

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Letter from Dr. Jenkins.

Sir,—Thursday's issue of the Patriot, which I have only just seen, contains an article referring to the forthcoming exhibition.

The amiable and christian editor seems to be troubled at the thought that there could be "complete harmony" between THE EXAMINER and myself in any cause however praiseworthy. He might have been enquiring here learned the truth, and saved himself that pang. He would have found that I have nothing to say to THE EXAMINER beyond using it as a means of communication with the reading public, and that I would quite as readily make use of the Patriot for that purpose, but that under the peculiar management of its present editor, it has become a medium of communication with but a small portion of the reading public.

The gentleman whom the Patriot designates in more than its usual coarse, discourteous, and I need hardly say wholly untruthful manner, as a "ring," "a clique," "wire-pullers," &c., engaged "in a game of grab," and in an attempt to manipulate the Dominion grant of \$5,000 consist of the following: Senator Waythorne, Judge Hensley, Mr. Charles Palmer, Mr. Bayfield, Mr. Bannerman Warburton, Mr. Henry Beer, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Henry Longworth, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Gardiner and myself. I write from memory, but think these are all who are engaged in the laudable effort of endeavoring to procure for this Province the grant of \$5,000 for an exhibition on the Island. If I have omitted the name of any one from the list of those who are distinguished by the low abuse of the Patriot and whose respectability and good name must be largely benefited thereby, I apologise and deeply regret his loss.

As the Patriot has especially distinguished me in his article, I may be pardoned if I review my connection with Exhibitions in the past. For twenty-seven years I have spent freely and ungrudgingly, much valuable time and not a little money in the endeavor to keep up and improve our annual Exhibitions, and during that time I have exhibited four horses, one of which was successful, more, I may say, to the pecuniary advantage of my groom than of myself. I have imported at considerable expense, valuable stock. The result of one of those importations is my horse Royal Harry, who brought some credit to the Island by taking first in his class at the world's fair at Philadelphia in 1876, where he was sent at my private expense—some two or three hundred dollars. His stock at Montreal, Halifax, and St. John, took the great bulk of the prizes in the carriage horse class, and these prizes were taken by the farmers throughout the country, each county getting a share, and not by "owners of trotting parks and fast horses" who, the Patriot asserts have been in the habit of getting the "lion's share." This assertion is just as devoid of truth, but not so grotesquely false, as the inference that "Mr. Laird and Mr. Davies have ranged themselves on the side of the country at large." I should like to know when, where, and in what manner, Mr. Laird has ranged himself on the side of the country at large in this matter of Exhibitions? The newly born enthusiasm, to which he alludes no less than three times in his short article, has as yet produced no fruit, and until it does so, I don't think the public will place much faith in his enthusiasm.

It is very clear Sir, that Mr. Laird, looking back on the stand he took at the meeting, is "sorry he spoke," and in his effort to struggle out of the false position in which he finds himself and get on the right side of the fence, his mental wriggles are equally unsmooth with the physical contortions he displayed on the platform when he endeavored to throw ridicule on the proposed exhibition.

The editor of the Patriot no doubt feels it natural to accuse others of a "game of grab," he himself having been so long engaged in that profitable occupation—his first grab was in the matter of stationery, that was comparatively but a small one, but his hands were a little emriched in the operation. By his next grab he, through no merit or ability of his own, but solely through a coincidence of fortuitous circumstances, became possessed of the nice little sum of \$65,000 (something like a grab) one that places him in a position "to range himself" handsomely on "the side of the country at large." A sixtieth part of the amount would not be a heavy tithe and would be an acceptable addition to the Exhibition fund. Will he give it?

Yours, etc., J. T. JENKINS.

Ch'town, Dec. 29, 1883.

St. John Letter.

RESULTS OF THE EXHIBITION—A GOOD FALL BUSINESS—CIVIC MATTERS—THE N. B. STOCK FARM.

ALTHOUGH events that have recently occurred in this city have scarcely of such a character as to deserve recording, still a few notes at the close of the year may be of interest to a few of the many readers of THE EXAMINER.

The late exhibition, though undoubtedly a success, as far as such a display could possibly be, yet the general results to the business community from a financial point, have not been as satisfactory as could be desired.

The recent failure of a prominent lumbering firm, whose operations are largely in the northern portion of the Province, will, unless assistance can be obtained from the Banks, prove a severe calamity to many persons in that section, who depend chiefly on this industry for employment during the winter months.

