

The Daily Examiner

MARCH 21, 1885.

The Public Accounts.

We have again to thank the Government and Mr. R. F. DeBlois, the Provincial Auditor, for a full, clear and intelligible statement of the Public Accounts. It will surprise many persons and please all, to find that there is a surplus on the transactions of the past year—though the expenditure, amounting to \$279,545.35, exceeds the estimates which were \$249,379.04. It is needless to say that this excess is not due to any extravagance of the Government—but chiefly to the increasing demands of the Education Department and the wet summer of last year, which necessitated the payment of a larger amount than was anticipated in the repair of roads and bridges.

Education cost \$105,185.09, against \$101,193.41 in the previous year, or about \$40,000 a year more than when the Davies Administration was in power. The following comprise the—

Table with columns for Expenditure, 1884, and various categories like Administration of Justice, Public Works, and Education.

Total Expenditure, \$279,545.35

The receipts of the year were,—

Table with columns for Receipts and various categories like Subsidy from Dom. Government, Public Lands, and Miscellaneous.

Total Receipts, \$250,271.23

Of these receipts, much the largest is the Dominion subsidy of \$168,967.67 which is made up as follows:—

Table with columns for Subsidy and various categories like Public Lands, Refunds from Dom. Government, and Miscellaneous.

FOR HALF YEAR END 1ST JANUARY, 1884

Table with columns for Allowance for Population and various categories like Debt Account, Land Account, and Interest on Loans.

FOR HALF YEAR END 1ST JULY, 1884

Table with columns for Allowance for Population and various categories like Debt Account, Land Account, and Interest on Loans.

City Council.

An emergency meeting of the City Council was held last evening. Present—Mayor Boer, Recorder FitzGerald, Chief Engineer Large, Councilors Crabbe, Koughan, Hazard, Kelly, Davey, Horne, Doune, McKee and Morris.

Specifications for letting of Market tolls were read, and a motion was passed to call for tenders under the specifications.

The Finance Committee reported that a building site could be procured for the use of the Fire Department from John Johnson, on Queen Street. On motion of Councilor Crabbe, seconded by Councilor Hazard, it was

Resolved, That the Finance Committee, together with the Public Property Committee, be authorized to ask for plans and estimates for the new City Building proposed to be erected for the use of the Fire Department and City officials.

The meeting adjourned.

MR. GRADSTONE has recommended Earl Spencer, Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland, to the Queen, as deserving to have conferred upon him some signal mark of royal appreciation for the conspicuous ability he has displayed in the management of Her Majesty's affairs in Ireland.

The Report on Public Lands.

ACCORDING to the Report of the Commissioner of Public Lands 6,517 acres of land were sold to 103 persons for \$10,060.47 during the past year.

Since 1855, 674,125½ acres have been sold by the department; and 122,252½ acres appear to remain still in the hands of the department. But a portion of these lands are held by squatters and some of the estates are "greatly deficient of the quantity of land which they were represented to contain." So that the quantity of land the Government have yet to dispose of is really much less than the amount named. The receipts of the year are \$46,033.74—a falling off of \$5,317.29 as compared with the amount received in 1883.

The following statement will show the principal operations of the office since the acquisition of the larger estates under the Land Purchase Act of 1875:—

Table with columns for Acres sold, Amount agreed to be paid, and Total receipts.

In concluding his report, Hon. Mr. Ferguson says:—

"Year by year the necessity of constant attention to the accounts of purchasers becomes greater; it is only by vigorous and persistent efforts that many can be induced to make regular payments, there being in the minds of some a latent impression that by holding back they will be finally released from their obligations. In the interest of the purchasers themselves, it is most desirable that an impression so injurious should be removed."

The Estimates.

The estimates of expenditure were, with unprecedented promptness, tabled last evening. They are as follows:—

Table with columns for Administration of Justice, Public Works, Education, and various other departments.

It is pleasing to note that the grant of \$300 to the Halifax Institution for the deaf and dumb has been revived. The statement made by THE EXAMINER yesterday that the grant was voted last year, but not paid, was incorrect. The grant was not in the estimates last year.

