

THE DAILY EXAMINER

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MR. BELL'S LETTER.

A short paragraph in THE EXAMINER of last week has drawn from Mr. Ephraim Bell a long letter,—addressed to the editor of the Guardian. Mr. Bell sets out with the following:

"And it does not seem strange to me that in the face of the present struggle among the farmers of Prince and Queen's Counties, while endeavoring to shake off the thralldom of the pork combines that have ruled the market here to suit their own profits, THE EXAMINER, ever since the scheme came before this people will now as it did for eighteen years, again champion the cause of the tricksters and the combines, forgetting the fact that its very existence is dependent on the farmers which it is his wont to further beight and enslave."

All the remarks made by THE EXAMINER in regard to co-operative pork packing are in full accord with the opinions of the Farmer's Advocate of the City of Toronto and its correspondents. They are also in accord with the views of "Farming" a high class agricultural paper of Ontario. Will Mr. Bell dare to say that these journals and their correspondents are controlled by "tricksters" and "combinees," or that they desire to "benight" and "enslave" our farmers? If not, why does he so characterize THE EXAMINER? We have said no more than they have said upon the subject of farmers co-operative pork packing: "be careful," "hasten slowly," "be sure you are right before you go ahead." In point of fact our main object and aim is, and always has been, to advance and conserve the interests of the farmers of this Province, because we know that in their prosperity is bound up the prosperity, not alone of THE EXAMINER, but of every other interest in the Province. We believe that our farmers have a good opportunity to better their condition by co-operating with Mr. Rattenbury,—by producing first-class hogs for manipulation in his pork factory and export to the Mother Country and other markets in the form of choicest Canadian hams and bacon; and we believe that they will greatly prejudice themselves by depriving him of the supply of hogs essential to the success of his enterprise. Mr. Rattenbury is, personally, no more to THE EXAMINER than any other member of the community who has displayed enterprise and pluck; and if after a fair trial, if after our farmers have had time to see a little further into the matter and assured themselves that they can co-operate successfully among themselves in the manufacture of pork, they should find that Mr. Rattenbury does not treat them fairly and satisfactorily, let them throw him overboard and go into the business on their own account. But we think that he is entitled to a fair trial, that nothing should be done to prejudice the establishment in this Province at this juncture of a large and profitable pork trade, and that our farmers will be wise if they look before they leap into a business the complications and details of which they are necessarily ignorant.

Mr. Bell does not tell the whole truth when he says:

"First, we will notice that the best current prices our farmers received last year for live hogs delivered at the Charlottetown factory was two cents per lb for stags, three cents for sows, 3 1/2 cents for heavy and 4 1/2 cents for light."

Many thousands of live hogs were bought last fall at five cents per pound, live weight,—even though the market price had fallen to four and a half cents and pork by the carcass was selling in the market at 4 1/2 cents. Mr. Rattenbury had purchased in November when the price was up; he could not, owing to delays in the opening of his factory, take delivery until December when the price was down; still he paid the higher figure and made good his contracts. We do not say that he deserves particular credit for this; but we do say that Mr. Bell ought not to make a partial statement and try to palm it off as the whole truth. As to certain other statements and insinuations of Mr. Bell in respect to the Messrs. Rattenbury they had better be discussed in a court of law than in the public press.

Mr. Bell seems to have a particular grudge against our intelligent young native Islanders who have stayed in this Province and established themselves in business here, to the advantage of our farmers as well (let us hope) as of themselves,—though with strange inconsistency, he laments that so many of them are going away to foreign lands. These are, according to Mr. Bell, the "tricksters" and "combinees" and "middlemen" of whom THE EXAMINER is the champion. That these men, or any class of them combine to "fleece" our farmers,

we have yet to learn, and that they are not all honestly prosecuting their callings is yet to be proved. They are not, at all events, more liable to "combine" for sharp practice upon our farmers than the outsiders who come here to do business; and we contend that the interests of our farmers are to be promoted by dealing with them rather than with traders and agents from abroad.

If all merchants and traders can be avoided with advantage in the interchange of our farmers' products and the articles they require for use and consumption, our farmers may, perhaps, do well to ignore the local middleman. But we entertain the opinion that the division of labor and occupation which the various talents and qualifications of men necessitates cannot be done away with advantage to an organized society. The principle involved in the proverb "Let the shoemaker stick to his last," is of general application. Keen competition on the part of our business men is, we believe, our farmers' best guarantee for high prices of things they have to sell and low prices of things they have to buy. Encourage local dealers. The more we have of them the better for our farmers.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

—He who does not care of his health is not likely to be long spared to take care of his wealth.

—Senator Prowse asked in the Senate, on Friday last, if an inspector was appointed for the work in Tignish Harbor, and the answer he received was that "no inspector had yet been appointed. Inspectors are not usually appointed until the work is commenced."

—By request of one of the heart-broken relatives of young Kilbride, who was drowned a few days ago, we insert the letter of "Charity," published in another column. While sympathizing fully with those whose feelings have been harrowed by the report referred to, we insert the letter with some reluctance because we know what difficulties an editor has to contend against and how often duty and feeling conflict. Still an editor ought, in such a case, to be exceedingly careful, and not—if he can at all avoid it—to malign the dead or add to the sorrow and distress of the relatives and friends who survive.

