

A LETTER FROM REV. D. FISKE.

To the Editor of Carleton Sentinel:—

Long have I owed you a message for your valuable paper, but while observations have accumulated my pen has remained still—it is not fair; I owe you an emphatic unfeigned apology. Through the medium of the SENTINEL I would have a word with yourself and the many among your readers whom I have met in cordial fellowship, along the stretches and around the curves of the track over the more than a thousand miles of king's highway, icy channel and railway. I join with Sir Wilfrid in giving you all a "sunny smile," and give you in imagination, in one way and in reality in a more important sense, a hearty hand grasp and as the Scotman does would ask "Hoo's a' wi' you?" Across the distance I hear of the experiences and enterprises of some of you, the busy activities, the marrying and giving in marriage, the openings of the eyes upon this earthly scene, the languishings on beds of suffering, the layings down of earthly life by brothers and sisters I have in memory, the commitments to the tomb of the clay tenements, the pilgrimages along the way with chastened spirits and hearts saddened but sustained. Such is this life of schooling and discipline, this life of moulding and fashioning. Let us remember that "God's in His heaven" and with wisdom, love and power is working that it may be well with the world.

From Manitoulin, queen among fresh water islands, I address you, with whose beautiful climate I am regaled. Queenly she reigns from her throne in noble Lake Huron, adding her quota of variety and natural wealth to the riches of our so rich Dominion. With her limestone stretches, ridges, tablelands, with perpendicular far-reaching faces, in crags, in precipices; with her fifty lakes, more or less, whose names, such as Mindemayo, Kagowing and Manitou, suggest the romance, the solitude, the paths, the activity, the sturdy stride, the keen observation, the shrewd wisdom, the canoe paddling and the hunting of the Indian forest dwellers; the Hiawatha love-makings and the isolated lavishness of family affections in wigwam homes, of days gone by, she smiles her cordiality of rugged or fascinating loveliness. From her plenitude of forest stretches she has contributed, may I not safely say, millions of cedar ties and fence posts, with her quota of pine, oak and basswood. It is an interesting sight to see quite a number of families shut up their homes when the season comes and withdraw to "the bush" where in the shanties live the women and children during the winter months while the men prosecute their "timbering". One of the prominent industries here in winter is the getting out of railway ties and fence posts. Fire here, as elsewhere, has laid her destructive hands on large portions of timber land and ruthless-

ly wasted hundreds of thousands of dollars worth. Over large stretches are to be seen the unsightly dead trunks of fire-killed trees among and around which the second growth is now in evidence. These burnt lands with so many fallen trees are called "ashes". There are many limestone stretches with a measure of pasture upon them which serve and encourage farmers to raise large herds of cattle. It is nothing strange to see herds of from thirty to seventy cattle on the farms. Ear tags or other marks are required whereby to identify young cattle for they get long distances from home at times. It is quite a work in the fall to gather them to their several farm homes. Men find among their herds cattle whose owners they do not know. Advertising in the papers is resorted to when necessary and owners thus get a clew to their cattle. I was at a farm the other day and while in the stable I asked one of the boys if eleven was the number of calves they had; seventeen he thought was the number. Later one of his sisters spoke as if they had nineteen anyway so I understood. The number of pigs, black and brown that roam the road sides in summer or are in the pens in winter remind me vividly of that helter-skelter stampede from the region of Goders when the devils relieving the man of their pandemonium, surprised the swine with their terribly disturbing presence. Fifty six I think one man had last fall when he was feeding them with rapidly vanishing bushels of peas. There are many sheep and fine farms about.