THE New York Herald of the 17th inst., publishes an assortment of news by telegraph from Chicago, which warrants its description as "the sensational city" of the United States. A poor girl's corpse floating in a lake, and her death a mystery, a widow cured of consumption by a fit of anger at an imposture practiced on her supposed death bed; more developments in the Reeves child abduction case; smallpox infection of a palace car by the porter; a husband of three weeks seeking death by starvation; the impatience of insanity against an old man, founded on his marriage to a young woman and his wish to leave his property to public charities, and the revelation by Bishop Fellows that the second advent is close at hand—these all in one day make New York dull by comparison.

THE treasurer of the Prince Edward Island Hospital begs to acknowledge the receipt of the following sums towards its funds: St David's Church, Cape Traverse, \$7 75; DeSable Church, per Rev. Mr. Goodwill, 7 00; Canoe Cove Church, per Rev. Mr. Goodwill, 5 25; Methodist Church, Winsloe Road, 5 00; Farmers Club, New Glasgow, proceeds of Judge Alley's lecture, per R. Dickison, 13 00; Total, \$38 00.

THE prizes of 40,000 francs offered by the French Academy for some certain test of death, to prevent people from being buried alive, was given to a physician who announced that on holding the hand of the supposed dead person to a strong light, if living a scarlet line is seen where the fingers touch, showing a continuous circulation of the blood—no scarlet being seen if dead. Dr. Max Buch announces that on contracting a muscle by electricity its temperature will rise and be shown by any small surface thermometer if the person is living; if it does not rise life is extinct.

A FULL LINE of artists' materials direct from Reeves & Sons, London, G. B., opened to-day at the Diamond Bookstore.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Another Letter from Hon. D. Davies

Sir.—Mr. Hackett is, his letter says, that in my place in Parliament, "I advocated giving a private company the contract for the Winter Mail Service, with a view of playing into the hands of the P. E. Island Steam Navigation Co., as I saw a good fat job for the Company 'looming up' in the future." I am also charged by another party, with having used my influence when an M. P. for King's County, to deprive Georgetown of one of the semi-weekly trips the Company had contracted for, prior to confederation. I desire, once for all, to reply to such charges. Though I have been President of the Company since it was organized, I am not a large shareholder. In conjunction with my friends, John Irgs, L. C. Owen, W. Welsh, and others, some of whom have passed away—we founded the Company to supply a much needed want at the time, viz: safe and regular steam communication with the neighboring Provinces. That we succeeded in our object nobody will deny. Our profits for the first ten years were very fair but not extravagant; since that time our dividends have been small. The P. E. Island Railway cut off a good deal of our business. Competition with the Boston Line of steamers, the Gulf Ports Line, Black Diamond Line, M. A. Starr, and casual steamers has reduced our business. The Company have performed a difficult mail service for upwards of twenty years, with, I think, satisfaction to the public. Our contract has expired, and we are now performing the service from year to year, until Sir Charles Tupper's project for connecting our Island railway system with the Intercolonial, by railways to the Cape, and a powerful ferry steamer between the Cape is completed. As soon as this scheme is carried out, our palace steamers Princess of Wales and St. Lawrence will disappear from our waters—but it will be a work of time. The P. E. Island Steam Navigation Company do not complain they accept the situation. The company is no political. We have some of the strongest men on both sides of politics as shareholders, and this being so, if the company had been desirous of getting the contract for the winter mail service, I dare say we could have managed it; but we have made no effort in that direction. We were well aware that it was a very difficult service, the receipts from which would have been small, and the expenses enormous. But at the same time we were prepared to tender if tenders had been called for. Now, the ocean and tidal water mail services for England, other parts of Europe, and the United States, are nearly all done by private contract. These great countries find that such service is more cheaply and efficiently performed by private companies than under a Government department; but Mr. Hackett seems to be of opinion that it can be best done under our Marine and Fisheries Department—possibly he may see "a job looming up" in the future! With regard to the charge that I used my influence, when an M. P., to deprive Georgetown of one trip per week of the company's steamers, I did nothing of the kind! Bitter complaints had been made by travelers and others against more than a weekly trip to Georgetown; indeed it was contended with a good deal of force that the company's steamers should not call there at all, as Charlottetown should be the distributing centre for the Nova Scotia traffic. It was alleged, and it could not be contradicted, that passengers for Queen's and Prince Counties were compelled to stay overnight at Georgetown, pay railway fare to their destinations, and lose the next day. Passengers for the east end of King's County could reach their destinations a quickly from Charlottetown as from Georgetown, and transact some business in the city. One of the weekly trips to Georgetown was dropped in the public interests, if my memory serves me, upon the recommendation of the Postmaster, and not in the interest of the Steam Navigation Co.

