

CORRESPONDENCE.

Improvement of River Navigation.

For the Carleton Sentinel.

CANTERBURY, Sept. 24.

Mr. Editor: In attempting to improve the navigation of rivers, the natural highways of all countries, the facilities which Nature freely offers to us for so doing should be immediately accepted and applied.

The improvement of the navigation of our noble river, the St. John, has frequently received the attention of our wise legislators during the last quarter of a century, and large amounts taken from the public funds of this Province have been expended for this purpose, with but little result benefit to the public, if I have been rightly informed by those who have, during many successive years, been well acquainted with the practical navigation of the river.

The indisputable fact that steamers of the smallest capacity on the river cannot yet navigate throughout its course between Fredericton and Woodstock at all times, when the river is clear of ice, at certain places, and the same places where the principal difficulties to obstruct the navigation have always been found during the last fifty years, is a self-evident and glaring proof that many thousands of pounds of the public money have been needlessly thrown away, or at least expended ineffectually, in vain and repeated attempts to improve the general navigation of the River St. John.

I believe the principal benefit which has arisen or can arise to the public, from the past operations in order to improve the river navigation, is in favor of the running of rafts and tow-boats; though in some places, I am informed, running rafts down the river has been rendered more hazardous by those very operations. Take the Belvidere Bar, in its present, compared with its former state, for an instance. The running of a few rafts at the Belvidere Bar, Belts Rapids, Hay's Rocks, &c., appears to be the chief of all improvements of the navigation of our beautiful river from time immemorial.

Mr. Editor, I trust that you will excuse the digression, while I affirm that the experience we have obtained by past events should enable us to form a probable, if not critically correct, estimate of the future. And thus I can prophesy that, if our legislators continue to appropriate £20,000 annually for the improvement of the navigation of the St. John, by blasting rocks and dragging out bars of sand and gravel, and by the running of rafts and tow-boats, for the whole of £50,000 shall have been expended, the steamboat navigation of the river will be very little improved.

The immense jams of ice, often several feet in thickness, rolling in mountain masses before the powerful and impetuous spring and autumn tides, or freshets, will never allow such efforts to be made, by tearing banks and adjacent heights of gravel, etc., made absurd by dragging and filling the dragged and gutters have nearly as before, so long as sufficient sand and gravel will remain above and around them. It would be illogical to suppose that, after bars of sand and gravel have been removed, channels made through them, they would long remain so; for the same natural cause which first formed them would still remain, and still exert its natural force to re-form them from the artificial into the natural form.

The natural course of the river has not been altered, but which, by natural, or even by artificial means, during the last fifty years, while every year's experience proves those artificial works to be fast going by retrogression, perhaps progression, towards their former natural state.

If we now possessed the flat-bottomed steamers which navigate some of the rapid rivers in the United States, and which require water for a draught of from two-and-a-half to three feet only, I believe they could not be successfully run upon the River St. John during its lowest water, when tow-boats can only run with difficulty.

Mr. Editor, I will not detain your readers longer by discursive and introductory remarks, but I affirm that the facts will support me in assuming the following position: If one half of the money which has been expended in attempting to improve the navigation of the River St. John had been expended in a proper way, at proper places, we should now have continuous steamboat navigation, during at least six months in each year, from the city of St. John along the course of the river more than 200 miles, to the head of Lake Temiscouia, excepting a short distance at the Grand Falls. I shall yet see the day when we shall have a short canal, with a few locks, around the Grand Falls, a canal of 25 miles from Lake Temiscouia to the Gulf of St. Lawrence, and thus, without interruption by Winter's icy bands, direct steamboat communication, via the River St. John, from the Bay of Fundy to the Pacific Ocean.

Excluding Lake Temiscouia, if three or four of the great lakes within the Province, and being with large streams which empty themselves into the St. John, were properly dammed by permanent work, and strong bulk-heads placed in those dams in such a way as to let off the vast quantities of water thus placed in reservoir, whenever required, a sufficient depth of water could be constantly kept in the River St. John for the running of our small, and perhaps larger steamers continually.

