THE DAILY EXAMINER.

MAY 16, 1892.

The Mess in the Land Office

THE shortage of over $4,400 in the accounts of the Commissioner of Crown and Public Lands is of a very serious nature, and demands immediate investigation. When Mr. Shaw called attention to it in the House of Assembly the Commissioner failed to give any explanation, and the attempts of the Government organ to clear up matters only serve to make the shortage appear very like a defalcation.

Here are the Patriot's latest figures :

Balance due on open accounts as shown by the report of the Department, 31st Dec., 1890..		$411,880 67
Deduct cash paid into treasury during 1891	$72,878.43	
Also reductions and allowances made in 1891 as shown by statements submitted to the House	9,552.47	82,430 90
Balance....		$329,449 77
Add interest at 5 per cent on $329,449.77.....		16,472 48
Add new accounts opened in 1891 as per Commissioner's Report.....	6,431.00	
Less cash received on same and included in year's receipts.....	4,903.56	1,527.44
Total amt which should appear		$347,499 69
Total amount shown by Commission'rs Report		347,938.70
Balance in favor of Land Office		$439.01

It will be seen by a glance at the above statement that the sum of $4,903.56 received during the year on new accounts is made to do duty twice. It is first deducted, as a part of the $72,878 43 paid into the treasury, from the $411,880.67 balance due on the 31st December, 1890, on old accounts, and it is again deducted from the $6,431.00 representing the new accounts opened during the year. This would be all right if this sum of $4,903 56 was received and paid into the treasury in addition to the $72,878.43. But if it was so received, it was not paid into the treasury.

We reproduce Mr. Shaw's statement, slightly altered in form :

Balance due on open accounts as shown by the report of the Department on the 31st Dec., 1890....		$411.880.67
Add new accounts opened during the year 1891, as shown by the Land Commissioners report..		6,431.00
Total amount of open accounts		$418,311.67
Deduct cash paid into the Treasury during 1891.....	$72.878.43	
Add deductions and allowances made in 1891, as shown by statement submitted to the House,	9,552.47	82,430.90
		$335,880.77
Add interest on above (not including amount of new accounts) $329,449.77, at 5 per cent.....		16,472.48
Total amount which should appear		$352,353.25
Total amount shown by Commissioner's report		347,938.70
Amt short and unaccounted for		$4,414.55

It matters not whether Mr. McMillan found all the accounts open at the end of the previous year or opened part of them during the year 1891—it was his duty on the 31st December, 1891, to account for the whole $418,311.67, with interest at 5 per cent on balances then remaining due. The only set-off which he claims is $72,878.48 paid into the treasury, and the enormous sum of $9,552.47 allowances and deductions in the year's transactions. After allowing this set-off, he is still FOUR THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED AND FOURTEEN DOLLARS short.

We do not in this statement charge interest on a sum equal to the new accounts opened, because these accounts would not be twelve months old on the 31st December last ; consequently, the interest on them would not be charged at that date.

A sum equal to whatever amount was received at the office for deeds and searches should be added to the shortage. We have no means of knowing how much was received in this way.

It is now only too plain that the Government are trying to hide something in the Land Office. The silence of the Commissioner, as well as his erroneous statement to the House regarding the audit, the contradictory explanations given by the Government organ, and its stupid manipulation of figures in order to cover the shortage—have a bad appearance.

The enormous sum of NINE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND FIFTY TWO DOLLARS given away by Mr. McMillan, under instructions from Mr. Peters—mostly for political purposes—also demands thorough investigation. Between the amount short and unaccounted for and the disgraceful reductions admitted to have been made, the taxpayers have lost over $13,967 in a little over eight months of Grit misrule, in the Land Office alone. But there is worse coming.

—Captain Alexander McDougall writes concerning a matter which ought to engage the attention of the Department of Marine & Fisheries.

The Dominion Redistribution Bill.

