

Liberal - Conservative Candidates.

FOR BELFAST:

A. A. McLean, Esquire.

FOR TIGNISH:

Captain Frank Gallant.

THE DAILY EXAMINER.

MARCH 9, 1888.

How the Account Stands.

The Opposition canvassers in Belfast and Tignish are steady in their cry that the Province is deeply in debt. We answer that cry by the emphatic statement that, not only is Prince Edward Island in a better position financially than any Province of Canada, to-day, but that our Provincial Government is over half a million dollars better off than it was at the close of 1873, when the Grits held the reins, and this, too, notwithstanding that for seven years we have had no direct taxation, and while a most extraordinary annual expenditure has been made for education.

In order to show that we are making no haphazard statements, we give below a comparative statement of our account with the Dominion in 1878 and 1888, capitalizing, in both cases the various allowances at five per cent. interest.

Table with 2 columns: 1878, 1888. Rows include Allowance for population, Legislation, Debt Acct., Land Acct., and Railways.

It will thus be seen that we have reserves with the Dominion Government in 1888 equal to a capital of \$750,000 in excess of what we had in 1878. Deduct the floating debt of about \$150,000, and the position of the Province is found to be better to the amount of six hundred thousand dollars than it was when Mr. Davies gave up the reins.

The men who have managed our Provincial affairs for nearly ten years with this result, after having dispensed with direct taxation of about a quarter of a million of dollars and provided annually over thirty thousand more for education than their predecessors did, have surely nothing to fear from an appeal to the intelligent electors of the Province.

Potato Growing and Marketing.

The thanks of the community are due to F. T. Newbery, Esq., for having started a movement towards reform in the growth and marketing of potatoe. We hope the movement will go on until the character of the Island potatoe has been distinctly improved, and the farmers of the Province benefitted to the amount of thousands of dollars every year.

The first thing to be done is to obtain varieties which will "keep well" and "take the market." Chenangoes have been good potatoes; but they have never been popular in either the markets of the neighboring Provinces or the United States. They have, however, been favorites of our farmers and have been produced here in large quantities for many years. The consequence is they are now, it is stated, pretty well "run out," and it is time to obtain a new variety for common use and sale. However this may be, the opinion expressed yesterday was that the Empire State, White Star, Burbanks, and Silver Dollar are varieties freely taken in the American market.

A more frequent change of seed than most farmers make is also held to be advisable, and greater care in selecting good, smooth, medium-sized potatoes for planting is said to be necessary; for the law that like begets like holds good in the vegetable kingdom as well as in the animal. Little potatoes and rough, coarse potatoes of whatever variety should be rejected when the seeds are being cut.

Every speaker at the meeting admitted the importance of careful culling before sending potatoes to market. This, of course, involves trouble on the part of both farmer and shipper; but it is absolutely necessary, if our potatoe are to take the place they ought to take in the market. Care on this point will pay; for the potatoe rejected as unfit for market can be fed to cattle, while well culled potatoe sell far more readily in the outside markets, and are far more creditable to all concerned in their production and sale.

If every one would but be honest and bring to market good well culled potatoe, free from earth and stones, all would be content to sell and buy potatoe by weight. But so long as dealers have to "watch" and "cull," in order that they may not be cheated, it will be necessary to use a measure. As to the measure, the consensus of opinion at the meeting was that the large tub which many buyers use is too large, and that the small legal tub is too small. The meeting, therefore, decided to petition the Government to order a new standard tub to hold twenty-four gallons of water, and to enforce its use upon all farmers and dealers.

Mr. H. C. McDonald tells the people of Belfast that the "Subway Bill" was "a sham." Sham or no sham, the late D. C. Martin (whose seat he wants to get) spoke in favor of it and voted for it.

Mr. McDonald's Circular.

