

Debts Due the Public.

Large amounts of arrears due for lands have been allowed to accumulate unnecessarily. This is the emphatic statement of the Commissioners appointed in 1877 to examine into the accounts and working of the Public Lands office.

But now, when the head of the Public Lands office is making an effort to collect these arrears, a portion of the press, under some evil influence, is, instead of like honest men—strengthening the Commissioner's hands, trying to render him obnoxious, and expressing sympathy with those who have not tried to pay their debts to the public.

The conduct of the Patriot is not to be wondered at; for a paper which did not scruple, for a political purpose, to murder a reputation, would not hesitate, for a political purpose, to promote a wholesale robbery of the public. But we are perfectly amazed at the Argus and the Summerside Progress; and can only account for their strange behaviour by the supposition that the responsible editors were off on a collecting tour, and that some insidious enemy took advantage of their absence to do them an injury.

Every freeholder, every man who has paid or intends paying to the Land office the instalments he has bound himself to pay, every tradesman, merchant, every taxpayer,—every honest man on the Island is materially interested in having these debts to the public collected; and every man who can pay and will not pay, robs the public in the same way that a dishonest bankrupt robs his creditors.

No man would be readier than the writer to condemn any unnecessary severity or the taking of legal proceedings against really poor persons; and, though the Commissioner is doubtless active in the discharge of his duty, we do not believe, from the fact that he is himself a farmer, that he himself knows a farmer's difficulties and can sympathise with a farmer in his losses and troubles, he would allow proceedings to be taken against those whom he knows to be honest but poor.

But to get at the facts, the writer yesterday afternoon visited the land office, and learned:

1. That the utmost care has been taken not to proceed against persons likely to suffer hardship thereby.

2. That some of those against whom proceedings were commenced, have already paid in full, with money which they had at interest in the Savings Bank!

3. That farmers who were able regularly to pay their rent to the landlord, have never paid a single cent, either of principal or interest into the Land Office.

4. That nearly \$25,000 is due the public by five persons who have obtained assignments from the occupants, and who, in their exalted positions, depend upon their political influence to maintain their grasp upon the farms, and to escape payment of the debts due to the public on account of them. [It should be noted that once an occupant makes an assignment of his farm to a merchant or trader, he is never able even to think of paying the land office for it.]

5. That many of the precepts have been issued in cases where it is necessary to strengthen titles to farms by a formal sale; and that these have been issued by the consent of all parties concerned.

6. That many of the precepts issued are in cases where the farms have been abandoned; and without a sale and a re-entry, the Government could not give a clear title to applicants for them.

We think it probable that, with these facts before them, the Argus and Progress will be inclined to modify the statements made in their last issues, and to unite with all honest men in sustaining the action of the Commissioner in this regard.

We beg to remind them that former Commissioners have been justly censured, not only by the Hon. L. H. Davies and other politicians, but also by the Commissioners who, in 1877, examined into the state of the office, for their want of energy in enforcing payments.

We beg to remind them that, according to the valuations of the farms, if every cent were paid by the holders, there would still be sunk, in the relief of the tenants, about \$400,000 of public money, or \$20,000 a year for all time to come. In other words freeholders, mechanics, merchants, the public in general, will be taxed every year, for all time to come, to the extent of at least \$20,000 more than they would be taxed had the tenants been compelled to pay back to the Government the amount expended in the purchase of proprietary estates.

Is not this enough? Must the five rich men who owe the public \$25,000 be presented with that amount? Must wealthy farmers who have money at interest be allowed to go scot free? Must laziness, carelessness and dishonesty receive a handsome premium from the public by the hands of the Commissioner of Crown Lands? Are the taxpayers of this Province prepared to sink \$400,000 more in land? For, if the present defaulters are allowed to go free, tenants on the estates recently purchased must also escape.

Are the people prepared for this? If they are, let them join the Patriot, and Argus, and Summerside Progress, in an agitation against the Commissioner of Crown Lands, and have the Land Office closed at once.

A NOVEL project is on foot in London to get rid of the "London fog," by the importation of Anthracite coal from Pennsylvania. It is asserted that the use of this coal will generally effect the atmosphere and remove the fog.

Mark Lane Express says a week's threshing has brought more prominently into view the deficiency of the English wheat crop and damaged condition of barley.

Diphtheria.

DIPHTHERIA, in its most malignant form, is prevalent. The disease is not confined to any class or locality. All are liable to it, and all should, therefore, without being alarmed—for that is as useless as it is weak—be careful of themselves and their children, and trust in God.

