





Communications.

Salaries in the Educational Profession.

The Editor of the Maritime Farmer:

Sir—Your correspondent "Q" who has undertaken a defence of the Registrar and Principal Crockett's application for increased salaries, makes several statements which are so much at variance with real facts, that I feel called upon to discuss them.

He starts out by attempting to convey the impression that Dr. Rand is the only one mentioned in the report of the Chief Superintendent's remarks at the Teacher's Institute, as quoted by your correspondent.

I must say I was surprised that the question of increasing the Teacher's salaries should have been started by Dr. Rand in that peculiar manner.

It was not a plea for the Teachers but for the Registrar and his coadjutor, Mr. Crockett. I could imagine I saw a smile overpass the Teacher's countenance, while the wily Dr. pleaded for them in such an eloquent manner.

"Let the Government increase the salaries of Mr. Crockett and myself, and those of the Teacher will soon rise," was the burden of his address.

Now, I think most people agree that what we are paying those Educational Pastors, sums quite equivalent to the value of services received, and that the Government has the ability, and I am glad to know that the Government has resisted their "claims" for increased remuneration.

"Q" is unfortunate in his reference to Mr. Crockett's salary, which he denotes reaches \$1500, as stated by your correspondent.

By reference to the civic accounts for 1881, I find that Mr. Crockett received the sum of \$1200 as salary for the year, a difference of only \$300 from "Q's" statement. Now it would have been only a matter of time to find out the exact amount, and to have added that to what you very recently find in 1880, when there was a 20 per cent increase in the City Teacher's salaries, that the Examiner's salary was reduced from \$2000.

"Q" goes on to state that Mr. Crockett receives a salary of \$1500. Well, I don't know that Mr. Crockett will thank his champion for that admission. It is my opinion that if the City Council or the Board of School Trustees had funds at their disposal for charitable purposes, they might be able to bestow them upon the worthy objects than Mr. Crockett, while the means for such disposal could be made through other than those of a useless office.

Regarding Mr. Crockett's connection with the University, little need be said. "Q" does not state that Mr. Crockett is connected with the University, but that he is connected with the University, and that he is connected with the University.

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Dr. Ellis has returned home from California.

Mr. J. D. Hazen has entered upon the duties of Registrar of the University of N. B. on Tuesday.

The Provincial Ride Association's annual competition will open at Saseux, on Tuesday, 22nd inst.

Mr. Gorham Steeves, of St. John, has purchased Bellevue, the property of the late B. R. Joubert.

Mr. J. Driscoll is erecting a meat shop on the vacant lot on the corner of Queen and Westmorland Streets.

Geo. Brown, Barber, Regent Street, has recently refitted his rooms, and has now one of the most tasteful establishments in the city.

The Scott Act scrutiny in St. John was postponed on Monday last Saturday, owing to the illness of the leading Counsel for the Anti Scott Act party.

Mrs. Anderson, wife of Wm. Anderson, of the N. B. Foundry, while driving one day last week, was thrown out of her carriage and suffered a fracture of the wrist.

The thirty-seventh Annual Convention of the Baptist denomination of the Maritime Provinces will open in the Leinster Street Church, St. John, at 10 o'clock.

The preliminary examination of the Law will be commenced in the Police Court on Friday, when Sgt. Vandine, who is constantly improving, will be able to present. Virtually all the candidates are present.

A branch of the Maritime Bank was opened at Woodstock yesterday by Mr. Ray. It will be in charge of Gilbert W. Vanwart, Esq., \$1500, as stated by your correspondent.

Q. S. will buy a good suit of Tweed Clothes for a boy at Lucy's, Wilmo's.

Q. S. will buy a good suit for a man. These goods are at the best value in the city. Call at the store.

Miss Moffatt, Charlotte St., in alighting from a carriage at St. John, on Sunday, fell and broke her arm. She was taken to the hospital, and is recovering.

