## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTION.

Liberal-Conservative Candidate for Charlottetown,

**HENRY LONGWORTH, ESQ.**


# THE DAILY EXAMINER.

OCTOBER 19, 1878.


### Cabinet Formation.

WE have already indicated the *personel* of the Cabinet. The following portfolios were taken on Thursday:—

Premier and Minister of the Interior—Sir John A. McDonald.

Minister of Finance—Hon. S. L. Tilley.

Minister of Public Works—Hon. Dr. Tupper.

Minister of Justice—Hon. James McDonald.

Minister of Agriculture—Hon. J. H. Pope.

President of the Council—Hon. John O'Conner.

Senator Campbell is ill at Toronto. His name is coupled with the portfolio of Postmaster General. The remaining Ministers attended the Governor-General to Quebec, and were to have been sworn in yesterday or this morning. Owing to a heavy press of business upon the lines, we have not the expected news to-day. It is said that Hon. J. C. Pope is Minister of Marine and Fisheries.

### Business.

BUSINESS has been more active the past few days than it has been for a long time. The demand for potatoes has created a stir in commercial circles, which has, to a great extent, calmed the fever consequent upon the recent failures and suspensions. A committee of shareholders have been at work upon the Merchants Bank. We understand that they find the accounts, etc., all straight; and it is pretty certain that had the directors been as prudent and careful as the officials were attentive to their duties, the Bank would not now be in the trouble it is. We have not heard of any more failures, though more are feared. If the fears are to be realized (and we hope they are not) it would be better to have the agony over at once. It would be a relief to know that matters financial had touched bottom; and that the wheels of commerce were once more running upon a solid and good road. There are many whose business operations will necessarily be far more restricted than in former years; but, on the whole, we look for a fair trade this fall. The wants of the country should—and doubtless will—induce an early sale of surplus products; and, thank fortune, tonnage is not scarce.

The majority of farmers will be ready to sell at remunerative prices, and buyers will be careful not to buy so rashly and at such ruinous loss as they have done in former years. Under these circumstances the fall trade will do good all round.

### Masterly Reticence.

THE *Patriot* maintains a masterly reticence respecting the Local Government, and the forthcoming elections. Has it exhausted its energies in the late Dominion contest? Or is it in such ill-humor that it cannot discuss matters of great importance and interest transpiring at home? Or does its lofty soul soar above such trifling considerations as increased taxes and iniquitious frauds? Or is it ashamed to come to the rescue of a faction which the people almost universally condemn? Or has it lost heart and given up the whole game as lost? We sympathise with our neighbor in the hour of his affliction. But, surely, Mr. Davies' Rump Cabinet has a right to expect, from its whilom doughty champion, something better than cold indifference. It is reported that, owing to the blighting effects of the *Patriot's* advocacy of the Grit candidates, Mr. Dodd's friends have insisted on its absolute silence in the approaching contest. But, surely, it might keep the points at issue before the people. Leaving politics out of the question entirely, we submit that the *Patriot*, if it is really desirous of being a live newspaper, and keeping its readers posted in the current events of the day, should occasionally revert to the legend of the Asylum business, and tell how the contract was awarded—how foreigners were allowed to amend their tender so that they would be certain to obtain the job—how W. D. Stewart kindly hunted up security for them—how the business partner of the Government candidate for the city became their surety—how the material for the construction of the building came to be purchased at the store of Dodd & Rogers—how our resident mechanics were cast aside and men from abroad were preferred—how the working men of Charlottetown are denied the right of fair competition, though they have to pay the cost—and especially inform its patrons of the connction between W. D. Stewart and the contractors. These are matters of interest just now, and the *Patriot* is neglecting its duty as an enterprising journalist by studiously avoiding them. In the event of the defeat of Mr. Dodd, and the election of an Opposition member for Belfast, does our neighbor think that the Government should bow to the inevitable and resign, or hold on till the House meets, and then be summarily ejected? Or how much humiliation does it think the faction can stand in order to pocket the salaries? Come, neighbor, if you decline to give us any facts, you might, at least, give us your opinion.

### Departure of Earl Dufferin.

TO-DAY—the anniversary of the death of Swift—Earl Dufferin leaves Canada. May he be blest in his going.

THE "Globe" gently rebukes the Montrealers for wanting the Marquis of Lorne to live in Montreal. Ottawa is the place for the Governor-General says the "Globe." No doubt; but in the summer, Halifax is the place for His Excellancy. He ould not live in Montreal in the summer time; and he would not live in Ottawa. But Halifax, with its grand sweep of ocean before it, is just the place for him —*Herald.*

In order that the impending difficulty be avoided, we suggest that the Marquis of Lorne and his royal wife make P. E. Island their "Summer resort." The "tight little Isle" with its wealth of pure air, quiet, undulating fields, and gently flowing rivers, is just the place for them.

