

The British West Indian outlook.

Harper's Weekly, in discussing the British West Indian outlook says:—

"Canada's position as an independent sovereign state is strongly marked by the proposal that Canada should 'annex' the British West Indies. The editor of the 'Antigua Observer' writes that years ago, when the Canadian Government sent its financial secretary to the British West Indies to bring about reciprocal trade with Canada, the Antigua Legislature willingly acceded to the proposal, but the whole matter was blocked by the English Colonial Office. Antigua was not allowed to enter into any reciprocal tariff arrangement, owing to European treaties, but the sentiment in favor of a closer union with Canada has evidently persisted and gathered strength. It is pointed out by Canadian writers that the federation of the West Indian Islands with Canada would remove the disadvantages they labor under, as Crown colonies in being subjected to the action of these treaties. Their federation with Canada would open up to them a large free market without materially reducing Canada's revenue or injuring existing industries. The change in the system of the government, it is pointed out, would also relieve them from the burden of maintaining a number of highly paid Imperial officials. Canada's imports from the British West Indies are chiefly tropical products which Canada herself can never produce, such as molasses, sugar, and tropical fruits. Last year, for example, Canada imported \$738,168 worth of bananas, of which only \$23,355 worth came from the British West Indies, while not less than \$714,807 worth came through the United States. This large sum might have been shared between British West Indies and Canadians had the two groups of colonies been federated, or, to use the phrase of the Canadian writers, had Canada 'annexed' the British West Indies. It is also suggested that Canada would be able to take the total output of raw sugar from the British West Indies, refine it, and ship the surplus to England; and Canada is even prepared to pay bounties to the sugar planters of the West Indian Islands. In 1902 Canada imported from these islands goods worth \$1,600,000, a marked increase over the trade of 1901, which was valued at \$1,068,000. The interesting fact in all this is Canada's growing sense of independent sovereign rights."

SWINDLES WOMEN.

Sells Lot of Shoddy Goods at High Prices by Shrewd Tricks.

(Philadelphia North American.)

A handsome, well groomed young man, who knows that woman's vulnerable points are her vanity and her love of dress and bargains, has incurred the ire of a large number of the fair sex in the Delaware Valley. The young man was only one of a business firm, but inasmuch as he got the money, it is against him that all the womanly wrath is directed.

A week or more ago circulars were thrown into the yards along the pike, from Darby to Chester, announcing a wonderful bargain sale of salvage goods from the recent fire in Hoboken of the North German Lloyd steamships Bremen and Saal. It was said that the German Marine Insurance Company, of Broadway and White street, New York, would dispose of the goods on behalf of the underwriters concerned.

"The whole consignment" was offered "at less than cost of manufacture to effect an immediate clearance." Silk underwear was to be sacrificed at \$1.50 a suit; "pure silk stockings, all weights, colors and sizes," would be thrown away for twenty-five cents a pair, and there were many other bargains of equal merit. The circular announced that an agent would call, and that "this catalogue would be called for."

The circulars were carefully filed away, and when the young man called he was eagerly welcomed. In nearly every house he took large orders, and just before leaving each place he would exhibit a roll of "choice English cloth for ladies' suits," worth \$6 a yard wholesale, which he would sell at the ridiculously low price of \$2 a yard. The company's tailors would make up the suit, he said for \$7.50.

The agent did not have enough cloth to go around. He had to replenish his supply again and again.

Later on it was discovered that there was no salvage goods for sale; that the tailor's address the agent gave was spurious, and that the \$6 goods, sold for \$2, was worth 50 cents—provided it was not damaged, and a good deal of it was.

The following bit of rural philosophy was overheard in a farmyard in the east of England the other day:—

"James, my son," said a man who stood mixing the milk and water, "you see what I'm a-doin' of?"

"Yes, father," replied James; "you're a-pourin' water into the milk."

"No, I'm not, James; I'm a-pourin' milk into the water. So if anybody axes you if I put water into the milk you can tell 'em no. Allus stick to the truth, James. Cheatin' is bad enough, but lyin' is wuss."

Butter Paper for sale at this office.

MET A BULL MOOSE.

