

THE DAILY EXAMINER.

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Shortage in the Land Office.

The Patriot answers the charge that there is a shortage of nearly five thousand dollars in the accounts of the Land Office by declaring that there were shortages under the former administration. That is to say, it employs the "you're another argument" which is not satisfactory to the people whose money is unaccounted for. Moreover, its employment is an open admission that the charge in the particular case under discussion is true. The accounts of the Land Office for former years were carefully reviewed by Messrs. Carvell and Arnold, and the results were stated in a report which Mr. Peters withheld from the Legislature and the public, though it was, previous to his assumption of office, printed for insertion in the Journals. This fact may be taken as conclusive proof that there was nothing in it to damage materially the reputation of Mr. Ferguson or the late Administration. Consequently, the Patriot's allegations as to shortages in former years may be dismissed as baseless and empty. In point of fact, nothing was discovered by Messrs. Carvell and Arnold to implicate in wrong doing any official of the Land Office except the late Assistant Commissioner, Mr. Strong. It is true that the system of keeping the accounts was denounced, and that a new and better system was recommended. But Mr. Peters and his associates deliberately rejected the recommendation of the Commissioners, and went on in the same old way. They made handsome allowances and gave big discounts to a favored few—and came out at the end of the year with a shortage amounting to nearly five thousand dollars.

The Patriot contents itself now with crying "you're another," and asseverating that Mr. McMillan is an honest man. Of course Mr. McMillan is not to be hounded as Mr. Ferguson was hounded. We should be sorry to employ against any man the inhuman devices which were employed to ruin Mr. Ferguson's character, in order that he might be forced to give place to Mr. McMillan and Mr. Peters. But Mr. Ferguson has been vindicated. He vindicated himself. All the people know now that there was not a tittle of fact in the malicious and damnable slanders respecting him which were circulated wholesale while the personal embezzlements of the late Assistant Commissioner of Crown Lands were under consideration. Is it, then, too much to ask that Mr. McMillan shall give to the public a clear and reasonable explanation of the shortage of nearly five thousand dollars for which he stands responsible to the public? If this shortage is a mere matter of accounts it ought to be easy to make the accounts clear. If it be contained in the twenty-five accounts a statement of which were withheld from the Legislature, surely this statement ought to be forthcoming. We must get at the bottom of this matter.

A Sham.

That Mr. Davies' resolution in favor of a reduction of duty imposed on British goods is a mere sham was made evident by the organ of the Grit party—the Toronto Globe—which says:

"The papers soon to be submitted to Congress by the State Department will probably establish what Mr. Foster stated in his budget speech and what the Tribune itself suggests, namely, that they are willing to negotiate on the basis of a preferential tariff, that is to say, when we are ready to admit American manufactures into our market in return for the admission of our manufactures and natural products into the American market, while maintaining duties against the manufactures of Britain."

So the Globe is still for Unrestricted Reciprocity and heavy discrimination against Great Britain, and the Globe speaks for Sir Richard Cartwright and the Opposition party. The party cannot be for reducing the duties on British goods, because it is for free trade with the States and the imposition of high duties upon British goods.

The Empire remarks that there is point in the suggestion of the Montreal Star that the universities should have an honorary degree quite distinct from the degrees conferred as the result of competitive examinations. As it is now, the holder of an LL.D. may have won it as an academic distinction or may wear it simply on account of public services rendered by him. On both grounds the degree may be a worthy and deserved distinction, but it would be better if the university authorities had it in their power to discriminate.

Free traders in Great Britain are amazed at the work of foreign tariffs like those of France and the States. In April British exports were £17,865,000, compared with £20,919,000 in April, 1891. During the first four months of 1892 the exports were £26,000,000, compared with £22,000,000 in the same period last year. The decline is in all classes of goods. One of the staunchest free trade journals, The Glasgow Herald, mournfully says: "It is an admitted fact that our shipments have been declining for some months past, while values have in most instances shrunk in a greater proportion than quantities, and this question of price is an important factor in the diminished total value of our exports."

About one hundred lambs were shipped last week from the Guelph Experimental Farm to the Liverpool market. Half of the number were purchased in Prince Edward Island. If this venture can be made to pay other shipments may follow.

