

THE CARLETON SENTINEL.

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CONNECTION OF THE WATERS OF THE ST. LAWRENCE WITH THE ST. JOHN.

This subject is attracting much attention at present both in Canada and in New Brunswick; and it may well do so, for one of greater importance to both Provinces cannot well be named. We have never for a moment doubted the practicability of this grand scheme, and had this Province been inhabited by almost any other race of men upon earth, we believe it would have been completed long ago. Let us for a moment look at what has already been done and is now doing by the Americans to secure a trade, that could so easily be diverted from them, and carried on with, and through the Province of New Brunswick. For a length of time, a strife has been going on between New York and Boston for the trade of Canada and the far West. Lately Maine has started in the race, and hence the interest her people takes in the completion of the Rail Road from Portland to Halifax. By it she expects to build her railroad from Portland to Montreal, and to secure the travel between Europe and Canada, as well as a large portion of the trade now carried on with New York and Boston. New York has made a canal from Buffalo to Albany, a distance of something like 360 miles, and at a cost we believe of over 20 millions of dollars. This canal, owing to the immense amount of business carried on through it, has already paid its first cost and laid by a surplus with which it is now being widened some six or seven feet. A Rail Road is also being built and will be completed the coming summer, from New York, to Dunkirk, on lake Erie, a distance of about 460 miles. The people of Massachusetts have built a Rail Road from Boston to Albany, and from Ogdensburg, to Lake Champlain. Branch rail roads have been built by these States in various directions each striving to secure for itself the greater portion of the trade and travel of Canada and the great West.—This trade is now offered to us, and for a comparatively small sum, we can secure what New York and Boston have spent their millions to obtain. If no other advantages were to be derived by Canada, and New-Brunswick on the completion of this route, than those arising from an increase of the traffic with each other, it would in our opinion warrant all the outlay that is required; but when we take into consideration that six millions of people residing west of Canada are looking to us for a way to the Ocean for the immense surplus produce of their country, it seems like madness to hesitate a moment as to what should be done. We are credibly informed that if the way was made clear, upwards of one thousand large Steamboats would annually pass down our river from the lakes to the sea. This of itself one would suppose was sufficient, to set our Government at work, and in connection with Canada, to take such steps as would lead to the early completion of this most desirable object.

It is not to be wondered at that Canada has heretofore taken so little interest in this matter, if all her people are as ignorant of the natural facilities of our noble river for steam navigation, and as narrow contracted in their views in matters of trade as the Editor of the *Quebec Gazette*, he says "the River St. Johns we are told is full of rapids and falls, shoals and rocks, turnings and windings, snags and sawyers; in short every obstacle which requires money to remove in the navigation of a river." He also limits the trade that is to follow the completion of this undertaking to the flour they are to send and the fish and oil they are to take in return. It may be as well to inform our cotemporary that ours is a noble river, and that Steam Boats of any size can at certain seasons of the year run from St. John to the Grand Falls, a distance of 230 miles, and that with a few dams placed at proper intervals across the river, the water can be kept at a sufficient height to enable them to run this distance the whole season. A canal must be made, past the Grand Falls, one past the Little Falls, and one from Temiscouata lake to the St. Lawrence, a distance we believe of 21 miles. This is the amount of work to be performed, and although it may cost a large sum of money to complete it, we are satisfied that it would be found a profitable investment and would give general satisfaction throughout the Province.

We believe that Woodstock can now boast of a goodly number of as active and efficient Parish Officers as are to be found in the Province. Since their appointment the Fire Wards have carefully examined every building in the place in which a fire is kept, causing all to fulfil the requirements of the law in this respect, and taking such other steps as in their opinion were necessary for the prevention of fires. They also offer a premium of \$4 to the first person who shall, on the alarm of fire,

arrive on the spot with a hogshead of water, and \$2 to the second. Hogsheads for this purpose are to be kept in good order in some convenient place, of which notice will hereafter be given. The Overseers of the Poor have not been idle and have made a great improvement in the mode of furnishing supplies to paupers. Such articles as are required for this purpose being now furnished by contract. This we consider a good plan, and one that will give general satisfaction.

