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STANDARD OF VALUE.

In these days of fluctuating values, when the par of things may be fifty percent tomorrow or vice versa, the only standard of value is quality.

Prices of farm produce have tumbled during the past year. The low price obtainable is liable to induce carelessness in the preparation of articles for market.

There has been no time in the history of our province when quality counted for as much as it does today.

Perhaps the most unique system of holidays in the world prevails in Glasgow, Scotland, a city which also has the reputation of being the best governed municipality in the world.

Holidays, like many other institutions, are largely a matter of habit; they are a necessity in the economy of life but in the manner of their observance we are guided by custom and in this busy country of ours it is not likely that we shall get beyond the one general holiday.

Current Comment

The man or body of men who can find no better employment than in efforts to set race against race and creed against creed and to stir up the most dangerous elements of human strife is not fitted for the decencies of society, and should be confined amongst lunatics, or better still, transported to some land of savagery, where they could exercise their morbid tastes in some congenial companionship.

Thousands again are of that pure Scottish origin with hearts tingling in happy remembrance of the hills and Highlands, whose successors will still be Scotch after years and decades have flown, and so it may be said of the English, Irish and other nationalities that go to constitute the nation of young Canada.

Only a few clear shining hours— That was all. Yet God could make Out of these, for a sick child's sake, A blossom as wondrous fair and sweet As ever broke at an angel's feet.

Charlottetown 150 Years Ago

BY HENRY SMITH

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Among the pioneer settlers were men of considerable means who erected for themselves good large dwelling houses in Charlottetown, in its early days. Others too, as they found their bearings in the land of their adoption, soon began to arise and build, and at the beginning of the last century there were about sixty houses in Charlottetown. These houses were of different sizes and styles, all the same at the time.

Many of the houses of this earlier period had large fireplaces built in the kitchen chimneys with a swinging crane on which the pots and kettles were hung. Also a large iron pan with a thick flat cover might be seen on the crane which was called a bake-pan. In this pan the bread for the family was baked, and good bread it was.

A story is told of a well known citizen of earlier days who was always ready for a bargain and would buy or sell on any occasion. A farmer, who came to town to sell his produce and took home his supplies, remarked to the trader that he must buy a bake pan before leaving town. "I have one I can sell you," replied the trader.

The oldest house in Charlottetown today is a building on the South side of Dorchester Street west of it on the corner of Dorchester and Union Streets. It was originally owned by Samuel Baginall, where he kept a public house opposite the Barrack gate, in the early days of the last century.

There is also an old house on the North side of Dorchester Street. It is the first house east from Pownall Street and was known in the early days as "McPhee's Public House." It was in this house that the late Bishop McEachern always put up when he made his Pastoral visits to Charlottetown.

There is also a very old house on the west corner of Pownall and King Streets that has occupied its present site for the past one hundred years.

St. Joseph's Convent, although not one of the first houses erected in Charlottetown in the early days, is one of the oldest buildings in town at the present time. It was built at St. Andrews in King's County, in 1804, where it remained for sixty years, until it was removed to Charlottetown in 1864 and put in the position it now occupies. It was placed upon runners and hauled to Charlottetown by horses on the East River ice. The farmers along the route supplied relays of horses so that fresh

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LITTLE THINGS

On a little shrivelled seed— It might be a flower or grass or weed; Only a box of earth on the edge Of a narrow, dusty window ledge; Only a few scant summer showers; Only a few clear shining hours— Out of these, for a sick child's sake, A blossom as wondrous fair and sweet As ever broke at an angel's feet.

THE PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open for the discussion of questions of interest. The Charlottetown Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by its correspondents.

A SUGGESTION

Sir,—As there will be a by-election in the Murray Harbor district before the next session and there is no president to call a convention, a word to the wise is sufficient. We will test the Bell Government. Wake up electors. I am, Sir, etc.

ELECTOR

ISLAND FOXES IN NEW YORK

Sir,—I have been reading your valuable paper and as this is the season for reports from the fox men, regarding their crop of pups, I have not as yet seen but very few.

I am very happy to say that I have had a litter of pups. I have opened up my first six dens and I have the following litters: one litter of seven pups; two litters of five pups, two litters of four, and one litter of three, making twenty eight pups from the first six pairs.

The ranch here is located on the famous Teddy Roosevelt trail that runs from Portland, Maine, to Portland, Oregon, and is in the heart of the Adirondack Mts., 18,000 feet above the level of the sea. It is in the midst of wild wood, lake and mountain scenery.

