



Weekly Monitor.

RIDGETOWN, MARCH 27, 1878.

Below we copy an extract from the "Trade and Navigation Returns of the Dominion of Canada," for the fiscal year ending the 30th of June, 1877. It will be seen that there has been a large decrease in the importation of all classes of goods consumed.

From an examination of the returns from the principal ports of entry, and information otherwise obtained, I am led to believe that prices of general merchandise have continued to recede. At the end of the Fiscal Year 1875-76 it was generally believed that market values had reached bottom, and the tendency thereafter would be upward, but the result has not justified that expectation. It is true that sugar and molasses show quite a considerable advance upon the average of the year's importations. The rise has not been sustained, however, but has receded since the first of July last below its former level.

In hardware there has been a marked decline in prices, especially in imports from the United States. English heavy hardware has fallen about 7 1/2 per cent, and heavy shell goods in the same line about 5 per cent. The same classes of goods, however, from the United States show a general decline of about 12 1/2 per cent.

Iron from Great Britain has fallen materially, although a revival is usually low figure. Bar, rod, hoop, and nail sheets have declined 20s. to 25s. per ton, and galvanized iron 35s. to 40s. sterling per ton. Tin plates 3s. to 3s. 6d. per box, and Canada plates 1s. 6d. to 2s. per box.

Cottons and cotton goods have fallen generally from 5 per cent. to 7 1/2 per cent, including brown ducks and cotton flannels from the United States.

Stationery from Great Britain does not appear to have sensibly receded in price, but that from the United States appears to have fallen to a serious extent, viz.: Paper about 10 and other stationery from 10 to 25 per cent.

Drugs and chemicals, so far as they affect the Revenue, appear to remain nearly in statu quo. In free goods, however, such articles as "Caustic Soda" and "Sal Soda" have fallen about 15 per cent.

Teas.—It is very difficult to determine whether there has been an actual fall in the price of tea or not. According to the Trade Returns the average prices, both in Green and Black, of the Dominion imports have been steadily declining for the last four or five years.

This falling off, however, may, and probably is, to a great extent, the result of smaller importations of the higher grades or classes, and larger importation of the inferior grades.

These are but a few examples introduced to indicate the continuance, up to the end of the Fiscal Year, of the general depreciation of values and accompanying the depression in commerce. It also points to the fact that less revenue has been realized than the tariff rates would have secured, if applied to goods purchased in a higher market.

It is further apparent, from the warehouse returns, that the necessary consumption of the tea has been drawn to some extent from previous importations, the balances in warehouses at the close being smaller than at the commencement of the year; and various indications render it apparent that it has become the general practice of importers to order more frequently and in much smaller quantities than was their habit in more prosperous seasons.

It is, perhaps, correct to assume that both measures are prudent, and will have a tendency not only to prevent extensive disasters, but to hasten the recovery of our Canadian commerce from its present depressed condition.

With reference to the great reduction in the percentage of imports over exports observable in 1876, it will be readily seen that the cause is attributable chiefly to a diminution in the value of imports of about \$30,000,000 as compared with the preceding year, while the exports, by the same comparison, show an increase of over \$3,000,000.

Linens and woollens have declined from 7 1/2 to 10 per cent, and silks from 10 to 15 per cent.

ROYAL READERS.—In another column will be found A. & W. MacKinnlay's advertisement of the new edition of the Royal Readers. We have looked the one sent us over and think it will be in every respect most admirably adapted for use as an Advanced Reader, not only in the higher classes in Common Schools, but in Higher Schools and Academies.

The new edition contains 456 pages—some 50 more than the old edition. The selections have been very carefully revised, with the aid of some of the foremost Educationalists of the day. The best poets, moralists, historians and scientists of Great Britain are drawn upon, and a place is found for selections from some of our own eminent men—such as Sir W. Young, McGee, Wilnot, G. M. Grant, &c. The definitions, notes, &c., are all that teachers or pupils can desire.

We confidently submit the Sixth Reader of the Royal Series as incomparably the best yet offered for the use of schools.

REFORM CLUBS.—On Thursday evening the usual meeting of the Dutch Reform Club took place at the Court House. No question of any importance came before the meeting. The evening was enlivened by songs, recitations, &c. A Mr. Jones, of Montreal, sang a solo, entitled "Good by, Sweet Heart." He possesses a very musical tenor voice, and was warmly applauded at the close.

