

THE DAILY EXAMINER.

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Our Indians.

The report of the Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs is full and particular. Mr. Dewdney says that "there is certainly cause for encouragement" in respect to our Indians. Their progress towards the status from which they may amalgamate with the general population of the country must, however, be gradual. But he hopes that as "the improved methods now employed for the amelioration of the condition and the mental enlightenment of many are applied to all of the bands, the progress of the Indian towards complete civilization will be more rapid." In his opinion, the most essential lever for the elevation of the race is a vigorous policy of imparting to the youth a thorough practical knowledge of mechanical arts and of agriculture, as well as other employments, including a systematic method of ordering and managing their domestic affairs—in short, a complete training in industries and in domestic economy. The progress made by the children in the schools, and by the adults on the farms in husbandry, cattle raising, building, etc., is most encouraging. Several of the bands recognize the importance, from self-interested motives, of each individual possessing the particular piece of land reclaimed and the improvements made by him thereon, and members of those bands have in consequence taken up their lands in severalty. There is good reason to hope that in the near future their example will be followed by many more bands, and that the old system of communism in the occupancy and cultivation of reserves will ultimately be abandoned. A gradual but unmistakable improvement in the houses now erected is perceptible; many houses are floored with boards, have roofs of stings, and some of them are subdivided into apartments. In not a few houses, modern articles of furniture are to be seen, and in some of them pictures on the walls and other simple ornaments, indicating some degree of refinement, are to be observed. Their cattle are, as a rule, as jealously guarded by the Indians as they would be by white farmers; and that they are well fed and cared for, were other proof wanted than is contained in the reports of the Inspectors and Agents, the competition of their owners at the agricultural exhibitions, and the frequency with which they succeed in obtaining prizes for their choicest animals, should convince the most sceptical.

Mr. Dewdney states that the Indians of this Province number three hundred and nineteen—two less than in 1887, and four and six less than in 1886 and 1885, respectively. From Mr. Arsenault's report we clip the following: "I am pleased to be able to report a marked improvement in the condition of the Indians of this superintendency. They devote considerably more attention to the cultivation of the land. Not less than thirteen acres were, this year, cleared, broken up and sown in the spring. Last year's crop, especially potatoes, was remarkably good. I regret to have to say that the crop this year will be below the average, owing to the continued drought during the summer. Many Indians raise potatoes enough for their own use. One of the most successful Indians of Prince Edward Island—Benjamin Nicholas—resides on the Morrell Reserve; he works constantly on his farm; lives wholly from its product, and is quite independent. He bought a few years ago a cart and harness; last summer he purchased a light wagon and trucking at a cost of \$65; last winter he bought a jaunty sleigh. He keeps a horse, a cow, a few head of cattle, pigs and sheep. The most industrious and comfortable Indian of Lennox Island Reserve is John Copage. The young horse I reported last year he had purchased the previous summer for \$90 he sold last year for \$110, and bought another for \$30, making a profitable transaction; he bought last winter a jaunty sleigh, a goat skin robe and a set of harness; he has this summer a colt, three months old for which he refused \$30; he maintains himself and family by farming."

Notes and Clippings. —It is pleasing to note that the annual report and financial statement issued by the Mayor and City Clerk of Charlottetown are getting admired by the civic officials of other towns to whom they have been sent. Certainly they are, as a correspondent remarks, "in admirable shape," and reflect great credit particularly upon Mr. McPherson. —The Dominion Parliament has been in session nine days and the estimates have been laid before its members. The Quebec Legislature has been talking for a month and these important papers are yet an unknown quantity. Mr. Mercier opened his session with a flourish about the forward state of business; Sir John Macdonald said nothing. It is the old difference between wind and work. —Mr. Charlton has placed a resolution on the notice paper with respect to the hours during which the House may sit. He says in his preamble that long sittings are not only injurious to the health of members, but prejudicial to the careful consideration of public business, and he will therefore move as a remedy, that hereafter the speaker leave the chair at midnight with the same exactitude that he does at six o'clock. There are many who will support such a change.

—St. John Gazette: The net debt of Canada at the end of January was \$236,500,000 which is just about three times what it was at the end of 1867, after Confederation. At that time most of our debt was bearing an interest of 6 per cent.; now we can get as much money as we need at a

bare fraction over three per cent. Taking into account our increased population and territory, our vastly increased resources and reduction in the rate of interest the debt as it stands to-day is not so great a burden to Canada, as was the debt of twenty-two years ago.

