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LITERATURE.

Dick Halliday's Wife.

BY NOVA PERCY.

"O Richard, I am so glad you have come! Where have you been?" Richard laughs a small laugh—not of pleasure, as one might suppose, at these warm words of greeting from an uncommonly pretty woman, but a queer little laugh, perfectly good-natured—Richard Halliday is seldom moved from this easy good-nature of his—perfectly good-natured, but the kind of laugh that falls from a person's lips in involuntary recognition of a peculiarity.

"Well, you need not laugh, Richard, for I have been so nervous about you!"

"I only laughed at your question, Lizzie. Where have you been?" It reminded me of a similar question in Dow's Flat. "Where have you been?" But Mr. Richard Halliday thinks to turn his wife's attention from the point—her point—by this very direct remark, he is mistaken.

"I did not say, 'Where have you been,' Richard; I am not so careless of my pronunciation as that, I do hope," and Mrs. Richard tosses her head a little, entirely oblivious of her husband's remark. "But where have you been, Richard?" she still persists.

"I have been to the Mountain of the Moon, dear, as I made a call at each of the smaller planets on my way home. I am a little late."

As Mr. Halliday delivers himself of this nonsense with great gravity, he stoops for a moment to unbuckle his overshoe, that movement bringing his head on a level with Mrs. Halliday, who is rather of diminutive stature.

"Richard!"—sniff—sniff—"I smell"—sniff—sniff—"I smell brimley or whiskey, or some dreadful stuff. O Richard you have been with those horrid Raymonds at that hateful club!"

"I told you, my dear, I had been to the Mountains of the Moon. They are always extremely hospitable and social up there, especially on cold nights—and it's uncommonly natty too."

Mrs. Halliday remembers the story of the husband who returned one night somewhere in the small hours sufficiently natty with his intentions to endeavor to conceal his condition by a generous use of olives, but he betrayed his wandering wits at the last by replying to the question of his wife concerning such an extraordinary pungency of odor, that he had been to the Spice Islands.

Remembering this, Mr. Halliday, who is quicker to take a suspicion than a joke, immediately tries the case of wandering wits to Mr. Halliday, whose wits never wandered under any conditions. As this new suspicion enters her mind, she starts back with the peach bloom fading from her cheeks, and utters one exclamation: "O Richard!"

There is such a depth of pain in this exclamation that Mr. Halliday, for the first time since he entered the room, looks at her seriously. His first impulse is to laugh, but he checks the impulse, and for a moment is silent; then, as he seats himself before the fire, he puts out his hand, and says:

"Lizzie, come here." Lizzie obeys, and allows herself to be drawn, with a little half-resentful protest, to her husband's knee. "My dear child, did you ever see a man in his cups? I mean a little drunk—before to-night?"

"No, never—that is, not near enough to tell."

The laugh that Richard Halliday has restrained now breaks out. Mrs. Halliday remains with a conscious sense of being ridiculed. She has not the faintest sense of the situation.

"Never near enough to tell, eh? I thought so, my dear, else you would have known that you had yet to make acquaintance with the interesting phenomenon—a man a little drunk."

The clear eyes that look into her eyes, the cool hand that holds her hand, and more than all, a certain dry tone of the usually pleasant voice—a caustic note which is not pain or anger, but a tone of assertion—quiet but derisive—all these indications suddenly disclose to Mrs. Halliday the very foolish blunder she has made. Perhaps she never admits her easy going husband so much as when he rouses himself sufficiently to assert himself in this masculine fashion. In a moment, then, she drops her small, bristling wings and is at his feet, in spirit—in reality, she bends her ashamed face against his waistcoat. Presently the waistcoat-wearer says:

"Where is the evening paper, Lizzie? I will look at it a moment, and then we will have a game of chess; it is early yet, only half past nine."

Only half past nine! Mrs. Halliday reddens again, but this time out of shame-faceness; and this shame-faceness keeps her silent.

The question of "Where have you been, Richard?" is not put again. The little lady sees she has made a foolish mess of it—that is, she sees that Richard thinks so, and, half angry, not exactly at herself, but at the world in general, and with a great sense of self-pity, she longs to weep a little weep upon her husband's shoulder, to say her smart say of sorrow at her mistake, to promise all manner of lovely things for the future, while she wedges in a plaintive excuse for herself.

But Mr. Halliday has had so many "little weeps" on his shoulder, has

heard so many promises of lovely things for the future, which the future never fulfilled, that it is not strange, I suppose, that he should fail to encourage further demonstration of this kind.

