

**THE DAILY EXAMINER**

APRIL 19, 1899.

**A CONFUSION.**

A refusal of the Government party in Parliament to allow an investigation into the Yukon charges will rightly be interpreted as a confession that the charges are substantially true and that there are reasons, affecting the Government, why they should not be investigated. As in duty bound the Opposition have pressed for an investigation, stubbornly and vigorously. But with their machine majority at their backs, the Government have resisted for weeks, consuming the time of Parliament and proving to the world that they know that acts have been committed by the administration in the Yukon which will not bear the light of a judicial enquiry.

**PECULIAR.**

In the last Canada Gazette, under the heading of appointments, there is the following paragraph,—

Richard Reddin, of Charlottetown, in the Province of Prince Edward Island, Esquire, Barrister-at-Law: surrogate and Judge of Probate in and for the Province of Prince Edward Island, from the 30th of March, 1892.

The last words of this announcement will be noted. On the 30th of March, 1892, there was in office another Governor General representing the Queen and another Council. In view of this fact, can a different Governor General, representing the Queen, and a different Council make an appointment in 1899 dating back to 1892? And does the simple dating back of Judge Reddin's appointment legal at all that has been done by our Probate Court in the meantime?

The situation as to our Probate Court is, to say the least, anomalous and peculiar.

**THE STANLEY'S "FAUX PAS."**

The laugh of town and country is against those who control our winter steamer. But with the laugh there is mingled a tinge of bitterness on account of the many good dollars, for freight on goods, unnecessarily paid to our Liberal Government at Ottawa. The money was paid the Government by our merchants. But the merchants will, of course be recouped out of the pockets of the people who buy from them. So that the delay of the Stanley in coming to Charlottetown really amounts to an addition to the heavy taxes which our "free trade ministers" impose.

The unhindered passage of the Princess, on Monday, goes to prove that THE EXAMINER's suggestion of ten days ago was not unreasonable. If the Stanley is not unfit to break ice, she ought certainly to have come here at least a week before the Princess sailed out in open water. The lesson taught by Captain McLean is that it is easy to magnify difficulties and that real difficulties are not infrequently overcome with ease by a willing and determined spirit.

The reports that have lately been set afloat concerning the condition of the Stanley prove, if they are founded in truth, that the Government have been doubly neglectful in not having provided a second winter steamer. Four or five years ago THE EXAMINER called the attention of the authorities to the need of a second winter steamer in connection with this province; and a second winter steamer would certainly have been supplied at least two years ago, had the Liberal Conservative administration remained in office. It is becoming more and more evident, every day, that the country has gained nothing and lost much by the Liberal victory of 1896.

**DEATH OF A STUDENT.**

A telegram received this morning by Mr. W. W. Clarke from Mr. W. S. Ferguson, son of Hon. Senator Ferguson, states that Mr. Edwin Robins, a student of Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y., underwent an operation for appendicitis at that place on Sunday last. But the operation was not successful and he died this morning. Mr. Robins is a son of Mr. Thomas Robins of Bedouque. He was an exceptionally clever student at Prince of Wales College and has many friends in Charlottetown. After leaving here he studied for several years at Dalhousie from which college he secured a number of scholarships, and he has latterly been at Cornell.

**NOTES AND COMMENTS.**

—The Montreal Star publishes a capital cartoon of Hon. Mr. Fisher "swallowing his principles."

—Our temperance organ, *par excellence*, is somewhat restive just now. It is the galled jade that winces.

—The latest dodge is to "improve the Scott Act" so that it may be more acceptable to the temperance districts. It is not likely that this sop will satisfy the deceived prohibitionists.

—The Patriot ought not to state that THE EXAMINER has shifted its position three times regarding its statement that the Patriot did not publish the report of the annual meeting of the P. E. I. Branch of the Dominion Alliance. Because the statement is not true. Again we challenge THE PATRIOT to produce the required evidence, and take the hat.

—Mr. McDougall, of Cape Breton, made two or three revelations to the house last year in regard to the coin correspondence with Cardinal Rampal, carried on by Mr. Charles Russel, representing the premier, Charles Russel being the government solicitor in London. It turns out that Mr Russel received something over \$17,000 last year for services rendered to the Dominion government as solicitor. There is no charge set down in the book for services at home, but as the Ottawa correspondent of the Sun remarks, the other work appears to be very well paid for.

**THE STANLEY AND PRINCESS.**—The Stanley left Pictou this morning at 7 o'clock and arrived in Charlottetown at half-past twelve. The north easterly winds had blocked up the ice outside of Pictou harbor and she had considerable difficulty in getting through. The Princess left her wharf at Pictou at five o'clock, but after trying hard to get through the ice had to turn back. She will try again as soon as the captain thinks there is a chance of getting back. The Stanley brought over seventeen passengers, mostly commercial travellers, fifty-five bags of mail, and a full cargo consisting of 800 barrels of flour, 650 bags of seed and 5 cases of oranges. She will leave for Pictou tomorrow morning at 7 o'clock.

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