A good fall business has been done with the up river districts, as well as the usual Nova Scotia ports in the Bay of Fundy. Much cannot be said in favor of the steam service, as at present performed with the latter places, it being quite inferior to what it was a quarter of a century ago. The matter has, however, been brought under the notice of the Board of Trade, and an improvement may be looked for, probably, another season.

Civic taxation is just now receiving considerable attention, and the present mode of assessment is being fiercely attacked by a few prominent citizens, on whom, as they aver, the burden falls unjustly. It is not probable that any change in this direction will take place, the majority of the rate-

payers being quite satisfied with the system now in force.

The activity usually observed during the few days preceding the Christmas season, was this year less noticeable, the weather being intensely cold, with snowstorms and gales, and purchasers of holiday gifts were consequently not as numerous as they otherwise would have been. Sunday, the 23rd ult., proved to be the severest day experienced for a number of years, and the "cold Friday" of 1861, formed a general topic of conversation throughout the day. Many families were deprived of their regular supply of water until the services of plumbers could be obtained, which individuals reaped a rich harvest.

The doctrine of Confession and Absolution, so strongly advocated at the Mission recently held in Halifax, has received a large share of attention in this city from the daily press, which has opened its columns to a free and full discussion of the subject by distinguished writers holding different views. Sermons also have been preached and published on the question by clergymen, not only of the Church of England, but those of other denominations. Whether good will result from this controversy or no, it is not in the province of this communication to state.

The Stock Farm lately established in King's County by the Provincial Government, appears to be a losing speculation, as will be noticed by the following extract from the daily Sun's report of the last meeting of the Board of Agriculture, held at Fredericton. "The President read his annual address, in which he referred to the death of the late Dr. Elder, the Centennial Exhibition, and the Stock Farm, which, in his opinion, was a losing investment, and suggested the sale thereof as a question for the consideration of the board. He further discussed the question, is the agricultural interest of the province properly looked after?"

The secretary then read extracts from his annual report, in which he expressed his pleasure to be able to report the improved condition of the agricultural interests of the Province, both as regards crops and stock, and recommended that horses be added to the stock on the Stock Farm. He feared that this farm was not suited for the purpose intended and treated of the stock produced, the soil, the amount of annual produce, etc., in all a rather gloomy showing, and in proof of this opinion submitted the following from the Manager's statement:—

Interval hay—principally brown top, very little timothy or clover; cut 61 tons.

Swamp hay—very poor quality, not suitable for such stock as those on the farm; cut 6 tons.

About twenty acres of land produced 557 bushels of oats.

Fourteen acres—seventy bushels buck-wheat.

Three acres—460 bushels potatoes.

Five acres—2,600 bushels turnips.

Besides a small quantity of vegetables in the garden and pasture.

The amount of stock now on the farm was 24 cattle, 41 sheep and 5 horses.

He advised, however, that the farm be not abandoned, but have another trial under more favorable auspices.

When legislating to redress the land "grievances of Ireland," a year or two since, the British Government thought it well to seek information as to the working of the "Land Purchase Act" in Prince Edward Island. Now the present New Brunswick Government could not do better than apply to the same source for a knowledge (which it appears to lack) of successful managing Stock Farms, before they finally decide to abandon an undertaking which would be sustained at all hazards in a country like this where resources are so largely agricultural.

PEACH.

St. John, N. B., Dec. 29, 1883.

P. E. Island Railway.

SOME OF THE IMPROVEMENTS MADE IN THE PAST YEAR—A CREDITABLE EXHIBIT.

During the past year, the rolling stock was increased by one locomotive, two first class cars and three second class cars each seating sixty persons, besides thirty box and thirty flat cars.

The old rolling stock has been well and efficiently maintained at considerable expense.

The freight house at Charlottetown has been enlarged at least a third.

A new flag station was erected a Piusville; and fourteen flag stations were re-built, repaired and otherwise improved. New platforms have been built, and several of the telegraph stations received repairs.

Wellington station was enlarged, repaired, and a new platform was placed in front and all around it.

A new dwelling house was built at Alberton for the Station Master.

Extensive repairs were made on Summerside wharf, and some improvements around the station.

A new snow-plough has been built to take the place of one worn out.

Large repairs were made on Charlottetown wharf and other wharves and bridges have been thoroughly overhauled and put in good order.

On the whole, the road was never in a finer condition for traffic than it is now.

The work on the Cape Traverse Branch is far advanced. An engine and snow-plough for this Branch are under construction. It is hoped that early next season the branch line will be in a condition for business.