THE Patriot has at length formed an opinion regarding the above measure, as it relates to this Island. It declares it to be an "infamous gerrymander." Is it not a little strange that it should take our contemporary about two weeks to come to this conclusion ? Surely, if the measure is of this character, our keen-sighted contemporary would have observed it at once. The truth is, the plan is so just and reasonable that it has commended itself to fair-minded men of both political parties. Honest grits have felt ashamed of the contrast between this bill and the disgraceful cutting up of King's County by the Peters combination. In the latter disgraceful measure no less than four townships are cut in two, and Lot 59, lying between Georgetown and Lot 61, is left in the Murray Harbor District, while a part of Lots 61 and 63 are taken into Georgetown. In the Dominion redistribution schemes, not one township in any part of Canada, nor a parish in Quebec nor a rural municipality in Manitoba has been divided, either by this bill or previous measures of the Conservative Party. George Coles followed the same honorable course when he undertook to readjust the representation of this Province. But the thing we call a Government of this Island passed a bill dividing Lots 54, 55, 61 and 63, picking out the settlements according to their political bias, with the sole object of weakening the Conservatives in St. Peters, Cardigan and Murray Harbor, and hiving them in Georgetown.

After denouncing the Dominion Bill in its relation to the Island as an "infamous gerrymander" one would think the Patriot would be able to show where the infamy came in. But our contemporary only objects to two or three particulars in the bill. It thinks that Lot 15 should be in Prince West and Lot 16 in Prince East, instead of the reverse as in the bill. A glance at the map will show that if this were done the divisions would not be nearly as compact as they are at present. The organ is wrong in saying that there is a Grit majority of sixty in Lot 16. The difference between the votes cast for Howlan and Perry in that Township at the last election was only eleven. It is plain that this objection is frivolous.

Another objection is that Lot 24 should be in West Queen's, instead of East Queen's. If that were done, the population of West Queen's, would be nearly 25,000, while that of East Queen's would be only a little over 20,000. The line between the two ridings could not, without disturbing the equilibrium of population or dividing Charlottetown in two, be placed anywhere except where it is. The objection that East Prince and East Queen's are 45 and 50 miles in length respectively, is very silly. The other districts are about the same length, and, indeed, it would be impossible to divide the Island into five ridings and make them more compact than they are.

It is not hard to divine the motive of the Patriot in condemning the Bill as it regards the Island, after so long a silence regarding it, and after its fairness had been universally admitted. Mr. L. H. Davies, with his usual unscrupulousness, is probably going to declare in parliament that a disgraceful gerrymander of the Island is being made ; and his misstatements will be echoed by the Mills', Caseys and Edgars and McMillans, and re-echoed by the Grit press all over Canada. It would rather spoil the game if Mr. Davies were told, as he truthfully could be, that his party in the Island are well pleased with the division of the Island,—hence the Patriot's tardy denunciation of the bill.

It is possible that Mr. Davies, feeling in his bones that the Island will go against Gritism at the next election, wants to quarrel with the Distribution Bill, so that he can lay his defeat at its door.

The article in the Patriot of Friday, denouncing the Bill as it relates to the whole Dominion, must have been written while some person was in an "unaccountable" mood. Take the following extract as a specimen of the whole :—

"There are other glaring irregularities in the bill. Victoria, B. C., a Tory city with 18,000 inhabitants, is to have two members, while Charlottetown with its 12,000 is tacked on to West Queen's, with 10,000 more, and the whole 22,209 to have only one member. Quebec East (Liberal) with 36,200 has only one member, while Quebec West (Tory) has only 9,241. Cape Breton and Pictou counties, Nova Scotia, with 34,000 odd persons respectively, have two members each, while Halifax, with 71,421, also returns only two. In New Brunswick, Restigouche (Tory) with 8,311 of a population is still to have one member, while Westmoreland, with 41,484, is not allowed two, lest one of them might be a Liberal."

There is no reference whatever in the Bill to Victoria, B. C., Quebec West or Quebec East, Cape Breton, Pictou, Halifax, Restigouche or Westmoreland ! ! What rubbish to say that Westmoreland, N B, is not given two members because one of them might be a Liberal. The Liberal candidate was snowed under in Westmoreland last election by over 2,000 majority, and lost his deposit.

