

THE DAILY EXAMINER.

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The Commissioners Final Report.

ONE of the mistakes of the late Government was the withholding of the final report of the Land Office Commissioners.

It appears that the net balance now in default to the Land Office is \$2,858.37, not a tenth of the amount stated by adherents of the party opposed to the late Government.

No other official of the Department has been implicated in these defalcations, nor has anything appeared which would justify a suspicion of dishonesty on their part.

That is to say, if the late Assistant Commissioner had been an honest man there would have been no defalcations.

It is admitted that, under the system of book-keeping followed in the Land Office by successive administrations, the defalcations could not have been prevented, could not have been discovered sooner than they were, even if the Commissioner, himself, had been in constant attendance and counted the cash every night.

Consequently, the public is not one whit worse off as a result of the absence of the Commissioner from time to time, and the loss is in no way chargeable to Mr. Ferguson on that account.

The late Commissioner and the late Government are, however, blamable, as their predecessors were blamable, in that they continued to follow an unscientific system under which a dishonest official could, unsuspected, embezzle the public moneys;—though to this charge they might well reply that ingenious rogues can swindle their employers under any system that was ever devised.

In their final report, Messrs. Carvell and Arnaud criticise at length and with much ability, the system and management of the Land Office and the conduct of the different administrations in respect to it.

They refer to an order in Council passed December 8th, 1875, that "no precepts against lands in arrears to the Government," be issued "until further instructed" to another passed 11th May, 1877, in which the Commissioner is directed to give public notice "that in the case of farms upon which purchasers have made no payment for five years preceding this date" precepts will issue 15th November, 1877, "unless satisfactory arrangements are made before that time."

Again, they point to another order in Council, passed December 11th, 1878, in which it is directed, "that the Commissioner of Public Lands do issue precepts for the sale of lands in arrear on which no payments have been made for ten years; but before proceeding to carry the order into execution he do return the names of the parties in arrear to Committee of Council."

In respect to these orders in Council, they say: "It would be impossible to conceive of a course of action more pernicious in its effects upon the interests of this important Department of the Public Service than is indicated by these Orders in Council."

They point out that these Orders in Council were contrary to the letter of the law, and they say with truth that "The natural effect of these Orders in Council was to lead to an immense accumulation of overdue accounts, and to make the subsequent enforcement of the law difficult in the extreme."

They make a number of suggestions in respect to "deeds and counterparts," "plans" and "books of account," "The Staff," "collecting tours," "the audit," and "the management." In conclusion, they "take pleasure in testifying to the readiness shown by the officers of the Department in supplying them with every information it was in their power to afford."

An Insult Resented.

MR. HAZEN, M. P., of St. John, has gratified public opinion throughout the Maritime Provinces by his departure from the usual course of a mover of the Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne, to denounce and protest against the language of Sir Richard Cartwright in respect to the sources of the Government majority in Parliament.

In the course of an address to his constituents, delivered just after the election, Sir Richard Cartwright referred to the Conservative representatives from the outlying Provinces and said:—"Our opponents array on the other hand is most literally a thing of shreds and patches, made up of ragged remnants from half a dozen minor provinces, the great majority of whom do not even pretend to be actuated by any principle save that of securing a good slice of booty for themselves and the sections and constituencies they respectively represent, and who know besides that popular feeling in those very provinces is strongly and distinctly in favor of our policy, though actual cash in hand or in the shape of railway subsidies has proved too much for the virtue of a majority of the voting population in many instances."

Mr. Hazen assured the House and the honorable gentleman that so far as his province was concerned, and he believed the same was true of the neighboring provinces, there was not in the whole campaign any mention of subsidies.

There was not in the whole campaign any mention of subsidies. There were no side issues. There was a single issue—unrestricted reciprocity, as defined by Cartwright himself, by Laurier and by Erasmus Wilson.

Mr. Hazen is to be thanked for his prompt action in seizing the first opportunity to express the just resentment of the Maritime Provinces in respect to Cartwright's slanderous charges and Cartwright's malicious attempt to destroy the unity of Canada by setting Province against Province.

Notes and Comments.

—Everyone should read "The Wiman Conspiracy Unmasked,"—by Sir Charles Tupper,—published in THE EXAMINER.

