

THOMAS W. SMITH,
Merchant Tailor,
 has imported his usual large stock of Goods for the
FALL AND WINTER TRADE,
 CONSISTING OF
SCOTCH, IRISH, GERMAN, FRENCH, and CANADIAN CLOTHS FOR SUITINGS!
 Heavy English Beaver and Pilot Cloths,
IRISH FRIZE, AND GERMAN CLOTHS FOR OVERCOATS,
 READY-MADE CLOTHING IN SUITS, OVERCOATS, BREECHES, CLOTHING, TWEED TROUSERS,
 Edinburgh Rubber Tweed Overcoats,
 BUFFALO ROBES, DRIVING CAPS, FUR CAPS, GLOVES and HATS,
 Trunks in Zinc and Wood!
 A full line of Gent's Furnishing Goods, FRIGES.
 All the above goods will be sold at **RETAIL** in our **CUSTOM TAILORING DEPARTMENT** a perfect fit every time or no trade.
WANTED IMMEDIATELY:
 10 TONS Washed Wool; 10,000 bush. Oats; 10 tons Stocking Meal; 50 tons Fire Bricks; 50 tons Fresh Pork.
 In Exchange for Goods!
THOS. W. SMITH,
 Fredericton, Nov. 6, 1879.

LEMON'S VARIETY STORE.
 ESTABLISHED 1844.
 LARGEST FURNITURE Establishment in Fredericton.
 Furniture received weekly—all articles useful and required for housekeeping!

ALBION HOUSE
 April 15th.
 NEW SPRING GOODS.
 New Knitting Cottons, New Hats, New Feathers, New Trimmings, New Corsets, including the New Back Supporting Corset, for which the Subscriber is sole Agent.
 Gents' Tweeds and Furnishing Goods.
 Grey and White Cottons.
 Demorest's Fashions for Spring and Summer have arrived.
F. B. EDGECOMBE,
 Queen Street, Fredericton.

