

THE DAILY EXAMINER. DECEMBER 13, 1889.

A Few Points to be Noted.

FROM the Patriot of last evening we clip the following:—

All the delegates obtained an allowance for the Province of \$20,000 a year, for how long we know not. The allowance is not interest on any sum put to our credit in the Dominion accounts, but it is granted on the authority of a short Act which may be repealed any session, without reason assigned, in the same manner that it was passed. It is nothing but audacity to claim that the delegates netted \$500,000 out of this transaction.

Are the words here italicized to be construed as a suggestion or a threat that a change of government at Ottawa will involve the withdrawal of the annual grant of \$20,000 obtained on the representations of Messrs. Sullivan and Ferguson? Coupled with Sir Richard's denunciations and the condemnation of subsidies to Provinces by influential Oppositionists in the West, these words may be full of import to the taxpayers of this Province, i. e., in case the Grits obtain a majority in the Parliament of Canada. As long as the Liberal-Conservatives are in power, we may rest assured that they will not revoke their own Act. But if the other Party obtain office, it is possible that they may stop the payment of the grant of \$20,000 a year, which is equal to a capital sum of \$500,000! Money can now be borrowed on good security at less than four per cent, and so long as the annual grant of \$20,000 a year is paid, the Province is just as well off as if it had had \$500,000 added to its capital. Indeed, a prominent member of the Opposition argued at one time that it was better to get the annual grant than the capital sum which it represents,—his reason being that the capital sum might be drawn upon to meet the immediate requirements of an extravagant Local Administration, while the full value of the annual grant could not be impaired. There is, however, no question that an inimical majority at Ottawa may stop the grant, and that this Province will then actually suffer a loss equal to the full sum of half a million of dollars! This is a point to be noted by taxpayers who have the right to vote in Dominion elections.

The Patriot's remark that "if the Act be continued in force, it will take twenty-five years before the Island can get \$500,000 out of the transaction," is also worthy of note. Only twenty-five years! Twenty-five years is a very short time in the life of a nation. Judging by the prospects which now appear it will be at least twenty-five years before the Grits can hope to regain the offices which they forfeited on account of their five years of misrule which ended in 1878. And by the end of that time this Province will have actually obtained \$500,000 as a result of the representations of Messrs. Sullivan and Ferguson! The value of the services of these gentlemen in respect to the annual grant of \$20,000 could hardly be placed in a more favorable light.

Judging by the vehemence and pertinacity of the Patriot in its denunciations of "the delegation expenses," one would imagine that the Hon. David Laird and Mr. L. H. Davies and their partisans never took from the country a single dollar more than they had given full value for. If it were possible to forget the era of gold rimmed spectacles and princely excursions from the Northwest; if it were impossible to forget that goodly time when the people were groaning under direct taxation and the brilliant young Premier of the day was raking in the shekels at Halifax, drawing (with perfect regularity) his salary of \$1600.00 a year as Attorney General of this Province, and paying counsel fees, running into the thousands, out of the public treasury, to those who performed his duty while he was away,—if it were possible to forget those happy, happy years, it might be possible to imagine that the Patriot's denunciations of the "delegation expenses" are hurled at Messrs. Sullivan and Ferguson in honesty and sincerity.

Now, we do not wish to be understood as excusing Messrs. Sullivan and Ferguson on the ground of the record made by their accusers. The fact that their accusers are black is not adduced as proof that they are spotlessly white. Though the offences of the Oppositionists are rank and smell to heaven, it is possible that the Sullivan Administration may not have been entirely blameless. Perfect men are not to be found in this world. But we do maintain and contend that, as between the two parties, the Liberal-Conservative party is most worthy of the confidence and support of the taxpaying electors of Prince Edward Island.

The Patriot may rave, and storm, and denounce,—but the fact remains that the Sullivan Administration obtained, as a result of their delegations, (1) refunds to the amount of \$78,218.55, which the Oppositionists scouted the idea of obtaining; and (2) an annual grant of \$20,000 a year—equal to a capital sum of half a million dollars—which the Oppositionists would never have obtained.

By the way, wouldn't it be better for the Oppositionists if the Patriot held its fire until after the holidays!

SEALS.—Despatches from Manicougan and Father Point, Quebec, through the signal service office, say seals in countless thousands were on the fire at those places on Friday, and a large number were killed last week. Seals have penetrated the St. Lawrence this winter as far as Montreal, 800 miles from the ocean.

The Rust Mystery.

