

THE DAILY EXAMINER.

AUGUST 26, 1891.

The Students' Complaint.

It is complained, with reason and with force, that the holidays for the students of Prince of Wales College began too early and ended too soon. To close the college in May, while the weather was yet cool, and to open it again in August, with the thermometer at eighty-five, does not seem to be creditable to the good sense of the powers that be.

The Civil Service.

THE Premier has given notice, in the speech of which we publish a report, that the Government propose to make a thorough reform in the civil service of Canada and to establish it upon "business principles."

Notes and Comments.

It is stated, says the Empire's Ottawa correspondent, that three gnat members of the House of Commons are to be impeached, and when their trial takes place revelations are promised that will not be the least interesting of the session.

The Monetary Times remarks that "apparently the Quebec Government fought the Dominion in the elections with the subsidy received from it. And what was so used was stolen from an appropriation set apart for another purpose."

So far Count Mercier's answer to the revelations at Ottawa, pointing to him as the beneficiary of Pécad's thieving, is a profound silence. The Montreal Gazette remarks that Mercier is not the man to be moved by the discovery of one job more or less against the credit of his administration. It is an administration of jobs.

A writer in Bradstreet's estimates that the wheat crop of Europe will come short by 320,000,000 bushels of supplying the home demand. The estimated supplies available for export from other countries, including India, Australia, South America and North America (190,000,000), make a total of 288,000,000 bushels.

Dr. Selwyn, director of the geological survey, has returned from the Rockies and reports that there is no doubt of the existence of petroleum in Crow's Nest and the Kootenay districts. He has not yet analyzed the samples he collected, but from a general test he believes them to be excellent. As to the quantity and value of the discovery from a mercantile point of view he is yet unable to speak.

The Salisbury administration was definitely constituted August 3, 1886. It is a noteworthy fact that in the five years of this administration the only changes have been the retirement of Lord Randolph Churchill, and a legal appointment by which Sir Charles Pearson succeeded Lord Stormonth Darling as Solicitor General for Scotland. This is said to be unparalleled in parliamentary annals.

Le Courier du Canada says: "The country will soon be confronted with another scandal with the Mercier government as its hero. It is not \$100,000, but \$500,000, which is involved this time. This, as the Halifax Herald remarks, is doubtless the \$300,000 which Mr. Mercier banked in Montreal just before the last Dominion general election and which which he boasted he would defeat the Dominion government. If that sum is to be investigated it is time for certain Nova Scotia bootleggers to go into hiding. Ten thousand dollars of that fund came down into this province in one lump sum, by means that are known. Probably a good deal more of it came in other ways. This with the \$21,000 Boston money, dispensed by a certain Lower Water Street firm made up the principal part of the grit bawled used in this last February and March."

The Toronto Globe says the net federal debt is now \$240,000,000, or three times larger per head than that of the United States. To this misstatement the Canadian Manufacturer replies:

Included in the Federal debt of Canada are all the sums that the Dominion have appropriated in building the Canadian Pacific, the Intercolonial and other railways, in building and enlarging our canals, in erecting public buildings, etc. The money expended in creating this debt has placed Canada in a position of prosperity which she would never have otherwise attained; and it is because our debt, thus originated, is three times larger per capita than the per capita debt of the United States, the Globe is constantly holding up Canada in an unfavorable light as possible.

If the cost of American railways were added to the federal debt of the United States, as it is in Canada, the per capita burden of it would be enormous. According to Poor's Manual the total share capital and indebtedness of the railways in the United States amounts to the enormous sum of \$10,122,635,900.

