

THE DAILY EXAMINER

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THE POINT

This point upon which the latest dispute between Great Britain and Russia turns is the treaty of Tien-Tsin. By that treaty Great Britain is guaranteed, as to China, "equality of opportunity" with every other power. But Russia has attempted to monopolize the railway traffic of Northern China by diverting trade from Newchwang to Ts-Lien-Wan, the western terminus of the great trans-continental railway. Notwithstanding her protestations, at the time of taking over her Chinese ports, that she would not interfere with the "open door" policy of Great Britain, Russia has made Port Arthur a closed port and has placed herself in a position to hamper British trade at Ts-Lien-Wan. Her latest move has been to put her foot upon the Newchwang-Pekin railway project to which the Government of China has assented. This project is being promoted by British capitalists. Its importance consists in the fact that Newchwang has been, and is, the port of entry for nearly all the trade with the Northern Chinese Provinces. But Russia having chosen a route for her railway which leaves it on one side, the importance of Newchwang will be destroyed unless the British capitalists are successful. Russian monopoly will thus be secured, while the guarantee of "equality of opportunity" secured by the treaty will be ignored. But Lord Salisbury has publicly and deliberately declared that this will not be permitted; and, speaking in the House of Lords a few days ago, he said:

"Her Majesty's Government will support the Chinese Government in resisting any power which commits acts of aggression on China on account of China having granted permission to British subjects to make any railway or public works."

As the case stands the onus rests upon China. If China should withdraw her permission to build the Newchwang railway which she has granted British capitalists, then Lord Salisbury must either back down or Great Britain must fight for her treaty rights. If, on the other hand, China shall prove true to the treaty pledge she has made, then the Government of Russia must either back down or fight for the trade monopoly in Northern China which she desires to establish and is pressing for in despite of her solemn promise not to interfere with the "open door."

It will readily be seen that the situation is extremely critical. For the sake of peace, Lord Salisbury has, upon minor points, repeatedly given way before the unprincipled and overreaching statesmanship of Russia. But there is a point at which patience cease to be a virtue; and even peace may be too dearly bought by many concessions. At any rate the British people are not just now in the mood to put up with further abuse of their treaty right to "equality of opportunity" in China. The policy of the "open door" adopted by the British Government in respect to trade with the Chinese people is just and reasonable; and the point at issue is one upon which a firm attitude, even in the face of war, will be supported by the British people and commended by all impartial nations.

The long service medal is to be given to the Canadian militia after all, and the Montreal Gazette remarks that "if the distribution of medals goes on at the present rate, to say nothing of titles for ministers, we shall be almost as decreative as the French in a few years, and to be conspicuous a man will need to go out without a decoration."

The Montreal Gazette remarks that the Spaniards struck their last blow at Manila, and failed to effect their purpose, though their regular troops were fighting with the U. S. volunteers. An unprejudiced enquiry into the causes of what is deficient in the Spanish military and naval forces and their equipment would probably find that most things were wrong, save the men's courage. They have done nothing effective since the war began.

An extra issue of the Canada Gazette, published on the 8th inst, has the following proclamation:—

Whereas we are desirous and resolved, as soon as may be, to ascertain if our people of our Dominion of Canada are in favor of the passing of an act prohibiting the importation, manufacture or sale of spirits, wine, ale, beer, cider, and all other alcoholic liquors for use as beverages;

We do make known our royal will and pleasure that a plebiscite be had on the question, and do further declare that by the advice of our Privy Council for Canada, we have this day given orders for issuing our writs in due form, for the purpose of having such a plebiscite taken in each and every electoral district within our said Dominion, on Thursday, the 29th day of September next, which writs are to bear date on the fifth day of August, 1898, and to be returnable on the third day of November, 1898.

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AS OTHERS SEE US.

Pictures of Home by an Impartial Hand.

Miss Katie Westlake Yeigh, writing to the Toronto Globe, gives some impressions of her visit to Prince Edward Island. She says: "Though wave-washed on every side, it is a peaceful, placid land, with a soil that makes farming a pastime, and a population that is equable in temperament and eminently self-satisfied. They have the independence characteristic of an insular people, and an air, not so much as owning the earth, as being the earth."

