

THE DAILY EXAMINER.

DECEMBER 21, 1889.

"Consistency Thon Art a Jewel"

The Patriot began its latest attack upon the Commissioner of Crown Lands with a flaming red-hot article in which it declared that, "The wrong doer must be unearthed, and those who are guilty exposed."

Two days afterwards it stated that, "There are hundreds in this community who will be slow to accept THE EXAMINER'S statement that he (the late Mr. R. A. Strong) was the guilty man until they have some positive proof of the fact offered them."

And again, "His (the Commissioner's) duty was to have reported the facts to the Government, and then steps could have been undertaken to have sifted the matter by means of a Royal Commission, which could have ensured to all interested and incriminated parties fair play."

An independent commission was, thereupon, appointed under the Public Enquiries Act. However great the respect of Hon. Mr. Ferguson for the feelings of the widow and the family, the matter could remain uninvestigated no longer; for had not the Patriot, by implication, cast the imputation, of guilt not only upon Mr. Ferguson, himself, but upon every official of the Land Office—living and dead?

And now the Patriot calls the commission "A Costly Whitewashing Machine." Costly the commission will, no doubt, be. But the Patriot demanded it, made it necessary, blamed the Commissioner of Crown Lands and the Government because it had not been sooner appointed!

The conduct of the Patriot in respect to this matter has been indecent, inconsistent, disgraceful beyond anything in the annals of this Province. It has deliberately suppressed the sworn testimony, and, by its untimely and unnecessary comments, done its best to prejudice justice in the case.

Public Accounts of Canada.

We have the public accounts of Canada for the year ending 30th June last.

The first thing to note is that \$4,420,313.66 were expended in the year, on Capital account. Of this amount the following sums were on account of public works in the Maritime Provinces:—

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes Cape Breton Railway (\$1,083,276.60), Intercolonial Railway (655,228.13), Eastern Extension Railway (34,235.13), Digby and Annapolis Railway (9,847.27), Oxford and New Glasgow Railway (840,553.57), Cape Tormentine Harbor (24,042.07).

It is pleasing to note that the Government are making up, to some extent, to this part of the world, for the large amounts expended upon the Canadian Pacific Railway and other great public works required for the opening up of our Western country.

Subsidies to railway companies were paid in the year to the amount of \$846,721.83; and investments were made as follows:—

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes Albert County Railway Company (\$176.62), Fredericton and St. Mary's Railway (655,228.13), Quebec Bridge Co. (25,033.00), Quebec Harbor Commissioners (520,717.20).

The amount invested on account of the sinking funds was \$1,736,644.34, and the amount of debt redeemed was \$3,516,091.11, or within a million of the amount expended upon Capital account.

The Government received during the year, on account of Dominion lands, \$237,820.61.

The total amount at the credit of Savings Bank depositors at the close of the year was \$42,956,357.63, an increase during the twelve months of \$1,585,299.45.

The net debt of the country at the end of the year was \$207,537,041.65, showing an increase of \$2,998,683.49 which is thus accounted for:—

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes Amount expended on Capital account for railways, canals, public works and expenses appertaining to the Northwest Rebellion (\$4,420,313.66), Discount and expenses connected with loan of 1888 (1,322,810.47), Balance of Memorial loan cancelled by Act 52, c. 23 (10,300.94), Sundry transfers to Consolidated Fund (216.40), Railway subsidies (846,721.83).

The rate of interest paid on the gross debt during the year averaged \$3.52 per cent. against \$3.45 per cent. during the year ended 30th June, 1888, the increased rate being due chiefly to the fact that prior to the 30th June, 1888, a portion of the recent 3 per cent. loan had been received, upon which no interest at that date had accrued.

On the net debt, however, the rate of interest decreased from \$3.12 per cent. to \$3.07 per cent., as a result of the increased amount received in the way of interest on investments.

Hon. Mr. Colby's majority of 1045 was the largest ever given in Stanstead.

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Mr. Davies' Summerside Lecture.

Mr. L. H. Davies lectured in Market Hall, Summerside, Thursday evening, to an audience of three hundred persons. His subject was "Imperial Statesmen," and consisted of personal reminiscences of such members of the British House of Commons as he had heard speak during two visits to St. James—in 1867 and 1882. Of course the central figure of the group he introduced to his audience was Gladstone. Disraeli, Lowe, Bright, Healey, Sexton, Mills, filled up the complement. The lecture was read from MS. Mr. Davies setting aside his closely written pages only twice to declaim from memory a closing passage of Sexton's speech on the imprisonment of the suspects, and Gladstone's solemn and honest oration in reply. Mr. McDonald, president of the Y. M. L. I., presided. Besides the clergy and prominent citizens of Summerside, the leader of the Opposition, Mr. Yeo, the Rev. Father Burke, of Alberton, the Rev. Mr. Tufts, J. W. Richards, M. P., P. Bideford, and others occupied seats on the platform.