It appears that over 300,000 baths were taken in the public houses in Boston during July. Hearts is the favorite game at the summer resorts this year. The games is played with cards—sometimes. Count von Moltke's memoirs of the war of 1870 have appeared in the London Times to the extent of five columns. The apple crop in Prince Edward county, Ontario, is abundant, and it is estimated that 250,000 barrels will be marketed this year. They have just struck an oil well in Ohio that yields 40,000 barrels a day. It is a wonderful spouter, and is Ohioesque in this respect. A great many people are like car horses. These animals snap and bite at the tow horse when he is helping them up a hill or around a sharp curve. A woman fell overboard in Japan waters and was eaten by a shark. For three years her husband has done nothing but hunt sharks, and up to date has landed about 300 of them and is still fishing. An army of locusts that took five days in passing and was ten miles wide, recently swept over the Punjab in India. The crops were ready to harvest, however, and were saved before the locusts reached them. Professor Robertson is out in British Columbia giving the farmers there some good pointers on dairying, etc. He reports that he found in the Okanagan Valley there heavy crops of grain, barley, wheat and oats. The Grand Duchess Xenia (elder daughter of the Czar), whose expected betrothal to the Grand Duke Alexander Michaelovitch is announced, is to have a dowry of \$500,000, and her father is also to give her eighty square miles of corn lands in the province of Kherson. This kind of a bridal present doesn't go against the grain. The British Bank of Australia has fallen with liabilities of about \$4,000,000, one-half of it owing in England. Some of the Australian banks have been in the habit of offering a heavy rate of interest for deposits in England, and part of this indebtedness may be in that form. If so, a check will be given to the practice of depositing British money in Australian banks, though it may not altogether cease.

Montreal Gazette: "The government's majority on Mr. Amyot's Bancroft motion was 17. The session has been prolonged to an unusually late period of the year, and it is impossible for all the members of parliament to be in attendance all the time. On Thursday night there happened to be more Conservatives than Liberals absent. The Liberal chiefs probably knew this, when they broke the rules of courtesy with Mr. Amyot's snap resolution. The Government majority was 17. Not a single Government man went over to the Liberals; a single Government member has intimated his intention of doing so or his contemplation of any such idea. Yet the Liberal press is as pleased over what it calls the Government's "reduced majority" as a baby with its first toy balloon. And there are some who seem to think such peanut politics have meaning.

NOTES FROM OTTAWA.

Questions of Local Interest.

OUR OYSTER FISHERY

Table with 2 columns: Location and Amount. Includes entries for Pier at Annandale, By View, Belfast, Chapel Point, China Point, Georgetown, Hickey's, Breakwater at Malpeque, and Pier at Montague, Steven's Point.

Total. \$7,934 56. In reply to Mr. Perry, who asked for information regarding the change of postmasters in Summerside, Mr. Haggart said (1) The departmental order for the removal of Mr. Green is dated August 5th, 1891; (2) Mr. Green was dismissed on account of culpable neglect of duty in connection with the mislaying and detention in his office of a letter posted by Mr. F. H. Arnaud, at Charlottetown, on the 26th February, 1891, addressed to Merchants Bank of Halifax, Summerside; his general management of the post office being also very unsatisfactory; (3) the person who has been nominated for the postmaster'ship Mr. Richard Hunt; (4) the nomination was made on August 5th, 1891; (5) the transfer of the post office to the charge of Mr. Hunt has not yet been reported; (6) the salary at present attached to the Summerside office is \$1,100 a year, with an indemnity of \$50 for forward duty. This is the salary which the late postmaster had, and which the incoming postmaster will have until the next revision of salaries takes place, when it may be either maintained, increased or diminished, according to the figures before the department; (7) the department is not aware how many assistants are now in the office; the postmaster appoints and pays his own assistants. (8) The late postmaster employed one assistant only, his son Fred Green. (9) The department has no knowledge as to the salaries allowed or to be allowed to the assistants in the office. (10) The present postmaster is not a civil servant within the meaning of the Civil Service Act, or the Superannuation Act. (11) This (referring to No. 10) did not take place. (12) Mr. Green does not receive, and cannot receive, a retiring allowance. (13) Mr. Richard Hunt did not apply for the office. (14) The only application made for the office was from Mr. Fred Green.

