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SEA-BIRDS.

There's a flock of beautiful sea-birds
Alight on the sandy bar,
How they gleam in the morning sunshine.
How white their feathers are,
The tide has almost covered
The Island where they stand,
And the little waves creep nearer
Along the yellow sand.

And there, at the edge of the water,
A hundred sea-birds play
Among the white-capped wavelets,
As foamy white as they.
Out there on the sandy shallow
They find their daily food;
The motherly Ocean feeds them,
Her countless and hungry brood.

She comes with a comforting whisper
And plenty of food for each
Of her little feathered nurseries,
Who wait for her waves on the beach.
Now, over the bar where they lighted,
The Tide her broad arms flings—
Look, what a sudden uplifting
Of white and flashing wings!

Now, half of the flock are flying—
How fair they are in their flight!
From the pale blue sky beyond them
Gleam out their breasts, snow-white.
They make me think of the angels,
With spotless robes and wings,
Or the thoughts of little children
On high and heavenly things.

And half of the flock are floating
On the dark blue sea at rest,
Like babes that are rocked to slumber
On their mother's heaving breast;
Like a bevy of water-lilies
Adrift on a quiet tide;
Or like hearts that were wild and restless
Now tranquil and satisfied.

(Written for *The Acadian.*)

A Clamming Excursion.

BY HARRY MARLEY.

I was "down east" searching for health. Just six miles from where I boarded, in a south-easterly direction, was Clam Island. Clam Island is a place noted for clams—hence its name. If there is anything I like better than girls, it is clams. I had often eaten them, but had never dug any. To eat my own digging was what I had always wanted. So when I heard that I was only six miles from where they grew, I resolved to have a dig. Two young fellows, boarder-mates of mine, concluded to go with me. We decided on the 24th. of May as the day of our excursion. We thought it would be a good

way to celebrate the birth-day of our queen; we knew she would be pleased when she heard about it. It was now the 23rd. On the morning of the 24th we started. It was a charming morning. Just the kind of a morning that makes school boys sick when they think of school, and excursionists happy when they think of excursions. We felt un-common happy. We had all the same object—clams, before us. We had thrown aside our little differences, for we used to differ occasionally especially in politics and religion, and resolved to spend the day in the most peaceful of harmony. I like harmony—they used to call me that at home. We "yelled" past things as Tom Pinch did when he went to London. Now along by the river, as it ripples and wrangles, and foams along; then over the bridge, with the broken down rail left on purpose to frighten horses; then on past fields thick with dandelions, and children gathering greens; past cottages with men standing at the door, and women at the windows staring (it is human nature to stare) at us, and hoping we are not their relations coming to make them a visit; then on, and on, until the long red bridge is reached and crossed and we are on Clam Island. We enquired at the first house we came to, for the best place for clams, and were directed to a place about a mile south. We then concluded to go just two miles north, but afterwards changed our mind and went south, thinking that perhaps people wouldn't mind you to clams if they would to blue-berries. As we travelled south we took a view of the island. It is about three miles long and three-quarters of a mile wide. It has a population of about 148 inhabitants, mostly children, with a few men and women as parents. Every pair of parents has a large family. I thought as I drove past their houses that they must have a contract of raising children for an immigration society. You would think to see the children outside, that each house owned a sabbath school picnic of its own. Selling cattle and farming are the chief occupations of the men; and spinning flax and going for the cows the principal employment of the women. The children don't do anything but mind the turkeys and wish for meal-time. The people are pious. I am told they know more about regeneration than a catechism. They keep sabbath to the very letter of the law. The women do not allow dishes to be washed on that day, and therefore you will not find a girl on the island but loves the sabbath. The men spend the day reading aloud out of Baxter's "Call to the unconverted" while the children sit around listening, and rolling gum in their hands which they dare not chew.

