

THE DAILY EXAMINER.

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TEMPERANCE PREACHING

The example that was set on Sunday last by the Rev. G. M. Campbell is worthy of imitation by preachers of the Gospel in town and country. It is true that temperance is apparently on the wane. But it is still a common sin, a national evil, affecting both body and soul, here and hereafter. No denomination or class, scarcely a family, is free from it; and it results, sooner or later, in poverty and misery, disease and death. Surely it is worth the preachers' best efforts, his repeated and continuous efforts to add force to the movement towards temperance reform. Good preaching is admittedly a potent agency for good. But it may be urged that those who are addicted to the sin of intemperance do not come within its influence. This is but partly true. Many young persons attend church and hear sermons. These may not, perhaps, be able to understand the deep principles of the Gospel, however lucidly expounded; but they can understand and are likely to profitably warn against excessive drinking addictions to them from the sacred pulpit by those whom, instinctively, they reverence; and these young persons are the material out of which drunkards are eventually made. Even old sinners occasionally come within the influence of the preacher. Many a man or woman just upon the point of being overcome by the insidious sin of intemperance may be saved by the words of the preacher uttered in due season. We do not mean to say that our preachers have been altogether remiss in this regard. But we do say that many of them might well double their efforts to save their hearers from the awful fate of the drunkard. With more effective temperance preaching there would certainly be more effective temperance work. Our Bands of Hope and other temperance societies would be more active, more persevering, more successful, if only the virtue of temperance and the sin of intemperance were often dwelt upon by our preachers and teachers. It's all very well to talk about law. Law must have the moral support, the lively, active cooperation of the public, or it will not be enforced; and the preacher may do much towards strengthening moral support and enlarging the sphere of co-operation in respect to temperance work and law.

FROZEN TO DEATH

Rev. R. Montague Bickle, resident Methodist minister at Spoon Cove, Barin, N.S., writes under date of December 18th, of the saddest event that has ever come under his name. On Tuesday, the 10th, of the month, he and his eldest son, who is about 14 years of age, were compelled through poverty to go into the woods and cut timber in order to pay for a barrel of flour he had previously received. After cutting the timber they both separated to go to two acres they had set for rabbits, intending to meet again. But, alas! they were overtaken by a terrific snowstorm, which lasted for three days. They had some matches, but owing to the terrific weather they got wet, and there was no possible means of kindling a fire. To keep themselves warm they kept running, each thinking they would reach the starting point, where they had erected a kind of shelter. The father, instead of hearing the place where they separated, strayed farther and farther away, but the boy, it seems through some mysterious Providence, wound his way nearer the starting point. They soon discovered that they were lost, which added greatly to their nervous state of mind. A party of men returning home came across the almost lifeless body of the boy, who was frosted and lying in the snow, too weak to speak. The men could not ascertain whether there were anyone else in company with him when they left home. But as soon as they reached the boy's home they soon discovered that the father, who had left with him, had not returned. They immediately set off in search for the father. One day's searching proved fruitless. On Friday the 15th, they came across the lifeless body of the father, frostbitten all over.

CANADIAN COAST DEFENCES

The Montreal Star's London cable says: Attention has been called to the fact that, as North Atlantic squadron is now leaving Bermuda for its regular West Indian cruise, lasting till April, any outbreak with the United States would leave the Canadian coasts and trans-Atlantic commerce at the mercy of the United States' cruisers. There being no British cable to the West Indies, the British government would be unable to recall the squadron. This situation furnishes a strong reason for Canadian and Imperial support to the extension of the Halifax cable from Bermuda to the West Indies. The question is being strongly urged upon the Canadian government. The decision of the Canadian government to send Quartermaster General Lake to England in connection with the defence of Canada is commended here, and it is believed that he will find Mr. Chamberlain, the colonial secretary, ready to co-operate in a reasonable measure towards protection. Mr. Chamberlain says: The Canadians have shown such quiet, good sense during the crisis that they will not suppose that they now mean to imperil the chances of a friendly agreement with the United States, by rushing headlong into an epidemic of jingoism.

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THE SUNNY SOUTH.