—It was a sweet and pleasant thing to see so many persons of all classes, creeds and callings unite to pay the last tribute of respect to Bishop McIntyre. The memory of the good Bishop is one which men will not readily let die.

—Mr. Laurier would like to see the Conservatives follow British precedent regarding the Speakership. On which the Empire remarks that the Conservatives will do very well by simply avoiding the Grit precedent, which consisted of filling the Speaker up with printing contracts and outraging the honor and independence of Parliament.

—Manitoba crop reports in the Winnipeg Free Press show that in thirteen places on the main line the bulk of the wheat is in the ground and some of that sown early, an inch or two above ground. There has also been an increase in acreage of from ten to twenty-five per cent. The spring is the earliest known for years, and vegetation is very much further advanced than it was at the same period of last year.

—Toronto Globe: The tonnage of the vessels passing through the Sault Ste. Marie Canal last year was 22 per cent. greater than the tonnage of vessels passing through the Suez Canal. The traffic of the Suez Canal for 1890 was 3,389 vessels registering 6,890,014 net tons. The traffic of the Sault Ste. Marie Canal in 1890 was 10,567 vessels and 8,454,435 net tons. As the Suez Canal is the great highway of commerce between Europe on the one hand and Asia and Australia on the other, the comparison gives us a notion of the immense importance of the commerce of the great lakes of North America.

—We are pleased to learn that the spring is opening up rapidly in the snowbound west and that cropping, notwithstanding the great snowfall of last winter, will be even earlier than usual. Father Burke, who was in town for the funeral, informs us that in many cases wheat has been sown in the vicinity of Bloomfield and Alberton, and that the farmers are in splendid spirits for a good spring's work.

—The Meadows too after their long rest and complete protection are greening up and we may look this year for a successful return for the husbandman's labors. As we said last week let the farming be done early and well—plant and water and confidently look to Providence for the rest.

Rev. Mr. Gordon's Lecture.

Last night Rev. J. A. Gordon delivered his lecture on "Wit and Humor" in the vestry of the Baptist Church, under the auspices of the Loyalists of that church, to a fair audience. The subject was judiciously handled, the illustrations were admirable, and the true and false in life well brought out. The growler was pictured true to life. Man was shown as the only creature who laughs, the only one who could boast of a chin—and sometimes displayed too much. The different forms of wit were illustrated, extracts from many forms of humorous composition were given, and the lecture was interwoven with irony, satire, etc., from the masters. The power of wit and satire was illustrated by the effect of Cervantes and Voltaire upon Spain and France. True humor was commended, but when turned upon sacred things it was a source of great evil.

In short, from first to last the lecture was full of interest and delivered in a masterly manner, stale puns forming no part in the rev. gentleman's idea of true wit.

At the conclusion, Rev. D. McNeill rose and in glowing terms complimented the lecturer and moved a vote of thanks which was seconded by Col. Moore in a neat little speech, and supported by John MacPherson, Esq., who in a few remarks could not keep back a little of the humor of which he is full. The Rev. lecturer then made a suitable acknowledgment and thus ended a genuine literary treat.

MILITARY.—We understand that all the artillerymen from this Province who attended the Royal School of Artillery, Quebec, the past winter have succeeded in obtaining first class grade B. certificates. The certificates arrived last evening.

THE MARKETS.—There was a large attendance of buyers and sellers at the market to-day. Eggs ruled at 10 and 11 cents per dozen. Butter sold well at 23 and 24 cents per pound, and 22 cents per pound for large lots. Tub butter was scarce at 19 and 20 cents per pound. Hay still holds at 75 and 80 cents per hundred. Fresh herring were in large quantities and sold low. Potatoes sold at 42 and 43 cents per bushel retail, and 40 cents per bushel in large quantities to buyers.

MORTUARY STATISTICS.—For the following Mortuary Statistics of the City of Charlottetown for the month of April, 1891, we are indebted to Dr. Johnson: Total deaths 16. Same month last year 12. Causes of deaths, typhoid fever, 1; pneumonia, 1; congestion of lungs, 2; cholera infantum, 1; enteritis, 1; gastritis, 1; disease of liver, 1; disease of heart, 1; tubercular bronchitis, 1; old age and general debility, 3; septicaemia, 1. Age at death, under 5 years, 3; from 5 to 6, 6; from 6 to 7, 2; average age at death, 53 1/2 years. Religion, Protestants, 8; Catholics, 8. Nationality, English, 6; Scotch, 2; Irish, 8. Sex, males, 10; females, 6.

