

The Daily Examiner

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The Post Office Department.

In Canada, during the past year, there were in operation 7,084 post offices, with 59,461 miles of post route, on which the travel of the year is computed to have been 22,173,455 miles.

The post offices established during the year number 247, and 3,330 miles of new post routes were organized for mail service. The additional mail travel provided on these new post routes, and for augmented frequency of service on routes already in operation, was at the rate of 1,287,139 miles per annum.

There are now in the service of the Post Office Department 290 railway mail clerks—100 more than last year—13 post office inspectors, and 12 assistant inspectors.

The Postal revenue of the year was \$2,400,062.03, of which \$2,325,489.61 was derived from the sale of postage stamps, post cards, envelopes and post-bands. As compared with the previous year this was an increase of \$69,320.65, a smaller rate of advance than usual. The expenditure of the year was \$3,097,882.49.

An incident, unique in itself, and interesting as illustrating the pioneer services which the Post Office may be called upon to render, in advance of actual settlement, is recorded in the report. On the 1st January, 1885, a Post Office and Money Order Office was established at what, for convenience, was designated "Ead of Track, Rocky Mountains, Canadian Pacific Railway," the Post Office and Postmaster's home being in a railway car roughly fitted for the service, and moving westward a few miles from day to day with the progress of track-laying. On the 7th of November following, with the meeting in the Rocky Mountains of the two sections of railway, that proceeding westward and that coming eastward, the so-called "Ead of Track" ceased to be. The laborers and navies employed in construction dispersing, the objects of the temporary office ceased, and it passed out of existence with its name. During these ten months, Money Orders of the value of \$65,804 were issued at this travelling Post Office, an amount greater than at any office in Ontario, Quebec or the Maritime Provinces, except the chief or few city offices, greater in fact than at Kingston, Ont., and nearly equal to the Money Order issues of the City of Quebec.

The Indian Superintendent's Report.

In the Indian report, information is given concerning the Indians at the time of the outbreak in the Northwest which will be valuable to those who may hereafter desire to write the history of that affair. Owing to this disturbance it is difficult to correctly estimate the progress the Indians are making in civilization, but here and there evidences of advancement are found. A very important statement is made by the Inspector of the Manitoba and Keewatin District. He says that in all his interviews with several bands he found no complaint of any importance either as to quantity or quality of supplies furnished, "but on the contrary they (the Indians) frequently expressed their gratitude to the Government for so faithfully carrying out the stipulations of their respective treaties."

The Indian Commissioner refers to and explains the difficulty amongst the Blackfeet, arising out of the stealing of horses. The Indians admit the propriety of compulsory restoration of horses stolen by any of their members, but think it hard that horses which they have purchased from other Indians in the United States should be taken from them, even though these animals had been stolen from Canadian settlers. They have given consideration for them, and plead that they cannot tell which are stolen horses and which are not. The Commissioner thinks some joint action with the American authorities will be necessary to effectively deal with the matter. The total expenditure on the Indians of Manitoba and the Northwest has this year been \$1,008,930, or \$7,740 less than last year, and the account for "deserted Indians" is somewhat less, \$448,038, as against \$449,525 of the year before.

As to the Indians in this Province, the Indian Commissioner here writes (6th August, 1885):

"I am pleased to be able to begin my report by stating that the Indians residing on the Lennox Island reserve are, with few exceptions, very sober, most of them having, some years ago, signed the temperance pledge.

"I am happy to say that the Indians are progressing in agriculture. More land was sown last spring than in previous years. I distributed last spring, to be used as seed, twenty-two bushels of wheat, eighty-six bushels of oats and two hundred and sixty-two bushels of potatoes; but more than this quantity was sown, for several Indians had saved their seeds from last year's crop.

"Their crops look remarkably well and promise a good yield. Never was there on Lennox Island a finer crop than there is this year. It can be favorably compared with the crops of their white neighbors on the mainland.

"The Indians residing on Lennox Island have this year, for the first time, fenced in, at considerable expense, the land surrounding the chapel—four acres—and sowed it with oats, expecting to make a profit on the money expended in fencing and in the purchase of the seed required; the profit to be placed in the fund collected for the purpose of building a new chapel, which they propose to build in a few years.

"There has been, as will be perceived by the tabular statement, an increase in the population. This increase is due to the fact that four families who had left Prince Edward Island have returned.

"I am still teaching on Lennox Island. The children are making fair progress.

"I had the pleasure to-day of a visit from John Arbuckle, Esq., school inspector. He appeared pleased with the result of the examination.

Parliamentary Notes.

