

THE DAILY EXAMINER.

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Notes and Comments.

—One of the conditions on which the Esplanade property was sold by the British Government, was that there should be no erection beyond a certain limit higher than six feet. Our attention has been called to the fact that a building much higher than six feet is now being placed beyond this limit. We hear that proceedings are threatened. Perhaps the Attorney General will "look into the matter."

—Extraordinary reports are published of new mineral discoveries, tin and coal, in Australia. Rich lodes of tin have been found in Victoria, and immense beds of iron ore. The assistant government geologist in Victoria reports that besides black coal areas covering 300 square miles, and containing some 30,000,000 tons, there are strata of brown coal with seams averaging 130 feet in thickness, amounting to many billions of tons. Government reports from New South Wales estimated enough coal within easily worked areas to permit an annual output of ten million tons for many years to come.

—In commenting upon a special account of the condition of the British crops, published in its columns, the London Times says:—

"The conclusion on the whole case is that the present year will be a disastrous one for the British farmer. The chief loss will be in wheat, while there will be no adequate set off in any other crop. The outlook for the winter is gloomy for all classes, and it becomes a grave question how many farmers will be able to struggle through it."

In considering the continued shrinkage of wheat cultivation, the Times advises farmers to turn their attention to high class dairy products.

—We agree with the Empire that Canada must necessarily derive much indirect benefit from the World's Fair. It is not alone that tens of thousands of visitors will travel to and from the fair over Canadian territory and by Canadian railroads, but Canadian corporations will transport many of the exhibits right into the city of Chicago. It may be noted, for instance, that the Japanese exhibit has no other route to come by except the Canadian Pacific steamship and railway. Mr. Takashima, who is to superintend the erection of the Japanese building at the exhibition, was in Winnipeg the other day on his way to Chicago. It is his first visit to America, and he expects to encounter no more impressive revelation of western enterprise than the construction of the Canadian Pacific railway over the Rockies.

—The following extract, taken from the Chicago Herald, will show the great agricultural depression now being experienced in the United States:

"A private estimate has been made up showing the immense difference to the American public of the value of the crops this year compared with last. The figures are somewhat exaggerated, but the result is startling. The total shows a net loss in wheat, corn, oats and cotton of \$79,000,000. Correcting these figures by the recent reports, the total is reduced somewhat, but the result is still startling. The loss from the actual shortage in crops this year figures on last year's prices at \$17,000,000. On this year's prices the net loss is about \$350,000,000. The value of wheat is now 20 cents a bushel less than last year, corn 7 cents, oats 5 cents, and cotton about \$5 a bale, so that the total loss when figured on this year's prices is \$650,000,000."

—The Montreal Gazette thinks that those who rail against partyism in politics would have their eyes opened to some evils of a non-partisan plan of government by studying the situation in New Brunswick. Two years and a half ago, says the Gazette, Mr. Blair saved himself from the consequences of it by bringing into his government Mr. Tweedie, of Northumberland, a gentleman elected to oppose him. He now hopes to do the same thing by giving Mr. Richard, of Westmoreland, the portfolio of Solicitor-General, though Mr. Richard has continuously opposed him and his policy for years past. As the Chatham World puts it, he has been bought by Mr. Blair just as if he were a horse or a cow. It is on the success of such purchases and the transfer of the votes they are intended to affect that the election on the 22nd will turn. The defeat of the government by the constituencies even then may not mean a change of rulers. The popular will may be defeated by bargaining, as it was defeated two years ago. Party politics do not show anything more disreputable than the non-partisan governmental record of New Brunswick.

News Notes.

In Saxony about 70 per cent. of the workmen earn less than \$150 per year. There will be standing room for 35,000 people, besides 100,000 seats at the World's Fair.

Queen Victoria's new dining room at Osborne cost \$100,000, and she paid for it herself.

The members of the London Tabernacle have as yet failed to decide upon a successor to Mr. Spurgeon.

It is estimated that since the outbreak of cholera in Russia 300,000 persons have died from the disease.

The cemeteries in London cover 2,000 acres, and the land they occupy represents a capital of \$10,000,000.

The youngest member of the British House of Commons is 22 years of age; its oldest is on the shady side of 90.

Within the last thirty years there have been on the British coasts 66,377 wrecks, with the fearful loss of 22,312 lives.

