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### FACTS AND ENQUIRIES.

The fact is now established that shortly before the Provincial Election and the voting on the petition to repeal the Scott Act in Charlottetown, certain warrants against convicted liquor dealers were called in and taken out of the hands of the police officers. Notice appears to have been sent to the exiled convicts that all danger of arrest was over; for they at once came out of their hiding and actively engaged in the political and temperance elections. It is also established that these warrants are still unexecuted and are kept out of the hands of the police. It has been charged that a deal was made between certain members of the Liberal party and certain liquor dealers in the city,—the charge, in effect, being that in consideration of the latter supporting the Liberal candidates at the Provincial election the Liberal party in Charlottetown would, in return, assist in defeating the Scott Act on the following day. It is known that a large majority of the liquor party actively assisted in the election of Messrs Rogers and Prowse, the Liberal candidates. It is also said that on the day of the Scott Act election, a couple of prominent Liberals, one of whom is a high official in the Liberal Association, as well as high in the councils of the party, went to the railway workshops and there demanded of the men in the Government employ that they should vote against the Scott Act. These men went to the polls and dropped their ballots. The voting on the Scott Act resulted, as our readers know, in a strong vote being polled against the Act and in its emphatic defeat. The public learning all these facts and circumstances have demanded, through the columns of THE EXAMINER and the Guardian, further information which so far has not been given. The public, in brief, have desired to know by whose orders and directions the Scott Act warrants referred to were withdrawn? They desire also to know why they were withdrawn? And they desire to know why they remain unexecuted and whether it is the intention of the authorities to enforce them or not? This information is demanded and the public will not be satisfied until it has been given. So far the person who can give it has remained silent.

The City Council, as a body, on Monday last, denied all connection with the withdrawal of these warrants, and some of the Councillors went further and stated that on no occasion had they ever interfered with the execution of processes issued out of the Magistrate's Court. While this information from the City Council was very satisfactory to the citizens, and indeed to the public at large, as this is not a local matter, but of general interest, it was at once seen that the repudiation came from the wrong parties because the public know that according to the City Charter, the administration of the criminal laws in this city is vested not in the City Council, but in the Stipendiary Magistrate who also has by statute, full and exclusive control of the police officers. Therefore any interference by the Councillors in these matters would be entirely out of place and of no effect, and would, we assume, be very properly resented by the Magistrate. The proper person therefore, to give the explanation and information demanded by the press, as representing the public, is the Stipendiary Magistrate, who, it is to be hoped, will comply with the public wish without any further delay.

It is notorious that the parties against whom these warrants are outstanding, are running at large in the city, plying their nefarious business in full blast, while no attempt is being made to interfere with them either by executing the recalled warrants or by convicting them under the Regulation Act. There surely must be some way of punishing them. It is rumored that at the house kept by one of the returned convicts, if not by two of them, the noise and disorder became so great a few nights ago, that the policemen

on the beat had to go in and order the proprietor to have better order kept. These policemen saw the returned convict and saw all that was going on, but not having the warrants in their possession could not arrest him, and the prosecutions having been called off, no informations for the offences committed have been laid. Surely such a state of affairs cannot be allowed to continue.

### A QUESTION.

It is reported about town that Sheriff McDonald made a "double return" in respect to the election in the Fourth District of King's County. But a member of THE EXAMINER staff called at the Provincial Secretary's office this forenoon and was refused definite information concerning the matter. As the information affects the public thought certainly to be available at the public office in which it is lodged in order that it may be accessible to the public. The public will be interested in knowing who directed the Deputy Provincial Secretary to refuse it to the representative of a public journal. Does Mr. Peters intend to keep the matter secret until the time for petitioning has expired?

### NOTES AND COMMENTS

—It is suggested that the Government make Mr. J. I. Tarte governor of the Yukon territory,—and so get rid of him.

—The Guardian reports editorially that the liquor sold in Charlottetown is, notwithstanding the fact that the Scott Act "has been done for," "as bad as ever, if not worse." The editor seems to know all about it! By the way isn't the Scott Act still in force?

—The Patriot says "there is a good time coming for Canadian Farmers." But it says never a word about "cold storage" or "direct steamship communication with Great Britain." If we do not keep the matter alive now we shall, not unlikely, be overlooked again next year.

—The recent spontaneous combustion of ill-cured hay in a barn in Nova Scotia, and the consequent loss of barn, h u e, utensils, etc., ought to be a warning to all farmers to be sure that their hay is properly cured before it is stored.

—The Guardian says: "The next move of the rum party will be to secure a license law, to give, if possible an air of "respectability" to the rum business which the regulation act fails to clothe it with. Of course there will be the usual petition to the legislature, setting forth the desirability of securing a revenue from the trade. Let all good citizens beware of this. The only remedy for the evils of the rum business is suppression of the trade. To license it is to encourage the trade. No city is ever yet the better off for receiving into its treasury the price of blood."

