

THE DAILY EXAMINER.

DECEMBER 3, 1894.

AN ASSURING TELEGRAM.

The telegram in the Patriot of Saturday last, regarding the speeches of Messrs. Davies and Fielding in New Brunswick, is very suggestive. Mr. Davies, in the words of the telegram, had a strong "grasp of his facts," and his speech was "moderate." Why was it necessary to incur the cost of a telegram to assure the people of Prince Edward Island that Mr. Davies stuck to facts in addressing a New Brunswick audience? Why should the faithful Patriot proclaim in the form of a brand new telegram, that Mr. Davies expressed himself with moderation in our sister Province? Surely it cannot be that the political "loved ones at home" were uneasy lest he should injure the cause by exaggeration or untruth? Can it be that his political friends here were opposed to his going abroad, fearing that he would again make such "honest mistakes" as when he asserted in Parliament last session that three thousand men, who had employment in the stone quarries of Albert, N. B., in the Reciprocity period, were driven to the United States by the National Policy—while the census returns of 1861 showed that only ninety-five men were employed at that time in the quarries of Albert County? Can it be that good Grits in this island had their sleep at nights disturbed by the fear that Mr. Davies should again make such slips as he did in Toronto in 1889, when, in comparing the progress of Manitoba and Dakota, he overstated the population of the latter by one million; for such as he made in Parliament last session when he about doubled the estimated cost of the P. E. Island tunnel? We cannot altogether believe that the average Grit has come to the conclusion that it is not quite safe to allow Mr. Davies to go abroad unattended; yet it is hard to account for the assumption that grave apprehensions were felt, as to how he would succeed in telling the truth, and in abstaining from challenging, Goliath like, all the wicked torts of New Brunswick to mortal combat.

The only point in Mr. Fielding's speech which was considered of sufficient importance to be communicated over the wires to Charlottetown, was his boast that the Conservatives could not get up such a convention as the Grits held at Ottawa in June, 1893. That boast was perfectly justifiable. Where there is a death there is a funeral and a change of faith is generally followed by a baptism, but at the same time it does seem somewhat comical to hear those who have been burying their dead or changing their creed, taunting their neighbors with weakness because they cannot get up a first-class funeral, or a grand public recantation. The Grits had the corpse of Commercial Union and Unrestricted Reciprocity to bury, and it was eminently fitting that those who honored these facts in their lifetime should attend in grand numbers at their funeral obsequies. It has been said of the colony of Sierra Leone in Africa, which has a very insalubrious climate, that it has all times one governor going out dead and another coming in alive, and so it is with the Grit party in the matter of its public policy. Unrestricted Reciprocity and Commercial Union were formally buried at the Ottawa convention, and there, too, the cradle of what was called "Free Trade for Canada" was rocked for the first time. The latter bantling is not showing many signs of vitality, and Dr. Blake has declared that "it is not possible for the thing to live." Another grand convention partaking, like its illustrious predecessor, of the dual character of a burial and a christening party, hence his fling at Conservatives because they have not shown any ability in getting up conventions.

THEN AND NOW.

The Grit politicians sigh for the return of the days when they were in power, and weep over the want of progress of the Dominion since that time. They always cease their lamentations, however, for a few moments when any figures come out. Recently they had been telling how badly Canada had prospered her credit abroad, and right on top of their statement came the announcement of the new loan. Its figures compared with those of the loans of Sir Richard in the halcyon days are instructive. When Sir Richard Cartwright attempted to float his heavy loans in England in 1876 he could get only 88 cents on the dollar for 6 per cent. That was the time doubt and difficulty in our governmental affairs such as was never known before, and has not been experienced since the Blue Rink light office, or, as might be truly said, was kicked out of office by the people of Canada. The reason that our bonds now bring a premium of 2 per cent., or 102 cents per dollar instead of 88 cents,—a difference of 14 cents on the dollar—is, that then the British investor felt much less confidence in the administration of public affairs in this country than he has now.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Sixteen per cent. on tea; sixteen per cent. on coffee, sixteen per cent. on sugar, and sixteen per cent. on liquor—low will that please the ladies? —Mr. Joseph Pope says, in a footnote to the memoirs, which passed unobserved on Saturday, that the last piece of public business transacted by Sir John Macdonald was the granting of leave of absence to Mr. B. Davies, an official of the Prince Edward Island Railway. Mr. Davies is an old man, an offence towards which, as Sir John observed, he was very indulgent.

THE CUSTOMS TAX.

Taking the population of five millions, and it has now quite reached that number, the customs imports are lighter than in any previous year since 1880, and not appreciably higher than during the Liberal regime two decades ago. Here are the figures:

Table with 2 columns: Year, Customs Taxation per Head. 1874: \$3.74, 1875: 4.24, 1880: 5.19, 1889: 5.00, 1892: 4.18, 1893: 4.22, 1894: 3.84

If, therefore, a deficit has been chronic for the past financial year, it is a matter of satisfaction that it arises not from an increase in expenditure, nor from failure of the non-taxation sources of income, but exclusively from a decrease in the customs receipts, which are commonly taken as the measure of the imposts on the population.