The Montreal Gazette's Ottawa correspondent, who is as well informed as anyone outside of Ministerial circles, writes:—

"The estimates will be presented as soon as the Riel debate closes, and the Budget speech will be delivered immediately afterwards. The Finance Minister was ready to make his financial statement on Friday last, and only the opening of the discussion on the execution of Riel caused the delay. It is not unlikely that those who anticipate any considerable addition to taxation or the imposition of new duties will be disappointed. The fact is that the revenue can be made to equalize the expenditure by spreading the expenditure in connection with the rebellion over a number of years, and by economizing in some of the ordinary charges. Few changes in the tariff are anticipated."

"A week has been lost in the discussion of the Riel case. But that was inevitable. Sir John did well to confine the Commons to the main issue. If he had not done so, no one knows when the "talk" would have ended or how many side issues would have been dragged in to no good purpose. Now that everyone sees that there is not the faintest hope of defeating or even embarrassing the Government, interest in the debate is rapidly waning.

"A few days ago Hon. Mr. Haythorn in the Senate called attention to the siting up of Tracadie Harbor, and asked whether any attempt will be made during the ensuing summer to restore its former usefulness? Sir Alexander Campbell's reply was as follows:—

"I am sorry that I cannot give my hon. friend the complete satisfaction which he desires, and which I would like to give him if it were possible to do so. I am quite prepared to believe that Tracadie harbor was once of considerable importance; but I understand that of late years it has been less frequented. Perhaps that is attributable partly to the harbor being filled up with sand, but I understand that even if the sand were removed from the channel there is no serious prospect of business to be done for the expense of removing it and making the harbor as it once was. Mr. Perley, the engineer of the Public Works Department, was sent down at one time to examine and report upon this harbor as to what it would cost to restore it to its former condition; and he reported to the Government that it would cost \$10,000 to make such a harbor as my hon. friend has just described. This amount is so large, in view of the prospective business of the harbor, that the Government did not feel justified in undertaking the expenditure. I am very sorry to have to inform my hon. friend that the Government has not any present intention of extending this sum of money for the purpose of restoring this harbor to its former position. If the work could be accomplished for a smaller sum it might be done; but the Government are not prepared to expend the amount of money which the engineer says it would require."

"Hon. Mr. Mitchell wants information about fishery matters. He asks for returns of all the pishers the Government has respecting difficulties with United States fishermen, and negotiations with the United States Government. When these are produced the hon. gentleman will, no doubt, open a discussion extremely interesting to the people of the Maritime Provinces.

"In reply to the Patriot, we may state that THE EXAMINER was quite unaware that Mrs. L. H. Davies is ill. If Mr. Davies' trip to Boston is due, as the Patriot says, to this fact, we sincerely regret it, and trust that Mrs. Davies may recover in ample time for her husband to return to Ottawa and deliver his speech on the Riel Question."

Religious Notes.

The Protestant Union comes to hand decidedly improved. The following notes are culled from its columns:

East St. Peter's has called Mr. J. A. McKenzie, and he has accepted. Mr. McKenzie who is a native of Strathalbyn is a young man of much promise.

The Rev. W. W. Lodge commenced special services at Cornwall, P. E. I., at the close of the week of prayer. These were continued six weeks with blessed results.

Rev. W. A. Mason of New London who received severe injuries by a fall from his carriage last summer, and who for some weeks has been in the P. E. I. hospital is we are glad to say, greatly improved in health.

On account of age and infirmity the Rev. Mr. Dyer is about to resign the pastoral charge of Alberton and Tignish. Mr. Dyer has rendered long and good service in the Master's Vineyard, and is a true successor of the Apostles.

Mr. Gladstone, on his 76th birthday, called at the Methodist Manse at Hawarden and spent an hour with the Rev. E. Wainman and his family. On the following day Mr. and Mrs. Wainman were honored with an invitation to luncheon at the castle. Mr. Wainman afterwards had the honor of spending two hours with Mr. Gladstone in his study.

Special services held in the Brick Church, Charlottetown, after the close of the week of prayer, have resulted in great good to the church. Mr. Stenton writes: "Many of our members have been greatly quickened. We were also gladdened to see many turning to the Lord. About seventy have professed conversion, most of whom are united with our society classes. Our Sabbath School has shared largely in the blessing which was exceedingly gratifying to our worthy superintendent, Bro. F. W. Moore. All our church interests are prosperous."

On Monday March 1, 1886, passed away from earth one of the most generous, kind and respectable of the residents of Murray Harbor, Edward Jordan, Esq. He was a native of Monmouthshire, England—born in July 1796, and had lived till next July would have been 90 years of age. He is said to have belonged to one of the most respectable families in England. He joined the Wesleyan Church when but 10 years of age, thus leaving him perhaps not only the oldest member of that church on the Island but perhaps in England. His kindness and generosity in many cases were almost carried to a fault.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

THE CONCERT LAST EVENING.