The Grit party are ever strong in circulars. A circular can be issued and spread abroad over the land before "the other side" knows anything about it. It is the mean instrument of an underhanded and cowardly canvass—canvass which fears the light of open and manly criticism. Mr. McDonald, the Grit candidate for Belfast, has issued a circular. In doing so, he took a particularly mean advantage of his opponent. He prates about the incapacity of the Government, and the finances of the Province. The Government have proved their capacity by holding the confidence of a large majority of the people of this Province for nearly ten years; and, though the people have not been taxed during the past seven years, the Province stands, financially, in a better position than it did when they entered office by upwards of \$600,000! Yet this political stripping has the assurance to talk to the electors of Belfast about the "incapacity" of the Government. The intelligent men of Belfast will probably conclude that he is lacking somewhere, and send him home about his business.

A Birthday Visit.

IN WHICH MISS M. E. BARR, THE HOSPITAL MATRON, WAS PLEASANTLY SURPRISED.

We clip the following paragraph from the Evening Monitor of Concord, New Hampshire. It refers to a worthy sister of the popular Principal of Prince Street School in this city, and will therefore be read with special pleasure:—

"The matron's room at the City Hospital was the scene of a very pleasant affair last evening, the occasion being Miss Barr's birthday anniversary. This event, occurring in every four years, was considered worthy of celebration in a special manner by her personal friends. Accordingly, the horse cars reaching the South End at 7 o'clock and 7.30 were patronized by the trustees and their families, hospital staff and families, and other friends, their arrival at the Hospital completely surprising the matron, who is so thoroughly in the confidence and esteem of all interested in the institution. All the members of the medical staff were present except Dr. Walker, who is now in the South. The greetings and congratulations were of a very happy character, and the hours passed only too quickly for both hostess and visitors. Cake, ice-cream, etc., brought by the visitors, were served, and all enjoyed examining the useful and beautiful gifts received by Miss Barr. These included all the photograph of the medical staff from the originals. It was designed by the trustees of the medical staff to present Miss Barr with a cabinet bed suitable for her room. Unavoidably the gift did not "turn up," but a notice of intention was filed, and the gift is expected at any time."

Fire Notes.

The dwelling house of John, Daly at Cayuga, Ontario, was burned at one o'clock on Monday morning. His wife and two children perished in the flames, and a boarder had a narrow escape.

G. L. Brown's house at Pettediac was destroyed by fire at 10 o'clock on Tuesday morning. It originated in a bedroom of the upper flat, destroying a bed and other furniture. Supposed cause: children playing with light or matches.

Between nine and ten o'clock on Monday night last James Edward's general store and dwelling at Nauwigewak, Kings Co., N. B., was destroyed by fire with all its contents. Mr. Edwards was looking up at the time, when a lamp exploded, causing the flames to ignite an oil barrel and soon after the whole interior. Edward's wife and child had to be lowered out of the upstairs windows. Their escape was miraculous.

Francois Theophile Nadeau, aged four-and-a-half years, son of Phileas Nadeau, tinsmith, Quebec, was buried to death last Sunday evening. The child was left alone in the house by his mother while she went to a neighbors.

The Phair Hotel, at Presque Isle, was badly damaged by fire and water on Monday forenoon. The damage is estimated at \$3,500; insured.

Curling.

The final match for the medal was played in the Excelsior Rink, on very unfavorable ice, yesterday afternoon, and resulted in a victory for Rev. Mr. Carruthers' team. The following gentlemen composed the teams:—

Table with 2 columns: Team names and members. H. V. Palmer, A. H. McPherson, D. B. Stewart, W. C. Hobkirk, W. A. Weeks, Jr., mate, W. A. O. Morson, mate, Rev. S. Weston-Jones, Rev. Jas. Carruthers (skip).

Personal Paragraphs.

It is stated that Mr. M. B. Daly, ex-M. P., will be Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia in a few months.

Dr. W. D. Woodill, a well-known Halifax physician, died on Saturday night of pneumonia.