OTTAWA LETTER

An Interesting Budget of News.

(Special correspondence of The Examiner.)

I am most indisposed about this week's letter. I am trying to write you something with my overcoat and cap on and three kerosene lamps burning to raise the temperature of the room, if possible. And this at noon, of the 23rd May, 1892. We are having the most wretched weather—cold and wet—and being unprepared for it, we suffer more than if it was midwinter. In some of the government offices, on Saturday, the gas jets were kept in full blaze all day to heat up, and I suppose the same thing is being done to-day.

Last Monday, Mr. Charlton moved his resolution in favor of a plebiscite on the Island railway, and after a couple of hours' debate, at the request of his leader, Mr. Laurier, he withdrew it.

In the evening Mr. McMillen introduced his resolution that the North-west Mounted Police should be annually reduced in numbers. This was no big matter, but he seemed to forget the Birmingham Breakwater. After several hours' debate, Mr. McMillen withdrew his motion shortly before midnight.

Tuesday afternoon was spent in committee on the Criminal Law. In the evening supply was taken up, and the crisis proceeded to get in some fine pieces of obstruction. Upon the vote of 251,000 to complete the Kingston Graving Dock, they rehearsed all last year's debate about Bancroft and the Connolly's, and the fictitious tender, till they were tired. Then on small items to complete past bills of Parliament, and on the 11th, they made a most desperate fight at a most inopportune hour. Had these votes been new ones for the construction of new buildings, the contention of the Opposition that the places were not of sufficient importance to erect expensive buildings would have been sound. But when they knew that these buildings had been under contract for two or three years and were almost if not quite finished, and that the votes were merely for small sums to square up the accounts, the course of the Opposition was indefensible. Their intention was plainly obstruction, and it was three o'clock Wednesday morning before an adjournment was reached, with four petty items passed.

The whole of Wednesday afternoon and part of the evening session was spent in committee on the criminal law. Then the House went into supply, and on the one o'clock bill for the construction of a postoffice at Laprairie, P. Q., talked till midnight, and then adjourned without passing it. The virtuous grits found desperate fault with the Government for building a postoffice at a small place like Laprairie, and they alleged that the reason was solely because its representative, Mr. Pelletier, was a Conservative. To show how false this insinuation was, I may say that the contract for Laprairie postoffice was let in 1889, and was the first vote taken in the session of that year, when its representative, Mr. Doyon, was a grit. Then the grits were dumb as oysters. It was all right that Laprairie should have a postoffice, and they passed the vote and authorized the construction of the building without a murmur. But when, at the general election, Mr. Doyon was defeated and a Conservative returned, the matter was an entirely new aspect, and according to Cartwright, became "the most monstrous and disgraceful job." There may be a question as to whether public buildings were actually needed at Laprairie and some other small towns where the Government, yielding to the pressure from their supporters, had entered upon their construction, but there can be no question as to the proper course to pursue in the case of contracts which have been let and one-half or two-thirds of the contract price expended. These buildings must be completed. Mr. Perry spoke during the debate and the story of the nineteen tailors of Tooley Street. Mr. Perry is nothing if not marvellous.

Again on Thursday, all the afternoon and part of the evening were spent on the Criminal Law, after which the House went into supply, the first item being that held over from the previous evening—\$6,000 for LaPrairie Post Office. Mr. Flinn, M. P., for Yarmouth, N. S., but who is chiefly known up here as the husband of Mrs. Flinn, the singer, opened the ball. Then for the next two hours the French-Canadian members had the ball to themselves, and after a couple of Englishmen had a chance, the vote passed. But the same game was repeated on the next vote, which was passed after some hours' debate, and on through the long night, until daylight came and past the breakfast hour, until 10 o'clock Friday morning this Committee sat, doing no business but scolding, singing, hooting, and saying their desks, speaking in English and then repeating in French, and vice versa. I did not see it. I was in my bed at a respectable hour and knew nothing of what was going on; but from what I have heard of it, it was a disgraceful scene, and calculated to bring our public institutions into contempt. Yet there is no remedy for it. Parliament is supreme and its members have liberty of speech. But the country should understand who are responsible for this outrageous abuse of constitutional liberty. If we except this man, Flinn, there was not a Maritime Province member on either side that took part in Thursday night's scenes. The whole disgraceful proceeding was carried on by a few grit back-benders from Ontario and Quebec, such as Liester, Mulock, Devlin, Lunderkin, Casey, and Brodrene, counteracted by Sir Richard Cartwright and from time to time urged on by him. Sir John Thompson and Mr. Laurier went home early. Messrs. Foster, Oulmet, Bowell and Dewdney sat through the whole of it, and Foster, once through the night, did let the opposition have it in the neck. He should do so oftener, and it would keep them in their place. Speaking to Cartwright Mr. Foster said: "My hon. friend is very fond of bringing up the reptile fund. Some of these days we will get enough of that reptile fund in this House, and if no one else does, I propose to take the matter in hand myself. I say to him, and I would say to his leader, if he were there, that the number of his followers to-day is made up of men who are in their seats and voting on that side, because they were bought into their places with stolen money. The great Reform party, that paragon of virtue, that stands up here