We are requested by Mr. Justice Dibble to state, that his speech on the License question, at the late Court of Sessions, was not only very much curtailed, but was otherwise incorrectly reported. In the *Sentinel*, he is made to say, that if the Court did not grant licenses, it would injure the West India trade. This he says is incorrect. In answer to Mr. Justice Cleary, who thought that a very heavy duty should be laid on all liquors coming into the Province, he remarked—"That if such a course was adopted he feared that it would have the effect of injuring our trade with the West Indies. We stated in our last, that the notes were not taken by us, but were handed in for publication. We did not even hear the debate, but we are satisfied that it was not the wish or the intention of the party who took them to make mis-statements.

MELANCHOLY ACCIDENT.—It is with deep regret, we learn that Mr. Charles Phillips of Northampton, (fourth son of Mr. Robert Phillips of that place,) fell from a scaffold in his barn on Saturday the 18th inst., and was so badly injured, that he lived only until the following Monday.

The deceased was in the 37th year of his age, and was much esteemed by all who knew him, for his unaffected piety and amiable disposition. He has left a wife, two children, and a large circle of relations and friends to mourn their sudden bereavement.

We cannot entirely agree with our Fredericton correspondent in his views on the rumored appointments to the Executive Council. Should a seat be offered to Mr. Ritchie and accepted, the same objections would be taken to the Government, that formerly existed, inasmuch as the late changes in the Cabinet, gave satisfaction in the belief that it is to continue a party Government. Mr. Street in our opinion is a man of too much good sense, to call to his assistance the leaders of an opposite party, thereby inducing the public to think that a Government cannot be formed from his own sufficient strength to meet the new House. We have no room this week to extend our remarks on this subject but will give it more attention at an early day. We must be permitted to say however that the People of this County,—while the changes are being made—have a right to expect that their interests will be attended to, and that justice though tardy, will now be granted, and a seat in the Upper Branch of the Legislature given them.

We send our paper this week to a number of Gentlemen who have not yet become Subscribers. Any one receiving it, and not wishing to subscribe, will please return it marked with the initials of his name. All who retain it, will be considered Subscribers, and will receive a copy weekly, until they order it discontinued.

If we are to believe all we hear, they sometimes do queer things at Head Quarters. We heard yesterday that the Grand Jury for the County of York, had indicted the Court of Sessions and the Common Council, as public nuisances. Who is to issue the Warrants for their apprehension? It must be the foreman of the Grand Jury!

Some fiend in human shape broke, into a stable belonging to Mr. J. H. B. Jacques, on Monday night last, and with a knife or some other sharp instrument, made a deep incision in the breast of his horse, and drew the knife down through to the fore leg, cutting or injuring the cords in such a manner as to render the leg entirely useless.

We attended a Meeting of Emergency of the Loyal Orange Lodge No. 1, yesterday afternoon, and were much pleased to see so many of our brethren present on the occasion, showing as they did by their attendance at this busy season of the year, a still hearty attachment to the cause they have espoused.

We would particularly request attention to the meeting of the County Grand Lodge as advertised in another column, to be holden at Victoria Corner on Monday next the 3rd proximo, as it is most probable that business of vital importance to the institution will be brought forward.

We are pleased to notice an old friend the Orange Lily again on our table after an absence of several months. We have also to acknowledge the receipt of the first number of the Weekly Despatch, an extremely well got up paper, published by Mr. H. A. Newcomb, (formerly of this place) in London, Canada West. May success attend his Labours.

NEW BRUNSWICK SOCIETY FOR THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF AGRICULTURE, HOME MANUFACTURES, AND COMMERCE THROUGHOUT THE PROVINCE.—We observe by the published proceedings of this Society, that the Annual Meeting was held in the County Court House, in this City, on the 8th instant, pursuant to adjournment from the preceding

New Year's Day. Dr. Robb, the President of the Society occupied the chair. We regret that our space precludes us from giving the proceedings entire, but we give below such extracts as will, in our opinion, be most interesting to the generality of our readers. The President, as Chairman of the Executive Committee, presented the Annual Report, in which he says:—

GENTLEMEN.—At the last meeting of the Executive Committee of this Society it was suggested that as Chairman of the Executive Committee, I should prepare the annual report and address, before laying down the office which I have the honour to hold in the Society. I can hardly say that I have had sufficient leisure to do this in detail, but fortunately, a great part of it was already done to my hand in the first Report of the Society, published in July last. After that Report was published it was generally distributed throughout the Country, and at the same time occasion was taken to solicit subscriptions in aid of the Society; Mr. Kerr, whose professional duties took him into most of the Counties, called public meetings in almost all of them, and organized local Committees in some of them for co-operating with the parent Society. By that means, and by subsequent correspondence with the local Committees, upwards of £100 have been collected, and the Provincial Grant of £200 made contingently to the collection of £100 by private subscription has been secured.—Our expenditure for the last year, (chiefly for printing) as will be seen by the Treasurer's Report just submitted, has amounted to £52 10s 1d, and the balance now to the credit of the Society amounts to £247 9s 11d.

