

THE ACADIAN

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

The recent gift of Baron de Hirsch of France of \$2,400,000, for the benefit of American Jews is noteworthy. This vast sum has been vested in a board of trustees in New York.

For a go-ahead people, the Americans are very slow in enacting a copyright law for the benefit of their authors and publishers. The Congress has been considering a bill for years, and now another failure to enact is reported.

There has been a heavy press upon our columns this week and we find that we are compelled to hold over several interesting communications. These will appear next week, as well as some editorial and other matter on hand. The election has brought a demand for space which must be accommodated. However, in one week more the agony will be over and we can then settle down to solid work again.

The leaders in the late American war have nearly all passed from the stage in which they acted so prominent a part. With the recent deaths of Admiral Porter and General Sherman, the Republic has lost the last of her heroes of the Civil War. Sherman will always be remembered for his daring "March to the Sea," by which he exposed the weakness of the confederacy and materially hastened its collapse.

The Springhill Horror.

The news of an appalling disaster at the Springhill coal mines reached Wolfville on Saturday evening last. The explosion, which caused the death of about 120 miners, occurred at 1 o'clock on that day in the west side of the east slope of the mine. This part of the mine had been examined only the day before by the inspectors appointed for the purpose and pronounced in excellent condition. The cause of the disaster is therefore shrouded in mystery. The loss of life more than equals that of the Food pit and Drummond colliery. Of the dead, 54 were married men and leave 161 children destitute. Immediate calls for help were made and promptly responded to by people all over Canada in a generous manner. In Wolfville a public meeting was held on Monday afternoon and collectors selected to solicit aid for the sufferers. We believe that nearly \$200 has been already subscribed, besides \$120 by the students on the hill. The subscription papers are still open at Rockwell & Co.'s store where contributions will be received.

History of Reciprocity.

As so much is being heard now of reciprocity, both restricted and unrestricted, it may be helpful to our readers to review the history of the movement for freer trade relations between Canada and the United States. The idea was suggested in 1846 by Mr. Pakenham, the British minister. The House of Representatives moved in the matter in 1848, but it was not till 1854, after long negotiations, that a treaty was made by Lord Elgin and Secy. Marcy. This treaty was a result of the fishery dispute and in addition to arranging this matter it provided for the free exchange of a large number of products mainly raw materials or unmanufactured articles. After twelve years, this treaty was terminated in 1866. It lasted through the great Civil War, during the period of inflated values and artificial prosperity caused by this great struggle. Our neighbors terminated this treaty to punish us for England's sympathy with the South. Minister Thornton tried in vain afterwards for a new treaty and the Washington treaty which lasted from 1871 to 1885 was silent on the subject of reciprocity in trade. Canada has never been adverse to a liberal measure of reciprocity and in Dec. 1887, with a view of settling disputes between the two countries, Sir Charles Tupper, as a member of the Fishery Commission in Washington, made an unrestricted offer to the United States to take up the whole question of trade relations between the two countries with a view of settling all differences by treaty. This was favored by a few American statesmen and in Sep, 1890, Hon. John Sherman introduced into the United States Senate a resolution providing for the appointment of commissioners to meet others from Canada "to ascertain on what terms greater freedom of intercourse between the two countries can best be secured." This resolution met with so much opposition in the Senate that Mr. Sherman withdrew it without challenging a vote upon it. The latest move of the U. S. Government is the McKinley bill, an almost prohibitory tariff on certain Canadian products. These acts of the U. S. Govt. lead us to believe that they will grant no privileges to Canada without receiving greater in return.

A Fraud Exposed.

The following is copied from the London Financial Observer and Mining Herald of Jan. 31st, which has been handed to us by Mr. F. A. Dixon, of this town. It will no doubt be of interest to our readers as the firm named have been carrying on operations in this country:

We are bringing our present notice down to the new firm carrying on business at 14, Southampton Street, Strand, under the style of Frederick Corby & Co. We must confess that we were much puzzled in discovering this their new venture, which will doubtless be carried on with the same spirit as heretofore. We discovered that their offices, at 45, Queen Victoria Street, E. C., are still in their occupation, and the name of Pitt Bros. & Co., among other people and firms, occupying offices in the building. So these audacious swindlers are actually carrying on this business, although the furniture and stock, and which of course accounts for the office is virtually empty. From the information to hand, we found out that a clerk was in the habit of calling for letters every morning about half-past nine o'clock. Well we simply watched him to the address already given, which from subsequent enquiries turns out to be their last scheme, started for the purpose of obtaining apples from America, Canada and Nova Scotia farmers, and for which the firm of Fred. Corby & Co. was originally formed. The pattern and the recent visit of W. Craymer to Canada and Nova Scotia.

