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EDITORIAL NOTES.

GLANZING BY THE WAY.

Metapedia, Oct. 31.

DEAR ADVOCATE.

Being pressed for time, I shall this week confine my correspondence to a small portion only of the contents of my note book, deferring reference to several matters until next week.

ISLAND OF ANTICOSTI.

The telephone line along the South side of the Island of Anticosti, connecting with the cable on the main land, has been completed. The contractors were Messrs. Xavier and Charles Bertin. The work was done by Messrs. Meville, sub-contractor. The latter, was in Campbellton last week, on his way to Quebec. The line extends to the Island over a distance of 226 miles, extending along the South side about 196 miles, and also 28 miles on the north side. Forty-two men were engaged in the work, which was commenced on the 1st of June last. Agriculture is receiving considerable attention on the Island. I am informed, that some fourteen years ago three families in all respects suitable for settlement, others followed, the number of families now exceeding one hundred. Splendid grain and root crops have been raised this season; which it is said are not surpassed in any part of the Dominion. Samples of the grain and roots, as well as of the native woods to be found on Anticosti, are being taken over to England by Mr. Lloyd, who has during the summer explored the Island in the interests of a Company, for the purposes of settlement.

DEATH OF AN AGED SETTLER.

HENRY LODGE, Esq., a well known resident of Metapedia, Province of Quebec, died on the 25th Oct., in the 78th year of his age. Mr. L. came to this country from England about 60 years ago. He spent the first ten years of this period on P. E. Island, and then left for Miramichi, where he remained about the same length of time. In 1840 or 1841 he purchased from the Quebec Government a tract of land in the second concession of the Township of Metapedia, consisting of six hundred acres, and about five miles from what is now known as the Metapedia I. C. B. Station. On that farm he remained thirty-five years, clearing about one hundred acres of the tract, and making a very comfortable livelihood. Wishing to be near his son Edmund, he left the farm a few years ago and purchased the property adjoining that of his son, near the mouth of the Upsalquitch, where he remained until his death. Three years ago Mr. Lodge lost the use of his eyes by the disease known as cataracts, but he covered the operation at the Jeffery Hall Hospital, Quebec. After a year or so, the sight once more left the eye operated upon, and much against the wish of his family and friends, the sufferer decided to have the other eye operated upon, and for that purpose left his home towards the latter end of September, and proceeded to Montreal, where he was for a time under the care of Dr. Buller. His advanced age was very much against him, but the operation was considerably weakened by the second operation. He returned home on the 15th inst., in a very low state of health, and to make matters worse, while stepping from the railway car at Metapedia, his foot slipped, and he was thrown violently forward, injuring his face and forehead badly. He was conveyed home, and after suffering considerably, breathed his last on the 25th inst., as previously stated. His remains were interred in the old burial ground at Anticosti House on Friday last, and were attended to their last resting place by a number of the family and friends. At a short distance from the burial ground a number of persons from Campbellton, Cross Point and Dalhousie joined the procession. The service at the grave was conducted by the Rev. E. P. Flewelling, of Dalhousie. The deceased was for a long period a Justice of the Peace, and for many years held the position of Mayor of the Township. He was a man of high standing, both creditably and honorably. He had many friends in Metapedia and Restigouche County, who will long remember him as a good friend and neighbor, and one who had the welfare of his country at heart.

OMISSION.

At the Oyster Supper given by the Campbellton Rowing Club, Mr. Charles Murray, one of the crew, referred in complimentary terms to the kindness extended to the crew, (as well as to some of the friends who accompanied them), by Mr. Alex. Stewart, the proprietor of the Waverley Hotel, Newcastle, who entertained them without charge, and in other ways helped to make their visit to Northumberland a most pleasant one in every respect. Reference to this acknowledgment by Mr. Murray, on behalf of the crew and their friends, was unintentionally omitted in the report sent to the Advocate.

The election of Councillors for the Parish of Addison, which takes place in Campbellton, Head of Tide, Flat Lands, and as far up as the county line, resulted in the return of Messrs. John Jardine and W. W. Doherty. The vote stood—John Jardine 141, W. W. Doherty 109, John Mair 101. The contest between the two latter was exceedingly close, and as this was Mr. Mair's first bid for Municipal honors, he is to be congratulated on the votes polled by him, many of which were given without solicitation. Mr. Jardine polled a very handsome vote. He is a well informed man, and ought to make a good Councillor.

