

THE DAILY EXAMINER.

DECEMBER 2, 1889.

Notes and Comments.

The Commissioners appointed to enquire into the accounts, transactions and general management of the Public Lands Office began their investigation in the Assembly room at eleven o'clock this forenoon. They were first sworn by Judge Hensley and then proceeded to take the evidence of the Hon. Donald Ferguson.

An Ottawa despatch reports "the appointment of Sir John McDonald as Minister of railways; Mr. Colby President of the Council; Louis Cattelier, Under Secretary of State, and Joseph Pope Assistant Clerk of the Privy Council with rank as Chief Clerk." We congratulate the gentleman last named on the practical proof afforded that his ability and high character are appreciated by the Premier, and that he enjoys the esteem and confidence of those who form the cabinet.

We are informed that some of the fishermen residing along the North Shore intend to ask the department to erect a light in a suitable place somewhere along the North Shore—off Rock Barra for instance—where there is fishing at night. As a great deal of the fall fishing is done at night, fishermen would require to be off shore several miles before they could sight East Point light. If a good, strong light were placed on a spar on some high point along the shore, it would prove a great boon to fishermen. We trust the matter may receive consideration, and result in the want being supplied before long.

The *Patriot*, through its Souris correspondent, charges the Protestant electors of the First District of King's with religious bigotry because, forsooth, a majority of them, especially those residing at North Lake, at the last local and Dominion elections, saw fit to support the Conservative instead of the so-called Liberal candidates. Half the truth is often equal to a whole lie; and so the *Patriot's* informant is guilty of publishing that which lacks "the essential element." He very conveniently forgot to tell his readers that Protestants voted for Catholic and Protestant Conservative candidates alike, and further, that their Conservative Catholic neighbors did the same for the Protestant candidates. The Protestants of North Lake and West River belong chiefly to the Baptist denomination; but this did not prevent them from opposing the policy of the late Grit leader, Mr. McKenzie, who is also a Baptist. The fact is, there was no religious question before the people at the last elections, and electors east and west voted irrespective of religious denominationalism for the party of their choice. It is ungenerous and unfair, therefore, for the *Patriot* to allow the characters of men in private life to be dragged before the public and held up for censure by a writer whose chief aim seems to be to stir up strife among neighbors for base political purposes. Such conduct, we venture to say, will meet with the disapprobation of all fair-minded men, no matter in what church they may worship.

P. E. Island Hospital.

The P. E. Island Hospital has received the following: \$10.80 from Kensington L. O. L.; \$10 from A. M. Wright, Bedeque; \$31 from Methodist Church, Murray Hr. South; \$9.37 Methodist Church, Cornwall; \$5.37 from Methodist Church, Vernon River; \$6 from Baptist Church, East Point; \$4.30 from Methodist Church, Alberton; \$9.50 from Methodist Church, Souris and Dundas; \$20 from St. John's Presbyterian Church, Belfast; 50 cents from Thomas Perkins, Souris; 50 cents from Mrs. F. Utton Road; \$12 from Presbyterian Church, Summerside; \$6.25 from Presbyterian Church, Georgetown. Also, 10 bushels turnips from Rev. Dr. Fitzgerald; lot of cabbage from Mr. Lewis, city; butter from Mrs. Neil McCallum, Brackley Point; butter and old linen from Miss Scott, Frenchfort; 1 blanket and 2 crocks preserved from Mrs. Alex. Robertson, Marshfield; 13 yards white cotton from a lady friend, Summerside; 1 dozen boxes "Migic Healer" from Mrs. John Ross, city; old linen from Mrs. Dr. Johnson, city; old linen from Mrs. A. White, sr., city; old linen from Mrs. W. F. Carter, city. N. B.—Old linen always wanted and thankfully received.

Personal.

It is pleasing to note that Mr. Williston Brown, of the Post Office department, has successfully passed the university examinations necessary to obtain the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and that this degree will be conferred upon him at Queen's College, Kingston, on the next occasion of conferring degrees, in April, 1890. We heartily congratulate Mr. Brown on the success which he so much deserves.

Postmaster General Wannamaker, of Washington, has recently appointed Mrs. Dr. Lawson (formerly of this city) postmistress at Newark, Dakota.

Rev. Father Lynch, of Harbor Grace, Newfoundland, preached at High Mass at St. Dunstan's Cathedral yesterday.