The island has no extremes of summer heat, and for the world-worn sojourner there is quiet and rest by the cool sea beaches, or in the somnolent interior—a Lotos-land, where the days might slip by in slumberous ease.

The scenery is not grand in any sense, but it is pleasing, much of it reminding one of rural England, and the color effects are beautiful. The fine waterstretches—arms of the sea, tidal rivers, creeks with their red banks crowned with vivid green, the deep, innocent blue of the summer sky flecked with tiny fleecy clouds, like down from the angels' wings, the deep dark hue of the waters, make charming pictures everywhere. And along the country roads or flying by on the narrow-gauge rails of the island railway, with its bewildering twists and turns, the landscape develops its Aradan character. A daisy-carpeted field, where the cows ruminant in a sweet-smelling clover, pink and white; a dark red summer fallow; an orchard in the hollow, a hillside dotted with baby evergreens like little green-clad ladies playing equat-tag; a waving hayfield ready for the sickle, a piece of half-cleared bush, where the long-tailed lambs and their mothers flad play and pasture, and, prevailing all, a dreary, drowsy atmosphere of comfortable tranquility.

Charlottetown is beautifully situated as to waterfront, but has a rather flat, dingy appearance. So many of the buildings are of wood that has long thirsted for the paint brush, and the flat-roofed, shingled houses, guiltless of eave, or other break, or projection, are somewhat inartistic. Shingles are used greatly all through the Maritime Provinces, clapped on roof, sides, front and back in uncharitably uniformity. The roadways in Charlottetown are inclined to be dusty, and the sidewalks, when not of earth or of gravel, are chiefly of planks laid lengthwise; not across, as with us. Business clusters around the public square, where, surrounded by flower beds and green sward, stand the legislative building, with its diminutive chamber, the court house, postoffice and market.

There is a beautiful drive following the East River out to the attractive little park. The roadway is wide, perfectly smooth, and built close to the water, within sound and smell of its bright salt tide. The outspread view of harbor, up river vista and rolling land of the farther shore is very fine. The water front, more than anything, holds the interest of the inland traveller, the frolic of the tides the treasure-hunting of the beaches, the fun of a salt dip, the pleasure of watching the sport of the small folk. A dozen boys, barefooted and trouserless, were out in the red mud of the harbor at low tide, sinking deep into the slimy, sea-weedy ooze, digging down and fishing some black object up with their toes. One boy who had clin d'up n a tipped-over scow was making his simple toilet, and when I called to him to know what the boys were looking for he looked at me with evident disdain and answered, "Cow-awks."

"Cow-awks?" I repeated. "What are they like?"

"Like them," he replied, holding up what looked like a tight-shut clam shell.

"And they're cow-awks? Or is it cow-lawk? How do you spell it?"

"We don't spell 'em. We eat 'em," he said, drawing his last stocking up over his wet, muddy leg and turning his back to us. And I am still in ignorance as to the exact nature of a "cow-hawk."

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It is said that the native servants in Hawaii used to call their mistresses by their first names. An English woman of strong will determined on her arrival in Honolulu that her servants should never call her Mary and instructed them carefully in the presence of her husband. One day, when she had visitors, her cook put his head in at the drawing room door and politely inquired:

"What vegetables for dinner today, my love?"

He had heard her called that and seemed proud of remembering not to say Mary.—New York Tribune.

—Mail and Empire: The geographical distribution of prohibition sentiment is made the plainer by the circumstance that the Government has ordered the old organ in Toronto to favour the principle in a tentative half-and-half sort of way, and the organ in Quebec to oppose it violently.

Montreal Gazette: A physician who has examined many U. S. army recruits, found that young farmers failed most frequently among those who could not show sufficient lung expansion, the minimum of which for acceptance was two inches. City youths seldom fell short in this respect. It would seem that country work does not develop some of the physical powers as much as might be expected. The farmers should take deeper inhalations of their health-giving air.

—Captains of the ships trading with Montreal and using the Straits of Belle Isle route, are signing a petition to the Government, asking for the extension of the gulf telegraphic service to Belle Isle. This request, is all things considered, a reasonable one, and we hope that the Government will grant it.

