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DOMINION DAY

July first this year promises to be a great gala day in this part of the country. At Annapolis there is to be a Grand Bazaar under the auspices of the St. Louis Catholic church, and other festivities. At Windsor the day will be kept in the usual way, Sports, Bands from Halifax, Concert in the evening, Fire-works, etc. etc. At Halifax, also, there will be the usual attractions.

Special trains are advertised to run east and west, leaving Annapolis for Kentville at 5.30 p. m., Kentville for Windsor at 8.00 p. m., Windsor for Halifax at 10.30 p. m., also leaving Halifax for Windsor at 8.15 p. m. and Windsor for Kentville at 10.30 p. m., all railway time, one hour added giving Halifax time. All one first-class fare and good to return same or following day.

If the expectations of these places are fulfilled one of the best days of sport ever held will be realized.

We see no reason, now that Dominion Day has lost in a large manner its political significance, why this day should not be celebrated as our grand national day the same as July 4th in the United States. A general Holiday once a year is always an enjoyable event and should be supported and kept up. July 1st is a time peculiarly suitable because the farmers are just through planting and a day of rest and recreation comes very acceptable to them. Wolfville as yet has done nothing in this line, but we hope to see in the near future our people making this a grand fair-day to be remembered as the day of the year.

The base fellow sees in anyone, whatever the excellences, only the defects and faults. A swine notices only the mud and mire in the pond that bears the lotus.

OURSELVES AS OTHERS
SEE US.

The following communication appears in the *Steel Edge Reporter*:

The editors met in solemn conclave and unanimously decided that, as two of the staff had been off on a trip, they would grant leave of absence, for a few days to another, in order that he might bring home his wife and family. At the same time they cautioned him to conduct himself in such a manner as would sustain the "dignity of the press," as the other two had done, when far removed from the influences of the "Editorial Sanctum." Pleased with the thought that, for a few days, no business cares nor editorial duties would disturb his mental equilibrium your most humble servant started for a short visit to the "Garden of Nova Scotia." At Truro he is joined by the Principal of the Normal School, a Halifax Barrister, formerly a student of Acadia College, a ministerial student, a Presbyterian Divine and a medical doctor. The two latter are going to Halifax the three former are on their way to Wolfville to attend the anniversary of the College which takes place on the following day. The time is very pleasantly spent till Windsor Junction is reached. Here we spend twenty minutes waiting for the W. & A. train. The time, though short, is quite sufficient to get introduced to a very large collection of Rocks and a very large number of Goats—in fact the greater portion of the population belong to the latter class.

We also made a mineralogical examination of the rocks and came to the conclusion that the legend is false which says these rocks formed the ballast of the Ark and were thrown out here, as they belong to a different age from those of Eastern Counties. We think we established this beyond the shadow of a doubt. The train came along and prevented us from making any further examinations. We got on board and found the cars terribly crowded—a regular Baptist convention on wheels. Many old college chums were there—lawyers, doctors, and ministers—all en route for Wolfville. The Press was well represented, Mr. S—, said to be the best press reporter in Halifax, represented the *Mail and Herald*. The *Chronicle* had a man there also. The Editor of the *Christian Messenger* wore a placid smile on his countenance, caused no doubt, by the thought that on the morrow he expects to get matter enough to fill eight or ten columns, which is a very pleasant thought for an editor. In a rear corner of one car may be seen a little group of kindred spirits, prominent among whom is your humble servant, discussing the topics of the day, College Questions, Didactics, etc. are disposed of in a masterly style. After which the Cumberland elections receive due notice. Then the conversation turns to Dominion politics but as all are on one side the conversation begins to flag a little, when our genial *Herald* reporter, who is equal to any emergency, tries to show us all that is good in the opposite party and succeeds so well that we have quite a spirited discussion. Time passes quite rapidly and real pleasantly in this way till the conductor

informs us that he requires our company no longer, at the same time expressing, by his looks, his deep regrets at losing such a jolly crowd. Our paths now diverge to various parts of the village.

It was our privilege to attend the closing exercises of the Seminary and College, which we enjoyed very much indeed, four years have flown swiftly past since we attended similar gatherings. On Friday evening it was ours to enjoy a rich treat. Prof. Foster, M. P. for King's N. B., had lectured on Thursday evening on Patriotism. Wolfville Division being aware of his loyalty to the Temperance cause invited him to deliver a lecture on Temperance which he willingly consented to do.

Friday evening, long before the appointed hour, the Baptist church was well filled. I would that every citizen of our town had heard that fine lecture. Prof. F., considered one of the finest speakers in the House of Commons, made a stirring speech on behalf of Prohibition. Said that all great reforms in both Church and State had been brought about by agitation. The Temperance movement was an agitation which he hoped would result in Prohibition becoming law. He showed the interdependence of Moral and Legal Suasion, both being very necessary: temperance was being agitated in England. He clearly disproved the position some men took in reference to License—the only thing in a license that could recommend it at all was its Prohibition. He met the argument so frequently argued against Prohibition—viz—"that it would not stop drinking and we might just as well grant licenses"—in the following manner. We have a law forbidding murder and theft yet murders do occur and men continue to steal, so we might just as well erase said law from our statute books and grant a few licenses to respectable persons to do all the murdering and stealing, as it would then be done in a respectable way, for it would be done by some one, we cannot stop it entirely.

He admitted that Prohibition would not stop drinking altogether but it would reduce it to a minimum. He struck a heavy blow to the inconsistency of politicians in tinkering with the Temperance question by one of his most apt and original illustrations. In which he showed their hearts were not in the work or we would have a better state of affairs. He said that while you cannot make a man sober by "Act of Parliament," yet it was possible by legislation to greatly change his surroundings and make it exceedingly difficult for him to become a habitual drunkard. The whole lecture was a powerful argument for Temperance and was replete with good sound common sense.

A view of the Gasperau valley, from a lofty eminence a little to the south of Wolfville, formed the closing scene of my trip, and that beautiful picture that was there spread out before me shall not soon fade from my memory. The whole valley, as far as the eye could reach, was clad in the most pleasing garments.

Hoping your readers will pardon me for this lengthy article, I remain
ROAMING PETER.

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