



Progress of Maine in Ten Years.

It is true that Maine has gained only a little over four hundred in population during the last decade. Therefore, if Sir William Jones' answer to his time-honored conundrum, "What constitutes a State?" is regarded as the true and only true one, almost certainly the State of Maine is a rather discouraging one.

William do doubt had reference to quality rather than quantity. In that case, if wealth is regarded as a desirable attribute of "men," the prospect is not by any means discouraging.

For, though we have only a few more men than in 1850, they must be very much richer men if we are to put any confidence in a State valuation which we will define for the benefit of the uninitiated as an ingenious piece of guess-work, effected at stated periods by several respectable gentlemen who are solemnly commissioned for that purpose.

For the purpose of investing the exercise of their functions with a proper degree of dignity and gravity, the commissioners base their estimates upon town valuations, in some of which the value of cows is given in money, while in others money is valued in cows, and in a third class cows are returned as equivalent to a given number of pigs.

But, as the same methods prevailed in 1850 and 1870 the relative wealth of the State may perhaps be determined. In 1850 Maine was worth \$100,000,000, and in 1870 \$200,000,000, exclusive of wild lands. This increase of wealth is likely to continue, and finally to bring population with it, for the diffusion of knowledge as to our unrivaled facilities for manufacturing, for which Maine is so much indebted to our able and industrious fellow citizen, Walter White, must bring capital into the State.

The Sprague purchase—or donation, as Augustus consummated in 1857, is likely to amount to more than at one time seemed likely. We have no doubt that in 1880 we shall see most of the more desirable privileges occupied.

Maine is richer in railroads than in 1850. The number of miles in operation at that time was 472. Since then there have been built the Newport and Dexter, the Piscataquis, the Belfast and Moosehead Lake and the Knox and Lincoln, (nearly completed.) The old York and Cumberland road, now the Portland and Bangor, and the Portland and Oxford Central have been extended. The Somerset, the European and North American and the Ogdensburg are under good headway.

The extension of the Maine Central from Danville Junction to connect with the Portland and Kennebec will soon be ready for the cars. The Houlton Branch brings Aroostook County within easy reach of the outside world. When the roads in actual process of construction are completed, Maine will have about double the number of miles of rails she had in 1850, and there are innumerable projects, most of which will undoubtedly be built before 1880.

The Bangor and Oldtown road, the first built in the State, has been discontinued. It was the second road built in the country, and so far as we know, it is the first where the rails have been taken up.

Further Language from Trunkard James.

It appears to be settled that charges of impeachment will be made against Gov. Bullock, of Georgia, when the Legislature reassembles.

Samuel A. Way, Esq., of Boston, has given \$100 to Miss Jennie Collins' Boston. The missionary brig, now being constructed at Curtis wharves in East Boston, is all framed and ready for launching.

The new cattle-disease has made its appearance in Salem, and over forty cows on one farm are affected. Some of them are recovering.

The San Francisco papers announce the return to that city of a boy not yet nine years of age, who has traveled all the way to Chicago and back, without either a pass or money.

Mr. Mary P. Brooks, mother of the late Rev. Dr. Brooks, died recently in that city at the age of ninety-six years.

Every girl student of the telegraph school conducted at the Cooper Institute, New York, has found employment as soon as graduated.

The Chicago and North Western R.R. carried his eleven hundred and twenty couples on Wednesday.

The war of the bottles continues at Rutland, Vt., and in consequence of hotel keepers closing their doors, travelers are obliged to lodge in sleeping cars, at private houses, and "board" on the streets.

Springfield, Mass., people complain of the too liberal use of chalk, magenta, starch and lead pencils, and of the color water that is sold there for milk.

Brown, an incendiary who attempted to burn the Hotel Marlborough, N. H., in a recent fire, has been arrested.

State News.

The Maine farmer says the only fuel used in the steam mills of the Kennebec Land and Lumber Co. in Augusta and Pittston, is the wood of the spruce, fir, hemlock and white pine.

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