We are glad to announce to our readers, a really laughable instance which occurred—it would appear that a certain farmer confided to W. Craymer, or, as he supposed, F. Corby & Co., the sale of his apples, which were duly despatched in the usual way; they were sold, and, we believe, realized a profit of £200 over and above the sum advanced. Now this dreadful thief Craymer had wired or written to the firm then in charge of Chopping to cable him the amount of profit arising from the sale of the apples with instructions also for Chopping to cable the farmer that the sale had resulted in a loss of £200. Now Chopping did exactly the reverse, accidentally, so the farmer in this single instance was notified of his actual profit; whether he has been paid or not, we do not for the present know. We fancy that their journey from Liverpool was not of that cordial character which has hitherto existed—perhaps Chopping will, in consequence, suffer for his stupidity in the near future.

The following is one of the advertisements of these people:— PITT BROS. AND CO., West African Merchants & Produce Agents, 7, GROSVENOR HALL COURT, LONDON, E. C. Offices and facilities to Merchants and Traders for the execution of their orders, and are in a position to supply all requirements for the Coast at lowest prices, against Remittance of Produce, Specie, Gold Dust or Drafts.

The highest market prices obtained for all produce, and prompt accounts and returns are guaranteed. Patterns and price list of goods forwarded on application, also produce reports.

By this advertisement alone, they have received the consignments, which we have herein alluded to. We have information before us that these people have been in the habit of sending their produce reports (copied from other papers) to the following towns:—Sierra Leone, Kroo Coast, Cape Coast, Castle Lagos, Accra, Forcados, Sherbro, Grand Canary, Garse, Dakar, Bassam, Adah, Quittah, Jallah, Collee, Monrovia, Benin, New Lallak, Akassa, Opebo, and all the other towns upon the coast of West Africa. In this manner they have defrauded the poor people along this coast, and have, in consequence, amassed a large amount of money. We are of opinion that the law of England should permit of a warrant being issued for their immediate arrest, and we think that the Treasury should at once take this matter in hand. We shall shortly be able to find the necessary procedure, without the slightest difficulty, but we do not feel disposed to go to any great expense ourselves in the matter but we will willingly supply to the proprietor or his agent the means by which a prosecutor may be forthcoming, the fact of these people having such large sums of money at their disposal would be a sufficient reason to justify a reward, pending the arrival of the poor unfortunate dupes in case of arrest.

We hope that any of the firms in Convent Garden having relations with Messrs. Fred Corby & Co., will, in the interest of fair play and common honesty, close their accounts with this thieving firm. It is in consequence of these people, that a considerable amount of the trade in apples has not found its way to this country, or at least London. All the consignments which they have received, the account sales to the poor farmer have been mercifully cooked, their invariable practice is to report the apples frozen, badly packed, and in consequence the loss that they report, hoping for better luck next time.

We are making diligent enquiries by means which we do not intend to publish, to bring these thieves to the proper tribunal.

A Plea for Free Trade.

Mr. Editor.—As you profess to be impartial, will you give me a chance to say a few words from a consumer's point of view. The present tariff seems to have been made in the interest of the mechanics, farmers, coal-miners and other producers, without much thought for those who have to pay for the articles consumed.

I learn from a New York paper of Feb. 19th that pickled hams were selling in open market for 7 1/2 to 8 cts. a lb., smoked hams 8 1/2 to 9 cts., shoulders 3 1/2 cts., dressed pigs 4 15-16 cts., lard 6 to 7 cts. Now I have to pay for these articles here just about twice these prices and this difference impoverishes me for the benefit of our farmers. I find butter selling in New York all the way from 6 to 28 cts. for special extra. A pretty good article might be got for 18 cts. I know of a Halifax merchant who is buying in Boston and selling it in Halifax at a profit after paying the duty. If we had free trade the price of this important article would fall at once. Take cheese, in the New York market this sells all the way from 2 cts. a lb. for skins to 10 1/2 for the best full cream colored factory product. For 10 cts. an excellent article could be bought. This would materially lower the price of this article, which would lower the price of milk.