W. W. McLeod, Esq., Post Office Inspector for the North-west territories, is visiting Charlottetown. We regret to learn that his eyes are not any better.

Judge Alley closed his court for the revision of the Voters' List on Saturday evening.

It is pleasing to see again the once familiar form of Captain Yates, who is here from the antipodes after an absence of eleven years. The Captain will have many changes to note in respect to both the town and its people. His stay will be short.

Judge Alley has been requested by the Witness Company to act as judge of the compositions sent in by the competitors for prizes sent in from the Province of Quebec. The compositions from this Province will probably be adjudged by Dr. Harper, of Quebec.

Remember the holidays are approaching, and what is more appropriate to give a friend than a nice photograph of yourself? We make the best of all styles, from life size crayon to the smallest locket picture. Don't delay if you want them for Christmas, but sit at once at Lewis', Grafton Street.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

The Sewage Question.

ANOTHER LETTER FROM DR. TAYLOR.

SIR,—It may not be amiss to give some definitions. A well is a deep narrow pit dug down to the ground water. A blind well is a similar pit dug down to a porous rock or gravel bed. A sink may be regarded as a blind well of larger dimensions. Mr. W. C. Harris has written a vigorous letter on this subject. His objections as he expresses them apply to the plan of digging blind wells (down to porous rock or gravel beds) and pouring waste water in these. I agree with all he says. No one advocates this plan. Dr. Blanchard speaks of blind wells. He evidently means wells proper—that is, those down to the ground water. The water in the soil is divided into two portions, viz: "moisture and ground water." Moisture is that part where water and air in considerable proportions are present, that is, from the surface downwards. Ground water is that condition where all the interstices of the soil are filled with water, so that except the intervening solid portions, there is a continuous sheet of water.

The surface of the ground water is indicated by the surface of the wells; all above this is moisture. "The ground water is not necessarily horizontal." It may exist at different distances from the surface. These different portions unite by narrow and more rapid streams. The ground water is the receptacle of a large proportion of the rain and snowfall. Is this ground water "a placid pond," or "like a glacier?" (J. M.!!) Not exactly, I should say. Does it move? The facts of its being the receptacle of so much rainfall, and its limited rise, as indicated by its limited rise in the wells, prove motion beyond a doubt. Whither? To the sea, as it can flow nowhere else. If theorists cannot reconcile this with their theories, they must adjust their theories. Certainly, facts will not bend to them. Well-diggers have told me they have proved experimentally this seaward motion beyond a doubt.

Scientific experimenters have worked up these questions. These have proved that ground water moves at the rate of from "three to seventy yards a day," and "in most cases to the sea." How is it with our ground water? It must come under the general law, and be considered a mass of water moving perhaps slowly but continuously towards the sea and emptying into it by numerous outlets. It is not pretended that any considerable portion of this subterranean water presents an unbroken, smooth surface. It is interrupted by numerous rocks and earthy masses. Some of these portions between the rocks might resemble streams. No one pretends that all these original streams flow separately to the sea. I have been told by people that they have heard the rushing waters while digging the wells. The waste wells should be dug down to the underground water. This must be particularly noted. The formation of "foul gases" out of organic matters requires conditions such as heat and moisture. Other conditions, as the length of time of exposure, rate of motion, extent of dilution, would have a potent influence. The amount of gases which would form in our ground water would be very small indeed. The conditions of cold, dilution and motion would operate against it. Pent up gases may escape through a considerable heap of ground, but any gases which may possibly form in our ground water having an opportunity to escape horizontally with the water are not likely to push upwards through 30 or 40 feet of rock and clay. Theorists are apprehensive that the waste water, after having descended to the underground water will, by means of capillary attraction return to the surface through this 30 feet of rock and earth. The mere mention of this will suggest its improbability. I will describe my own waste well. It is situated two feet from the rear of the house outside, and is bored to the ground water 36 feet. This well is lined by an iron tube down to the rock, a part of the rock is very solid. A wooden pipe with apertures in its sides extends from the upper opening of the iron tube to the roof of the kitchen. This answers all my purposes and is perfectly safe. It cost me \$22. If each house had such a waste well as this with a dry earth closet, and the city would improve the surface drainage, we would get along very well. At the present time we are overwhelmed with dirt, and a great many find it very difficult to avail themselves of the new water system. We are not able to incur any more heavy responsibilities. There is now before me the mortuary tables for August. The rate of death in Montreal is 3.13 per thousand; Toronto 1.55; Quebec 3.28; Hamilton 1.48; St. John 1.80; Halifax 1.81; Charlottetown 1.89. Our death rate is less than that of Quebec, Halifax and St. John, and nearly as favorable as Toronto with all their elaborate systems or artificial drainage. Certainly I do not mean to condemn a well constructed system of artificial drainage. I only mean to present as many facts as possible—we must not be too precipitate.