"Imperial Statesmen" Mr. Davies delivered over half a dozen times, and it has not improved by repetition. However well we may know how to appreciate him as a public speaker, if this be a specimen of his literary productions, we would unhesitatingly pronounce it mediocre. It reads like clumsily connected scrap-book extracts, and was made up solely of a description of the House of Commons, (which read like the work of a New York World's London correspondent,) selections from the speeches of the statesmen mentioned above, and an interlayer, sparingly buttered, of Mr. Davies' own manufacture. In his own work a stiffness of style and repetition of word and idea characterized him from exordium to peroration. True, there were some pleasing passages, but they were few and far between, like bright pieces in a dull mosaic. And the reading of the lecture was faulty. Unlike his speaking, which is always distinct and measured, the lecturer rushed through the pages with a schoolboy's haste and a schoolboy's want of appreciation of the subject. A new sentence was commenced before the audience was quite satisfied that the last was completed. In many instances pronunciation was sinned against. The only redeeming feature in the whole lecture was the fairly clever declamation of some of its stirring parts. But Mr. Davies does not claim prominence as a lecturer. He is nothing if not a pretty successful declaimer or political stump speaker. If it had not been for the friendly aid of the clergymen on the platform who led twice or thrice in applause, his lecture would have fallen as solemnly upon that Summerside audience as an ordinary schoolboy's lesson.

At the close, a motion of thanks was made by a gentleman who, although having ample notice, and being primed to the nipple, couldn't fetch air. Attempting to get above the commonplace he, like the daw in burrowed feathers, excited first the amusement then the displeasure (not to use a stronger term) of the audience. He went in for "more broadened views," and strongly "greater sympathy" all around, and gave us before he sat down a painfully striking example of the man not practicing what he preached. Mr. Davies had not spoken of Balfour, which evident want of appreciation of the universally detested Chief Secretary, without doubt displeased the admiring mover of the vote of thanks, who, in a solemn sentence prepared for days, proceeded to express his "overpowering admiration for that truly great statesman who had the courage not only to place behind prison bars law-breaking peasants, but also members and priests." A murmur of indignation overspread the audience, and for a moment it looked as if groans and hisses would greet an utterance so inopportune. But the seconder by quickly taking the floor averted the storm and the vote of thanks was tendered unanimously. Mr. Davies' acknowledgement was worth a dozen "Imperial Statesmen." In it he forgot his MS. and for the moment saw only the misery, the suffering, the degradation of the Irish people as he protested with all the powers of his soul and in words of burning eloquence against the outrage he felt sure had been perpetrated upon the feelings of all present in the movers' injudicious and uncalled for laudation of Bloody Balfour, his aims and aspirations. Mr. Davies resumed his seat amidst a scene of wild enthusiasm.

Mr. Earle's Concert.

MR. EARLE'S annual concert, which will be given in the latter part of February or beginning of March, will eclipse any of his former ones in point of musical excellence. There will be a grand chorus by Sir Henry Bish-p and one from the opera of the "Bosnian Girl," sung by the fine choirs of St. James' and Zion Presbyterian churches assisted by several talented singers, making a chorus of forty picked voices, a symphony by Haydn, a Beethoven overture, and a finale, Aus Euryanthe, by Weber, as piano quartettes, Mendelssohn's concerto in G Minor as piano solo, by Mr. Earle, will make up part of the instrumental. Vocal solos by Mrs. Malcolm MacLeod, Mrs. Norton and Miss Earle, a beautiful vocal trio from opera of "Norma," written for two sopranos and tenor, together with the celebrated cantata, "The Lady of Shalott," for ladies voices only, will complete the programme.

Personal.

Mr. Geo. F. Owen, of Cardigan, was in the city to-day. He was registered at the Osborne.

Mr. D. Gordon, the Summerside agent of the Steam Navigation Company, is registered at the Osborne.

Mr. J. A. McPhail, of the Montreal Gazette editorial staff, was among the passengers in the Stanley from Pictou to-day.

