

OBITUARY.

With sincere regret we this morning announce the death of NEIL RANKIN, Esq. The deceased was a useful, and among all classes a highly esteemed, citizen. He was for some years Captain of the First Volunteer Company of this city. Afterwards he was promoted to the honorable position of Colonel of the Volunteer Militia force of Queen's County—in the formation and efficiency of which department he always manifested a deep interest. He was elected Mayor of Charlottetown in the year 1873, and re-elected in 1874. In this capacity, by his integrity and faithful discharge of the onerous duties appertaining to his high office, he won the confidence and respect of his fellow-citizens. He was an honored member of the Masonic brotherhood and of the Caledonia Club. As the son of a loyal Highlander (Major C. D. Bankin) he partook of the spirit of his ancestors in perpetuating the ancient and time-honored customs of his forefathers. He was always foremost in aiding any cause having for its object the general welfare of his native Province.

INFORMATION WANTED.

THERE are one or two questions which we should vastly like the Hon. Mr. McKenzie to turn his attention to, in order that he may give some explanation of them to the people of this Province:

How is it—seeing that the Government is "economical"—that the debt of the Dominion has been increased \$31,471,255 in the past four years?

How is it—seeing that the Government is "able" and "prudent"—that one and a half million dollars have been sunk on "steel rails"; that Senator Foster received \$109,000 for which no value has been received; that fifty one thousand four hundred and eighteen dollars were spent in the purchase of a swamp on the banks of the Kamensiquia; that \$108,674 have been charged to the account of the Pacific Railway for Fort Francis Lock, which is many miles away from the proposed route of the Pacific Railway; that the cost of the Civil Government has been increased from \$750,874 in 1873 to \$841,995 in 1877; that \$46,655 have been added to the cost of collecting Customs duties within the same time?

How Mr. McKenzie—being opposed to coalitions—could coalesce with Cauchon and Cartwright? and

What process has Mr. Cauchon undergone by which he has divested himself of the iniquity—which the Toronto Globe so forcibly exposed—of having "coined money at the expense of the miseries of the most helpless of God's creatures"—the poor lunatics of Beaufort? and

When did Mr. Cartwright cease to be the "meddler and muddler in figures" which the Toronto Globe declared him to be?

Did Mr. McKenzie write the letter which Mr. L. H. Davies so frequently declared, last autumn, he received from him, promising a seat in the Cabinet to Prince Edward Island, if Queen's County "would return the right man"?

If Prince Edward Island was entitled to a seat in the Cabinet in 1873 and in the autumn of 1876, why not in 1877?

What have the voters of this Province ever done, to be marked out for special legislation in which an attempt was made to disfranchise one half their number?

How is it that, with the Tariff raised from 15 per cent. to 17½ per cent., an annual deficit has taken the place of an annual surplus?

Why not just as well tax the silks and satins and ribbons, etc., of the rich, as the poor man's tea and tobacco?

Why is not the rich man's tea taxed as much in proportion to its value as the poor man's?

These are some, among many, questions which the electors of this Province would much like to hear answered.

TEMPERANCE.—The first monthly meeting of the Society for the Suppression of Intemperance will be held in the Division Room of the Athenaeum on this Monday evening, at 8 o'clock.

A PUBLIC BUILDING not FOR PARTY USES.

On Monday evening, at the meeting of the Liberal-Conservatives, held in the Athenaeum, a large and influential committee was appointed, with power to add to their numbers. Nor were they long appointed before they were called upon to act in the interests of the Constitutional Party. Some of the supporters of the General Government, with an audacity which we have never known equalled, assuming that no objection would be raised by the Executive, determined upon holding the banquet to Mr. McKenzie in the Provincial Building, and addressing a political meeting from the balcony. As soon as this became known, an address and protest to the Lieutenant Governor was at once prepared, which was speedily signed by a number of the leading citizens of Charlottetown. When this prompt action became known, fearful of the storm they were about to raise, Mr. McKenzie's committee abandoned a claim they never had any right to make, and the presentation of the address became unnecessary.

