

To the Editor of the "WINDSOR MAIL."

-Wallace, Cumberland Nov., 20th.

Dear Sir; - I observe in the Halifax Morning Chronicle of the 18th inst, an extract from your paper, of an article on the "Trade of the Basin of Minas," and the dullness of business now experienced in Windsor, and the very little improvement that has been made in building it up for many years that have passed away, and the supineness and want of enterprise of the inhabitants in not fostering and encouraging manufactories and other industrial pursuits, whilst it possesses so many advantages for increasing wealth and adding to the population of the picturesque and fertile country by which it is surrounded.

I have always had a warm feeling towards Windsor, as it has been called the

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another centre of learning, and much celebrated for the establishment of King's College and her talented Presidents and Professors, the profundity of their knowledge and acquirements. For some years, since the erection of other seats of learning, the numbers of Students have not been so large as they were in the days of long ago. But the College has produced many men, some of whom are now in this province, New Brunswick, and other parts of the world who have manifested their training and depth of their studies and provide honorable testimonials of the abilities of their teachers.

I was for three years a resident of Windsor and under the teaching of the Rev. Wm. King, Senr., who had charge of King's College Academy, and taught the higher branches, and Asa Torrey, tutor of the English School, also under the Rev. Christopher Milner, who taught in a building on Smith's Hill, the time was 1816 to 1818. About forty Halifax and Saint John boys boarded with old Captain Inglis, opposite the College gate; and there may be at this time some old trees there, Lombardy Poplars, that had incisions with the initials of our names.

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And Long Pond, back of the College were favorite resorts, and we used to skate in winter, on moonlight nights on the ponds.

I recollect John Cunard (brother of Sir Samuel of Steamship fame) having his front teeth knocked out with a hurley by Pete Delancey, of Annapolis. Cunard was studying navigation and mathematics with a Scotch gentleman, Mr. Capels, who gave private lessons. Captain John Cunard died in London some years since he was for many years engaged in the W. India trade in Halifax.

Governors, Statesmen, Bishops, Ministers, Doctors, Lawyers and Merchants of eminence in their various pursuits, have been taught in Windsor's educational

institutions, some of whom are now living and many who recollect with pleasure, the happy freaks enjoyed in those days, before entering into the busy scenes, turmoils, trials and vicissitudes of this life. The greater number have no doubt been called to account for the talents committed to their charge. I could mention fifty names that are indelibly imprinted on my memory. Otto Schwartz Weeks, the father of the Late Attorney General, was a school-fellow and class-mate of mine. he was esteemed as a fine classical scholar, and possessed of many literary accomplishments, *de mortuis nil nisi bonum*, but every living man has some foible, and proves the words of the Wise man, that none are perfect, in toto, (except a Pio Nono). We all had to attend the established Church of England, many I suppose hold on to the doctrines and truths taught them by the beloved Rector, the Rev. William King. But often, after mixing with the world and entering into its temptations, may have embraced other and doubtful creeds. But enough of days' of long ago. I shall now tell a little of the present. The Rev. Christopher Milner is still alive, and living in Sackville, N.B. I saw him about two years since, he appeared to be a hale old gentleman. I was 15 when under his charge on Smith's hill 58 years ago, he appeared at that time to be about 35, and I think must now be a nonagenarian.

I have passed through Windsor several times since 1818. I was always pleased with the beauty of the country, its splendid marshes and valuable uplands, and its adaptability for agricultural pursuits, raising stock, fruits, &c. Within a few years back shipbuilding has been pursued and I believe in some of the adjacent settlements with great success for builders and owners. The vessels have generally been famed for their good construction, fast sailing qualities and large burden; and in some cases very quickly returned their original cost. But the change in national laws and tariff have of late made it a rather hazardous undertaking. There are some signs now of an improvement, people are beginning now to turn their attention more to

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and other industrial pursuits, in which there may be less risk and more substantial and lasting advantages for the general welfare.

The Confederation of the Provinces of Canada and the completion and partial working of the Intercolonial and prospect of the building of the Pacific, have put everybody more on the *qui vive*, and the "Almighty Dollar," as our neighbors term it, seems now to be the principal object of adoration, and how to obtain a share honestly if possible, is now the study of Nations, Statesmen, Senators, Czars, Sultans, and all such, and the men who have to earn it by the sweat of the brow [...] (*Ends here - another clipping covers the completion of this one*)