

THE DAILY EXAMINER.

NOVEMBER 13, 1882.

Civil Service Examinations.

The examinations in this Province were concluded on Saturday. There were nine candidates, and eight were successful.

The Toronto Mail remarks:-

"The general public has yet hardly grasped the meaning of the Civil Service Act, as now for the first time actively in operation. It means that the patronage of Ministers and members of Parliament has gone out of their hands. It means that men can no longer be appointed to the public service without passing a qualifying examination. It means that political services no longer count as a qualification for office, and that political influence has ceased to control appointments to the public service. It means too that the present Government has had the courage to undertake an experiment which the late Government only did not undertake, but made it very difficult for the present Government to undertake. After years of hypocritical coquetting on the part of some of the Brit Ministers, Mr (Mackenzie) somewhat brusquely declining to believe in Mr. Casey's ideas, the party went out of power without having done any more in the direction of 'Reform' than the appointment of a committee of the House of Commons. During the years of their power they did so much to make the Civil Service a partisan institution that when the present Ministers took office it was found very difficult to resist the pressure for retaliation. But Sir John Macdonald and his colleagues did resist it; and they resolved that the public service should be freed, so far as they could free it, from the baleful influences of five years of partisan administration. This resolve was carried into effect by the appointment of the Civil Service Commission of 1880, and by the Civil Service Act of last session. That Act is now in force. It bars the threshold of the public service with a qualifying examination. It eliminates the element of 'influence' from the business of appointing young men to positions under Government. In fact it introduces a total change into our political system, a change which is a courageous experiment, and from which the Government and many persons who have given much attention to the question expect great and beneficial results.

It is to be hoped that the Act will be fairly carried out. The 'spoils system' is undoubtedly detrimental to the interests of the country; and that it may be disastrous to a Party is evident from the result of the elections in the United States. 'Political appointments' and 'political assessments,' and 'party bosses,' distributing patronage, more than anything else, caused the defeat of the Republican Party in the recent elections.

By the way, wouldn't it be advisable for our Provincial Government to establish the Local Civil Service on a permanent basis? By making provision for the appointment of none but competent men of good character, and for their retention in office during good behavior, our Legislature would, we are sure, render an important service to the Province, and act in accord with the progressive views of the Liberal Conservative Party.

Editorial Notes.

The London papers hint significantly at the reason for Lord Dufferin's transfer from Constantinople to Cairo. The Government, it is stated, is irritated with the Khedive, who is not at all content to be a mere passive agent now that he has been set upon his feet by English bayonets. It is understood that Baker Pasha's organization and methods are wholly distasteful to the Foreign Office, that it has not been consulted by the Egyptian Government regarding its proceedings, and that the Khedive has shown a disposition to act with actual independence. He has been very rudely awakened from his dream by the sudden mission of Earl Dufferin, the displacement of Sir Edward Malet, and the installation of the former at Cairo with plenary and extraordinary powers. With the formal renunciation by France of the control of the present English protectorate might as well be called annexation at once. Earl Dufferin's mission completely establishes its aspect, and will very soon be so recognised by the powers. The Times notifies the Khedive that he is a puppet whom the stroke of a pen in Downing street will transform into an outcast and fugitive, and says humility and gratitude would more become his position than the airs of a ruler and potentate.

The False Prophet is playing for a high stake. This is clear from the name which he has assumed for himself. He claims to be the Imam Mahdi, or the last prophet Allah will send to conquer the enemies of Islam and rule supreme over the world. To such a person, says the London "News," all Mohammedans would kneel and serve. Were he to appear in this character as a conqueror at Cairo the eclipse of Arabi, as well as of the Khedive, would be complete. The Sultan himself would cease to think of the Caliphate in the presence of such a potentate and representative of Allah on earth. The Imam Mahdi is to come, according to Mohammedan belief, accompanied with great signs and wonders, and he will appear shortly before the Judgement Day. He comes on a white horse, and at the head of an army all mounted on white horses. In this there is a manifest trace of Scripture ideas, which the Mohammedans have followed, and where the Hebrew Messianic notions may be traced. It being at the same time a striking resemblance to the Kalki Avatar of the Hindus, which is to make its appearance on a white horse, and when the white horse stamps its foot, the Kali, or black age, is to end "and the Crita, or golden age, will begin again.

There is a paragraph in yesterday's EXAMINER which means, if it has any meaning at all, that if rich men can buy the loose fish votes of Charlottetown and Summerside, they should be encouraged to do so. Such an open and shameless avowal of Bossism we never saw before. -Patriot, Nov. 11.

Such an open and shameless misrepresentation as this we never saw before. We challenge the Patriot to publish the paragraph to which it refers, so that its readers may judge for themselves.

Local and Other Items.

Foster's majority in King's County, N. B., was 2-3.

The Scott Act cases of Bevan and Smith were again adjourned.

Accomplished horsemen and veterinarians freely use St. Jacobs Oil for stock.

