

THE DAILY EXAMINER.

MARCH 22, 1889.

Our Public Schools.

The annual report of the Chief Superintendent of Education is always interesting. It refers to the most important and the most expensive service of the Government, and the facts which it contains are invariably presented in an interesting way.

By it we learn that there are now in the Province 433 school districts—two more than there were a year ago. The schools in operation number 439—174 in Queen's County, 143 in Prince and 122 in King's. It is worthy of remark that there are now in the whole Province only two school districts which are vacant. Mr. Montgomery says:

"Estimating the population at 122,000, which I consider at least not below the actual number, this Province employs a duly licensed and trained teacher for every 210 of the total population and maintains one school department for every 44 pupils enrolled, and for every 24 pupils in actual daily attendance."

The number of teachers employed in 1888 was 509 more than last year. Of those 54 are of class I, 156 of class II, and 299 of class III. The pupils enrolled numbered 22,478—only 18 more than in the previous year, and it is to be noted that the daily average attendance is less by 77 than it was last year, while in the per centage of pupils enrolled daily present there is a decrease of 39. In the following statement are given the enrollment and attendance for each year since 1877:—

Table with 3 columns: Year, Pupils enrolled, Average daily Attendance. Rows from 1877 to 1888.

As to the studies pursued by the pupils, it appears that 5,586 read the first book; 6,620 the second and third books; 4,696 the fourth book; 4,216 the fifth book; and 1,066 the sixth book. Learning to write there are 17,823; learning arithmetic 18,340; grammar, 10,877; history, 8,721; geography, 11,370; orthography, 12,955; composition, 7,777. Of pupils studying music there are 4,104; book-keeping, 83; drawing, 102; agriculture, 141. Those who study Latin number 465; Greek, 18; French, 1,932; Algebra, 564; geometry, 431, and chemistry, 180.

The cost of all—to the Province—was \$108,845.70, or \$1,638.84 less than the cost of last year. The sum drawn by the teachers was \$28,108.45, or \$119.36 less than last year; and the supplemental allowances amounted to \$9,078.97, or \$1,183.29 less than last year. The whole Government expenditure for the year 1888 may be readily apprehended from the following statement:—

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Rows for Statutory allowance for teachers, Supplemental allowance, Bonus to teachers, Education Department, Inspectors, etc.

Taking into account the amounts expended by the Boards of School Trustees, Mr. Montgomery supplies the following statistics of total expenditure for education in this Province:—

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Rows for Total Expenditure for Education, 1888, Do., 1887, Increase, Expenditure for each pupil enrolled, 1888, Do., 1887, etc.

The total expenditure for education in Charlottetown and Summerside during the year 1888, has been as follows:—

Table with 3 columns: By Government, By School Board, Total. Rows for Charlottetown, Summerside.

The London "Times" Duped a Century Ago.

The London Times was hoaxed a century ago nearly as badly as in the present instance by a clever gang of forgers, who got up a bogus edition of the French paper L'Esclair, at that time recognized as an authority upon matters of international news. The paper contained what purported to be the text of a treaty of peace between the French Republic and the Emperor of Austria. A copy was got into the hands of the correspondent of the Times at Dover, and from him went to London, where the alleged treaty was published in the Times, and was such good and unexpected news that the stock market went up with a rush. It was several days before it was discovered that the paper was a forged edition, and had been gotten up by London speculators for bringing about a boom in stocks.

Every stock-owner should read the advertisement of Blatchford's Stock Food.

Oratorio Concert.

THE Oratorio Concert of last evening was a thorough success, and Mr. Earle and the ladies and gentlemen who so ably assisted him deserve the grateful thanks of the Charlottetown public for such a rich treat of classical music.

The gems of the evening were the Recitative and Aria from Sir Michael Costas' Oratorio of Eli, and the violin solo from Gounod's "Ave Maria." These numbers were performed with such artistic refinement of musical expression that we may safely give to them the title of perfection. The solo singing in the "Marvellous Works" from Haydn's Creation was excellently rendered, and the cornet playing from Mendelssohn's "St. Paul" was delightful. If the spirit of Haydn himself had been floating about the concert chamber during the performance of his "Fourth Symphony," the old master would have been thrilled with delight. We certainly must find fault with Mr. Earle for not having placed a piano solo by himself on the programme.