Why should our farmers be protected in these articles? Beef is another very expensive article in Wolfville as all know who have butcher bills to pay. This is sold by the quarter in Mass. for from 4 to 6 cts. In New York, family beef is quoted at \$10.00 a tierce, about 3 cts. a lb. Why should our farmers grow rich at the expense of those who live on salaries? As to flour, I do not wish to complain when I can get a superior article for \$6.00, for as the same grade sells for \$5.50 wholesale in New York and retail at \$7 or \$8. Our merchants could scarcely afford to handle American flour. All I can hope for is that the price may not advance under unrestricted reciprocity.

It seems to me that our farmers are pretty well fixed. They have a free market for their apples and are netting from \$3.50 to \$4.00 a bin for them while they are protected against American competition in butter, cheese, lard, pork, beef and other articles and we are being bled for their benefit. I for one protest against this state of affairs. Yours etc., CONSUMER.

The Present Time.

The political contest is progressing to a white heat and both parties are leaving no stone unturned, and count no obstacle too great to be faced and overcome, regardless of the means used. The only object is to accomplish the end, and it is fast becoming popular opinion that the foul means used to secure an election is quite justifiable. Hence the leading (or would be leading) politicians of our times would barter the best interests of the country and destroy the honor of the nation for a mess of political pottage, held out to them by no others than traitors and conspirators. I say this bribery of bootleggers is the great Babylon of the times, and it is raising its head higher and placing its eleven foot firm, and dragging its abominable shins, scaly length along and poisoning with its upbreath the principles of the honest workmen of our country. And it is increasing in its dimensions steadily all the time, because at its first appearance it was only used as a last resort when all honest and other means had failed, now it is the first means to be considered in an election campaign. Hence committees are appointed to carry out the scheme successfully and shrewdly so as to escape the justice of the law, though the sword of justice hangs as by a single hair. And who are the worshippers of this Baal? I dare work hard class but it is the ones who are paid to make Christian laws and the officers appointed to enforce those laws whose hands are stained with bribes. In Holy writ a woe is pronounced on who puts the bottle to his neighbor's mouth or giveth him strong drink. Now what about the hands stained with bribes? Alas! how demoralizing, how contemptible! What an example to our boys, to those who will soon be entrusted with the future! Who are most responsible? Are we not responsible? Yes, verily. It is our bounden duty to raise our voice against the abominable practice so long as we have a voice to speak or a hand to write or a mind to think. This evil has no rival. Its twin brother is RUM. The rum goes with the hooch in all cases and plenty of temperance men, so called, will assist in supplying it. In the face of these facts has Babylon fallen or is she likely to fall? See our fellowmen, our countrymen, sold as sheep in the shambles, price list according to financial standing, as follows:—Dominion Election, from \$5 to \$15; Local, \$2 to \$10; Municipal, 50 cents to \$5; School meetings in proportion; whiskey free. If this is the effects of a "spontaneous government" the former days were better than these. A REFLECTOR.

EDITOR ACADIAN.—Many farmers in the Eastern States seem to be far from prosperous, if we may judge from the reports that come to us from various quarters. The following is taken from a religious paper recently published in Boston: "According to Official Reports the number of abandoned farms in Vermont now reaches 2000." From the latter clause of the sentence we gather that the work of desolation is still going on. And yet they have free trade with the United States! Who can explain?

GILL WANTED.—For housework, two in family, wages \$5 per month. Wolfville, Feb. 5. Mrs J. ELDER.

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Notes for the Acadian.

The missionary concert at Weston on the 20th inst was a success. The services of Messrs. Carey and Fletcher, from the College, were highly appreciated. Also the timely aid rendered by Mrs and Miss Crandall, from the "Central," gave additional interest to the occasion. Over \$12 were taken at the door, in aid of missions.

Dr. Saunders preached at Berwick and Weston last Sunday to large and appreciative audiences. Kings Co. Baptist district meeting was held with the Upper Aylesford church on the 24th inst. The president, Rev. S. B. Kempton, Dr. T. Higgins, Revs. Vincent, Parry, Howe and Eaton, and a large representation of delegates and visitors from the churches were present and participated in the services. Rev. R. S. Norton, of Millville, who has been confined to his house for some fifteen or twenty years by injuries received from the effects of a fall, sent a letter to the meeting expressing his interest in the cause of God. As a thank offering for the afflicted brother's kindly greeting, a collection of over \$11 was taken up for his benefit. In view of the terrible disaster at Springhill prayer was offered and a resolution expressing sympathy with the sufferers was passed, asking the churches in this county to take up collections in the near future for their relief. Rev. S. B. Kempton read a paper showing the desirability of a revision of the statistics of the churches; also set forth some of the special hindrances to successful church work in his field of labor. Rev. M. Vincent, pastor of Billtown church, preached to a full house in the evening; subject, "The Holy Spirit." The next district meeting is to be held in Wolfville in May.