Rev. C. B. Pitblado, who has just returned to St. Francis, spent seven years in Winnipeg. When he first settled at Knox Church, Winnipeg, the congregation consisted of but 41 members. The membership has now reached 824. The Sunday school, beginning with 27 scholars, now numbers 700. Last year \$1,709 were contributed to the scheme of the church.

THE RIFLE.—The annual general meeting of the Dominion Rifle Association will be held at Ottawa on the 14th inst. The proposed new re-arrangement regarding the composition of the council will be as follows: Fourteen from Ontario, ten from Quebec, six from New Brunswick, six from Nova Scotia, four from Manitoba, four from British Columbia, four from Prince Edward Island, two from each of the Northwest Territories.

A young man who killed an actress in Denver some time ago has been acquitted of murder on the ground that he committed the act during an attack of "transitory frenzy." The gentler sex no longer hold a monopoly on the "emotional insanity" dodge.

EMBROIDERIES.—Embroideries, all widths, from one to eight inches, and prices very low at Stanley Bros. m 8, 21

POTATOES.

Mr. Merrill's Opinions.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT THE MEETING HELD YESTERDAY.

At the afternoon session of the meeting of potato growers and shippers, held under the auspices of the Board of Trade, Mr. Merrill, of Boston, was present, and spoke briefly upon the subject of discussion. He said that it was comparatively difficult to sell Chenangoes in the markets of Boston and New York; but that the varieties known as Empire State, Silver Dollar, Burbank and White Star sold readily. The day of the Goderich and Early Surprise potatoe has passed. The Adelaide potato is good to keep but not to cook. Magnum Bonum are well thought of, and farmers here should try them. Prolifics are dying out. White potatoe, smooth and clean, will sell at from 10 to 15 cents higher prices than the blue, dark and rough varieties. The people of the States will take good white potatoe in the spring, and be glad to get them. It is better to ship in bags. Barrels are good, but expensive.

F. T. Newbery, Esq., read a telegram from Messrs. Macdonald & Westaway, of Georgetown, expressing their great interest in the object of the meeting, and their readiness to concur in the decisions arrived at; also a letter from James H. Cumiskey, Esq., Fort Augustus, to the same effect.

After a general discussion the following resolutions were unanimously passed: Moved by F. T. Newbery, Esq., and seconded by Geo. Forbes, Esq.

Resolved, That this meeting deems it expedient to urge on our farmers to grow a greater portion of white potatoe, such as the Empire State, and Silver Dollars, exhibited here, and similar early varieties; also to take greater care in culling, handling and marketing them in better condition, it being evident that by adopting such a course they will realize better prices, and grow a potato more suitable to the American market.

Moved by David McLean, Esq., seconded by Alexander McDonald, —

Resolved, That this meeting approve of a new tub measure to hold twenty-four gallons, water measure, the dimensions to be in proportion to the present tub.

Moved by Donald McKay, Esq., and seconded by Mr. Moffatt, —

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to draw up a memorial to the Dominion Government, embodying the sentiments of the resolution just passed, with power to attach the name of each person present.

It was further resolved that the proceedings be published in the newspapers of the Province; and after a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman, James Laird, Esq., the meeting adjourned.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

"Prohibiting" the Fishing.

Sir,—The following extract from the Philadelphia Ledger shows how the Yankees "protect" their fisheries. If the Canadians seize an American for poaching in British grounds they are called "barbarians." Which of the two are the most barbarous?

"The killing of Captain Frank Whitehurst, by a shot from the oyster sloop Sally, on Sunday morning, in Chesapeake Bay, has created much indignation among the oyster dredgers in Baltimore. The dredge boat Albert Nichols, of which Whitehurst was captain, was dredging in the night, which is contrary to law, and on Sandy Point, which is forbidden ground. At Annapolis to-day the jury of inquest returned a verdict that Whitehurst came to his death by a gunshot wound, but it was impossible to say who fired the shot." The dredger and oyster boat owners yesterday appointed a committee to inquire whether the police boats are authorized by constitutional laws to destroy the lives of inoffensive dredgers.

SPECTATOR.