Our Advertisers.

Artemas Lord calls for tenders for the removal of St. Peter's Island Lighthouse.

Henry Longworth notifies all persons indebted to Frank Macdonald that an immediate settlement is necessary.

A political meeting for the purpose of discussing the wants of the district will be held in Belle Creek Schoolhouse on Friday next.

Albert Duchemin directs the attention of ship and house builders to the stock of ships requisites, mouldings, etc., which he keeps constantly on hand at his factory, Beer's wharf.

A. McNeill advertises an auction sale of books at the Appraiser's office on Saturday next, at 12 o'clock; also a sale of apples, tea, etc., at his auction room, on Monday, at two o'clock.

Col. Snow has gone to Ottawa in the interest of the Short Line Railway. Some new developments may shortly be expected.

Sympathy and Condolence.

The following is a copy of the Rev. Canon J. Fleming's letter to Admiral Orlebar, respecting his son, Dr. H. G. Orlebar, late Physician to Royal Pimlico Provident Dispensary:—

St. MICHAEL'S, VICTORIA, December 2, 1883

My DEAR SIR,—At the last Committee of the Royal Pimlico Dispensary, I was entrusted with the duty and privilege of conveying to yourself and family our vote of sincere sympathy and condolence on the early death of your son, Dr. Orlebar. In nothing was his devotion to duty more highly evinced than in the self-sacrificing performance of every call upon him in the work amongst the poor. The poorest patient was as sure of his kindness and skill as if there were none other. And your son is lamented on all sides by the poor, by whom he was sincerely beloved.

Allow me to add, that as Vicar of his Parish, (St. Michael's, Chester Square) how deeply I appreciate his help in all our work, and how much I mourn his early death. But you are sure that he is lifted to far higher service than any on earth, and that he is forever in the unselfing Kingdom of his Redeemer. Believe me to be

Sincerely yours, JAMES FLEMING.

Masonic.

On Thursday last, St. John's Day, 27th ult., the brethren of St. John's and Victoria Lodges, met together at their Lodge Room, Masonic Hall, for the purpose of installing the officers of their respective lodges for the ensuing year. The following are the officers of:

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, NO. 1.

- Rev. J. Herbert Read, D.D.—W. M. Henry Beer—S. W. Thomas Taylor—J. W. A. N. Large—Treas. John G. J. Weldon—Sec'y. Thomas J. Leeming—Chap. Simon W. Grabbe—Marshal. Henry J. Worth—S. D. George P. Tanton—J. D. James Dollar—S. S. Henry Wood—J. S. John Binns—I. G. C. Hansen—Tyler.

VICTORIA LODGE, NO. 2.

- Wm. Bethune—W. M. F. S. Chandler—S. W. W. R. Boreham—S. W. J. W. Morrison—Treas. J. A. Lawson—Sec'y. Rev. J. M. McLeod—Chap. C. B. Warren—S. D. D. R. McLennan—J. D. E. Cameron—S. S. S. Moore—J. S. A. H. B. Macgowan—Marshal. Wm. Keeping—J. G. C. Hansen—Tyler.

The Harbor Grace Riot.

THE POLICE FIRED THE FIRST SHOT—AN ATTEMPT ON THE LIFE OF BISHOP McDONALD—THE EXCITEMENT STILL FEARFUL.

On the 31st an express from Harbor Grace brought a written despatch to St. John's, containing an authentic account of the Harbor Grace affray, and differing materially from the telegraphed report. It states that the Orange Association walked out on St. Stephen's day and reached the branch road near Paddy McArthur's house, where they were met by the Riverhead men, all Roman Catholics. The Catholics were ranged along with pickets and at this time showed no other weapons. They called on the Orangemen to stop and not cross the bridge or they would repent it. The Orangemen paused and struck up

"THE BATTLE OF THE BOYNE."

whereupon the mob rushed forward. Head constable Doyle ordered them back, but they did not heed him, whereupon he drew a revolver and shot Callahan. Then rose a cry "all hands look out!" The rattle of a volley of sealing guns was heard at once, and a score of dead and wounded lay bleeding on the ground. The Orangemen fled like sheep, they tore off their scarfs and left their banners as flags behind them. Darnley tore up their flags in shreds and planted the green flag on the spot. He was fired at and wounded by retreating Orangemen. The excitement here is still fearful. While Dr. McDonald, the Roman Catholic bishop, was on a visit to some of the wounded, his horse was seized by some seven or eight Orangemen who sought to precipitate the BISHOP OVER THE CLIFF near Courages Beach. He was saved by Father Roe, a powerful Irish priest, who felled one of the Bishop's assailants with a leaden whip-handle and kept the rest at bay till a squad of mounted police came to their rescue and escorted them on their journey. A party of Roman Catholics have taken possession of Harbor Grace hill and have issued a defiance to the Carbonar Orangemen to come up. It is reported this evening by telegram that another shooting affray took place at noon on the 31st ult., but no particulars are yet learned.