The chorus singing was well performed and thoroughly delighted the audience. The tone was good, and indicated many beautiful individual voices. But the total number of chorus singers was only about twenty; and that subdued expression of the power of music was wanted which is necessary to bring out the effects of grandeur for which Handel's choruses are so celebrated.

A city whose inhabitants can produce such a concert as we heard last night is certainly not such a common-place one to live in as is sometimes supposed. It is pleasant to see that an artistic development in the direction of music is now taking place, and we may hope that, as our little capital city of Charlottetown can well compare for beauty of situation with any other in Canada, so the refinement and cultivation of its citizens may equal that of older and larger communities.

We sincerely hope that the organization of the Philharmonic Society will be hurried on.

A Cool Theft.

BETWEEN eight and ten o'clock, last night, the house of Mr. James McLeod, on the corner of Upper Pownall and Chestnut Streets, was entered, and \$50 in cash stolen from a small box kept under the bed, in an upstairs room. Mr. and Mrs. McLeod were absent, having gone out about eight o'clock. When they returned about ten, they found the door that they had locked when leaving the house, open, and at once suspected that some one had entered the place during their absence. They searched the house thoroughly, but could find nothing missing. They looked under the bed, and there saw the cash-box, with the key in the lock, just as they had left it. So far nothing appeared wrong. They retired to rest considerably relieved. This morning, however, Mr. McLeod needed some money to pay a bill, and went to the cash box under the bed for it. One can easily imagine his surprise when, upon examination of the box, he found that about \$50 in paper money had been stolen therefrom. When he last closed the box there were \$50 in notes, between \$12 and \$13 in silver, a bank book and some other things therein; when he opened it this morning the paper currency was not to be found, although the silver and the other things were untouched. The mystery of the open door was explained. The theft was a decidedly cool one, and could only have been committed by a person well acquainted with Mr. McLeod's habits—a person who knew just where he kept his money. It is hoped that the guilty one will be discovered and brought to justice.

An Exciting Scene.

MICHAEL BEGAN, who was yesterday sentenced to six months' imprisonment for the larceny of a sleigh robe, gave Officer Taylor quite a chase while being escorted to jail. The pair moved along quietly till Eden's corner was reached, when Michael, whose busy brain was at work evolving some plan of escape, started on a brisk run without asking permission so to do from the officer. The officer was taken somewhat by surprise at this proceeding on the part of Michael, but was not slow to accept the challenge thus thrown out. Taking a long breath he started in pursuit. Along Pownall Street they flew, to the astonishment of the people in the neighborhood and the delight of the small boys. For a time it was a tight race, and betting was about even. But finally the officer began to gain on the redoubtable Michael, and by the time Connolly's brick 2/2 warehouse was reached had him captured. Both were pretty well "winded." After a brief rest, but not for refreshments, the pair retraced their steps in the direction of the jail. Michael looked despondent, but there was a quiet twinkle in the officer's eye as he remarked, "You couldn't get away from me so easy as you thought, my boy," and tightened his grip on his prisoner. Their march back to the jail was watched by quite a number of persons, but nothing exciting occurred. Michael was quietly handcuffed over to the jailer, whose guest he will be for the next six months, and the officer returned to the station where he received the congratulations of the other members of the force. The time made by the officer was not taken, but the general impression is that he broke the record.

The Latest English Yacht.

Lord Dunraven is having built by Messrs. Fay, of Southampton, England, from designs made by Mr. G. L. Watson, a 60-ton yacht which is to sail either as a keel-boat or a centreboard. She will be ready for the opening matches on the Thames and elsewhere as a keel boat, but after racing with Yarana, if it should be found that she is not as fast as the latter, her centreboard will be adjusted, and it will be then shown whether under these conditions her speed is increased. The Glasgow Herald asserts that on the issue of the racing between the two cutters named Langs the decision as to whether the future pleasure navy of Great Britain will be keel boats or centreboards. If Lord Dunraven's new yacht should turn out to be a success, there is a strong probability that she will be the British champion in the next international race for the America's cup.