### The Electric Light vs. Gas.

THE NEW SYSTEM PERFECTED BY EDISON—AN IMMEDIATE REVOLUTION IN PROSPECT.

*(From the New York Herald.)*

The alarm among the English holders of gas stock concerning Edison's electric light is well grounded. Edison has perfected his invention in secret, so that it will supersede gas, at one-third the latter's cost. A company of wealthy capitalists has been formed, and the new light will shortly be introduced to the public. Patents in the United States have been granted, and to-day papers will be despatched to secure patents abroad.

Edison has successfully divided the electric light, and made it for illuminating purposes, as far superior to gas as gas is to the tallow candle of the past. His marvellous invention gives a mild, soft, yet brilliant light, pleasing to the eye, clear, steady, and without blemish. Those who have seen the invention pronounce it wonderful. The French and other patents will be applied for simultaneously with the English one. When word is cabled Mr. Edison that the patents have been granted, he will throw his invention open to the public gaze; but until then he declines to make known its details, his recent controversy with Professor Hughes over the alleged stealing of the microphone having made him cautious.

Mr. Edison himself speaks but little on the subject, but he is almost constanly at work on it. Early morning sees him in the laboratory, and it is after midnight when he leaves. On Thursday last he worked continuously from sunrise until sunrise the following day, and ceased then only after the earnest importunities of his assistants. All his energies seem wrapped up in the new invention. His megaphone and phonograph lie idle, save the work done on them by some of the Professor's numerous assistants.

THE PROPOSED SYSTEM.

A reporter learned yesterday the system proposed to be adopted after the patents are all granted. First, the professor will light up all the houses in Monlo Park gratis, and from his laboratory watch the lights progress from night to night. When all is in readiness for general introduction central stations will probably be established throughout New York city, each station controlling a territory of, perhaps, a radits of half a mile. In the central stations will be the magneto-electric generating machines run by engines. Wires will then be run in iron pipes under ground after the manner of gas pipes, connecting with dwellings, stores, theatres and other places to be lighted. The gas fixtures at present used, instead of being removed, will be utilized to encase the wire. In the place of the burner will be the invention, and meters will be used to register the quantity of electricity consumed. Their form is not yet determined upon. The light is to be of the bat wing, fifteen-candle power character. To light it a little spring is touched, and instantly the electricity does its work. The amount of light can be regulated in the same way as can that of gas. To turn off the light the spring is again touched, and instantly all is darkness. No matches being used, and there being no flame, all the dangers incident to the use of gas are obviated. The light gives out no heat. It is simply a pure white light, made dim or brilliant at the fancy of the person using it.

A GLANCE AT THE INVENTION.

The writer last night saw the invention in operation in Mr. Edison's laboratory. The inventor was deep in experimental researches when he called. The apparatus consisted of a small metal stand placed on the table. Surrounding the light was a small glass globe. Near by was a gas jet burning low. The Professor looked up from his work to greet the reporter, and in reply to a request to view the invention, waved his hand toward the light, with the explanation, "There she is." The illumination was such as would come from a brilliant gas jet surrounded by ground glass, only that the light was clearer and more brilliant, "Now I will extinguish it and light the gas, and you can see the difference," said Mr. Edison, and he touched the spring. Instantly all was darkness. Then he turned on the gas. The difference in the light was quite perceptible, the light from the gas appearing in comparison tinted with yellow. In a moment, however, the eye had become accustomed to it, and the yellowish tint disappeared. The Professor turned on the electric light, giving the writer an opportunity of seeing both side by side. The electric light seemed much softer. A continuous view of it for three minutes did not pain the eye, whereas looking at the gas for the same length of time caused some little pain and confusion of the sight. The inventor next exhibited the light turned down low. It gave a mild illumination.

One of the noticeable features of the light when fully turned on was that all colors could be distinguished as readily as by sunlight.

"When do you expect to have the invention completed, Mr. Edison?" asked the reporter.

"The substance of it is all right now," he answered, putting the apparatus away and turning on the gas; "but there are the usual little details that must be attended to before it goes to the public. For instance, we have got to devise some arrangement for registering—a sort of meteor; and again there are several different forms that we are experimenting on now in order to select the best."

"Are the lights to be all the same degree of brilliancy?"

"All the same."

"Have you ran across any serious difficulties in it as yet?"

"Well, no," replied the inventor, "and that's what worries me, for in the telephone I found about a thousand obstacles, and so in the quadruplex. I worked on both over two years before I overcame them."