—A ridiculous phase of the color question has appeared in one of the schools of New York State. A laborer and his wife, both claiming to be white, had four boys attending the school. Two of the boys were light in color and were not interfered with. The other two were dark and were expelled on the ground that they were negroes. It appears that the immediate cause of the dismissal was that some of the children were in the habit of kissing the teacher before going home, and she did not want to receive this mark of affection from the two dark-skinned boys.

—Remarks upon the demand of the Charlottetown Board of Trade for a reduction of fire insurance rates and the resolution of the Board of Fire Underwriters, as lately re-published, the *Monetary Times* says: "If these conditions have been fully complied with, the Board of Underwriters should keep faith with the people of Charlottetown, who have spent so much money in completing a waterworks system, by reducing insurance rates to the extent of 20 per cent., as promised. With insurance rates thus reduced, there will no doubt ensue a corresponding increase in the amount insured, which will benefit insurer and insured alike."

—The Barristers' Society of New Brunswick has resolved that the Judges of the Supreme Court are hereafter to be addressed as "My Lord," instead of "Your Honor," as heretofore. Whereupon the St. John *Gazette* remarks that such a change is not needed, and there is nothing to warrant it, either in the present status of the Supreme Court or in any clearly expressed public opinion on the subject. If the Judges of our Supreme Court for more than a century have been contented with the title "Your Honor," why should the present Judges be called "Lords"? If English precedent is to be followed, why should they not adopt judicial wigs also.

—The editor of the *Journal* has met the champion heavy weight. Describing his passage to Ottawa he writes: "Father Smith was excellent company, and together we made a capital team. He weighs 275, but I knocked him out with 290. We had made up our minds that we were the Jonahs responsible for the train's delay, but we opened our eyes when at Richmond, Tuesday morning, a gentleman came aboard, fully six feet high, stout and broad and magnificently built, and weighing only 333 lbs. We then became resigned to our fate, at the same time devoutly thankful that another Richmond man, who, the new comer said, weighed 380 lbs., was not going to be a passenger."

—Right Hon. John Morley, in a recent speech at Sheffield, commented pleasantly on Scotland's reply, per Govan, to Tory appeals. Mr. Morley said:—"In November last the Chancellor of the Exchequer went into Scotland. He swept through it with waving plumes, with brandished sword and loud martial shouts, like Napoleon Bonaparte crossing the Alps at Saenger's Circus. In December the Prime Minister himself went to Scotland and tried a little version of the Midlothian campaign. He told them with jubilation that Scotland had at last accepted the Primrose League. There were luncheons, there were profuse decorations, the tables groaned under caskets and addresses, and the Prime Minister himself, with all the authority of his character and his position said this:—"It is to you, Scotchmen above all others, that we appeal. If Scotland would once come to a sense of the issue of this struggle; if Scotland would only give a decisive and distinct vote against the Home Rule movement, I am convinced the Home Rule party would dissolve." (Laughter.) Gentlemen, the Govan election is the answer to that pathetic appeal. Govan following Bridgton—(cheers)—said once for all to the Prime Minister that Scotland rejects his programme, and does not care for it; that she rejects his pathetic appeal; that she will not give a distinct and decisive vote against Home Rule—(loud cheers)—that Scotland, solid at the next election, is going to range herself under the banner of the Liberal party—(hear, hear)—and to prove herself true to the Liberal chief." (Loud cheers.)