So the "little weep" goes off in a few long drawn sighs against the waistcoat, and then waistcoat-wearer is left to read his paper, which is never a very long operation with him, and then the game of chess follows. In the midst of this Mr. Halliday suddenly says: "I met Kate today, and she wanted to know why we had not been around lately. I told her we would drop in to-morrow night, perhaps."

If Dick Halliday had been looking at his wife's face he would have seen a ripple on its smooth surface. For ten days Mrs. Richard has been in the undisturbed, the unshared possession of her husband's society. The ripple which passes over her face says, very plainly:

"Why should Dick want other society than mine? I do not want other society than his." But after a minute she replies:

"Of course, Dick dear, if you would like to go, we will go."

It is, doubtless, impossible for Mrs. Richard to conceal the fact that she is simply acquiescing in her husband's request from a sense of duty merely; but Mr. Richard, either wise or unobservant, makes no comment, and the subject drops without any of that dangerous discussion which is so familiarly the wife of his cousin Tom—Tom Halliday. Before there was any Mrs. Dick, or Mrs. Tom, when it was Lizzie Halliday and Kate Lane—there had been a good deal of girlish intimacy; but since the two had become united a little closer by marriage, the intimacy, instead of becoming closer, had rather subsided. People said that Mrs. Dick was very domestic, and that Mrs. Tom was more given to the gayeties of life. Perhaps this was the reason of their seeing less of each other. Mrs. Dick had been rather subdued. People said that Mrs. Dick was very domestic, and that Mrs. Tom was more given to the gayeties of life. Perhaps this was the reason of their seeing less of each other. Mrs. Dick had been rather subdued. People said that Mrs. Dick was very domestic, and that Mrs. Tom was more given to the gayeties of life. Perhaps this was the reason of their seeing less of each other.

with the air of a missionary enlightening the heathen.

Raymond looks at her a moment with puzzled expression, as if a conundrum had been proposed, and, a moment after, he moved over to Mrs. Tom, as if he gave it up.

After this, the talk gets into ill-vised channels, the gentlemen falling into politics, and the ladies scaring into the region of feminine high art—dress—which is the only region, Kate has been heard to declare, where Mrs. Dick does not carry her principles, though Mrs. Dick, without doubt, would stoutly deny this charge, and perhaps be able to prove that careless Mrs. Tom entirely mistaken. But, however it may be, the talk goes on with animation until Jack Raymond breaks up the political discussion by taking his departure. Mrs. Tom laments this going greatly, and launches forth in voluble praises of the departed as the door closes.

"Nicest fellows in the world, those Raymond boys, both of them," declares Tom heartily.

"Are not they rather—fast?" asks Mrs. Dick.

"I don't know—are they, Tom?" responds Kate—as a response that shows a hardened indifference to morality, which is appalling to Mrs. Dick.

And then Tom:

"Fast! no, not what I call fast. They are bright boys, invited everywhere, and spend a good deal of money; but they are honorable, upright fellows, going in with a good deal of judgment to keep the balance, I should say."

"They are very nice, anyway," remarks Mrs. Tom here, with that careless optimism which distinguishes her.

"Mr. Marsh used to speak of them as fast," Mrs. Dick returns, with an air of one playing a trump card.

"Marsh? I ejaculate Tom Halliday, with great contempt. Marsh is a prig, continually setting up his notions of propriety or morality as a standard."

"You do not know the Raymonds," interposes Mrs. Tom, pleasantly: "if you did you would be sure to like them." The scale of Mrs. Tom's judgment is generally a scale of more or less agreeableness. Then, as if suddenly struck by a very bright thought—a suggestion which in the following out will settle the whole vexed question: "I will invite you to my house to-morrow night. I will have a very good dinner for the two of you; there's nothing like a social dinner for making people better acquainted."

"Thank you, I do not care to be better acquainted—I don't like men who operate as they do," retorts Mrs. Dick, with calm decision. A very queer look passes over Tom Halliday's face.

Kate is beginning, lastly: "Why, Lizzie, how can you say so, when—when I am suddenly arrested from her speech by a warning glance from her husband. All this time Dick Halliday sits imperturbable, with the blandest expression of indifference to the whole subject upon his impassive countenance. And Mrs. Dick, who has caught at neither her queer glance nor the warning glance, pleases herself with the thought that her last remark has told. It has, indeed, but in a different direction from that which she so complacently expects. Conversation flags after this, and, in the lull, the two visitors depart. Alone with her husband, Kate Halliday flings up her hands in expressive pantomime. Tom laughs.

"Well, Kate, that was what I call a pretty clever shot. I never knew you blunder like that before; but the idea of not knowing that Dick is a club-man! It did not occur to me that she was ignorant; I thought her little speech was a snap at Dick. I thought Dick would be the last person to conceal anything. I must say, Tom, it looks rather cowardly in him."

