

OUR VITAL STATISTICS.

The Ninth Annual Report of the Marriages, Births, and Deaths, registered in Nova Scotia, during the year 1874 is just published.

It is comprised in a pamphlet of 95 pages and contains a large amount of interesting information concerning the Vital Statistics of the Province.

Mr. McMillan, the Secretary, informs us that "The number of marriages registered in Nova Scotia during the year 1874 was 3,079. Of this number 2,350 were by license, and 729 by proclamation of banns. In the previous year 1873, the number of marriages registered was 3,114, being an excess of 35 marriages over those of 1874. This shows a decrease in 1874, which is small, when we take into account the commercial depression of the Province during the last eighteen months. The fluctuations in the marriages of a country express with tolerable accuracy the varied conditions and prospects of the people. When the proportions of marriages to the population of a country are compared, it is found that in exact proportion to the ability to procure a livelihood in a country, is the proportion of marriages."

In 1871 3074 Marriages were registered. In 1872 2915 " In 1873 3114 " In 1874 3079 "

It appears that the marriages during the year were, amongst the different religious denominations, as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Denomination and Number of Marriages. Includes Roman Catholics (743), Presbyterian Church (646), Baptists (637), Church of England (477), Methodists (337), Church of Scotland (126), Congregationalists (22), Lutherans (17), Reformed Presbyterian (2), Universalists (3), Other denominations (69).

The greatest age of man married was 83. He belonged to Pictou County. The least age of man married was 18; the least age of woman was 14. The united age of the oldest couple was 146. The age of the oldest woman married was 63, she belonged to the County of Pictou, and was the happy bride of the man of 83 above referred to. The united age of the youngest couple was 33, the man being 19, and the woman 14. The marriage took place in Halifax County.

The registration of Births shews a number of curious facts as compared with the Vital Statistics of other countries.

In Scotland the proportion is 363 births in every 10,000 of the population, or one birth in every 26.

In England the annual natural increase of population is equal to 1.41 per cent. In Massachusetts the natural increase is about 0.90 per cent. This is a small ratio, and shows that the birth registration is very imperfect. In France the ratio is still smaller, the excess of births over deaths, making only an annual increase of 0.17 per cent in the population.

In Nova Scotia, the mean natural increase is equal to 1.72 per cent, based on the census returns of 1871. The ratio according to registration is somewhat under this, being 1.48 or 0.24 per cent less than that according to the census.

Fully 20 per cent of the births still escape registration, consequently this rate per cent is below the actual increase.

The births registered in Nova Scotia in 1874, were 10,744 or one birth in each 37 of the population. The ratio should be higher than this. According to the marriages registered at least 12,816 births should have been returned. Taking the estimated population of 1873, the proportion would have been 1 birth in each 32 persons, which is probably as near as may be a fair proportion.

Of the 10,744 births registered, 5545 were males and 5199 were females.

In England the mean ratio is 103.6 boys to 100 girls. The proportion differs however in the different counties. In Scotland the average is 100 girls to 105.7 boys.

Taking the aggregate sexes of five years, the proportion is 109 males to 100 females. This may be taken as the mean ratio of the Province.

The twin births registered in 1874, were 116. Of these 14 occurred in the County of Inverness, 14 in Halifax County, including City, 12 each in Annapolis and Pictou, 8 in Antigonish, 7 each in Cumberland and Richmond, 6 each in Digby and Lunenburg, 5 each in Cape Breton, Colchester and Kings, 3 each in Guysboro, Hants, Queens and Yarmouth, 2 in Victoria and 1 in Shelburne.

The twin births have been slightly higher in this than in the previous years. The number, however, is maintained from year to year with remarkable uniformity.

The ratio of twin in Scotland is 1 in every 83. In Massachusetts the proportion is 1 in each 100, and in this province the rate is about 1 in 98.

Of the 10,744 births registered, 10,553 were legitimate and 191 illegitimate. This is equal to 1 in 56. This is a very low rate compared with other countries in which registration exists. It is therefore evident that the illegitimate registration of the Province is still very imperfect.