The Concert in Market Hall last night was a decided success. The Hall was tastefully decorated, well lighted by electricity, and long before eight o'clock was uncomfortably crowded. The vocal solos by Mrs. Roome, Mrs. Strickland, Mrs. Gault and Miss Hickey were well rendered and loudly encored, as also were those of Prof. Caven, Dr. Gallant, and Mr. Maynard. The choruses by St. Dunstan's Choir were sung in good style, and much appreciated. The instrumental part of the programme was in the hands of Miss Caven, the Misses Murphy and Cahill, and Messrs. Fletcher, Strong and Blanchard, each and all of whom were eminently successful, receiving the well-merited applause of the large audience present. Rev. A. E. Burke delivered his address in a forcible and pointed manner. He spoke highly of the good work so unassumingly performed by the Benevolent Irish Society, and paid an eloquent tribute to its founders, most of whom have long since been gathered to their fathers. He then referred to the bearing of Irishmen at home and abroad, and complimented them on their many good qualities of head and heart. The treatment Ireland had been receiving at the hands of its tyrannical oppressors was briefly reviewed and the Rev. gentleman, in scathing language, denounced those who have for years been grinding Ireland and Irishmen under the iron heel of oppression. He concluded by expressing the hope that the dark clouds which have for many years been hanging over Ireland and which were now slowly but surely breaking, would soon clear away and that Ireland would ere long occupy a proud position among the nations of the world.

ENTERTAINMENT AT COUNTY LINE.

The entertainment at County Line last evening, under the auspices of the Eastern Branch of the Benevolent Irish Society, was eminently successful. The hall was crowded. Prof. Cushing and his band from Summerside were in attendance, while Miss Arsenaux presided at the piano. After the opening selection, "St. Patrick's Day," by the orchestra, had been concluded, Mr. J. W. Maillally, of this city, delivered an address on "The Day we Celebrate," which was much appreciated. The two "irrepressibles," A. J. McInnis and H. L. Macdonald, delighted the audience with several songs, while the "Old Bob Ridley," and tambourine accompaniment by the first named gentleman "brought down the house." Mr. J. E. Macdonald gave some Irish readings in good style, and several negro songs and dialogues were well rendered, as also were some choruses.

DRAMATIC ENTERTAINMENT IN SUMMERSIDE.

The Union Dramatic Club of this city, performed Carleton's well-known Irish drama "More Sinned Against than Sinning," and the laughable farce "Should this meet the Eye," in Ludlow Hall, last night. The hall was crowded with an exceedingly appreciative audience, who testified their approval of the performance by long and loud applause. The members of the Club returned to town this morning, well pleased with the way they were received by the citizens of Summerside.

ENTERTAINMENT IN GEORGETOWN.

The entertainment given by the Georgetown Dramatic Club, in the Town Hall last evening, passed off successfully. The Hall was well filled, and the programme carried out in good style.

The Oregon Disaster.

The following story of the disaster to the steamer Oregon is told by one of the passengers: "It was five o'clock in the morning, and the ship was ploughing along, while all her passengers slept. Suddenly there was a tremendous crash that made the ship quiver from stem to stern, and affrighted the passengers, who rushed on deck in their night clothes. They saw a hulk of a vessel drifting slowly by on the port side of the Oregon, grazing her sides as she passed astern. What became of her or her crew I do not know. I have been told that she sunk as soon as she cleared the steamer. Meanwhile the sea was pouring into a great ugly gap on the port bow of the Oregon, and men, women and children were running about the decks in scanty attire, screaming and praying. This did not last long, however. Officers of the Oregon quickly discovered they were in no immediate danger of sinking and they went about among the half-distracted passengers, assuring them that they were safe. It was but a little while before order was restored and the afflicted people, somewhat calmed, sought their clothing. Then there was an anxious two hours. Not a sail or steamer responded to rockets that were sent up or guns that were fired, until nearly seven o'clock, when daylight having arrived, a pilot boat and a schooner hove in sight and lost no time in taking the 900 passengers off. The passengers were very cool and everything proceeded in orderly fashion. It was 12 o'clock when the Fulda reached the Oregon and then another transhipment took place, all of the passengers being put aboard of her, where they were given every attention. The last passenger had been taken from the sinking steamer at this time, and while the work of transfer from the pilot boat and schooner to the Fulda was still going on, the Oregon plunged downward, bow first, into the sea, leaving nothing behind her but some floating wreckage that was tossed about in the great wave that her going down created. The Oregon was valued at \$1,250,000, and her cargo at a very high figure."

Madagascar Robbers.