Communications.
 To the Editor of the Maritime Farmer:
 SIR—As the season for transplanting is approaching, with your permission, to offer a few remarks upon a subject, which, I think, cannot be too earnestly considered by those who may read them. My object is more to caution, than to give advice to a large class of your readers, who are nearly as ignorant as I was, and who are nearly as likely to be increasing in numbers, if I can judge by what I see and will now explain. You are aware, Mr. Editor, that every Spring and Fall, Fredericton, as well as other parts of the Province, is visited by Tree Agents, for the purpose of making sales of their commodities, and they generally manage to do a thriving business among persons here, very susceptible to and overcome by plausible stories told them in regard to the habits of this and that description of Tree or Shrub—indeed they could be made to believe that oranges and bananas would grow in Fredericton, if only properly looked after and protected. The Trees, however, have not pushed themselves very far so far as to give any ground to be tempted in the future, notwithstanding the mischief already wrought upon the pockets of the innocent. The agent always carries with him a book of highly colored plates, or engravings, exhibiting pictures of the standard rose, alrah, or tree, he offers to sell you. Men, like children, are wonderfully allured by these pictures. They are told by the agent to select by the book, and the greatest one thinks, if he is not assured, that he has only to obtain the tree and plant it, and nature will do all the rest for him. They accordingly give their orders, obtain the trees, or shrubs, plant them in the fall and the next Spring, they find them—dead—dead as a bean pole. I propose then, to talk to such people through the Farmer, as I profess to know something of the subject upon which I am addressing you.
 In the first place, I beg to remark that the Spring time of the year is the only season for setting out trees and shrubs. The Fall is all but fatal—for reasons which I can but need not stop to explain. In the second place, no imported tree or shrub, unless such as are familiar to our gardens that have stood the test of our climate for a number of years, has the least chance of living beyond the first summer. All the protection you may throw about them in that way will not save them. Two or three nights with the mercury 30 below zero, will penetrate a stone wall and kill. No exotic weeping tree, or weeping shrub, will live in Fredericton, after the first summer. Strange to say, the Kilmarock Willow, the Weeping Ash, the Honey Locust, the Laburnum, even the Standard Rose, have been set out in our Cemeteries over the graves of friends, as well as in our towns, and when the spring comes they will have to be taken up again and thrown into the rubbish heap. Yet, people will go on buying, and planting, and losing, without stopping to think, or ask whether a man may with safety drive to the bottom of the river, remain under water ten minutes and come up alive; for to plant trees and shrubs in a latitude of about 45, that is indigenous to a climate of 35, is about as bold an undertaking as that which I have given as an analogous case.
 Yet, there are parts of the Province, whose climate is more congenial than ours, for successful pomological growth, but when I say this, my remarks are in reference to the winter effect upon vegetation. In the summer, Fredericton is far ahead of any other spot in the Province; during ten weeks we have a tropical climate. It is in the winter with us that tells the hard story. For example, in the neighborhood of Hampton, the pink Hawthorn flowers to perfection. In Fredericton, although the white Hawthorn is in the peak of its bloom, the pink cannot be coaxed into flower. At Hampton, in the neighborhood of St. John, the Weeping Ash, the Weeping Lime and Beech and Birch, flourish well. In Fredericton, there are no such things to be seen. They have been tried; but 30 below zero nips off the tendrils. The Sycamore grows in Digby, but will not grow at Hampton, where it is under the water than Fredericton. Then there is the Laburnum. One of the Tree gentry (of course I always come in for a visit) last year tried to convince me that the Laburnum would grow to perfection in Fredericton, and seemed to be so positive of this, that I felt sure that he had something in reserve, and which he would permit me to try. I told him it was no use to talk of the Laburnum, for it is even more tender than the Weeping Willow, and could not possibly stand our winters. Here he struck in his reserve. "Why, I can point you out three of them, the back part of the City!" "Not so fast, my man. I know to what you have reference. They are a mock affair—upon the principle of the mock orange, which grows in the greenhouse—and although the yellow flowers have some resemblance to the Laburnum pendants, there is as much difference between them as the Simon Pure, as there is between a Horse Chestnut and Chestnut Blossom." He did not continue his argument. The fact of the matter is, those Agents are bat Agents, and have no horticultural knowledge, unless enough to push their goods and make people believe that they are masters of the business they have in hand. Sometimes we are told that such and such things stand the climate of Quebec, and as if it were cold there as it is in Fredericton, we are told that we have no power, however, that the things recommended flourish in Quebec, only the word of the Agent, and if an Agent tells us such and such goods are good, we confidence can we place in his judgment about Quebec, or what will grow there?
 Now, Mr. Editor, having shown you the mistakes our people have been committing of late years in the matter of trees and shrubs, they know nothing, to their serious loss and waste of time, I beg to add, in conclusion, that our forests supply us with all the Trees and Shrubs we require for ornamental purposes, (although I do not object to the exotic acclimated trees) in which all the beauty of the imported article is present, but more than that the certainty of their growth can be counted upon.
 MAPLE.
 Fredericton, April 21, 1880.
 P. S.—If you want Fine Trees, buy of our Provincial Nurseries. If you import you are a gone goose.
 This communication was received to late to permit of our commenting on this important subject this week. We will endeavor to do so in our next.—Ed.

Maritime Farmer.
 FREDERICTON, N. B., April 22, 1880.
The Pacific Railway Debate.
 The great debate on the Pacific Railway is now over in the Dominion Parliament. Sir Charles Tupper led off on Thursday and was followed by Mr. Blake, Mr. Langevin, and after some lesser guns had fired off their shots, by Mr. McKenzie on Monday. Of all the leading statesmen in the Dominion Mr. Blake occupies the most independent position towards the gigantic undertaking, Sir John A. McDonald and Mr. McKenzie Conservative and Liberal are alike committed to it. Mr. Blake has never ceased to deplore the enormous concessions made to British Columbia, in 1871, to entice her into the union, to declare that it would be better "if you like go" (greedy sister depart in a pet if she her go) that to hold to them, and to insist that when the work was begun, it should be presented in such a way as not to increase the taxation of the Dominion. It was peculiarly fitting then that he should lead the opposition, in the debate, and that he should move an amendment that the work of constructing the railway in British Columbia, the 125 miles from Kamloops to Yale, be postponed. But there is not the slightest chance that such an amendment will be carried. There now appears to be a very general consent, among all parties. (The Toronto Globe sees eye to eye with Sir Charles Tupper in this matter, and Sir Charles is so moved by the patriotism displayed by the great organ that he has forgiven all its brutal and slanderous attacks upon himself)