In England the illegimates are about 1 in 16. Scotland exhibits a still higher ratio, about 1 in 20.

The Registration of Deaths and the facts learned from that source are elaborated even more than those of Marriages or Births. The ages of deaths, and diseases causing death are classified with great care and minuteness. It appears that in Nova Scotia the deaths are probably in the ratio of 1 to 58 or 60 of the population. According to the census returns of 1871, the deaths are given to population, in the proportion of 1 to 83. This is equal to 12 deaths in each 1000 persons, or 1-23 in 100.

In Scotland there is 1 death to each 42 of the population, or 21-07 deaths in every 1000.

In England the ratio of deaths to population is about 1 in 45, or 22.40 deaths in each 1000, or 2.24 in 100.

The number of deaths registered in 1874, was 4,730. Of these 2527 were males and 2203 females. There were thus 114 deaths of males to 100 deaths of females.

In England the proportion is 106 male to 100 female deaths. This ratio has been maintained with wonderful regularity for a series of years.

Glasgow and Liverpool exhibit higher rates of mortality than either New York or London, and London with a crowded population of over three and a half millions, has only a slightly higher death rate than Halifax. This indicates that the sanitary condition of London is very thorough and efficient. The present mortality of London is 1 death in 41 of the population, or about 24.27 in each 1000.

The mortality of Calcutta has been greatly reduced, (nearly one half) within the last few years by attention to sanitary measures. A knowledge therefore, of sanitary science is no mere accomplishment, but an absolute necessity if attention is at all to be paid to the prevention of disease and the prolongation and enjoyment of life.

Mortality at different ages: Of the 4730 deaths registered, 455 occurred under 3 months, 158 under 6 months, and 220 under 12 months.

We have not space for any further extracts, but would recommend a careful perusal of this work sent forth from the office of Statistics, and it will be evident that much interesting information is supplied by the careful labor of those who are employed therein. This too, is all in addition to the knowledge that, for the many legal purposes requiring it, a record is kept of every birth, marriage, and death in each county of the province.

Governor Tilley is making a tour of the Northern Counties of New Brunswick, and is received with much enthusiasm.

St. John morality does not as yet rise above horse-racing for its holiday celebrations.

The Alliance Journal offers a good suggestion—that our authorities might on such occasions provide bands of music in several public places, and accommodation for the citizens who wish to listen.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL TIMES SCHOLAR'S QUARTERLY, a help to Teachers and Scholars in the study of the International Lessons, Third Quarter, 1876, published by John Wanamaker, Philadelphia. This is one of the best helps we have seen.

LIBERAL EDUCATION IN NOVA SCOTIA.—An address delivered at the Encœnia of King's College by the President.

One object of publishing this address appears to be the endorsement it gives to the recent legislation on the subject. The writer says: "The defect in our system in my opinion has been the lack of a competent Board of Examiners outside the Colleges." "We welcome the recent legislation simply because it promises to put the necessary work of examination on a more satisfactory footing."

NOTICES.

Baptist Convention of 1876.

Ministers and Delegates purposing to attend the Annual Session of the Baptist Convention to be convened with the 2nd, Baptist Church at Sackville, N. B., will confer a favor by forwarding their names to the pastor before the 1st of August next.

The list of names will be published as soon as received together with the place where each will lodge during the Convention.

W. A. COLEMAN, Pastor. Sackville, July, 1st, 1876.

BAPTIST ANNIVERSARIES, 1876.

THE NOVA SCOTIA EASTERN ASSOCIATION will hold its Twenty-sixth Annual Session with the Church at River Hebert, Maccan, Cumberland County, commencing on Saturday, the 8th day of July.

THE NEW BRUNSWICK EASTERN ASSOCIATION will hold its Twenty-ninth Annual Session with the Baptist Church at Hillsboro, commencing on Tuesday, the 11th of July, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

THE PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND ASSOCIATION will hold its Ninth Annual Session with the Church at Brudenell, Montague Bridge, commencing on Saturday, the 15th day of July, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

THE NOVA SCOTIA EASTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Delegates are requested to send their names to the subscriber, on or before the first of July, to enable the committee to make arrangements for their entertainment.

