

THE DAILY EXAMINER

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DIRECT STEAMSHIP'S SERVICE

Now that direct steamship service is within reach of the people of this Province it should be the duty of each individual to influence, in every possible way, shipments to and from Liverpool by the steamship "Lake Winnipeg." The success or failure of the enterprise now depends entirely upon our people.

The Dominion Government has done its part in having voted the money required to subsidize a steamship, and Sir Louis Davies has managed to induce Mr. Campbell, of the Beaver Line of steamers to place the fine steamer "Lake Winnipeg" on the route as an experiment.

The steamship is due to arrive here on Monday next, the 19th instant, and intending shippers should therefore secure space at once.

The Charlottetown Board of Trade speaking for the people assured the Government that, in the event of a steamer being placed on the route, large quantities of cheese, butter, eggs, hog products, sheep and other live stock would be available; and it is incumbent upon our business men to make good the engagement.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

—Sir Oliver Mowat has caused some comment by suggesting, at a recent meeting in Toronto, that the Presbyterian and Methodist churches of Canada should be united.

—The Dominion Government's surplus of last year has been whittled down to a million and a quarter. This is very small in comparison with the surpluses shown by Mr. Foster for years in which less trade was done. There is evidently no prospect of the reduction of taxation promised by the Liberals while they were in opposition. Indeed, it is more likely that with continually increasing expenditures there will be additional taxation.

—The murder of the Empress of Austria has already been followed by a thrill of sympathy throughout the world, and it will probably retard rather than promote the cause of popular liberty. The late Empress was an accomplished German princess, a lover of horses and a promoter of sports, and personally popular. Among the early results of her untimely and violent death may be counted a closer intimacy of the German and Austrian Emperor's and people and the tightening of the chain which galls the classes from which assassins are drawn.

ESTEEMED EXCHANGES.

Moncton Times: An interesting rumor comes from British Columbia to the effect that Hon. Mr. Peters, Sir. Hibbert Tupper's law partner, is about to ally himself with the conservative party. Mr. Peters' relinquishment of the P. E. Island premiership and his professional alliance with Sir. Hibbert were somewhat in the nature of a surprise to the general public, whatever intimation his personal friends may have had. If the rumor above referred to should prove to be well founded, the fact would furnish an explanation of his action then.

Mail and Empire: One of the reasons why our British friends have been so jubilant over our so-called British preference is the fact that they did not understand it. Merchants in England have been led to believe that a reduction of 25 per cent. on the goods means a drop from a thirty per cent. rate to a five per cent. rate. They now find out, to their intense surprise, that the thirty per cent. rate has fallen only to 22 1-2 per cent. When it is added that the duty on British goods was arbitrarily raised before the discount was given, the concession appears smaller still. Our Government put the 25 per cent. duties up to 30 per cent., and then gave a discount of 25 per cent., which makes the duties 22 1-2 per cent., or just 2 1-2 per cent. less than before. It is a sort of two and a half per cent. loyalty.

Polka dot feather boas and general millinery trimmings, sample line, only one of each. No line alike and no others like them in this city. You might as well have one as not. You will want one bye and bye. See window.—James Paton & Company.

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A big sample order for feather boas, long ones and short ones; prices range from 35c to \$2. Special snap on this lot tonight.—Jas Paton & Co.

REPLY TO CITIZEN.

Edward Blake Was Not Opposed to the Principle of Prohibition.

SIR,—In THE EXAMINER of the 6th inst., there appeared a letter entitled "Blake and Prohibition," and signed "Citizen." Why did not Citizen subscribe his proper name? His letter contained no treason. Indeed, I am puzzled to know why he wrote the letter and what he hoped to accomplish thereby. Your correspondent is inaccurate in his statement that Mr. Blake was "then Premier of Canada." He never filled that office, but was at the time in question leader of Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition. Nor is it correct that he was asked "to introduce a prohibition bill into the House at Ottawa." The temperance workers are sufficiently intelligent to know that a prohibition bill, as all bills affecting the revenue, must originate with the Government; and Mr. Blake, being in opposition, could not introduce such a bill.

The facts are that Mr. Blake, then (1885, or 13 years ago) stumping the country and seeking for votes to enable him to defeat Sir John A. Macdonald's government, was asked by the temperance people to declare for prohibition, they assuring him that it would help him to power. He shortly after replied to Aylmer, Ont., (in a speech that did as much if not more than any other of his campaign addresses to confirm him in his occupancy of the benches to the left of Mr. Speaker) that he could not vote for prohibition, and setting forth at length his reason for this position. He certainly did state, as Citizen reports, "the country was not ripe for a prohibitory law." But he did more. He declared that his own party was not ripe for it, that should he adopt it he would drive out of his party an element that could not see the evil of the liquor traffic and was opposed to prohibition; and he therefore, would not make it "a party question."

ONLY A QUESTION OF EXPEDIENCY.

I betray no confidence when I now give to the public the fact that I was privileged with an interview with Mr. Blake in his home, Toronto, about a fortnight before he delivered his now historic Aylmer speech, when the question of prohibition was discussed at length. He then declared his belief that the country was not ripe for prohibition, but urged no objection whatever to the principle involved in such a measure. It was only a question of expediency,—would his party, would the country, sustain him in enacting such legislation? and he concluded adversely to prohibition. I may be permitted to add that he then assured me that he had adopted the principle and practice of total abstinence for the sake of others, for the good effect which it would have upon his own kin and countrymen, and concluded: "I need not assure you, after what I have said, that if I could, even at the cost of my political life, give Canada prohibition to-morrow, with the assurance that it would be a success, I would gladly give the country the measure and close my political career." I believe Edward Blake meant every word of what he said. He was sincere, but he may have been mistaken, all the same.