The Big Gun Competition

AND OTHER ATTRACTIONS AT THE RINK LAST EVENING.

THERE was a large attendance at the rink last evening to witness the militia and firemen's sports in aid of the firemen's tournament fund, and everyone was apparently well pleased with the manner in which those taking part acquitted themselves. The "shift," at which the Island boys have been so pre-eminently successful at Quebec in competition with teams from the creek batteries of the Dominion, was of course, the great centre of attraction. Galbraith's Band was present during the evening, playing even better than usual.

Shortly before eight o'clock, the militia detachments and firemen met at the central fire station and headed by the Band marched along Queen Street to Gratton, down Gratton to Prince, up Prince to Fitzroy and along Fitzroy to the Rink. As soon as possible after their arrival the sports began.

The first event on the programme was a half-mile foot race. There were five starters, viz., Adolphe Gaudet, Lewis Whear, Albert Long, John Wonnacott, jr., and William Edmonds. Wonnacott took the lead at the start, but he was soon overtaken and passed by Whear, and both were in turn passed by Gaudet, who came in first at the finish, with Whear second and Long third. Time 2 min. 30 sec.

Then came the shifting or ordnance competition. The detachment from No. 1 Battery was the first to take position at the gun, Lieutenant E. D. Sterns was in command, and the other members were Sergt M'hearn, Sergt Connolly, Corp Marley, Corp J. McLeod, Bdr Proud, Bdr L. McDonald, Gunns J. G. H. Hooper, Geo. Gillespie, Wilbur Gillespie, H. Hooper, F. Kiggins, B. Garman, D. McDonald, Geo. Scantlebury, E. McLean, F. Pierce, and George McLean. On getting the word "go" from Lieut. Moore, the gunners gave commands, and in quicker time than it takes us to write it the gun was dismounted over the breast of the carriage, falling on short skids placed there to receive her. Parbuckle ropes were fixed and manned, and it was but the work of a minute to run the gun on long skids round a stake 40 feet distant, and back again, to be parbuckled up on the side of the carriage. Here the rope was caught, which caused a little delay. After it was adjusted, the top of the carriage was soon reached, and the gun was dropped on the short skids—right side up. In a second she was dropped into position, and time was called—3 min. and 29 sec.

After a brief interval of waiting the detachment from No. 2 Battery took position. This team, which was in command of Lieutenant Dover, was made up as follows: Lieut F. W. L. Moore, Sergt W. Quigley, Gunner D. McLaren, Corporal T. Gorman, Gunner T. Hewatt, Gunner N. McNeill, Gunner J. Henderson, Gunner F. H. McNeill, Sergt R. H. Ramsay, Bombardier J. J. Macdonald, Gunner F. B. Kenner, Gunner S. A. Macdonald, Gunner G. M. Munro, Gunner A. Miller, Gunner P. W. Carver, Gunner P. Walsh and Gunner F. D. Webster. After the necessary precautions from the commanding officer they set to work in line form.

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Both detachments did excellent work, and reflect much credit upon Lieutenants Sterns and Dover. But both couldn't win! Lieutenant Colonel Irving acted as referee, and the umpires were Lieutenants Colonel Moore and Lieutenant Stewart. The timers were Capt. D. L. Hooper and Lieutenant Ewen McDonald, R. L.

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