MR. JAMES D. DEWAR writes to the Island Farmer:—

"In 1854, (thirty-five years ago) I had my farm, consisting of 100 acres of land, 18 chains wide, surveyed into eight-acre fields at right angles with a road running lengthwise through the centre, each plot being fenced and numbered. Since that date I have prosecuted carefully the system of rotation of crops, viz., 1st year, roots; 2nd do., wheat; 3rd and 4th hay; 5th and 6th pasture; 7th oats, and then roots again.

Plot No. 3 is situated near the homestead, and is the only field excepting a part of No. 6 that is susceptible to rust, and invariably yields a vigorous crop of straw. The land in plot No. 3 is very level, and the soil is chiefly clay of the common variety, more or less colored yellow or red, with a few inches of black loam on the surface.

On the 8th of May, 1885, I had this field sowed with two kinds of wheat; the white Russian variety, and a bearded kind called the Spring Democrat, which in Canada is reputed to be rust and weevil proof. When the time of harvest came the former was found to be prematurely destroyed by rust, whilst the latter yielded a full crop of grain with clean white straw, and free from the ravages of the midge and rust.

I reserved in the same plot one half acre of land for late sowing, and on the 7th of June I had it sowed with one half bushel of each kind of wheat. I cut 12 stooks from each piece, and had it thrashed when harvested. Democrat yielded 6½ bushels of well-filled grain and clean straw, and the White Russian only one-half bushel of shrivelled grain which passed through the screen of the fan-mill, and the straw was coated black with rust.

But the most remarkable feature in this case is that every head of the Russian wheat which grew alternately, or mixed, with the Democrat, was in like manner rusted.

In 1889 the following test was made on one half acre of rich mellow land intended for the orchard. On the 6th of May last I sowed it with 3 lbs. of white oats, and 3 lbs. of Ladoga wheat procured from Professor Saunders, manager of the Government Farm at Ottawa, and the remainder of the one-half acre with the Democrat wheat. Some of the straw measured 6 feet 3 inches in length and stood erect. The Ladoga wheat was badly rusted, whilst the white oats on one side and the Democrat on the other side escaped unharmed. The white oats yielded 50 lbs., and the Ladoga 15 lbs. For the present I will reserve my opinion on this question, and will refer the problem for solution to the Hon. R. P. Haythorne, and our Island naturalist, F. Bain, Esq., who appears to be well skilled in the rust mystery.

Screw Steamer Wanted.

The Journal says that a screw boat must be placed in the route between Summerside and Point du Chene. It says:—

"The day of paddle wheel steamers has passed, and the Steam Navigation Company, if they wish to keep up with the age, and to retain the passenger and mail traffic between this Province and the mainland, will have to provide an iron boat capable of performing the work required, work which can be done by means of a properly constructed steamer. It is undeniable that the character of the season has greatly changed during the last few years and that, with an iron boat expressly adapted for this, navigation can be kept open between here and Point du Chene, in an ordinary year, until the beginning of January, and resumed much earlier in the spring than is now the case. The boat must also be able to make the passage in summer in at least two hours and a half, while she must possess first class passenger and mail accommodation, leaving the freight traffic in summer to boats devoted to that purpose alone. Such a boat the Steam Navigation Company is expected to provide in time for next season's work, and if it is not forthcoming, it is not easy to say what the effect will be upon the business men of this town, many of whom are now talking seriously about the advantages of a boat, suitable for the mail and passenger traffic on this route, owned and controlled by Summerside men, and when such an idea takes hold of them, they are very apt to carry it out in a practical manner."

Books, Papers, Magazines, Etc.

In the Dominion Illustrated for December 7 the series of Canadian Industries is continued—the works of the Montreal Rubber Company forming the theme of an article and a number of illustrations. This is a feature of our pictorial contemporary that ought to be extensively taken advantage of by our manufacturers. The view of the Brant Memorial, Victoria Park, Brantford, will be prized by all friends of the aboriginal tribes and by all admirers of the brave and loyal chief who fought for Canada and the Empire. There are also some other views illustrative of Brantford's progress. Military circles will enjoy the P. E. I. Winning Team, and sportsmen will appreciate Mr. Munn's Fox Hounds. The rest of the number is up to the usual high standard.

"Canada's Christmas" is to hand. It is published by Wm. Bryce, the well-known Toronto publisher, and contains two complete stories by Rider Haggard, besides many fine illustrations. Among the latter is a picture of Charlottetown and its harbor, taken from the deck of one of our steamers.

The Fire Last Night.

