

THE DAILY EXAMINER. OCTOBER 24, 1896.

RAILWAY AND OTHER MATTERS.

COMPLIMENTS first when gentle-folk meet. The Patriot infirms the public that the Minister of Marine and Fisheries received his reporter upon his return to his home "with that kindly courtesy for which the distinguished Islander is noted and which is so encouraging and cheering to a new-paper man," and the genial reporter, as everyone may read, has recorded his appreciation of the Hon. gentleman's condescension. It is pleasing to learn that our Minister is in excellent health; notwithstanding the fact that he (with the other Ministers) has been "kept busy day and night" bringing up those "appalling arrears of work." He graciously informed the reporter that Parliament would not meet early next year, and that besides the tariff reform, on which Sir Richard Cartwright and Mr. Fielding are even now engaged, the iniquitous Franchise Act is to be abolished. But he did not indicate the nature of the tariff reform or the franchise that is to be accorded. Nor did he vouchsafe any light concerning the settlement of the Manitoba school question. It is to be regretted that the reporter did not make good his rare opportunity to obtain some information upon this point. The Liberals and McCarthyites of Manitoba are—so the telegrams say—extremely anxious to learn what the terms of the settlement are. Mr. Sifton, we are told, cannot accept the nomination which is to make good his appointment to the Department of the Interior until he is able to assure his friends concerning the conditions of the settlement. According to the latest despatches it has leaked out that the electors have given Mr. Sifton to understand that unless the school question has been settled in a manner satisfactory to them, he need not look to them for election. We quote: "Our demand is nothing short of the satisfactory settlement of the school question. The principles of the settlement must be absolutely maintained. We are a unit with the spirit of Major Mulvey's remarks in the Legislature regarding the defending of the constitution of our province and Dominion, and will not take from the Liberals what we refused to take from the Conservatives."

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

A wag suggests that Hon. Mr. Davies went west today to avoid the onset of the "Noble Six Hundred." But we know that Mr. Davies is giving to the claims of every one of that devoted band his "most sympathetic consideration."

A dry goods clerk has been appointed to superintend the erection of a public building at Arnprior, Ontario, in the place of an experienced builder, who has been dismissed. "Business is business, you know."

Dark mornings—buy an Alarm Clock.—W. W. Wellner sells them cheap.

New layer figs and new prunes just received at Beer & Gott's. Oct 24 2m.

Free Concert—Come and hear the Grandpiano this evening (Saturday) at Carter's Bookstore, Ontario, open till 10 o'clock. All admision free. All are invited.

Paton's all wool flannel at 19 cts. 1st worth seeing. Finest makes only 20 cts. Said to be worth 25 cts, our 20 cts. leaders.—Paton & Co.

Our heavy weight liners, said to be worth 32 cts, now selling at 25 cts.—Paton & Co.

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65c quality ladies hinders for 55 cts. See them at Paton's.

Beautiful goods, dandy cutter, first class workmen, up to date tailoring at McKay Woolen Co's.

Try us for your next suit or overcoat. You won't be disappointed. No cheap jack tailoring here.—McKay Woolen Co.

A cargo of fresh mixed reserve run of mine coal now landing at Connelly's Wharf.—James Barrett.

Trade with the Star Tailor if you have your own interest at stake.

Six 17.—There is a magnificent piece of decorated china in the window of Watson's Drug Store. Miss Chisholm is the artist.

You can't be well if your blood is impure, but you may have pure blood and good health by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Johnson's Baking Powder gives fullest satisfaction 25c a pound. Johnson & Johnson.

Miss Edith Hill begs to deny the report now in circulation that she intends leaving the Island. She takes this opportunity of thanking her patrons and informing them that her classes are now open for instruction on the pianoforte, in which a few vacancies occur. Organist of St. Paul's Church, Charlottetown, and certificate from South Kensington, Eng. Oct 23 3i

The original and the best—Watson's Baking Powder, 25c a pound. One teaspoon to the pound of flour.

Headquarters for mantles, millinery, dress goods, furs and gents' furnishings.—W. A. Weeks & Co.

Buy your Overcoats from S. A. McDonald.

W. A. Weeks & Co. are giving grand value in ladies' and gents' winter underclothing. They offer a special line of plain fine knit shawl wool in gents' at \$1.20 per suit, regular \$2 goods. In immense quantities of these lines are selling at the People's Store. 2i

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Remember our Ladies' Jackets are admired for the style, finish and cheapness. If you intend buying one, we will suit you without doubt.

J. B. Macdonald & Co'y.

THE PROVINCIAL SITUATION.

Letter From Mr. W. S. Stewart, Q. C.