The Horsford Almanac and Cook Book. mailed free on application to the Rumford Chemical Works, Providence, R. I.

DIED.

At Charlottetown, on Sunday, the 30th Dec., fell asleep in Jesus, Mary Argall, the dearly loved wife of the Rev. J. Herbert Read, D. D., Archdeacon of Prince Edward Island.

[The funeral will leave her late residence, Upper Prince Street, at two o'clock to-morrow, (Thursday) for St. Paul's Church, thence by train to Sherwood Cemetery.]

At Halifax, on the 29th ult., at residence of her son-in-law, Robert Rafter, 113 Agricola Street, Mrs. Annie Reeves, relict of the late John W. Reeves, in the 65th year of her age. She bore her last illness with patience and resignation to the Divine will, and died in the full hope of a glorious immortality.

P. E. Island Pottery.

WE are Agents for the P. E. Island Pottery. Orders sent to us will receive prompt attention. Jars, Jugs, Bean Pots, Mugs, Flower Pots, Spitoons, Stove Stones, etc., etc., in stock.

BEER & GOFF,

AGENTS

Ch'town, Oct. 20, '83.

D. A. BRUCE, MERCHANT TAILOR,

IS OVER-STOCKED with the following GOODS, and offers them at a

REDUCTION OF TWENTY PER CENT.

Gents' Woollen Underwear, Flannel Shirts, Fur Caps, Kid Mits, Sleigh Robes.

OVERCOATINGS,

WHICH YOU CAN HAVE

MADE TO YOUR MEASURE

Cheaper Than Imported Ready Made.

D. A. BRUCE,

Dec. 20, 1883.—cod wkly

72 Queen Street, Charlottetown.

THE CHARLOTTETOWN

FLOUR, FEED AND PROVISION, STORE,

South Side Queen Square, near Queen Street,

HAVE to announce that they have on hand the following goods, which they are prepared to sell at reasonable prices and in quantities to suit purchasers:

Flour (Superior Extra, Strong Bakers' and Patent)

OATMEAL, CORNMEAL, BRAN, SHORTS, OATS,

CRUSHED FEED, either Oats and Barley or Oats, Barley and Corn. APPLES, which will be sold by the barrel or by the pound, at rates very little over barrel prices.

Ch'town, Dec. 18, 1883.

FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

GREAT SALE OF

MEN'S & BOYS' CLOTHING,

J. B. MACDONALD'S.

- Men's Warm Reefers, \$3.00 Men's Heavy Warm Reefers, 4.00 Men's Heavy Warm Reefers, 5.00 Men's Extra Heavy Reefers, 6.00

OVERCOATS. OVERCOATS.

- Men's Warm Overcoats, \$4.00 Men's Heavy Warm Overcoats, 5.25 Men's Extra Warm Overcoats, 6.75 Men's Super Warm Overcoats, 8.00 Men's Superior Custom Made Overcoats, 10.00

- Men's Heavy Warm Ulster Coats, \$5.00 Men's Extra Heavy Ulster Coats, 6.50 Men's Very Heavy, \$8.00, \$9.00, \$10.00

Boys' Clothing, in great variety and at reduced prices, during the Holidays. Men's and Boys' Warm Underclothing, very cheap. Fur and Cloth Caps, the cheapest to be had. Come one and all to the popular cheap store.

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Ch'town, Dec. 10, 1883.—2aw wkly her pres

Queen Street.

CHARLOTTETOWN BOOT AND SHOE FACTORY.

COME! COME! COME!

—AND GET YOUR—

XMAS AND NEW YEAR'S PRESENTS AT LOWEST PRICES.

VELVET, Carpet and Kid Slippers, French Kid and Oil Goat Button Boots, Grain Calf Skating Boots, Overshoes and Rubbers, and a large assortment of all kinds of Boots and Shoes, from 50 cents upwards. Warranted to fit and best qualities.