Woodsmen Have a Lively Experience.

Mr. J. A. Gregory was in town today after a few days' cruising trip in the woods about Lepreaux in company with four of his men, Messrs. W. Burchill, T. Burchill, P. Duffy and S. Stafford, and he has an interesting story to tell of a thrilling experience with a bull moose. It is the only one of these monarchs of the forest Mr. Gregory has ever met, and he is not very enthusiastic over the sport of hunting them. In fact, according to Mr. Gregory's story, the moose had much the best of the encounter, and got good and even with the lumbermen for interfering with him.

Mr. Gregory told the Globe that they were about fifteen miles up the river and were going through the woods, when they started a deer. A few minutes later they heard a terrible crashing in the trees ahead of them. One of the party declared it must be a bear and another said a moose. Just at that moment they saw through an opening that it was a splendid big moose with immense branching antlers. Tom Burchill had a gun with him, loaded with partridge shot. This he raised and fired at the moose, which was at that time straining its muscles to put a good distance between itself and the lumbermen. Mr. Burchill had no thought of hitting the animal, but a few of the small pellets must have covered the distance, for with a roar of rage the moose turned and, putting down his head, charged directly on the party.

Instantly there was a scattering, and, every man for himself, they climbed trees as they had never climbed them before. All got safely out of reach, but the escape was a narrow one. The infuriated moose seemed anxious for a fight with his new thoroughly frightened antagonists, and spent more than an hour in the vicinity, manifesting his angry feelings by frequent vicious roars. So close a watch did he keep on the spot that the five woodsmen were compelled to roost in the trees. Finally the bull got tired of the game and went off, giving the five tired, stiff and cramped men a chance to get away. It is needless to say they resolved never again to hunt the moose with partridge shot.—St. John Globe.

Rev. G. M. Campbell Endorses

Nearly every one in this town knows the Rev. G. M. Campbell, at one time pastor of our Methodist church. Following is a letter he has written to Mr. Spencer, the director of Jessie MacLachlan's provincial tour. Knowing that the great singer was coming to Woodstock Mr. Campbell wrote the letter unsolicited, being desirous that his friends here might realize the wonderful ability of the Scottish Nightingale:

St. John, N. B. Sept. 16.

MY DEAR MR. SPENCER,—I do not wish my friends in Woodstock to miss the opportunity of hearing Jessie Niven MacLachlan, the greatest living Scotch and Gaelic singer. I never fail to hear her when she appears in this city. Miss MacLachlan possesses a splendid presence, fine quality of voice, and above all a really wonderful dramatic power, which enables her to give those interpretations which enthuse thousands. How shall I ever forget her singing of "The Hundred Pipers," "The March of The Cameron Men," "Comin' Through the Rye" and her matchless rendering of "Rule Britannia" which never fail to bring her audience from their chairs with enthusiasm. I would most heartily recommend all my friends to hear MacLachlan, while the opportunity affords.

GEO. M. CAMPBELL

Pastor of the Centenary church St. John.

A New Magazine.

A new illustrated magazine, with the taking title of "The Reader," is to be started in New York, next month. "The Reader" announces that it will provide the reading public of the United States with a literary magazine, at once entertaining, unprejudiced and authoritative. Further than this, it promises to be both good and popular, and not only will it contain such literary departments as reviews, bibliography, libraries and the drama, but its contents will also include short stories, poems and several popular literary articles of general interest each month. It is to be a 25-cent magazine and conducted on a large scale.

The cover design, by Mr. Alfred Brennan, is exceedingly attractive, and represents two opposite types of readers—an old bookman lovingly handling an Aldus or an Elzevir, and a twentieth century young lady unblushingly perusing the latest popular novel.

The list of contributors already announced includes such well-known writers as: Gelett Burgess, John D. Barry, Alice Brown, Bliss Jarman, "Mr. Dooley," Caroline Duer, Edwin Emerson, Jr., Charles Macomb Flandrau, Eliot Gregory, Aline Gorren, Oliver Herford, Rollin Lynde Hart, R. V. Risley, Louis Evan Shipman, Henry Turrell and John B. Tabb.

