

COMMISSIONS.

The Dominion Government have issued Commissions to enquire into two very important matters. One of the Commissions is to investigate all matters connected with the Canada Pacific Railway—the mode of letting contracts, etc., etc. The great difficulty which the Government has experienced in making contracts on account of the existence of "rings" is probably the reason for the appointment of this Commission. It is to be hoped that the report will contain some scheme to foil contract jobbers and to place the Government beyond suspicion of complicity with them. The other Commission is to investigate the condition of the Civil Service, with a view to less expense and greater efficiency. It is believed that the outside service will receive particular attention. The Civil Service Act which, it is said, will be introduced next session, will probably be framed in accordance with the suggestions of this Commission.

A Comparison.

We are apt to grumble at the outlay for Church purposes. All are agreed on the necessity of upholding churches even on the ground of policy; for it has been said that "Our Churches are our moral police." The following statistics show that after all, the expense of sustaining them is very small when compared with that of some of our other necessities. Take "justice" and "liquor." In the United States we find that the annual cost of maintaining the 72,457 denominational organizations in that country is \$9,000,000. The cost of courts, prisons, litigations, etc., annually amounts to \$90,000,000. Domestic and imported liquors annually cost \$1,433,481,865. What a striking contrast there is in this comparison? Surely it would now be in order to give to religion a little less grudgingly.

The Situation in Turkey.

CORRESPONDENCE recently published by the British Foreign Office shows that the "sickman" of Europe is almost beyond hope of recovery or redemption. In his last despatch, Mr. Layard says he has exhausted all the resources of diplomacy in the endeavor to induce the Sultan to carry out the reforms guaranteed by the Treaty of Berlin. It is said that the Sultan, himself, is well disposed; but that he is controlled by evil influences. Earl Granville, in his instructions to Mr. Goshen, says:—"The maintenance of the Turkish Empire is only possible by thorough and searching reforms in the Administration at Constantinople and in the provinces. The British Government is prepared to go beyond a menace, but the present careful abstinence from a menace must not be supposed to imply want of earnestness or determination respecting the policy England intends to pursue."

Political Troubles in Buenos Ayres.

THE hostilities which have broken out in Buenos Ayres have their origin in the Presidential election which took place there on the 11th inst. It appears that General Roca, the present Minister of War, and Zujedero, the Governor of Buenos Ayres, both claim the Presidency. It is said that the friends of the latter are the prime movers in the disturbance; and it is reported that the probabilities are that they will not, if successful, stop short of an entire severance of Buenos Ayres from the Argentine Republic. The General Government will at once send troops against the insurgents; and much bloodshed is anticipated before the outbreak is suppressed. Great excitement prevails throughout the Republic; and it is believed the people will largely take part in the struggle either to ensure or to prevent the inauguration of General Roca. The inauguration should take place in September.

Just before Congress rose last week, President Hayes vetoed a bill designed to substitute Marshals at Federal elections appointed from each political party by United States Circuit Courts for the officials drawn wholly from the Republican party who now fill such positions, and are invested for the time with almost despotic power. The President regarded the moderate bill presented for his approval as unconstitutional; but its chief merit was, in Republican eyes, its withdrawal of election proceedings from Republican control.

A LARGE LOT OF SALMON SENT TO BOSTON.—Five car loads, making 35 tons, or 223 cases of salmon, left St. John at five o'clock on Thursday morning, and arrived at Vancouver at half past twelve. Ten minutes later a special started with the salmon for Bangor, arriving at about twenty minutes past five. The fish were then forwarded by special to Boston immediately on arrival of this train. This is the largest shipment ever made at any one time.—St. John Telegraph.

Half a ton of Manitoba coal is on its way from Winnipeg for general examination.

Correspondence.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the statements or opinions of our correspondents

The Egg Case Fraud.