Persons of much experience and intelligence have informed me that £20,000, or at the most £30,000, would be amply sufficient to defray the expense of building permanent dams near the outlet of three of those great lakes, so as to place in reservoir, every spring, an immense quantity of water, sufficient to keep the water in the St. John at half freshet at all times throughout the year.

Mr. Editor, I really seem surprised to me that the enterprising legislators of New Brunswick have not, on this day, followed the example of our neighbors in the Great Republic, and adopted the efficient practice which have rendered the feasibility and utility of the measure which I here propose, not an illusory dream, but an established fact—a practical theory which, if carried out, will really and permanently establish the general navigation of our noble river, the Saint John.

J. C. D.

Charlotte Town, P. E. I., Sept. 10.

Mr. Editor: My brethren in the Temperance army will be glad to hear that we are still endeavoring to war a good warfare; and we hope to stand in the evil day, and having done so, to stand in last among the successful ones for whom the Saviour died and rose again.

Since I was at Woodstock, we have had a series of most interesting meetings, well attended, well sustained by ministers of the Gospel, and I hope, much good effected in the hearts and minds of the people. For my part, I am convinced that the temperance or outward show, I like well when the heart is so affected that the life shows it in a changed course of conduct; and in order to do this, the Divine must be invoked. I like such meetings, for instance, as we had in various parts of this beautiful Island. We had one in the Presbyterian Church, on Saturday evening last, in the old Presbyterian Church, which resulted in much good. Three liquor merchants came forward among the rest and signed the pledge, preparatory to becoming Sons of Temperance. The Presbyterian and Church of England ministers also signed. We had a somewhat similar meeting in the Free Church here last night. We hold a meeting here this evening (D.V.), in the Baptist Church. I find the clergy of the Island, as well as the Protestant press, all in favor of the cause.

Yours in L. P. and F.

JAMES A. DAVIDSON.

As they who, for every slight sickness take physic to repair their health, do rather impair it, so they who for every trifling error to vindicate their character do rather weaken it.

"Each moment makes thee dearer," as the parsimonious tradesman says in his extravagant will.

An infamous old bachelor being asked if he had ever witnessed a public execution, replied: "No, but I once saw a marriage."

Honesty without shame in this world is like a sword without point—very well for a show, but of no real use to the owner.

If you wish your children to reverse things pure and lovely, and of good report, set them the example.

A man of sense does but one thing at a time, at all things to excel in it; for 'tis the worth doing to be done well.

Insolvent Debtors.

In the matter of SAMUEL H. NEVINS, an Insolvent Debtor.

NOTICE is hereby given, that on the application of Samuel H. Nevins, of Brighton, in the County of Carleton, Farmer, made to me pursuant to the directions of the Act of Assembly, 21st Victoria, Chapter 17, I appoint Tuesday the twenty-first day of December next, at my office in Woodstock, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, as the time and place for a meeting of the creditors of the said Samuel H. Nevins, for the purpose of examining into the state of his affairs, and considering the terms of a compromise to be offered by him under the said Act.

Dated the tenth day of September, 1855.

A. K. SMEDDS WETMORE.

Clerk of the Peace for the County of Carleton.

In the matter of MAURICE DAY, an Insolvent Debtor.

NOTICE is hereby given, that on the application of Maurice Day, of Brighton, in the County of Carleton, made to me pursuant to the directions of the Act of Assembly, 21st Victoria, Chapter 17, I appoint Tuesday, the fourteenth day of October next, at my office in Woodstock, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, as the time and place for a meeting of the creditors of the said Maurice Day, for the purpose of examining into the state of his affairs, and considering the terms of a compromise to be offered by him under the said Act.

Dated the 24th day of August, A.D. 1855.

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Clerk of the Peace for the County of Carleton.

In the matter of WILLIAM GRANT, an Insolvent Debtor.

NOTICE is hereby given, that on the application of William Grant, of Kent, in the County of Carleton, Farmer, made to me pursuant to the directions of the Act of Assembly, 21st Victoria, Chapter 17, I appoint Friday, the tenth day of December next, at my office in Woodstock, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, as the time and place for a meeting of the creditors of the said William Grant, for the purpose of examining into the state of his affairs, and considering the terms of a compromise to be offered by him under the said Act.

