

THE DAILY EXAMINER

OCTOBER 31, 1893.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS.

The letter of Mr. Donald Nicholson is very much to the point. We cannot, of course, have every luxurious appliance afforded by the wealthy cities of the States and Canada. But we are entitled to those ordinary modern conveniences enjoyed by citizens the world over. Expenditure on most of these, if not unreasonable, would really be good economy. For instance, the annual cost of continually decaying hemlock plankways is much greater than the annual cost of permanent sidewalks. We have no doubt that an arrangement might be made under which citizens owning property on the principal streets would be induced to share with the corporation the cost of good stone or composition sidewalks. If there were only a stone sidewalk similar to that on Victoria Row all around Queen Square, the city would be greatly improved and the money expended upon it would, from a financial point of view, be well invested. That which has been done on Grafton Street this year shows that which may be done year after year towards improving our streets without adding appreciably to the taxpayers' burden. If an equal length of street were macadamized each year for ten or fifteen years there would be a material lessening of the annual cost of carting dirt for street repair, and all our principal streets would be out of the mud.

Now that our waterworks are reported self-sustaining, there seems to be no good reason why we should not also, as Mr. Nicholson suggests, grapple with the important matter of sewerage. A great many persons are at present sending their slops directly into blind alleys. This is denounced by most of the authorities as a menace to the health of the city. Many of those who do it are very doubtful about the cleanliness and the wisdom of it. But they plead that there are no means, except the open gutters, of getting rid of the waste water of their houses and kitchens. So long as Charlottetown is without sewerage we can never feel entirely at ease when the victims of fever and diphtheria go to their graves; and the fact that the remains of two young women were recently carried from one house upon the same day, must have caused citizens to reflect upon their responsibility for the sanitary condition of the town. Of course there are important details to be considered. We ought, if possible, to save our sewage for application to our farms. Urine, soap-suds and such things are rich in the most valuable fertilizers. It would be the grossest waste to have the sewage carried into the same sea to which we have to import foreign manure, unless it be impossible to have it carried to a point upon the land at which it may be obtained by our farmers, or otherwise utilized in agriculture.

As there is to be a civic election in January next, our people should, in the meantime, consider these things and the candidates for election should be ready with a reasonable and economical policy of reform.

MR. DAVIES' LETTER.

Mr. L. H. Davies repudiates that which THE EXAMINER has not charged. We have not said nor intended to intimate, by quotation or otherwise, that Mr. Davies is personally dishonest or that he will not properly distribute the gift fund committed to his keeping. We have not, and never had, the slightest doubt that Mr. Davies will pay out every cent of the money subscribed to promote the election of his partisans. But the pity is that the money being raised by the Party of Purity and Reform, and that he is its custodian. On the principle that the people shall select and elect their representatives in Parliament there is no necessity for such a machine fund. We shall, of course, as requested by Mr. Davies, publish the circular letter in extenso.

DEATH OF SIR JOHN ABBOTT.

DEATH has removed one of the ablest and most distinguished men of Canada. As lawyer, as citizen and as politician, Sir John Abbott has acted a great part in the development of this country. His pre-eminence was made particularly apparent to the public when he was Mayor of Montreal and when he was Premier of the Dominion. In both of these high positions he served the people faithfully and well. The duty of Premier was, however, too hard for a man of his advanced years, who had not, like Sir John Macdonald, received a life-long training in politics. Ill health, resulting from age and over work, forced him to retire into private life; and now, after a prolonged struggle with the king of terrors, he rests.

ASSASSINATION IN THE STATES.

UNEASINESS lies the head of every man who attains to high position in the United States. There is usually some "crank" or "madman," with pistol or dynamite, watching an opportunity to murder him. The man who assassinated Carter Harrison had too much method in his madness. But there will, of course, be a long extensive trial, and he will eventually, after being cared for in an asylum, be allowed to go free, though a negro charged with insulting a white woman would at once be lynched.