To the Editor of the Examiner. SIR,—Allow me, through your columns, to call the attention of the Minister of Customs to the fraudulently low values at which egg cases are being entered at some ports in this Province. New No. 1, 30-dozen cases, with paper fillings complete, and worth in the United States from 70 to 75 cents each, or \$70 to \$75 per 100, have been, and are still being, entered at an appraised value of 40 cents each, or \$40 per 100. And second-hand cases, with paper fillings complete, worth in the United States, from 40 to 60 cents each, or \$40 to \$60 per 100—according to quality—are being entered at from 20 to 25 cents each, or \$20 to \$25 per 100. The value of paper fillings alone for 30 dozen cases—at the place of manufacture—are worth, per set, from 35 cents on to 50 cents—according to quality. It seems strange to see one importer entering No. 1, 30-dozen egg cases at an invoice valuation of 75 cents each, while another enters the same class of articles at an appraised bogus valuation of his own (taken from a reference letter) at 40 cents each—just five cent more than what paper fillings have lately been entered at per set;—thus leaving the value of new No. 1 cases five cents each, or \$5 per 100, without the filling. From this it is easily seen that the revenue is being defrauded to a considerable extent, through the bogus valuations of the class of goods in question. The writer is aware of one firm this season entering 200 new No. 1 cases at \$40 per 100—thus defrauding the revenue in this transaction to the tune of \$15, allowing the cases to be worth only \$79 instead of \$75 per 100. Some of the parties who become appraisers of their own goods say that they don't import the cases on their own account—that their consignees supply them with these packages to be filled and exported, and hence, we may add, the cooked up values for Custom House purposes. It is true that egg cases are imported for the purpose of exporting eggs in, but parties, after getting them through the Custom House and stamped as the law provides, the owners of such cases are apt to either sell them or to send them back and forth between the Dominion of Canada and any other foreign country, as often as they see fit without being subject to a repayment of duty. There may possibly be a considerable amount of smuggling done in returning these cases—particularly in the article of fillings. Yes, and they have been used for smuggling liquors, tea, tobacco, sugar, etc., into this Dominion. And, as the egg trade is rapidly augmenting in this Island, as well as in the whole Dominion, the number of packages required to carry it on is continually on the increase; and the species of fraud to which I allude will not diminish. Nor can it be otherwise, so long as unprincipled and interested parties are allowed to become appraisers of their own goods, and enter them at half value, to the injury of those who pay duty on the full value of their imports. There must be negligence, duplicity or official rot somewhere. Suffice it to say, when an official once becomes a tool in the hands of one importunate individual, he is henceforth at the mercy of all such, when his official doom is sealed. What is written remains! One thing is certain, however, that a factory for the manufacture of egg cases is not likely to flourish in this Island under the circumstances above set forth, as the value of the imported article will always be growing beautifully less. I have refrained thus far from either naming any particular locality where such fraud is carried on, or even hinting at the names of the parties concerned. But, nevertheless, if more positive evidence is required to substantiate what I have written, I am ready and willing to come to the front. Hoping that immediate steps will be taken by the proper authorities to adjust such fraudulent irregularities, I beg to remain, Yours respectfully, FAIR DEALER.

June 18, 1880.

Personal.

An Ottawa despatch to the St. John Telegraph says: The Minister of Marine will shortly visit England and give evidence before the Imperial Committee on the manner of treating grain adopted in Canada.

The Marquis of Lorne and Princess Louise will not visit Manitoba this summer.

Mr. Thomas Thornton, author of "Over-Population, or its Remedy," and other works, is dead, says a London telegram.

Mr. Courtney, Deputy Minister of Finance, has left Ottawa for England. Mr. Tims acts in his absence.

It is said that the Hon. John O'Connor will leave Ottawa for Manitoba on Wednesday or Thursday of this week.

His Grace the Archbishop, accompanied by Rev. Messrs. Murphy and Kearns, leave this morning for Cumberland, whither His Grace goes to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation. Judging from the frequency of the visits of the Archbishop to the various portions of his diocese, the spiritual condition of those under his instruction must be well cared for.—Herald.

Special Notices.

EVERYBODY flock to Rubin & Hart's for good cigars and tobaccos.

CABBAGE PLANTS in variety, for sale by John Colwill, Upper Queen Street. [j10]

Hot "Parker House Rolls" and "London Buns," every afternoon at 4 p. m., at the City Steam Bakery, Prince St.—[j15, 6]

SMOKE cheroots, from Rubin & Hart's.

MILK PANS, Butter Crocks, Hay Rakes, Machine Oil, the best you can get is at the Family Grocery.—R. K. BRACE.—[j14]

FLOUR, Cornmeal and Beans, wholesale and retail, at the FISH MARKET.—[j3]

GOLD FLAKE tobacco at Rubin & Hart's.

HASZARD'S IMPROVED SWEDISH TURNIP defies competition. Can only be got at the "Agricultural Store," North Side Queen Square.—R. MAY.—[in 31 12i]

PINAPORE cigars at Rubin & Hart's.

NEW TEA (excellent) at Beer & Coff's.

SMOKE Durham, N. C., tobacco, from Rubin & Hart's.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

PORT OF CHARLOTTETOWN.

ENTERED.

June 17th—sch Mary Kate, Bay of Islands, herring and boards. 18th—sch Three Sisters, Pictou, coal; Charles, Pictou, coal. 21st—J W Allan, Baie Verte, deals; R Munn, Pictou, coal; We Are Here, Crapaud, oats; Minnie R McKenzie, 70 tons coal; advance Caledonia, coal to Koughan.