We had now got as far as our directions took us. As far as we could see was one immense clam-field. I had no

idea clam-fields were so large. I had always imagined one to be about the size of a fish-house. Joe and Harry, the boys that were with me, thought this was about an average sized one. But I know it was very much above the average size. I never swear I have such poor teeth, but I did feel like it, to hear boys that never saw a clam-field before pretend to be authority on such an important subject. I said nothing, however. They were these wise boys. There are some people that know everything. I would rather undertake to make a small earthquake and set it going than try to tell them something they didn't know. It can't be done. As we had now got to the home of the clam, we went right to work and were soon knee deep in the red mud digging. After an hour's work Harry went ashore to build a fire-place and prepare dinner. It never occurred to him until he had the fire-place built and all the wood now burning on it, that a borrowed wash-tub was not just the thing to boil clams in. You see he was absent-minded. In his perplexity he called us ashore. We held a consultation and concluded that the only thing we could do was to borrow a pot from the people nearest our fire-place, and gather more wood. I went for the pot, while Joe and Harry started for wood. I had never borrowed a pot, but I knew I could. About one-eighth of a mile away our nearest neighbor lived, thither I directed my steps. When I reached the gate, leading to the house, a dog lying on the door-step, commenced barking at me most furiously. I stood awhile and listened. I wanted to get acquainted with his bark. Some dogs don't mean anything by their bark, while others, often mean more than you are calculating on. Dogs as a general thing, like to bark. Nothing pleases them better than barking at strangers. The common saying that "a dog's bark is worse than his bite" is an absolute lie. I hate to be barked at, it is very humiliating, and always makes me feel as if I had bought a bottle of silver-wash or a package of dry goods from a "shoddy peddler" or was a woman that had left her husband's "bed and board" without any just or reasonable cause, but notwithstanding I would rather be barked at than bitten. Barking is noisy, but it is not half so terrifying as biting. Barking to me is the outward and audible sign of a good solid bite. I can stand barking, although I dislike it, but biting takes away all the heroism of my disposition. It is the barking that frights, but it is the biting that bites. I was once taken in by the bite of a dog. I thought he was joking. He was a good countenanced dog, and his bark was as amiable a bark as I ever listened to, but his bite—well if you want to see what his bite looks like after ten years, call and I will show you my

thumb. Ever since I have been suspicious of dogs.

After listening as long as I thought necessary I opened the gate and walked in. I had hardly got the gate closed behind me, when the animal came galloping down the walk at me, as if I was a plate of gravy. When I saw him coming I made up my mind to put myself on the other side of the gate, but in my hurry I could not get the gate open. You can't open a gate when a dog is after you any quicker than you can get to your pants wrong end to in the dark. When I found I couldn't open the gate, I concluded to face the dog. Concluding to face and facing are not exactly alike. I would rather conclude than face. As the dog drew near, my early training for the other side of the gate returned.

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W. & A. Railway

Time Table.

1883—Fall Arrangement—1883.

Commencing Monday, Oct. Nov

GOING EAST.	Accm.	Accm.	Exp. Daily.
	Daily.	TT. & Daily.	
1 Annapolis L'vng	8 15	1 45	
2 Bridgetown "	7 11	2 33	
3 Middleton "	8 10	2 31	
4 Aylesford "	9 17	4 03	
5 Berwick "	9 49	4 21	
6 Waterville "	9 55	4 30	
7 Kentville Ar've	8 15	1 15	8 06
8 Port Williams "	8 27	1 35	8 21
9 Wolfville "	8 48	1 48	8 30
10 Grand Pre "	8 59	1 57	8 49
11 Avonport "	7 10	1 20	8 53
12 Hastings "	7 26	1 30	8 58
13 Windsor "	8 18	1 15	8 30
14 Windsor Junc "	10 15	3 40	7 90
15 Halifax Arrive	11 00	4 30	8 25

GOING WEST.	Exp.	Accm.	Accm. daily.
	Daily.	M.W.F.	
1 Halifax—Leave	7 45	7 00	3 00
2 Windsor Junc—	8 22	8 30	6 00
3 Windsor "	9 45	11 05	8 03
4 Dartmouth "	10 05	11 33	8 31
5 Avonport "	10 20	11 53	6 49
6 Grand Pre "	10 29	12 05	7 03
7 Wolfville "	10 42	12 22	7 18
8 Port Williams "	10 50	12 30	7 25
9 Kentville "	11 25	1 15	7 40
10 Waterville "	11 46	1 51	
11 Berwick "	12 02	2 03	
12 Aylesford "	12 16	2 25	
13 Middleton "	12 58	3 35	
14 Bridgetown "	1 45	4 36	
15 Annapolis Ar've	2 30	5 30	

N. B. Trains are run on Railway Standard Time, 15 minutes added will give Halifax time.

The 1.45 p.m. Train from Annapolis will not be detained when Steamers happen to be late.