Capt. Averill, of the American barque Surprise, arrived at New York on the 15th. The Surprise was wrecked off the coast of Madagascar in January last, and Miss Averill was with her father when the vessel was lost. The natives stripped the vessel, taking all the cargo and even ripping the copper from her bottom. They also stole the contents of the boats as the crew were putting off from the barque, and some of Miss Averill's clothing from her shoulders. The American representative at Madagascar promised to secure, if possible, reparation for the robbery committed by the natives.

The entertainment will begin at 7.30 to-night. Second Methodist Church. Come early and secure a seat.

THE GREAT MUSICAL EVENT

ORATORIO CONCERT, IN THE Y. M. C. A. HALL.

Monday Evening, March 22nd

Under the Patronage of His Honor the Lieut.-Governor and Mrs. Macdonald.

Mr. Earle, Musical Director and Accompanist.

PROGRAMME.

- 1. Inst. Duet—"War March of the Priests" Mendelssohn Messrs. Watson and Earle.
2. Chorus—"Lift up your Heads" (from the Messiah) Handel
20 Voices with Orchestral Accompaniment.
3. Vocal Solo—"O Rest in the Lord" (from the Elijah) Mendelssohn Miss Crabbe.
4. Cornet Solo Mr. Fletcher.
5. Vocal Duet—"Justus ut Palma" Lambillotte Miss Hickey and Prof. Caven.
6. Overture in E flat Weber Mrs. Malcolm McLeod and Mr. Earle.
7. Solo and Chorus—"O Thou that Tearest" (from the Messiah) Handel Solo by Mrs. Malcolm McLeod.
8. Inst. Quartette—"Silver Trumpets March" Miss Sharpley, Messrs. Vinnicombe, Fletcher and Earle.
9. Vocal Solo—"Train up a Child" Toplift Mrs. Roome.
10. Vocal Trio—"Protect us Through the Coming Night" Gurchmann The Misses Knight, Strong and Shenton.
11. Chorus—"Worthy is the Lamb" (from the Messiah) Handel 20 Voices with Orchestral Accompaniment.
12. Vocal Solo—"O Lord have mercy upon me" Pergolesi Mrs. Malcolm McLeod.
13. (Recitative—"And God Made the Firmament" (from the Creation) Haydn Prof. Caven. Solo and Chorus—"Marvelous Works" Solo by Miss Strong.
14. Inst. Quartette—"Les Dieux Anges, Blumenthal Messrs. Watson, Fletcher, Vinnicombe and Earle.
15. Vocal Solo—"Pro Peccatis" (from the Stabat Mater) Rossini By request, with Orchestral Accompaniment. Prof. Caven.
16. Grand Trio and Chorus—"The Lord is Great" (from the Creation) Haydn Trio by Miss Knight, Messrs. F. H. Beer and Strong.

Tickets—Reserved Seats, 35 cents; Unreserved, 25 to be had at Watson's Drug Store, where a plan of the Hall can now be seen. Concert at 8 o'clock. Positively no encores will be permitted. March 18, 1886.

DRUG CLERK WANTED.

In a nice town in Nova Scotia, a reliable, temperate young man of a few years' experience. Must have good references as to honesty, &c. Address: "DRUGGIST," stating salary, &c., care this paper. March 18—3i

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ROLLER RINK,

Thursday Next, 25th Inst.

A FANCY Table, also an Apron Table, with a large and varied assortment of Ladies', Misses' and Children's Aprons; also a variety of fancy and useful articles. Refreshment Tables well supplied with substantial and delicious. Doors open at 12 noon; Tea on the tables at 5 o'clock. Oysters served at 9 p. m. Admission 15 cents; Tea, 25 cents. MRS. R. D. COFFIN, Secretary. March 18—7i wky li

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CARD OF THANKS.

THE Benevolent Irish Society desire to record their sincere thanks to His Honor the Lieutenant Governor and His Worship the Mayor, for their ready response to the Society's request, in proclaiming St. Patrick's Day a public and civic holiday; to the Superintendent of the Railroad for special railway rates; to Messrs. Caven and Blanchard for their management of the Concert, and to the ladies and gentlemen who took part in the same; to Messrs. J. B. Macdonald, Mark Wright & Co., and W. T. Johnston, of the Electric Light Co., for favors received; and to all who in any way contributed towards making the St. Patrick's Day Celebration so successful. RICHARD WALSH, President. JOHN HENNESSY, Secretary. Ch'town, March 18, '86—li

TENDERS.

SEALED TENDERS will be received at the office of the City Clerk, until noon of SATURDAY, MARCH 20th, 1886, from persons desirous of contracting for keeping the PUMPS AND WELLS OF THE CITY IN ORDER, for one year or more. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. By order, A. A. MACPHERSON, City Clerk. March 18—3i

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Ch'town, Jan. 26, 1885.