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.

Public Auction! Household Furniture! To be sold at the residence of the subscriber on Tuesday, March 3! at 1 o'clock (sharp) the following articles:— 2 Bedroom Sets, Bedsteads and Washstands, 1 Haircloth Sofa, 1 Common Lounge, Easy Chair, Rockers, 1 Centre Table, Extension Table, Kitchen and other Tables, a lot of Cane and Wicker Chairs, Bookcase and Secretary, Hat Rack, Wharfedale, 3 Stoves, Carpets and Oil-Cloths, Pictures, Wheelbarrow, Garden Tools, Lawn Cutter, a lot of Hens, besides numerous small articles.

TERMS.—All sums over \$5.00, six months credit on approved joint notes; below that sum, cash. J. D. Chambers, Wolfville, Feb. 26th, 1891. 11

MUNN & CO. SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN AGENCY PATENTS A complete list of information and a copy of the laws governing the rights of Inventors, Patentees, and Assignees, sent free on application. 361 Broadway, New York.

Mail Contraci. SEALED TENDERS, addressed to the Postmaster General, will be received at Ottawa until noon, on Friday, 10th April, for the conveyance of Her Majesty's Mail, once per week each way, between Ashburn and Greenwood; once per week each way, between Aylesford and Bridgewater; twice per week each way, between Berwick and Buckley; twice per week each way between Hidingville and Hantsport; six times per week each way, between Blonidon and Canning; six times per week each way, between Canning and Kingsport, and three times per week each way, between Kingsport and Medford; twelve times per week each way, between Kingsport, Fox P. O. and Railway Station; and three times per week each way, between Fort Williams Station and White Rock Mills, under proposed contracts for four years from 1st July next.

Printed notices explaining further information as to conditions of proposed contract may be seen and blank forms of Tender may be obtained at the terminal offices of each route and at this office. CHARLES J. MACDONALD, Post Office Inspector, Halifax, 20th Feb'y, 1891. 27-31

Real Estate at Private Sale AT WOLFVILLE. The residence of the late Mrs Jane Heales, one of the neatest and most desirable residences in the place, with out-buildings and garden and water from water works connected, and well stocked with grape-vines and other small fruits. Possession can be had after first of March. Apply to S. P. HEALES, Executor. Wolfville, Feb. 16th, 1891. 11

ADVERTISERS! It will pay you to patronize the columns of THE "ACADIAN."

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.

GREAT CLEARANCE SALE! The partnership of Caldwell, Chambers & Co. being dissolved there will be a Clearance Sale of the Stock for thirty days at largely reduced prices.

40 short ends Tweeds and Cloths at cost, some half price; 50 pieces Tweeds, largely reduced; 10 pieces Mantle Cloths and Overcoatings, marked away down; 40 short ends Dress Goods, less than cost; balance of Dress Goods, at clearing prices; a few pairs White Blankets, very low; Flannels in Red, White, Gray and Fancy, reduced; 30 ends Black and Colored Velveteens, at cost; the whole stock Men's Boys' and Childs Felt Hats, at cost and less; a small lot of Horse Rugs and Carriage Wraps, at 20c off the dollar; a lot of Regatta Shirts at cost; a few doz. Heavy Winter Shirts, various kinds, at prices to suit; a small lot of Winter Underclothings, away down; Ladies' Ulsters and Saques, from \$1 up; 24 Ladies' Jerseys at a bargain; a lot of Wool Table Covers at clearing prices. The Whole Stock of

CLOTHING! At a sweeping reduction. Ulsters, Overcoats, Recefers and Suits, Fresh Stock, Choice Patterns, Perfect Fits. A few odd Coats, Pants and Vests at half price. Waterproof Coats, \$6.00 for \$4.50, some other qualities very low.

