

The Daily Examiner

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An Appeal to the Queen

The Minute of Council laid before the Legislature yesterday, and published in THE EXAMINER to-day, will be satisfactory to the public; for it shows (1) that the Government have, during the recess, been alive to the most important question of Winter Communication between this Province and the Mainland of Canada, and (2) that they are determined, if necessary, to carry out the well-understood wishes of the people and appeal to the Queen.

The Minute, it will be observed, is very strongly expressed; but strong as it is, it fails to convey an adequate idea of strength of the feeling which has been aroused here on account of the failure of the Dominion Government to supply the facilities required for safe and continuous travel between the Island and the Mainland.

The Local Government have not, it seems, been advised as to the intentions of the Dominion authorities; and, at any rate, Mr. Sullivan has, we think, done well to make this question of prime importance the first question to be considered in the present session of the Legislature.

An appeal to the Queen cannot on any ground be deemed premature. We have watched, and prayed, and waited from year to year, only to have the lives of passengers to and from the mainland still exposed to imminent deadly peril. All parties in the Local Legislature, we have no doubt, unite with one voice in support of the resolution (published in another column) of which the Hon. Mr. Sullivan has given notice, and in preparing an Address to the Queen praying that Her Majesty may be pleased to cause such action to be taken as shall remedy the grievance complained of, and shall compensate P. E. Island for the great loss and damage she has sustained by reason of the failure of the Dominion Government to fulfil their obligation to the Province.

The Anglo-Russian Dispute.

The dispute between Russia and England has been settled for a few days at least, by an agreement which our despatches state is vague and unsatisfactory. Russia has consented to stay further proceedings until the Boundary Commissioners shall meet, when it is hoped that some sort of an agreement may be patched up, for there is no question of the fact that no permanent understanding can be arrived at between the two empires on the subject. The Russian newspapers, which are looked upon as inspired, because they are not permitted to touch political questions without high authority, do not hesitate to say that it is only a matter of time when Russia shall seize upon Herat and round off her territory by the range of the Hindoo Kosh. And until this is done there can be no permanent settlement of the dispute. Special cable despatches from Paris give us the opinion of no less an authority than M. Ferry that Russia will not retire, but that England will eventually be compelled to yield. Russia seldom gives up the attempt to realize an idea, and whatever be the nature of the temporary settlement arrived at now between her and England, it may be safely assumed that she will eventually get all she wants in Central Asia. She will show herself as ready to patch up an agreement as England, knowing that she can reopen the Afghan war at her pleasure, when events in Europe may necessitate her bringing pressure to bear upon England in the final settlement of the Eastern question, which, but for the stopping of the Sudan campaign, would, in all probability, have been reopened in a few months.

Many readers of THE EXAMINER will see with regret the announcement, contained in the report of the proceedings of Presbytery, that the Rev. W. R. Frame has been compelled by reason of continued ill health to retire from active ministerial work. Mr. Frame has removed to Charlottetown; and his friends will be glad to learn that he has already begun to feel the benefits of rest.

The Toronto Globe Printing Co. are not, it seems, suffering on account of the terrible depression which prevails everywhere throughout Canada. Within the past two years they have, according to the annual report, cleared \$60,000; and last years receipts from advertising total up close upon \$150,000.

TEMPERANCE AT MELVILLE—A fortnight ago Mr. Daniel Morris, Principal of Eldon Grammar School, delivered an excellent Lecture in the Melville Schoolhouse, on "Intemperance, its cause, effects and remedies." A lively discussion followed, after which 25 candidates were duly initiated members of Garfield Lodge, No. 21, I. O. G. T. This Society is succeeding well, and is at present actively engaged in securing signatures to a petition for Prohibition, to be presented to the Dominion Parliament in the latter part of the present month.—C.M.

PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, March 18

Hon. Mr. Sullivan, after the preliminary routine business, submitted correspondence between the Local and Dominion Governments relative to the subject of Winter Communication, including the following—

MINUTE OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL. COUNCIL CHAMBER, February 20th, 1885

At a meeting of the Executive Committee, the following Minute was adopted and ordered to be handed to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, for transmission to the Dominion Government:—

Adverting to the joint Address of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, in the Session of 1884, to His Excellency the Governor-General in Council (a copy of which is herewith transmitted) upon the subject of the non-fulfilment of the Terms of Confederation, in respect to Communication with the Mainland, the Executive Council in Committee desire to bring to the notice of His Excellency in Council the fact that, beyond a formal acknowledgment of the receipt of the said Address no reply thereto has been received.