Mr. Blake was opposed to prohibition only because the country, he believed, was not ripe for it. Conversely, could he have been assured that the country would sustain such a law, he would have been one of the very first to propose and promote such legislation. Citizen will, surely, admit this much. He must also know that the plebiscite has been proposed for the very purpose of collecting the information which will enable Premier Laurier and his associates to know whether there is tie sentiment in the country which will justify them in enacting prohibition. What objection, then, can he urge to this vote? If he believes as Mr. Blake, Citizen should be very glad to have the fullest expression of public opinion, that our law-makers may be guided to a wise conclusion on this issue.

But, I would ask Citizen, is it quite fair to quote Mr. Blake's opinion, given 13 years ago, as proof of the present public opinion? Would Citizens not have shown equal zeal for righteous legislation had he referred the whole question to the result of the vote on the 29th inst.? It is not too late yet. I would ask him to join in labouring to secure a full vote of the electors on this question.

THE MAINE LAW.

The evidence, cited by Citizen, from Maine must pass for what it is worth. Father McSweeney and the Mayor of Waterville may or may not have said

what is attributed to them. But what is their testimony in the face of the vote of the citizens of that State when, after having the Maine Law for a period of nearly 40 years, by statutory enactment they make it binding forever by a constitutional amendment, adopted in 1884, by a majority of 46,972. Truly the people are not all fools. Again in 1895 some advocates of license sought to work the Legislature in favor of re-submitting the question of prohibition to a vote of the people; but the proposition was defeated by a vote of 114 to 13. Politicians know the public mind, generally.

The Maine Law, let me tell Citizen, is not such a measure as we propose for Canada. It does not prohibit "importation of liquors" as we propose, but only their "manufacture and sale." Even this last is not universal, for the Supreme Court of the United States has held "that sale in original packages" is valid. How can Citizen condemn, in advance, our proposed law from any experience in operating such a partial and limited law as the Maine Law?

REPORT OF THE ROYAL COMMISSION.

But that the Maine Law has not wholly failed let me quote from the Minority Report by Rev. Dr. McLeod, of the Royal Commission:

"It (the Maine law) has greatly reduced the consumption of liquors in the State; has created a strong public sentiment against both drinking and selling liquors; has banished drink-shops from fully three-fourths of the State; has degraded the liquor traffic so that no person with any pretension to respectability thinks of engaging in it; has restricted illicit liquor-selling more effectually than any other system has ever done; has been attended by peace, plenty and prosperity; and has commended itself to the favor of the vast majority of the people of the State as a beneficial law, markedly promotive of the public welfare."

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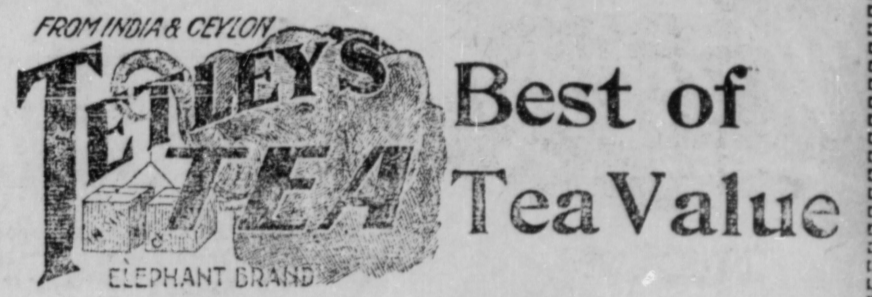
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Tuesday Night, Sept. 13th

PART I.

Reading.....O! Acc. Brooks Mrs Kent.

Reading..The Little Dago Girl..Meyers (Violon accompaniment) Mrs. Kent

Vocal Solo.....De Profundis. Miss Amy Earle.

Reading..The Lady of Shalotte..Tennyson Mrs. Kent

Violon Solo.....Selected Mr Grant

Reading.....Naughty Zell.....In Costume Mrs Kent

PART II.

Reading..The Bull Fight...In Costume Mrs Kent

Vocal Solo.....Selected Mr. Edward Mitchell

Reading.....Patsy.....by request Mrs. Kent

Piano Solo.....Selected Prof. Earle

Vocal Solo.....Saddle my Horse Mr. Chas. Earle

Reading...The Ride to the Fort... Chase Mrs. Kent

NOTE BOOK LOST.—In this city last Wednesday, a note book with the name of the owner E. P. Strang inside. Reward will be paid at this office. 2/3 tf

WANTED.—A good plain cook before 15th inst. No washing. Apply at the Examiner office. 2/3 tf

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Wednesday Ev'g.

Sept. 14th.

List of Events

1. 1/4 Mile Bicycle in heats, best 2 in 3
2. 1 " " 2.50 Class.
3. 2 " " Lap.
4. 3 " " Handicap.
5. 300 Yards Run, Handicap.
6. Steeplechase

Endeavors are being made to secure several new features in addition to each event, announcements of which will be made as soon as arrangements are completed.

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All entries must be in the hands of the Secretary at 6 p. m, Tuesday, the 13th.

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