Through tickets may be obtained at the principal Stations.

P. Lucas,
General Manager.

Kentville, 3rd November, 1883.

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SEMI-MONTHLY.

DAVISON BROTHERS

PUBLISHERS & PROPRIETORS.

WOLFVILLE, KING'S CO., N.S.

TERMS OF SUBSCRIPTION.—The ACADIAN is published on the second and fourth Friday of each month at 50cts. per Annum

in advance. Single copies 3 cents.

SOME MORE SILVER MINE.

Our article on the Silver Mine has issue seems to have hurt the feelings of some people. In fact one man has stopped his paper after having paid up until February. We are sorry he has done so, but still stick to what we have said in this matter. Our people are bound to throw away their money should try to do it at home. We placed the blame upon no one in particular though for that matter we have been told we might very easily have done so. An article in the Herald a short time ago said that \$150,000 was an over estimate of the amount of stock held by King's County. \$10,000 was nearer the truth. We have it on good authority that three persons alone in the County hold stock to that amount. It is just possible that the writer means \$10,000 for the present value, in which case that is a very great over estimate.

We have a suggestion. Let us start a silver mine here say in Gaspareau. Sell shares and shareholders dig a large hole even larger than a Sonora. Give our laboring men something to do for the winter. Employ some of our lawyers, we to act as secretary and treasurer; make a lot of present idle persons, agents, and give our printing office some work, getting up reports of the amount of silver we are finding.

Then there are lots of details, such as a train-way for the transportation of ore and others too numerous to mention.

How does this suit our enterprising capitalists. We pause for a reply.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Why cannot we have a mutual arrangement this winter between the villagers to keep our side-walks cleared of snow. It would be of immense benefit and comfort to all of us. Where is the old "Improvement society" gone to?

We have been wondering all along what was going to become of the Halifax papers particularly the Herald

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but the fates have been good to them and sent something equally as foolish and capable of doing considerably more harm in the shape of a religious controversy.

We hoped a while ago that the method of assessment would be revised and improved, but after a very small amount talk it ended there.

We do wish our people would see this matter in its proper light and try to have the glaring disgrace wiped out. Don't talk so much but do more.

We want to know what is to be done about the new pier or the dredging of the creek. Can any one enlighten us? Perhaps Mr. D. B. Woodworth will.

CHRISTMAS IN WOLFVILLE.

Every one appears to be making great preparations for the Holidays. The shops are all in holiday attire with the goods at a minimum price.

It is now time to learn a little by this and then all will come out right in the end.

Our leading men and some considerably lower in the ranks have succeeded in making themselves extremely ridiculous and now perhaps they are satisfied.

Any way we hope they have learned a little by this and will hereafter discreetly hold their tongues and work in a more sensible way to accomplish the desired end.

GENERAL NEWS.

The wheat crop of Canada shows a shortage this year of 1,500,000 bushels.

The Royal Gazette contains a notice that in consequence of the crowded state of the asylum patients other than clearly dangerous and violent lunatics, will not be received into the institution without the consent of the Medical Superintendent is first obtained.

The new Government Schooner Princess Louise was being towed from MacLean to Halifax, to be rigged when the hawser broke and she went ashore about a mile below Digby Gut. The captain and seven men were drowned.

The Western Book & News Co. desire to inform their friends and the public generally that their stock of Xmas Goods is now complete, and that it is up to its usual standard of excellence.

They ask their patrons to look out for their advertisement in the special number to be issued next week, in which full particulars will be found.

Give them a call and see for yourselves.

Western Book & News Co. A. M. Heare, Manager.

NEW STANDARD TIME.

The following circular has been issued to the employees of the Windsor & Annapolis railway Co. Dated Kentville, Dec 7th 1883.

Eastern standard time, which is that of the 75th meridian, has been adopted by this railway and will come into operation in all departments on Monday morning the 10th of Dec. inst.