CLEARED.

June 19th—brigt David Rees, Rowen, France, 18,456 bushels oats, 300 pes deals by J R Bourke; sch Charles, Pictou, ballast. 21st—T W Allan, Baie Verte, ballast; We Are Here Crapaud, ballast.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

RANKIN HOUSE.

June 19—Joseph Barrrell, Yarmouth, N S; F Leddie, Halifax, N S; G W Division, Providence, R I; Joseph Joudry, Montreal; R B Thomas and Mrs R B Thomas, London, Eng; Wm K Mason, Boston; H M Murray and Mrs. H M Murray, New Glasgow, N S; R C Heaten, U S; S E Fuller, Montreal.

ROCKLIN HOUSE.

June 18—Neil McQuarrie, Victoria; John Simpson, Hope River; Wm Hooper, M P P, St Peters; Miss Hooper, do; A R Bontileer, Halifax, N S; Reuben D Stewart, Summerside; Rev Wm Dawson and wife, St John, N B; Loreza Coffin, Morell; E C Goodkin, Bay Verte, N B.

MARRIED.

At Halifax, on the 16th inst., at the Garrison Chapel, by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia, D. D., assisted by the Rev. J. A. Kaulbach, M. A., Vicar of Truro, and by the Rev. Riddell Morrison, Chaplain H. M. Forces, the Rev. A. J. Townsend, B. A., Chaplain H. M. Forces, to Margaret Wiseman, second daughter of W. J. Stairs, Esq.

Wagons, Sleighs, &c.

I WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION, To-Morrow, the 22nd inst..

AT 2 O'CLOCK, AT THE

Queen Street Auction Rooms,

2 Single-Seated WAGONS, 2 Double-Seated do., 2 Express WAGONS (woodwork only), 2 Pairs CART WHEELS, 2 New BOX SLEIGHS.

W. D. STEWART, Auctioneer.

June 21, 1880.

FLOUR AND MEAL.

LANDING TO DAY and IN STORE.—

200 bbls. "Tea Buns" FLOUR, 350 bbls. "White Buns" FLOUR, 100 bbls. "Kent" FLOUR, 100 bbls. "Strathroy" FLOUR, 400 bbls. CORNMEAL.

CARVELL BROS. Ch'town, June 21, 1880—2i

KEROSENE.

20 casks } Landed to-day 10 cases }

CARVELL BROS. Ch'town, June 21, 1880—2i

CHOICE SYRUPS.

GET your SYRUPS at "THE CONFECTIONERY," opposite the Market House. I use only the best Sugar and the purest and freshest flavorings in manufacturing Syrups. No glucose to make it thick. Parties ordering, will please do so early, so that they may get the Syrups made fresh, and consequently nicer than when old and stale.

WM. KENNEDY. June 21, 1880—pat ne

P. E. Island Steam Nav. Co.

Steamers St. Lawrence and Princess of Wales.

Summer Arrangement,

COMMENCING MONDAY, 21st JUNE, 1880.

NOVA SCOTIA.

Leave Charlottetown for Pictou Landing every MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY and SATURDAY MORNINGS at 7.30, connecting there with the train for Halifax.

Returning to Charlottetown same days about 2 p. m., on arrival of train from Halifax.

NEW BRUNSWICK, CANADA, AND THE UNITED STATES.

Leave Summerside EVERY DAY (Sundays excepted) on arrival of train from Charlottetown, connecting at Shediac with trains for each of the above-named places; and at St. John, with Steamers of the International Co. and Railway for Portland and Boston. Also leave Charlottetown for Summerside every MONDAY MORNING, about 3 o'clock.

Returning, leave Shediac EVERY DAY (Sunday excepted) on arrival of day train from St. John, for Summerside, connecting there with train for Charlottetown. Also, leave Summerside for Charlottetown every Saturday evening about 5 o'clock.

By order, F. W. HALES, Secretary.

Ch'town, June 19, 1880.

BILLS OF LADING

—FOR SALE—

AT THE EXAMINER OFFICE.

NEW

GOODS.

We have Just Received our first instalment of

NEW

Spring Goods

Ex S. S. "Californian," from London. " " "Nestorian," from Glasgow. " " "Polynesian," from Liverpool.

and in a few days, on arrival of other Steamers via Halifax, and

'Prince Edward' Direct to this Port,

will have the Balance of our New Stock of

Staple and Fancy

DRY GOODS.

As our Buyer purchased our Stock at OLD PRICES and in anticipation of large advances in the price of all kinds of DRY GOODS, bought a much larger Stock than usual. Therefore, we are in a position to give our customers the benefit of

CHEAP GOODS

DURING THIS SEASON.

