

COUNTRY NOTES.

Sights and Sensations of the Rural Districts.

I hope, Mr. Editor, you will not think I have forgotten you or your valuable JOURNAL. Pressure of business has prevented me from writing often. The affairs of this place are going along at about the old jog, true, some little excitement was occasioned by the election, but that is now a thing of the past. Some of our neighbors, we are sorry to say, have been sufferers from forest fires, but they are already Phoenix like arisen from their ashes.

A. T. Burt has a large house up and enclosed, while the others are making preparations to do likewise.

It is much to be regretted that Brewers' mill is shut down, as much inconvenience is experienced in procuring lumber for building purposes until the fall rains bring in the drives which were hung up miles above the mill.

Burt's Corner is going ahead by leaps and jumps. Mr. E. Burt is building a large store, as his rapidly increasing business demands more space.

W. H. Lawrence's tannery has arisen from nothing in a few short weeks and in a few days hide of all kinds can be tanned there "while you wait" and a large number of men will find employment therein.

Half a mile up the stream our enterprising mill man, Burpee, just having become discouraged by the want of water the last two or three years has hitched on a powerful steam engine to his water mill and is now prepared to saw or grind any kind of lumber or grain at any season of the year. This will certainly be a great boon to the place.

When our friend John F. returned from the drive he was surprised to find an addition to his household.

While the Dr. was crossing the stream at Wesley Shepherd's a few days ago he succeeded in getting into a mud hole and came near losing his horse but when he got out he found his cart full of suckers. He says he never goes anywhere without getting something.

It is rumored that we are to have a school here again after being practically without one for about 18 months. It will no doubt be greatly appreciated by the children.

Between book, farm machinery, sewing machine and German pedlars a man's life is in perpetual danger. Many of the farmers are compelled to carry double barrelled shot guns in each trousers' pocket for self protection.

Zeb says that spirits of turpentine makes a good drink on election day.

SELAH.

Election Echoes.

Lauri—ay has won the day.

Old Charley Tupper
Sings for his supper.

Rosborough will get no more contracts for "miles of stovepipe" put into the Soldiers' Barracks.

The Orangemen who supported Remedial Legislation had better not go back to their lodges. They should call on Bishop Lafleche. Perhaps he can do something for them.

Pitts has the virtue of consistency. He said he would not support the coercion of Manitoba, and he did not, but it is easy to see that his action was prompted more by hatred of the Catholics than love of liberty.

Let Catholic and Protestant children sit side by side in Free, Non-Sectarian Schools, while attending strictly to their respective churches on Sunday, and receiving the precepts of their parents, and this religious animosity will soon be a thing of the past. There will then be no need of Orange lodges or Bishops' mandaments.

Enemies and Friends.

Friends and enemies turn up when least expected. Not many months ago certain persons whom we have always spoken well of in our city made an effort to have our paper refused admission to the mails, because there had been something in it at some time that they did not like. Knowing as they did and our struggles for a living, often under discouraging circumstances, and crippled as we are what is one to think of any one calling themselves christian, or even human who would descend to such heartless, low and unchristian conduct.

On the other hand we are constantly receiving from friends who are entire strangers and on whose friendship we could have no possible claim, such letters as this:

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MRS. BROWN.

We heartily thank this good lady for her kind appreciation of our paper and timely contribution, the donated part of which will go to the object for which it was intended and it would be the greatest pleasure of our life to visit again that charming and historic city beside the sea—this time not wholly among strangers; but doubtless on the representations of some of the enemies mentioned above, our privilege of a pass over both the C. P. R. and I. C. R. which every other editor in the Maritime Provinces enjoys, has been withdrawn from us and the present state of our finances prevents us from undertaking such a journey for some time to come. All the same we thank our good friend for the kind invitation, and hope that she and all belonging to her may thoroughly enjoy the festivities.

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