The issue of the preferred stock of the Canadian Pacific Railway Co., authorized at the last annual meeting, has been placed upon the London market. The company has disposed of \$1,200,000 worth of 4 per cent. preferred stock at 90, which is a very good price. This stock takes priority over the common stock up to 4 per cent. per annum, which is the highest rate of dividend this security carries, and if less than 4 per cent is earned, no part of the deficiency is to be made good afterwards. The use to which the funds derived from the sale are to be put, we understand to recognize the company's treasury for expenditure on capital account. Almost \$2,000,000 has gone to replace wooden bridges with iron or steel ones, and other improvements not chargeable to working expenses. 531 wooden bridges were replaced by iron ones last year, it is said. Two millions more is intended to be spent on rolling stock, grain elevators at Winnipeg and Fort William, terminal facilities at Vancouver, Toronto and Montreal. Then there is the Souris branch to Pasqua, 162 miles, a short branch to Revelstoke, and one to Temiskaming. The company's surplus earnings in 1892 are stated at \$6,223,531, a very handsome result, especially considering the fate of some of its trans-Atlantic competitors.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

LETTER FROM MR. L. H. DAVIES, M. P.

Sir,—You have seen fit to charge me with being a party to a scheme for obtaining monies from my political friends for corrupt purposes. You base your charge upon a circular signed by myself and President of the Maritime Liberal Association, and you quote approvingly from the Halifax Herald the statement that "while I call for money with several months I have only one object in view, and that is to put this money to use." This has only one meaning. It charges personal corruption, if not personal dishonesty. It was a dastardly charge to make against a man who has known so long and so well.

You must have read the circular. You say the Halifax Herald published it, and you quote from it. If you did not read it you know it was simply a call upon the friends of the Association to contribute the money necessary for the distribution of political literature and the payment of a travelling organizer or secretary.

No honest man would venture the assertion that any of the objects named in the circular are improper or dishonest, or in any way akin to corruption. If there are to be organizations, there must be organizations, and without some contributions to pay necessary and legitimate expenses no organization ever can be effective.

I now enclose you a copy of the circular, and ask you, in common fairness towards me, to publish it in the columns of your Weekly and Daily.

Yours truly, L. H. DAVIES.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Sir,—As one of the many from this Province who had the pleasure of seeing the great world wonder, the World's Fair, it might be fairly expected that I, too, should, follow the example of others who visited Chicago and entertain your readers with a recital of the wonderful things to be seen there. Were my descriptive powers equal to such a task, I might write volumes, and still be far from doing anything like justice to such an undertaking.

The principal aim and object of that greater of all expositions, the cost of which involved millions of money, was that it might present a grand object lesson to all the nations of the world; that the lessons thus afforded might stimulate to still greater improvements in the various countries therein represented; and that the interchange of thought and sentiment among the various races and the different nationalities would extend their mental vision, and thereby foster a kinder and more liberal spirit the one toward the other.

The man from Charlottetown visiting Chicago and cities adjoining, cannot fail noticing the many practicable and comparatively inexpensive improvements these suggest to him that might be accomplished at home. Among others, I might mention the improved streets and sidewalks, but above all, an efficient system of sewerage, now, since the introduction of a copious water supply, more needed than ever. It is now over a year since the City Council secured the services of Col. Waring. That gentleman came here, studied carefully our condition, and made plans of a system of sewerage, as well as estimates of cost, about 130,000 dollars. The City Council has not yet taken the step far taken, and it now devolves upon the citizens to authorize the corporation to proceed with the work. Therefore, I would advise that no time should be lost in getting such of our citizens as are in favor of sewerage, good streets, shore road to Victoria Park, organize to a man. Speaking for myself personally, I can only add that I am fully determined to use every effort to bring about these much needed improvements, and I am glad to be able to inform your readers that already steps are being taken to organize a party who will make the sewer question the issue at the approaching civic election. And I may further say that should their object be obtained, the time and assistance will be possible for me to render in that connection will be of much greater gain to my native city than that I should write exactly of the wonders I saw in Chicago.

amounted to \$136,786.61; and that the loss on the sale of debentures, part of which has never been accounted for, amounted to \$7,374.24. These large sums have been used for lost by the present Government in two short years; and Mr. Shaw justly claims that this record does not justify the people in giving a new lease of power to the present minister.