SOCIABLE.—On Saturday evening a number of the old and young gathered at Fairfield, the home of Mr. Alfred Vidito and his amiable wife, to take part in a sociable given for the benefit of the Baptist Parsonage. A most enjoyable evening was spent by all. Twenty-three dollars was realized towards the object named.

CONCERT.—The Concert given in Victoria Hall, on Tuesday night, the 19th inst., was attended by a large and attentive audience, despite the storm and bad roads. To give an extended notice of the same would be merely going over the same ground as notices which have appeared in the Monitor heretofore from Middleton and Lawrence-town. It is due to Professor Hall, however, to say that eight or ten of his best singers did not get here in consequence of the weather, and he was compelled to omit several solos, which made the performance too much of a sameness; but two solos were sung, one by Miss Young, "Thou Dear Redeemer Dying Lamb," and the other by Miss Alena Bishop, of Williamston, "Nearer My Home." Both did credit to themselves and their instructor. Miss Zadora Johnson, of Port Williams, possesses a very fine alto voice, a fortune to her if rightly trained. The alto solo, "Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord," by this young lady, was most beautifully executed. Mrs. Albert Randolph and Miss Levaughn Young presided at the organ. The Port Williams' Brass Band were also in attendance and discoursed sweet music during the evening.

A correspondent writing to the Alliance Journal from Wilmington, Delaware, says:

Your readers will be pleased to know that George M. Dutcher, who has labored so sincerely and earnestly in this section of the country, and in the British Provinces for the last year is still hard at work, and meeting with extraordinary success.

Fourteen thousand people in this city, have signed the pledge, two new temperance weeklies have been born from the great reform, and Mr. Dutcher is sweeping everything before him through the whole Chesapeake Bay county.

Mr. Dutcher has delivered in the last eleven months 200 temperance addresses in this city and but two evenings have passed since he has been here without a temperance meeting being held and most of the time several have been going on as no building, even our large Opera House, could hold the people.

Mr. Dutcher returns to the Provinces this spring. He is now in Maryland, but his residence is in this city, which has been presented to him by our citizens to show him their appreciation of his great efforts to reform fallen humanity.

NICTAUX AND ATLANTIC RAILWAY.—We are informed on good authority that arrangements have been made whereby the debts of the late contractors are to be paid off at once, and the work resumed. We are quite sure this announcement will give universal satisfaction to the public at large. We are also in a position to state that the Government have the most ample securities for carrying on the work, and the protection of the laborers.—Recorder.

In addition to the above a correspondent from Middleton informs us that work is to commence on the road as soon as the frost is out of the ground.—Ed. Monitor.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT AT MARGARETTVILLE.—On Wednesday last, Mr. John Atchinson was driving home from Middleton, when his horse took fright, dashed his carriage against a pile of wood left beside the road, threw him violently against the end of a log and inflicted such severe injuries to the brain so that but little hope of his recovery was entertained, until Saturday, when he partially regained consciousness. We are pleased to learn he is now doing well.

NEW ORGAN.—At the meeting of the Bridgetown Dutch Reform Club, on Thursday evening last, the organ committee presented the Club with a receipted bill of the organ, which they lately purchased. The organ was paid for entirely by voluntarily subscriptions, and the proceeds of two entertainments given by the members of the club. The organ was from the factory of Geo. A. Prince & Co., and was obtained through Mr. F. L. Cook.

The mat-making fever has broken out here. We have a very bad case of it at our house, and from present appearances it is not likely to subside for at least, three or four weeks. If it does not run to house-cleaning fever we shall consider ourselves fortunate. We hope it will not become epidemic.

John McCormick, Esq., of this town, informed us on Saturday last, that his sons found a woodcock's nest, with three eggs in it. The attention of the boys was drawn to it by the bird flying off at their approach.

On Sunday we had one of those balmy spring days, usual in the latter part of April, showers accompanied by lightning, commenced falling in the evening. An old resident informed us that he saw robins flying about during the day.

The Quarterly Meeting of the Paradise Agricultural Society will be held at Ben's Hall on Wednesday, the 3rd of April, at 2 o'clock, P. M. A full attendance is requested. W. M. Forsyth, Secretary.

Workmen are beginning to crowd into St. John, N. B., in anticipation of extensive building operations.