Mr. Hackett charges me with being a servile supporter of the Mackenzie Government. Now there must be a motive for servility. I had none. I was an independent supporter of the R-form Party, on the broad principles of retrenchment and a Free Trade policy, as far as it was practicable to carry it out. If Mr. Hackett had searched Hansard he would have found that I was no servile follower of Mackenzie. Mr. Hackett has never voted against the Government on any occasion. He voted for the thirty millions subsidy to the Syndicate last year, and will doubtless be ready to vote for any further sums that may be required this year. He voted for paying Quebec Province for the cost of Provincial Railways, and he voted against Mr. Blake's motion that equal justice should be done to the Maritime Provinces by taking over their Railways. The idea of a servant of the Syndicate charging an old, and I claim, a faithful servant of the people, with servility, is rather cheeky.

I admit freely that upon the break up of the Coalition Government, formed in the year 1869 between His Honor, Governor Macdonald, as the leader of the Roman Catholic section of the Liberal party, and the Hon. J. C. Pope, Leader of the Conservative Opposition, upon the basis that Mr. Macdonald and his followers would not attempt to disturb the then existing school system, and that Mr. Pope and his followers would not do anything to put the Colony into Confederation during the life of the General Assembly. I joined the Liberal party. A strong Government had been formed, and if they had been content to have carried out the Terms of compact all would have gone well; but the Government sprung their railway policy upon us without consulting the people, and against the decision agreed to in caucus, and broke faith with their supporters. As a representative for the city, I supported the scheme, because a very large majority of my constituents memorialized me to do so. It was for representatives and the Legislative Council to say yes or no to the measure. They said yes. The measure was lobbied through both branches of the Legislature and became law. I was well aware that it meant Confederation, as it was absurd for any man of business to say that we could float a railway without getting over head and ears in debt and having to seek relief. I did not finally withdraw my support from the Government until they selected the contractors. Fraser was swallowed and others disposed of. I then went into opposition. I helped to smash up what I considered a corrupt Gov-

ernment. Though my constituents in Charlottetown rejected me at the ensuing election, when I appealed to a larger constituency, viz., King's County, I was returned on two occasions at the head of the poll for the House of Commons.

Mr. Hackett charges me with having supported a dastardly attempt made by "our Minister" to rob the young men of P. E. Island of the Franchise. This is mere "clap trap." I was not in favor of depriving the young men of their Franchise votes; but I was, and am, strongly in favor of a registration of voters, and I was in favor of a uniform qualification for electors for the Commons all over the Dominion. I spoke in favor of manhood suffrage, with the usual checks, viz, twelve months residence, payment of taxes, and Registration. As the Dominion Government of that time refused to go to the expense of a registration of voters for the Island, it was thought that the Local Government would certainly make the much needed reform, and with a view of exercising them into it, in the act introduced with reference to the qualification of electors for the Island, it was provided that until there was a registration of voters made by the Local Government the qualification of voters for the Legislative Council should apply to electors for the Dominion House of Commons; but Senator Howland and others saw a chance of making capital out of it, and the bill was thrown out by the Senate, and we are still without a Registration of Voters.