When Mr. A. C. Miller, who defeated Dr. Platt in Prince Edward County, was introduced to Sir John, the chieftain said as he shook his hand: "Ah, we will have no Plattitudes in the House this session."

South End Boating Club.

THE sixth annual meeting of the above institution was held at their rooms last evening, a goodly number of members being present. After the Secretary had read his report, which was most favorably commented upon by several of the members present, the election of officers took place with the following result:—

President—John Joy. Vice-President—Wm. Taylor. Secretary—Treasurer—J. A. Hughes. Captain—F. C. Collins. Executive Committee—S. Whitley, J. Read, T. Collins.

After the election of officers had taken place an energetic committee was appointed to make arrangements for the holding of a grand picnic early in July. The Committee are now busily engaged looking up a site, and making preliminary arrangements. The date, etc., will be announced in a few days.

Since this boating club was organized some six years ago, it has grown wonderfully, and is steadily gaining ground. Then it had but thirteen members, all hard working and industrious young men full of vigor and muscle, with nothing to commend with but two second-hand single scull shells, which were placed in a little shed, built by themselves, alongside the large and commodious boat-house which the club occupies to-day, the value of these shells, we might say, being about \$40. To-day the South End Boating Club can boast of one of the best four-oared shells in Canada and a membership of half a hundred, and we have no doubt that it can float a four, providing they had proper training, that would be second to none in the Maritime Provinces. We were nearly overlooking the fact that five young men were elected members of this institution last night, and that it has a stock of boats, oars and row furniture which is valued at \$980. This is a most creditable showing, considering the lack of interest that is taken in aquatic by the general public. The only wonder is that the citizens generally, considering the advantages which Charlottetown harbor affords, do not indulge more frequently in this, the most healthful of all out-door exercise.

Annual Convention of the National Educational Association.

The Annual Convention of the National Educational Association of the United States for the present year will be held at Toronto, Canada, July 14th to 17th, and as it will on this occasion be of an international character, it promises to be the most successful meeting of the series. Most of the railroads have agreed to give half-rates, plus \$2 membership fee to all who attend the meeting, this rate being open to the public generally as well as the Teachers. Toronto people are making great preparations to welcome and entertain the visiting Teachers, and numerous cheap excursions are being arranged to all important points on the great Lakes, the St. Lawrence, and the sea-side, after the Convention, which will afford to Teachers the best opportunity for enjoying their summer holidays they have ever had. The official Bulletin, containing programme for the meeting, railway arrangements, and all other particulars, is ready, and will be sent free to any one desiring it, on their dropping a Post Card to Mr. H. J. Hill, Secretary Local Committee, Toronto.

Personal.

Hon. George Forbes, Vernon River, is registered at the Osborne. The many friends of Dr. Jenkins, M. P. P., are pleased to see him out again after his illness.

Messrs. John Donahoe, of Bloomfield Station, and John McCarthy, of Brockton, Dock Road, have been associated in the commission of the peace for Prince County, by the late government.

Captain McEllhinney, one of the nautical advisers of the Marine department, has taken temporary command of the government steamer Alarm at Quebec, until the appointment of a captain.

Rev. J. A. Gordon has been invited to preach before the students of Acadia College, on Sunday, 24th inst., but owing to a previous engagement is unable to comply.

Palaski, Virginia, News: James Phillips, an enterprising Massachusetts man, is stopping at Rev. W. H. Book's. His son Frank is at Col. Miller's. They are highly pleased with Palaski and in all probability will become citizens.

Mr. E. Moore, son of Theo. Moore, Esq., of the Inland Revenue Department, who has been attending the Philadelphia Medical College, returned home last evening. It is pleasing to hear that our young friend has been very successful in his primary examinations.

THE BEST NUISANCE is in full blast to-day. What about the watering act?

POLICE COURT.—This morning, the case of a man charged with violating the Lord's Day Act by selling liquor was adjourned for further evidence.

Dyspepticure—Is not a palliative, but a cure; it first relieves, then controls, and finally entirely subdues the irritation and inflammation of the stomach that causes indigestion and dyspepsia.