SIR,—Owing to the stupidity of the editor of the Patriot and a typographical error which appeared in my letter yesterday which made \$169,000 read \$16,000 I am obliged shortly to restate my position with regard to the educational portion of the scheme of provincial administration which I have proposed. In my first letter I stated that the ordinary revenue after repaying the land and income taxes, without counting the Land Office receipts, would be sufficient to meet all the services of the Province except the payment of the teachers' salaries and leave a balance of \$45,000 which could be devoted to education. The editor of the Patriot seems to think that when the ordinary teachers are paid the whole cost of education is provided for. Before sending broadcast reports of this paper such an absurd statement he should have scanned any one of the yearly public accounts of the province. If he will look at page 16 of last year's accounts he will find that there is a "paid" of \$1,062,719 which represents the cost of the four school inspectors, the superintendent and his clerk, the Prince of Wales College and its staff of professors, the scholarships and several other charges of a miscellaneous description. In addition, intended, and the language used could admit of no other interpretation, that all the services represented by the last named amount should be paid out of the ordinary revenue of the province and that the whole amount of \$450,000 should be devoted in aid of the payment of the salaries of the ordinary city and country teachers. So much for what the Patriot editor knows of our educational system. His mistake was simply \$10,000 less, it is a wonder that the finances of the province have been so badly managed by the present government when its leading champion in the press makes such a huge blunder over such a small matter. I would suggest when the editor undertakes to criticize in the future that he inform himself of the subject on hand.

I said yesterday that all the other services of the Province except the payment of ordinary teachers' wages and incomes, and I endeavored to show how all these other services could be efficiently discharged with this \$169,000.

Why is it proposed to abolish the land and income taxes? For two reasons. The taxes can be more economically collected by the school trustees and the valuation for purpose of taxation will be more fair than under any other system, and made without any trouble or expense. It is impossible to run the present system what is the cost of collecting the taxes. We know that it is made the excuse of keeping a lot of officials about the Provincial building whose cost for last year amounted to the not too modest sum of \$1,865,285, but we would deplore collectors all over the rest of the Island the Public Accounts sayeth not. That they are paid their commissions cannot be doubted, and the aggregate of these commissions upon the \$1,865,285 is a small sum. The trustees can collect the taxes for school purposes at a very small almost nominal expense and if only \$1500, can be saved by the change it is well worth making it.

The present system of valuation is very unfair. I believe such a system is to be found nowhere else in the world. The only thing about it to be commended is its cheapness. It has, however, so many drawbacks, and works so much injustice, that it is no use trying to defend it. Why should land worth \$50 or \$75 an acre only pay the same tax as land worth \$25 an acre? Or why should a system be tolerated that enables so many men to shirk their responsibilities to the injustice of those who conscientiously and honestly fulfil theirs? A return to the Davies system of valuation is out of the question—a system not only unjust and unfair but very expensive. It was made by a hundred or two of men, scored off in parties of three, whose ideas of how land should be valued for the purposes of taxation were as diverse as the parties were numerous. The only just and economical way is to leave the valuation to the School Trustees, and if desired, an appeal can be given from their decision to the Judge of the County Court.

The government grant for education, which I have estimated at \$45,000 a year, might be divided among the schools according to a government plan as follows:—There are outside of Charlottetown and Summerside about 491 schools and departments. By a department I mean a room in a school over which a teacher presides. In Charlottetown there are 33 departments, including the Model School, and in Summerside 13 departments. In all there would be 537 departments among which the grant would be divided, and this would give to each school or department a government grant of \$83. A school should not be permitted to have more than one department for the purpose of a government grant, unless the number of pupils attending or in the district justify it. If schools in the country paid their teachers \$200 a year, the district would be required to make up \$117, or with twenty-five ratepayers in a district the tax would be about \$5 a year for each ratepayer. But although some teachers in the country would pay their teacher more than \$200 many of the poorer districts could obtain a teacher for less, and in that way reduce the amount of the tax which each ratepayer would be called upon to contribute. The government's grant to Charlottetown for its schools \$7,884, and it would appear by this that under the proposed plan Charlottetown would be \$1,401 a year worse off than at present. But Charlottetown's share of the yearly deficit amounts to the same sum and depend upon it the people of Charlottetown will be called upon to pay their share of the large provincial deficit incurred which is year by year becoming larger and larger. There is no part of the Province that is more interested than Charlottetown in putting a stop once for all to the foolish and fatal policy of building up a large provincial deficit, because its people will be called upon to contribute to the same as debt to an individual—a sore and grievous burden which, unless circumscribed, means speedy destruction to its victim.

W. S. STEWART. Charlottetown, Oct. 24, 1896.

A LESSON IN HIS.

If you have a cough. If it troubles you. If you want to get rid of it, Try the

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A lot of Old Irish Coats, etc. Also, 50 bbls Choice Gravenstein Apples, No. 1.