With our extended premises giving us greater facilities for doing business, and our very large Stock well bought in the best

English, American and Canadian markets,

we expect to add to our present large number of customers.

It is only necessary to give us a call, examine our Goods, and you will be satisfied they are right in

Price, Quality and Style.

We give patterns of every kind of Goods, and take pleasure in showing them whether you purchase or not.

Perkins & Sterns.

April 27, 1880.

CITY SCHOOLS.

THE MIDSUMMER EXAMINATION of the CITY SCHOOLS will be held as follows:—

At Queen Square School, ON THURSDAY, 24th INST.

At Upper Prince St. School, ON FRIDAY, 25th INST.

At West Kent Street School, ON SATURDAY, 26th INST.

The Exercises of each day will commence at 10 o'clock, a. m., and at 12 o'clock the pupils will be convened in the main Halls of the various Schools, where Prizes will be presented and the Governor General's Medals awarded. Parents of the Pupils and all friends of the Schools are hereby invited to attend.

By order of City School Board, I. OXENHAM, Secretary.

June 19, 1880—2i

ROMAN PUNCH,

Ice Cream,

Fruit Ices,

Water Ices.

AS I intend paying special attention to my Ice Cream department this season, I invite the public to call where they can be furnished with the best assortment of Ice Creams and Ices to be had in the City. All made from the best material. To parties ordering Creams or Ices we guarantee satisfaction or no charge.

A. MCKENZIE, Confectioner, Queen Street. Charlottetown, June 19, 1880.

PUBLIC MEETING.

REV. JOHN CAIRNS, D. D., Principal of the United Presbyterian College, Edinburgh, will address a Public Meeting in ST. JAMES' CHURCH, in this City, on WEDNESDAY NEXT, at 8 o'clock, p. m. A collection will be taken up in aid of the Building Fund of the Church.

ROBERT SHAW, Sec'y of Trustees. June 19, 1880.

PACKET SERVICE.

Charlottetown and New London.

SCHR. "ONWARD," Capt. James A. McKie, will be ready to receive Freight about the 13th instant, thereafter making fortnightly trips between above Ports. Apply to

ARCH'D. KENNEDY. Ch'town, June 10, 1880. m w f 6i

Wants, Lost, Found, &c.

Advertisements under this heading, in space not exceeding half an inch, will be inserted for Ten Cents per day.

WANTED—A set of DISH COVERS. Apply at once to R. TOMES, Great George Street. [j 21 2i]

COOK AND HOUSEMAID—Wanted immediately at the "Bay View House," Queen Street. [j 21]

WANTED—A young man—a good penman—to make himself generally useful in a Store. Apply to D. SMALL, Queen's Wharf. [j 19]

WAREHOUSE TO LET—The building on Grafton Street, adjoining Hall's Fish Market, and lately occupied by the agents for Frost & Woods' Mowing Machines. Rent moderate. Apply to J. M. AULD. [j 18]

Wanted—At Hospital for the Insane a Fireman. Must come well recommended. Apply to DR. BLANCHARD. [j 18 6i]

Strayed—From the Charlottetown Hospital this morning, two White Pigs. Information regarding them will be thankfully received. [j 18]

LACE SHAWLS—faded or discolored—dyed and refinished equal to new Goods.—GILMOIR, Dyer, Sidney Street. [j 17, 6i]

PERSONS wishing to get Plain Sewing or Fancy work done immediately, and to order, can have the same by applying at Mrs. J. R. MCKENZIE'S King Square, next door to the residence of Mark Butner, Esq. [j 16]

House to Let—A comfortable, well appointed Dwelling House, with outbuildings, in a convenient part of the city. Rent, \$100. Apply to LONGWORTH & HASZARD. [j 16, 6i]

MONEY TO LEND.—Apply to HON. JOHN LONGWORTH. [j 14]

Apartments to Let, on Euston street, near Great George street. Apply to PATRICK SHERRY, Fitzroy street. [j 14 tf.]

WAGSTAFF'S HOTEL, Pownal Street, continues to receive transient and permanent Boarders. [j 11]

BOARDERS.—Two or three persons can be accommodated with Board and three Furnished Rooms in a pleasant part of the city. Enquire at the EXAMINER office. [j 10]

TO LET—A New HOUSE on Weymouth Street, nearly opposite E. J. Hodgson's. Apply at this office. [ma 22]

TO LET—A pleasantly situated Dwelling House, with stable and garden, directly opposite the "Dundas Esplanade," West Sidney street. For further particulars apply on the premises. [ma 12]

TO LET—A large HOUSE on King's Square, with Stables, &c. Apply Glass Box 124, Post Office. [m 3]