

**THE DAILY EXAMINER.**

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**PROVINCIAL ACCOUNTS.**

The Provincial Government will do well if they take a leaf out of the city book as to public accounts. While the citizens are now in a position to know all about the financial position of the city and the operations of last year, the people of Prince Edward Island, as a whole, are completely in the dark as to the financial position of the Province; and, though they know that very little has been done by the Government in the past year, they will not know for perhaps two months to come how much of their money the Government has spent. By the time the public accounts are published the people will be getting ready to plant the next crop and will have no time to study them. If the system of bookkeeping followed by the City Clerk were adopted by the Provincial officials, the Provincial accounts might be issued promptly; and when issued they would show clearly how the Province stands. The people would, then, have an opportunity to consider the financial situation at a time when they have leisure; and the Legislature might be called together for business early in the winter instead of at the end of March. It is discreditable to the Province, as well as unfair to its people, that the Legislature of Prince Edward Island is the last in all Canada to meet for despatch of business.

**GENERAL CONVENTION OF FARMERS.**

As a rule, the successful farmer is he who says little at public meetings, etc., reads, thinks, gets up early in the morning and attends, strictly and methodically, to business. But there are times when the farmer, as other men, may do well to meet his fellow-farmers and talk the matter over, pro and con, in a quiet and reasonable way. Such a time is the present. Farming in this Province is just now in a state of transition. Farmers are giving up the old simple system of growing oats and potatoes for shipment, and taking up the more complex system of manufacturing butter and cheese and pork and beef. This latter system demands and necessitates mutual and hearty co-operation. To succeed under it farmers must work along the same lines. They must produce such breeds of cattle and pigs and such various kinds of fodder as are calculated to make, at the least expense, the most and the best milk and cream, the most and the best meat, and the largest profits. They must endeavor to produce articles of uniformly high quality that will sell at high prices in competition with the world; and they must work together to obtain for themselves the highest prices which the markets of the world, and particularly the British market, will afford. To secure these results they must work together, and in order to work together they must come to a common understanding as to methods of tillage, breeding, feeding, management and marketing, and to come to a common understanding they must meet together in convention and talk over these matters—what to do, and what to avoid doing, in detail. Consequently we favor strongly the idea of a general farmers' convention to be held in this city in the course of the present winter.

The conclusions arrived at in the convention, will, of course, be published by the press and be conveyed, personally, by those who are present, to the various cheese and butter companies in the Province, and by them to all the patrons. So that as a result, of the convention, the farmers of the whole Province may, ere long, be working together under one common system—and that the best system which the experience and wisdom of our foremost farmers can devise.

We hope that the idea of a general farmers' convention will materialize.

The London correspondent of the Birmingham 'Gazette' remarks that nobody has ever heard of Lord Salisbury doing an unkind action, but few know how often he goes out of the way to do thoughtful acts of kindness. The most powerful statesman in Europe, and the busiest man in England, he would spare time to help the meaneast. Many of us remember how, when his coachman accidentally ran over a little boy on the street a year or two ago, Lord Salisbury saw the lad taken to the hospital, and on returning from the Foreign Office in the evening, he himself called to inquire how the little one was getting on. Another incident of this kind has just come to my knowledge. Lord Salisbury, on becoming acquainted with the fact that a public servant was lying ill in his lodgings, himself went to see the man, not merely to leave his card, but actually to climb up three pairs of stairs, and then he sat by the sick man's bed and talked to him in a friendly and comforting manner.

"For a consideration" we shall be pleased to receipt that little bill we tell you.—Moore & McLeod.

**ESTEEMED EXCHANGES.**

Mail and Empire: If Labrador is another Klondyke there is a strong reason for thinking that gold and silver are like June's swans, inseparable.

St. John Sun: It is a poor day that does not see the invention of a new office on the Intercolonial. Who but Mr. Blair and Mr. Harris would have thought of an inspector of scales? Now the Times hears that there is to be an assistant inspector.

Boston Globe: Uncle Sam has spent \$26,000,000 upon modern fortifications for the coasts, and to complete the scheme of defense will spend twice as much more. Yet he has not enough artillerymen to give, when all is finished, one gunner to each gun; nor has he enough men to enable him to assign more than two to take care of each \$100,000 gun, which is the average cost of the guns.

Montreal Gazette: People entering the United States are now liable to have any seal-skin garments they may wear confiscated. Congress' spite law, enacted in a fit of temper because Canada would not forego its rights on the high seas for the benefit of the Alaska Commercial Company is being enforced. Visitors are learning how very small a great country can be made by its legislators.

Halifax Herald: The best public opinion of the United States supports Great Britain in the stand she has taken in defence of the independence of China. The jingoes, including Senator Morgan, go further than this, and are demanding that the United States shall intervene to prevent Europe from annexing China against the will of its people. And yet, as pointed out by the Louisville Courier-Journal, these same jingoes are demanding that the United States shall annex Hawaii against the will of its people. Jingoes are rarely very consistent.

BOARD OF TRADE.—Gentlemen desirous of joining the Charlottetown Board of Trade for the year 1898 will have an opportunity to do so by sending in their names to the Secretary at any time before 8 o'clock this evening. The small amount of \$2 a year ought not to prevent anyone from joining this important institution.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.—At the first regular meeting of Court New London, I. O. F., in January, the following officers were installed for the ensuing year by Court Deputy N. Nicholson:

- C. R.—D. A. Wedlock.
- V. C. R.—A. K. Henry.
- R. S.—G. W. Simpson.
- F. S.—J. S. Wedlock.
- Treas.—Capt. D. Sutherland.
- Chan.—G. E. Found.
- S. W.—W. R. Taylor.
- J. W.—Geo. Morrison.
- S. B.—Harlan P. Found.
- J. B.—Geo. Morris.