"I think any man would be just such a coward then. He does not want to be gashed at all by the end of a club!"

"How she does nag him!" cried Kate, half laughing.

"Nag him! I should think so. Kate, if you were like that woman, I would get a divorce."

"I have no doubt you would, sir; you have not the easy temper of your cousin Dick. How you did fly at her about the Raymonds!"

"Fly at her! The little canting pussy-cat quoting that fool of a Marsh!"

"But Lizzie is very good—really, Tom. Don't you remember how kind she was to me when I was sick, and how she nursed Dick through the variolous last winter?"

"Yes, I remember; I am very much obliged to her, but if I were in Dick's place I should not be; I should a great deal rather trust my chance in the next world than be nursed back to pass my life with her."

"But you are not Dick, sir."

"No—thank Heaven!"

While this talk is going on, Lizzie Halliday is quietly congratulating herself on the stand she was taken. And, as the season progresses, and she hears of dissipation, and the town-hall, with such men as the Raymonds for the principal figures, she congratulates herself still more upon her "stand." And this stand is that of avoiding all this dissipation, and, as she calls it, and the substitution of something solid and substantial, something that is intelligent and elevating—pleasure and profit combined. In pursuance of this plan, she organizes a Shake-

peare Society and a reading society. At the latter, the subject for discussion was given out at each meeting for the coming meeting, so that each person might be prepared. Tom Halliday hears of these enjoyments, when the winter is nearly over, from one of the "members"—a young girl rather of the wife's proclivities, about "The Pre-Adamite World," which is the only region, by an aunt who is of Mrs. Dick Halliday's mental and moral kith and kin.

"And is Dick a regular attendant at these intellectual treatises?" asks Tom.

"He comes in at the latter part of the evening. His business he says, does not allow him the pleasure of coming earlier."

"His business?"

"Yes, Mrs. Halliday says he is very much devoted to his business; and little Sally McClane turns up to Tom Halliday's face a very bright pair of eyes with a keen expression in them."

"What does he do when he is there?" asks Tom.

"Do! Why, what do you suppose he does? He behaves himself like a gentleman as he is."

"Oh! Does he read in the plays—Shakespeare, you know?" prelates Tom.

"I've never heard him."

"Does he talk in that conversation-ho?"

"Well, yes, he talks a little."

"Oh, he does! What are some of the subjects, Sally?"

"The Pre-Adamite World" and "The Mission of Man" are all I remember."

"Sally, do you mean to tell me that Dick Halliday talks to you of the subjects?"

"Yes, he does. He talks of the 'Pre-Adamite World' and 'The Mission of Man'."

"No, certainly not. I never said he talked to those people."

"Whom does he talk to then?"

"Well, he talks to me."

"Oh, he talks to you?"

"Yes, he talks to me. He is on the street, walking with Sally; that the passers turn and look at him. And what are my cousin Dick's views on those abstruse subjects, Miss McClane?"

Sally laughs now, and then, with a warning glance from her husband, she says: "All the while she has been refusing our invitations, she has been engineering these heady talks and things, and never gave us a chance at them. Why, Tom, she must consider herself a very clever woman."

"But, I wonder if that is all he has to say?"

"Where do they go? We scarcely ever see them at the theatre, and never in our old seats at parties."

"He is with me a good deal, I am sure. Dick will manage to answer himself somehow, never fear," answers Tom, carelessly.

And all the time Mrs. Dick is congratulating herself on the success of her plan. She is curing Dick of his idle, frivolous tastes by offering him a certain witty and humorous remark of Dick's in such good imitation of Dick Halliday's quiet manner that Tom laughs another loud laugh; and, going home, he tells Kate the whole story.

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I have not seen you for an age to speak with you, though I've seen you driving with Mrs. Claymer lately several times, and I thought that you might get time to return my call."

"Driving with Mrs. Claymer! You are mistaken Mrs. Deane."

"Well, now, I declare! Do you mean to tell me that I did not meet you last night—and, let me see, Wednesday night, too? You did not see me, but Mr. Halliday did, and raised his hat to me."

"What! Dick?"

"Why, of course; and you had on that very peculiar gray-and-white shawl. Oh, I know it was you, my dear, by your light hair, though you are so vain as to cover your complexion from these east winds by a blue veil. I told Louisa that I did not know whether you meant to come or not."

"I am sure I did not see you, Mrs. Deane," answers Lizzie, with great presence of mind, though the floor of the car seems to rise before her. Fortunately, Mrs. Deane arrives at this crisis at her destination, and Lizzie is left alone to face the situation. Dick—her husband—driving with Mrs. Claymer, and another lady who is not his wife, despite the gray-and-white striped shawl!