It is a matter of no small congratulation to the people of this Island that they have been spared the indignity of seeing their Public Building used for the purpose of holding meetings in honor of those whose unstatesmanlike conduct and bad faith to this Province have wrought a sense of wrong and injustice which is universally and keenly felt.

If Mr. McKenzie were to come here as the Premier of Canada, he would be received by all parties with the respect due to the first Minister of the Crown. But he comes as the chief of the "ORGANIZED HYPOCRISY" which misgoverns us at Ottawa; as the leader of a faction which, by their mismanagement of the finances of the country, has paralyzed and unsettled our trade and commerce, and the recollection of whose steel-rail purchase will be remembered as their most brilliant financial speculation,—because he comes in these latter capacities he will be received and treated as any other politician in whom the people have no confidence and whose principles they detest.

Below we give a copy of the address and protest which we have alluded to:

CHARLOTTETOWN, 3rd August 1877. Sir Robert Hodgson, Lieutenant Governor of Prince Edward Island.

SIR.—We have heard with great astonishment and surprise that certain persons in Charlotte-town intend to use the Legislative Council Chamber, Library and Assembly Rooms, or some of them, for the purpose of a dinner for the Hon. Alexander McKenzie, and also intend to appropriate the balcony of the Provincial Building, as a platform from which to address a political meeting on Queen Square.

When His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and when General Williams visited the Province, the Provincial Building was, with the approval of all, thrown open to welcome the Heir Apparent to the Throne, and the bravest of our countrymen.

But the case is far otherwise—when these rooms and this building, without the sanction of their guardians, are appropriated for a political purpose and for the furthering of the designs of the leader of a political party, whose policy and whose principles are, by the vast majority of the people of Prince Edward Island, deemed inimical to its best interests.

The Governor of a Province has not, unfortunately, a difficult task to preserve the balance between contending parties, and we bear willing testimony that your Honor has never failed in impartiality and in fairness; and because we know this so well, we cannot bring ourselves to believe that the chief of the Executive has been consulted, or if consulted, has given his sanction to the Public Buildings of the Colony being thrown open for a "Grit" demonstration and the furtherance of what are called, by a happy sarcasm, "Reform Principles." "Grit" statesmen are distrusted, and so called "Reform Principles" are abhorred by the vast majority of the people of this Province, and we protest against the use of our Public Buildings for the proposed demonstration, as an act calculated to lead to the supposition that the people of this Province are in harmony with statesmen whom they distrust, and principles that they abhor.

As members of the great Liberal Conservative Party of Canada, we protest against the Executive patronage being extended to the party in power, and to the studied slight to the constitutional party of Canada and its leaders.

In case your Honor should, to our great regret, decide to adopt so deplorable a course, we beg to state that we hope soon to have a visit from Sir John A. McDonald, Dr. Tupper, Mr. Thomas White, and Mr. Dalton McCarthy; and we hope, indeed we feel assured, that your Honor will not deny to us the use of the Public Buildings, if same be accorded to our opponents.

We have the honor to be Your obedient servants,

The barque "George Peake" sailed from this port on Saturday last, for Liverpool, with a cargo consisting of 14,500 pieces deal ends containing 390,000 superficial feet; 200 pieces birch timber, containing 3,200 cubic feet; 675 bundles sailings, and 205 boxes lobsters.

THE PRESS ASSOCIATION.

On Friday evening the Association partook of a dinner at the Park Hotel. The dining room was tastefully decorated. At one end of the room was the cordial word "WELCOME" in ornamental capitals, and at the other the device "The Pen is mightier than the sword." The dinner was a corporal and intellectual treat. Mr. Holman exerted himself (very successfully) to please his visitors; and the visitors exerted themselves (very successfully) to make the entertainment pass off agreeably.