Diphtheria does not seem to be altogether dependent upon dirt. If it were, the town would probably be much more afflicted with it. But we have the authority of the best physicians for saying that its malignancy is greatly increased by dirt.

It is, therefore, advisable to have persons, houses and premises clean.

If the writer were Dictator of this City—an officer very much needed—he would tonight issue an edict requiring the cleaning out and filling up of all pits, whether deep or shallow, and the introduction of the Dry Earth system. A practical man might, without much trouble, make arrangements for carrying away the contents of the dry earth closets from each house, once a week, to the advantage of the surrounding country and the saving of valuable lives and the prevention of much sickness in the city.

The Board of Health should take any measures they can—as suggested by our correspondent.

Local and Other Items.

SIR A. T. GALT, sailed for England on Saturday.

ARCHIBALD FORBES was banqueted by the press men of Montreal.

REMEMBER the meeting of the Diocesan Church Society, in St. Paul's School Room, this (Wednesday) evening, at 7 1/2 o'clock.

REGULAR CONVOCAION of Port La Joie Encampment will be held at Oddfellows' Hall, this evening, at 8 o'clock. The R. P. degree will be conferred.

A NUMBER of French Delegates had an interview with Sir John McDonald, on the 8th inst. They want 15,000 acres of land set apart in North-West Territory for French settlers from Alsace and Lorraine.

W. D. STEWART will sell at auction tomorrow, the Spring Park Brewery property, together with the machinery, engine and boiler of the Brewery. For particulars see advertisement in another column.

The Brig "Annabell," Captain Yates, arrived at Cape Horn, from New Zealand on the 19th October. Experienced heavy weather off the Cape, started outwater and damaged head gear, and would have to go on the Marine Slip at the Cape for repairs.

It was reported in the city yesterday that a young lady who had taken passage in the Carroll for Boston, a fortnight ago, disappeared from the steamer after leaving Halifax. On enquiry at the steamer to-day, we find the report to be totally without foundation.

A MILE A MINUTE.—The train which brought the Railway visitors to St. John last week, ran at the rate of seven and a half miles in seven minutes, while passing one part of the road between Fredericton Junction and Hoyt Station.

The steamer "Carroll" arrived from Boston this morning, with freight and the following passengers:—Mr. William Kennedy, Peter Hyndman, Mrs. H. M. Smith, Miss Mabel Smith, Miss Flood, Mrs. Ellen McDonald and child, Miss Julia Berrigan, Mr. M. C. Griffin, Miss Annie Flynn, Kate Flynn, Belle McCormack, Mr. John Purcell.

The warehouse on Pownal Wharf, which is rapidly approaching completion, is sixty feet long by forty feet broad, and twenty feet high. It is constructed by the leasee of the wharf, Mr. R. F. Quirk, and will be a large improvement to the appearance and usefulness of the wharf.

We have a word of good advice for the unsophisticated editor of the Progress. It is to refrain from calling those who may differ from him, whether upon matters of fact or opinion, such names as "mule" and "donkey." Than this, nothing is more calculated to lower a newspaper, or to give sensible people the idea that it is in the wrong.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—This evening the management offers rather a startling programme of "Masonry Exposed." The idea of Masonry will be fully ventilated, and the three degrees of Masonry will be closely followed showing the initiation of a Candidate into Masonry from apprenticeship to full master Mason. However we may feel disposed to object to an expose of a body so hallowed by age and associations, we presume the manager is best judge how far such an exhibition will benefit him. Aurora Floyd will precede the exposition.

A TERRIBLE TRAGEDY is reported from Batesville, and a desperate attempt to commit murder, from Montreal. In Batesville on the 8th inst. a young German named Biedenbourg, intoxicated or insane, kills his wife and child, next murders a lady visiting his house, and her child, murderously assaults a girl, and then cuts his own throat. In Montreal a Frenchman named Racicot so badly assaulted a woman named Viger that her life is despaired of. His reasons for the assault were "that he was afraid she would poison him."

The annual meeting of the Caledonian Club was held at the Club Room last evening. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—Chief, A. A. McDonald, Esq.; President, J. A. McNeill, Esq.; 1st Vice Do., A. McNeill; 2nd do., Angus McDonald; Treasurer, J. W. Morrison (re-elected); Financial Secretary, D. McLellan; Recording do., Robt. J. Campbell (re-elected); Corresponding do., N. J. Campbell, Board of Directors, A. C. McDonald (Montague), Robt. Shaw, M. McLeod (Centreville), J. B. McDonald, J. Carmichael, P. P. Gillis, J. J. Davies, John Harley, H. L. McDonald (Cardigan).