Eighteen workmen have been killed so far this year on the World's fair grounds and 700 more or less seriously injured.

Mr. Morley's eviction commission will have a balanced representation of landlords and tenants, two delegates for each interest, with four Irish lawyers headed by a judge.

The schooner Joseph Rowe, while coming around from Louisiana to North Sydney lost a seaman named John Brown, who fell from the masthead to the deck and was instantly killed.

Sixteen mules confined in a mine at Pittsburg, Pa., for four weeks have been found alive. The mine shaft had been choked with falling timbers and the mules broke from their stalls, subsisting on whatever bits of straw, bark, etc., they could pick up.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Au Revolver.

SIR, — Perhaps more sympathy than blame is due to the merchants who were induced by plausible arguments to give the weight of their name and influence to the "coupon" scheme. They certainly did not see its objectionable features as they now do, (thanks to THE EXAMINER and the Patriot for so ably exposing it) and in withdrawing their support from it as we see foreshadowed in this morning's Guardian, the community will exonerate them from at least intentional wrong. As to the scheme itself, which is to be extended to "nearly every city in Canada" (rather an inauspicious start, however,) it is difficult to get at the bottom of it, so a credit has been sprung on the community, and so carefully have all concerned avoided the light of newspaper publicity. But enough has been discovered and published to condemn it in the eyes of the public, and even the Guardian itself has been obliged to fall into line and condemn it, although in a half-hearted way, and advise that the contract between the merchants who have become parties to the plan and the coupon agents, be cancelled. Will not this free all householders from any liability, either written or otherwise?

The first and only announcement of the "plan" which the public has been favored with, and which may be taken as authoritative, since, though not over the signature of the Association it could only have been supplied by the agents of that scheme, is in the Guardian of Thursday. Let us sift the statements a little. The Guardian states that

1st. "The Home Knowledge and Supply Association of Toronto is an Association which supplies to its members anything they require at a reduced price." Now some of our local merchants (see list in the Guardian) are supplying the members here with goods "at a reduced price," therefore said local merchants must be the "Association," since they are doing the business. Query: Are they getting the profit and receiving back again in dividends the discounts they so generously make to the "members," or are they so accommodating and kind as to do the work here and let the Toronto and have all the profits?

2nd. "They charge \$15.50 as a membership fee, payable in large instalments, and agree to furnish anything from a piano to a needle case at a reduced price." This is certainly rich. "Charge \$15.50 and present a large atlas." (We have had an atlas presented before, see court records.) Probably any of our merchants would like to charge \$15.50 to a customer and then "present" him with a barrel of flour. Rather left-handed generosity this. Where is the agreement under the signature of the Toronto Association, to furnish anything from a needle to a piano at a reduced price? Let us have it in black and white, also define what the word "reduced" means in this connection.

3. "It appears that they purchase at wholesale prices and supply goods at a small advance on cost." As a matter of fact it does not "appear" that they (the Association in Toronto) supply any goods at all, except the atlas and coupon books. The coupon books would cost at wholesale, \$7.50 or \$5, we do not know, but in any case \$15.50 for the two is not a small advance on cost, but a very large one, and extremely profitable to the "Association."

4. "They have also started out to make arrangements in nearly every city in Canada, with one local dealer in each business, who, in return for the patronage of all the members of the Association in the place, agrees to allow a special discount to them," &c. Then these people have just "started out" in the business, they are experimenting with it in this good city, and if we take the dose and pay well, nearly every city in Canada is to enjoy the blessings of the "Association" and pay for them. But why "start out" so far away from home? Has Charlottetown a reputation for being a good place to work such schemes, or is it the furthest away from the home of the Association?

This morning's Guardian endeavors to apologize for and support some of the objectionable features of the scheme, but as these have already been fully exploded in able articles of THE EXAMINER and the Patriot, it is only necessary to refer to those newspapers. The plan is the only one of its kind in Canada. It is unlike any other. Similar schemes have been floated and exploded in the neighboring Republic (see extract from Printer's Ink in Friday's EXAMINER), but our Dominion has had no such scheme until this one has been sprung upon us. At last, in this morning's Guardian, "The Coupon Man" has ventured into print. His letter needs no reply. As the scheme cannot be floated without local merchants, whose aid is now to be withdrawn, we commend to the coupon man the words—not of Shakespeare or Goliath, but of the immortal Burns—"The best laid schemes o' mice and men gang aft a'glee."