Mrs. Claymer is a fashionable woman, with a background of family and a prestige of wealth. She was one of Dick Halliday's bachelor acquaintances, and had exchanged calls once with his wife. Lizzie always speaks of her as "that very worldly Mrs. Claymer."

But the other person in the gray-and-white striped shawl!

Going on and on in the car, Lizzie puzzles over the enigmas in a little while a fury of jealousy and mortification.

"What can it mean? Who can it be?" she queries.

All at once her mind clears. Kate Halliday has the duplicate to her shawl; has, too, light curling hair like her own. That Kate, a few months back, did not know Mrs. Claymer, was nothing; Kate was always making new acquaintances. With this conclusion, everything in the past seems to come back to her with a new meaning. She recalls all Dick's admiration of Kate. She recalls, too, the business engagements which this recent has "freed" for the last six months. And she is about to tell herself that she is in her accustomed careless fashion upon the road, and stands at the window singing a little air, and waiting for Tom to come in to dinner; and, waiting for Tom, she sees Cousin Dick going home. It is a warm night in the latter part of May, and the window at which she stands is wide open. Dick stops a moment to chat.

"You had better come in," urges Kate; "we shall dine in two minutes—and such a salad!" I made it myself."

Dick laughs; confesses the salad is a great temptation, but declines. At that point Tom comes swinging round the corner.

"Oh, there you are! I see Mrs. Kate; and here is Dick dying to taste my salad. Make him come in, Tom; he has not been here for ages."

Dick, beginning to yield, says something about going home.

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Sackville, N. B., May 29, 1879.

More Imperial Honors.

At the Windsor Hotel on Saturday, the Queen's Birthday, the Marquis of Lorne by command of Her Majesty invested CHARLES TUPPER, SAMUEL L. TILLEY, SIR NANCY F. BELLEAU, ALEXANDER CAMPBELL and RICHARD J. CARTWRIGHT with Knighthood in the Colonial Order of St. Michael and St. George. While we congratulate Sir CHARLES TUPPER and Sir SAMUEL L. TILLEY on these well earned honors, we are assured that the surpassing ability they have each displayed in the service of their country, their life-long labors and their exalted patriotism are monuments of themselves that can gain no lustre from royal patents or orders or decorations. As marks of their Sovereign's favor, they will be cherished, but they will add nothing to the reputation these distinguished statesmen will leave to posterity, for the future, casting distantly aside the title as superfluous ornamentation, will make bare the men and their lives, to be weighed in the balance of history.

The propriety of introducing titles in the Colonies of the Empire is still a moot question, and one that the most loyal must regard with grave doubt. Titles are an exotic in any new country, but in ours, where we have neither the wealth, the landed aristocracy, the historic names, the family traditions, or the social conditions to make such an old-world plant take root and thrive; where the genius of our institutions and the sentiment of our people, though intensely loyal, are as intensely democratic, it may be questioned whether these distinctions are desirable. Certainly if JOE HOWE had been a peer of the realm, he would have been JOE HOWE, and not a peer of the realm, and the hearts and affections of the people of Nova Scotia, and we believe colonial statesmen ought not to learn to seek the rewards of honorable service from any other source than that suggested by the gratitude of their fellow countrymen.

MOUNT ALLISON.—The following is the Programme of Examination and Anniversary at Mount Allison, May 29th to 31st.—Examinations of Classics, Oral and written.

May 31st, 8 o'clock, p. m.—Meeting of College Board.

Sunday, June 1st.

10 a. m.—Theological Union: Annual Sermon by Rev. W. C. Brown, of Liverpool, N. S.

7 p. m.—Baccalaureate Sermon, by Rev. John Murray, of Windsor, N. S.

Monday, June 2nd.

10 a. m.—Male Academy Anniversary Exercises.

7 p. m.—Theological Union Annual Lecture, by the Rev. Professor Stewart, D. D. Subject: "The teaching of Christ in reference to His own Person and work."

Tuesday, June 3rd.

10 a. m.—Ladies' Academy Anniversary Exercises. An Address will be given by Rev. R. Brocken, M. A.

7 p. m.—Anniversary Meeting of the Alumni and Alumna Societies.

Wednesday, June 4th.

9 a. m.—College Convocation. Address by the Rev. Chancellor Hill, D. D., of the University of Halifax.

4 p. m.—Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors.