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In the matter of GEORGE H. THOMAS, an Insolvent Debtor.

NOTICE is hereby given, that on the application of George H. Thomas, of Wakefield, in the County of Carleton, Farmer, made to me pursuant to the directions of the Act of Assembly, 21st Victoria, Chapter 17, I appoint Thursday, the ninth day of December next, at my office in Woodstock, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, as the time and place for a meeting of the creditors of the said George H. Thomas, for the purpose of examining into the state of his affairs, and considering the terms of a compromise to be offered by him under the said Act.

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In the matter of HERBERT SEWELL, an Insolvent Debtor.

NOTICE is hereby given, that on the application of Herbert Sewell, of Brighton, in the County of Carleton, Farmer, made to me pursuant to the directions of the Act of Assembly, 21st Victoria, Chapter 17, I appoint Wednesday, the eighth day of December next, at my office in the Town of Woodstock, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, as the time and place for a meeting of the creditors of the said Herbert Sewell, for the purpose of examining into the state of his affairs, and considering the terms of a compromise to be offered by him under the said Act.

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In the matter of WILLIAM HALL, an Insolvent Debtor.

NOTICE is hereby given, that on the application of William Hall, of the Parish of Northampton in the County of Carleton, Farmer, made to me pursuant to the directions of the Act of Assembly, 21st Victoria, Chapter 17, I appoint Tuesday, the eighth day of December next, at my office in the Town of Woodstock, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, as the time and place for a meeting of the creditors of the said William Hall, for the purpose of examining into the state of his affairs, and considering the terms of a compromise to be offered by him under the said Act.

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In the matter of ISAAC H. C. NOBLE, an Insolvent Debtor.

NOTICE is hereby given, that on the application of Isaac H. C. Noble, of the Parish of Northampton in the County of Carleton, Farmer, made to me pursuant to the directions of the Act of Assembly, 21st Victoria, Chapter 17, I appoint Monday, the seventh day of December next, at my office in the Town of Woodstock, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, as the time and place for a meeting of the creditors of the said Isaac H. C. Noble, for the purpose of examining into the state of his affairs, and considering the terms of a compromise to be offered by him under the said Act.

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In the matter of JOHN FLANAGAN, an Insolvent Debtor.

NOTICE is hereby given, that on the application of John Flanagan, of Woodstock, in the County of Carleton, made to me pursuant to the directions of the Act of Assembly, 21st Victoria, Chapter 17, I appoint Monday, the seventh day of December next, at my office in Woodstock, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, as the time and place for a meeting of the creditors of the said John Flanagan, for the purpose of examining into the state of his affairs, and considering the terms of a compromise to be offered by him under the said Act.

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In the matter of JOSHUA SNOW, an Insolvent Debtor.

NOTICE is hereby given, that on the application of Joshua Snow, of Woodstock, in the County of Carleton, made to me pursuant to the directions of the Act of Assembly, 21st Victoria, Chapter 17, I appoint Monday, the seventh day of December next, at my office in Woodstock, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, as the time and place for a meeting of the creditors of the said Joshua Snow, for the purpose of examining into the state of his affairs, and considering the terms of a compromise to be offered by him under the said Act.

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In the matter of MOSES HOVEY, an Insolvent Debtor.

NOTICE is hereby given, that on the application of Moses Hovey, of Woodstock, in the County of Carleton, made to me pursuant to the directions of the Act of Assembly, 21st Victoria, Chapter 17, I appoint Wednesday, the thirteenth day of October next, at my office in Woodstock, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, as the time and place for a meeting of the creditors of the said Moses Hovey, for the purpose of examining into the state of his affairs, and considering the terms of a compromise to be offered by him under the said Act.

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In the matter of GREGORY CLOWES, an Insolvent Debtor.

NOTICE is hereby given, that on the application of Gregory Clowes, of Woodstock, in the County of Carleton, made to me pursuant to the directions of the Act of Assembly, 21st Victoria, Chapter 17, I appoint Wednesday, the thirteenth day of October next, at my office in Woodstock, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, as the time and place for a meeting of the creditors of the said Gregory Clowes, for the purpose of examining into the state of his affairs, and considering the terms of a compromise to be offered by him under the said Act.

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