Without entering into a recapitulation of the statements set forth in the said Address, the Council in Committee wish to draw His Excellency's attention to the several steps which have been taken by this Province towards securing the fulfilment of the Compact of Confederation in the particular alluded to, and which have proved so far entirely unsuccessful. And her they desire to express their surprise and regret at the extraordinary apathy with which the interests of Prince Edward Island have been treated in this regard.

Trusting implicitly in the good faith of the General Government, the people of this Province waited patiently for seven years the fulfilment of the Terms of Confederation, until in 1881 the Legislative Council and House of Assembly united in an address to His Excellency the Governor-General, setting forth the disadvantages under which they labored, praying for the adoption of vigorous and immediate measures to remedy the grievances complained of, and requesting compensation for loss sustained by reason of the delay which had occurred.

The receipt of this Address was formally acknowledged on 16th April, 1881, but no other reply was received. On 28th February, 1882, the Lieutenant-Governor of this Province communicated with the Secretary of State, directing attention to the Address, and to the fact that it had not been answered, when subsequently a reply was received that the Government of Canada were giving their earnest consideration to the question.

Another year having passed, the Council in Committee, on the 31st January, 1883, drew the attention of the General Government to the fact that, although nearly two years had elapsed since the receipt of the Address of 1881, no attempt had been made to improve the means of Communication, and that the grievances complained of in the said Address still remained. Upon 3rd March following, the Provincial Government requested a reply to the Minute of 31st January, in such form as could be submitted to the Legislature then about to meet. No answer being received, on 27th of March the Lieutenant-Governor telegraphed to the Secretary of State, and was informed in reply that the subject was under consideration.

Wearied with long waiting and ineffectual applications, the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, at their last Session, again approached His Excellency in Council, renewing the relation of their grievances, but, as already mentioned, beyond a simple acknowledgment, their appeal has been unsuccessful.

Why the claim of Prince Edward Island to a fulfilment of the compact by which Canada secured its adhesion to the Confederation, should be so persistently ignored, it is difficult to conceive. By a contract entered into with extraordinary solemnity, the General Government agreed to certain considerations to "establish and maintain efficient steam service for the conveyance of mails and passengers between the Island and the Mainland of the Dominion, winter and summer, thus placing the Island in continuous communication with the Intercolonial Railway and the railway system of the Dominion;" yet during no year of nearly twelve which has elapsed since the Union, has the communication provided been such as was guaranteed. For eight or nine weeks each winter, the people of this Province are dependent for their postal communication upon a system in use among them long years before steam power was ever applied for purposes of locomotion. Unsatisfactory as this state of affairs is, it is aggravated by the neglect, during this period, to provide any means whatever for the transport of passengers, and it is only as a matter of favor on the part of the mail carriers that persons are enabled to make the passage, and then only in open boats, which are wholly unprovided with the means of sustenance, warmth, or shelter, and at the imminent peril of their lives. To show that this language is not extravagant, it is only necessary to refer to the experience of the crew and passengers, twenty-two in number, who, in January last, were detained on the ice between Cape Traverse and Tormentine for two days and one night, during which they suffered most severely, and from which many of them will never entirely recover.

The Address of last Session imposed upon the Provincial Government the duty, in the event of a favorable answer not being accorded thereto without delay, of invoking the interference of Her Majesty the Queen, to obtain that justice which the Island has been so long denied. While it is a subject of deep regret that the Dominion Government have not seen fit to take any action in the matter therein pressed upon their notice, the Council in Committee feel that no alternative is left to them than to lay at the foot of the Throne a statement of the grievances so long endured, and ask of Her Majesty, as one of the contracting parties to the Articles of Confederation, that she will be graciously pleased to secure to Prince Edward Island that redress which has so repeatedly been sought, but which has not yet been obtained.

Certified a true extract.

