

The Daily Examiner

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Editorial Notes.

While Dufferin is praising M de Giers, the cunning Russian diplomat, and while Gladstone is hoodwinking Salisbury, and Wolsey is after Gordon, and Gordon after the Mahdi, and Queen Victoria is sending new snuff-boxes to Bismarck and the Emperor William, it is understood that the Russian Bear himself is just tramping down over Turkestan, with one or two paws already on Afghanistan, and is just making for the Indus and the Arabian Sea as if to meet Stanley's advance guard as it gets out of Eastern Africa by way of Zaogubear. This is the story briefly told by a Philadelphia editor.

The London correspondent of the Philadelphia Telegraph gives the following amusing incident in Sir John Macdonald's visit to England—"Quite a sensation was caused the other evening in a brilliantly lighted drawing-room of a well-known leader of political society in London. She had gathered around her a crowd of shining lights of the Conservative world, when just upon midnight, when the hum of conversation was at its highest, there was a sudden and mysterious silence. All looked up to see the cause, when they beheld near the door an old gentleman with wrinkled face, having one grey curl over the forehead, eye-glass in hand gazing the crowd. The look, the gait, the curl, the attitude, the stoop, the eye-glass—all spoke of Benjamin Disraeli, first and last Earl of Beaconsfield. The awe-struck silence continued for several seconds, and many thought for the moment that the shade of the departed Premier had come back to set matters right in the Conservative camp. But when the old gentleman mixed with the crowd, and was introduced to one and another, it was found that he was no wraith, but the real flesh and blood of Sir John Macdonald, the Canadian premier, who is the exact counterpart of the late Earl, and by his manner, dress, etc., loses no opportunity of enforcing the likeness.

The Grit press is engaged at attacking the Canadian Pacific Railway Company for building their road so fast. We find the following candid testimony which is a good answer to the attacks in "Bystander": "Nothing could be more unresponsible than to blame the company for shortening the time of construction for which parliament is responsible. That the work has been well done is the testimony of competent judges who are in a position to express an opinion. The motive to do good work is stronger in the case of the Canadian Pacific Company than with contractors who have no interest in the work beyond the pay it brings, and that this motive has had its effect can easily be seen in the character of the road that has been built. The best steel rails have been used, and the bridges are good and substantial; and if there was any doubt as to the character of the road which the contract bound the company to build, there is none as to how the road that has been built is to be classed. A first class road is undoubtedly being secured. Scampering railway work is not unknown in Canada; it would be easy to point out instances where, in consequence of bad iron being used, the rails had to be renewed long before the time had expired by which the life of good rails is measured. A company which does its work well is not fairly open to attack on the ground of haste. Celerity in construction for reasons of its own, rightly or wrongly—and it is the supreme judge of the matter—Parliament demanded. If that was a mistake, politically or economically, it is not a mistake for which the company can be called to account. If dilatoriness had been shown, if the requisite energy for so vast an undertaking had been wanting, there would have been good ground for hostile criticism, and fierce indeed the criticism would have been. The astonishing results achieved by the company won candid commendation from the justice of Mr. Mackenzie; and we regret to see there is a total want of similar frankness and fairness in quarters where, at one time, Mr. Mackenzie's influence would have been felt."

The Patriot has kindly called our attention to the following letter which appeared in the St. John Telegraph:

Sir,—In your issue of the 17th inst., there appeared a letter from a rather facetious correspondent, giving a description of men and things as he found them in this primitive town of Charlottetown during a flying visit. The writer is good-natured in most of his remarks, but a paragraph describing what he calls the session of the County Court is calculated to give a very erroneous idea of the manner business is transacted in that court, and of the character of its judge. It is generally conceded that Judge Alley is an able and upright judge, and when he presides in his court he takes care that all the business is transacted decently and in order. A provision in the law directs the judge, in case he is interested in any case, and is disqualified from trying it, to remit it to one or more justices of peace, who hear and determine the dispute. The court scene described by your correspondent took place before one of the ad hoc judges to whom a case had been remitted by the country judge, and while your correspondent's description of the scene is not greatly overcharged by, from a pardonable mistake, does a great injustice to an able County judge by leaving the impression that he is then presiding. By making this explanation you will each oblige a
F. E. L. BARNSTEN.

A Mutual Security Alliance, for the purpose of bringing to justice burglars who rob their premises, has been formed by the jewelers of Toronto, Montreal, Hamilton and other places in Canada.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Correction.