The Island is a great place to raise hay, oats, barley, turnips and peas; potatoes also do very well. The quantity of peas raised are quite noticeable. Oats are largely raised. Binders abound on the Island; it is a rare sight to see a plain reaper; steam threshers make quick work in the fall; clover seed is much raised; for threshing, hulling and cleaning there is a special steam threshing machine. Fences are made very high; much fencing was done in 1905—straight, staked and wired. There are fine roads on the Island; thousands of dollars were spent by the government last summer in road improvement; much travelling of roads is done; roads thus made are, when hardened, a pleasure to drive upon. Many fine barns went up last summer. Stables are abundant; in these are located the stables; tiers of stables with feed ways and manure and passage ways between; these stables are a credit to the farmers and are very warm; the barns are large, 40x60 feet or larger; there are still many log barns and one of the most noticeable sights is the abundance of hay stacks from which as it is needed the hay is cut with a large knife. As the country is comparatively new there are many of the log houses still remaining, but houses of more attractive appearance are being built while some of the new houses while very substantial and in the inside very comfortable and attractive are not at all beautiful outwardly; the outside of the wall which is of a thickness of four inches is of concrete. The only Baptist church on the Island is thus built. Some of the new houses are plastered on the outside and painted and marked to look as if built of nicely prepared stone; this is not a satisfactory sort of house as the plaster in some cases breaks away. Another kind of house has appeared on the Island. This is built of cement blocks; the blocks are moulded and are hollow; this style of house is quite attractive looking and promises to gain in popularity. I think a good many houses of this stamp are to be found now "down below" in Ontario. The Islanders when referring to Old Ontario say "down below" and I know of one nice house thus built in New Ontario in the town of Thessalon whose conveniences I admired on a recent visit to that town.

Schools are fairly numerous and educational advance is being made. Good school houses are dotting the landscape more and more in place of more humble structures of the past. Facilities for the partial training of teachers have been furnished in 1905, and thus there is an upward look; many teachers were teaching on 3 year certificates. Many of the people came from Old Ontario and are of Scottish descent, while Engand, Ireland and Wales furnish their quotas. There is much energy, thrift and hospitality. The people are very social. At the numerous barn raisings last summer from eighty to a hundred men might be seen while perhaps from 25 to 30 more women with a goodly sprinkling of boys and girls of varied ages added to the social or varied character of the scenes. If a man meets with misfortune here kindness abounds in an admirable degree. There is a good deal of the sportive element. Base ball is a very popular game in summer and many are the matches contested, sometimes between men—sometimes between boys—sometimes between men and boys. The religious denominations most

largely represented on the Island are the Methodists, Presbyterians, Roman Catholics and Church of England. There are representatives of a dozen or more denominations sprinkled through the mass.

There are quite a number of large villages some of them more or less called towns—Gore Bay, Little Current, Manitowaning, Providence Bay, Kagowong, West Bay, Whipwinkong and Shigwianadah. At Little Current are two large saw mills; there are smaller villages. West Bay is an Indian reserve; it is interesting to visit the school there, near the monotonous immodulated reading of the Indian children, listen to their beautiful singing, watch the larger girls knitting in a room upstairs. The principal of the school seems to be a gifted teacher. At Whipwinkong there is a prominent R. C. institution; many children are here taught and trained industrially as well as intellectually. There are here I understand besides the religious and school buildings, farm, saw mill, carpenter and blacksmith shops. The boys I understand are taught to look after their dormitories. It has been found impracticable I believe to teach the boys to use napkins at table. I think that were women more in evidence in their training the napkins could be used with dexterity and grace all right.

Oil has been found on the Island; there seems to be plenty yet at Whipwinkong. The oil industry promises to furnish a rich return in the future. Farms have been rented in the oil interests of late, the owners using them just as before and the renting being on conditions that if boring be not done within five years so much an acre will be paid.

Agricultural fairs are quite numerous in their season and the Women's Institute idea is materializing on the Island. Among societies of men I note that Orangeism is popular and the Foresters and Home Circle figure.

Each large village has one or more licensed hotels and thus we see much of the evil of intemperance. There have been people who seemed almost to think the inhabitants might have difficulty in avoiding falling off the Island, but it stretches about 110 miles in length and varies in width from about 4 miles to, in one place I think, about half a mile. There are many irregularities of coast line.