Mr. Batchelor, the professor's assistant, who here joined in the conversation, said, "Many a time Mr. Edison sat down almost on the point of giving up the telephono as a lost job, but at the last moment he would see light."

THE SIMPLEST OF ALL.

"Of all the things that we have discovered, this is about the simplest," continued Mr. Edison, "and the public will say so when it is explained. We have got it pretty well advanced now, but there are some few improvements I have in my mind. You see it's got to be so fixed that it can't get out of order. Suppose where one light only is employed, it got out of order once a year, where two were used it would get out of order twice a year, and where a thousand were used you can see there would be much trouble in looking after them. Therefore, when the light leaves the laboratory I want it to be in such shape that it cannot get out of order at all, except, of course, by some accident."

### The Trade of the United States.

The excellent crops in the United States, the vast amount of surplus manufactures, and the check to importations which has been given by the retrenchment in expenses that followed the general business depression under which the country still suffers, have combined to swell the exports of the United States and decrease the imports until the balance of trade is unprecedently in favor of the country. During the last fiscal year they exported goods to the value of $694,884,200, and imported only to the amount of $437,051,533, leaving a balance in their favor $257;832,667. This balance went to pay their debts abroad or came back to them as cash. It was not alone goods for slaughter that swelled the exports so enormously, as the grain exports are larger than ever. Since July 1st 50,000,000 bush. of wheat have been shipped from the Atlantic ports, against $8,000,000 for the same period of 1877, and the September wheat exports of San Francisco were the largest on record. The wheat surplus for export, this year, is estimated at 120,000,000 bushels. The shipments of cereals and meat to England aggregated $150,000,000 last year, and, as England imports $500,000,000 of these articles yearly, this branch of the United States export trade is not likely to fall off. The cattle shipments, both to England and the Continent, are constantly on the increase, as new markets are reached, and agents are now making arrangements for operating in the large German cities. The British market alone takes 4,000 head of dressed and live cattle a week from the United States.

The business depression must soon end when the foreign debt is paying off so rapidly. Specie payment will be resumed, the bonds held in foreign countries will return to settle balances, and, surplus stocks having been disposed of, all the factories will again be in full blast. Canada must not be behind her neighbor in the race for prosperity. We must manufacture for exportation, and we must raise surplus wheat to send abroad.—*Sun.*

A COMPLIMENT FOR THE PETERS LOCK.—The visitor to our Post Office cannot fail to be attracted by the nest of new lock-boxes recently placed there. They are of the latest and most approved plan of metal and glass doors, fastened with the celebrated Peters' Lock, which, our readers will remember, we have previously explained in this paper. It is an admirable and very ingenious burglar-proof keyless lock, the invention of a young man named Alfred Peters, of Moncton, N. B. The boxes are decidedly ornamental, besides being useful, and have a very neat appearance. We have used one of the locks during the past nine months, and can testify to its superiority over any lock we have ever seen. Truro is not, however, the first place in which a nest of these boxes has been used in this county, as our friends at Acadia Mines have had them in use for some time past, and we learn that they have given entire satisfaction.—*Truro Sun.*


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**On Wednesday, October 23,**

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**Admission - - - - - 10 cents.**

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L. JOST, Sec'y.

Ch'town, Oct. 19, 1878—

## TERPSICHORE HALL,

**GREAT GEORGE ST.**

NOTICE.

THE USUAL DANCING CLASSES at the above Hall will be formed on the evening of **THURSDAY next, the 24th inst.,** at 8 o'clock. All the old pupils—both Ladies and Gentlemen—and any others who wish to join are respectfully invited. No deduction for absent time only in case of sickness, and fees strictly half in advance.

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Ch'town, Oct. 19—

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Oct. 15—3m

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## PREPARE FOR WINTER!

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**Copper, Tin and Sheet-Iron Work** attended to at short notice.

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## Merchants Bank Notes

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Oct. 15—5i R. BRIDGES.

## Provincial Taxes for 1878.

MR. GEORGE D. DAVISON has been appointed Collector of Assessment and Poll Tax for the Royalty, and Poll Tax for the City and Common of Charlottetown, for the year 1878. His office is at the Corner of Great George and Kent Streets.

THOMAS W. DODD,
Prov. Sec'y and Treasurer.

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*The Schooner MINNIE, 55 tons, N. N. M.,*

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Ch'town, Oct. 14, 1878.—pat 1w

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By order,
FRED. W. HYNDMAN,
Secretary.

St. Lawrence Ma. In. Co., }
Ch'town, Oct. 8, 1878. } 11th—t meeting

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