Free Salt.

(From the American Grocer.)

It is reported that among the stipulations contained in the recently negotiated treaty with Canada, free salt is one of the concessions made to Canada. If this be true, it still further emphasizes the necessity for placing all salt on the free list, for the reason that if the tariff was retained on salt from other countries than Canada, the Canadians would not lower their prices, but would simply profit the duty as an extra profit.

There is no good reason why salt should not be placed upon the free list. It is an article consumed as extensively by the poor per capita as by the rich, and consequently by far the greater part of the duty is paid by the poorer classes. It approaches raw material in character, inasmuch as it enters largely into the manufacture of our natural products, such as butter, cheese, meats, fish, pickles, etc., and being an article of heavy weight and low value, the transportation from other salt-producing countries to this country is a protection in itself, equivalent to an average duty of 25 per cent., while if we calculate the expense of getting it from our seaports 500 miles inland, the transportation protection would amount to quite 40 per cent. of its value.

Of course, American salt manufacturers will make an outcry against this proposition, and say they cannot live, but they did live before any duty was imposed upon salt; at any rate, 50,000,000 consumers are entitled to some consideration, as well as the 10,000 persons interested in salt manufacture in this country; indeed there are not really more than 100 persons materially interested; in other words, this hundred absorb the principal profit of American salt deposits.

Give us free salt all around, and not play into the hands of Canadian salt producers as we have into the hands of Sandwich Island sugar producers, by admitting their products free of duty, while imposing a duty on that of all the rest of the world, and enabling those favored individuals to pocket the difference.

Scott Act Notes.

One conviction before the Stipendiary Magistrate this morning. The Scott Act prosecutor in Pictou, N. S., reports 73 prosecutions during the past year and fines of \$1,000.

A prominent Anti-Scott Act campaigner in Toronto says that his party are doubtful of being able to carry Simcoe County, but feel sure of carrying Bruce, Huron and Dufferin.

MR. JOSIAH CARMODY will supply his customers with fresh oysters, (self-fished) every day, by the quart, peck and barrel. Same old stand, N. 320 Dorchester Street West. m 9 31 p

Benevolent Irish Society OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

1825. 1888.

WILL hold their Annual Celebration in Charlottetown.

On Saturday, March 17th.

When they will march in procession from their Hall, at 9.45 a. m., to St. Dunstan's Cathedral.

The day's proceedings will conclude with a grand

DRAMATIC ENTERTAINMENT

IN

THE LYCEUM, PRINCE ST.,

On which occasion the

LYCEUM COMEDY COMPANY

Will perform the Thrilling Drama, entitled:

JESSY VERE,

—OR—

The Wanderer's Return.

To conclude with the laughable Farce, in one Act:

TURN HIM OUT.

Return tickets will be issued on the P. E. Island Railway at one first-class fare, on the 16th and 17th, good to return on the 17th and 19th inst. Doors open at 7 o'clock. Curtain rises at 8 o'clock, sharp.

F. P. MCCARRON, Sec'y Com.

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If my ROOM PAPER Stock you look through, it will give you the following cough— For without private pique— You will find it you sique— That the foregoing statement is true.

THEO. L. CHAPPELLE,

Diamond Bookstore.

Ch'town, March 9—3i eod

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BY AUCTION,

AT MY SALESROOM,

TC-MORROW, MARCH 10,

AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK,

30 Barrels Choice No 1 Baldwins,

Spy's, Russets, Kings, &c.

G. M. HARRIS,

Auctioneer.

Seed Wheat.

A fine lot of WHITE RUSSIAN SEED WHEAT for sale. The best yielding variety for our soil and climate. The best yielding variety for our soil and climate. JOHN NEWSON.

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THE

Clearance Sale

—AT THE—

LONDON HOUSE

Is Still Going On.

Many Fine Grades of Goods.

LARGE DISCOUNTS,

And every effort made to meet the requirements of CASH BUYERS.

