

THE DAILY EXAMINER.

FEBRUARY 28, 1894.

THE LABOR QUESTION.

This is not a burning question in respect to Prince Edward Island. Apart from our regular quota of professional idlers and drunkards, there are not even in winter many men "out of work" in town or country. The number of our unemployed has, in recent years, been rather lessened than increased. The wages of men are somewhat better than they have been, and the wages of women are decidedly higher. We learn that some difficulty has been found in obtaining laborers to open the gutters upon our streets. Altogether, the situation as to labor is this winter rather better than in the winters of years ago. But our conditions might be greatly improved. Competition in business is becoming keener, the profits of business less, and rents are going down. One means of correcting this "lowering tendency"—the best that could be employed—would be the establishment of additional manufacturing industries. We need more wealth producers and more consumers to make business. But until continuous communication with the mainland has been afforded, the establishment of many more factories and workshops is out of the question. There has lately been little profit in farming upon the old plan; for the products of our farmers are in competition with the products of the great west. Still, as we pointed out a few days ago, a good living can always be made upon the farm; and if the new and improved system advocated by Professors Saunders and Robertson be adopted, money may yet be made upon the farm. A larger country population would also make business better in the towns. Now that the labor market of the United States is clogged and people have learned the folly of flocking into the great towns, we hope to see our young men and maidens spread themselves in greater numbers upon the land. The chief cause of the labor difficulties here and elsewhere is, in our opinion, neglect of the Divine command to "replenish the earth and subdue it." The sons and daughters of Adam have been fruitful and they have multiplied. But instead of going out into the earth to subdue it, as they were commanded to do, too large a proportion of them have gone into the great towns. The hunger and distress which they suffer in consequence is their punishment for neglect of the law of God made from the beginning. While millions upon millions of men and women are confined within the narrow limits of London and New York, Paris and Chicago and other cities, there are now—after the lapse of six thousand years—vast tracts of the earth in the United States and Canada, in South America, Australia, in Africa and in Asia, which are still unsubdued. Our steamers and railways, facilitating travel, are means by which the proper work of mankind has been accelerated in these latter days. Yet the work goes on but slowly because too many men, seeking wealth and ease and luxury, congregate in the towns, and will not do their part in carrying out the Divine behest. This is the main cause of the great labor troubles which exist in Great Britain, in Europe, and in the United States to-day. There are better times in Prince Edward Island than there are in a portion of those of our young men and women who, in past years, took the cheap steamer and railway for Boston and New York, had stayed at home and completely subdued the fertile spot of earth that is here, instead of leaving it only half subdued, as it is now. The labor question will be solved at home and abroad when the people set about performing in earnest the duty for which mankind was created.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The Pioneer has a scurrilous Grit article concerning the appointment of Lieutenant-Governor Howland, and the independent Guardian quotes from it over the signature of an imaginary "Countryman." What have the Guardian's Conservative shareholders to say about this mean way of doing the Grit's work?

We publish in another column the charge that has been made against Erastus Wiman. This charge remains to be proved. We show that the man named guilty until after he has been proved to be guilty. But everyone must now admit that it is well that the Canadians did not accept the Commercial Union Restriction Reciprocity leading on to Annexation, of which Wiman was the author. Every elector ought to eschew forever the politicians led by Sir Richard Cartwright and Mr. Laurier, who tried to persuade the people of Canada to follow Wiman's lead.

CORREY COURT.—The sittings of the County Court of Queen's County for the March term will be as follows: 1st Circuit at Eldon, Belfast, Tuesday, 6th March, 1894. 2nd do, at Bonshaw, Friday, 9th. 3rd do, at Dunstaffnage, Tuesday, 13th. 4th do, at New Glasgow, Friday, 16th. 5th do, at Clifton, New London, Tuesday, 20th. 6th do, at Charlottetown, Tuesday, 27th. Saturday, 17th March next, is the last day for serving writs of summons for the Charlottetown circuit of the March court.

RAPID TRANSIT.—In August, 1888, Judge Barker, of Bangor, Me., mailed a dollar bill to a creditor. The debtor died two years ago under the belief that he had paid the debt. The letter has just been delivered by the postal authorities.

An innovation in theatre parties was introduced at a New York theatre the other night. A large theatre party took possession of the first two rows in the balcony. The arrangement was not very significant. All the women sat in the front row and all the men in the second row. The decorative effect of this flower-like row of women against the magpie background of men was not lost on the house.

Venice was buried in snow a month ago as a result of the same unprecedented storm which buried Rome. The beggars from over, and large masses of ice blocked the Grand Canal. The gondolas were snow covered, the narrow pathways were impassable, and great suffering and misery prevailed among the poor.

ERASTUS WIMAN IN JAIL.

Charged With Embezzling a Quarter of a Million.