The following Gentlemen were elected as Office-bearers for the present year:—

Hon. Neville Parker, Master of the Rolls, President.
Robert Chestnut, Esq., Vice President for York, in Fredericton.

Thomas Jones, Esq., Vice President for York, in the country

Robert Jardine, Esq., Vice President for St. John.
Hon. Harris Hatch, Vice President for Charlotte.
Calvin L. Hatheway, Vice President for Sunbury.
Rev. N. A. Coster, Vice President for Queen's.
Rev. W. E. Scovil, Vice President for King's.
Hon. Amos E. Botsford, Vice President for Westmorland.
Hon. John W. Weldon, Vice President for Kent.
Francis Ferguson, Esq., Vice President for Gloucester.
Dugald Stewart, Esq., Vice President for Restigouche.
H. E. Dibble, Esq., Vice President for Carleton.
Leonard R. Coombs, Esq., Vice President for Victoria.
Col. Samuel Clark, Vice President for Albert.
Rev. W. Henderson, Vice President for Northumberland.
Dr. J. Robb, Corresponding Secretary.
Robert Fulton, Esq., Recording Secretary.
Joseph Gaynor, Esq., Treasurer.
Additional Members.—Mr. Wm. Watts, Senior, David S. Kerr, John A. Beckwith, John Gregory, and John C. Allan, Esqrs.—Head Quarters.

BRITISH NORTH AMERICAN ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH COMPANY.—At the annual meeting of the proprietors of this Company, held at Quebec on the 9th inst., the Secretary read the report, which states that the line will be completed to Woodstock by the latter end of July next. The Directors are happy to state, that the lines between Fredericton and Woodstock will be finished by midsummer, thus furnishing one uninterrupted chain of Telegraphic communication through the whole of the British Provinces of the Canadas, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, from Niagara to Halifax.—*New Brunswicker*.

THE REV. EDWARD MANNING.—The numerous friends of this venerable Baptist Clergyman, in the Provinces and elsewhere, will learn with deep regret that he departed this life, at his late residence, Cornwallis, on Sunday evening last. Mr. Manning was one of the oldest—if not the most aged Clergyman in Nova Scotia. He has probably been engaged in the Ministry for upwards of sixty years. A native of Ireland, he came to Nova Scotia when a child, and during a long and useful life had endeared himself to all denominations, but especially to the body of Christians in whose service he so long and successfully laboured.—His death was a striking illustration of that forcible passage of scripture:—"Mark the perfect man and behold the upright, for the end of that man is peace." We learn that the funeral of this lamented Minister of the Gospel will take place on Thursday next.—*Halifax Chronicle*.

THE CHOLERA has scarcely abated in virulence at Jamaica, and has broken out at Mayaguez, Porto Rico.

THE POPE AND THE BIBLE.—In the October number of the *Jewish Intelligencer* we find the following important statement by Dr. Macgowan, of the Jerusalem Mission, relative to the religious state of Rome, written from that city:—"The sale of Italian Bibles, which had been freely and extensively carried on during the short-lived duration of the Roman Republic, is now not only prohibited, but for any Roman to have a bible in his possession is considered a misdemeanor, which is punished with imprisonment."

EMIGRANTS FROM ENGLAND TO TEXAS.—One hundred and twenty emigrants recently arrived at Houston, Texas on their way to Milan country. They were sent by the Society formed in the city of London, for the encouragement of emigration. They appear to be composed of good materials. Quite a number of the emigrants are professors of religion—mostly of the Episcopal and the Independent churches. A clergyman of the church of England, of decidedly evangelical sentiments, accompanied the emigrants. This is as it should be. Protestants should go in companies sufficiently strong to compose an independent settlement, and be sure to carry with them an evangelical minister of the gospel.—*New York Observer*.

A new Postage Bill has passed the American House of Representatives, establishing three cents as the postage on each letter not exceeding half an ounce in weight, and the same for each additional half ounce, without regard to distance.