In passing through we omitted referring to the appearance of thrift and neatness which prevailed generally. The neat cottage of Capt. McDougall attracts attention, and a little further on, opposite a tidy and commodious dwelling occupied by Mr. Gillis, is the extensive milling establishment of Mr. Anderson. Esq., who has a large run of customers and is doing a good business. Newton is the seat of the Smiths, the McDougalls, the McTavishes, the Gillies, &c. At the east end of Newton are the Coopers, the Morrissey, the Kellys, the Roaches, the Nalders, the Murphys, &c. They are a part of the parsonages of the Rev. Jas. Phelan, of Montague West. The Rev. gentleman, who had a trip to his native land last summer, a vacation which he has well earned, is here laboring successfully among a sober and industrious class of people, who are much attached to him. Mr. Orwell has a fine farm and is a successful farmer. The aspect of the country indicates good farming, and dairying is now engaging their attention, for which their lands are well adapted. The residences of Angus Nicholson, Esq., and the late Capt. Newton, are among the most attractive. So does the residence of J. M. Grant, Esq., which we see some distance away. Shortly, Morrison's Corner is reached, where Donald McLeod, Esq., is doing a large business, and it is needless to say that Mr. Stephen is popular and deriving of the confidence of the circle of customers. The steamer Jacques Carier calls at this point, and the people of the South. The accommodation was secured to them through the influence of the late Hon. James Duncan, who represented Belfast in the House of Commons. This is, perhaps, the greatest favor ever bestowed on any party, and the much-reviled Conservative party gave it to them. The purchase of the Selkirk Estate may really have been the most beneficial to the people living on the island, which was called the Selkirk estate. However this may be, there is one conclusion, and that is that a vast amount of money has been spent to free the most of the tenants of this island from property bondage. At Confederation \$800,000 were given by the Dominion for that purpose. It has been nearly all spent, but the freeing of the tenantry on the Selkirk Estate has cost the most of the Province one dollar. They have bravely, and without a murmur, helped others, but did not need help in return. This, to my mind, is one strong argument why the people from other sections of the Island should unite with Belfast to do so much needed railway communication. Their people were made free-holders, without costing their fellow-colonists one cent. Then, if people from other sections of a murmur, not only had to bear heavy burdens in order to free others, but had to pay their share for the construction of the main line and its branches, as now built. We must not forget what we owe to the services to be rewarded. Let every part of the Island unite in securing justice in railway communication to Belfast and Murray Harbor. So note it here.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SCHOOL MATTERS

Sir, - The publication in last evening's Examiner of the doings of the Charlottetown School Board at its two last meetings was interesting reading. But it requires some difficulty to find out what was gained by the city for the raising of the salaries of the City Teachers. Upon what principle the changes were made no mortal man can tell, but the action of the Trustees shows clearly that a radical change in the construction of the Board should be made. A glance over the names of the Trustees will convince any unprejudiced person that there are certain gentlemen on the Board who are now entirely unfit for the position, and if they ever ought to have seen their usefulness is now gone. The manner in which the trustees are appointed should be changed, and the general character of the trustees ought to be decided by the electors of Charlottetown. That the Government should appoint four members, and the City Council three, is not just. The Government, in country districts, should not have any such power in Charlottetown. But the most extraordinary fact is that we have Mr. Donald Farquharson, a member of the City Council, representing the city on the Board, which is simply an outrage. No man can serve two masters, and it will puzzle even Mr. Farquharson, with all his well-known duplicity, to tell which interest he looks after, viz., that of the local government, of which he is a member, or that of the city of Charlottetown, which he is supposed to represent. If Mr. Farquharson has any sense of propriety he must, upon reflection, see the extraordinary and inconsistent position that he occupies, and therefore should either resign from the Government or the School Board, but cannot do both. In decency, occupy both could be secured; but the present mode of appointment has been the means of setting up a pair of trustees, and their work shows it.