THE RECURRING OF FIRE here of late, calls for an investigation into the origin of the one that destroyed Ayer's Factory. We do not believe there exists in Sackville a fender in human shape so diabolical as to deliberately set the mill to destroy his neighbor's property, but somehow a suspicion has crept abroad that such persons do exist, and it is high time for the fair fame of the place that such ideas should be set at rest by a painstaking investigation. Otherwise we will enjoy an unenviable reputation, and property holders will find rates of insurance advanced. But if it should unfortunately be found that any one is guilty of the crime alleged, the sooner he is placed where he will be safely kept, the better for the community.

THE JOLY GOVERNMENT in Quebec held on last session by the grace of the Speaker; they are promised a continuance through the coming session by the grace of Judge Sicotte, who in one parish in St. Hyacinthe has wiped out 80 Conservative names, rendering Solicitor General Mercier's election secure. He has also ousted the Conservative member for Chamby, because he held the wrong voting list had been used. He has also disqualified Bertrand, member for Rouville, for making too many promises during election.

PARISH COURT COMMISSIONERS.—Under the Provincial Act of last session providing for the appointment of an additional Trial Magistrate in each Parish in Westmorland County, the following appointments have been made:—Moncton Parish, L. Lewis, Esq.; Shediac, E. George Harshman, Esq.; Westmorland, C. C. Wry, Esq.; Dorchester, Max. Richard, Esq.; Sackville, Walter Cahill, Esq.

THE ILLUSTRATED JOURNAL OF AGRICULTURE is a new dandy weekly published by Mr. Ed. A. Bernard, Montreal. It is full of interesting Agricultural matter and well worth the subscription price. The Agricultural "Maze" owned by Mr. Jno. Gobbs, of Compton, for which the owner has refused \$2,500, occupies a place amongst the illustrations.

THE HALIFAX CHRONICLE says that Knighthoods have of late been getting "cheap and nasty." This is an unprovoked and unnecessary insult to Sir A. J. Smith.

KINGS' CONVENT election, yesterday, resulted in the election of Hon. Mr. Crawford by 300 majority.

EXTRAORDINARY MURDER CASE.—On Thursday last the Grand Jury of Westmorland County, Maryland, found a true bill against Miss Duer for murdering Miss Ella Hearn last November. The case is so remarkable in a psychological sense—as evidencing a strange abnormal feeling existing between two members of the same sex—as to excite much attention.

Miss Duer appears to have obtained a mastery over her more womanly and weaker-minded companion. It seemed strange that Miss Hearn could love such an unsexed being as Miss Duer appears, from what is told of her, to be. For instance she smokes; her dresses are always worn short and with a little jacket with inside pockets. She wears a boy's hat, which she always tips when acknowledging a salute. The young girls with whom she associated told numerous stories of her curious idiosyncrasies. She never cared for the society of the sterner sex, and would make but love like a Romeo to her female friends. Sometimes they would laugh these strange fancies away, at others she would frighten them with her vehemence.

It is said that she was a very beautiful woman, and that she was always a mystery, and a young lady who knew her well says that it was a favorite theory of hers that two women could be quite as happy and get along quite as well married as a woman and a man. From the newspapers we gather that already there are signs of a revival of trade in various directions, and the indications are the bottom has been reached. And, after reading Dr. Tupper's masterly address on the Pacific Railway and his statesmanlike presentation of the whole matter, our faith in the future of this Dominion is stronger than ever. The "Cumberland Boy" never did better and we are all proud of him.

Happenings at Hopewell.

Enterprise Wanted.—Business.—Religions.

Now that the National Police have been fairly inaugurated we hope our people will be equal to the occasion and resolve to possess themselves of the suburbs of a woman and a man. From the newspapers we gather that already there are signs of a revival of trade in various directions, and the indications are the bottom has been reached. And, after reading Dr. Tupper's masterly address on the Pacific Railway and his statesmanlike presentation of the whole matter, our faith in the future of this Dominion is stronger than ever. The "Cumberland Boy" never did better and we are all proud of him.

Here, in Albert, our policy thus far has been the "Do Nothing" one and we are waiting and watching for something to turn up. There is no longer any doubt in the minds of our people to start various manufactures but there is a lamentable lack of enterprise. Men of means will not loan their surplus funds at high rates of interest where the benefit is all theirs, and they are not in the least inclined to invest in speculations in which others will share the profits. Efforts have been made quite recently to start a shoe factory and to form a ship building company, but the men who could help looked on coldly and refused cooperation. We have wood, lime, coal, gypsum, stone, and soil for agricultural purposes that cannot be excelled, and yet here we are to-day like "flies on the wheel," and unless we can induce strangers to come and go ahead we might as well be without any of them. And some morning our people will wake up and find that strangers are being enriched with what once belonged to them, but which belongs to them no longer.

