

THE DAILY EXAMINER.

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Mr. Blake's Resignation

We publish, in another column, the full text of a letter from Hon. Edward Blake, resigning his position as the Leader of the Opposition.

Mr. Blake has never been noted for his courage. It was only the other day that one of the Ontario Grit organs accused him of moral cowardice. The charge is well made; for no one will deny that to desert his friends when they are in difficulties, more especially when these difficulties have been enhanced if not created by himself, is an act of cowardice.

Ever since he has been leader, he has led them to disaster and defeat. He was not over-scrupulous as to the methods of his attack upon the Government. In Ontario he obtained power by denouncing Riel as a traitor and setting a price upon his head. And when that traitor was a second time convicted of treason, and justly executed for his crime, he endeavored to mount into power over his scaffold.

He bent all his energies to promote a war of races—to set the French against the English, and the English-speaking people against the French. Sir Richard Cartwright and our own Mr. Davies refused to follow him; for the path he mapped out was too crooked and much too shady even for them to follow.

During the election contest he changed front upon the tariff question, and abandoning Free Trade, prostrated himself before the Ontario manufacturers, assuring them they had nothing to fear from a change of government.

The people of Canada, quick to discern the difference between a statesman and a mere politician, and remembering 1873 to 1878, refused to entrust him with power.

There never has been an election in Canada, such as this, in which the question of the claims of the Government and the Opposition chiefs were so prominently before the people, as one of the questions to be settled.

And never was the verdict so emphatic.

Mr. Blake has denounced Sir John as a corrupt and a designing politician. He declared him to be a "political criminal" and said that men have been placed in the prisoners dock for less crimes than he has been guilty of. And Canada has, in effect, said this: "We do not believe you; but admitting everything you say to be true, we prefer having Sir John at the head of the Government, to having you, Mr. Blake."

The retirement of the Leader of the Opposition was not a dignified one. One would have thought that he might at least have assembled his followers and surrendered to them the trust he had received from them. But instead of this, he writes them a letter and leaves Canada.

Yet, considering Mr. Blake's temperament, one should not expect anything heroic from him. A sensitive man, his party's defeat—which meant his own defeat in a very special manner—must have been wormwood and gall to him; and then his conscience must have risen in judgment against him, as he reflected upon what he forced his party to do in 1879 when Mr. McKenzie was removed from the leadership, because he had not led them to victory.

We are willing to do Mr. Blake the justice to believe that it seemed meet to him that if Mr. McKenzie deserved punishment he deserved it too. So he determined to anticipate it.

When a subject of the Emperor of China receives an intimation that he is to be decapitated, the unfortunate Celestial frequently anticipates his execution by putting himself to death.

Some such thought must have come into Mr. Blake's mind; and the Mongolian, expedient of the "happy despatch," offered a salve to his irritated and wounded spirit.

He has gone now. His leadership is a thing of the past. We do not intend to write his epitaph. But we imagine that if his late friends were to do so, in their present state of mind, they would speak of his leadership which ended in disaster and disgrace.

The Patriot is full of sympathy for Doctor Jenkins; but it hasn't a word of regret for the fate of the Hon. David Laird.

Mr. Jones, the Conservative candidate has been elected for Gaspe by a large majority. Thus THE EXAMINER'S predictions, that the elections held after the 23rd of February would all result favorably to the Government, has been verified.

They are enforcing the new License Law of Nova Scotia. Seven hundred gallons of rum were last week spilled upon the streets of Lunenburg, and the owner was sent to jail. In the Nova Scotia Assembly, a few days ago, a motion to restore the saloon was supported by only two members, Premier Fielding being one.

The Patriot says that "THE EXAMINER has got into such a bad way owing to the defeat, its friends have sustained on this island that it even hails an escape from defeat as a great victory." The General of an army would not be considered "in a bad way" if he had an escape from defeat as a victory; and if the enemy were defeated "by a large majority," he would be justified in claiming "a great victory." All EXAMINER'S escapes from defeat. THE EXAMINER is not "in a bad way" if the only proof that it is so is contained in the fact that it hailed the election of Hon. Mr. Ferguson as "another victory."

The New Post Office.

SOME INFORMATION ABOUT THE HEATING APPARATUS.