In our advertising columns to-day will be found the card of Messrs. Clark, Kerr & Thorne, of St. John, N. B., who have succeeded to the Hardware business, so long carried on by I. & F. Burpee & Co. The firm is composed of young men, who for years have been in the employ of the Messrs. Burpee, and we have no doubt they will give satisfaction to those who patronize them. It will be observed that they also occupy the old stand on Prince William Street, in the handsome new building erected for them by the Hon. Isaac Burpee.

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**Miscellaneous.**

The cost of maintaining the machinery of Government and Legislation for New Brunswick as a separate Province last year was \$82,650.

A New York journalist has composed an 'Editor's Waltz.' An editor's waltz is usually danced to the tune of 'More Copy,' and the music is generally furnished by the devil.

In Sherman, Wyoming Territory, since the snow-storm has subsided, the bodies of a number of persons have been found who died from exposure. One man and one woman lost 100,000 sheep. Many others report the loss of stock. The snow drifted in immense piles.

Six more of the Mollie Maguire are under sentence of death in Pennsylvania. When hung, they will make more than a score of these noted murderers upon whom Pennsylvania justice has visited the extreme penalty of the law.

Joseph Collins started from Morris-town for Clayton, on the St. Lawrence River, on an ice boat. After he had passed Wells Island he lost control of the rudder and the boat, caught by the gale that just then sprang up, shot along at the rate of a mile a minute. -- On it went for two miles as straight as an arrow, and at that terrible rate of speed struck the wharf back of the Clayton Post-office. Collins' body was absolutely split open and he died soon afterward.

A man named Baines is in custody at Bradford, for the manslaughter of Clara Laycock, a girl under 16, under very peculiar circumstances. While the girl was cleaning the steps of a house Baines acceded her of insulting his wife. She denied the charge, and Baines struck her. She fell in front of a heavily-laden van, the wheels of which passed over her body, and she died as she was being conveyed to the infirmary.

The city (proper) of London has, now that there is talk of abolishing corners altogether, provided itself with a handsome Corners' Inquest Court. Attached to it are rooms for witnesses, professional men, a post-mortem chamber, disinfecting rooms, ambulance departments, &c. Probably other towns will follow suit. Hitherto inquests have been usually held in the parlors of public houses, redolent of beer and tobacco.

A farmer at Bellevue, Ohio, was losing cordwood faster than he desired, so he purchased half a pound of gunpowder and loaded a stick in a way that would have covered it with glory at Eleona. In one Sunday the stick knocked the stove, in one of the principal churches in Bellevue, to pieces, and spread consternation and ashes among the congregation. The farmer is more at a loss now than ever to know what becomes of his wood.

**RESCUED FROM A LIVING TOMB, BUT STARK MAD.**

A German miner, residing in Plattville, Wis., was buried in a mineral shaft near that place while engaged in removing the debris which had fallen from a drift about thirty feet above the bottom of the shaft, where he was working. The cribbing about the upper drift gave way, precipitating a mass of timber and rocks which struck and buried him about ten feet above the bottom of the shaft. Experienced miners set to work to rescue the unfortunate man, and on Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock they succeeded in reaching him, after digging through twenty feet of earth and rock. When found, the German was alive, but stark mad, and in that condition he still remains. -- *Chicago Tribune.*

**A BUGGY MADE OF IRON.**

Mr. Alexander Jamieson, of Berlin, in Australia, has constructed a buggy consisting exclusively of iron and steel. It is made of hickory spokes and oak felloes, has employed wrought iron tubes and T iron for the ribs fit into the axle box at one end and are riveted to the T iron at the other. The first noticeable effect has been to add to the weight of the vehicle. This has accrued in spite of the thickness of the parts. The cost also has been enhanced. The extra weight is not considered important by the maker, in view of the strength which must result from the use of iron in place of wood, nor should it be felt, once a start is made, except in the ascent of hills. Strength and durability are regarded as a full equivalent for the increase of cost. The vehicle has a neat look, and an appearance, if not a reality, of lightness which renders it attractive.

The oldest of the white elephants of Siam which was born in 1770, died in its temple at Bangkok in November last. Every one knows that this famous white elephant, before whom a whole people bow the knee in the emblem of the kingdom of Siam. Each white elephant possesses its palace, a vessel of gold, and harness resplendent with jewels. Several mandarins are attached to his service, and feed it with cakes and sugarcane. The King of Siam is the only person before whom it bends the knee, and a similar salutation is rendered by the monarch. The deceased idol has been accorded a magnificent funeral. A hundred Buddhist priests officiated at the ceremony. The deceased idol has been accorded a magnificent funeral. A hundred Buddhist priests officiated at the ceremony. The deceased idol has been accorded a magnificent funeral. A hundred Buddhist priests officiated at the ceremony.