Eggs, 12c per doz.; American cranberries, 8c per quart; apples, 8c per doz., at R. K. Bruce's. m22 1w

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

SIR,—You deserve the gratitude of the community for your brief but pointed reference to the above subject in yesterday's EXAMINER. I, too, like yourself, have frequently witnessed scenes of almost unspeakable brutality to some of the horses who work so hard upon our wharves and in our streets. About this time, last year, I took the liberty of addressing you upon this painful subject, with the hope that I should move some of our fellow-citizens to take such steps as should immediately check cruelty to animals, or, if persisted in, to punish the perpetrators thereof. My letter attracted some attention, and I thought, with mild satisfaction, that a legally incorporated society for the prevention of cruelty to animals would be speedily formed. But, like the proverbial "hot water," which "freezes first," the enthusiasm manifested was illusory; and, so far as I know, the matter fell through. I write with the purpose at least of uplifting a feeble voice in emphatic protest, and to offer such aid as I can afford to any ladies or gentlemen in Charlottetown, who will interest themselves in a matter which is of more than passing import, and vindicate the entire community from the reproach of gross neglect and indifference to the feelings and sufferings of that part of "creation, which," in Charlottetown, at least, "groaneth and travaileth in pain until now."

FRED E. J. LLOYD.

Illegal Peddlers.

SIR,—For the past few years the country in many places has been pestered by a horde of illegal peddlers. At Fort Augustus, in the summer months, it was not an uncommon sight to see daily a half a dozen or more of those worthless in hot pursuit from farm-house to farm-house, in all conceivable kinds of vehicles.

I understand that there are some parties preparing for the same illegal practices this coming summer, whom I would wish to inform that they will not be allowed to carry on their illegal depredations, as parties interested will hand in their names to the proper authorities, to be summarily dealt with as the law directs.

FORT AUGUSTUS.

March 18, 1889.

TO HOUSEKEEPERS.—We have only a few more of those genuine carpet bargains which we have been offering for the past three weeks, and of which so many of our customers have taken advantage. You should have one right away.—James Paton & Co.

DESIRABLE RESIDENCE

—AND—

Household Furniture, BY AUCTION.

I AM INSTRUCTED BY W. B. ROBERTSON, ESQ., to sell by Auction, at his Residence, Pleasant Street,

On Wednesday, 27th March, inst., AT 12 O'CLOCK, NOON.

The PROPERTY will be sold, consisting of a Lot of Land, now two-story Dwelling House and Coach House attached, finished throughout in good style, with Water Fittings, &c.

—AT 12.30 O'CLOCK— The HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE will be sold, consisting in part of 1 Piano, Drawing Room, Dining Room, Hall and Bedroom Furniture, China, Glass and Earthenware, Stoves, Kitchen Utensils, &c., &c.

Terms for Furniture—Cash. Terms for Property—Easy, and made known at sale. R. BEAIRSTO, Auctioneer.

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FIRST ARRIVAL.

By Str. Stanley, via Picton.

BY AUCTION, on MONDAY, March 25th, at 2 o'clock,—

50 bbls choice No. 1 N. S. Baldwin Apples, in prime order, direct from Cornwallis.

Also, Oranges, Onions, &c. A. McNEILL, Auctioneer.

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A SPECIAL OFFER.

Just Received per S. S. "Stanley":

2 CASES OF TWEEDS, VERY NEAT PATTERNS.

Those goods were mislaid last Fall, and now I have bought them at a great reduction, and will sell them by the yard or make them up to order very low. I guarantee good satisfaction.

A. J. MURPHY.

Ch'town, March 22, 1889.—1 f s t f

Provincial Rifle Association.

THE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING of the P. E. Island Provincial Association will be held in the City Court Room, on WEDNESDAY, the 27th inst., at 3 p. m.

G. L. DOGHERTY, Major, Secy-Treasurer.

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SCHOONER FOR SALE.

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WILL, during the next few days, selling very low prices the remainder of her stock of Berlin and other Wools, Work at Materials, Canvas, Fancy Articles and Pieces of Work, &c.

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IT IS TRUE "the winter has been an easy one for stock," but be watchful lest the closing and opening spring weather does not pull down your Cattle, Horses and Sheep.

Use the STOCK FOOD mixed with the other feed, and great benefit will result. Please remember that the STOCK FOOD has an intrinsic value equivalent to more than three times over that of Corn or Oats, besides its medicinal effects.

If any of your stock is not thriving, try the STOCK FOOD without delay. Feed it to all young stock, especially if you want to bring them on fast.

BLATCHFORD'S STOCK FOOD, or EXTRA OIL MEAL, is sold by leading merchants throughout the Island. Ask your merchant for it.