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TENDERS.

SEALED TENDERS will be received at the office of the undersigned up to twelve o'clock, on THURSDAY, the 27th inst., for the whole or a specified part of the assets of the estate of J. H. Nicholson, of Dorchester, Merchant, deceased, to me in trust for the benefit of his creditors. A list of the said property is in the margin open for inspection at my office in Georgetown.

A deposit, in cash or certified cheque, of five per cent of amount tendered must accompany each tender, which will be returned if tender not accepted.

J. A. MATHIASON, Dated 21st Oct., 1896.—Oct 21—1st pat

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For Sale by Auction.

I am instructed to sell by auction, at the Franklin House, on the corner of Kent and Great George Streets, on THURSDAY, the 29th day of October, commencing at 11 o'clock, a.m., Lot of Furniture, comprising Parlor Smoking Room, Dining Room, Hall, Bedroom and Kitchen Furniture.

Terms cash.

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W. S. STEWART. Charlottetown, Oct. 24, 1896.

TELEGRAPHIC.

SPECIAL DESPATCHES TO THE EXAMINER

NOTES FROM THE CAPITAL.

More Post Office Restrictions

A Rush for the Civil Service.

OTTAWA, Oct. 24.

The Post Office Department has decided to put a stop to private post cards which contain advertising matter on the address side. No cuts or devices must appear on the front of the card.

An order in Council has been passed authorizing the extension of the mail contract to the Allans for one year, ending November, 1897.

The number of applications for permission to attend the civil service examinations is beyond all precedent. The date for receiving applications has been extended to October 31st.

Death of an American Statesman.

ATLANTA, Ga., Oct. 24.

Charles F. Crisp, ex-Speaker of the House of Representatives, is dead.

Town Destroyed by Fire.

ST. PETERSBURG, Oct. 23.—The town of Caroff, in the government of Lublin, Russian Poland, has been almost totally destroyed by fire and 3,000 persons are left homeless.

Disastrous Drouth in Australia.

ADELAIDE, South Australia, Oct. 22.—A drouth has occurred in the northern part of South Australia, as a result of which the harvest is a total failure. Numbers of farmers are destitute.

Paute Among the Turks.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Oct. 22.—The Russian Black sea squadron called at Trebizond, in Asia Minor and stayed there for a day, creating a panic amongst the Turkish inhabitants of the town who sought refuge in the houses of the Christian inhabitants and especially of the Armenians.

Taxes or Military Purposes.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Oct. 22.—An Trade has been issued levying a poll tax of five piastres per head on all Mussulmans and increasing the taxes on sheets, public works, and education by one to one and a half per cent. The tax on the revenue from the five projected monopolies will, it is estimated, produce 1,200,000 Turkish pounds which will be used for military purposes. The military preparations in connection with the Turkish press against the Armenians, have excited comment.

Sugar and Tobacco Destroyed.

HAVANA, Oct. 23.—The insurgents during the past two weeks have been continuing the work of devastation, particularly in the province of Matanzas, where they have reduced to ashes the tobacco and sugar plantations of Gelbon, Congress, Segundo, Pila, Ayala, Paeche, Petrona and San Juan, together with many farm houses, the whole value at about \$2,000,000. In addition, the insurgents have destroyed numerous palm leaf and other butts, thus rendering hundreds of families homeless.

A GENTLEMAN

From Montreal made this complimentary remark in our store the other day:

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We have 100 Necklets and Feather Boas made from real ostrich goods, ranging in price from \$1.05 to \$7.00, sent us as a sample lot; we intend closing the lot out as a Saturday Bargain Offer for our lady customers. Following is the list:

Natural Marabout, tipped with white ostrich, with four tails, imported to sell at \$4.75, now \$3.35. Black Ostrich Kuff, 3 tails, imported to sell at \$5.75, new \$4.75. Black & white Ostrich, with 3 tails, \$4.75, now \$3.75. One lot of small necklets from 13c to \$1.25, each. Brown Feather Boa, with 4 ostrich ends, \$4.20, now \$3.00. 8 or 10 real ostrich Boas \$7.00 for \$5.75; \$6.00 for \$4.75; \$5.00 for \$4.00. 25 Necklets, real ostrich, \$1.65 for \$1.15 Only 3 left extra thick ostrich Necklets, \$2.75 and \$3.00, \$1.75 and \$2.20. 6 only black ostrich wide band Necklets, 24 fine tips on wide satin ribbon—the tips alone are worth 25c each—price \$5.50 now only \$4.00.

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On Friday Evening, Oct. 30.

Subject—"The Catacombs of Rome." Admission 10 cents. Doors open at 7:30; lecture commences at 8 o'clock. Oct 22—407

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