The weather was much milder. To-day, numbers of scows are being towed up river, with supplies for the lumber camps. Lumbering operations will be carried on more extensively this winter than formerly, and as good men are scarce, the wages will doubtless be in advance of last season.

J. J. A.

Social Supper.

The friends of Mr. James P. Mitchell, Barrister-at-Law, of Newcastle, tendered him a social gathering on the evening of Monday last, previous to his departure for Winnipeg, where he purposes residing and practising his profession. Mr. M. has always been looked upon as one of our rising young men, and while all join in regretting his departure from among us, all equally join in wishing him every success in his new sphere of usefulness, and the hope is expressed that his career may add additional honor to the town and county of which he is a native.

The following gentlemen sat down to partake of the oyster supper, which was served in first class style by Mr. John Fay, of the United States Hotel. R. A. Lawlor, Esq., Chairman; C. E. Fish, Vice-Chairman; Mr. J. P. Mitchell, the guest of the evening, being seated at the right hand of the Chairman—Dr. M. LeMay, Messrs. Wm. Fenn, Jas. O. Fish, Eben. Miller, of Fredericton, Osborne Nicholson, W. W. McLeann, W. Watt, W. A. Park, R. B. Adams, H. Parker, James Rundle, Wm. Herrihan, Donald Sutherland, Wm. Mahoney, Fred. C. Brown, W. C. Anselow, Patrick Wheeler, John Creaghan, Jas. Brown, Charles Sargeant, John R. Maltby, John Ferguson, J. A. Morrison, of Halifax. About nine o'clock the oysters were served, and after ample justice had been done them the following list of toasts were presented in due order, some being responded to in no humorous manner as to elicit the hearty applause of all. And so the evening passed away with speech and recitation, music, song and mirth, interspersed with the popping of champagne, lager and ginger pop.

The first toast from the Chair, introduced in a few well-timed remarks, was the "Queen and the Governor General," a verse of the National Anthem being sung.

By the Vice-Chairman, "The Dominion and Prov. Parliaments," followed by the "Municipal Council of Northumberland," coupled with the names of the Hon. R. A. Adams and C. E. Fish, both responding. Mr. Adams, regretted being called upon to respond to the toast, but he thought that we were going to lose one of our young men. This gathering was not to welcome one among us but to bid a farewell to one of our young men, and he spoke of the developed and undeveloped resources of our country which before long would place her far in advance of where she now was, and with money and brains to help in the good work he hoped to see an influx into our country of young men, and when there would be talent and enterprise. Alluded to the large lumbering interests of the country, and also to its agricultural interests, which latter he thought had not received that attention it merited, and was of opinion that as much energy was put into this profession here, that is put into others, the farmers would be quite as successful as those in other parts of the country. The large field on the north side of the farm was divided into strips 28 feet wide running east and west, for the ploughing competition for which there were six entries, as follows:

Geo. Murray (for Jas. Fish) Newcastle. Lewis Dick, Napan. Alex. Dick, Napan. Wm. Condon (for Chas. Sargeant) Chatham Head. Thos. Fitzpatrick, Napan. Edward Martin, Napan. After the ploughing commenced the match, Messrs. Finlay McDiarmid, of Napan, Jas. Scott of Lower Newcastle, and John Baldwin of Douglassfield, were appointed judges of the work. The judges of the Horses, Cattle and Sheep were Messrs. James P. Searle, Chatham, James Irvine, Douglassfield, and James Carter, Chatham. The prize winners were as follows:

HORSES—GENERAL PURPOSES. Best Entire Horse, 3 years old, \$5.00, Wm. Searle, Napan.

Best Gelding, 3 years old, \$2.00, Chas. Sargeant, Chatham Head.

Best Mare, 3 years old, \$2.00, Jonathan Dickson, Napan.

Second Best Mare, 3 years old, \$1.50, W. Stothart, Moorfield.

Best Gelding, 2 years old, \$2.00, John Gallaway, Napan.

Best Mare, 2 years old, \$2.00, Geo. Dickson, Napan.

Second Best Mare, 2 years old, \$1.50, John Baldwin, Douglassfield.

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Second Best Heifer, 2 years old, \$1.00, J. B. Snowball, Chatham.

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Best Cow, of any age, \$1.50, Jas. Fitzpatrick, Napan.

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