WAR IN THE EAST.

The Occupation of Pekin by the Japanese—the Crowning Triumph. The steamship Victoria, of the Northern Pacific line, arrived at Victoria, B. C., on Friday morning, bringing Japanese advices to the 16th inst. From these it is evident that the commanders of the Japanese forces on land and sea had made arrangements for the very day and hour in accordance with the theoretical carrying out of the campaign by the respective commanders days before, and it now remains to be seen whether or not other details of the war will be as faithfully carried out, even to the occupation of Pekin, which is to be the crowning triumph of Japan's progress in China. It is well understood in Japan that the first army corps is to advance steadily, and the second army corps to attack the enemy irregularly when opportunity offers, and the navy is to render assistance by intercepting the transports and preventing any aggressive action by shattered and disorganized fragments of the Chinese fleet.

The first army corps will, therefore, march on gradually through Manchuria, keeping communication open by telegraph and postal service and routes for transport of stores, while the second division is to advance on Pekin, attacking en route. It will be impossible for the latter to keep up regular communication, and it will experience more hardship and danger while enjoying the privilege of earning the hero's reward.

The territory to be traversed presents innumerable difficulties, being sparsely populated, poorly provisioned, and with what are reported to be the worst roads in the world. The difficulties thus to be overcome will be more surely than any active engagement test the soldierly qualities of Japan's forces.

There have been but three notable meetings in the entire campaign, Ping Yang, Yalu River, and Port Arthur. In the last of these in the vicinity of Kiwen but one Japanese officer and thirty-two non-commissioned men were killed, even fewer than by General Oyama's former report. The number of the enemy killed could not be ascertained, as the bodies were picked up and buried by the army of Japan was 453. There were found also many dead horses scattered in Aika river, but they could not be counted. The trophies taken included 74 cannon, four machine guns, 4,395 rifles, 36,872 cannon balls, 4,300,000 rifle cartridges and many telegraphic instruments.

Kin Chow was taken Nov. 6th, and Tien Wan on the 7th. One Japanese officer and twelve men only were wounded. The whole army then took up their quarters at Kin Chow. The Chinese officers offered practically no resistance. What little opposition there was was made by fanatical Chinese priests. Correspondents from the front, writing under date of Nov. 9th, announced that a detachment of the first army corps occupied Tatanz Kou on Oct. 26th, but immediately marched north. Some Chinese soldiers secretly entered the village next day and set fire to the powder magazine belonging to the Chinese army, almost the whole of the village being thus destroyed by fire. The flames were only extinguished on Oct. 28. The number of houses reduced to ashes was about 1,800, only some seven or eight hundred remaining undestroyed.

On the same date, Nov. 5th, Field Marshal Count Yamagata, commanding the first army corps sent the emperor the following telegraphic reply to an imperial message: "By an encounter on Tain, the enemy has been driven into the fields of Manchuria, and I can advance my army on to the territory of China. This success is generally attributed to the personal dignity of the Emperor. His Majesty has honored us by a most cordial message in which success is attributed to the service of the army under my command. We have only now to endeavor to achieve success in the future. All the men of the army are in sound health and it is our sincere desire that the Emperor need not have any anxiety for the safety of his throne."

From Shanghai papers it is learned that the feeling between the Manchus and Chinese is greatly increased in Pekin, as well as at Tien Tsin, and that the representatives of all foreign powers were, on Nov. 13th, preparing to leave the Chinese capital. A common panic of confusion prevails in both Pekin and Tien Tsin, the officials and people alike seeming to be unconcerned in any way with the danger to their country, anxious merely for the safety of their own property and lives.

The Chinese men-of-war were at the last reports assembled at Wei Hai Wei, with no intention of fighting under any consideration. The Kokonin leaves from Tien Tsin that the Chinese Government has acceded to the demands of the British Government for reparation for the Chang King outrage.

divisional from office and degradation of Sheng Tsai. The Tokyo Ashi learns that a telegram was received on Nov. 8th by the Japanese Government from Rome to the effect that the Chinese minister had applied for mediation of the Pope in the war, and that his holiness had replied that he would use all his influence with the European powers to initiate mediation. Count Lo endorses the truth of this announcement, but says Japan would not consent to peace until the objects are gained for which the sword was unsheathed.

The Jiji Shimpo on the morning the Victoria sailed had a map showing how China will look catographically in 1904. It is interesting and instructive as showing the manner in which Japan's aspirations would be formulated in some quarters. The empire of the rising sun appropriates a respectable slice of territory. Japanese-China is thus, to use the language of geographers, bounded on the east by the Pacific ocean, on the west by Anglo-China, on the northwest and north by Russia. Her frontier starts from a point a little south of Anony, and the provinces included are Fukien, Chekiang, Anhui, Fiangsen, Honan, Shaantung, Shansi, Pechili, Leantong (Shung King) and Manchuria, with, of course, the island of Formosa. Korea, just for the look of the thing, is represented as an independent country. Great Britain's share consists of Kaung Tung, Hunan, Kiangsi, Nupelia and Shensi. Germany takes Kwangsi and Kwachow, with the island of Hainan and sufficient of Kwang Tung to afford her stretch of coast in Gulf of Tonking, and France gets the rest, Yunnan, Szechuan and the faraway wilds of Kangsu, with a large piece of Tibet to make her western frontier decently straight. It is a large scheme, but after her successes in the present war one need not marvel if Japan should hold her head a bit above ordinary folks.