Despite the dullness of the times, a number of new buildings are in progress at Riverside and Hopewell Corner. Captain Pyle's house at the former place is approaching completion, and Dr. Murray has commenced the erection of a neat residence at the latter.

Our merchants are feeling the pressure of the times, and although we have no fears of their failure we are not without anxiety as to their ability to keep their credit good. What they need and what we all need is employment for our people.

Religious matters are still receiving considerable attention, and the results of last winter's work are very encouraging. And after making a large discount for possible failures there is no doubt but that the churches have secured substantial gains.

Still the millennium has not yet been reached, and the age of controversy has not yet passed away. Baptism has been the theme of discussion in several of our pulpits of late, one side contending that Infant Baptism and sprinkling are relics of Popery, the other that they are of Divine authority and have been observed by the church since Apostolic times. As it is always well to hear both sides of a subject, and as up to this time very little has been said on the Hopewell side, it is very likely some very strong notions will be rectified and a more intelligent understanding of the subject arrived at.

Of politics we never hear a word; election matters are not named, and Rogers, McCrean and Donville are no more talked about than if they had ceased to exist.

From Petitcodiac.

May Queen.—Fishing, Etc.

Our milkman, who was run into a few nights ago by Brau's sporter when under headway, sued the untentional disturber of the peace and recovered his claim—\$14.

The Queen's Birthday was observed here perhaps with more loyalty than has ever yet been displayed in such an occasion. Flags were flying in all directions at an early hour. The shops were all shut up and not even a fish-hook was "bought" all day. The clink of the Smith's hammer was missing, evidently showing that functionary was not on a strike but at rest. In fact all the mechanics took a holiday with the exception of one "son of the bod" who was dressed in his quaint white habiliment and going his off repeated round. But the most attractive scene was the children, who seemed bound to carry out the Queen's day with pomp, and in due time their May Queen dressed in silk with a crown and chains of gold was marching in the principal streets, accompanied by a large crowd of attendants and with the usual ballads. At the approach of the 6 p. m. express the group sang "God Save the Queen," also other loyal pieces. Among those who were for a good time, these little girls seemed to wade waist deep in delight and enjoyment. There were few visitors in town occasioned probably by Mr. McCready's holiday up behind a hill, and a few days previous. The boys who went fishing arrived in

good time and spirits. They said the Land of Canaan offered ample fishing grounds, but either the fish refused to bite this time of year or their means of catching did not suit. One thing certain, the weather was unusually cold and disagreeable.

Mr. Hiram Graves had a duck hatched out a few days ago whose head was on upside down. It soon got tired of the world, and not knowing how to eat without standing on its head it succumbed to the fate of all living creatures.

Mr. W. H. Stevens has opened a new shoe shop.

Amherst Races.

Winnie Tights, Jack Tramps, and Sailor Boy the victors in three straight heats—Noonan defeats McDonald in the Foot Race.

Notwithstanding the rawness of the wind and the prospect of a heavy rain, a large number of people witnessed Amherst on Saturday to witness the park programme and do shopping, a privilege which for many years past has been prevented by the shutting down of all places of business on Victoria's Birthday.

Shortly after one o'clock the people began to walk and drive to the track, continuing to do so until 3 o'clock, when about 600 men, women, and children occupied the stands and lined the driveway from the main entrance to the stables. The track was in first class condition. Among all these people there was very little discord and equally as much betting.

The judges were R. B. Boggs, and Dr. Baker, of Amherst, Blair Estabrooks, of Sackville, John Moffat, of River Hebert, and Charles Moffat, of Amherst, Distance Judge.

In the vicinity of three o'clock the three heats for a \$50 purse—\$25 to 1st, \$15 to 2nd, and \$10 to 3rd—was called, the following horses being entered:—

D. McFarlane's MicMac; B. Loring's Willie Tights; D. D. Bates' Billy Hampton; Paul Wilson's Shylcock; P. S. McDonald's Billy Bate; R. McKen's Switzer.

Billy Bate was protested against on the ground of being entered under a false name. McManus said he was not aware that the horse had another name, and the protest was dropped in this three minute company; but he was ruled out. Shylcock and Switzer failed to appear, leaving the other three to start in above recorded order.

First Heat.—Five false starts were made before they got away. Winnie, the driver, before going fifty yards took the pole from MicMac, Billy Hampton on rounding the second corner went into the air, making a break which kept him far in the rear of the other two, while going the first half, but on covering the back stretch the second time he settled down to his work, drawing steadily upon the leaders until nearing the stretch where he opened out enough to nicely save his distance. MicMac followed close on Winnie's flank, driving her under the wire in 3.04.