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NOTE.—The above article is fully described in our Seed Catalogue. Send name and address for a copy. G. C. & CO. mch22-d w

FREEHOLD FARM FOR SALE.

THAT DESIRABLE FREEHOLD FARM of 84 Acres, situate at Roseneath, Lot 32, midway between Monague Bridge and Cardigan Bridge, now in possession of David McDonald, Griet, Saw and Carding Mills are within one mile. There are valuable Farm Buildings on the premises. Possession given immediately. For further particulars apply at the office of Edward J. Hodgson, Charlottetown. mch21-w & wky 11

\$10 Reward.

Y. M. C. A.

I AM INSTRUCTED by the Reading Room Committee to offer a reward of Five Dollars to any person who will identify the party who on or about Tuesday, the 19th inst., tore off the file and took away from the Reading Room the Montreal Times issue of Friday, the 13th inst.; and to offer a like reward for the identification of the person who, in the month of January last, cut out and carried away from the Reading Room a part of the Scientific American journal, then on file. Persons who can give any information whatever on the subjects will kindly furnish the same to the Secretary, K. M. BARRATT, mch21-21 pd

BALLAD CONCERT.

Benefit to Mr. L. J. Williams,

—IN—

THE LYCEUM.

A COMPLIMENTARY BENEFIT has been tendered to the popular Vocalist, MR. L. J. WILLIAMS, to take place in THE LYCEUM, on

Monday Evening, April 22.

The best Ballads in the English language will be sung by a number of our first singers. MR. WILLIAMS himself will sing, by request, "THE DEATH OF NELSON."

Admission, 25 and 35 cents. Doors open at 7.30 o'clock. pat—mch20

THE LADIES OF

ST. JAMES' CHURCH

INTEND HOLDING A

Tea and Fancy Fair

—ON—

THURSDAY, 28th MARCH,

—IN—

ST. JAMES' HALL.

Admission, 10 cents. Tea, 25 cents. Doors open at 2 o'clock. mch12-2aw 3aw dy

DRIVING PARK.

NOTICE is hereby given that all persons found trespassing on the Kensington Farm, now owned by the Charlottetown Driving Park and Provincial Exhibition Association, will be prosecuted with the utmost rigor of the law, and all cattle found thereon will be impounded as the law directs.

Persons found destroying or doing injury to trees will be prosecuted under the Dominion statutes.

By order of the Directors.

A. B. WARBURTON, Secretary.

March 18-1w.

ESTATE OF ROBERT BELL, ALBERTON.

TRUSTEES' SALE.

TENDERS will be received by the undersigned until SATURDAY, 30th March, inst., from persons disposed to offer for the Account Books, Book Debts, Judgments and Notes of Hand due to the Estate of Robert Bell, of Alberton, P. E. I.

TERMS—Twenty per cent. cash; balance, half in THREE and half in EIGHT months—with approved security.

A list of the same may be seen at the office of Carvel Brothers, Charlottetown.

The undersigned will not be bound to accept the highest or any tender.

Dated at Charlottetown, 16th March, 1889.

LEWIS CARVELL, Trustee of the Estate of Robert Bell. mch16-dy & wky 1 30th pat

OPENING TO-DAY EX S. S. "OREGON."

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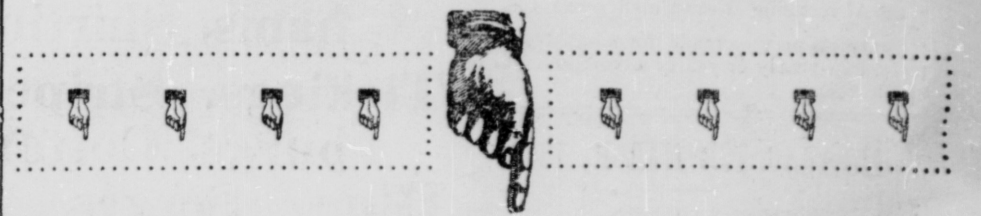
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HATS, SHAPES, BONNETS,

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Charlottetown, March 22, 1889—tu fri sat

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J. B. MACDONALD'S

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LITTLE BOYS' CLOTHING to suit, from 3 years of age up—neat and pretty, and so cheap.

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Ch'town, March 20, 1889—eod x wky

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