THE alarm shortly before eleven o'clock last night was for a fire in the stable of Mr. W. P. Colwill. The building is situated in the rear of his store and residence, Grafton St., and is owned by Mr. James McDonnell. The fire started among the hay in the loft, and the flames were issuing through the roof when first discovered. The alarm was promptly given, and the firemen were soon on the spot. Four streams were turned on the burning building, and, in a short time, the fire, notwithstanding the headway it had made before it was discovered and the high wind prevailing, was soon extinguished. At one time some of the adjoining buildings were in danger. The stable in which the fire started was destroyed, and the hay therein was badly damaged. Mr. Colwill's horse was removed just in time. There was no insurance.

A SIGN OF THE TIMES.—An Iliou, N. Y., man has invented a pancake machine which threatens to revolutionize the present way of making that article of diet. The batter is placed in what may be termed, a hopper on the top of the small machine, which is placed in the breakfast table. When cakes are wanted, the machine, which works by a spring is set in motion, and the batter passes between two very highly polished rollers, heated very hot by a spirit lamp. The cakes are thus rolled off and cut in the required shape by a sharp knife and thrown upon the plate which is held ready to receive them.

COLDS are frequently the result of derangements of the stomach and of a low condition of the system generally. As a corrective and strengthener of the alimentary organs, Ayer's Pills are invaluable, their use being always attended with marked benefit.

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—IMPORTERS OF—

Fashionable Millinery, Dress Goods and Mantles.

MOURNING GOODS A SPECIALTY.

House Furnishings of all kinds. Special Values in Carpets and Oil Cloths.

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(NORTON BROS. OLD STAND), QUEEN STREET.

Rare Chance for Everyone to Secure Beautiful and Useful Christmas Goods at Less than Half Price.

EVERYTHING MUST BE SOLD.

Charlottetown, Dec. 13, 1889—1w eod

LONDON HOUSE.

DECEMBER.

DURING THIS MONTH WE WILL OFFER OUR STOCK OF

READY-MADE CLOTHING,

Overcoats, Reefers, Suits, Boys' Clothing,

ALL NEW GOODS IMPORTED THIS YEAR,

AT VERY LOW PRICES TO CLEAR.

It will Pay You to See Our Stock Before Buying.

HARRIS & STEWART.

Charlottetown, Dec. 6, 1889—eod & wkly.

Preparing for Big Business.

TWENTY MILLION BUSHELS OF WHEAT IN MANITOBA FOR NEXT YEAR.

Advices from the Northwest state that the wheat crop is seven million bushels, of which two and a half are needed for consumption and seed. Should next year give an average crop, owing to increased acreage, the yield will be twenty millions. Montreal should take all of this. A big dam and canal will be begun at once, costing five hundred thousand dollars, raising the Assiniboine river twenty feet—Lake Manitoba to be made to feed the Assiniboine, and the Saskatchewan can be turned into the lake. The idea is to make Winnipeg a milling center and compete with Minneapolis. Qu'Appelle mills already ship wheat to China. Both the Canadian Pacific Railway and Northern Pacific Railway are preparing to do a big business at Winnipeg.

Personal.

Mr. Taylor, of Green Cove, Fla., has a two-weeks-old baby that has four teeth.

Mr. W. A. Brennan, of the Summerside Journal, was registered at the Hotel Davies yesterday.

The Rev. George Steel, Grand Worthy Patriarch of Sons of Temperance, will pay an official visit to Orient Division on Friday, the 13th inst. All members of the Order are cordially invited to attend.

Pope Leo XIII. has written Archbishop Duhamel in reply to the address of the Catholic citizens of Ottawa, who adopted resolutions last March protesting against the usurpation of the temporal power of the papacy. His Holiness expresses the satisfaction afforded by the frequent expressions of sympathy from all parts of the world.

H. W. Grady telegraphs the New York World in response to an inquiry that he fears that Jefferson Davis left nothing for his family. A movement is on foot for the raising of a fund. Such movements were always vetoed by Davis during his life time. He declined to receive aid while so many soldiers widows and orphans and so many disabled veterans were in need of help.

Miss Mary Jane Watts, of Grand Tracadie, who has been seriously ill, is slowly recovering. Dr. James Henderson is attending her.

Mr. John J. McDonald, of Grand Tracadie, recently returned from Boston, whither she has been visiting friends.

Mr. Corban Watts, who recently purchased the Turner estate on the Tracadie Road, is about to move to his new home. Mr. and Mrs. Watts have gained the respect and esteem of their neighbors here for their many genial qualities. We wish them many happy days in their new abode.

John L. Sullivan drew \$50 per week as a sporting editor, and the only item he ever wrote was: "We is Henderson is attending her."

Charlottetown Markets.

The market prices for to-day are:

Table with market prices for various goods including Beef, Butter, Eggs, Flour, etc.