There is a shrewd idea abroad that the new license law that has been promised is to be in the nature of a special tax act applicable to dealers in liquor, and that that the proceeds will go, not into the city treasury, but into that of the Province.

—There is a good deal in the literary point of view. The San Francisco Argonaut has a rare story in confirmation of the fact. When Alphonse Daudet produced "Sapho" Messrs. Funk Wagnalls offered a large sum for advance sheets of the novel. Upon receipt of these they concluded not to issue the book and cabled the author, "Sapho will not do." The despatch greatly puzzled Daudet; he did not dream that the character of the work, his masterpiece, was in question. Therefore he consulted friends, and one more wise suggested that the difficulty was orthographical—the title being spelled in French with one "p," following the Greek precedent. Greatly relieved, Daudet cabled back to the publishers, "Spell it with two p's." Whereupon there resulted mystification on the other side of the water.

—Abu Hamid, the objective point for the present of the Anglo-Egyptian advance up the Nile, has been captured after some sharp fighting. Its conquest is, in its way, more important than last year's occupation of Dongola. It was one of the points of attack of the Wolseley expedition of 1884-85, but just when the River Column was preparing for the advance that was expected to end in its capture, the order of recall was received. Gordon was dead and the Desert Column in immediate danger. This time, if not better planned, the work has been completed, and a clear way opened for the advance on Khartoum and

Omdurmann, the seat of Dervish power. Beyond that lie the old equatorial provinces of Egypt, and a little beyond them the northern provinces of British South Africa. The Rhodesian dream of a belt of British territory from the Cape to the mouth of the Nile is on the way of being fulfilled.

The Minister of Justice has declined to interfere with the sentence of James Wood, of Nelson, B. C., condemned to be hanged for murder.

—The Simcoe Reformer continues its good work of showing up the corruption and rascality of the Laurier-Tarte combination. And, in a late issue in answer to Mr. Tarte's command to "shut up," it replies: "Commendation for the stand we have taken has come to the office from many parts of Canada. We believe that tens of thousands of old line liberals will agree with us, and we can assure the Hon. J. I. Tarte that his simple denial of the La Patrie story will not suffice. He should have followed up his denial with something more to the point than half a yard of abuse of this paper. The Reformer was fighting the battles of the liberal party when Mr. Tarte was squeezing government contractors for ammunition with which to destroy it, and it is likely to be still fighting them when Mr. Tarte is again back to his old occupation. We have no favor to ask of the czar of the Public Works department, nor have we any cause to be fearful of his journalistic thumper, so carefully reproduced by the impartial Globe. As we said in the beginning, the La Patrie purchase is only an incident. The case against the government is that the bargain for the purchase of the Drummond County railway was in the main corrupt, that certain political brokers were to be greatly enriched by the deal being consummated. Time and a rigid examination alone will demonstrate whether this paper or Hon. J. Israel Tarte have been the best friends of honest liberalism."

### ESTEEMED EXCHANGES.

Montreal Star: The Canadian Government should not be one of those who lose money over the Klondyke affair. The Government "claim" should be, at least, self-sustaining.

Montreal Gazette: Articles are appearing in the Liberal press advocating the appointment of a resident Canadian agent at Washington. What statesman feels himself in need of a job?

The London Economist of July 31 says: The condition of the money market has not appreciably altered during the past week, and although the approach of the end of the month has had some slight hardening influence that has been shown rather in the tone of the market than in quotations. For three months' bills the ruling quotation is 13-16 per cent., which is the same as when we last wrote, and it is only for six months' paper that the rate has slightly advanced. The likelihood of shipments of gold being made to the United States later on is still being discussed, and as to that no definite opinion can be expressed. All that can be said is that for the present there is no indication of such a movement,—on the contrary, gold is still being shipped from the States to this side, the American banks have more than usually ample funds at their disposal and gold is being sent to America from Australia. These are not conditions that point to the probability of gold having to be sent hence to the States, at all events to any large amount; but of course the conditions may alter later on.

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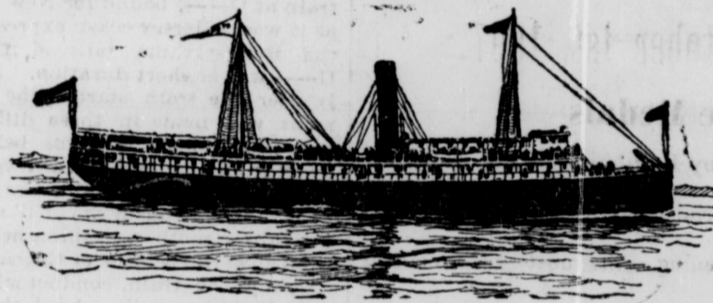
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