A FEW weeks ago we gave our readers a sketch of the new Post Office with its furnishings and equipments. At that time we refrained from speaking minutely of the heating apparatus. The practice of heating public buildings as well as private residences with hot water is a modern invention, and it is only the initiated and those that have come in contact with it who are able to understand its modus operandi. The principal upon which it works is circulation, and in order that the reader may understand its operation let him come with us first to the basement of the new building. There we have two large steel boilers set in a massive bed of brick work. On top and at the front end, is a large cast iron header with numerous branches leading to all parts of the basement. These are called the floor pipes. At the back end of the boilers and on a level with the bottom thereof, is another large cast iron header connected with each boiler by large branch pipes and having numerous branches extending throughout the basement. These are called the returns. The boilers are so connected that by the closing of a couple of valves, one boiler can be idle without interfering with the operation of the other. The smoke is conveyed from the boilers to the funnel or smoke pipe by means of two large branches forming a letter Y. The smoke pipe, which stands in the centre of an air shaft, is ninety feet high and constructed of heavy boiler plate. It has been erected where it now stands since the building was finished, in a space only four feet square, and weighs upwards of three tons. The whole of the pipe in the basement is covered with asbestos, wrapped in heavy canvass and painted in order to prevent the heat from escaping where it is not required. The style of radiator used is known as the Bundy patent, and is made altogether of cast iron. They are very neat in appearance and expose a large radiating surface. They are connected with the risers by means of nickel-plated pet valves. There are throughout the building fifty of those radiators, and they, together with the floor and return pipes are finished in gold bronze. There is also in the basement a portable steam boiler with a Knowles steam pump attached for the purpose of pumping water into a tank situated in the attic for the use of the lavatories, etc., throughout the building. This pump will raise six hundred gallons per hour, so that they only require to pump one hour out of the twenty-four. We are told that when the whole job was completed and filled with water and fire put under the boilers it was so perfect and the heat so well distributed throughout that no alteration was required not even the unscrewing of a valve. The contractors for this work were Messrs. McKinnon & McLean of this city, who are well and favorably known all over the Island. These gentlemen have made heating by means of hot water a special study, and are, therefore, in a position to guarantee satisfaction to parties who may decide to have their residences thus heated. When tendering for the above work as well as for the Summerside Post Office, they had to compete with all the manufacturers of Canada, but were nevertheless successful in securing both contracts. And here we wish to point out that our mechanics are and have been ever since confederation discriminated against. For example: If there is a public building to be erected or a fog horn boiler to be built, or any contract to be let for work of this kind in the other provinces, the fact is carefully concealed from the manufacturers of P. E. Island, or at least the fact is never made known through our press, nor are plans sent here for examination. But when there is a job to be done on P. E. Island, be it ever so small, you will see advertisements in all the papers of the Dominion setting forth that plans and specifications of the work can be seen at any of the architects offices throughout the other provinces. This we consider unfair; but as we have, at present no representative at Ottawa who is likely to influence the Government either for or for woe, we suppose the evil complained of is likely to continue.

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"I ministered once," said Bishop Huntington, "in a church where many a pew stood for a million dollars. There were generous men and saintly women among them, not a few. But it only happened once in the nine years that after I had announced an offering for the following Sunday, a person stopped after the service to say: 'I must be absent next Sunday and wish you to take my gift now.' She was not a Samaritan, but she was a cook, and she was to be absent to cook a rich man's dinner, and I had some reason to suspect that her gift was larger than his."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Sir,—It would be well for the friends of temperance to be on their guard against signing the petition being circulated in this city for the repeal of the Canada Temperance Act. Be not deceived. The petition asks the Governor General to grant an election to set aside the Order in Council bringing the Canada Temperance Act into force, and the man who signs it must in all honor vote as he signs or have his name erased.

Yours, VIOLANCE.

Northwest News.

The returning officer has declared McDowell elected for Saskatchewan by 161 majority.

Seeding operations are making rapid progress in Southern Manitoba. One farmer will have one hundred acres seeded by the end of this week.

A petition against the return of Scarth for Winnipeg has been filed.

The returning officer has declared Dawson elected for Algona by eleven majority. There was no statement in the ballot boxes from two polling places, which, it is claimed, would increase his majority to eighteen or twenty.

A Wonderful Surgical Operation.

The success of a wonderful surgical operation performed in New Bedford, Mass., nearly a year ago has just been demonstrated. Seventeen years ago Edward K. Russell met with an accident in which the tendons in one of his legs were severed, rendering the limb useless. The operation consisted in the transferring two tendons from a dog to Russell's limb where they were united with the severed tendons in that member. For ten months after the operation, Russell was not called to use his leg, but within a few days he has been permitted to exercise it. He has now resumed his work and has complete control of the limb, the operation having proved to be an entire success.