Sir,—In your paper of yesterday you say: "James Shand, Commission Merchant, of Halifax, N. S., has opened a branch store in Stevenson's Building, where he will sell the Bankrupt Stock of Duffus & Co. at greatly reduced prices." This is a grievous error on your part, requiring instant contradiction. The fact is these: Consequent on the death of the senior partner of the late firm of Duffus & Co., the late lamented Mr. J. B. Duffus, who died last summer, wealthy, esteemed, his loss deeply regretted by the entire community, the surviving partners decided to retire from business. They invited tenders for their stock en bloc. Mr. Shand tendered and got it at his own figures. This is the whole secret of the transfer. I may further say, the whole stock has been bought for cash, as all Messrs. Duffus' purchases were, they being amply able to do so, and at first hands and the best first hands in their several lines—sources only open to a wealthy, first-class, strictly wholesale house. Yours truly,
JOHN MACDONALD.

[We regret to learn that the word "Bankrupt" was inadvertently inserted in the notice of Mr. Shand's advertisement. It was an injustice to the late firm of Duffus & Co.]

None to Make Coffins.

WHOLE VILLAGES PROSTRATED IN VIRGINIA AND KENTUCKY BY THAT MYSTERIOUS DISEASE.

The Louisville Courier-Journal recently sent a staff correspondent to investigate the reported ravages of the dread disease in eastern Kentucky and western Virginia. The correspondent sends the following: "W. C. Lester, a prominent attorney of this place, has just arrived from Mount Pleasant, the county seat of Harlan, where he has been for two weeks past. Mr. Lester has information of the prevailing plague principally from Harlan, Letcher, Perry, Leslie and Bell counties. He says that in Harlan it appears the worst. It is the most fatal and prevails to the greatest extent up about the head waters of the Poor Fork and Clover Creek in the mountains about 25 miles from Mount Pleasant. It is a large territory being terribly afflicted, the people dying very rapidly. In one neighborhood twelve persons died in a single day, in the latter part of last week, and there are scarcely well people enough to make their coffins and bury them. On Brown's Creek, which rises in the Harlan and empties into the Cumberland river, in Bell county, the disease is raging with frightful fatality and there is no means of keeping the record of death. All along the banks of the stream the people are sick, and physicians and medicines, outside of herbs and roots, with whose curative properties the natives are acquainted, are unknown and unobtainable. "The epidemic is rapidly spreading in Harlan county. In a district covering the Southern portion of Letcher and Perry, the whole of Leslie and north and east portions of Bell counties, the plague has obtained a foothold but reports as to its violence are very conflicting. Lester thinks that the deaths run up into the hundreds, while the number of those attacked cannot be estimated. Lester further says that no one seems to know the exact nature of the pestilence. Most of the people called it 'flux,' and it is probably a very aggravated form of that disease. If not fatal in three or four days, the patient, as a rule, recovers. All reports agree as to the cause of the epidemic, it being attributed to the use of impure water by natives. The corn crop in all the counties named is good, and starvation and want only exist because the people can spare no time from the sick to gather it."

She Ate Last in March.

A YOUNG WOMAN'S FAST OF 258 DAYS—HER DOCTOR'S OPINION.

Kate Smulsey, of Ft. Plain, N. Y., who up to the 23rd inst. has fasted 258 days, has not materially changed in the last few weeks. She is but slightly weaker, the irresistible shaking of her body and arms still continuing. The appearance of her flesh is not such as would be expected of one who has endured such a protracted fast, but it is rather bloated and abnormal in semblance. She receives the best of care from her mother, who continually watches by her side. Miss Smulsey last tasted food on the 11th of March. Her mother testified to this, and adds that she earnestly wishes that her daughter would eat something. Kate herself talks little, and in a scarcely audible voice. She says she has no appetite for anything, even were she in a condition to eat. She is firm in the belief that she will eventually be restored to health. Dr. Zoller, the family physician, says that she takes no medicine now, and has not for some time.

"It is a very strange case," said the doctor to a reporter to-day. "I do not know what to think of it. To exist without nourishment for this length of time is contrary to all medical science, and yet during all my attendance on her I have never seen her eat anything, nor have I discovered any indication that she has done so. I have frequently advised her to eat anything her stomach could stand, and have taken delicate gruels to her, but she always absolutely refused to partake of them. How much longer she can live in this condition, I can say nothing about."

There is no question in this community as to the veracity of the Smulsey family, which is highly respected. They were very reluctant in allowing the case to reach public notice, and are extremely diffident now on being approached with inquiries concerning the girl's condition. Miss Smulsey was 20 years old on the 21st of last month.

A fraternal series of meetings for the quickening of spiritual life are being held at Bridge-st. in connection with the Establishment Free Church congregations, there. The services are conducted by the ministers of the two churches, Revs. T. Duncan and F. Caruthers, A. M.