THE Roman Catholic and Methodist burying grounds lying side by side in Woodstock have recently been very much improved. Ed. Grier had six men engaged a month in the Catholic ground, grading, terracing and sodding, and he has been for a long time busy in the Methodist ground doing the same kind of work. The place looks better than it ever did before. The old fence between the two places has been removed and will be replaced by a new and more sightly one.

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A Degree in Three Years.

A new development in university education in America is marked by the announcement of Harvard University and the University of Pennsylvania that they will hereafter grant the degree of Bachelor of Arts at the end of a three years course. This is the result of a long struggle, and the effects educationally of the lopping off of one year from the traditional four years' course remain to be seen. Four years may still be spent in acquiring a degree. This letting down the bars is an advantage which the student will be free to accept or reject. Those who prefer to spread their college course through four years will be allowed to work under the old system. But the ultimate effect of the new rule will plainly be to place the four-year students in a position which they will not wish to occupy compared with those completing the course in less time. If students are now wasting four years at college in accomplishing what might be done as well, or better, in three, the reform instituted at Cambridge, Mass., and Philadelphia is in the right direction. On the other side of the question it may be argued that a boy goes to college for its associations as well as for instruction, and that four years is a short enough time in which to mould friendships and fix habits that are to endure for a lifetime.

MARRIED.

BEDELL-STEVENSON.—At Christ Church, Woodstock, Sept. 17th, by Ven. Archdeacon Neales, L. Berton Bedell and Gertrude, daughter of Thomas Stevenson, Esq., of Woodstock.

RIDGOUT-IRVING.—At the Manse, Glassville, Sept. 17th, by Rev. J. K. Beaird, Mr. Murel Ridgout, of Mount Pleasant, to Ethel, daughter of Mr. John Irving, of East Coldstream.

ROBEY-ARMSTRONG.—At the residence of the bride's father, Albert Armstrong, Esq., of Perth, Victoria County, on Sept. 16th, by Rev. R. W. Demmings, Lewis H. Robey, of Lowell, Mass., and Ada L. Armstrong, of Perth.

MALLORY-DEWITT.—At the parsonage, Andover, Aug. 24th, by Rev. R. W. Demmings, Eurique Mallory and Mae DeWitt, both of Presque Isle, Me.

PULCIFUR-SKIDGEL.—At the parsonage, Andover, Sept. 18th, by Rev. R. W. Demmings, Lee V. Pulcifur and Jessie M. Skidgel, both of Mapleton, Me.

MARTIN-LONDON.—At the home of the bride, Belleville, Carleton County, Sept. 20th, by Rev. Jos. A. Cahill, John H. Martin to Miss Effie M. London.

BROTHERS-MUNRO.—At Woodstock, Sept. 10, 1902, by Rev. G. D. Ireland, Mr. James W. Brothers of Hawshaw, York Co., to Miss Ida E. Munro of Lower Southampton, York Co.

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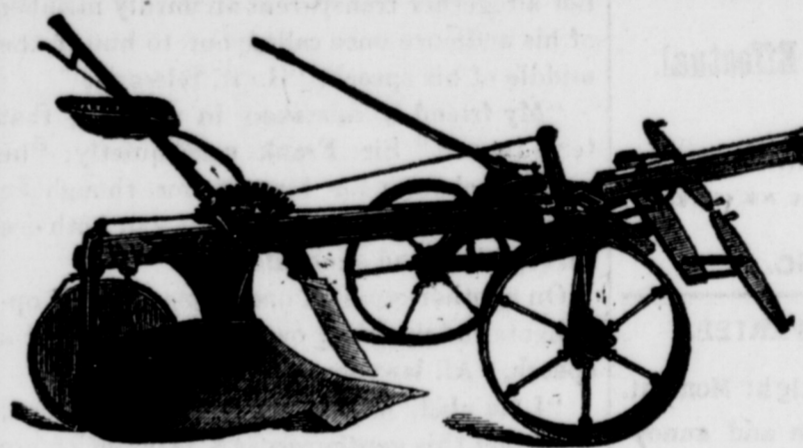
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