The new time will be 30 minutes slower than present railway time and 45 minutes slower than Halifax time.

A new Time Table will also come into effect on the same day.

R. PRAT
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TEA SETTS,

CHAMBER SETTS,

GLASS SETTS,

VASES CHINA TOYS,

etc. etc. etc.

etc. etc. etc.

etc. etc. etc.

etc. etc. etc.

VARIETY & QUALITY

etc. etc. etc.

R. PRAT

Wolfville, Oct. 12 1883

THE MACADAMIAN

A. C. RUBEN

RATES OF ADVERTISING.

Half Square one line	80.50
Square	1.00
Half Column	2.00
Column	3.00

All advertisements not having the number of insertions specified in the manuscript will be considered and charged for accordingly.

In order to insure insertion, advertisements should be in the office not later than Monday morning.

Local and other Matters.

More Auctions of property

The stores are now in full bloom for Xmas. Many articles and vessels down 25%.

Sunday night was the anniversary of the burning of Acadia College.

SLEIGHING.—The first snow of any account fell on Sunday night last, and the sleighing this week has been excellent. Business has also improved somewhat in consequence.

Dec. 1883.—Certain parties are circulating a story that we have left the country. This is to certify that we have agreed to stay here another year and recanvass King's and Hants counties. All parties in want of first class Fruit and Ornamental Trees please hold your orders for us or address

L. W. KIMBALL,
Wolfville, N. S.

AMUSEMENT.—An Entertainment under the auspices of Grand Pie Division takes place in their hall next Thursday. Admission 10 cents.

APPLE SHIPMENTS.—There was shipped from West River rail road this week 301 barrels apples, and from Port Williams 618 barrels. Also from the latter place 515 barrels potatoes.

BALLS
STOCK

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(continued from 1st. page.)

The dog was just the width of his bite away but I did not get bitten. I have no idea but it was the dog's intention to bite, but the timely appearance of a woman and a broom-handle kind of disarranged his plans, and caused him to leave by a different route from the one he came. I shall love that woman and broom-handle as long as I live; for I know that if it hadn't been for them I would have been badly chewed and probably died next dog-days. I said nothing disrespectful to the woman about the dog I know as a general thing they don't like to hear anything said about them. They become attached to house-keeping line, from a piano to a harp; that a woman will not become attached to, and it is as much as a man's reputation and often his life is worth to say anything against them. I at once made known my errand, and got the pot. She was the best woman to borrow pots from I ever saw. She just coaxed me to take two, but I thought more about carrying them than she did. I have heard since that there is nothing about a house, unless it is the clock or the pattern of a new mosque, that a woman loves to lend as much as she does her pots. But this woman would have lent me every pot she had, she was so kind. I made up my mind to make her a three or four weeks visit next summer to repay her kindness. I bid her good morning, and she bid me good morning and I left. When I got back to our fire-place the boys had got home with the wood and we soon had our clams boiled.

The clam is a fish. I have always thought it was intended for an insect and that Adam made a mistake when he classified it. The clam is a very popular fish. Most every person likes them. Those that don't, like the butter, vinegar and pepper that is eaten in them which is just the same thing. They taste very much like an ink eraser, but are a little easier chewed. They are the only fish you can't choke yourself to death with bones while eating them, and the only ones that don't call for water afterwards. After we had eaten—I will not say how many—suffice it to say that we found ourselves to be as large internally, as any five gallon keg in the neighborhood, we filled our wash-tub to take home, as we calculated there was enough human nature in us to want clams more next day than we did this. We sent Joe home with the borrowed pot. Joe had spoken in a very sarcastic manner to me when I brought the pot: "that he forgot to tell me when I left if they hadn't any pots made not to wait till they made one, but as long as I did it was all right," so I felt glad to see him take the pot home. The dog did not bite him, but frightened him nicely—which made him mad, at the dog, and then at me for not telling him about him,—just as if I was going to run down that woman's dog to strangers. We now started for home. Joe continued his madness until I asked him to sing. He can't sing, but it always pleases him to ask him. When he got done singing we had reached home feeling much recruited in health and pretty well saturated with clams.

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Geo. V. Rand.

Wolfville, Sept. 9th 1883.

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