**INTERVIEW BETWEEN LIEUT. COL. J. F. MacLEOD C. M. G., COMMISSIONER OF N. W., M. P., AND SITTING BULL AND OTHER CHIEFS OF THE SIOUX NATION.**

*From the Report of the Secretary of State of Canada--Lately published.*

FRED WATSON, 17th October, 1877. Lieut-Col. MacLeod said:--I told you the other day that Major Walsh was sent to ask you to come and meet the United States Commissioners. I have asked you to come and meet the Commissioners and hear what they had to say to you. I am glad that you have come as requested. I told you when you had heard what the Commissioners had to say you would know what answer to give them. I told you that no force or influence would be used as to what answer you should give to them. To-day you have heard what the Commissioners had to say, and you have given them your answer. I wish to tell you this answer is of the greatest importance to you. I hope you have all thought well over it before giving it. I wish to tell you that the Queen recognizes you all as American Indians, that she recognizes you all as Indians who have come to our side of the line for protection. The answer you have given the United States Commissioners to-day prevents you ever going back to the United States with arms and ammunition in your possession. It is our duty to prevent you from doing this. I wish to tell you that if any one of you or your young men cross the line with arms in your hands that then we become your enemies as well as the Americans.

I wish you to know that this will only be the case if you cross the line with the intention of not behaving yourselves. As long as you behave yourselves the Queen's Government will not drive you out. You must remember that you will have to live by the buffalo on this side of the line, and that the buffalo will not last forever. In a very few years they will all be killed. I hope you have thought well on the decision you have given to-day, not only for yourselves but for your women and children. I hope you have considered the matter well with reference to the buffalo. After the buffalo are all destroyed you will have to seek some other method of living, as all that you can expect from the Queen's Government is protection from your enemies, and that only as long as you behave yourselves. I will report to the Queen's Government all that transpired to-day, and when the answer comes back I will have it communicated to you. I want now to find out from you what are the grievances you complain of having received on the other side of the line. I want to take this down so that I can let the Queen's Government know what grievances you have and what caused you to leave your country.

"Sitting Bull" then rose, and having shaken hands with the Commissioner and Inspector Walsh, said:--

My fathers, you know well how the Americans have treated us, and what they have done to us; they took me for their son, but they have come behind me with their guns. The first time our nation learned to shoot with the gun, it was to kill our children and women, it was by the English we were taught; since that time I have been misery. I tell you the truth; since I was raised I have done nothing bad. The Americans tried to get our country from us; our country was full of gold, I knew that the gold was there. I told them not to go into it. I did not wish to leave my country full of gold. I did not give them the land, no more than you would have given it. The Great Almighty and the Queen knows that there is no harm in me, and that I did nothing wrong. At the present time, in my own country, my people suffer from the Americans. I want to live in this country and be strong, and live well and happy. I know that this was our Great Mother's house, when I came here with my people. I was not raised with arms in my hands. The Americans kill for nothing. I like to see all my children alive, and come to this country. You will see soon more come across the line. God Almighty gave us lots of buffalo to live long. I wish there be lots of buffalo for a long time to come. I was glad when I knew I was on the Queen's land, when I knew plain, there are no more deer, elk or buffalo on the other side of the line. All is blood. I don't believe that you will help the Americans to do me harm as long as I behave myself. To-day you heard give me flour and cattle, and when they got me across the line they would fight me. I hope they will not come here a second time. If say anything wrong now, our mother will know of it, I don't want to disturb the ground or sky. I come to raise my children here. God Almighty always raised me buffalo meat to live on; and we will pay for what we want here; we asked the Americans to give us traders, but in stead of this we got fired balls. All of the Americans robbed, cheated and laughed at us. From the other side of the line their smoke passed over after us. Now I tell you that the Americans have done to us, and I wish you to tell the truth. They told me that they did not want to fight, but they commenced it. Everything that was bad always begun with them; I have never heard a good word of them; where I now am I hear nothing bad. If they liked me why did they drive me away; for my part they can stop on the other side of the line with their big guns, I stay on this side without being afraid. At present, I feel as if I were talking with our Grandmother, and I am glad I came here. I want you to tell our mother of the gold in the country we were driven from. You heard that squaw talk to-day, we want to raise children, we want to be big friends with all while we are here, and live in peace with all the Indians.