The Canadian Furniture and Upholstery Journal speaks of Charlottetown as "a fine city of about 12,000 population nicely situated and well laid out," and refers particularly to the furniture factories here. Of that of Messrs Mark Wright & Co. "well known throughout the Maritime Provinces" it says:

"Mark Wright & Co., wholesale and retail manufacturers and dealers in furniture, have a well equipped and well managed factory giving employment to about fifty hands. They turn out a general line of furniture; about two-thirds of their output is sold on the Island, the balance going to trade in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Newfoundland. They have a large retail establishment, with undertaking in connection to which they have recently added one of the finest hearse I have seen east of Toronto. Mr. Wright reports a very satisfactory spring and summer's trade. The fall trade so far being fully up to the mark."

As to that of Mr. Newson it says: "Mr. John Newson, general furniture and house furnishings dealer, also has a snug factory, making most of his own stock. He has a good store and carries a complete stock of furniture, carpets, curtains, etc., making a specialty of fine upholstery. Mr. Newson reports a fairly good season's business, and prospects good for fall and winter."

Other makes of dress goods may have many excellencies, but in the texture, the finish, the possibility of lovely contours in the completed costume, Priestley's noted dress fabrics surpass every other manufacture. That is the verdict in England. It is fast becoming the verdict in the States. Our Canadian Ladies, when once they begin to wear Priestley's dress fabrics, will wear no other.

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Christmas Number of Munsey's Magazine just received at Carter's Bookstore.

ST. JAMES' HALL. Concert and Readings Tuesday Evening, Dec. 4th. Under Auspices of Y. M. L. A.

- PROGRAMME: 1. Inst. Duett—"Charge of the Cavalry" Harris Misses Hobbs and Gorkin. 2. Reading: Miss Flo McKenzie. 3. Vocal Solo: Mrs. J. M. McLeod. 4. Glee—"Old May Day" Benedict. 5. Cornet Solo—"Sweet Spirit Hear My Prayer" Wallace Mr. C. P. Fletcher. 6. Reading: Capt. Weeks. 7. Piano Solo—"Fantasia" Alt Miss Rosa Churehill. 8. Vocal Solo: Mr. Chas Hill. 9. Male Quartette—"Phantom Band" (by request) Messrs. G. and H. Foster, Cotton and E. Earle. 10. Vocal Solo—"When Summer Comes Again" Miss Bertha Nicholson. 11. Reading: Miss Nora Reid. 12. Vocal Solo—"Thy Blue Eyes" Boh'm Miss Benoit. 13. Inst. Duett—Overture to Genina di Verone Miss Vera Hudman and Mr. Earle. 14. Comic Song—"Johnny Doolan's Cat" Master Chas. Earle. 15. Grand Solo and Chorus from Anna Bolena. Bellini Solo by Miss Edna Sinclair. "God Save the Queen."

Positively no encores. Concert at 8 o'clock. Admission 15 cents.

Apples, Cider & Vinegar. By Auction, To-morrow, Tuesday, Dec. 4th, at 10.30 o'clock. 25 bbls. Apples—Wintdr Stock, 35 bbls. Gravenstein, Xmas Fruit. A few casks Cider and Vinegar. The Apples are ordered to be closed out at an price. A. McNEILL, Auctioneer.

The Modern Mother. Has found that her little ones are improved more by the pleasant laxative, Syrup of Figs, when in need of the laxative effect of a gentle remedy than by any other, and that it is more acceptable to them. Children enjoy it and it benefits them. The true remedy, Syrup of Figs, is manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co. only.

SELECTING CHRISTMAS GIFTS. "Why don't you get him a silver penholder?" This was from the young woman in brown. "I gave him one last year," disconsolately answered the young woman in green. "Well—a—scarfpin" hazarded the adviser. "He has about seventy," wailed the other. "Then give him out of those big silver-mounted seals over there." "Grace! As if he ever would take the trouble to use it!" "Well, then," said Grace, impatiently, "I don't see what you're going to get him." A glad light began to beam upon the other's countenance. Evidently she had been struck with a bright, original idea. "I think," she said slowly, "I'll go down to Paton's and buy him a Fur Cap—a real good one."

Horses Clipped.—We are prepared to clip horses to the satisfaction of all patrons at Wood's boarding stable, King Street. Horses called for and delivered.—R. J. Wood and J. M. Nicholson. new 29 lwk. p1.

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TELEGRAPHIC. SPECIAL DESPATCHES TO THE EXAMINER.

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