Weather Bulletin.

Probabilities for the next 24 hours for the Maritime Provinces.

TORONTO, Oct. 10—10 a. m.

Fair weather to-day, probably followed by an easterly blow and rain to-morrow.

Correspondence.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the statements or opinions of our correspondents

Diphtheria.

CITIZENS BEWARE.

To the Editor of the Examiner

SIR,—Diphtheria of a most malignant type is prevalent at the eastern end of the town, some of the cases being fatal within three or four hours after attack. Within the area of two blocks not less than eight cases have died since Saturday last, and a number of children are sick. As far as I can learn, no attempt is made in the way of isolating the houses in which the disease is, or any of the usual devices employed to prevent contagion. If there is a Board of Health in this city, surely it is their duty to deal with cases of this nature. In case of small-pox something would be done, and diphtheria of this kind is infinitely more dangerous than small-pox, if not quite so loathsome. Please, Mr. Editor, assist in stirring up the authorities to attend to this matter.

Nov. 10, '80.

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Dentistry.

DR. HYDE has received the following complimentary letter from Archibald Forbes, the great War Correspondent, which speaks for itself:—

(COPY.)

QUEBEC, Nov. 4th, 1880. DEAR DR. HYDE,—I ought to have written you earlier to thank you for the revolution which your prompt skill has produced in my articulation.

When I reached Charlottetown the other day, I was in so great trouble with some teeth, which had been going wrong for some time previously, that I found it would be absolutely necessary for me to give up lecturing for, at least, a spell, and return to New York for advice and assistance there. I was advised to call on your good offices. I fear you had to break Sunday on my behalf, but it was a work of necessity. On the following evening, equally to my surprise and delight, I was able to lecture quite comfortably with the artificial assistance which your skill had furnished me with. You did in twenty-four hours what I had given to understand, at home, would require a fortnight; and notwithstanding the haste of your work, it bids fair to be as permanent as it has been effective.

You ought to go to London and astonish some of our old jog-trot dentists, with their spiral spring apparatus and general clumsiness. With repeated thanks for your valuable services to me, believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

ARCH. FORBES.

DR. HYDE, Charlottetown.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

ROCKLIN HOUSE.

Nov. 9.—Hector McLeod, St Peter's; Rev T W Johnston, Crapaud; Rev M Mind, Georgetown; Rev W Dier, Alberton; E W Knight, Amherst; Daniel McKenzie, North Wilshire; James Easton, Georgetown; James McKay, Woodstock; A R Boutillier, Halifax; A Crosby, Bonshaw; John Crosby, do; Arnold Lefurgey, Tyron; Lemuel Lefurgey, Boston, Mass; James Gay, Pownal; Rev M Burdus, North River; James Laird, New Glasgow; Phillip Francis, Halifax.

MARRIED.

At Malden, Mass, Oct. 21st, by Rev. Dr. Wehman, Mr. William G. Hobbs, to Miss Emily Rodd, both formerly of Charlottetown.

DIED.

At his residence, near Rocky Point, Lot 65, on the 3rd inst., after an illness of three days, Malcolm Ferguson, son of the late James Ferguson, in the 30th year of his age.

APPLES. APPLES.

I WILL SELL AT AUCTION, AT THE QUEEN STREET AUCTION ROOMS, To-morrow (Thursday), the 11th inst., AT HALF-PAST 2 O'CLOCK,

150 bbls. choice No. 1 Winter-keeping Apples, in Baldwins, Russets, Thompkins, Vandivers, etc., etc., to arrive to-night direct from the celebrated orchard of Mrs. Judson Harris, Cornwallis.

Persons desiring first-class winter-keeping Apples should attend this sale.

W. D. STEWART, Auctioneer.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.

TO-NIGHT,

Masonry Exposed!

And Dramatic Performance.

Tickets 25 and 50 cents. [no 10

Schooner "Charles Joseph."

BY AUCTION, FRIDAY NEXT, Nov. 12, at 2 o'clock, at the Railway Wharf,—The Schooner "Charles Joseph," 22 tons register, with Anchors, Chains, Sails, &c., all in good order and ready for sea. Terms cash.

A. McNEILL, No. 11 Queen St., Nov. 10, '80. Auctioneer.

APPLES & CIDER

NOW LANDING, at Connolly's Wharf, a cargo of hand-picked New Hampshire Baldwin APPLES, of superior quality (in bulk.) Parties furnishing their own barrels will be supplied at very low prices. Also ten casks, sweet Cider which will be sold in quantities to suit purchasers.