Besides, he shows that the Public Works Department has become a sink of iniquity that hoodling of the worst kind has been practiced, and is still being carried on. He shows where a bridge at Bay Fortune that was let for \$310 cost \$400; that the floating bridge at Morrell, which only for the fact that Thomas Melish was bought up by Robert N. Cox, would only have cost \$1,300, was let to Robert N. Cox for \$1,600; and that \$640 was paid the contractor for extras, besides half of the expense that young Hooper was supposed to get running the ferry which the bridge was building. It is very well for Mr. Cox to go around now with Mr. Arthur Peters looking for support. I pay Mr. Cox to do so. Then, there was a bridge up at Grand Etov. Lot 14, that should only have cost \$321; but Mr. Perry, the contractor, got \$619.05, and another contractor for a bridge at Lot 16 got \$182 in extras. And so on all through the record. Whenever a grit contractor was interested, wherever political capital could be made, money was poured out like water by the Commissioner of Public Works and the Government.

Some of the arguments used by Mr. Shaw in his canvass. It will be useless for the grit contingent of the Patriot to deny these figures. They are taken from the public accounts, and cannot be denied. An intelligent elector who takes the trouble can see them for himself. These figures are taken from the records of 1891 and 1892; but, oh, my countrymen, when the figures for 1893 are available, what a tale they will unfold! Never before was such unblushing bribery attempted by any Government in this Province. In the first part of this letter I have given an instance of what is being done in the road district of Mr. Supervisor Dewar, and everyone knows that the same system is practised all over the Province. Roads costing hundreds of dollars are being opened to influence one or two men to vote for the Government. These roads in many cases will require costly bridges and continual repairs, and will saddle on the country thousands of dollars in the future besides what is now being spent. When the Government officials are asked where the money is to come from to meet all these expenditures, they have not one word to say. All they can answer is that it is a good thing to have good roads and plenty of them. If the present Government are continued in power, the people may rest assured that a heavier burden will be put upon them than is now borne by Nova Scotia or Quebec.

But, sir, as an exponent of public opinion, you can tell the people without fear of being astray, that the handwriting is on the wall and the fate of the Government is sealed. Like cringing courtiers they dread the day they will have to face the electors. They know that their proud boast of reducing the cost of legislation without any hope of fulfilling it, is now being annihilated. They know that the Legislative Council has not been amalgamated with the Assembly. They know that Rogers, McKenzie, McNutt, Scrimgeour and Murphy will not again vote for the bill to help Peters hold power. They are sick of him and his interference in local districts. They know that a heavy deficit and large overdrafts at the banks are staring them in the face; yet to meet the House and produce the records is not to be thought of. Verily they are between Scylla and Charybdis.

When the election takes place the electors of Cardigan district will rally round Cyrus Shaw and give him such a vote that the faces of his detractors will be greener with envy than the poison imported by the Government to kill the potato bugs. Mr. Shaw may have the Canadian who has none? But the animosity with which Mr. Peters and his party try to injure him shows that he is doing good service to the people by exposing the injuries the Government are inflicting on the Province. The electors of the Third District of King's County, especially the young men, will return Mr. Shaw at the head of the poll on election day, with a large and handsome majority. I have said.

THE CANADIAN FLAG.

What is the National Flag of Canada? Who can describe it accurately? How many of our readers know what flag our ships can fly upon the seas and why? It is of an illustration of the arguments used by Cyrus Shaw, Esq., in his canvass of the electors of the Third District of King's County. It is needless to say that this communication is a tissue of falsehood from beginning to end. True, Mr. Shaw may very properly have referred to the maladministration of the Peters Government. He has ample grounds for doing so. The record of the present local ministry and their officials is without a parallel in the history of this Province. Such reckless squandering of the public money was never known. Men are employed on the roads and in the streets, and allowed to work as they please without supervision; and good causeways and bridges are torn up to give jobs to persons who will make promises to support the Government candidates. An instance of this kind took place in the Cardigan district the other day, in which Supervisor Dewar took an active part. He met three men as a causeway who formerly had voted Conservative. They said to Mr. Shaw that they should rebuild the causeway, and if he gave them the job they would support him. He asked them how much they wanted to rebuild the bridge, and they replied that \$30 would be their price. He at once agreed to give it, although the causeway only required three planks for covering it. The men went to work, and on the third day from that time had the job finished, and their order from the Supervisor, thus making over \$4 a piece per day. If this contract had been sold in the usual way it would not have cost over \$12.