The Island has great attractions for the tourist and sportsman. Its beauties and variety of scenery are charming indeed. Amidst its sylvan retreats and on the placid bosom of its beautiful lakes are elysian delights for the stress worn strenuous workers of the cities where rest, recuperation and cheer are attainable in enriching measure. Here the artist may feast his soul, the poet pen his lays and the author write amidst wholesome surroundings. The lakes yield herring, white fish, trout, bass of different kinds, pike and pickerel. Mindenoya (Indian for old woman) Lake herring average perhaps a pound and a half in weight. Lake Manitou is about the size of the Sea of Galilee but much more irregular in outline. On its shore at its outlet there is a fish hatchery. Hon R. R. Gagey the man from Manitoulin who threw such a bombshell into the local liberal camp served his apprenticeship in the "bush" as a woodman and afterwards as an insurance agent which gave him extended acquaintance with the Island. He is a popular, energetic man, alert, shrewd and prompt of action. He has an attractive residence at Gore Bay. His well cultivated grounds were last summer under the care of an English gardener. I have had the pleasure of a slight acquaintance with him. He is a man of good natural ability.

D. FISKE,
Providence Bay, Ont.

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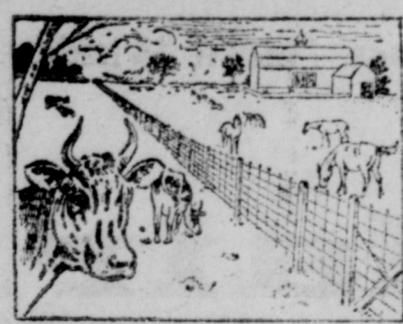
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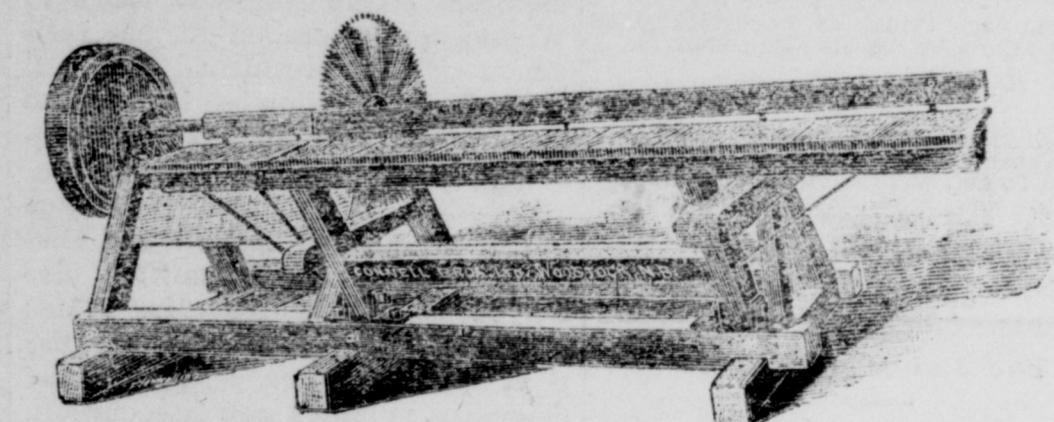


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Dated the 10th day of March, A. D., 1906.

JOHN E. MOORE,
President.

J. FRASER GREGORY,
Secretary.

N. B.—Every owner of logs or other timber intended to be driven by the said Company during the driving season of 1906, must file with the secretary a statement of the same, on or before the day of the Annual Meeting, and no lumberman can become a member of said Company nor entitled to a vote at its meetings until said statement has been filed.

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INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY.

TENDER.

Sealed Tenders, addressed to the Secretary of the Department of Railways and Canals, Ottawa, Ont., and marked on the outside "Tender for Building at Belmont," will be received up to and including

TUESDAY, 27th MARCH, 1906,
for the erection and completion of a combined Station and Dwelling and a combined Freight Shed, Baggage Room and Coal Room at Belmont, N. B.

Plans and Specification may be seen at the Station Master's Office at Belmont, N. B., and at the office of the Engineer of Maintenance, Moncton, N. B., where forms of tender may be obtained.

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D. POTTINGER,
General Manager.
Moncton, N. B.
March, 8th, 1906.

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Watson Settlement,
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