In answer to Mr. Davies, Mr. Tupper said that the services of the fishery wardens in P. E. I. have been dispensed with, and special guardians will be employed when required, as is done in other fishery districts in Canada. In answer to Mr. Perry, Sir John Thompson said that the work at Miminegash breakwater is not going on, no contract having been entered into, as Mr. Alexander MacDonald, the lowest tenderer, refused to sign the contract. New tenders have not been called for, as the season is not a proper one for procuring timber. Mr. Perry having procured return of the correspondence relating to the dismissal of Muttart and Saunders from the P. E. I. Railway, complained that no reasons were given why the men were dismissed—no letter, telegram, or report on which the dismissal was based. Mr. Bowell, having enquired at the department, was informed by the Chief Engineer that he had been ordered by the late Minister, Sir John Macdonald, to dismiss them, and that he was not acquainted with any reasons for the dismissal. Thursday last, Mr. Davies said: I asked a question the other day with regard to the attention of the Government in respect to leasing or any of the oyster beds of Prince Edward Island, and the hon. Minister of Marine and Fisheries told me that it was not proposed to lease beds now fished by the public; and he was kind enough to send me a list of the applications for leases and the locations for which licenses are to be granted. One of these applications is for Summerside harbor, another for York River, and another for the sea and all the rivers. I want to point out to the hon. gentleman that unless very careful surveys are made respecting the localities, he will be very apt, if he grants these applications, not only to give up the newer beds, but the old beds as well. This is a matter which has created a great deal of agitation between those who are seeking for these licenses and a large class of men who make a living by oyster fishing. No doubt the object of these gentlemen is a laudable one. No doubt, some of them desire to lease oyster beds for the bona fide purpose of cultivating good oysters, and that is an object it would be well for the department to promote; but at the same time public interest requires that these large public beds which are fished by the people at large, should not be sacrificed to any desire on the part of gentlemen to promote what they call oyster culture. Their object, though a good one, must not be allowed to interfere with the rights of the public, and I invite the hon. gentleman to tell the public that he will take care, before any leases are given, that accurate surveys will be made and the existing rights protected. To which Mr. Tupper replied: I agree with what the hon. gentleman has said. The department is proceeding on the principle of not granting licenses in the case of fishery where the beds are worked by the fishermen as a whole, and that accounts for the great delay with reference to these applications, which are applicable to a very large extent of territory. Care is taken to ascertain exactly the condition of the district and the proposed beds, so that we may avoid taking away from the fishermen their source of livelihood. I may add that our policy with regard to the public fisheries, is that in cases where we have practically the unanimous support of the fishermen, we take charge of the fishery and restock the beds, still keeping them as public fisheries and making regulations afterwards. That is only done, however, at the desire of the fishermen of the locality. W. C. D.

Personal.

Dr. McNeill of Stanley Bridge is in town to-day. Postmaster General Rukes of Great Britain is dead. Mayor City of Moncton died suddenly of apoplexy on Monday last. It is stated that Mr. Benjamin Balderson, of this city, is to be Auditor for the Provincial Government.

P. Pope, Esq., Assistant Receiver General and Manager of the Savings Bank, has been granted leave of absence. Mr. Foley has been appointed acting A. R. G. and Manager of the Savings Bank till he returns. The following were the arrivals at the Hotel Davies yesterday: J. B. LeBlanc, St. John; Jas Taylor, Montreal; E. F. Abell, wife and four children, Baltimore; A. O. Hastings, Montreal; J. T. Douglas, Boston; Jos Shattick, Lawrence; C. W. Shattick, Worcester; J. Hall Browning and wife, N. Y.; Mr. H. Hayes, Boston; Jas McDonald and wife, Souris; H. B. Miller, Miss L. Miller, Charlottetown, Mass.; Miss Willard, G. B. Willard, Waltham; B. Quinman, Halifax; Wm. C. D. McPhee and son, Rustico and Denver; E. G. Higgins, Montreal; Jas Webster, Shediac.

The arrivals at the Osborne House yesterday were: D. A. Sutherland, Clifton; J. Demer, St. Catharines, Ont.; Benj Brenner, city; H. J. Massey, S. side; D. McD. nald, Vernon River Bridge; Lizzie Macrae, A. Macrae, Pownal; F. K. Brown, Boston; J. J. McKenna, Miss McKenna, North Sydney; Frank Murphy and wife, Montague; A. F. Larkin, Tignish; Albert Palmer, M. P. P. Queen's Co. N. B.; Daniel Gunn, Mrs. D. Gunn, Master J. A. Gunn, Truro; G. B. Willard, Waltham, Mass.; H. D. Badgely, Boston.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Fast Steamers.

SIR,—Referring to the arrival of the new steamer Premier in THE EXAMINER of yesterday, it is stated that "she made the run from Summerside to Charlottetown on Saturday evening in four hours and three minutes." The new steamer Northumberland also left Summerside the same evening for Charlottetown, one hour later than the Premier and arrived half an hour ahead of her. How many hours and minutes was the Northumberland making the run? PASSENGER.