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Civil Service Examinations.

THE examinations for entrance into the Civil Service of Canada will commence on TUESDAY, the 10th day of May next, at 9 A. M., and will be held at the usual places, viz: Halifax, N. E. St. John, N. B., Charlottetown, P. E. I., Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa, Kingston, Toronto, Hamilton, London, Winnipeg, and Victoria, B. C. Applications for forms of admission will be received by the undersigned until the 15th day of April, and not later, and must be returned duly executed by the 25th idem, after which date the Rolls must necessarily be closed.

By order of the Board,  
P. LESUEUR,  
C. S. Commissioner and Secretary,  
Ottawa, 15th March, 1887—mar 26 31 1 aw sat

Bible Society.

THE Annual Meeting of the P. E. I. Auxiliary Bible Society will be held in the Hall of the Y. M. C. A., Charlottetown, on MONDAY, 28th inst. Chair taken at 7.30 p. m.  
D. McNEILL,  
Secretary.

LOBSTER CANS.

2,200 CASES (talls) for sale by  
CARVELL BROS.  
Ch'town, March 26—2 wks 21 awk—pat

MOLASSES.

120 PUNS., very choice.  
CARVELL BROS.  
March 26—31 eod pat

DIAMOND POTASH.

50 BOXES (2 dozen.)  
CARVELL BROS.  
March 26—31 eod pat

BROOMS.

300 DOZEN.  
CARVELL BROS.  
March 26—31 eod pat

BAKING SODA

100 KEGS.  
CARVELL BROS.  
March 26—31 eod pat.

RICE.

80 BAGS.  
CARVELL BROS.  
March 26—31 eod pat

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250 Boxes Nickel Silver.  
100 do do Dome.  
20 do do Great American.  
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AGENTS.  
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Owing to the great outlay we are called upon to make for purchase of New Machinery and the erection of New Buildings, &c., we have to request our patrons to kindly come to our aid with the Full Amount of their respective accounts.

We believe our wishes in this respect will be cheerfully met.

MARK WRIGHT & CO.

March 12, 1887—eod & wky 1 mo

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THE best feed for Milch Cows, Beef Cattle and Young stock.  
It increases the quantity and improves the quality of the milk.  
It produces more flesh than any other food.  
It is cheap, only 3¢ per 100 lbs., with a discount on larger quantities.

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VERY BEST QUALITY—SELLING LOW.  
While they are cheap, it pays to give the animals a great deal of this kind of food.  
J. M. AULD.  
March 14—1 mo 2 aw

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House-keeping Goods, New White and Gray Cotton, New Printed Cottons, Bleached Sheetings, Unbleached Sheetings, Pillow Cottons, Table Linens, Towels, Toweling.

THESE goods have just been opened for Spring Sale, and having been bought before the recent advance in Cottons, will be found extra value.

CARPETS! CARPETS!  
Brussels, Tapestries, Hems, Floor Cloths, Matting, Hearth Rugs, Door Mats, Lace Curtains.

Tailoring Department.  
A lot of Spring Tweeds just opened.

HARRIS & STEWART,

SUCCESSORS TO  
GEO. DAVIES & CO.

Ch'town, March 7, 1887.—wky

NOTICE.

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J. B. McDONALD.

Ch'town, March 21, 1887.—dy & wky

Carpets, Oilcloths,

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WE offer the Largest Assortment in the City in these goods, and at prices very low during March.

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See our Sample Books before buying elsewhere.  
Sheetings, Pillow Cottons, Tickings, Table Linens, Print Cottons, Gray Cottons, White Cottons, Prints, Gingham's.

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A very large assortment of LADIES' CORSETS, at extremely low prices.

JAMES PATON & CO., MARKET SQUARE.

Six Hundred Pairs CORSETS,

Best makers, and all sizes from 18 to 36 inches, ranging in price from 33 CENTS, UP.

A Large Stock EMBROIDERIES, very cheap.

Sheetings, Pillow Cottons, White Cottons, Gray Cottons, Print Cottons, Hessian's, Shirtings, Towelings, Dress Goods, Cash meros, Merinos, Plushes, Velvets, Silks, Satins, &c.

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AT PRICES AS LOW AS ANY IN THE TRADE.

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Ch'town, March 11, 1887—eod & wky