The above is a clipping from a Scotch paper. The many friends of the Rev. Mr. Duncan on the island, will be pleased to hear that he is working both zealously and successfully, as he has been ever wont to do, in the vineyard of the Lord away in the land of his birth, with due respect to the command, "Let brotherly love continue."—*Providence.*

CURRENT NOTES.

Japan is placing her army on a war footing. There are 2,500 ship laborers out of work in Philadelphia.

A cyclone has done much damage in the Madras presidency.

John Bright is said to be opposed to Imperial Federation.

It is again asserted that Mr. Gladstone will accept a peerage.

Germany is proposing to annex some Pacific Ocean Islands.

The Prince of Wales has been entertaining advanced Liberals.

The Prince of Wales' eldest son has been entered as a law student.

Henry George's tour in Great Britain is said to be a great success.

Bismarck says the government does not propose to impose new taxes.

The New York Post says the railroad rate war is a stock-jobbing scheme.

A Conservative has been elected President of the German Reichstag.

The Paris journals oppose further mediation between France and China.

Germany is said to be in great enthusiasm about her colonizing projects.

The British expedition to Bechuanaaland will be larger than at first intended.

A series of remarkable caves have been discovered near Kingwood, W. Va.

By the treaty with Spain the United States will lose \$40,000,000 of revenue.

The most stringent prohibitory liquor law yet known has been passed in Switzerland.

There is to be a policy of free trade and the promotion of civilization for the Congo Valley.

The Madrid students' troubles still continue, and hundreds of arrests have been made.

The iron pipe manufacturers of the United States are suffering from over-production.

The British navy is to have \$5,000,000 spent on it more than the usual sum in the Estimates.

While Blodensburg, O., prohibitionists were wrecking a saloon, the proprietor was fatally injured.

Meissonier's wonderful little picture "The Vegetable" sold lately for 4,500 guineas—about 100 guineas the square inch.

The Bonnet woman received information of the commutation of her sentence to imprisonment for life on the 26th, with great demonstrations of joy.

The Hungarian General Gorgie has been presented with a manifesto signed by many of his old comrades, justifying his conduct at the surrender of the national army in 1849.

The international commission on the claims of British subjects for losses during the Chili-Peruvian war is very one-sided, and the appellants' demands are generally rejected.

At Hong Kong the reported successes of the French in Tonquin and Formosa are asserted to be fabrications, and in both regions the Chinese are said to be assuming the offensive.

The appointment of the French delegate to the presidency of the Congo conference committee on England's claim to the Niger is considered as evidence of a hostile combination against England.

Dr. A. M. Rudach, of Philadelphia, died on Saturday last, leaving his estate worth \$2,000 to his wife, whom he married privately two days before his death. The relatives threaten to contest the will.

France, it is understood, demands from China the strict enforcement of the Tien Tsin treaty, the occupation of Formosa for five years and an apology for the Langson affair, and these terms China utterly refuses.

As an evidence of a bear's intelligence, it is stated that one that had been shot in the shoulder, an hour before it was finally despatched, was found to have forced a tuft of hair into the bullet hole, and thus effectually stopped the flow of blood.

Joseph Cook will deliver another course of lectures in Halifax this winter. What little he didn't know about this universe last year he has learned during the summer vacation, and he will probably twist the English language all out of shape in telling it.

Mrs. Bishop, sister of Sir Stafford Northcote, has written a letter in which she says: "Miss Coleridge managed her father's house as working housekeeper for six years, receiving £80 yearly. Since she left her father's house she has lived in a small lodging house and received no regular allowance from her father, only occasional checks. She has nothing except what she has saved from her earnings as a music mistress."

A private letter to the Montreal Gazette from a gentleman in Scotland, whose experience in trade matters covers more than a generation and who has exceptional means for obtaining information, in discussing the business situation says:—"Indeed, almost everything in the manufacturing line is in a state of over-production. Some years ago, when the tide of trade ran high, machinery was increased largely, and now when demand has slackened they cannot well stop the wheels, but go on hoping against hope for a better day to come. Reduction in wages is likely to be tried, and I am told one large linen manufacturer in Fife whose wages bill is some £30,000 a year wants a reduction of 10 per cent., which would be something like £3,000 a year difference to him. Trade all over the country is done under such keen competition, which runs prices so extremely low, that it is quite disheartening for business with large working capital, as the returns are so very small. In this neighborhood (Edinburgh) it is said one large concern, dealing in water-proof goods, generally very successful and lucrative, has this last year, even with increased output, fallen away some thousands of pounds in profits. What is to end in no one seems to be able to compute. Trade really does not look healthy at all, and a gloomy winter is looked forward to. The one relieving feature is that all sorts of provisions are cheap."

JAMES SHAND,
COMMISSION MERCHANT & AUCTIONEER,
HALIFAX, N. S.