No doubt it will make the fox farmers feel happy to know that the fur trade is showing a decided improvement during the past few weeks. I have read several articles by some of the Island foxmen and find them very instructive and full of interest, especially those of Mr. B. Graham Rogers and Mr. George A. Callbeck.

The Rev. James Bulpit was the first Methodist Minister stationed in Charlottetown. He was sent out by the London Missionary Society and arrived here on the 31st of July, 1807. Three years later the Methodist Society purchased a piece of land on the north side of Richmond Street, between queen and Pownall Streets and erected their first place of worship.

REGINALD L. DAWSON, Malone, N. Y.

Happenings Of The Week

APPLE BLOSSOMS

Dainty little blossoms, With your coloring faint, Sending forth a fragrance rare, That no brush can paint; Springtime's fairy children, Nodding in the breeze, Are you sent to cheer the world? Tell me, blossoms, please.

In the apple orchard What a picture sweet, All the trees in pink and white, The month of May to greet! We welcome thee, O Springtime, With your birds and leaves, Sun, and rain, and flowers, And your blossoming trees.

Several auto parties from this Province are spending the week in the Annapolis Valley for "Blossom Sunday" and visitors report that the sight was never before equalled for beauty and fragrance.

Their Excellencies the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire paid their farewell visit to Toronto last week. They will likely now remain in Ottawa until they leave for England.

The Earl and Countess of Minto will go to London shortly. They will be the guests of Lady Violet Astor for the international polo matches between America and England at Hurlingham next month.

The members of the Royal Society of Canada were entertained at tea at Government House, Monday afternoon by their Excellencies the Governor General and the Duchess of Devonshire. About 150 guests were received by Their Excellencies among whom was Sir Andrew McPhail of this Province. Tea was served in the ballroom from buffet tables, prettily adorned with white lilacs and pink carnations. The guests later passed into the blue gallery.

The Marchioness of Hartington, daughter-in-law of Their Excellencies, has been present on several occasions lately with Her Excellency, and has, in a very quiet way, attracted much attention mainly on account of her youthfulness and sweet pretty face.

The visit of the H. M. S. Valerian to this port is being eagerly anticipated by the younger social set as it holds promise of many merriments including a Bachelor's Dance which is rumored for Tuesday night.

Miss Hopkirk was hostess at a most enjoyable afternoon tea on Wednesday, invitations having been extended to a large number of her friends.

The commencement exercises at Prince of Wales College yesterday were most successful with a large attendance of interested relatives and friends, the young graduates making a most pleasing picture as they received their well merited awards.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank R. Heartz issued invitations this week for a dance at their home next Thursday evening.

Mrs. McKinnon, wife of His Honor the Lieut. Governor, and Mrs. Taylor spent a few days in Truro this week.

Mr. A. A. McLean was among the visitors here this week and left yesterday on return to Ottawa.

The official opening of the Golf Club took place on Victoria Day, the ladies serving tea in the afternoon. The links are looking very lovely just now and the club attendance is larger than ever.

The Victoria Park Tennis Courts are already being taken advantage of by a host of young people but this afternoon opens the season officially, when tea will be served by Miss Ruth Vinnicombe and Miss Louise Reddin.

The Abogweits and League of the Cross baseball teams who went over to Pictou and New Glasgow on Victoria Day and came home with "victory" planned to their banners are being heartily congratulated on their success.

The death of Rev. Dr. Fullerton this week is sincerely mourned throughout the Province and the sympathy of all is extended to the bereaved family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. McKinnon have gone over to Windsor to visit their daughter, Mrs. Borden.

Mrs. Carruthers leaves today to spend the week end with Dr. Carruthers in Halifax.

Mrs. Nell Sinclair has returned to Summerside accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. McKelvie of Montserrat.

Many former friends learned with regret this week of the death in Annapolis, N. S., of Mrs. Lommia Patton, daughter of the late Mr. Robert J. Harris and sister of Hon. Robert E. Harris, Chief Justice of Nova Scotia and Rev. Canon V. E. Harris of Halifax.

Mrs. William McLean, mother of Mr. A. A. McLean, has arrived in the Province and is at present visiting her son Mr. Donald McLean at Crapaud. Later Mrs. McLean will reside with her other son, Mr. William McLean, Kensington.

Among the prominent graduates and their wives who have signified their intention of being present at

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