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OUR PUBLIC "INSTITUTIONS."

The latest report of the Grand Jury is couched in moderate language. One has to know something of the facts, and to read between the lines to appreciate the disgrace to the Province implied in the "overcrowded condition" of the Hospital for the Insane and the "necessity of immediately providing the additional accommodation required;" the "overcrowded state" of the poor house; the "clean condition" of the jail, etc. There is in these quotations from the Grand Jury's report a world of suggestion.

We entertain the opinion that, with lock-ups in the principal towns, and railway communication, one jail and one jailor is enough for the whole province. The jail at Summerside, erected not long since, may be sufficiently large for all provincial purposes. But if not, a new jail ought to be erected on the Government Farm, where, with those of the asylum and poor-house, all the inmates able to work should be kept constantly employed under efficient surveillance and superintendence. The saving that would thus be effected in the maintenance of these institutions would, we believe, fully cover the interest of the cost of the new buildings needed.

The government has been shamefully recreant to its duty and the administration of the future will have a heavy burden to bear. We hope that the latter will deal manfully, reasonably and successfully with the difficulties inherited from its predecessors, not the least of which is that involved in the reform of our public institutions.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

—General Yule, who lately arrived in England in ill-health, states that the war will not last long.

—Mr. Arthur Mellish writes a long and interesting letter to his parents, descriptive of the arrival and reception of the contingent at Cape Town. We have room today for only the concluding paragraphs respecting the trip to De Aar.

—Some one in Ottawa has estimated that the cost of sending two Canadian Contingents to South Africa will be — million and a half. If so, what will it cost Great Britain to transport to South Africa a hundred thousand men with all equipments and supplies, and maintain them in the field.

—The Liberte, of Paris, publishes a letter from Col. De Vill-bois Mareul, a very prominent French officer, in which he says that the Transvaal government, by an official announcement printed in the Volksstem, recognized that the honor of the Calenso victory belonged to himself, he having as chief of staff prepared the battle and being present thereat. It appears that Great Britain is fighting not only the brains of the Dutch Republics, but the brains of the European armies.

—The death of the Duke of Westminster will be felt by nearly every one around Eaton Hall, as he knew personally many of the thousand men who worked for him. In spite of his wealth he was approachable and would give an audience to a ditch digger if he thought the man ought to have it. All of his workmen were his tenants, and on a portion of the estate were up to date cottages, which they rented. Each man was given enough land for a garden patch and could raise enough vegetables to keep his family well supplied. To encourage floral and other decoration he offered prizes for the best flower bed, shade tree and rose bush. The result was that the settlement of the work people is one of the sights of the place.

THERE'S LIFE IN THE ISLAND YET.

SIR.—It is very pleasing to note, notwithstanding the incessant grumblings of some of the old-timers, the everlasting cry that we are such a small community, that we are so entirely cut off from the markets of the world for a large part of the year—that there is life—business life—in our Island yet. The recent annual meeting of our Board of Trade, The President's report, the letter from Mr. James Paton which appeared in THE EXAMINER a few days ago, conclusively prove that the business energy which many thought was almost entirely departed from our midst is still amongst us. And it is the opinion of your humble correspondent that it would not take a great deal to bring the business men of the Island to take advantage of some of the advantages—from which they at present receive no benefit—which lie before them. They can have better winter communication than they have at present if they will put forth energy enough to get it. I believe that with a long, long pull, and a strong, strong pull, and a pull altogether they could have the necessary arrangements made which would enable a good steamer to make two return trips a day between Cape Traverse and Tormentine almost the whole year round. What a difference that would make to the Island. Less than an hour's sail to or from the mainland would be a big attraction, especially in stormy weather. We can have a direct steamer to England nine months in the year if we will but show the steamboat companies that we can provide enough freight, and show the Government—Liberal or Conservative—that we mean business and want a fair share of everything that is going—direct steamer subsidies included. We can have a direct steamer to Sydney, C. B., if we will but show that we can provide enough freight and passengers to make it pay; and we can, if we will. But will we?

About a summer hotel. Now is the time to get together and agitate this matter. Surely last season's tourist business taught us a small lesson. Do you not think, Mr. Editor—do you not know, that it would not take a great deal of effort exerted by the right man or number of men to get enough capital subscribed to build an hotel that would be a credit to our city. Where is the man? If there is not someone on the Island there is no doubt that it will not be long before some foreigner takes the chance and makes the money for himself that might be made and kept by Islanders. My idea would be to have a fairly large hotel, one that could be kept nearly full in the winter, with everything up to date, not on too expensive a scale, built on the Douse property. Then have a big hotel, it need not be expensively built, as it would only be used in the warm months of summer, or very expensively fitted—erected somewhere close to the harbor's mouth on the Rocky Point side and have a comfortable launch to run between. Others may have, probably have had, the same idea. Perhaps there are better ones. The prospect of a good investment and the benefit that it would be to Charlottetown ought to make the obtaining of subscriptions for stock an easy matter. Our temperance people especially would no doubt subscribe liberally.