PERFUMES!

—AT—

W. R. WATSON'S,

Suitable for Christmas Presents.

- ORANGE APPLE BLOSSOM, CHERRY BLOSSOM, PRESSE and LUBIN'S OPOPOXAX, GREENSILL'S MONA BOUQUET, BAYLEY'S ESS BOUQUET, HALL'S WOOD VIOLETS, BIGGLESTON'S HELIOTROPE, HOYT'S COLOGNE (50c. and \$1), RICKSECKER'S COLOGNE, in Baskets and Bisque Jars.

ALSO—A large assortment of Perfume, by following makers:—Gosnell, Bismilla, Lautier, Colgate, Sava, Gelle Freres, Lubin and Ricksecker. decl3

STANTLEY BROS., BROWN'S BLOOM. For the Month of December, 1889. This Month we are offering Special Inducements to purchasers of Fur Goods, Dress Goods, Mantles and Mantle Cloths. Our Stock of Fur Goods is large and our Assortment complete. The most fashionable Furs in the market, in Boas, Capes, Muffs and Caps. Dress Goods, in Plains, Fancies, Plaids and Stripes. The balance of our Mantles and Jackets, New, Fashionable Goods, this Fall's importation, will be cleared out at a sacrifice. Mantle and Ulster Cloths, in plain colors, Stripes, Plaids and Bordered Goods, will be sold at prices to suit purchasers. Flannels, Flannels, Flannels! Flannels!—White, Grey and Red—at lowest prices.

DECEMBER!

JAS. PATON & CO.

—HAVE MADE—

Extensive Preparations —FOR THE SALE OF—

ONE OF THE LARGEST STOCKS —OF—

Christmas and New Year's Presents

Ever offered to the People of P. E. Island.

Handsome Dress Goods, Gloves, Fur Jackets, Muffs, Boas, Black Silks, Wool Squares and Scarfs, Umbrellas, Waterproof Cloaks, Fur-Lined Circulars and Cloaks, Jackets and Dolmans.

1,000 Gentlemen's Silk Handkerchiefs in very beautiful colors and patterns, plain and hem-stitched.

100 Pairs Kid Mitts at a wonderful bargain, only 45c a pair.

MILLINERY.

Our MILLINERY DEPARTMENT is packed full of charming HATS. See our beautiful styles, at \$1.75, \$2.00 and \$2.50.

Fleecy Cottons.

Here is one of the Biggest Bargains ever offered to our friends. Come in and see this gigantic bargain. The goods are selling fast, and no wonder—they are so very cheap.

DRESS GOODS.

We can offer with the greatest amount of confidence the Largest Stock of DRESS GOODS in the City, at prices that will induce bargain-hunters to buy.

Grey Flannels Very Cheap

"Invention Hath No Nobler Aim Than to Make Home Like Heaven."

The Gold Medal Carpet Sweeper has all the latest improvements—the best that the Bissell Carpet Sweeper Company make. It operates without dust or noise, almost without labor. 'Tis in every respect the most perfect Sweeper in the world. You can make no better present to Mother, Wife or Sister for this coming Christmas.

CARPETS.

JAMES PATON & CO. continue selling Carpets at the extremely low prices which they are noted for. We have a full range of the Newest Designs by the best makers, in SCOTCH, CANADIAN, BRUSSELS, TAPESTRY and VELVETS, ART SQUARES, LINOLEUMS and FLOOR CLOTHS, from 18 inches to 18 feet wide.

Window Curtains, Shades and Poles.

We have still about 20 Pairs of beautiful CRETONE CURTAINS left, worth \$3.50, that we are selling for \$2.50.

LADIES' ROBES,

AT REDUCED PRICES.

HANDKERCHIEFS—Plain Hem-stitched, Colored Bordered Hem-stitched, Initials, &c. A lot of Men's White Handkerchiefs, large size, slightly damaged, only 4c. each. A lot of Ladies' Handkerchiefs, 35c. a dozen.

Large buyers and small buyers of all kinds should devote considerable attention to the benefits that we so lavishly bestow during this month.

SHAWLS! SHAWLS!—A fine assortment to choose from. A job lot of 50 Shawls, suitable for a Waggon or Sleigh Wrap, worth \$1.30, for 85c.

To detail all the bargains we have would be impracticable. Customers will kindly bear in mind that, although many classes of goods are not specially advertised here, JAS. PATON & CO'S Store contains everything that a first-rate Dry Goods Store may be expected to keep.

Remember our Clothing Department REEFERS and OVERCOATS as cheap as any in the city.

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