F. W. MOORE,

Assignee of HARRIS & STEWART.

Ch'town, March 2, 1888.

1888. MARCH. 1888.

GREAT CLEARANCE SALE

OF

BOOTS AND SHOES.

I intend having the usual Clearance Sale for the month of March. I will offer my entire stock of BOOTS AND SHOES at 25 PER CENT. off my usual low prices. This is a genuine clearance sale, as all who have bought from me at the last sales know. My stock is the largest and best assorted stock of Boots and Shoes on P. E. Island. Come right along and get first choice, as I expect to have a big rush for my goods, as I have always done in the past sales.

J. C. SPRAGUE,

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WANTED.—A small property (a mile or two out of town), having on it a never-failing spring of water. Information of such pieces furnish to "C. B." P. O. Box 52, Charlottetown, P. E. I.

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White Cottons, Print Cottons, Grey Cottons, Pile Cottons, Sheeting Cottons, Shirting Cottons, Table Linens, Towels, Towelling, Dress Goods, Cashmere, Merinoes, Plushes, Silks, Brocades, Gloves, Corsets, Hosiery, Embroideries, Collars and Cuffs,

And a Well Assorted Stock of all kinds of DRY GOODS, VERY CHEAP, AT STANLEY BROTHERS, BROWN'S BLOCK.

Ch'town, March 9, 1888.—eod & wky.

STATEMENT OF The Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York,

RICHARD A. McCURDY, President.

For the year ending December 31st, 1887.

ASSETS, \$118,806,851.88.

Insurance and Annuity Account.

Table with 4 columns: Policies and Annuities in force, Risks Assumed, Policies and Annuities in force, Risks Terminated.

Revenue Account.

Table with 2 columns: To Balance from last account, Premiums, Interest and Premiums on securities sold, By Bonds and Mortgages on Real Estate, Dividends, Annuities, and Health Claims, Commissions, Comutations, Taxes and all other Expenses, Balance to new account.

Balance Sheet.

Table with 4 columns: To Reserve for Policies in force and For risks terminated, Premiums received in advance, Surplus at four per cent., By Bonds Secured by Mortgages on Real Estate, United States and other Bonds, Real Estate and Loans on Collaterals, Cash in Banks and Trust Companies at interest, Interest accrued, Premiums deferred and in transit and Sundries.

I have carefully examined the foregoing statement and find the same to be correct.

A. N. WATERHOUSE, Auditor.

From the Surplus above stated a dividend will be apportioned as usual.

Table with 4 columns: Year, Risks Assumed, Risks Outstanding, Surplus.

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ISAAC F. LLOYD, 2nd Vice-President. WILLIAM J. EASTON, Secretary.

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JOHN MACEACHERN,

AGENT FOR P. E. ISLAND, CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I.

JOHN L. STEARNS, GENERAL MANAGER, 107 Hollis Street, Halifax, N. S.

Ch'town, March 8, 1888.

March, 1888.

GREAT CLEARANCE SALE

OF

D-R-Y G-O-O-D-S,

—AT THE—

JAMES PATON & CO.

Must clear out Surplus Stock to make room for Large Spring im ortations. Bargains will be given in every Department during this Month.

Ladies and Children's HOSIERY, KID GLOVES and MITTS, ULSTER and MANTLE CLOTHS, CORSETS, all sizes (from best makers), White and Cream LACES and EDGINGS, Wool and Tapestry TABLE COVERS, DRESS GOODS (in newest shades),

Man's Heavy OVERCOATS and REEFERS, SILK and FELT HATS, RUBBER CLOTHING, LINDERS and DRAWERS, CARDIGAN JACKETS, SILK HANDKERCHIEFS and SCARFS, LINEN COLLARS and CUFF,

SCOTCH TWEEDS—Nice patterns, selling very cheap, TRUNKS and VALISES, all sizes, ROOM PAPER—The latest patterns, the largest assortment, the lowest prices.

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March 1, 1888—dy & wky MARKET SQUARE.