DIED.

At the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. Samuel Wood, Vernon River. Prudence, relict of the late Samuel Drake, Esq., in the 90th year of her age. (Funeral to-morrow (Thursday) at 2 o'clock, p. m., to Pownal.

Dr. Henderson's Insurance Paid.

CLYDE RIVER, P. E. I., Aug. 24, 1891. The Manufacturers' Life Insurance Company, Toronto, Ontario. Gentlemen,—In acknowledging payment in full of my claim of TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS insurance on the life of my late husband—Doctor Kenneth Henderson—I desire to thank you for the prompt manner of settlement. Owing to discrepancy of four years in the statement of age, and other matters, I was impressed with doubts as to payment of claim. I am most thankful to you, and Mr. J. B. Paton, your general agent, for the generous spirit manifested, and trust that you may continue to meet with the same generous support from the people of Prince Edward Island as you have hitherto received, and not only here but in all parts of Canada. Yours very truly, ANNIE C. HENDERSON. August 23, 1891—1 w dy & w

CARD OF THANKS.

THE South End Boating and Athletic Club most respectfully wish to return their sincere thanks to Messrs. Lord, Prose, King, Patton and Hickey for acting as judges; to Capt James King, of Silby Hose Company; to Capt. John Wonnacott, of Rollo Hose Company; to Capt. J. B. Dawson, of the Salvage Corps; to Capt. William Heats, of the Hook and Ladder Company, and to the firemen in general for courtesies extended; to P. C. L. Strickland, for allowing his trotting stallion Elmo to give an exhibition of speed; to Galbraith's Band; to the public in general and to all who in any way, directly or indirectly, assisted in making their Tournament of Monday last such a success. JAMES A. HUGHES, Secretary.

For St. John's, Newfoundland.



THE S.S. "BONA VISTA," for St. John's, Newfoundland, will be due at Charlottetown on MONDAY MORNING, the 31st inst., and will carry Cattle and Sheep on deck. For Freight or Passage apply to PEAKE BROS. & CO., Agents.

THE RE-OPENING

THE CITY SCHOOLS.

THE CITY SCHOOLS will re-open after the Midsummer Holidays, ON MONDAY NEXT, AUGUST 31st, At Nine o'clock, a. m. GEO. E. ROBINSON, Secy. School Board.

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Charlottetown, Aug. 26, 1891—Jy w f s

City of Charlottetown Opening Races

TENDERS.

SEALED TENDERS will be received at the City Clerk's Office until noon of MONDAY, the 14th of September next, from parties willing to contract for the lease of the Market Tolls, according to specification to be seen at this office. The names of two good and sufficient securities must accompany each Tender. The Council do not bind themselves to accept the highest or any Tender. By order H. M. DAVISON, City Clerk. City Hall, Aug. 26, 1891—eod

City of Charlottetown.

TENDERS FOR COAL.

SEALED TENDERS will be received at the office of the City Clerk until noon of MONDAY, the 14th of September next, for supplying and placing in the vaults of the City Hall and Market House, as directed, 80 Tons Acacia Round Coal, said Coal to be of the best quality of this year's mining, to be weighed on the City Scales and delivered on or before the 1st of October next. The Tons to consist of 2,000 pounds. The Council do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any Tender. By order H. M. DAVISON, City Clerk. City Hall, Aug. 26, 1891—eod

Excursion to Crapaud!

IN place of the advertised trips, the Steamer LEATHER BELLE will leave Steam Navigation Co's. Wharf on SATURDAY, the 29th August, inst., at 8 o'clock, a. m., for Crapaud. Returning, will leave Crapaud at 5 o'clock, p. m. Return Tickets, 60 cents. Parties going will have an opportunity to witness the races to be held that day at the Crapaud Driving Park. L. C. OWEN, Agent. Charlottetown, Aug. 24, 1891—dy 4i

ST. PETER'S BOYS' SCHOOL

—WILL RE-OPEN— On Tuesday, September 1st.

FOR PARTICULARS APPLY TO REV. JAMES SIMPSON, HEAD MASTER. aug18—eod

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