But there is another little matter—small in comparison with the question of a new hotel, which the late president of the Board of Trade for anyone else has as yet had little to say. I refer to the formation of a joint stock poultry company. There is money in the business. Why shouldn't Charlottetown have her share? The mere farmers we can bring to Charlottetown and the oftener we can bring them in the better for the town in many ways. I have spoken to several persons and believe that six thousand dollars would put a company on a good basis. A good manager would of course be the principal need. Three or four acres of land would be sufficient and a thousand dollars worth of buildings would probably do to begin on. With a bustling manager the business would be a paying one. Fattening chickens, raising pure-bred stock to supply our farmers at reasonable rates, and exporting strictly fresh eggs would be the most important parts of the business. Would not the present time, when Prof. Gilbert, manager of the poultry branch of the Central Experimental Farm is coming down to deliver lectures on the

poultry industry, be a good time to start the movement? At ten dollars a share, it would not take long to sell six hundred shares in a business in which all our farmers are interested, which shows splendid possibilities for returns and which would be of much benefit to Charlottetown and serve to increase our export trade.

ONE OF THE PROGRESSIVES.

ST. JAMES HALL.—The annual meeting of the teachers and officers of St. James' Sabbath School was held last evening for the election of officers and the transaction of other business. The attendance was large and enthusiastic. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:

Superintendent—Major D Stewart.
Secretary—Mr William C Lawson.
Assistant do—Mr Alex Hyndman.
Librarians—Messrs W A Stewart and John McLaughlin.
Treasurer—A L Brown (re-elected.)
Organist—Miss Ethel Stewart.
Assistant do—Miss Louise Lawson.

A unanimous vote of thanks was tendered the retiring Superintendent, Mr J A Lawson, for the very efficient and agreeable manner in which he discharged the duties of his office for the past four years.

—The Liberals have had a bad fall in Carleton, New Brunswick. The Conservatives there won the seat for the County, yesterday, by nearly 200 majority. Carleton is in line with the country at large.

See the big bargains in men's underwear \$1.50 suit for \$1.00.—J. B. Macdonald & Co.

LOCAL NOTICES.

All our 14 cent print cotton for 8 cents tonight at Paton & Co's.

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Presbyterian Book of Praise, Baptist hymn books, Methodist hymn books, hymns ancient and modern, Hymnal and Companion.—Carter's Bookstore.

Watch the crowd tonight at Prowse Bros. and you will see them get some of the biggest bargains ever offered in the city in men's, boys and children's clothing.

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Burns' Anniversary Celebration

—IN THE—
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THURSDAY EVENING, JANUARY 25

PROGRAMME.

- Overture—Scotland Forever Orchestra.
- Solo—A Hundred Pipeers Prof. Claven.
- Quartette—Robin Adair Male Voices.
- Solo—Cam' ye by Athol Miss Florence Earle.
- Clarinet solo—'Comin' Thro' the Rye Prof. Watts.
- Recitation—Scotch Miss Fio McKenzie.
- Solo—Auld Robin Gray Mrs. Watts.
- Duett—Selected Miss Amy Earle and Mr. Chas Earle.
- Highland scene and dance, under the direction of Miss H. C. Macdonald, by Scotch lads and lassies.
- PART II.
- Medley—Bonnie Laddie Orchestra.
- Solo—T I Old Scotch songs Miss Cellings.
- Solo—Scotch Robert Lamont.
- Recitation T. A. McLean.
- Quartette—Annie Laurie Ladies' Voices.
- Solo Mr. Chas Earle.
- Violin Solo Prof. Vinnicombe.
- Solo—Burns and Scotland yet Mr. Frank Stanley.
- Selection Orchestra.
- Solo—Absent-minded Boggar Miss Florence Earle.
- God Save the Queen Pianists—Prof. Earle, Watts and Mr. Blanchard.
- Leader of Orchestra—Prof Vinnicombe, Piper—Mr. Peter Ferguson.
- Tickets and plan at Dodd's and Rankin's drugstores on Monday, the 22nd inst., at 10 o'clock, a. m.
- Reserved seats 25c; unreserved 25c.
- Doors open at 7:30; concert at 8 o'clock sharp.
- J A MACDONALD, Secretary.

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Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Shareholders and Patrons of the Hillsborough Dairying Company, will be held in the Mt. Herbert Hall, on Wednesday, the 17th day of January, 1900, at 1 o'clock, p. m.

By ORDER OF DIRECTORS.
Mt. Herbert, Dec 28, 1899.
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