Second Heat.—On the third start a horse was seen to be in the stretch before the first quarter was covered. Hill drove his mare five lengths away from MicMac. Here Billy was again off his feet and acting badly. They went the first half somewhat leisurely, the horses turning in the ascending ground, the driver of Billy, a Lightning rod-man, picked his horse up, putting him square on his feet, and made him collar MicMac on turning into the home stretch.

The mare had one length, going the full mile without a skip in 3.12.

Third Heat.—With one scoring they got away. Winnie again going to the front in the beginning, but she failed to open up much of gap till reaching the three-quarter pole, where Hill pushed her off her feet, when she was leading three lengths. As she caught MicMac was at her wheel, rushing her under the string in 3.01 the winner of the heat and race. Billy the last broke in, immediately after starting, becoming so ungovernable that his driver was compelled to give him a long and sharp run in order to get third place in the race.

The Evening Race, best two of three, for the \$50 purse, \$25 to 1st, \$15 to second, and \$10 to third—was filled by:

Barry Wood's Jack Tramps; D. B. Bates' Lightfoot; F. Brown's Billy Bate; C. Pagley's Silverfoot.

After considerable delay they got "go" and went off well together; but before the second quarter was reached Tramps was leading Lightfoot by a length. Davy got the best of the start but on reaching the three-quarter pole, where he was out of the race, and Silverfoot was ten lengths behind him, he threw up his tail, watching Lightfoot chase Tramps home in 2 minutes.

Second Heat was close but not remarkably interesting, because they got away on the first scoring. When Lightfoot fell back Tramps pulled. Wood lifted his horse half a length to the front, and went home the victor in 2.03.

The best two in three half-mile colts race for a \$25 purse—\$10 to 1st, \$7 to 2nd, \$5 to 3rd, and \$3 to 4th—was the most pleasing feature of the entire programme. The following five were entered, but only the first three came to time:

A. Carter's Sailor Boy; C. Wilson's Jennie Lind; G. Blanche's Dandy Jack; J. Thibodeau's Jennie.

First Heat.—Jennie Lind had the pole, Dandy Jack was located at the outside, and Sailor Boy was in the middle. On the first scoring they came up lively but unevenly, and were called back. Dandy was really riding without a saddle, and his rider failed to hold him before he had gone an eighth. They were started again, when Dandy on nearing the starting point showed his playfulness by kicking up his hind leg, and the lights being brought in, his anger was found out.

which was a success. Sailor Boy went early in the heat for the pole, taking it away from Jennie. Dandy went very crookedly, keeping a good place till going in, when Jennie, spurred by him, sent the Climax out in 1.06. Dandy had a good third.

Second Heat.—In this contest Dandy had a new and better rider, who made his horse get up and get to the front at the outside, a position which he controlled until coming into the home stretch, where he fell back, permitting Wood to ride to the front, with Jennie going in second. Time 1.02.

The 100 yard foot race was open for entries until the time of starting. The three competitors, Noonan and Corrigan, of Botsford, and McDonald of Dorchester, have met on previous occasions at the same place for the same purpose. Heretofore Corrigan and McDonald were the victors; but in this instance Noonan defeated McDonald, passing over the line six feet in advance, and Corrigan, going twenty yards reversed his movement, going to the dressing room. There was no time taken. It is supposed that McDonald gave this to Noonan, in order to get up another for a road race.

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The Cattle Trade.

Mr. Todd, of St. Stephens, who has been very successful in breeding Herefords, shipped last week four cows and three calves to Mr. F. W. St. John, of Amherst.

Mr. Lehouche, Editor of Truth, London, is the authority for the following figures, showing the development of the trade:—There are now 28 steamers between America and Liverpool, and London, and Liverpool, fitted up with refrigerating chambers—each of these steamers carrying per trip from 1,000 to 1,500 quarters of beef. Most of the American meat coming to London goes through Liverpool, and the average importation is 6,500 quarters per week, of which 25 per cent is sold in country towns, and 75 cents finds its way to the metropolis. During the past week the prices in Smithfield were for hind quarters 6d. per lb.; for forequarters, 4d. per lb.; prime sirloin being sold at 7d. per lb. I can corroborate from my own experience the authority I am quoting in the statement that London butchers consider that American beef is superior to any other.

Under the auspices of American and Canadian meat importers a cattle mart has been established at 343 Oxford street, where there is a large collection in which can be stored a thousand quarters of beef at one time, this collection being adapted for refrigerating purposes, and the meat will be kept in perfect weather gets warmer. The prices at which this Association offers to supply the public with joints are as follows:—Sirloin, ninepence per lb.; fore ribs, eightpence halfpenny; round steak, one shilling; and beef steaks, ninepence and tenpence per lb. This is an enormous reduction upon the prices paid for meat of the best quality supplied by the better class of butchers' shops.