The Story of His Alleged Criminal Proceedings as Told by the Complainant to the District Attorney.

Against Erastus Wiman the complaint is as follows: To John R. Fellows, District Attorney: I beg to submit to you for your official action this complaint against the firm of R. G. Dun & Co., against Erastus Wiman, for the crime of forgery, and ask that you send the same to the Grand Jury. I have taken great pains to investigate these charges for the purpose of satisfying myself whether any successful explanation or defence of them can be made, and I think you will agree with me that there are no easily proved by reputable witnesses have rarely, if ever, been submitted to the authorities.

THE STORY OF THE ALLEGED CRIME. The association known as the firm of R. G. Dun & Co., with which the defendant Wiman was connected during the period covering the act complained of, was formed on January 1st, 1889, but Wiman for many years prior to that had business with Mr. Dun in the usual sense. Under the articles of association he had no right, title or interest in the property or good will of the business or profits thereof, or while he was agreed that he should receive a certain percentage of the profits, it was specially provided that he should receive only such sum for salary for faithful services rendered, and the amount of profit should only be the basis of determining the amount of salary. It was also provided in articles of association that he should not employ, make, drawing or endorsing any note, bill of exchange, draft or other obligation except only in endorsement of such papers for the account of the association. He also had a right to sign firm checks for firm purposes only. All Mr. Wiman's relations to Mr. Dun, who was the sole owner of the business, it says the property of every description, good will and any other interest in these papers. Wiman was a salaried manager for Mr. Dun, with such powers only as the contract gave him with additional powers to draw checks. The property of R. G. Dun & Co. was not his property in any sense. The moneys of R. G. Dun & Co. were not his moneys in any sense and the profits of R. G. Dun & Co. not his profits, and yet by various means, by means of misrepresentations, concealments, breaches of his agreement, misuse of the powers conferred to him, and gross usurpation of powers, with which he was not trusted, he succeeded during the years 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892 and up to February, 1893, in stealing from Mr. Dun.

THE EXHIBITS ARE OF \$228,618.90. That sum he owes to Mr. Dun to-day. That, in view of his relation to the property of Mr. Dun, which Mr. Wiman helped to manage under the name of R. G. Dun & Co., and in view of the crime of the crime of forgery, and the enormous amount of the part of this sum I have little doubt. He has committed so many crimes that the selection for prosecution is difficult, but so perfectly clear, so easily established and so independent of each other, that the purpose of prosecution without reference to most to others. In February, 1893, R. G. Dun & Co. owed upwards of \$10,000 to E. W. Bullinger, of this city, for materials furnished to him on the 9th of February, 1893. Wiman being in urgent straits for money directed the cashier of R. G. Dun & Co. to make out a cheque to the order of Mr. Bullinger for the amount of \$5,580 for two printing presses purchased in May, 1892. Wiman procured from the cashier of R. G. Dun & Co. a cheque to the order of Ogden Brower, treasurer of the Campbell company, of the amount of \$5,580, which he cashed at the bank and deposited in his own bank. The account of Bullinger on the books of the firm was debited with that time in the usual course of business. It need hardly say that these acts of Wiman were wholly without the knowledge of Mr. Dun, or of any of his associates in the firm of R. G. Dun & Co., and that since then they have paid to Mr. Bullinger the sum which Mr. Wiman, on the date named, appropriated by forgery to his use. A few days before the Bullinger case just recited, viz., on the 20th day of January, 1893, Wiman committed another forgery under circumstances very similar. On that date R. G. Dun & Co. owed the Campbell Printing Press and Manufacturing Company the sum of \$5,580 for two printing presses purchased in May, 1892. Wiman procured from the cashier of R. G. Dun & Co. a cheque to the order of Ogden Brower, treasurer of the Campbell company, of the amount of \$5,580, which he cashed at the bank and deposited in his own bank. The account of Bullinger on the books of the firm was debited with that time in the usual course of business. It need hardly say that these acts of Wiman were wholly without the knowledge of Mr. Dun, or of any of his associates in the firm of R. G. Dun & Co., and that since then they have paid to Mr. Bullinger the sum which Mr. Wiman, on the date named, appropriated by forgery to his use.

ANARCHISTS ON THE RACK. Forty-two Socialists and Anarchists to be Tried at Naples shortly. An interesting trial of socialists and anarchists will begin shortly in Naples. There will be 42 defendants, one of whom is a deputy. All are implicated with the Sicilian Socialist Deputy Felice and the exiled anarchist Cipriani in plotting to start a revolution in Italy. The trial was formed with great deliberation and detail. Fires were to be set simultaneously in several parts of Naples. Workingmen were to be led by the middle of the city during confusion caused by fires, to cited to pillaging armories and shops stocked with weapons, and finally, after having been fully armed, to be marched off to the rural districts to revolt. The plot was discovered by a detective, who pretended to be an Anarchist, and was allowed to buy for 400 centimes, a ticket of admission to the anarchist club, where the conspirators met. New York, Feb. 25.—Gov. Greenhalge of Massachusetts in an article which will appear in the March number of the North American Review, published to-morrow, will say that there are dangerous influences and tendencies at work, to which he alludes as "the Anarchist Club." He points out that there are other important positions than those of raising revenue or preserving a correct money standard, which should be solved by the law makers.