I am sorry to be obliged to ask your permission to allude to a personal matter. I had said no one had affirmed the efficiency of sinks and surface drainage for carrying off waste water. I meant particularly the former of the two. "J. M." in a letter to you, said this statement (which in itself is quite unimportant) is incorrect and fallacious.

There is no accounting for taste in forms of expression. He referred for proof to a recommendation made at a meeting of the City Board of Health. I have seen the gentleman who spoke at that meeting, and through information received from him, I am now able to state that no such recommendation was made by him in the sense suggested by "J. M." No doubt your correspondent based his statement on some reports. But it is not safe to depend on reports in trying to prove alleged incorrectness and fallacy in other men's assertions. After this expose it will not be necessary to allude to the other criticisms.

Yours truly,
F. P. TAYLOR.

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That "Real Ghost."

SIR,—I have read with surprise the article published in a recent EXAMINER, from the pen of Mrs. Pennee, of St. Anne du Beaupre, Quebec, describing a "real ghost" alleged to have been seen by herself and others in Binstead House. If Mrs. Pennee's ghost story is no nearer the truth than what she is pleased to call "facts," relating to the life and character of a previous occupant of Binstead, to whom she applies the fictitious name of Pigott, all I can say is that it is entitled to no credence whatever.

Having known Binstead House and its occupants for over forty years, I am in a position to deny most emphatically the statement made regarding the party who sold it to Mr. Fellowes. This man, though not without his faults, will long be remembered by his old neighbors for his genuine goodness of heart. The insinuations of immorality and crime made by Mrs. Pennee regarding his domestic life at Binstead, are wholly without foundation. The statement that the house bore so bad a name at this time that it was avoided by respectable people, is grossly false. That household was presided over by a high-minded, Christian woman; and the character of the place and its visitors, during these years, will not suffer by comparison with the period when Mrs. Pennee's family were in occupation of the same house.

I am, yours,
D. FERGUSON.
December 2, 1889.

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Boston Comedy Company,
H. PRICE WEBBER, Manager.

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The Great Temperance Drama,
TEN NIGHTS IN A BAR ROOM.

Change of Programme Nightly.

Admission, 25 cents. Reserved Seats, 35 cents. Tickets for sale at usual place. Doors open at 7.15. Overture at 8. dec2

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Good News For Everyone!

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Dec. 2, 1889.

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Window Curtains, Shades and Poles.

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Last December was a big month with us. We will be very much surprised, indeed, if we don't sell half as much more as we did twelve months ago. To avoid the unpleasant crowding which frequently occurs at JAMES PATON & CO'S., our friends would confer a favor by calling early in the day.

LADIES' ROBES,

AT REDUCED PRICES.

HANDKERCHIEFS—Plain Hem-stitched, Colored Bordered Hem-stitched, Initials, &c. A lot of Men's White Handkerchiefs, large size, slightly damaged, only 4c. each. A lot of Ladies' Handkerchiefs, 36c. a dozen.

Large buyers and small buyers of all kinds should devote considerable attention to the benefits that we so lavishly bestow during this month.

SHAWLS! SHAWLS!—A fine assortment to choose from. A job lot of 50 Shawls, suitable for a Wagon or Sleigh Wrap, worth \$1.30, for 85c.

To detail all the bargains we have would be impracticable. Customers will kindly bear in mind that, although many classes of goods are not specially advertised here, JAS. PATON & CO'S Store contains everything that a first-rate Dry Goods Store may be expected to keep.

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We have just received our Fall Stock of GREEN COFFEE, and as we roast and grind it ourselves on the premises we can always have it fresh and good for our customers.

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Charlottetown, Oct. 19, 1889.—Jaw wky

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