DORSEY, GOFF & CO.,

Ch'town, Dec. 20, 1883.

Queen Street.

Valentine Fair. SMOKERS, BEHOLD!

THE Members of St. Paul's Church Choir intend holding a Valentine Fair, on Thursday, the 14th February next, in St. Paul's Schoolroom. The Members of the Congregation are asked to send contributions to

- Mrs. Sidney Grey, Mrs. James Palmer, Mrs. George Macleod.

The proceeds to go towards paying for the alterations in the Church.

Dec. 11, 1883.—law lu

WE OFFER one hundred Cigar Holders, in cases, marked a dollar, for 25 cents each.

From now until 2nd January we have marked our immense stock of BRIAR PIPES at 15 per cent. discount.

A few A1 MEESCHAUM PIPES for Xmas Gifts. Every one warranted.

A fine assortment of WALKING STICKS.

FRASER & REDDIN,

Opposite Post Office.

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V. M. C. A.

LECTURE COURSE.

THE Fourth Lecture of the Winter Course, before the Young Men's Christian Association, will be delivered by

L. H. DAVIES, ESQ., M.P.,

Y. M. C. A. HALL,

Thursday Ev'ng, January 3rd,

SUBJECT—"GREAT MEN IN COUNCIL"

Chair to be taken at eight o'clock. Admission ten cents.

HENRY SMITH, Secretary.

Ch'town, Dec. 27.

Y. M. C. ASSOCIATION.

THE Annual sale of Papers, Magazines, &c., will take place in the Reading Room on the evening of Wednesday, January 2nd, at 5.30 o'clock.

HENRY SMITH, Secretary.

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ST. PETER'S SCHOOLS

WILL RE-OPEN ON

Monday, January 7th, at 10 o'clock.

Boys' School.

Subjects Taught—All English branches thoroughly, Latin, Greek, French, or German, if desired.

Girls' School.

All English branches—French and Latin if required.

Applications may be made to Miss Harris, Pownall Street, Rev. G. W. Hodgson, or to

W. B. KING, St. Peter's Clergy House.

Ch'town, 29, '83.—dly tl jan7.

BARGAINS!

PREVIOUSLY to closing our BRANCH STORE, we offer all our FANCY GOODS such as

Photograph Albums, Autograph Albums,

Card Cases, Frames, New Year Cards,

Writing Desk, &c., Also, Gift Books, Toy Books,

Bibles, Prayers, Hymns,

at a reduction of TWENTY PER CENT. from marked prices, FOR CASH ONLY.

This offer to remain good only a short time before we move back the balance of our Stock into the Old Stand

BREMNER BROS.

Ch'town, Dec. 29, 1883.—11

GRAND CARNIVAL!

THE Directors of the Citizens' Skating Rink have pleasure in announcing their

Annual Skating Carnival,

TO TAKE PLACE

AT THE RINK,

Friday, 18th January,

AT EIGHT O'CLOCK.

REGULATIONS.

All parties intending to take part must enter their names with the Committee not later than Saturday, 17th inst.

Each person in costume must be provided with a legible card bearing name and "character," such card to be handed to the person in waiting, upon entering the Dressing Room.

The Committee reserve the right to reject any objectionable character.

Admission—Ticket-holders in costume, free; non ticket-holders in costume, 20 cents. Spectators to promenade, 25 cents; children, 25 cents. Tickets to be had at Apothecaries Hall.

Ch'town, Dec. 29, 1883.—2aw.

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WANTS, LOST, FOUND, &c.

WANTED TO RENT about 1st April, a House containing seven or eight rooms within 5 minutes walk of the post office. Enquire at this office. [dec 29 4in.]

WANTED.—A Situation this winter as "an Maker, also as Foreman for the coming Lobster Season by one who thoroughly understands the business. Address: J. I. M., Charlottetown, P. E. I. [dec 29]

WANTED TO PURCHASE.—A pair of medium sized Snowshoes (second hand) Apply at this office. [dec 27]

WANTED.—To Lease for a term of years, a Cottage, centrally located. Enquire at this office. [dec 21 tf]

TO LET.—Warehouses to let on Lord's Wharf. Apply to W. W. CLARKE. [dec 20]

TO LET.—Part of House opposite Railway Station. Enquire at this office. [dec 19]

BOARDERS.—Mrs. Robert Rodd, has removed to the house of Mr. C. Heats, Euston Street, where she can accommodate number of Boarders, on reasonable terms.