Here is another extract from the Patriot's article :

"If the Tory brute majority at Ottawa are going to gerrymander charges made by Liberal members, as they did with those of Edgar against Caron, and then send them before judges of their own choosing; if they are resolved to refuse inquiry into the conduct of partisan judges and their manipulation of voters' lists; if they are determined to legislate more Tories into parliament through another gerrymander, they may find out before many years that gatling guns will be required on the banks of the Ottawa more than they were on the banks of the Saskatchewan in 1885."

These screams are very interesting, coming from that incarnation of political innocence which passed the Georgetown gerrymander. Night will be made hideous for weeks to come at Ottawa by just such howls as these. There may, however, be a method in it all. By prolonging the session the patriot grit may have an eye on an increase in his indemnity.

The Redistribution Bill affords another evidence of the determination of Mr. Abbott and Sir John Thompson to do right regardless of consequences. In New Brunswick the two seats reduced will be lost to the Conservative Party, and in this Province a very slight deviation from the principle of representation by population might be turned greatly to the advantage of the Government party. The disgruntled and conscienceless faction which raised the Riel and Unrestricted Reciprocity cries will rage against this measure all the same as if something wrong was attempted. We all remember the Davies howl against the Franchise Act, while it is notorious that in the lists prepared under that Act he has gained great advantages in Queen's County

Literary Notes.

NADA THE LILY : The National Publishing Company Toronto.

A story told by an aged Zulu to a white man who writes it down and publishes it ; a story altogether about Zulus and dating from the beginning of the present century, when their first king made them a mighty nation ; a story full of slaughter so needless and horrible that every page seems blurred with blood ; a story which strives to throw a most romantic interest and sentiment into the love of a Zulu man and a Zulu maid, and which, because of the power of the author, almost accomplishes the object; this is the latest production of the extravagant genius of H. Rider Haggard. The tale is of a mighty warrior, Umslopogass, the different periods of whose life are chapters of violence and bloodthirstiness ; who, because of his love for Nada, the most beautiful maid in Zululand, undergoes many adventures, in the course of which he becomes a companion of Galazi, and with him hunts at night with a pack of wolves. As time goes on he becomes the possessor of the axe Groan-maker, an instrument, which, in the hands of Umslopogass, enables Mr. Haggard to end the story with a slaughter surpassing belief, in which the hero is nearly killed. He recovers from wounds which would have proved fatal to a full regiment of European soldiers, and crawls back to his love, who has shut herself up in a cave from which she cannot escape. So they say adieu, and the Lily dies. Very touching indeed is this scene, but it is asking too much to expect us to believe that Zulus are so emotional as the author paints them. Taken altogether, the story is merely a recital of adventures and Zulu life ; and it really seems that in this volume Mr. Haggard has brought together some remembrances of African life which he has not already used ; and, welding them together, by means of battles and murder, bloodshed and cruelty, treachery and torture, has given us a book so full of horrors that even his most extreme admirers cease to praise. "She" is a clever book ; and in "King Solomon's Mines" the reader meets with many incidents, all differing from each other. "Nada the Lily," it is almost safe to say, will be laughed at because of the attempt which is made to throw around the (to civilized minds) disgusting character of a murdering savage, an element of romance such as one would expect to find only in the stories of Miss Braddon.

Notes and Comments.

—Counsel will leave Winnipeg in a few days to take part in the argument to be held before the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council respecting separate schools in Manitoba.

—The Montreal Gazette remarks that the census shows there are 270,000 men employed in Canadian industrial establishments. These are practically all voters, and, in obedience to a general law, hang together on an issue that immediately affects them When the Liberals go into a general election contest they start with a platform that makes a quarter of a million electors hostile to their cause.

Boston Markets.

BOSTON, May 12.

FISH.—Codfish are plenty, lower and dull. Barrel herring quiet. Box herring in heavy supply and very dull at the low prices. Mackerel out of the market.

POTATOES.—Receipts have been larger again this week, and we still have to report a dragging trade at the former low range in prices. Nothing quotable at over 40 cents except a few fancy Houlton Hebrons.

EGGS.—The market has been steady this week for best fresh Michigan, western and provincial at 16 cents, but demand has been moderate, and under the heavy receipts the market is leaning more in buyers' favor at the close. Receivers are generally asking 16 cents this morning for best marks, but in most cases have to make concessions in order to effect sales of any consequence.