Mr. Hackett's abuse would not be worth noticing, except that he is a representative for Prince County in the Commons, and I cannot allow such charges, made against me by their representative, to pass unnoticed. If Mr. Hackett's charge that I am a renegade of the lowest type be true, His Honor the Governor is open to the same charge for changing parties, as well as several of his followers at the time.

Your obedient servant, DANIEL DAVIES. Ch'town, March 28, 1885.

Industrial Education.

Last evening, notwithstanding that there were three other organizations in full blast, including the concert in the Y. M. C. A. Hall, the meeting of the Literary and Scientific Society was fairly attended. Mr. Eobert Smallwood read his paper on "Industrial Education," which in fact was rather the outlines of a written essay, as he said he had not had sufficient time to fully prepare it, and which he filled out as he went on by very cogent arguments and suggestions. Mr. Smallwood urged the necessity for mechanics, or all those who proposed following industrial occupations, having a good education, especially in those branches which would best aid the young man in the calling in life for which he may be destined. Mr. Smallwood's remarks were short, crisp, concise, and pointed. He showed that not very long ago, it was the custom to keep the dunce of the family home on the farm, while the brighter ones were sent into the learned professions. A change has now taken place, and it is recognized that the farmer, and the artisan, or mechanic, must be qualified for their occupations, by a good education, as much as the minister, lawyer or doctor, or else be distanced in the race of life.

At the close of Mr. Smallwood's effort, a spirited debate took place in the matter of a Public Library for Charlottetown, which was taken part in by Mr. John Newton, and Mr. McDonald. (Prince of Wales College student), who rather opposed the idea of admitting the public to the use of the Legislative Library. P. R. Bowers, James McDonald, and others, argued in favor of the books of the Legislative Library, being accessible to the public, under certain restrictions, and that the number of books be augmented by private subscriptions for that purpose. It was stated for instance that one gentleman was willing to be one of ten to give one hundred dollars each to the object. A committee of five was appointed (to act in the matter in conjunction with committees of other societies) consisting of Messrs. P. R. Bowers, Robert Smallwood, William Kennedy, Dr. McLeod and Alexander McKinnon. The matter of the public library being disposed of, a spicy discussion took place on the subject of Mr. Smallwood's essay. Mr. Newton commended Mr. Smallwood's suggestions, and Mr. McDonald (student) thought that much of the time in schools and colleges was wasted, as lads were not taught the sciences or branches which would better fit them for after life, than the classics and other branches now largely taught. He was supported by Mr. Peterson, and in an argumentative speech by Mr. Rattenbury, showing that while the classics cultivated the memory, the study of the sciences cultivated both memory and reason. M. Mrs. Good and McKinnon, law students forcibly combated some of the premises of the latter speakers, while admitting the soundness of others. The really pungent witticisms indulged in by Messrs. Newton, Jas. McDonald (Customs) and by Mr. Smallwood, were appreciated, and the interest in the meeting was such that those present reluctantly broke up the meeting a little later than half-past ten.

THE New York Herald publishes a significant despatch from Varna bearing upon the present dispute between England and Russia on the Afghan boundary question. It is important as corroborating the views frequently expressed that Russia's ultimate aim in colonial and the threatened advance on India is intended to occupy the attention of England while the Eastern question in Europe shall be finally settled to the satisfaction of the three great European empires.

SUDDEN DEATH.—In St. John, N. B., on Monday morning Margaret McCarthy arose apparently in her usual good health, and was performing her accustomed household duties, when she complained of a slight pain in the region of her heart. Every effort was made to relieve her sufferings which, however, became more intense, and death intervened within half an hour.

LOCKED UP.—The Halifax Herald says: The civic treasury is now so closely locked by acts of parliament that the Council cannot buy a "copper broom" without a special act of the Legislature, but the Legislature can compel them to increase school, county, poor taxes, etc. to an unlimited extent. Nice position for our civic rulers to be in.