MR. SHAND, having bought the large Wholesale Dry Goods Stock of DUFFUS & CO., of Halifax, at a large discount on cash prices, has, with a view of closing up the matter during the winter, commissioned the Subscribers to offer to the people of the Island some \$20,000 worth of these goods.

We have taken the store in Stevenson's Building, on West side of Queen's street, formerly known as "Dempsy's Corner," and immediately opposite Dorsey Goff & Co.'s Shoe Store, and will open early in December.

The Goods are all Sound and of the First Quality, bought at first hands and in the best markets in this country and in Europe, Messrs. Duffus reputation is a guarantee of this, and the Stock will be sold at prices that will advantage the buyer.

Liberal advances made on consignments of Island produce to Halifax. Island produce bought.

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Charlottetown, Nov. 27, 1884—1mo

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Novelty this Season:—**INLAID WOOD, MOTHER OF PEARL, &c.** Carnival Set of Canadian Winter Sports.

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G. H. HASZARD.
Ch'town, Nov. 26, 1884—1mo eod

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Received and to Arrive Shortly:

- 1,200 Barrels FLOUR (choice)
- 300 do Ontario APPLES.
- 160 do Nova Scotia APPLES.
- 500 Boxes and half boxes RAISINS.
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APPLES.

BY Auction, to-morrow, Saturday, Nov. 29th, at 11.30 o'clock, at my Auction Room—

100 Bbls choice winter-keeping Bishop Pippins, put up in full-size, hard-wood barrels
50 Bbls other choice kinds, to Pomona, &c. is, Baldwins, Russets, &c.
Sale positive. No reserve.

A. McNEILL,
Auctioneer.
Ch'town, Nov. 28, 1884.

No. 1 Winter-Keeping
AMERICAN BALDWINS.

BY Auction, Saturday next, November 29th, at 11 o'clock, in front of my office, 13 Queen Street: 75 bbls. Choice American Baldwin Apples, 5 boxes Florida Oranges, 5 barrels Onions.

A. H. B. MCGOWAN.
Ch'town, Nov. 27, 1884—2t

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- FIRE IRONS AND STANDS,
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- HEARTH BRUSHES.

SIMON W. CRABBE,
Sign of the Stove, Walker's Corner,
Ch'town, Nov. 26—3w twice a w

FINAL NOTICE TO DEBTORS

THIS is to notify all persons indebted to the late firm of HORNE, PIERCE & CO., for Book Account, Notes of Hand, Judgment or otherwise, that I have appointed Bernard Higgins, of Lot 30, as Agent, to collect for said firm, and grant receipts for the same; therefore immediate payment is requested.

ALEXANDER HORNE,
Ch'town, Nov. 20—4 wly 4t

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Ch'town, Oct. 28, 1884.

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Advertisements under this heading, in space not exceeding three lines, will be inserted for ten cents per day.

LOST—On St. Peter's Road, near Roper's Hill, on Friday last, a Railway Wrapper. The finder will be rewarded by leaving it at this office. nov28

TO LET—The "Riverside Cottage," at the east end of Kent street, next to Mr. Lowe's garden. It is well finished, with front porch. The present occupant is about leaving the Island, and there is coal in the cellar that can be had if required. Rent moderate; possession immediately. Apply to James Beales. nov28

STRAYED—A small, red Cow with a white face. Any information respecting her will be thankfully rewarded by HENRY FARQUHARSON, King street. nov27

TO LET—The premises at present occupied by Horace Hazard, Esq., at the foot of Queen's street. Possession given on the 1st day of January next, A. D. 1885. For further particulars apply to R. R. Fitzgerald. nov26

WANTED to Borrow, for a term of from three to five years, \$2,800, on land and buildings, situated on principal street, city; a good stand and the buildings are nearly new; cost over \$6,000; annual rental, \$300. Address by letter A. B., City P. O., care Editor of EXAMINER, stating rate of interest asked. Full information furnished in reply to letter. nov26—2 wly 4t

FOR SALE—3,000 bushels choice Turnips. Address orders to A. L. BRIDGES & CO., Charlottetown. nov26—2wks

TO LET—At a very low rent for the winter months, a house in a central part of the city; can be pretty well furnished if required. Enquire at this office. nov20 1w

TO LET—A Cottage on Pleasant street, containing eight rooms, with stable and coachhouse attached. Apply to John Kelly. nov17 eod

A FEW BOARDERS can be comfortably accommodated in a central part of the city. Terms reasonable. Apply at this office. nov13 ff

TO LET—A nice House in Pleasant Street, at present occupied by Mr. Crosskill; possession immediately. Also a house in King Street, near Railway.—William Dodd. nov11

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