THE HOCKEY MATCH.

The hockey match last night for the benefit of the P. E. Island Hospital proved a drawing card. When Referee Dr. H. D. Johnson blew his whistle between five and six hundred people were present, and a bright light, some of our fair women and brave men. Every body was interested, and not a few expired, if you will, in light and groans of despair be an indication. The game was a phenomenal one inasmuch as neither side scored a single point, which is a rare occurrence in the annals of hockey matches. Miller and Bussell, of the Victoria, were in the form, and their brilliant rushing were the features of the game. L. Wear and Rogers did some clever passing, which, however, gained them no material advantage on account of the quickness of their opponents, who seemed determined to turn the tables this time and retrieve their last defeat. It was a hard, stubborn game. Like sliding down the pack, now in a scrimmage from which it flies towards the goal, but is stopped by forward, point or cover point, again being rushed up the centre, only to be sent back the next moment. And still the light went on. Brecht played, as usual, a strong, aggressive game, and was well seconded by Collings, whilst for the Charlottetownians Raymond was putting up a splendid game. Chaired by the cheering strains of the band and the plaudits of the crowd, the players did not seem to mind the meaning of the word "goal," but with clenched hand and perspiring forehead strove for the mastery.

SAVE THE CHILDREN!

BY REV. THEODORE L. CYLLER. The press is discussing very widely the cure for drunkenness. One ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure—especially when they prove to be but catch-penny quackeries. The only infallible specific against the curse of drunkenness is to stop drinking. The time to instil the principles of total abstinence is in childhood; and one of the best places to do this is in the Sunday school. Good instructions of home may be strengthened there; bad influences and example may often be corrected there. Tens of thousands of children do not receive any moral instruction anywhere else. Why should not the most widely destructive sin in our land be made prominent in the one place, where prevention may be made most effective?

Missionary societies are organized in every Sabbath-school to encourage benevolence among children; but ought they not to be taught to abhor what sinks human beings lower than the swine, and our own land? If a child is taught to avoid profanity, falsehood, theft and impurity, should he or she not also be taught to shun drunkenness and everything that may lead to it? A boy told that the stealing of a pin leads to the stealing of a pound, why should he not also be told that the first taste of wine or ale may tincture the appetite that has sent so many bodies and souls to perdition? A wise teacher says to the scholar, "My lad, it will be a wholesome act of self-denial to put a part of your spending money into the missionary box. Why not go farther and inculcate that principle of self-denial on which the total abstinence practice is built? It is the business of a Christian teacher to loyally champion the plain warnings against the customs and practices and temptations that are to be encountered on the stream of life. Paint as in letters of fire on the teacher's mind these words: "Whoso committeth the sin of the slave of sin"; and on another, "Wine bieth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder"; and on another, "The drunkard shall not inherit the kingdom of God." Burn these truths into their very souls!

Let it not be said that the children in our Sunday schools and mission schools are in no peril from the intoxicating class. They are in just as much danger from that quarter as from falsehood, theft, impurity or profanity or any other sin. The consuming glass meets them on every side in the saloon in every thoroughfare. The wine or ale bottle may be on the table in their own homes. The Sunday school teacher should not only be a total abstainer, with no others of the kind on his breath, but ought to give his scholars careful instruction as to the nature and deceitful danger of all intoxicating beverages. The nature of all alcoholic drinks should be carefully explained, and the first glass may be the kindling of a "flame that will burn to the knell." Let the teacher caution his scholar against all places of drinking, and let him show the necessity of saying "No" to the first temptation or offer of the social glass. Instruction as to the nature of intoxicating drinks is not half so important as the inculcation of moral courage to stand a laugh for being a "total abstainer."

Small total abstinence pledge to be used in the Sunday school? Yes, by all means, when it is used wisely, discriminatingly, and also with the approval of the parents whenever that can be obtained. A young girl makes a solemn promise to abstain to do this or to avoid that. What solemn objection can be made to a boy's signing a solemn pledge never to touch an intoxicant? It is no more "covardly" than it is cowardly for a youth to stay out of a gambling house. A temperance pledge has saved tens of thousands. I verily believe that, during drunkenness is the greatest evil of our age, and that the pledge system ought to be resumed and put in practice again in the homes, in the Sunday schools, in the colleges and in the community.