City Council Meeting. —The adjourned regular meeting of the City Council was held last evening. His Worship Mayor Haviland, Chief Engineer Large and every member of the Board were present. There was also a large attendance of citizens. —THE FISH MARKET BUILDING. Mayor Haviland reported that he had received a proposition for the renting of the Fish Market building on Queen's Wharf, for the storage of oats, at the rate of \$50 per year, payable quarterly, from Mr. Charles H. Schurman. On motion of Councillor Morris, the proposition was referred to the Public Property Committee. —THE ASSESSORS AND AUDITORS. His Worship also reported that the newly-elected Assessors and Auditors had been duly sworn in, and instructed as to the nature of their duties. —THE BOARD OF FIREWARDENS. The election of a Board of Firewardens was the next business attended to. The following gentlemen were elected:—Ward 1—Robert McLaurin, Peter Clerk-in and Charles Hermans. Ward 2—Francis P. McCarron, William Murray, jr., and Robert Crabbe. Ward 3—A. D. White, Thomas Campbell and William Taylor. Ward 4—Dr. Strickland, Ewen McDougall and Edward Davy. Ward 5—John Hagan, George Charles Hooper and Phillip Large. The election of this Board gave rise to considerable discussion. Councillors Horne, McRae and Davison opposing the changes, and Councillors Eden, Taylor, Douse and Morris speaking in favor thereof. —WATER DEBENTURES. On motion of Councillor Morris, seconded by Councillor Byrne, it was,—"Resolved, That His Worship the Mayor is hereby authorized to issue \$12,000 water debentures bearing interest at 5 per cent., payable in twenty five years, for the waterworks, in pursuance of a requisition from the Water Commissioners. Carried. His Worship explained that this amount of \$12,000 was the complement of the \$165,000 authorized to be issued by the Waterworks Act. Council adjourned.

Bazaar and Tea.

THE Bazaar and Tea, under the auspices of the Ladies' Band of Earnest Workers in connection with the Second Methodist Church, opened in the Market Hall this afternoon, and will be continued this evening. The Hall has been nicely fitted up for the occasion. The fancy tables are well stocked with useful as well as ornamental articles, while the refreshment and candy tables fairly groan under their weight of good things. Tea (of excellent quality) will be served at five o'clock. The ladies presiding over the different tables are:—

Tea Table, No. 1—Mrs. John Hobbs, Mrs. John Peardon and Miss Anderson. Tea Table, No. 2—Mrs. Damerell, Mrs. Augustus Down and Mrs. B. Hooper. Fancy Table—Miss Janie Harper, Miss Janie Saunders, Miss Traier, Miss Macdonald, Miss Fairclough, Miss Adams and Miss LePage. Refreshment Table—Miss Ashley, Miss Carter and Mr. Enman. Candy Table—Miss Millie Higgs, Miss Ida Seller and Miss May Stair. Post Office—Miss Harris, Miss Annie Damerell, Mr. Edward Harper and Mr. L. Worthy.

Summer Carnival.

The increasing success of the Montreal winter carnival has suggested to an enterprising Halifaxian the advisability of holding a summer carnival in Halifax. In the course of a letter on the subject in the *Halifax Herald* the gentleman referred to says:—"Why should not a summer carnival be held in Halifax? We are in a position to give a summer show which cannot be duplicated on the American Continent. With the combined assistance of the army and navy, who have been always in the past ready to give their co-operation, we have at once the nucleus of a grand carnival. With an attack by the navy on the forts in the harbor; rowing regatta by the war ships and amateurs; yacht races under the auspices of the Nova Scotia yacht squadron; torchlight procession on the harbor by the navy, assisted by local clubs and illumination of the war ships, with torpedo work in the harbor; and torchlight processions in the streets by firemen,—where can such another sight be seen? Halifax in the month of July is at its best. The trees are in full foliage and the park and public gardens look their prettiest—and where can prettier be seen? With these attractions, bringing as they would, thousands of strangers to this city and province—what is there our people can do to better show the beauties of this city? A thing of this kind should be extensively advertised months before coming off, so that tourists may arrange for taking it in when making their plans for their summer trips."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Savage Treatment.

Sir,—I would call the attention of the public in this Island to a grievance which, from its very nature, requires prompt eradication wherever it exists, and that is: the inhuman practice (held in repute by some teachers) of slapping their pupils violently on the ears, holding them up by the ears, &c., a catalogue of barbarisms, which savages would hesitate before permanently adopting, and which employed in a civilized country, reflects eternal discredit upon those who practise them. But along with the pain inflicted, there is the danger of injuring the delicate organisms of the ear, and this fact would form base enough for any argument mortal man would wish to advance against this uncivilized, this cruel, this insane mistreatment of God's creatures. When societies have been formed for the prevention of cruelty to animals, and vigorously enforce their laws, how much more so, then, should laws be executed which have a direct bearing on creatures infinitely superior to the brute creation. I will not say that this practice is universal throughout the schools of the Province, as I am not qualified to make that assertion; but I will say that in one particular school in this county of King's it prevails to an extensive and alarming degree. I would be loth to mention any names, but if the degraded wretch to whom I particularly refer, can take anything snugly home to himself, he had better do so at once, and avoid the inevitable expulsion and consequent disgrace, which would be only a just punishment for his cruel and unmanly actions. JUNIUS. King's County.