On Saturday morning the party left Summerside by train for Hunter River. There they were provided by the Messrs. Bagnall with carriages, and drove through New Glasgow to the "Sea Side Hotel." On the way, they had an opportunity of seeing and admiring a very fair specimen of our Island scenery. The landscapes—covered with the rich green of the growing crops, and diversified with trees, streams, hedges, homesteads and farm animals—were greatly admired. At the "Sea Side," the greater number enjoyed the luxury of a real salt water bath. Some visited the neighboring fishing stations, and walked about the beach discussing the Island and its capabilities. An enthusiastic bagpiper added to the jollity of the occasion. Dinner was served up at three o'clock. The party did ample justice to it. Hon. F. Brecken, (who presided) delivered a neat speech. After dinner, the Association, after heartily congratulating Mr. Newson, set out for Hunter River, where they took the cars for Charlottetown. Yesterday was spent "in Church," and in driving or walking about the town and its suburbs. The party—comprising the following members of the Association—left this morning in the steamer for Pictou:—

- C. D. Barr, President Association, Pictou, Lindsay.
W. R. Clime and wife, Statesman, Bowmanville.
James Innis and wife, Mercury, Guelph.
H. Hough, World, Cobourg.
E. Jackson and wife, Era, New Market.
G. R. Pattullo, Sentinel, Woodstock.
George Wilson and wife, Guide, Port Hope.
W. C. Scott, News, Pictou, Ontario.
J. W. Bengough, Grip, Toronto.
P. H. Bryce, Journal Education, Guelph.
F. G. Gissing, Review, Woodstock.
John Cameron, wife and sister, Advertiser, London, Ontario.
W. R. Atkinson, Advertiser, London, Ont.
D. Wylie & Son, Recorder, Brockville.
J. B. Traves, wife and son, Times, Port Hope.
O. S. Carman, Daily Ontario, Belleville.
J. C. Jamieson, Intelligence, Belleville.
J. J. Bell, Review, Peterboro.
P. E. Moyer, News, St. Catharines.
John Livingston, Times, Moncton.
W. C. Milner, Post Sackville.
A. J. Matheson, Expositor, Perth, Ontario.
John Massie and wife, Observer, Cowansville, Quebec.
Mr. Sawle, sashen, Caledonia, Ontario.

THE PREMIER'S RECEPTION.

On Saturday evening the Premier of this Dominion of ours arrived at Summerside in the steamer St. Lawrence, from Shediac. He was met on the wharf by a joint deputation from Charlottetown and Summerside. On landing from the steamer, Mr. McKenzie, with Mrs. McKenzie and others were conveyed in the steamer Frank to the "Island Park Hotel," where they will remain until this morning.

At about 8 o'clock a public meeting, of which Hon. Alex. Laird was Chairman, was convened at the Drill Shed. The Premier addressed the meeting. His speech occupied about an hour and a half, and was delivered in a clear, logical style. His manner is unassuming, but firm and self-possessed. He was listened to with marked attention. On entering the Drill Shed he was presented with the following congratulatory address, to which he suitably replied:—

To the Hon. Alexander McKenzie, Premier of Canada:

HONORABLE SIR.—On behalf of the inhabitants of Prince County we bid you a hearty welcome to our Island.

The high office which you hold, the highest in the gift of this great Dominion, alone demands this tribute of respect at our hands. But there are other considerations which more immediately concern yourself personally, that render the privilege of welcoming you here peculiarly pleasant. Long before this Island became a member of the Confederacy many of us have watched with great interest your career in defence of popular rights and in the advocacy of measures which have given to the people of British North America so large a share of political freedom.

The great ability, untiring perseverance and unselfishness of purpose with which you have fought your way to distinction challenge our admiration and respect, the more so when we remember that you have risen from the ranks of the people, not by the aid of adventitious circumstances, but by your own well-directed exertions. Whatever may be the changes in political parties, we are assured and are glad to believe that you will continue to exert a powerful influence in directing the public affairs of this great Dominion.

We are pleased to learn that you are accompanied by Mrs. McKenzie. We desire that she shall share in our welcome to you, and beg to express our warmest wishes for your continued health and prosperity.