Personal.

King Humbert of Italy has accepted the Rudini cabinet's resignation.

Mr. William B Small, of the Medical Hall, who has been attending the Massachusetts School of Pharmacy, Boston, for some months past, has returned home after passing a highly creditable examination.

Rev. A. W. McLeod, of P. E Island, who graduated B. A. from Dalhousie in 1888, and from Pine Hill in 1890, is now taking his second year at Harvard. He received A. B. from Harvard in 1891 and this year is taking courses in the Divinity school. In addition to his college work he is attending to the spiritual wants of a Presbyterian congregation at Beachmont, near Boston.

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TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

SPECIAL DESPATCHES TO THE EXAMINER

Ottawa Notes

OTTAWA, May 16.

The cabinet was smoked out on Saturday. Fire broke out in the basement of the eastern block, but it was soon extinguished.

The property committee of city corporation, at the request of the local Orangemen, have decided to recommend that the Dominion flag be unfurled on the City Hall on July 12. There will be a big row in the Council when the report is considered.

It is stated positively that Devlin's home rule motion will be opposed by the Government on the ground that parliament having twice placed itself on record on the subject, there is no necessity to reiterate its views.

Shipwreck

HALIFAX, May 16.

The Norwegian bark Henry was lost at Sable Island on Thursday last. Captain Jacobsen, the mate, steward, a carpenter and two others were drowned.

Weather Bulletin.

TORONTO, May 16 10 a. m.

Fresh winds and showery.

A By-Law for Levying and Specifying the Rate of Assessment on Real Estate and Personal Property in the City of Charlottetown for General Civic Purposes, under Statute 51 Victoria, Chapter 12.

BE it enacted by the City Council of the City of Charlottetown as follows :—

1st. The rate of assessment on Real Estate for general Civic purposes, under said Statute, for the year commencing the 1st day of January, A. D. 1892, and ending the 31st day of December, A. D. 1892, is hereby specified and fixed at the rate of ONE PER CENT. on every dollar of the value of Real Estate as assessed by the Assessors of the said City of Charlottetown in the General Assessment Book and Valuation Roll of all Real Estate and Personal Property liable to taxation in said City, and of all persons liable to pay Poll Tax therein, made and duly returned by them on the 4th day of May, A. D. 1892.

2nd. That the rate of assessment on Personal Property for such general Civic purposes, for the year commencing the 1st day of January, A. D. 1892, and ending the 31st day of December, A. D. 1892, is hereby specified and fixed at the rate of ONE PER CENT. on every dollar of the value of Personal Property as assessed by the Assessors of the said City in the said General Assessment Book and Valuation Roll, made and duly returned by them as aforesaid.

(Sgd.) T. HEATH HAVILAND,
Mayor of Charlottetown.

H. M. DAVISON,
City Clerk.

City Clerk's Office, May 16, 1892—2w

A By-Law for allowing a Rate of Discount on the Assessments on Real Estate and Personal Property in the City of Charlottetown for General Civic Purposes, for the current year ending the 31st day of December, A. D. 1892.

BE it enacted by the City Council of the City of Charlottetown as follows :—

1st. A Discount at the rate of TWO AND ONE HALF PER CENTUM shall be allowed to all Taxpayers who shall, on or before the Fifteenth day of July next, A. D. 1892, pay to the City Clerk, at his office, the taxes severally due by them for the current year on Real Estate and Personal Property for Civic purposes.

(Sgd.) T. HEATH HAVILAND,
Mayor of Charlottetown.

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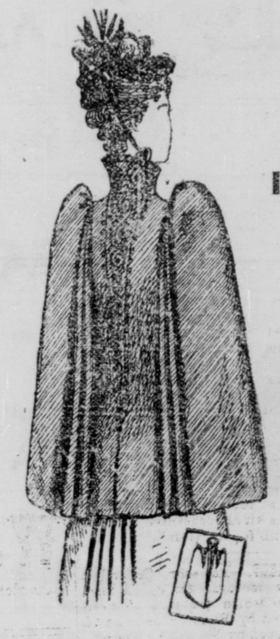

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