P. E. ISLAND RAILWAY.

SEALED TENDERS, addressed to the undersigned, and endorsed "Tenders for Steam Coal,"

will be received until Saturday, April 4th, inclusive, for the supply of six thousand five hundred (6,500) tons of the best fresh-mined, round, steam coal, for locomotive use. Tenders to state the price per ton of 2,240 lbs., delivered as follows:—

Table with columns for location and tonnage: Charlottetown (3,000 Tons), Summerside (2,300), Georgetown (500), Sossis (500), Cape Traverse (200).

At least one quarter of the whole quantity required at each of the above-mentioned stations to be delivered on or before the 30th of May next, and delivery of the whole to be completed on or before the first day of October, 1885.

The first payment will be made in July, and monthly thereafter. Ten (10) per cent. will be retained from each payment until the final and satisfactory completion of the contract.

The Department does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any Tender.

JAMES COLEMAN, Superintendent. Railway Office, Ch'town, March 21st, 1885.

City of Charlottetown.

TENDERS.

SEALED TENDERS will be received at the City Clerk's office until noon of Saturday, the 28th inst., from parties willing to contract for the Lease of Market Tolls, according to specification to be seen at this office.

The names of two good and sufficient securities must accompany each Tender. The Council do not bind themselves to accept the highest or any Tender.

By order, A. H. MACPHERSON, City Clerk. March 21, 1885—sat wed thur

JUST PUBLISHED.

"Love of Country,"

A LECTURE BY Hon. D. Ferguson.

Sold at the Book and Drug Stores for the benefit of the Benevolent Irish Society. Price, 25 Cents. Ch'town, March 21, 1885.

Card of Thanks.

THE Benevolent Irish Society desire to return their sincere thanks to His Honor the Lieutenant Governor and His Worship the Mayor for their ready response to the Society's request in proclaiming St. Patrick's Day a public holiday, to the Superintendent of the Railway for special Railway rates, to the ladies and gentlemen who took part in the Concert, and to all who in any way contributed towards making the St. Patrick's celebration so successful.

WILLIAM C. DESBRINAY, President. JOHN HENNESSY, Secretary. March 21, 1885—41

Administrators' Sale.

I AM instructed to Sell, by Auction, Tuesday, March 24th, at 2 o'clock, p. m., in front of the Law Courts' Building, the following being part of the estate of the late William Murphy, Esq., namely:—

Table with columns for Shares Gas Co., Common Stock, 240 do do First Premium do, 100 do do Second do do, 1 do do River-Side Creamery Co. Stock.

A. McNEILL, AUCTIONEER. Ch'town, March 18, 1885—51

44 QUEEN STREET.

W.A. BRENNAN,

Book, Job and Ornamental Printer, Book-Binder, Paper Ruler.

BLANK-BOOK MANUFACTURER.

The Printing and Binding machinery and Plant in this Office is that of the late Bremner Brothers.

and is well known as one of the most complete printing and binding concerns in the Lower Provinces. With such facilities it is no trouble to do the best work at moderate rates.

44 Queen Street, Charlottetown, P. E. Island. March 17th, 1885.

TO RENT.

THE Subscriber offers for rent half the Shop, formerly occupied by Messrs. Bremner Bros. as a book and stationery store. W. A. BRENNAN. Ch'town, March 11, 1885—41

COAL.

ON hand, a quantity of Pi-tou, Gourie Mines and Glace Bay Coal. Also: Sydney (old mine) Round Coal. Will be sold for Cash at Summer prices. CAPT. JOHN HUGHES, Water Street. Ch'town, May 10, 1885—1mo

APPLES, FISH, &c.

BY Auction, Monday, March 23rd, at 2 o'clock, at my Auction Room:—

50 barrels Apples, 30 boxes Boneless Fish, 10 do Cheese. To close consignment. A. McNEILL, Auctioneer. Ch'town, March 20, 1885. 95

THE ANNIVERSARY MEETING

OF the Young Women's Christian Association will be held (D. V.) on Monday afternoon, next, 23rd March, at 4 o'clock, in the Basement Parlor of the Y. M. C. A. Friends and members are invited to attend and hear the report read of last year's work. C. J. A. MAYNE, Secretary. Ch'town, March 19, 1885. 31

Sale of Freehold Land.

