to the Princess:—"Owing to the consequences of the injury sustained by the Princess Louise, the Governor General has ordered the physicians to undertake the voyage to Canada, or the journey to the North-West."

The wife of the Rev. Andrew Stevens, of the Church of St. Andrew, has died. She was well known to the older residents of St. Stephen and St. Andrews. The *Bay of Fundy* has been very much disturbed by the late Mr. Campbell, of St. Andrews, who died in the same month. Her husband is a brother of Judge Campbell.

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The Weather.

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The temperature appears to have been exercising itself during the past week, by the extremes recorded by the thermometer. The official report by G. Blair, Esq., during the week shows as follows:—

Sunday May 29. Max. Ther. Min. Ther. Monday 30. 50.0 42.0 Tuesday 31. 55.0 45.0 Wednesday June 1. 55.0 45.0 Thursday 2. 62.0 45.0 Friday 3. 62.0 45.0 Saturday 4. 62.0 45.0

On Monday night or early yesterday morning it may have been even lower than any of the above figures, as several persons declare there was frost.

Ministerial. At the last quarterly meeting of the Miramichi Circuit of the Methodist Church, held at Chatham on Wednesday afternoon, the Rev. S. T. Teed, Superintendent, was invited to remain for another year. This invitation will doubtless be complied with by Conference.

The Rev. Mr. Lodge, who has spent two years in Derby, it is thought will not return to the same station another year. The Rev. Mr. Lodge is in excellent condition, too great a strain upon his health.

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