TRUE CONSERVATIVE AGAIN. Sir, - I am quite sure that it did not require Mr. Peake's letter in last evening's Examiner to assure the public that he was no party to the trucking of the Stanley's freight. The general public are well aware of the position of "the nigger in the wood pile," and no one for a moment thought that Mr. Peake was connected with "the business." His letter, however, as used so timely, and should show Senator Ferguson, or whoever is responsible for the disposal of the Government patronage, that the supporters of the Liberal-Conservative party are kicking and that they will not be led any longer. Mr. Peake in effect admits the charges contained in my letter, and approves of everything I wrote. When a man Mr. Peake's position in the party finds it necessary to speak so plainly, and you, Mr. Editor, find it necessary to publish letters complaining of the manner in which affairs are managed, surely the "powers that be" will see that there is something wrong. I do not intend to write any more at the present time. The indications at Ottawa point to a change. Whether that change will be to British or not we do not know in a few days, and until that change takes place I abstain from writing further.

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TELEGRAPHIC.

SPECIAL DESPATCHES TO THE EXAMINER

NOTES FROM THE CAPITAL.

Sir McKenzie Bowell's Efforts at Reconstruction.

PROBABLE THAT SIR CHARLES WILL SUCCEED.

Senatorial Vacancies Filled.

OTTAWA, Jan. 8.

The promised explanation of the ex-ministers were made yesterday. With regard to the outlook it seems evident that Sir McKenzie Bowell will not be able to reconstruct his cabinet, and that in two or three days Sir Charles Tupper, Sr., will be engaged in the work of forming a ministry. Sir McKenzie Bowell has no disposition to surrender to Mr. Foster and would like, if at all possible, to construct a new cabinet. But the breach between himself and his late colleagues is too great. Negotiations have taken place with Mr. Meredith, and Sir McKenzie Bowell would have resigned in his favor. But Mr. Meredith would not be able to make an arrangement with any of the Quebec men. The name of Dr. Weldon as a possible successor to Sir McKenzie Bowell has also been mooted. A Cabinet minister informed your correspondent last night that if Sir Charles Tupper took the lead, Hon. Mr. Ives would go to England as High Commissioner, and Sir Herbert Tupper would be Solicitor-General, without a seat in the cabinet. A meeting of the Cabinet was held yesterday, at which G. B. Baker, M. P. for Missisquoi; Sir John Carling, M. P. for London; J. L. Aikens, of Toronto; and Michael Adams, M. P., were appointed Senators.

PARLIAMENT OF CANADA.

Statement of the Retiring Ministers.

Sir McKenzie Sticks to His Position and Policy.

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In the House of Commons yesterday Sir Adolph Caron rose and said that he had an important statement to make. Seven ministers had resigned and their resignations had been accepted by His Excellency. At the next meeting of the House the Government expected to be in a position to make a statement. Considering the gravity of the situation Sir Adolph Caron suggested that an adjournment for ten days should be made, when a statement could be put before the House. He moved that the House adjourn until Tuesday, January 21st. Hon. Mr. Laurier said he refused to assume that causes for the resignations were in existence when Parliament met last Thursday. He then pointed out the position occupied by Messrs. Foster, Tupper and others, assenting unanimously to the policy of remedial legislation, and after committing His Excellency to the maintenance of it, going back on it at the last moment. The question of leadership was purely a family affair, and if that was all, Parliament should be satisfied with the result. He objected to Sir Adolph Caron's motion, unless an explanation accompanied it. Hon. Mr. Foster made a statement in which he said there is no disagreement between ourselves and the Premier upon any question of public policy, but loyalty to the Government under the present Premier, in the person of the Hon. David Laird who was Minister of the Interior in the McKenzie administration now deceased. I may further inform the Patriot writer that Mr. Laird still has ambitions towards a portfolio, and with that end in view certain Liberals endeavored to secure his nomination for West Queen's but through the intrigues of his own would-be friends he was "tracked" and is now in London for Mayor. But even this morsel is beguiled him by Mr. Davies' relatives and political friends, one of whom is after the place.

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ply to the statement of Mr. Foster after he had an opportunity of reading it. He continued, "The declaration that I made in the House just before its prorogation last year in reference to the future policy of the Government, upon the great question which is agitating the people of this country, will, so far as I am concerned, and so far as my influence goes, be carried out to the letter. I have yet to learn that it is my duty as a public man to do otherwise. After Sir McKenzie Bowell had made some further remarks, the Senate adjourned until 8 o'clock to-morrow night."

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