CITIZEN.

Personal.

Mrs. Johnson left this morning to attend the Women's Missionary convention to be held at Brantford, Ontario.

Rev. Stephen Phelan left this morning for Springfield, Mass. to be present at the consecration of the bishop-elect of that diocese—the Rev. Thos. P. Deagan.

It is pleasing to hear that Captain W. H. Barasud, of Summerside, who has been ill of typhoid fever in Boston for several weeks past, is recovering and expects to be able to return home soon.

We learn that His Honor Judge Kelly is sufficiently recovered to take the County Court at Summerside on the 26th inst., and that Judge Alley has kindly consented to preside over the court to be held at Alberton on 29th and at Port Hill on the 21st inst.

There were registered at the Hotel Davies yesterday: A M Howard, Montreal; J R Morrow, Lynn, Mass.; J H Hooper, Souris; Wm Forbes, Halifax; J R Herrington, Moncton; G F Bingham, Toronto; G A Rennick, Montreal; Rev P H W Archibald, Halifax; Mrs Archibald, do; J B LeBlanc, St. John, N. B.

The arrivals at the Queen yesterday were: E McSwain, Kingston, N B; H B McLeod, Eldon; W C Kennedy, City; Chas Gorham, Halifax; H N Parry, New Glasgow; J H White, do; R M Bell, Toronto; E S Masou, Halifax; W McPherson, do. To-day were: L Anderson, St. Peter's Bay; D Egan, Mt Stewart.

Eaten by Cannibals.

EXPLORERS IN EQUATORIAL AFRICA FALL VICTIMS TO MAN EATERS.

A few months ago the French explorer, De Poumayrac, ascended the Mobangi tributary of the Congo to its big northern bend, and then paddled up the newly discovered affluent, the Kotto River. He made this journey for the purpose of conferring with Chief Pakurn, of the Sakharas tribe. He was well received by the chief, whose relations with all white men have been excellent in the little time they have known him. Upon his return journey southward, however, Mr. De Poumayrac came into collision with the Bubus. This tribe has for a long time been at war with the Sakharas, who have been bent upon subjugating the Bubus, though they have not yet succeeded. It happened unfortunately that a number of Sakharas were members of the explorer's party, and it is supposed that the occasion of the fierce attack which the Bubus made upon the travellers.

The white expedition was suddenly assailed by a large force of natives armed with lances and knives. All the survivors of the fight declare that the Bubus fired no guns. Soon after the fight began Mr. De Poumayrac was wounded in the right side by a lance thrust. The Bubus carried him to their village, where they murdered him. Only a few members of the party escaped and made their way to the white post on the Mobangi.

The explorer and all his comrades who were taken prisoners were eaten, and the cannibal feast of the Bubus extended over a period of several days. This is the second instance of a white traveller being killed and eaten by cannibals in Africa. The first instance occurred about two years ago, not very far from the place where the recent tragedy took place. The commander of a French station, with his handful of men, were all butchered and eaten.

HAMILTON March 21st, 1892.

Dr. L. A. Smith & Co., 536 Bloor St., Toronto:

Gents,—Please ship us per G T B, freight prepaid, three (3) gross more of your Anti-Dandruff. This makes six gross, or 864 bottles, purchased from you since January 10th, 1892, a little more than two months. The large demand is due to the merits of the preparation, as our customers to whom we have sold it certify. We find it not only removes the dandruff and scurf, but it is an elegant hair-dressing for the hair. Clean to use and has an agreeable odor. It is one of the best preparations we know of to promote the growth of the hair and prevent its falling out. Wishing you continued success and an extended sale, We remain, Yours truly, J. S. A. BARR & CO., J. A. B.

A very fine lot of vases are offered cheap at the Cheapest Crockery Store.—W. P. Colwill. 2w d&w—oct14

MARRIED.

At the residence of the officiating clergyman, on the 13th inst., by Rev. J. A. Gordon, William McPhee, of Heatherdale, Lot 59, and Catherine McPhee, of the same place.

On Wednesday, Oct. 12th, at the First Methodist Church, by the pastor, Rev. W. W. Brewer, William Arthur Weeks to Fannie M., daughter of W. A. Weeks.

DIED.