Lieut.-Col. Irwin succeeds Major-General Strange as Dominion Inspector of Artillery.

The Roman Catholic missionaries are arranging to erect a new church at Battleford.

Prayer Meeting in Y. M. C. A. Hall this evening at 8 o'clock, Rev. Mr. Harris, Chairman.

Remember the Special Meeting of St. Paul's Congregation, to be held this evening in St. Paul's School House, at 7 1/2 o'clock sharp.

J. H. FLETCHER, Esq., has, we note, resigned his position as editor of the Silver Record—a lively sheet published at Gothic, Colorado.

Dr. Barnali, Surgeon Dentist, has removed his office to the one formerly occupied by Dr. Strickland, corner Great George and Dorchester streets.

John McPherson and William McPherson (father and son) were arraigned before the stipendiary Magistrate for larceny. They were remanded to jail until to-morrow.

Capt. W. H. Barnard and wife left on Saturday evening, on board the "Worcester," for Boston, where they intend spending the winter. They carry with them the best wishes of a large circle of friends in this city.

The members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul have to acknowledge with thanks, the receipt of \$20 from J. Unsworth, Esq., chairman of the Railway Picnic Committee, per T. Doyle, to assist in relieving the poor of the city.

The drawing in the Grand Masonic enterprise takes place during the fourth week of the present month. Arrangements for the concert will be made immediately after the drawing. Ticket holders in this city will be interested in this information.

Over one hundred and fifty horses were exported from this Province last week. Thirty of these were purchased by Wm. Baginall, Esq., for Messrs. Morris and Hunting, Bangor; one by Mr. W. S. McKie, for Mr. Litcomb, Bangor; nine by Mr. J. J. Davis, for the B. & M. market; and fourteen by Messrs Briggs and Cunningham, of Bangor. The balance were shipped by parties unknown.

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Falconwood Asylum.

The writer, a few days ago, had the pleasure of making a thorough inspection of Falconwood Asylum, and enquiring into the efficiency of its management. It was pleasing to find Mr. McPhail, the Supervisor, at his post ready to show and explain the working of the institution and the treatment of its one hundred and four patients. On passing through the long corridors and well arranged wards, one could not help, being reminded of many scenes of political excitement which rose at times from the scene over which we walked; for Falconwood from the time of its construction, was a broad field of labor for the busy politician. It furnished fuel for many warm debates, and was held up as a monument of Government extravagance from the moment the weakness of its foundation was pointed out with a crowbar, until the discovery of surly and marbled mantles in its garret—and long after. But Falconwood has changed. Instead of being a bone of political contention, as in the past, it is now an attraction to visitors, who view it with interest, and speak highly of its management and the courtesy of its officials, from the Medical Superintendent down to the Wardens.

The first thing which draws the attention of the visitor, on passing through the institution, is its marvellous cleanliness. The floors are clean and bright, the walls white and almost stainless, the bedrooms neat and airy, the dining rooms smelling savory, and the wards comfortable and well ventilated. Nothing which would add to the discomfort or impair the health of the patients seems to exist under the roof of the Asylum. The heating apparatus is kept in admirable order, and a uniform and healthful degree of heat exists in all wards and bedrooms. In fact it would be difficult to improve the present condition of the building, with regard to cleanliness and comfort. We hope it will always retain its present good character, and, under its present management, we have no doubt it will.

The condition of the patients appears first-class. They are one and all cleanly dressed, and seem to often enjoy the luxury of a good, refreshing bath. Few among them were disorderly during our visit. Only four out of one hundred and four wore leather collars. Yet there are many extreme cases, which, at times, require skillful treatment in order to keep them from annoying their fellow patients. The majority, we are informed, are fond of amusement, and greatly appreciate the concerts and picnics occasionally given for their benefit. Recently, the Supervisor treated the male patients to a game of football. They kicked with vim, and seemed so delighted with the amusement, that on stormy days when they are unable to take out door exercise, they are allowed to kick rubber-foot ball in the wards. Two of the male patients are good violinists, and at the proper time the patients are allowed to play the light fantastic toe to the delight of their associates. Two of the female patients are also musicians. They are allowed to play sacred music on the chapel organ every day. Many of the patients read, and, when they desire, the Supervisor furnishes them with books and newspapers from the library. On fine days they are exercised at walking or working, and on Sunday, at 2 p. m., they attend Divine Service held by one of the City Clergy. Thus it is pleasing to see the unfortunate inmates of Falconwood provided with amusements which enable them to pass their long days with as much enjoyment as their disease will admit of. The management should be encouraged to carry out the programme of amusement to a greater extent. This could be done by a small effort on the part of the public, and a great benefit to the patients would be the result. It is a charitable act to assist the "imbecile of God's creatures" to spend their days in innocent amusement.

