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THE DAILY EXAMINER.

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MR. MCKINNON'S LETTER.

We publish the letter of D. A. McKinnon, Esq., which will be found in another column with a great deal of pleasure and we are sure that our correspondents, and all concerned, will be glad to learn that Mr. McKinnon had no ulterior motive in opposing the Railway resolution submitted to the Murray River meeting. It is, we think, highly probable that there has been mutual misapprehension about the matter. We cannot imagine that the mover and seconder of a resolution setting forth the reasons why railway construction south of the Hillsborough should be begun, would word it in such a way as to make it offensive to Hon. Mr. Davies or to any member or members of the Government of Canada. Mr. McKinnon was probably mistaken in this regard; or it may be that to his professional penetration it was apparent that Mr. Davies would construe as "offensive" that which was not so intended. In any case, we are delighted to have Mr. McKinnon's letter, and to know that there is practical unanimity in the desire of Belfast and Murray Harbor, and their representative men, that nothing whatever shall interfere with the prompt construction of the Southern Railway. Senator Power, and Mr. Martin certainly, displayed good tact when they advised the withdrawal of the resolution which was or was supposed to be, offensive to Mr. Davies, and the substitution of one upon which the meeting could vote unanimously. Railway extension in Prince Edward Island is a matter in respect to which no petty jealousies or partisan rivalries should divide the people. Men of all parties should stand shoulder to shoulder in the defence of their mutual rights, in the assertion of their mutual claims, and in the promotion of their mutual interests.

THE WASHINGTON MISSION.

SIR RICHARD CARTWRIGHT and the Hon. Mr. Davies have, we are told, left Washington. Their visit was part of the plan of campaign. But they must have known that it would result in failure. In the existing state of public opinion in the States the representative men of the States dare not yield to Canada reciprocity of trade upon fair and equal terms, even to please their dearest friends in the Canadian Government. The republican politicians have received a mandate from their constituents to increase the protection afforded the farming and other interests of the States, and they will be compelled to execute it despite the indignant pleadings and protestations of Sir Richard and Mr. Davies. These gentlemen have represented to the Washington politicians, so it is reported, that reciprocity would result in a great expansion of trade with Canada and that a refusal of these overtures would be followed by a great growth of Canadian trade with Great Britain. In view of such an inducement to reciprocity, it must seem to the Washington politicians a great pity that a contrary course has been marked out for them by the people of the United States! Under the circumstances our missionaries will do well to come home, take the other alternative, and promote trade with Great Britain.

A HIGH HANDED ACT.

The high-handed and unwarrantable dismissal of Mr. John T. Munn, who has been the efficient light-house keeper at Cape Bear, is made the subject of an article in the Watchman of yesterday. It appears from the correspondence published that it was charged that Mr. Munn "took an act of part on behalf of the Conservative candidate, canvassing previous to the day of the election, and on the day of the election devoting yourself to driving voters to the polls." This charge was characterized by Mr. Munn as absolutely "false." There was no investigation. Mr. Munn was subsequently discharged on the ground that he did not give personal attention to his duties as light keeper, but farmed out the keeping of the light in his charge, in violation of the regulations of the service. This charge is, also, the Watchman declares, wholly unfounded, as Mr. Munn not only discharged the duties of light-keeper personally, but resided with his family in the light-house dwelling—was there day and night. It appears that Mr. Munn has been supplanted by a clerk in the employ of the Hon. Daniel Davies, uncle of the Minister of Marine and Fisheries!

In order that our Commission may be paid for securing "offensive partisan" wages of the railway workmen must be reduced 20 per cent. Such is Government by Commission.

BUY IN YOUR OWN CITY.

That this is good advice may be proved, any day in the week, by consulting THE EXAMINER'S advertising columns and then paying a visit to our stores. In what are supposed to be the last days of the N. P. goods sold in these stores are cheap and good beyond all precedent. But we are informed and believe that, even so, there are some persons, and not a few, in the community who habitually go or send abroad for articles of clothing, furniture, etc., which are in full supply here. This ought not to be. The effect of such outside trading may be apprehended by considering what the result would be to the city if all the citizens were to deal in the same way. Charlottetown must, in that case, soon be a city of bankrupts. With a Quebec contemporary "we want to see every one of our citizens inclined with a loyal home spirit, and all our business men encouraged to the fullest extent. They merit it by their enterprise. Patriotism demands it of their neighbors. Our merchants, in almost every line of business, keep good stocks and are fully abreast of the times."

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The Montreal Star remarks that the Americans are having so much trouble with their navy that no one would blame them if they brought the "pesky" thing out of the west. The repair of the Western Block and the expenditure of \$250,000 in connection therewith, will give Mr. Tarte and his friends a great opportunity. "Business is business, you know." The pride of the United States navy, the big armored cruiser Brooklyn, was successfully placed in dry dock at League Island navy yard a few days ago. For a distance of nearly 175 feet her bottom on the port side is bruised, indented and torn, while on the starboard side her plates are punched in but not broken. On the port side there is one hole large enough for a man to crawl through, and a number of smaller holes, caused by the straining of her plates. One of the blades of her port propeller is somewhat bent on the end and a small section of the end has been broken. A special from Washington says: I have talked with several of the Ways and Means committee and other members of Congress, not members of the committee and cannot find there is any disposition to approve of Sir Richard Cartwright's proposition for the formation of the joint commission to investigate trade relations between the Dominion and the United States and pave the way for a reciprocity agreement. Nearly every Republican member of the Ways and Means committee is opposed to reciprocity with Canada and are the committee report in its favor it is useless to expect that it can go through the house. From the statements of members of Congress it is apparent the only way by which Canada can secure reciprocity is by surrendering much more than she could expect to receive and would be permitted to by Great Britain.

A Montreal Star correspondent learns on reliable authority that J. E. P. Prendergrast, ex-M. P. P., for St. Boniface, will be taken into the Greenway Cabinet as Minister of Education, a new portfolio about to be created. Further Mr. Prendergrast will soon return from Ottawa, and will bring with him a new settlement of the school question, which will be more satisfactory to Archbishop Langevin. Mr. Prendergrast, it is said, will again contest St. Boniface, and will have the support of the Archbishop. A few days before going East Mr. Prendergrast, Mr. Greenway and Father Rochon had an all-night session, at which a complete agreement was arrived at. Mr. Prendergrast, it is said, is pledged to Mr. Langevin to carry out the new agreement. The St. Boniface correspondent's authority for this statement of such a character as to give the story authenticity. If the arrangement turns out as expected, the school question may be considered as finally settled.

The figures on consolidated fund account for the first seven months of the last two years are as follows:—

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