Next Sunday Rev. Mr. Mowatt, of St. Paul's Church, will minister to the people of Harvey, and his pulpit here will be filled by Rev. Mr. Mowatt, of St. John.

Chas. C. Gregory, Esq., formerly of this city, is a candidate for the representation of Antigonish, in the Nova Scotia Assembly, at the next election.

At the annual meeting of the New Brunswick Railway Company, held at St. John last week, the following Directors were elected for the ensuing year: Samuel Thorne, President; Hon. Isaac Burpee, Vice-President; E. R. Burpee, Managing Director; Geo. Spence, Hon. D. A. Smith, Right Hon. Lord Elphinstone, John S. Kennedy, J. W. Todd, J. W. Widdow, G. M. Campbell, and G. H. Northrop, Directors. Secretary-Treasurer, Alfred Seely.

There has been some changes in the personnel of the Banks doing business here. Mr. Blair of the Maritimes, has been succeeded by Mr. Murray, who is to be permanent Manager. Mr. W. H. Robinson, of the Bank of N. B. A., has returned to the St. John Agency, and Mr. A. G. Christison, resumes his old position as Manager of the Bank of St. John, formerly book keeper at Mr. Thos. Stanger's, has been appointed to the Bank of C. J. H. Kerr.

One day last week, Rev. Mr. Mowatt, pastor of St. Paul's Church, had an agreeable call from Messrs. Jas. R. Howie and Jas. Hodge at his residence, Westmorland Street, and before leaving they kindly presented him on behalf of themselves and other members of the congregation with an elegant pair of shoes, which he had purchased at the store of Mr. Mowatt, which Mr. Mowatt fittingly replied. Such evidences of regard for his minister, and his minister's minister, are not common, and are highly and kindly appreciated.

Mr. Wm. Lemont, J. W. Spurdon, Wm. Lemont, Geo. A. Peck, J. R. McNally and G. W. Fenwick, of this city, attended the Sunday School Convention of the Maritime Provinces at Dartmouth, N. S., last week. Mr. Lemont, the new President, delivered an address which, according to the Halifax Chronicle, "though short was most impressive and was listened to with marked attention." In the list of officers elected for the current year, we find the following from New Brunswick: Mr. Fletcher, of the Woodstock Press, and Mr. William Peters St. John, Vice-Presidents; Mr. Wm. Peters, of the Woodstock Press, Recording Secretary; Mr. Spurdon and Mr. Lemont of the Credentials Committee. The new President is E. D. King, Halifax.

A number of young men of this city, to escape the heat and enjoy a well-earned holiday, have gone down the bay on a fortnight's cruise in the yacht "Merrill," which was chartered by Mr. J. T. Logan for a fortnight's trip down the bay. The party is composed of the following: Fred B. Edgemoor, commander; George A. Burkhart, sailing master; Frank Morrison, cook; Dr. Torrens, surgeon; Dr. Milligan, assistant surgeon; Charles S. Clark, pilot; J. F. McMurray, boatman; and W. B. Coulthard, James Hawthorn and Wm. Wain, crew.

Messrs. Coulthard and Hawthorn are here yet, and expect to join the party at St. Andrew's.

The game of cricket is usually lively all over Canada this season. In Ontario over fifty matches have been played for the championship, and recently a very strong eleven from Winnipeg made four of their Province. They played the Ottawa Club last Thursday, and won by an innings and eighty-four runs; their total score in the one inning being 260 of which one man, Stratford, contributed 100. The only Lower Province member of the team was G. W. Blanchard, formerly of Truro, N. S., who scored 17. In the Maritime Provinces a great many matches have been played and many more are planned. Frederickton and St. John opened the season on the 24th of May at the latter city, Frederickton winning by a narrow margin. The match is to be played here in Anderson's field next Wednesday, and it will be a hot one. Moncton has also beaten St. John this season, and the latter club propose to have satisfaction when their projected tour shortly to town, Amherst, Truro and Halifax. The "Wanderers," a new Halifax Club, have won several victories over the estranged officers, and are to be in St. John on Friday and Saturday next. Truro has lost and won with Windsor; and won over Amherst, while the last named club triumphed over Moncton, which has now a second team. The Newcastle and Sackville clubs, though organized, have not played this season. The Amherst Gazette in a recent issue advocated an inter-Provincial match between New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, and suggested that town as most favorable for the game. There ought to be little difficulty in arranging it.

