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WOLFVILLE, N. S., FEB. 4, 1891.

Parliament Dissolved.

The rumors of the past few weeks in reference to the early dissolution of the Dominion Parliament have been verified and Parliament has been dissolved. The writs bear date February 4th, and are made returnable on April 25th. Nominations are to take place on Thursday Feb. 26th. Polling on Thursday March 5th. The grounds given by the Government for their appealing to the people at this present time, it is stated, is in consequence of certain proposals to the United States for negotiation looking to an extension of our commerce with that country. The proposals have been submitted to the president for his consideration, and the Canadian Government are of the opinion that if the negotiations are to result in a treaty which must be ratified by the Parliament of Canada it is expedient that the Government should be able to deal with a Parliament fresh from the people.

Now Good Seed.

For successful farming is required good land, good seed, a good farmer and something to carry on the business with. A farmer of indifferent knowledge and experience may by chance raise a successful crop, provided he has good land and good seed; a good farmer with good seed may succeed in raising a paying crop on indifferent soil by careful cultivation; but the best farmer in the land, with the best seed that can be selected, cannot raise a good crop with poor seed. Many of our farmers found this out to their cost last year. A great deal of the oat crop of the preceding year had been so badly injured by frost as to have lost its germinating power to a very great degree. The consequence was that last year there were many fertile fields that only produced about a half a crop. What caused such a disastrous failure in the oat crop last year, caused failures to a less degree in other cereals, and is true in some degree every season. Neither is it by frost alone that the germinating power of seed may be weakened; no matter what the cause, the result will be equally unsatisfactory. The only safe way of knowing whether seed has good germinating power or not is by a test. The Dominion Government has made arrangements, as will be seen by a letter published in another column, to provide free tests of samples of seed sent there. The time required for the test is only a few weeks, but it is quite time now that our farmers were moving in this matter. We only call attention to this now, knowing how extremely careless many are of their own best interests. Full directions for sending samples are contained in the letter referred to.

"Poverty Superseded."

This is the subject of a paper read by Dr. A. P. Reid before the Nova Scotia Institute of Science. This paper is the thoughtful expression of the workings of a fertile brain. There are many things that might be raised in objection to the propositions therein made, but these same objections may have been foreseen and overcome by the writer, and not explained here on account of details being too lengthy for his paper. The most important objection is that too much is given to the Government to perform, with the expectation that this extra work can be done with but very little extra cost. In the present condition of political parties, the frequent changes of the executive and their respective economic policies, it is now a question whether Government or a private corporation could perform these duties cheaper. Should the Government direct the way the surplus earnings of the community are disposed of, assume the care of the impetuous or incapable, and supply work to all who are out of employment, then it will be seen that the tendency to over-population is a fact that this "New Political Economy," as well as the existing order of society, or Communism, would have to deal with. Savings banks and life insurance, and a system of annuities in connection with these, are mentioned in the paper. Undoubtedly a more systematic use of these important means of providing for old age, and for a family, after death, would be a move in the right direction. The writer's considerations on "Credit" have a case for a trial, and might establish a claim to a preference over the existing order of society. With a certain class compulsory economy is necessary, and if poverty will be superseded by the New Political Economy, we should like to see it prove its power of training mankind at large to the improvement which it presumes.

TAKE NOTICE.—If your razor is dull take it to J. M. Shaw's Barber Shop and he will put it in first-class order for the small sum of 15c. 10.

Letter from Mr. Starr.

SIR,—I think it will be well for the ratepayers of this village to thoroughly discuss and understand the position that they are in, before committing themselves in any way to the proposed scheme for relieving Acadia College and the five churches and school house from the water rate. The facts of the case as I understand it are about as follows: First, The rateable property of the whole Water District is assessed at \$417,910, and the rate of tax on that assessment for this levy is 40 cents per \$100. Second, The assessed value of the whole property of Acadia College is \$40,000; the Baptist church, \$5,500; the Methodist church, \$2,500; the Presbyterian church, \$1,800; the church of England, \$2,000; the R. C. church, \$1,600; the school house, \$2,000, making a total of \$55,400, or about one-sixth of the total valuation. This reduction if applied to the present levy would bring the rate per \$100 up to 47½ cents or thereabouts. Again, The commissioners have issued and sold debentures to the amount of \$25,000, on the security of the assessment valuation of the district. They also have received authority from the Legislature to issue an additional number of debentures, amounting to \$10,000 to pay for the completion of the works. This amount will soon be placed on the market, and in what position will we find ourselves, if on the one hand we are asking for a further loan of \$10,000 and on the other are found decreasing our already sufficiently burdened securities by 12½ per cent. It is well known that there is no market so sensitive as the financial, and that the slightest distrust of any securities will cause an immediate shrinkage in values. Therefore in view of the position in which we find ourselves it is important that we should seek to increase rather than diminish the amount of rateable property in the district, in order to keep our securities at or above par. With all deference to the opinions of those friends of the different institutions of learning and of the several churches in the village, I trust that on reconsideration of all the facts of the case, they will at least defer further agitation on this subject until a more convenient season; and in the meantime will look upon the tax as an amount paid for fire protection, which the ratepayers of the village are not in position now to give without recompense, however much they may wish to the contrary.