We trust that your stay amongst us may be in the highest degree pleasant and agreeable to you, and that you will go away with a favorable impression of the Island and its people.

Correspondence.

OUR HALIFAX LETTER.

HALIFAX, July 30.

ANY Prince Edward Islander who could spare the time to visit Halifax—the City of the Sea—might spend a few days very agreeably around this locality. Through the kindness of Hon. Mr. Whitcher, the gentlemanly Commissioner of Fisheries for the Dominion, our first day in Halifax was spent in viewing the grounds and fortifications of "Citadel Hill," one of the strongest natural fortifications in the world. Looking down from its commanding position above the city we need not wonder that the military genius of the Duke of Kent saw fit to surround it with a network of fortifications, which are second to none in the British possessions. The embattled heights stand out in bold and clear relief, stern and defiant, and from the highest pinnacle floats the "Cross of St. George." This is England's pledge and promise that while the old flag waves above the battle and the breeze, she will defend the city and the loyalists from all intruders. Looking seaward to the right, we see fort upon fort stretching out as far as the eye can reach towards the eye can reach towards the wave-washed shore of Sambro. To the left stands George's Island bristling with breech-loaders, mortars and every other implement of destruction known to modern warfare. Hot indeed would be the reception tendered to any combination which might choose to test the strength, or try the mettle of the present guardians of Halifax. From the western slope of Citadel Hill we look down on the North Park, one of the public promenades of the city. This park is nicely arranged with long serpentine walks. On either side of every walk, trees are thickly planted; underneath their broad and spreading foliage seats have been arranged with considerable taste. These seats are intended for the use of the public.

On the north side of the citadel are the public gardens of Halifax. These gardens are laid out with great care and taste. Back of these again is the cemetery, there amidst flowers and foliage, sleeping their last dreamless sleep, lies many of Halifax's most honored dead.

The trains that first conceived the idea of a public garden for the use of the citizens of Halifax, have performed a work of philanthropy of which they may well feel proud. I know not who they are, nevertheless, I reverently raise my hat, and wish them God speed on their mission, in endeavoring to lighten the burden which many of the poor of Halifax, doubtless, find so hard to bear. What a priceless boon these gardens must be to the thousands within the city who have no other means of recreation, except to enjoy a health of pure air within their limits? What loads of care and sorrow must be lifted—for the time being—from the hearts of many, by being permitted to wander at will around the beautiful walks so tastefully decorated with flowers and shrubbery? How many they are, whose lives are one continued struggle for existence, whose sole pleasure consists in looking forward to the time when they will be permitted to enjoy a quiet sojourn beneath some leafy shade in the public gardens.

Daily we read of deeds of daring and bravery being performed under different circumstances, but they are hundreds of hard-worked and care-worn people in every large city who exhibit more real heroism in teaching themselves to be satisfied with their lot in life, than does he who faces the mouth of the cannons, under the influence of temperance excitement.

A number of British men-of-war are now lying in Halifax harbor. One of these, the Bellesophon, is a splendid iron-plated ship of fifteen guns. She carries a crew of 600 men, as fine a looking set of fellows as you would wish to look at. The Bellesophon seems to be fitted out with all the modern improvements for slaughtering humanity, such as Gatling guns, Martini Breech-loading rifles, Breech-loading revolvers &c. These, of course, are intended for use when the game gets close. She is also provided with a very formidable looking ram, which extends from the lower portion of her stem for a distance of twenty-five feet. There seems to be but little room to doubt that she would give any opponent whom she might choose to tackle, a pretty sickly punch with this modern invention of naval warfare.

The Fishery Commission is now in session here. In a few days you will likely hear from me in reference to the doings of that body.

NOVA SCOTIA COPPER ORES.—At a meeting of the Geological Society of London, held on the 20th June last, the following paper was read:—

"Notes on some recent Discoveries of Copper Ore in Nova Scotia," by Edwin Gilpin, Esq., M. A., F. G. S.