CARPETS! A few Choice Patterns at bargain. Rustic and Dado Shades at cost. A few of the best patterns still on hand. FURNITURE! The whole stock offered at 90c on the dollar. A lot of Fancy Chairs, Whatnots, Tables, etc., at prices to close. The whole stock of BOOTS AND SHOES! At an enormous reduction. 16 pairs Child's Long Boots, \$1 25 for 95c; 14 pairs Youth's Long Boots \$1 50, for \$1 20; 25 pairs Boys' Long Boots \$2 75, for \$2 00; Men's Long Felt Boots \$2 50, for \$1 75; Anker Long Boots at a bargain; the above are samples of reduced prices offered. The following are examples of reduced prices in Women's and Children's Boots: Women's Kid Boots \$5 00, for \$3 00; do \$3 25, for \$1 50; Ladies' Dongola Boots, \$1 60, for \$1 25; Misses Kid Boots \$1 75, for \$1 25; do \$1 25, for \$1 00; the above will show what is being done. Many other lines equally low. A lot of Women's, Misses and Children's American Long Rubber Boots must be cleared. Don't miss this sale.

This is a Genuine Clearance Sale for cash, and is now on. Good Dried Apples, Eggs, Wool and Beans taken in exchange. Wolfville, February 16th, 1891.

Just Received. AT THE WOLFVILLE BOOKSTORE. NEW LINES OF FINE CORRESPONDENTS' NOTE PAPER AND ENVELOPES. Also General Stationery, Blanks, Novels, Toilet Soaps, &c. ROCKWELL & CO.

Photo. Studio. --Lewis Rice, of Windsor,-- WILL REOPEN A Branch Gallery at Wolfville April 1st, and remain one week of each month commencing first Monday in the month. SEPT. 2d to 6th; OCT., will be away; NOV. 3d to 8th; DEC. 1st to 6th NEW ROOMS PATRIQUIN BUILDING, WOLFVILLE, N. S.

CERES SUPERPHOSPHATE! High Grade Fertilizer. AND TRY FOR THE PRIZES! For wheat grown on it. See circular. Jack & Bell, 25-4 mos HALIFAX, N. S.

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 practiced 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.

For Sale or To Let. The property owned by Mr. R. W. Storrs, 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 out-houses, barn, ice house and other out-buildings. 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. 30th, '91.

EXCELSIOR 8 Cents Package. 8. DYES! ARE UNEQUALLED FOR Simplicity of Use, Beauty of Color and the Large Amount of Goods Each Dye will Color. EXCELSIOR PACKAGE DYES. They are the best Dyes on the market and give universal satisfaction. All who use them prefer them to any other Dyes, because they are cheaper and produce better results. PRICE 2 CENTS PER PACKAGE. Sold by all Dealers and Druggists throughout the Province, and wholesale by the firm. Samples sent on application. Sole Manufacturers: C. HARRISON & CO., Cambridge, King's Co., N. S. N. B.—Correspondence solicited.

SOMETHING NEW! Bendor's Royal Dutch COCOA and CHOCOLATE. Try Them. ROYAL BELFAST GINGER ALE. Highest price for Eggs. C. H. WALLACE. Wolfville, August 15th, 1890.

MATERIALS! Ladies' Art Fancy Work! Novelties for Holidays in Chamis, Leatherette, Pongee and Bolting Cloth, and instructions given in Kensington Needle-work. Stamping done to order. Orders by Mail promptly attended to. Agent for McCall's Bazar Patterns. M. A. Woodworth, Webster St., - - Kentville, N. S.

AGENTS WANTED! "Dominion Illustrated" In every Canadian town and village. Special inducements offered in addition to commission. For particulars address THE SANBORN LITHO. & PUB. CO. Publishers, Montreal.

Building Lots! Parties wishing to secure desirable building lots in Wolfville cannot fail being suited in the block of land adjoining the Presbyterian church, which has recently been laid out into good-sized lots and will be sold at reasonable rates. The situation is a most desirable one and the land is of excellent quality. Information concerning the same may be had and plan of lots seen, on application to B. O. DAVISON, AGENT, WOLFVILLE, N. S.

For Sale. A very valuable Farm, situated near Port Williams, containing large orchards, tillage and pasture lands, with an inexhaustible supply of black mud. There are also in connection 20 acres of prime dyke, 5 acres of meadow and 20 acres of wood-land. It is very pleasantly situated near church, schools and markets. Must be sold on account of the subscriber's ill health. Further particulars gladly supplied on application. Jas. W. Masters, Church St., Cornwallis. J. L. MASTERS, Wolfville.