I am yours truly,

R. W. STARR.

The Experimental Farm.

DEAR SIR,—The past season has in many localities been unfavorable for the production of crops. In Acadia this has been injured by rain during harvest, or from being stacked before fully drying thus causing it to sprout or heat, while in other localities some varieties have been shrivelled and partly blighted by hot drying winds. Under each and all of these conditions cereals are apt to lose a portion of their vitality, or to have it so weakened as to produce, when sown, a puny growth. Seed grain, to bring the best results, should have its germinating power unimpaired, so that when placed in the soil the young plants may make a prompt and vigorous start. The character of the crop is much influenced by the purity of the seed and for this reason it is important that farmers should ascertain whether the grain they are holding for seed possesses the necessary vitality. Provision has been made by the Government whereby this can be done without cost to the individual, and any farmer in the Dominion who may have any variety which he desires to have tested, may obtain the information he seeks by forwarding to the Central Experiment Station, at Ottawa, samples of such grain or other agricultural seeds. A special testing house has been built for this work which affords ample capacity. Samples may be sent free through the mail, an ounce or two is sufficient for the purpose and about two weeks are required to complete a test. Since November, when the season opened for this work, the vitality of more than eleven hundred samples has been ascertained and it is hoped that all those who desire to avail themselves of the provision offered will send in their samples early, so that there may be time to complete the work and supply the needed information before seedling begins.

WM. SAUNDERS,
Director Experimental Farm,
Ottawa, Jan. 16th, 1891.

Desperate Indian Braves.

"Indian Horrors, or Massacres by the Red Men" is the title of a book being prepared by the Earle Publishing House of St. John. This thrilling narrative of war with the merciless savages includes a full account of the adventurous life and tragic death of Sitting Bull, the world renowned Chief. It gives a vivid portrayal of celebrated Chiefs, battles fought with sublime courage, exciting adventure, and deeds of heroism unsurpassed by the story of Thermopylae. The whole comprises an authentic and fascinating history of the Indians from the discovery of America down to the present time, by Rev. Henry Davenport Northrup, D. D. This work of 600 pages is fully illustrated with thrilling scenes among the Indians, and the low subscription price (\$1.50) places it within the reach of all. Canvasers should apply immediately for circulars and terms, or to save time send \$1.50 and prospectus with outfit will be mailed at once; also a complete book prospectus, etc., to Earle Publishing House, St. John.

The Sonnet and an Author of One.

The Sonnet is frequently denominated a Stanza, but not accurately. It is constructed as a Stanza might be, but it is itself a complete poem. Like a Stanza it consists of a certain definite number of verses, popularly called lines, the number being fourteen. Each of these verses is an Iambic pentameter. They rhyme in a particular manner, and it is this which constitutes a Sonnet. To make the description of a Sonnet more complete, it may be divided into its proximate component parts of two quatrains and two tercets, the quatrains consisting, as the term denotes, each of four verses, and the tercets each of three. In the quatrain division of the poem, the first, fourth, fifth and eighth verses rhyme, as do the second, third, sixth and seventh; in the tercette division the first verse rhymes with the fourth, the second with the fifth, and the third with the sixth. The law for the construction of a Sonnet is not generally understood, or, if understood, not observed, and consequently we meet with but few real Sonnets. Sometimes a volume, which is labeled as a "Book of Sonnets," has not one true Sonnet in the number; they have the fourteen verses, and perhaps the correct number and species of feet, but the rhyme is not according to the law. The probability of this imperfection in the construction of the poem is not unquestionably a trifling task, and one which only a few writers have the courage to attempt.

What has prompted these remarks is that I have lately seen a volume of poems, composed by our clever townsman, Mr. J. F. Herbin, which contains a true Sonnet, a rare avia, as explained: But the whole volume is equally worthy of notice, and most persons would say, with even better reason, for every poem is an effusion fraught with ardent patriotism. I am not a poet, but if I know anything whatever of the spirit of poetry, I would unhesitatingly say that Mr. H.'s collection consists not merely of correctly constructed verses, but contains no little real poetry, far worthier of the name than much that is lauded by magazines and reviews, as conferring glory on the age. Of these criticisms it may be said in the language of one of our most admired poets and ablest critics,

"The people's voice is odd,
It is, or it is not, the voice of God."

But as regards this special point, Mr. H. has given us what is so rare, a true Sonnet. It is the last poem in the collection, and metrically considered, at least, is not inferior to the plaintive and well-known Sonnet of Milton's, "On his Blindness," beginning,

"When I consider how my life is spent,
Or that other by Mr. Ormsby, which is a which language the Sonnet had its source. In Mr. H.'s poem, as printed, the quatrains are separated from the tercettes, which is to be regretted, as it mars the appearance and obscures the form of the Sonnet.

O. D. RANDALL,
Wolfville, Jan. 22d, 1891.

Hants County News.