BARNUM said that the people like to be humbugged and it is true. How often have our readers read a seemingly interesting paragraph in our papers, only to find at the finish, "use Campbell's Quinine Wine, the best invigorating tonic of the day."

MEETING.—The adjourned meeting of the Charlottetown Athletic Association will be held in the Stipendiary's Court Room this (Tuesday) evening at 8 o'clock. A full attendance is requested.

Do You want a comfortable home, a building or pasture lot? If so, attend the Auction Sale of the McGill property tomorrow, Wednesday, at 11 o'clock, sharp, on the premises.—R. Bearsto, Auctioneer.

We call special attention to R. Bearsto's Auction sale of the McGill property, as being the most desirable in the market, and will be sold without reserve in order to close the estate to-morrow (Wednesday), at 11 o'clock, sharp, on the premises.

AN INFLEX OF IMMIGRANTS.—Since the arrival in Montreal of the Sardinian, the first ocean boat of the season, there have passed through that city for Ontario and the Northwest something like 2,000 immigrants, which is the largest number there has been at this season for several years. Of these immigrants the Sardinian brought 337; Toronto, 247; Lake Superior, 510; Grecian, 213, and Peruvian, 187.

COAL! COAL!

JUST ARRIVED per Schr. Zaidler:—One Hundred Tons ACADIA ROUND COAL. The undermentioned is now prepared to take orders for all kinds of Hard and Soft Coal. Telephone communication.

CAPE JOHN HUGHES, Water Street, May 5—31.

GAY'S

Seeds, Trees and Plants.

WE think it unnecessary to blow. A business speak for itself. We give below a list of SEEDS sold in packets. All seeds are the same as we plant ourselves.

The following mailed to any address at Five Cents per packet:—Best, Cabbage, Cauliflower, Celery, Carrot, Tomato, Parsnip, Onion, Lettuce, Radish, Spinach, Cucumber, Squash, Pumpkin, Melon, Cress, Parsley, sunflower, Savory, Sage, Sweet and Yellow Corn, etc. Carrots, Parsnip, Mangold Beet, Vetches, Fodder Corn, Field Peas, Late and Early Red Alsike and White Dutch Clover.

FRUIT TREES.—Wentby, Ben Davies, Alexander, Red Astrachan Apples, at 25c. each; Yellow Egg and Purple Plum, 50c.; Red Cherry, 25c.; Gooseberry, 4 to 12c.

ORNAMENTAL TREES.—Horse Chestnut, 10 to 25c. each; Lime, Mountain Ash, Elm, 30c.; Sycamore, Oak-leaved Mountain Ash, and Weeping Willow, 75c.; Snowball and Weigala Roses 30c.

We will advertise in season a large variety of transplanted annual Flower Plants. We have also wintered over, Carnation, Indian and China Planks, Pansies, Daisies, Sweet William, Primrose, etc.

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NOTICE. Meeting of the Stockholders of the Prince Edward Island Electric Company will be held at their Office in Charlottetown, on WEDNESDAY, the Thirteenth day of May next, A. D. 1891, at the hour of Twelve o'clock, noon.

COAL. ACADIA NUT COAL now landing at Lord's Wharf. CAPT. JOHN HUGHES, Charlottetown, April 27, 1891—dy 1w

READ THIS. JUST OPENED AND FOR SALE CHEAP:—A large lot of English Wall Paper, all twelve-yard lengths, American and Canadian Papers, very cheap.

COAL! Round, Nut and Slack, Now Landing and in Store at McMillan's Depot.

NOTICE. THE PUBLIC are requested to take notice that until further notice there will be no throughfare through Government House Grounds.

NOTICE. THE PATRONS of Ross's "Magic Healer" will please take notice that the manufacturers of the said Salve have removed to the premises of Mr. Richard Murley, No. 132 Malpeque Road, where all orders from town or country, addressed to P. O. Box 457, or to the above residence, will be promptly attended to.

NOTICE. THE STEAMSHIP "HALIFAX" leaves Noble's Wharf, Halifax, for Boston every Wednesday Morning at 9 o'clock, and Lewis's Wharf, Boston, for Halifax every Saturday at noon.

HAY. TO ARRIVE ON MONDAY:—One Hundred and Twenty Tons of Hay. Will be sold reasonable from ship.

JOHN ROSS. Ch'town, May 2, 1891—3i dw