F. T. & W. L. DEAN.

Nov. 9th 1880.—2ins.

LONDON HOUSE.

FALL, 1880.

Geo. Davies & Co.

ARE NOW SHOWING

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In the Trade,

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Charlottetown, Sept. 30, 1880.

Manufacturers, Attention!

VALUABLE

Real Estate and Machinery AT AUCTION.

SPRING PARK BREWERY, CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. ISLAND.

I AM instructed by Messrs. W. R. WATSON and A. L. BROWN, Trustees of the Estate of MRS. ALBERT HYNDMAN, to sell at Public Auction, on the premises, on

Thursday, the 11th of November Next, AT 12 O'CLOCK, NOON.

All that Valuable Real Estate, Comprising One acre of Land, with the Brewery, Malt House, Store, Distillery, and Dwelling House. Also the

Machinery, Steam Engine & Boiler.

This property was built for and used as a Brewery, was fitted up in the latest and most approved style. The Engine and Boilers were built by a first-class maker in London, England. All the requisites for Brewing purposes are within the Building, and in good working order.

This property will be sold without reserve on the day and hour first above named. No postponement on account of weather or any other cause. As the Buildings may be converted into another line of manufactory, they will be offered separately or together, as may suit purchasers.

Terms and all other information may be had on application to

W. D. STEWART, Auctioneer.

Queen Street Auction Rooms, Oct. 7, '80.

FANCY SALE.

Flower Bulbs, Hanging Baskets and Pots, Toys, Stationery, Garden Seeds, &c.

I WILL sell at AUCTION, at my Sale Room, Queen Square, on THURSDAY AFTERNOON, 11th inst., at 2 1/2 o'clock,—

A large variety of Flower Bulbs, Toys, Flower Pots and Baskets, Stationery, &c., &c.— Tulips, Hyacinths, Narcissus, Crocuses, Tulips, Flower Pots and Hanging Baskets, in variety; Vases, Albums, Photo. Frames, Stationery; a full line of children's Toys, Cricket Bats and Wickets, Draught Boards, Paints, 1 case Masks, Dolls and Dolls Heads, Paper Fyles, Garden Seeds, Essences, Hair Oils, 2 sets Counter Scales and Weights.

WILLIAM DODD, Auctioneer.

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Furniture, Steam Boiler, BY AUCTION.

I will Sell on FRIDAY, the 12th inst., IN FRONT OF THE

Queen Street Auction Rooms,

AT 12 O'CLOCK, NOON.

1 STEAM BOILER, 4 Horse-power. FURNITURE, consisting of 3 Sewing Machines, Bedsteads, Mattresses, Blankets, Counterpanes, Washstands, Bed Room Suits, Side Boards, Chairs, Extension Tables (in Walnut), Dining Chairs (Walnut), Curtains, Pictures, Easy Chairs, Brussels Carpets, Tapestry, do., Stoves, Crockery, Oil Cloths, 1 Wardrobe, etc.

W. D. STEWART, Auctioneer.

Nov. 9, '80—till sale

Sugar, Herring, Onions.

ON CONSIGNMENT.— 50 bbls. Labrador Herring, 3 hds. Bright English Refined Sugar, 25 bbls. Onions, 100 bbls. Apples, 100 boxes Tea, 12 lbs. each, a splendid article. Cheap for good paper or cash.

W. D. STEWART, Auctioneer.

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Wants, Lost, Found, &c.

Advertisements under this heading, in space not exceeding half an inch, will be inserted for Ten Cents per day.

WANTED—A girl to do general housework in a small family. One from the country preferred. Apply at this office. [no 10 2i *

FOUND—A lady's saccue. For information apply at THE EXAMINER office. nov 9

TO LET—A small comfortable COTTAGE near the centre of the city. Terms only \$60. Possession given in ten days. Apply to J. J., EXAMINER office. [no 10 3i

BOARDERS—Three or four Boarders can be accommodated with first class board and apartments at very reasonable rates, in a pleasant and one of the most convenient localities in the city. Apply at this office. [no 6 6i

FRENCH VINEGAR, Worcester Sauce, Tomato Catsup, Celery Salt, at B. BALDWIN'S. [no 2 6

TO LET—A House containing 8 rooms, with stable, coach house, and a large garden attached, fronting on Rochford Square. Possession given immediately. Apply to J. T. CROCKETT, at the Fish Market. [no 2

UMBRELLAS—The subscriber wishes to inform the citizens of Charlottetown that the business of Umbrella mending, &c., is still carried on at the old stand, opposite Mr. R. Bridge's meat store.—S. TARDVIN. [oc 25 1m