New Brunswick Claims.
 The Provincial Secretary, when making his financial statement, referred very hopefully to the long pending claims of the New Brunswick, against the Dominion Government. Among the Parliamentary papers from Ottawa, we find a return, 22nd of March signed S. L. Tilley dealing with them. The claims are four in number. First \$10,000 an account of immigration expenditure for the fiscal year, 1874-75. In this case the Finance Minister recommends that amount be placed in this year's supplementary estimates. Second, that the short term prisoners should be received into the new general Penitentiary for the Maritime Provinces, and at the expense of the Dominion, the claim being founded on the fact that under the terms of union, such prisoners have been received and maintained since Confederation in the St. John Penitentiary. This matter is now under the consideration of the Supreme Court. Hon. Mr. King, Q. C. and W. H. Tuck Q. C., made argument on behalf of the New Brunswick Government in the case on the 10th inst., and Z. A. Lash, Q. C., for the Dominion Government. Third, that the management and maintenance of the Tracadie Lazerette, as assumed by the Dominion Government. The Finance Minister gives this claim most favorable consideration, and recommends that either an act be prepared for the purpose of placing the Lazerette under the control of the Department of Agriculture or that Parliament be asked to grant a vote in aid of the establishment:—
 "The fourth claim arises out of the construction of that part of the Intercolonial Railway, 37 1/2 miles in length between the Shediac Branch and the boundary of the Province of Nova Scotia. Sir Charles Tupper stated that this section was constructed by a company aided by funds from the Government of New Brunswick, and that the value placed upon it was based upon the estimate of the first tenders received for the construction of the Intercolonial Railway. They claim that this basis of value, as shown by subsequent experience, was far too low, and an extension of the tender, although it was the first tenders received for the construction of the Intercolonial Railway, the Government only received \$250,000, and under the circumstances it was deemed proper that the section should be re-valued, and that any excess over the amount of the original value should be paid to the Province.
 The Finance Minister suggests that as this claim is a pending one, it is due to the Government of New Brunswick that the basis and grounds of the claim should be examined into, and he therefore recommends that the honorable Minister of Railways do so, and report thereon, although he can obtain, and that for the purposes of Council such information be procured as early as practicable."
The Liberal Colonial Policy.
 Lord Hartington, lately made a speech in South Lancashire, in which he indicated the line of Liberal Colonial Policy. As his Lordship will, if he is not leader, hold a prominent position in the new cabinet, his utterances on the subject carry weight, and it is pleasant to note, that they are reassuring to those who ardently desire the preservation of the tie which binds the Mother Country to her Colonies. His first remarks were more applicable to colonies like New Zealand and South Africa, which are continually in danger of being embroiled in war with savage tribes. The boon of self-government having been granted them it became their special duty to provide for their defence. British troops had been withdrawn. But he asked, did the Liberals lay down the principle that the Colonies had nothing to look for from the Mother Country:—
 "On the contrary, they had recognized the obligation to defend them with the whole strength of the British Empire if they were ever to say foreign power, which is the case. Fortunately, we had not been called upon to defend our colonies for many years. The last occasion on which there was danger of our colonies being attacked was during the American war, when there appeared the prospect of the invasion of Canada. A Liberal Government did not lose a moment then in sending the necessary forces to protect Canada, and to be guaranteed, if she should be unhappily involved in war, that she had the whole force of the British Empire at her back. What-verse irresponsible members of the Liberal party said here and there, by repudiating the idea altogether, that the Liberal party to be made responsible for everything said by any one who said he was a Liberal. The Liberal party, however, are not to be judged by what they say, but by what they do, and he called upon his opponents or any of those timid men who had abandoned the ranks of the Liberal party to show what step had been taken by the Liberal party, or what plan had been advocated by the Liberal party, which would in the slightest degree weaken our connection with the Colonies, and to be judged by what they do, and he called upon his opponents to show what step had been taken by the Liberal party, or what plan had been advocated by the Liberal party, which would in the slightest degree weaken our connection with the Colonies, and to be judged by what they do, and he called upon his opponents to show what step had been taken by the Liberal party, or what plan had been advocated by the Liberal party, which would in the slightest degree weaken our connection with the Colonies, and to be judged by what they do, and he called upon his opponents to show what step had been taken by the 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