The author described the occurrence in the northern part of Nova Scotia of a great band of Silurian deposits, running nearly east and west, and traversed in a corresponding direction by numerous detached bands of granites, syenites, &c. Roughly parallel to the line of the latter there is a tolerably well-defined series of fractures running from Parrsboro on the Bay of Fundy to Guysboro on the Atlantic coast. The course of this line of disturbance is marked by metamorphism, and by the presence of associated ores of iron and copper. The principal localities where the latter occur are noticed by the author, who states that the copper deposits attain their greatest development near Lochaber Lake and Polson's Lake, where they form a series of veins cutting at oblique angles black and red shales and quartzites, apparently of somewhat doubtful age. The quality of the ore is said to be good.—Herald.

New Advertisements

GREAT ATTRACTION.

For Two Nights Only, MONDAY & TUESDAY EVNG'S. August 6 and 7.

The well-known English Comedian,

MR. BELVIL RYAN, and the Charming, Talented Actress and Vocalist,

MISS VIOLET CAMPBELL, will give their popular

Dramatic & Musical Entertainment,

—entitled—

SHEDS AND PATCHES,

Played by them, with the most enthusiastic success, in London, Liverpool, Manchester, England; and Edinburgh, Scotland.

PART I.

A HOUSEHOLD FAIRY.

In which Miss Campbell will sing "There's a Path by the River," and "I've Wandered by the Twilight," and give the celebrated recitation of "Lord Ullin's Daughter."

PART II.

A Pair of Pigeons,

In which Miss Campbell will sing "The Harp that once thro' Tara's Hall," "We Girls Are All Complaining," and the serio-comic song "I'd Like to be a Swell."

Mr. S. N. Earle has kindly consented to reside over the music. Prices 25 & 50 cents. Doors open at 7.30. Begins at 8. Aug. 6—

Provincial Normal School.

THE First Term of the Normal School, under the School Act of 1877, will commence on the second Tuesday of this month (August the 14th). Applications for admission may be made at once to the Principal, who will forward to intending students all information in regard to the entrance examination, and the subsequent course of study.

Ch'town, Aug. 2—all Isl papers 1w

Dress-Making!

LATEST STYLES—Polonaise, Basques, Sacques, and Overskirts made by MRS. M. HARRINGTON, opposite Eclipse Bakery, Kent Street, Ch'town. Aug. 3-6m

FLOUR.

100 BBLs. "PLIMSOLL"—very choice Family Flour. 200 Bbls. "Meadowdale"—a very reliable Spring extra. Other choice brands shortly expected.

Aug. 2 4n eod CARVELL BROS.

THE GREAT

ANNUAL HIGHLAND GATHERING

—OF THE—

Clans of Prince Edward Island

UNDER the auspices of the Caledonian Club, will be held near Charlottetown, on the

GROUNDS OF THE HON. J. C. POPE,

ON THE 15TH INST.

Railroad and Steamboat Tickets, good to return on the same or following day, will be issued at half fare.—For prizes, etc., see Programme.

N. CAMPBELL, JOHN A. McDONNELL, Sec. Com. Chairman Com. Aug. 2—3in 13 & 14

Wants, etc., etc.

Advertisements under this heading, in space not exceeding half an inch, will be inserted for TEN CENTS per day.

WANTED TO RENT—A Dwelling House containing not less than eight rooms, situated in a pleasant part of the City. Address to Box 98, Post Office. Aug. 6-3in eod\*

WANTED—Two Servants—a Cook and Housemaid. Apply to MRS. DANIEL DAVIES, Westwood, near Charlottetown. Aug. 4—

FOR SALE—A Drawing Room Suite of Furniture—new and cheap. Apply at Office of DAILY EXAMINER. July 28—

WANTED.—300 MEN to work on W. & T. Extension Railway, near Antigonish, Nova Scotia. H. A. BEEBE, Contractor. July 17, 18—w o d