Persons attending the Association will come by Friday's train. Teams will be at the Maccan Station on Friday afternoon the 7th of July, at 1 o'clock, P. M., to meet the Halifax Train and at 3 o'clock, P. M., to meet the Train from St. John, to convey the Delegates to their destination.

JOE SEAMAN. Barronsfield June 9, 1876.

FROM P. E. ISLAND.

The P. E. Island Baptist Association will meet (D. V.) at Montague Bridge with the Brudenell Church, on Saturday July 15th, at 10 o'clock.

Parties coming via Pictou will board the "Albert" on arrival of Saturday morning train from Halifax, and will be cared for on their arrival at Georgetown.

Parties coming via Shediac will take the boat on Friday for Summerside, thence per train to Charlottetown, thence to Cardigan Station on Saturday. Parties coming from the Western part of the Island, will take the Friday morning train from Tignish, connect with the Georgetown train at Royalty Junction, step off at Cardigan Station, where they will be taken care of.

Owing to the location, it is absolutely necessary for each person expecting to be cared for during his stay at the Association to forward his or her name to D. Forbes, Esq., Montague Bridge at least one week before the time.

Brethren come over and help us, and we will do the best we can to make you comfortable.

The usual reduction of fares will be made by Steamboat and Railway officials.

P. S.—The new brick building will be dedicated to the worship of God on Lord's day, 16th.

Charlottetown, June 24, 1876.

TO THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY AID SOCIETIES IN NOVA SCOTIA.

The N. S. Central Board recommend the Societies in the churches with whom each of the Associations and Convention meet this Summer, to hold a Missionary meeting among themselves during the Session, at such time and place as may be found most convenient.

By order of the Board, M. R. SELDEN, Sec'y.

HORTON COLLEGIATE ACADEMY.

The Male and Female department of Horton Academy will re-open on Thursday, August 10th. For further information apply to the principal.

J. F. TUFTS.

RECEIVED FROM WOMEN'S MISSION AID SOCIETIES.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes Windsor—Miss S. Shand (\$18.45), Deerfield—Mrs. M. A. Stubbart (\$11.00), Mrs. Uhlman, Deerfield (\$3.00), R. M. SELDEN, Sec'y, Halifax, N. S., July 5th, 1876.

RECEIVED FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes June 27—Per Rev. J. D. Pope, Jacksonton, N. B., Baptist Church (\$5.00), Per Rev. G. M. W. Carey, Little River, Digby, N. S. (\$10.30), 29—Per J. H. Harding, Esq., monies paid to Treasurer of Home Missionary Board in Association last year for Foreign Missions (\$7.00), 30—Per W. Haley, Esq., Western Association, N. S., 505.08 Transmission (\$1.06), Total \$503.82.

THOS. P. DAVIES, Treas. F. M. Board. June 30, 1876.

SABBATH SCHOOL CONCERT.—The Quarterly Concert in connection with the Third Baptist Church Sabbath School will take place on Thursday evening next at COLLEGE HALL, Gerrish St. Doors open at 7 past seven o'clock. Seats free, all are welcome.

Dear Editor,—Please acknowledge in the Messenger the receipt of \$10 from T—M—, for Baptist Meeting-house in New Glasgow.

A SISTER.

Letters Received.

M. Kinsman, \$2. J. P. Foster, Esq., \$4. W. H. Healy, L. Tremain, Esq., 1 sub., \$9. Jas. Desbrisay, Esq., 1 sub., \$9. Hon. J. Simpson, Isaac Larkin, \$4. Rev. D. Freeman, \$2. T. H. Randall, Esq., L. H. Jones, \$4. B. L. Telfer, \$2.50. Isa. Thurber, Esq., \$2. Geo. Manson, \$4. Job Seaman, Esq.,—thanks—\$4. W. Aymar, Esq., Z. G. Gabel, Esq., Rev. Jas. A. Stubbart, \$2. Alex. Knowlton, \$1. Rev. G. E. Day—rem. Silas Whitman, Rev. Dr. Tupper—papers sent. H. E. Payson, Esq., \$5. W. Haley, Esq.

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