It is the sad story again of the clearing away of three trees lodged together by the woodman's axe. Woodman spare that tree! but the rising word of those at hand was, O tree! O God! Spare that man, as crash! crash! was the sound upon the fleeing axeman, Alexander Boyles, Five Mile River. Alas the limb finger crashed through his skull to instant death. He was an employee of the lumbering gang belonging to the George Frame mill, Matland, and has left a wife and family of several young children rather destitute. This accident brings up in remembrance the drowning of the two young men, Boyles and Murphy, by upsetting of a boat coming over from Londonderry in the summer of 1889. The percentage of the lumbering business, in East Hants is somewhat less than last year, although the snow lay is most favorable. The handful of Baptists of Noel with whom Mr. Howard Bars was during the summer, have drawn upon this snow some one hundred tons of stone for their meeting-house foundation.

Do You Want \$750 in Gold?

Or perhaps you want a piano, an organ, a gold watch or some one or other of the 100 prizes which the publishers of the DOMINION ILLUSTRATED will distribute among their subscribers during the next six months. The total value of prizes is over \$3,000, ranging from \$750 in gold to an article valued at \$5, the latter being the smallest prize. In view of the fact that many persons have been induced to enter into word competitions and after winning prizes, have been called upon to pay express charges upon worthless articles, the publishers of the DOMINION ILLUSTRATED announce that any prize winner dissatisfied with his or her prize may exchange it for the cash value named in the prize list. For sample copy of the journal, with circular setting forth the prize list and all particulars, send 12 cents in stamps to the publishers, The Sabiston Litho. & Pub. Co., Montreal.

The report of the New York State Board of Assessors says: "Our investigation during the year verify the statement that there is no improvement in the value of farm lands or the financial condition of their owners or occupants. Everywhere we are confronted with the statement that farm lands are depreciating, that sales are infrequent and that the industry continues growing less profitable. In many instances mortgage liens upon farms represent their full value and unimproved farms are unusual and exceptional."

The Queen's Latest Offer.

A FREE EDUCATION OR ONE YEAR'S TRAVEL IN EUROPE. In THE QUEEN'S "Word Contest," which the publishers of that magazine announce as the LAST ONE THEY WILL EVER OFFER, A Free Education consisting of a Three Year's Course in any Canadian or American Seminary or College, including all expenses, tuition and board, to be paid by the publishers of THE QUEEN, or One Year Abroad, consisting of One Entire Year's Travel in Europe, all expenses to be paid, will be given to the person sending them the largest list of words made from the text which is announced in the last issue of THE QUEEN. A special deposit of \$750 has been made in The Dominion Bank of Canada, to carry out this offer. Many other useful and valuable prizes will be awarded in order of merit. The publishers of THE QUEEN have made their popular family magazine famous throughout both Canada and the United States by the liberal prizes given in their previous competitions, and as this will positively BE THE LAST ONE OFFERED, they intend to make it exceed all others as regards the value of the prizes. Send six two cent stamps for copy of THE QUEEN containing the text, complete rules and list of prizes. Address THE CANADIAN QUEEN, Toronto, Canada.

K. D. C. at G. H. Wallace's.

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MISS SWAIN

Wishes to announce to the ladies of Wolfville and vicinity that she has returned and will resume her classes in Oil & Decorative Painting! on Tuesday, Feb. 2d. Those wishing to take lessons will please apply at the American House, Wolfville, on that date, where samples of work may be seen. She is also prepared to give lessons in Arresine Embroidery.

For Sale or To Let.

The property owned by Mr. R. W. Starr, in Wolfville, at the corner of Main and Wharf streets, at present occupied by Mrs. Quinn, (formerly the residence of Andrew DeWolfe, Esq.), containing about one acre and a half, including orchard, together with dwelling-house, barn, ice house and other outbuildings. This property is a very desirable one, being in a central situation and having a frontage on Main street of 350 feet. Possession given May 1st, 1891. For terms and other particulars apply to the owner or to

E. SIDNEY CRAWLEY, Solicitor,
Wolfville, Jan. 20th, '91.

J. J. MOORE,
BARRISTER,
KENTVILLE, N. S.

HORSE RUGS!

SLEIGH ROBES!

& SLEIGH BELLS!

We are offering bargains in the above to close.

Walter Brown.

Wolfville, January 25th, 1890.

J. W. Ryan wishes the readers of the "Acadian" a Happy and Prosperous NEW YEAR, and what is perhaps more to the purpose, will do all he can to make it so for them. Call and see him.

KENTVILLE, JAN. 1st, 1891.

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& CO.

Wolfville, January 23d, 1891.

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G. F. & P. A., Agent, St. John,
Commercial Wharf, Boston.
J. B. Coyle, Manager, Portland.

DRESSMAKING!

MISS F. E. DAVISON respectfully announces to her friends and the public that she has resumed Dressmaking in Wolfville and for the present taken rooms at Mr. Fred. Woodworth's, next door south of the Methodist church. Having practised the system of cutting known as the Magic Scale for several years with perfect success, she feels assured that she will be able to please the most fastidious. Lessons given in cutting and fitting by the Magic Scale system and charts furnished at reasonable terms.

Wolfville, May 14th, 1890.

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B. O. DAVISON,
AGENT,
WOLFVILLE N. S.

For Sale.

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Church St., Cornwallis.

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