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Major Fraser of Halifax carried away very pleasant remembrance of his short visit here last week. He was favourably impressed with the improvement in the city since his visit here twelve years ago, his attention being struck particularly by the excellent character of the new buildings erected. During his stay he received kindly attentions from Mayor Fisher and members of the City Council. He made an excellent impression on his next tour for the mayoralty, the 1st of October.

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The river is so extremely low that the Steamer "Star" is crossing from Gibson to the Union Line Wharf last night, stuck fast in the sand bar in the middle of the river. She was towed off by the lower fleet.

The Ladies of St. Dunstan's Church under the auspices of St. Vincent de Paul Society have their annual Picnic at the Hamlet on Friday. The 7th Inst. Band furnished music, and a good programme of sports is arranged.

"Our Little Ones" for August, comes filled with merry and moral stories, poetry and funny rhymes, and clever wood cuts, and is altogether a very dainty thing to set before many young readers. Published by the Russell Publishing Co., Boston.

Messrs. John Richards, Ald. Simmons, Cliff, and Sampson, have gone to Moncton this week to attend the meeting of the Old Fellow's Grand Lodge. Mr. Richards had a severe attack of Cramps to which he is partially subject, Monday night, and though he was better yesterday left home in a delicate state of health.

Messrs. Gunter & Atherton, the Livery Stable men, have a very handsome and matched pair of roans, which are much admired by horsemen. The white matched team purchased by F. B. Edgemoor from Mr. Thos. Austin, ex-M. P., seen on the streets every evening, is also much admired. They are able to cover well in three minutes.

We have received the August number of the "Poultry Monthly," which among others, contains excellent articles on Houdans, Game Bantams, Leghorns, Plymouth Rocks, the Games, the Rouen Duck, and on Feeding and Rearing, and economy in Feeding and Rearing. Published at Albany, N. Y., by the Rural Publishing Co.

The Cricketers will call this week on the friends of the game to contribute towards a fund for defraying the expenses of the match with the St. John Club next Wednesday, and hope for a liberal response. The match is to be played in Anderson's field, opposite Mr. Ray's, Regent Street, where an "excise" has been prepared. It is proposed to engage the Frederickton Hoop Band to play on the grounds during the afternoon, and the field committee will provide seats for the convenience of July visitors. A fine day will ensure excellent sport, as the teams are considered well matched.

An exchange in discussing the Egyptian question gives what many will consider good grounds why France should not ally herself with the English in the present contest. It says:—

It is because Egypt has been a disastrous spot for French arms in the past that the French Government refuse to join England in suppressing Arabi? Disastrous indeed have been the conflicts waged by the Gallie hosts on the sandy beach extending from Aboukir Bay to Damietta. Damietta itself witnessed in the 13th century the destruction of a splendid French army by pestilence, the massacre of the few helpless survivors, and the capture of the King himself, Louis IX. of France, usually called St. Louis, "the King of the Nile," by which Nelson annihilated at one blow the finest fleet of France, and cut off Napoleon's invading army from the coast of Egypt.

Alfred, the gallant Gen. Kieber, the ablest soldier of the French army next to Bonaparte himself, was assassinated by an Arab fanatic, and upon the flat beach beyond the city, Kieber's successor, Gen. Menou, strove in vain to prevent the landing of Sir Ralph Abercromby, whose victory, though purchased with his own life, at once made the English masters of the whole peninsula of Alexandria.

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