All Sunday school libraries should be well stocked with more or less books like Sargent's "Temperance Tales" and the best productions of the National Temperance Society and Publication House (38 Reade Street, New York). That society has issued some capital books to point the youths of abstinence and the miseries of strong drink. Their little paper, "The Youth's Temperance Banner," is very attractive, and in mission Sunday schools may be a preacher to the parents of many a poor child as well as to the child itself. The chief thing to be done to-day is the spread of temperance to enlighten the young on the sale of entire abstinence. During drunkenness is desperate business, and only a wreck is saved at the end of the wait for every saloon to be closed by prohibitory law is to wait until millions have been ruined. If we cannot shut up the slaughter-houses at once, let us shut up the young from being enticed into the drinking habit. For the sake of home and commonwealth and the Church, let us have God's help, and strive to save the children. If the two hundred thousand reformers will the sooner be accomplished.

EDWARD KELLY, Southport.

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in the season to advertise WALL PAPER, but it's a pretty good thing to get paper worth 50c. a roll for 15c. You can do it, though, now at the BAZAAR STORE. These are our last year's patterns, and will be sold regardless of cost. Perhaps some may doubt this statement, but we only want a chance to prove it. Our 15c. papers are reduced to from 6c. to 10c. If you require Parlor Papers we have them, but if you want THE VERY LATEST SPRING STYLES, wait about two weeks and we will show you a few eye-openers. For Dining Room, Sitting Room or Bedroom Papers now is the time to buy. You get our last season's Embossed Gilt Papers for from 15c. to 25c. a roll. We notice there are some wide-awake people among the Guardian readers, from the number who took advantage of our Reduction Sale of Window Blinds. If you have not noticed it in the Guardian look it up, or better still, read it here: "Our whole stock of Dadoed Blinds at 50c. complete."

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will buy a WATCH that we can recommend and you can rely on. A few CHRONOGRAPHS on hand which we will sell at reduced prices. E. W. TAYLOR, CAMERON BLOCK. NOTICE. We ask our customers to kindly settle their respective accounts before the end of the month. E. W. TAYLOR. Ch'town, Feb. 6, 1894.

DISCOUNT 25 PER CENT GIVEN ON Men's and Women's Felt-lined Boots, Ladies' Felt Slippers, Ladies' and Gents' German Felt Slippers. SEE OUR WINDOW! J. B. Macdonald & Co. Charlottetown, Feb. 1, 1894—eod

WE WANT TO SEE YOU IN OUR STORE THIS WEEK. Have Something Very Special. Don't Miss It. J. M. McLEOD & CO., QUEEN STREET. Charlottetown, February 27, 1894—dy

HALF PRICE! On Counters, 38 Pairs of Goat Button and Lace Boots to clear out at GOFF BROTHERS. Charlottetown, February 26, 1894—m w f

Professional Men are covered by the Canada Accident Ass. Co., by a special Policy at an exceedingly low premium. AGENT FOR P. E. ISLAND, E. R. BROW BROWN'S BLOCK, CH'TOWN. TELEGRAPHIC. RETIREMENT OF THE PREMIER. No Definite Statement is Made. Resignation Will Probably Take Effect at Easter. LONDON, Feb. 28. Late inquiries of Press reporters tend to confirm the report that Gladstone's resignation is inevitable within a few weeks. The Liberal are divided in opinion as to whether the retirement will be temporary or permanent. Gladstone himself tells his friends that his bearing is going with his sight. His health otherwise is good. The private secretary of the Premier will neither affirm nor deny the reports. The fact is that his bearing is going with his sight. The Evening News adds that Gladstone's resignation goes into effect at Easter. THE MCGREEVEY-CONNOLLY CASE. OTTAWA, Feb. 28. It is understood that yesterday His Excellency the Governor-General had before him a minute of council recommending the immediate release of McGreevey and Connolly. Up to last night no information had been received at the Privy Council office as to whether or not the recommendation had been approved. Accordingly, the two prisoners spent the night in jail. NOVA SCOTIA ELECTIONS. HALIFAX, Feb. 28. The Liberal-Conservatives of Queen's County have nominated F. O. L. Patch and John H. H. for the Local Legislature. C. F. Wilcox, Windsor, and A. Kirkpatrick, Shubenacadie, are the Hants County men. In Lunenburg County the gents have nominated Church and Sperry. THE EUROPEAN WAR—FIRST BLOOD. ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 28. It is reported that a battle has been fought between the German and Russian troops on the German-Russo frontier. The slain is said to have grown out of the fur of Prussians and has an eagle as their target for rifle practice. LOCAL NOTICES. Advertisements under this heading charged for at the rate of ten cents per line. Oysters by the gallon, quart or pint, or half-shell, at the Union House, 427 St. 4 line Scotch oatmeal (in tins) for 25 cents at Sanderson & Co's. It will pay you to see our large stock of suiting and trousers and get our prices.—John McLeod & Co. feb 24

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