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Wednesday, Aug. 17th

Games will commence at 11.30. Following is the Competition Prize List:—

	1st	2nd	3rd
Throwing Light Hammer,	\$5	\$3	\$2
Running High Leap,	3	2	
Putting Stone, 14 lbs,	5	3	2
Hop, Step and Jump,	3	2	
Throwing Heavy Hammer,	5	3	2
100 Yard Dash,	3	2	
Putting Stone, 14 lbs,	3	2	1
Running Broad Jump,	3	2	
* Flat Race, 220 Yards,	3	2	1
Vaulting with Pole,	3	2	1
* Throwing Light Hammer,	3	2	1
Quarter Mile Race,	3	2	1
* Boys' Race (under 16) 100 Yards,	3	2	1
Sack Race,	3	2	1
Hurdle Race,	3	2	1
Dancing Ghillie Callum	3	2	1
Dancing Highland Fling, First Prize Silver Medal presented by T. A. McLean, Chief of the Club,	2	1	

PIPE MUSIC—All Pipers playing on the ground shall receive a prize.

* All events marked thus are open only to All-Comers who have not here-to-fore taken any prize therein.

PRESIDENT'S PRIZE—Silver Medal presented by Mr. James McIsaac, President of the Club, to the best All-round Athlete in the above competitions, judged by points—5 points for first prize, etc.

Admission 25 cents. Children under 12 years of age 10 cents. No passes issued. Entrance to the grounds from Cardigan Road only.

TRAIN ARRANGEMENTS—Standard Time—a Special Train will leave Charlottetown at 7.20 a. m.; Royalty Junction at 7.35; Bedford at 8; Mount Stewart 8.25; Morell 8.55; arriving at St. Peter's at 9.20. Passengers for St. Peter's by the regular morning train from Georgetown will connect at Mount Stewart with the regular train from Charlottetown, or may wait at Mount Stewart for the Special from Ch'town. A Special Train will leave Souris at 9.30 a. m., Bear River at 10, Selkirk at 10.15, and arrive at St. Peter's at 10.35. Passengers who come by this Special will return by the regular evening train, leaving St. Peter's at 4.41 standard. The Special for Charlottetown will leave St. Peter's at 5.30 p. m., standard, and will connect at Mount Stewart with a Special for Georgetown, taking all passengers for Georgetown and intermediate stations. These trains will carry passengers at the following rates:—

Charlottetown to Cametry, inclusive, 75c.; Royalty Junction to Bedford inclusive, 60c.; Tracadie to St. Andrew's, inclusive, 45c.; Douglass and Dundee, 35c.; Lot 40 25c.; Morell, 20c.; Marie, 15c.; Midell, 10c.; Souris to Harmony, 35c.; New Zealand to Bear River, inclusive, 35c.; Rollo Bay 30c.; Selkirk 20c.; Ashton 10c.; Five Houses 5c.; Georgetown and Brudenell 75c.; St. Teresa's and Cardigan 60c.; Piquid and Peake's, 45c.

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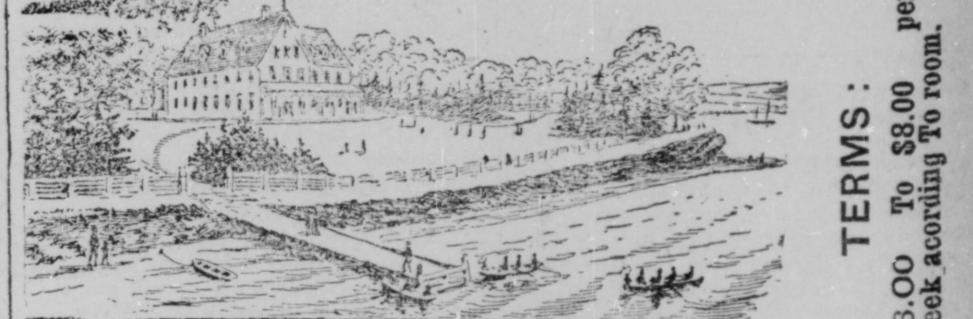
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