THE ART STUDIO of the Ladies Academy has been arranged for exhibition for the forthcoming anniversary exercises. The display of landscapes in oil, pencil and crayon sketches and water color scenes in the whole admirable. Some of the efforts of the young amateurs in art are of course rough enough to class under the technicality of daubs, but others again display a high degree of artistic taste. Among the pictures specially worthy of mention are a number in oil by Miss Walton, the leading one being a scene on the Rhine, the purple haze over the distant heights of the mountains, being very delicate and successful. The crayon drawings, specially fine, are a number in oil by Miss Walton, the leading one being a scene on the Rhine, the purple haze over the distant heights of the mountains, being very delicate and successful. The crayon drawings, specially fine, are a number in oil by Miss Walton, the leading one being a scene on the Rhine, the purple haze over the distant heights of the mountains, being very delicate and successful.

Bridge Notice.

TENDERS will be received at the Department of Public Works, Fredericton, until

Tuesday, 3rd June Next,

At noon, for the Reconstruction of the

Tantramar Bridge, Westmorland.

According to Plan and Specification to be seen at said Department, at Supervisor's Office, Moncton, and at J. L. Black, Sackville.

Tenders to give the actual signatures of two responsible persons willing to become sureties for the faithful performance of the Contract.

Parties tendering must be present on the day of opening Tenders, either in person or by an agent authorized to accept, or otherwise, if called upon.

The Commissioner does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any Tender.

F. A. LANDRY, Chief Commissioner and Superintendent of Public Works, Fredericton, May 22, 1879.

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Amending Act.

In the Matter of R. A. CHAPMAN,

An Insolvent.

THERE will be sold at Public Auction

at Dorchester, commencing on

THURSDAY, 6th JUNE NEXT,

and continuing each day until the whole

is sold. The following "Yeast" Interests

owned by the Insolvent, viz:—

4-64ths Barque R. A. Chapman, 555 tons;

5-64ths " Mary E. Chapman, 700 "

5-64ths " Mary E. Chapman, 825 "

5-64ths Schr. Vesta, 140 "

Second Lot of Ship Timber lying on

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nearly 355 sticks more or less; 1 Deaf, 1

Safe, 1 Covered Buggy, 1 Wagon, 1

Sleigh, 2 Pumps, 2 Sets Single Harness, 1

Double Harness, Cattle, Hides, &c.

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Local and other Matters.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS, THIS WEEK.
Public Auction. Joseph Warren, Albert Lane. Thomas McHenry, Bridge Road. P. A. Landry, Flour, &c. C. Reynolds, Bow Lane. C. A. Stevens, Bridge Road. Samuel Allen, Case Range. Wm. Smith, Millinery. Manchester. Robertson & Allen, Grey Chester. David Coates, Intercolonial Railway. D. Fostering.

DAKOTA, N. S., wants a branch Railway.
THE RAILS are laid within four miles of Quaco.
THE ASSASSIN of Moncton this year is \$18,250.

THE NEW Rockland Station House is to be constructed by Mr. Gunn.
THE Maritime Presbyterian Synod met at Truro on Monday.

HON. A. L. PALMER will, this week, it is reported, be gazetted Equity Judge.

THE SMALL Fox has been stamped out at St. John. There are at present only two cases.

THE export of oats from P. E. Island so far this spring is about 200,000 bushels and of potatoes over 60,000 bushels.

FOR THE TORQUE.—Twenty families leave St. John to-day to settle on the Torque. More will follow.

RELIGIOUS.—Baptist Services for next Sabbath.—Bethel Chapel at 11 a. m.; Salem at 3 p. m.; Wood Point at 7 p. m.

KENT MUNICIPALITY expended \$8,567.85 last year. The treasurer has now on hand a surplus of over \$4,000.

THE finest Banking building in the Maritime Provinces has just been completed by the Merchant's Bank of Halifax. Cost \$100,000.

Geo. FLEMING & Son have been awarded the contract for the erection of two iron bridges at St. John for the Intercolonial Railway.

THE Juggins Coal Company's land and machinery was sold on Monday under foreclosure of mortgage for \$7,700 to Mr. J. G. Jordan, acting on behalf of the company.

THE FUR TRADE is dull, but Mr. W. & C. Peal, of this place, have shipped this spring 500 muskrat skins, 400 fox, and 1000 mink skins, besides long carver, bear and other skins in lesser quantities.

FANCY GOODS.
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