—Nathaniel C. Fowler, jr. says that three-fourths of our blundering, misrepresenting, ignorant, lawyers, doctors, and clergymen are but the product of wilful, conceited parents, who hadn't brains enough to let the boy walk on his own legs, but insisted upon crippling him with crutches for life, and the suffering world pays the penalty. Better make the boy the best shoe-maker in town than the poorest lawyer. Better make him a good carpenter, than a butchering doctor. Better have him well till the soil, and bring forth a good harvest of grain, than to have him in his ignorance and inability misrepresent religion.

Summerside Journal: The fact remains, beyond cavil, that the government have acted in a high-handed manner, in ignoring the well understood principles which have governed the Senatorial appointments for Prince County ever since Prince Edward Island became a province of the Dominion, and we believe that the electors, particularly the Acadians, will, at the coming bye-elections, resent the manner in which their rights and traditions have been trifled with.

PRESBYTERIAL.—The Halifax Herald reports "A call from Bedouque, P. E. I., to Rev. R. S. Whidden, of Bridgetown and Annapolis, was received from the presbytery of P. E. Island. It was signed by 120 members and 65 adherents, the salary being \$750, and a manse. Provisional arrangements were made for Mr. Whidden's settlement on May 3, should he accept the call. It was agreed to notify the congregation of Bridgetown and Annapolis to appear for its interest at a meeting of Presbytery to be held at Bridgetown on Tuesday, April 12, at 2 p.m. Rev Mr Hawley was appointed to cite the congregation upon next Sabbath."

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FOINTED PARAGRAPHS.

(Montreal Gazette.)

The Liberal statesmen at their Ottawa caucus objected to some of the ministers private secretaries. It is not said whether Mr. Tarte's secretary, out of whose hands the Chapleau letter slipped in to the knowledge at the public, was praised or condemned.

The Liberal Toronto Star complains that the influence of the lobby is growing at Ottawa. Perhaps this is part of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's plan of making the capital city "the Washington of the north." The lobby is a great institution at Washington.

The influence from the patronage caucuses at Ottawa is that the Liberal M. P.'s have decided that members of the "strongest business Government Canada ever saw" do not know how to run their departments. They are held to be useless—even as Mr. Mulock was at the head of the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company.

The Waterloo Advertiser says that it was in a moment of weakness that Mr. Bruneau sent in his resignation to the Speaker. The falling seems to be common. It was evidently in a moment of weakness that the Speaker handed back the document. A medicine man with a weakness cure should be engaged for the Liberal party, and kept on hand with a stock of his stuff.

The Liberals in Parliament spent another two hours and a half yesterday snarling at the ministers because there are not enough jobs being distributed among them. It was said by his admirers that Sir Wilfrid Laurier's jubilee visit made Canada a nation. If foreigners judge the country by the party that presently rules it, they will conclude that it was a nation of greedy office grabbers that was meant.

Judging by the interview between the ministers and the prohibitionists on Thursday the plebiscite ballot will ask the voter to declare his choice between things as they are and prohibition plus direct taxation. In one sense this is a far enough way of putting the issue, and if the prohibitionists have faith equal to their words they will not object to it. It would be fairer though to make the issue the simple one and to require the voter to declare yes or no to the one question: Do you favor prohibition? The complications are added for the confusion of the people who will go to the polls, and the expectation that they will prevent a verdict of yes being recorded.

Mail and Empire: The hoisting of the Yukon bill by the Senate will place the members of that august and much disparaged Upper House several notches higher in the public estimation.

ODE TO THE OWING.

You may talk about the tariff and protection, and free trade, And party panaceas for oppressing human ills, And "improving trade conditions," and the boom that wheat has made, But the way to stir up business is to pay your little bills.

If you owe the grocer twenty, and he for dry goods ten, And five more to the coal man, and to the ice man five, Your payment of twenty helps along three business men, And the payments they can make in turn make other people thrive.

Idle money in your pocket doesn't do you any good; Unless your bills are all paid up in full it isn't yours. Just pay up all your able, as you wish that others would; That's the recipe for hard times that invariably cures.

If you pay what you owe others, others will call then pay you; It's the circulating dollar that the pulse of business thrills. So set your money working, and then watch what it will do, For the way to stir up business is to pay your little bills.

—New York Sun.

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Surgeon-Major Warburton, of the 82nd Battalion, will deliver a lecture on the Queen's Jubilee, including the various functions at London, Windsor, Aldershot, Spithead, etc. As Surgeon-Major Warburton was one of the staff accompanying Premier Laurier, he had exceptional chance of seeing all the events connected with the Jubilee. Parts of the Jubilee procession will be shown by the aid of stereoptical slides. Surgeon Major Warburton has kindly consented to deliver this lecture in aid of the funds of the Artillery Orderly Room. Doors open at 7.30 o'clock. Lecture at 8 p. m. Admission 25c. Tickets for sale at Dodd's, Rankin's and A. W. Reddin's Drug Stores. LIEUT.-COL. J. A. LONGWORTH, LIEUT. A. G. PEAKE, LIEUT. A. A. BARTLETT, Committee.

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