The records of the Asylum show some interesting facts. By the following table it will be seen that at present there are one hundred and four patients under treatment, against one hundred and nineteen when the institution was opened in 1880, or towards the end of 1879. The table also shows the number discharged as cured or relieved, and the deaths up to the present:

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We gather from the register also, the following statement showing the place of nativity of the patients: Prince Edward Island, 84; Scotland, 6; England, 5; Newfoundland, 4; New Brunswick, 2; Alberta, 1; Nova Scotia, 1; United States, 1.

It will be interesting to know their religious denominations. They are as follows: Roman Catholics, 57; Presbyterians, 25; Episcopalians, 5; Wesleyans, 5; Baptists, 2; Bible Christians, 1; Universalists, 1; Protestants, denomination not specified, 3. Leaving the Asylum it is pleasing to be able to report that it is kept in first-class condition, and the efficiency of the management is all that could be desired. The writer tenders his thanks for the courtesy and attention shown him while visiting the Institution.

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Pictou Round, Pictou Nut, Sydney Round, Sydney Nut. A Large Supply of the Above Coal Kept Constantly on hand. Parties from the country will find it advantageous to call before purchasing elsewhere. C. LYONS. Nov. 13, 1882.—dy wly tf

NOTICE. TERPSICHOE HALL. THE Juvenile Dancing Class, at the above Hall, will be re-opened for ONE TERM ONLY, on Thursday, the 16th instant, from half-past three to half-past five. Nov. 13, '82.

BOARD WANTED. IN a convenient part of the city, for a small family, with private parlor and two or three bedrooms. Address, X, EXAMINER OFFICE. Nov. 11.—3i

SALE OF GOODS BY AUCTION. At My Sale Room, Queen Square, —ON— Wednesday Next, 15th Nov., AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK.

26 Reefing Jackets, 17 Oil Skin Coats, 63 pairs Men's Long Boots, 18 pairs Brogans, 26 pairs Lace Boots, 12 pairs Gaiter do., 6 dozen Men's Felt Hats, 3 dozen Prunella Boots, 12 pairs Cloth Overshoes, Boxes Extract Logwood, Boxes Horse Nail, Boxes Scythe Stones, Lot of Remnants Cloth, Lot Whips, Knives and Forks, 10 Boxes Window Glass, 2 Boxes Flat Tobacco, 10 Half-Chests Tea, 12 Cases Grand Coffee, 2 Pouches Molasses, Lot Glassware, 10 Lamps and Chimneys, Go. Jars, etc., Lot Crockery, etc., Cups and Saucers, Teapots, etc., Lot Tinware, Shoe Brushes, with a variety of other articles. Also, 1 Fire-Proof Safe, quite as good as new. All ordered for Positive Sale. Bargains may be expected. WILLIAM DODD, Auctioneer. Nov. 10, '82.

TENDERS FOR CHURCH SEALED TENDERS will be received by the undersigned until the eighth day of December, 1882, for the building and finishing the outside of a Meeting House at South Lake, Lot 47, according to a plan and specification to be seen at the residence of Oliver Stewart, Red Point. Contract to find all the material required for the construction of the building. Contract to be finished on or before the first December, 1883. Ample security will be required for the faithful performance of the contract. The Committee do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender. JOHN A. MORROW, North Lake, Lot 47, Sec. Building Com. Nov. 10, 1882.

WANTS, LOST, FOUND, &c. FOR SALE—Three Fittins No. 7, Mess Mackenel. Address, Lock Box 27, Charlottetown. [no 13]

TO LET—A House on Long Street, with Five Rooms, Kitchen and Cellar. Immediate possession. Rent moderate. Apply to MR. T. THORNE, Spring Park Road. [no 10]

WANTED IMMEDIATELY—Two or three girls to work on pants and vests, also a machinist. Inquire of John Bell, tailor, etc., corner of Pownall and Grafton Streets. [no 10] WANTED—A good Coat Maker at D. A. BRUCE'S. [Nov 8 3i wky li]

TO LET—Dwelling House, Stable, etc., in good condition, to let May next, or for one or more years, in a pleasant part of the city. Apply to Jas. Wm. Morrison. [no 8] BOARDERS accommodated at the Railway Club House, Richmond Street, at moderate terms. [no 8] WANTED—A man with experience in Dry Goods to take charge of an establishment in this City with a view to closing it out. Good terms will be given to any one wishing to purchase or continue the business. Apply by letter to box 135. [Nov 8]

200 SHARES of Merchants Bank Stock for sale—E. H. MORTON. [no 7] WANTED—Four Gentlemen Boarders. Apply to Mrs. Robert Rodd, opposite Pickard's Bakery. [no 6 wky 2i]

FOR SALE—A Second-hand Piano-forte, in good order. Apply to A. McNeill, Auctioneer. [no 6] FOR SALE—A Horse—has trotted inside of three minutes. Address "A. B. C.", P. O. Glass Box 21, or EXAMINER OFFICE.—[Nov. 4]

WANTED—A smart Composer. Good wages and constant employment by the right way. Apply at THE EXAMINER OFFICE. [Nov 4]