Personal.

Count William Bismarck has been appointed President of the Province of Hanover. The *Journal* reports that Mr. Kariage Day, Wellington, has received a telegram informing him of the death of his son Artemas in the lumber woods some days ago. Cardinal Ledochowski, formerly Primate of Poland and Archbishop of Posen, is dead at Rome. He was imprisoned by Bismarck, but was released on his promise to reside abroad. There is a report that Prince Bismarck found in the Geffcken papers "an anonymous memorandum in Sir Robert Morier's handwriting, disclosing a scheme for upsetting Prince Bismarck. The document is said to explain the bitterness of the Geffcken-Morier incident. Empress Frederick's position in Germany is endangered by the *Contemporary Review* article, now in its fifth edition. The story about the Prince of Wales' quarrel with Count Herbert Bismarck is confirmed. Count Herbert said to the Prince, "No more Britishers now will meddle in German politics." The Prince, who loves his sister, the Empress Frederick, with a tender affection, was mightily offended. The Empress's system is broken, but her physical health is unimpaired. The world has long loved Queen Victoria for her admirable conduct as a wife and mother. The *London World* has a pleasant paragraph which shows that the good Queen's devotion to her children is as marked as in their youth. The *World* says: "Those who see them together say that nothing is more touching than the absolute selflessness and devotion of the Queen for the Empress Frederick. The Queen's one thought from morning to night is to minister to the comfort of her daughter, and endeavor to diminish her grief, and the smallest wish of the Empress is attended to and carried out with the most affectionate assiduity. The Empress is looking very worn and tired, and sleeps badly, but the rest and quiet of Windsor, which she enjoys thoroughly, and which she and her daughters are never weary of expatiating on, are already beginning to have a good effect on her health and spirits."

Local Notices.

FRESH SAUSAGES, 12 cents per pound, made daily at Saunders & Newson's Meat Market, Kent Street. feb14 2w Balance of Heavy Underwear selling at cost at D. A. Bruce's. feb13 Misses' and Boys' Felt Overshoes, only 85c. at R. K. Jost's. feb4 t' Sleigh Robes and Fur Coats selling at cost at D. A. Bruce's. feb13

Spring Poetry.

M. H. S.

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MR. VINNICOMBE, Assisted by his Pupils and some of the best Vocal and Instrumental Talent of the City, will give one of their Popular Orchestral Concerts —IN THE— Y. M. C. A. HALL, —ON— Tuesday, 5th of March. Particulars will be given shortly. feb13

SOCIAL.

THE LADIES OF St. John's Church, Milton, INTEND HOLDING A SOCIAL IN KENWITT HOUSE, —ON— Thursday Evening, Feb. 14th. MUSIC, DINNER and TEA will be provided. TICKETS—Dinner, 50c.; Tea, 25c. Tables will be laid from 6 p. m. If the weather is unfavorably will be held on following evening. feb6

VALUABLE FREEHOLD FARM FOR SALE.

THIS undersigned will sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, at the residence of the late ELISHA A. COFFIN, Mount Stewart, On Friday, First Day of March Next, At the Hour of One o'clock in the Afternoon. That valuable Freehold Farm formerly owned by the late Elisha A. Coffin. This Farm is situated within one-quarter of a mile of Mount Stewart Railway Station, contains One Hundred and Forty-five acres of Land, sixty acres of which are under cultivation, a large part of the balance being well wooded. There is also a Salt Marsh on the property, on which a large quantity of Hay can be cut yearly. The buildings consist of a good Dwelling House, Barn and Shed, all in good repair. This is one of the most desirable Farm properties offered for sale in Queen's County for some years. A good title will be given to the purchaser. For further particulars apply to the undersigned, or to Messrs. Sullivan & Macneil, of Charlottetown, Barristers.

D. A. MACKINNON, LL. B., Barrister, Solicitor, Notary, Commissioner of Deeds, Wills, &c., GEORGETOWN, P. E. ISLAND.

MONEY TO LOAN. nov13—3rd dy law wky edw

NOTICE.—An old Truck Wagon left on the premises of the subscriber, if not called for and expenses paid, will be sold on Market Square, on Friday, March 27, 1889.—LEWIS PHILLIPS. feb13—3rd dy law wky edw

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