Suddenly at Colorado Springs, on the 12th inst. of heart failure, Gertrude, aged 21 years, second daughter of Robert Fife, of Stanley Bridge.

Many people are taking advantage of our cheap sale. Don't be led astray by bogus advertisements, but come direct to the Wonderful Cheap Store.

Call and get a fancy cup and saucer, that are now selling so cheap and fast at W. P. Colwill's. 2w d&w—oct14

SKODA'S OINTMENT, the Great German Skin Cure, and finest Cosmetic made. Removes Blackheads, Pimples, etc., as if by magic. 3 oz. tubes in elegant cartons 50 cts.

AUCTION.

Apples, Wrapping Paper, Tobacco and Vinegar.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, AT HALF-PAST 10 O'CLOCK.

70 BARRELS Very Choice Gravensteins (very fine fruit), 120 reams Wrapping Paper, 10 caddies Tobacco, 5 casks Malt Vinegar.

oct15-21 E. H. NORTON & CO., Auctioneers.

Attention, Householders!

DON'T give \$15.50 of your good cash, or your note of hand for that amount, only to receive in return a book of coupons, which did not cost ten dollars per hundred to print, and an "Atlas" which you don't want or need.

You are promised a discount if you deal in certain specified Stores. Do you want to be bound to deal only in one Store in each line of goods, whether you get satisfaction or not?

You are promised a discount of five per cent. on all your cash purchases of GROCERIES by dealing in one specified Store. Don't you know that any Grocery Store will be glad to take your cash on that basis?

Then save your \$15.50, which is quite an item to many of you, and keep the money to buy goods for your families instead of giving it to foreign agents. Come to our Store and we will gladly give you five per cent. discount on all cash purchases, and goods as good in quality and as low in price as any Store in the city.

GEO. CATER & CO., Grocers and Seedsmen.

Ch'town, Oct. 6, 1892 eod

WANTED—A boy to attend to a horse and also to make himself generally useful about a house. Apply at this office. 11—oct14

SEVERAL YOUNG MEN can be accommodated with comfortable board and lodging in a pleasant and central part of the city. Terms reasonable. Apply to P. O. Box 692, Charlottetown. 11—oct14

BEER BROS. Special

Sensational Slaughter Sale!

Our Whole Stock of CHOICE NEW GOODS is now thrown on the market at

BANKRUPT PRICES!

WE WILL BE UNDERSOLD BY NO ONE.

All Goods marked in Plain Figures No misrepresentation as to Discounts.

BEER BROS.

COUPONS (NOT REQUIRED).

I will give the Discount to all Cash Customers.

DON'T throw away \$15.00 in buying a worthless Book of Coupons, but come right along and get full value for your money in BOOTS and SHOES at

R. K. JOSI'S,

Ch'town, Oct. 8, 1892—eod NORTH SIDE QUEEN SQUARE

FOR VALUE, STYLE AND LOW PRICES

Readymade Clothing

NEW CLOTHING STORE.

We guarantee to give you better value for your money than any other Clothing House on the Island. An Immense Stock to select from. No old shop-worn goods. Every garment in our Store new and clean. Give us a call, we will not be undersold.

McKAY WOOLEN MILLS.

Charlottetown, October 10, 1892—ly & wy eod

DISSOLUTION AND WINDING UP BUSINESS.

Great Clearance Sale of Dry Goods.

PERKINS & STERNS.

Our term of Partnership expires in a few months, and in order to wind the business up quick we will at once begin the Greatest Sale of Dry Goods ever held in the City.

The greater part of the Stock is of recent importation, bought for Cash, and will now be disposed of regardless of cost. Get your New and Fashionable Dry Goods at a Bargain by attending this Sale. Discounts 25, 33, 40 and 50 per cent.

This Sale will continue until all is disposed of or a purchaser is found who will buy the Entire Stock and unexpired lease of the premises. This is a grand opportunity for any young men wishing to start in Dry Goods to secure a well-established business and good stand.

SALE NOW ON and for CASH ONLY.

PERKINS & STERNS.

Charlottetown, October 5, 1892—eod & wy

Don't you buy a Reefer, Overcoat, Cape Overcoat, Ulster or any other Coat before you see our Stock—SCOTCH HOUSE

GENTLEMEN!—We have just received our Cape Overcoats, and would ask you to call and inspect our goods—SCOTCH CLOTHING STORE