AN EXPLANATION.—In yesterday's report of the City Council meeting it was stated that Councillor Hughes' resolution regarding the new engine and pump for the waterworks was adopted after the rejection of an amendment that lie on the table. There was no amendment moved, but several members of the Board voted against the resolution on the ground that it was unnecessary and uncalled for as the matter to which it had reference would have to be dealt with by the incoming Council.

AN OLD AND WELL TRIED REMEDY.—Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup has been used for over fifty years by millions of mothers for their children while teething with perfect success. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic, and is the best remedy for Diarrhoea. Is pleasant to the taste. Sold by druggists in every part of the world. Twenty-five cents a bottle. Its value is incalculable. Be sure and ask for Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup, and take no other kind.

HOCKEY.—The Wanderers, of Halifax, the Maritime champions of last winter, are expected in Charlottetown on Tuesday evening next, to play match games with the Victorias and Abegweits, of this city. It is understood that the first game will be played on Wednesday night, and the second on Friday night.

The young people of the First Methodist church will give a concert and candy sale at Heartz's Hall Tuesday evening January 18th. Admission ten cents. A pleasant drive and a pleasant evening for pleasure seekers.

OTTAWA, Jan. 10.—A commission has been appointed to investigate the trouble between the St. Lawrence pilots and the shipping interest. It consists of Judge Lavergne, Deputy Gordeau and Commander Wakeham.

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**COMMERCIALIZING THE I. C. R.**

How It Works.

MONCTON, Jan. 10.—Mr. Blair is carrying out with a vengeance his pledge to take the Intercolonial railway out of politics and so commercialize the road. Mr. Harris, the new traffic manager, abolished the office of assistant general freight agent, held for many years by Mr. George H. Pick. Now Mr. Pick is a prominent member of the Orange order, also a prominent Mason, a Son of England and a Forester, as well as a humble but appreciated member of the great liberal party. His dismissal caused so much trouble that the minister, though not daring to interfere with the traffic manager so soon after having given him a free hand, sent down instructions to General Manager Pottinger that he was to "provide a place" for Mr. Pick and at the same time Mr. Pick's friends were given to understand that his old salary would be continued, or at all events not greatly reduced. Mr. Pottinger was at his wits' end, as all the available places had been filled, but Mr. Pick, it is understood, has been assigned a desk in the auditor's office, and if his old salary is continued, as promised, there will be the rather unique spectacle of a man performing an ordinary clerk's duties at \$1,700 a year, while the head of the department is receiving only \$1,500 a year. Another case of a somewhat similar nature is reported from Lewis, Quebec, where a Mr. Macdonald, ticket agent, was dismissed by Mr. Harris, but reinstated a few days later. Mr. Macdonald is not an Orangeman or a Mason, but his wife is a niece of a high dignitary in the Roman Catholic church in Quebec, a fact of which Mr. Harris may have been unaware when he ordered his dismissal. Still another instance of another kind is reported. When the railway freight shed at Moncton was removed last summer the work was done by a Mr. Brown, of Kent county, under contract, his tender being the lowest. Mr. Brown is, or was, a conservative. He evidently had the work at a low figure and when he finished put a bill of extras amounting to about half his original tender. This bill went through the usual channels, but the deputy minister refused to allow it. Then Mr. Brown set the political machine in motion and, enlisting the sympathies of Mr. S. D. Phinney, an ex-member of the legislature, Mr. Blair was communicated with, and as a result Mr. Brown's bill of extras has been paid. So much for Mr. Blair's promise to take the I. C. R. out of politics. His efforts to "commercialize" the road are equally barren of beneficial results, one of the first fruits of the order, withdrawing special rates being the receipt at Moncton station of a large consignment of western corn via the Canadian Pacific. Manufacturers who have hitherto striven to have all their business come over the I. C. R. do not feel now that they are now under any obligation to do so, and as a result the road will lose instead of gain.

**THAT CHAMPAGNE.**

Sir, What's the matter with the Guardian? Thirty dollars worth of liquor bought by the City Council and the purchase acknowledged from one of the temperance contingent and unanimously paid. Not a word from the Guardian on this! The Scott Act in force too. If others did this, wouldn't the welkin ring!

AN SING.

**MOUNT ALBION SCHOOL.**

The semi-annual examination of Mount Albion school, under the tutorship of Mr. Wm. J. McEachern, took place December 31st. Messrs. Robert Jenkins, William Ballum and Benj. Jenkins assisted the teacher in examining the school. The pupils were well drilled in all the primary subjects, their quick and accurate answers showing very careful training on the part of the teacher, and sharp mental capacity on the part of the pupils. After the examination prizes and confectionery were distributed by the teacher to the pupils, who presented him with a Christmas present of a pair of kid gloves and a silk handkerchief. This shows Mr. McEachern's popularity as a teacher.

TRUTH.

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The general disposition to increase naval armaments can be gauged by the fact that 87 warships are building in Great Britain alone. They aggregate a displacement of 318,613 tons. Of the 87 warships, 34 go to foreign governments.

A young advocate before the Scotch Lords of Session, on hearing a decision against his client, which he deemed contrary to law and justice, so far forgot himself as to explain that he was "surprised at such a decision." There lordships were very angry, and were considering how to mark their sense of the advocate's impertinence, when a pawky old councillor rose, and besought their lordships' forgiveness for the slip his young brother advocate had made. "It was purely lack of experience that led him into error. Had he known your lordships half as long as I have done, I'm sure he would not have been surprised at anything your lordships said or did."

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