Province of Prince Edward Island, IN CHANCERY, Before the Vice-Chancellor.

In the matter of Michael Murphy, a person of unsound mind.

TO BE SOLD by Public Auction, on TUESDAY, the 21st day of APRIL next, A. D. 1885, at the hour of 12 o'clock, noon, in the Supreme Court Room, Law Courts Building, Charlottetown, pursuant to an order made in the above cause, dated the ninth day of March, 1885, all that certain piece of land and premises hereinafter mentioned, belonging to the said Michael Murphy, a person of unsound mind, the care and custody of whom hath been duly committed to Willam McPhail, Supervisor of the Pauper Asylum, in the County of Charlottetown, the said land and premises being situate on Lot (31) Thirty-one, in Queen's County, in Prince Edward Island, and bounded or described as follows, that is to say, commencing at the north-west corner of land, now or lately in the possession of James Murphy, thence running east one degree and forty-five minutes north (E 1 1/2 1/2 N), eighteen chains and sixty-four links, and from this point and the point of commencement running northerly by two parallel lines until they meet the old Tryon Road, Together with all rights and appurtenances thereto belonging.

TERMS:—One-half of the purchase money to be paid down at the time of sale, and the balance to be secured by mortgage on the premises, payable in two years from day of sale, with interest payable yearly at six per cent per annum. Dated at Charlottetown this 14th day of March, A. D. 1885. J. LONGWORTH, Master in Chancery. NEIL McLEOD, Solicitor for Committee. Ch'town, March 14—41 sale sat

Prince Edward Island

IN CHANCERY, Before the Vice-Chancellor.

In the matter of Michael Murphy, a person of unsound mind.

BY virtue of an Order of His Honor the Vice-Chancellor made in this matter, bearing date the ninth day of March, 1885, all persons having any debts and claims against the said Michael Murphy are hereby required to come in and prove their debts and claims before me, the undersigned Master; and I do hereby, by virtue of the said order and the authority to me therein given, give notice thereof; and I do hereby appoint every Wednesday next, ensuing the date hereof, up to the fifth or last Wednesday in April next, inclusive, for that purpose. And it is by the said order further declared that such of the creditors of the said Michael Murphy as shall not come in and prove their debts and claims by the said fifth or last Wednesday in April next shall be excluded from the benefit of the said order.

Dated this 14th day of March, A. D. 1885. J. LONGWORTH, Master in Chancery. NEIL McLEOD, Solicitor for Committee. Ch'town, March 14—41 sale sat

REVISED EDITION

HOLY BIBLE.

I HAVE received advices that the Revised Edition of the Bible (complete)—Old and New Testament—will be ready for issue from the Oxford and Cambridge Press early next month. The work now by me ordered will be issued as soon as ready; but as there will be a great rush for the first issue, I will take orders from parties wishing to get them as soon as received. Prices will range from \$1.00 to \$18.50, according to sizes and style of binding. Come and order early. G. H. HASZARD, Brown's Block, Queen Square. Ch'town, March 16, 1885—2wks 3aw

WANTS, LOST, FOUND, &c.

WANTED—A Cook and dining-room Girl for an hotel. Apply at this office. mar 19—61 eod pd

WANTED—To purchase, in the City, a Cottage Enquire at E. Needham's office, Market House. mar 18

LOST—On Friday, March 6th, on Queen Street, near the Pound, a child's Osepe. The finder will be rewarded by leaving it at the EXAMINER OFFICE. (mar 15

TO LET—A new house, fronting on Pownall Street. Enquire of Thos. W. Dodd. mar 3 pat

MONEY WANTED—Provided interest low good security. Apply at this office. (Feb 27 th

BOX JAUNTING SLEIGH and phaeton (reversible seat) for sale. Apply to Geo. Bremner. (Feb 27 th

JOB PRINTING of every description executed with neatness and dispatch at the EXAMINER JOB PRINTING