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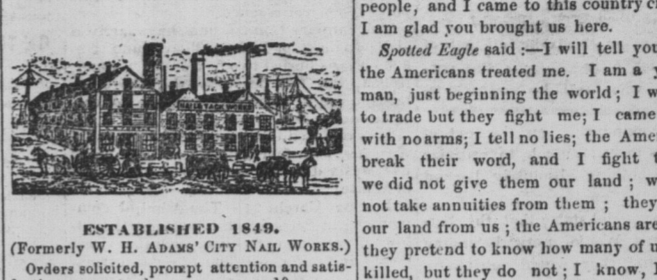
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IT WAS ALIVE. He was rather an uncouth looking individual and as he sauntered into the store the crowd sitting on the barrels winked and snickered and made remarks about his person. 'Where did it come from?' asked one, pointing at him. 'Somebody left the door open and it blew in,' said another. 'I don't think it's alive,' said a third. 'Touch it and see,' remarked a fourth. 'Ye's a man--see it move?' queried the first. All hands laughed boisterously. 'I'm a poor man, and I don't want to have any trouble with anybody. I'm a Christian, and I don't believe in turmoil and strife and can't participate in it. I pray you, worldly minded people, that you will allow me to depart in peace,' said the new arrival. 'One of the crowd being more daring than the rest, hammered the man down over his eyes, and another dabbed his nose full of molasses from a barrel standing by. Then the poor Christian man took a small volume from his pocket and began reading the Scriptures in a drawing, sing song tone. While he was engaged at this the crowd played all sorts of tricks on him. One put some eggs in his pocket and another mashed them. Then the biggest man in the house poured some oil on his hat and lighted it. Then the clerk hit him under the nose with a cod fish. Then that man quietly put the little volume in his coat tail pocket, and the clerk went head first into the molasses barrel. When the biggest man in the house picked himself from under the counter it was next to an impossibility to guess where his nose left off and where the codfish began. No. 1 made work for the glazier as he hit a ventilator in the window. No. 2 latched out half a barrel of eggs, and No. 3 got upon the pie shelf and stayed there. As No. 4 walked out of the door on his back he wondered how much it would cost to make him as good as new, and the poor Christian remarked:-- 'The next time you folks pick me up for a stone look out you ain't in the wrong way. Good day, fellers. The clerk is waiting for them to come round and settle for damage done, but they must have forgotten where the place is as they pass right by without looking in, and their bills remain unpaid.'

THE IMPERTURBABLE PASSENGER.--A train boy on an Illinois road found a rather tough customer in an old gentleman of composed mien, who received all shots as if he were bullet-proof. The boy bombarded him with papers, and pamphlets, and cards, and round books, and nuts, and fruits of one kind and another. But it was no good. Had the elderly party been lined inside with brass he could not have shown greater indifference. The boy fretted under his treatment as was plain to be seen. He had passed the cigars some thirty times, and without success, when he said, in a tone of desperation, when he said, 'Try some of these cigars, and if they don't kill you within a minute I'll give you the money back.' The man was somewhat amused by that, but he had the boy. He said: 'If I am dead how can you give me the money?' 'I'll give it to your family, then.' 'But I ain't got no family.' 'Well, I give it to the family next door,' persisted the boy. 'But there ain't no family next door,' said the man, with the smile lengthening in his face. 'Oh, there'll be one more in when they hear you are dead,' was the quick reply. The elderly passenger shut up like a borrowed knife.

It is said that sliding down hill in the evening air has been the direct cause of over six hundred deaths this winter. Always slide down hill in the summer. 'That's our family tree, said an Arkansas youth, as he pointed to a vigorous homelock. 'A good many of our folks have been hung on that tree for borren' horses.' A returned missionary was recently invited to a party, where all the ladies appeared in low cut dresses. Said he to his host, 'I don't mind it at all; I've spent ten years among the savages.' While reading a few chapters of Noah Webster's entertaining novel, we learned that when they embalm a man they fill him with aromatic spices. Now we know why a man chews cloves--he's embalming himself. 'Ma!' screamed young Matilda Spillings the other morning, when she got the paper, 'Ma, Silas' Bill has passed the House. 'Has he, my dear?' replied Mrs. Sils from upstairs. 'Why didn't you ask him in?'

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