Mr. Labouchere, who spent several years at Constantinople in his younger days as attaché of the British Embassy there, asserts that the sultan is the son of a Kurd slave who was employed in the harem of his reputed father. He adds that it is believed at Stamboul that his real father was an Armenian coachman attached to the court. This rumor is to a certain extent corroborated by the distinctly Armenian features of the Commander of the Faithful, and also by several peculiar traits of his character.

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Lettuce and Raddishes for Christmas at Richard Burke's Market Stall on Tuesday next.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Our Critic Criticised.

SIR,—Last evening's EXAMINER contains a letter over the signature of "A Lover of Music," in which the writer gratuitously airs his opinions about the late concert by the Philharmonic Society, and doing so makes what must be regarded as very uncomplimentary references to the efforts of several of the performers. I think criticism of this particular kind entirely uncalled for, and calculated to discourage those who, without expecting remuneration, and often at much personal inconvenience, are yet good enough to do what they can towards affording our citizens a musical treat. People like your correspondent "A Lover of Music," who are so wonderfully clever, usually discover their own level when they come to try what they can do under similar circumstances, and I would recommend "A Lover of Music" in matters of this kind, if he cannot say something in approval to just hold his tongue. I feel assured that all who had the good fortune to be present at the concert were delighted, and as you remark editorially, "were scarcely prepared for the excellence of rendition exhibited," and will impatiently wait the next performance of the Society, as promised by their clever instructor, Rev. Mr. Lloyd.

Yours, &c., ANOTHER LOVER OF MUSIC. Charlottetown, Dec. 21, 1889.

SIR,—A letter purporting to be a criticism upon the recent Philharmonic concert the production of a "Lover of Music," in our midst, appeared in your columns last night. It is, doubtless, a well-intentioned effort, and kindly meant; but its amiability, contradictions and other weaknesses, to some of which I ask your permission to refer, render it absolutely valueless. Capable criticism, I am sure, our flourishing Philharmonic Society will always welcome; but, if your correspondent wishes to be considered its friend, he had better place himself under a strict course of musical training before assuming the role of a critic of its performances,—and further, make manly efforts to increase his stock of adjectives. "Nicely," "pleasing" and "pretty" are all excellent and highly useful little words in their places; but they are just as appropriate to the connection in which they are used by your correspondent, as he is in the capacity of a musical critic. To speak of the late Sir William Sterndale Bennett's cantata as "pretty," is an insult both to its distinguished composer, who died (although "A Lover of Music" thinks he still lives) in 1871, and also to that large number of eminent musicians, including Sir John Stainer, who regards "The May Queen" as the most beautiful pastoral in existence. That our critic should have been "disappointed" in it is easily understood. Indeed, it would have been wonderful had it been otherwise in the case of one endowed with such wonderful insight as he.

And now as to his criticism upon the soloists. I am sure the Rev. Mr. Lloyd must have felt gratified to hear that his voice is improving. But before I pass on, I hope that gentlemen will pardon me if I suggest that he place himself under the tuition of our talented friend. He "thinks" he "detected a little uncertainty" in the singing of the Venerable Archdeacon Jones. I know no such uncertainty existed, but the soloist was suffering from slight huskiness. Mrs. MacLeod's vocal abilities are beyond criticism, and on this particular occasion she even enhanced her already high reputation. In describing the singing of Mrs. Roope as "strangely rough" even "on one or two occasions," your correspondent reaches the climax of absurdity, as the various portions of the cantata allotted to that lady were rendered with much sympathy and refinement, her distinct enunciation being remarkable. Miss Barrett has sung at concerts in England on frequent occasions and the charge that she was nervous at the Philharmonic concert is unfounded. Professor Caven's words may have been some times indistinct, but I am sure that that worthy gentleman will be mystified to know what your correspondent means by the terms, "he mixed his words just a little once or twice." For the soloist's innumerable defects, which exist only in "A Lover of Music's" imagination, the acoustic properties of the Philharmonic Hall are blamed. He ought to know that the building is perfect in this respect. The positions of the leading characters in "The May Queen," I am authorized to state, were determined by the conductor, whose ability has not escaped the notice of our critic. The fact that he should have thought well of the Carnovale, whose opening words are "We are beggars struck with blindness," is very suggestive;—but, I refrain.

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Y. M. C. A.

THE GENERAL ANNUAL MEETING of the Members of the Young Men's Christian Association will be held in the Hall of the Association, Queen Square, Charlottetown, on MONDAY, 30th of December, at 7.30 o'clock, p. m., for the purpose of receiving the report for the past year, electing an Executive Committee for the ensuing year, and the transaction of other important business.

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