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Masonic Temple OPERA HOUSE. Grand Opening.

The Free Masons of Charlottetown intend to formally open the New Masonic Opera House on the evenings of October 31st and November 1st, when the following Programme will be presented:—

Tuesday, October 31st, EUGENE SCRIBES COMEDY, A Russian Honey-moon, IN THREE ACTS.

Thursday, Nov. 2nd, ESMERALDA, A DRAMA IN FOUR ACTS.

MR. VINCIGOMBER, with a full Orchestra, will assist on both occasions. Every effort will be made to ensure a successful opening. Full details, with cast of character, will be published later. Tickets, 50, 35 and 25 cents. Plans of Hall at Rankin's and Dodd's Drug Stores. Tickets for Lower Hall for sale at Dodd's Drug Store. Tickets for Balcony for sale at Rankin's Drug Store. Plans of the Hall will be at the places mentioned above on and after Tuesday, 24th inst. Doors open at 7.30.

F. H. BEER, D. MCLEAN, Chairman Committee, Secretary.

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J. E. B. McCready, lately the editor of the St. John Telegraph, has gone into the insurance business. He has the Maritime Province agency of the Provident Insurance Society of New York.

Cardwell to be Opened. It looks as if Cardwell would be opened soon. E. S. White, M. P., is now in the County, and it is said he will be appointed Collector of Customs very soon.

William Morrison, of this city, was killed on the Grand Trunk Railway one mile east of this station.

The Silver Repeal Bill Passed. The silver repeal bill passed the Senate. Yeas 43, nays 32.

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TELEGRAPHIC.

SPECIAL DESPATCHES TO THE EXAMINER. SIR JOHN ABBOTT DEAD. Funeral Will Take Place on Thursday.

MONTREAL, Oct. 31. Sir John Abbott died last night. He will be buried on Thursday afternoon.

SWEETSTAKE AT CHICAGO. The Closing of the Great Exposition.

CHICAGO, Oct. 31. Ten thousand people witnessed the big three-cornered sweetstake race between Lauphlighter, Yo Tambien and Clifford. Clifford won by fifteen lengths, Yo Tambien second, 20 lengths ahead of Lauphlighter. At sunset all flags at the fair were simultaneously lowered and the exhibition closed.

The Bicycle Record. INDEPENDENCE, IOWA, Oct. 31. J. S. Johnson broke the third of a mile, flying start, record of 37 seconds, by riding in 35 3-5 secs., also the half-mile, flying start, record of 55 4-5 secs., going the distance in 55 secs. He lowered the quarter mile, flying start, record of 24 4-5 secs. to 23 2-5 secs.

HARTFORD, Conn., Oct. 31. Secor man rode a third of a mile at Charter Oak Park in 25 seconds, breaking the record by 2 seconds.

Another Crank Shoots a Man. NEW YORK, Oct. 31. H. F. Brady, crank, shot Superintendent Frederick Matthews, of the new Postal Telegraph building. Matthews is in a critical condition. Brady says he has no home. He says he was being pursued and Matthews was trying to shoot him. He is undoubtedly crazy.

Suicides in Montreal. MONTREAL, Oct. 31. Two suicides took place last night. Zachary Dufort drank herself crazy, and then ended her days by jumping into the Lachine Canal, and Madam Richler Mignone St. Being, who was crossed in love, took a dose of Paris green.

Gone Into the Insurance Business. ST. JOHN, Oct. 31. J. E. B. McCready, lately the editor of the St. John Telegraph, has gone into the insurance business. He has the Maritime Province agency of the Provident Insurance Society of New York.

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