R. F. DEBLOIS, Clerk Executive Council.

Hon. Mr. Sullivan moved that the papers do lie upon the table; and gave

notice that at an early day he would move the following resolution:—

Resolved, That a humble Address be forwarded to Her Majesty the Queen representing the failure of the Dominion Government to carry out that part of the Terms of Confederation which requires the Government of Canada to "establish and maintain efficient steam service for the conveyance of mails and passengers between the Island and the Mainland of the Dominion, winter and summer, thus placing the Island in continuous communication with the Intercolonial Railway and the railway system of the Dominion," and praying that Her Majesty may be pleased to cause such action to be taken as shall remedy the grievance complained of, and shall compensate P. E. I. for the non-fulfilment of the aforesaid terms, and that the Legislative Council be requested to join in such Address.

Mr. PERRY moved that the correspondence be made the order of the day on Tuesday next. Seconded by Mr. Yeo.

Hon. Mr. SULLIVAN explained that it was the intention of the Government to make this most important matter the first business of the session, and that it would be brought forward as soon as possible after the Legislative Council had passed the address in answer to the Lieutenant-Governor's speech.

After some further discussion in which Messrs. Farquharson, Sinclair and Martin spoke for the Opposition; and Hon. Messrs. Ferguson, Campbell, Prowse and Lefurgey spoke on behalf of the Government.

Mr. McLEAN (Souris) moved that Mr. Perry have leave to withdraw his motion. Seconded by Mr. Blake.

House divided on the amendment: YEAS—Hon. Messrs. Sullivan, Ferguson, McLeod, Arcaux, Campbell, Lefurgey, Prowse, McDonald, Gordon; Messrs. McKay, Bentley, A. Martin, Gillis, Blake, McDougall, McLean.—16

NAYS—Messrs. Yeo, Perry, Hooper, Matheson, Farquharson, D. C. Martin, Sinclair, McLaren.—8.

Hon. Mr. McDONALD submitted a report of the Private Bills Committee on the Bill to incorporate the Charlottetown Mutual Fire Insurance Company. House adjourned.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The Council met, discussed the Draft Address in answer to the Lieutenant-Governor's speech, and reported progress.

Ottawa Notes.

THE SESSION.

The session, so far, has moved along at a comparatively quiet and steady rate. The Island members and Senators, with the exception of Senator Carvell, who has been quite ill, are in good health, and engaged from day to day, like others of the "assembled wisdom," in framing laws and in otherwise looking after the affairs of our Dominion.

PIERS AND WHARVES.

Mr. Davies has given notice that he will move for copies of all correspondence between the Island Government since last session, relating to the Piers and Wharves matter.

THE BUDGET.

Mr. T. White made a fine speech on the Budget, in which he gave an abundance of figures replete with information. After him came Patterson, the man who went to the Island last summer to help his Grit friends there, and who was so completely snuff'd out by your Island Ferguson, at the Rustico meeting. He spoke for two or three hours, more or less, and so the debate goes on. Before the end is reached it will be very much like beating away at thrice thrashed straw.

TELEGRAPH EXTENSION.

The Island representatives supporting the Government are endeavoring to get the telegraph or telephone extended to East Point, North Cape, and other points on the Island in need of such facilities.

COL. FREELAND'S SUCCESSOR.

It is rumored here that one of your active born, a popular young officer in connection with the Island force, is likely to succeed Col. Freeland as Brigade Major of the Island Militia.

CREDIT TO WHOM CREDIT IS DUE.

I see the Charlottetown Patriot gives great credit to Senator Haythorne for getting a favorable reply in re Island Winter Communication. The fact is the whole matter was decided upon some days before the Senator made his motion. To the Island Conservative Representatives belong the credit of urging the Island's claims to their present position as regards increased and better accommodation between your Province and the Mainland during the winter months; and it is thought here that the summer service may also receive some attention from the Government before long.

THE SENATE.

Speaking of your Grit Senator, who, by the way, is a very respectable kind of man, a voluminous letter writer, they say, attentive to Island interests though an unyielding partisan, reminds me of that other so-called Liberal, Senator Alexander, who has been lately making such a holy show of himself. He has been long known as a most extreme man in politics, as indeed he is in almost everything else. His latest crusade is aimed at a portrait of Sir David McPherson that has recently been added to the collection of portraits of ex Speakers that adorn the lobbies of the Senate Chamber. The only objection which Senator Alexander has to the picture lies in its size. Now, Senator McPherson is one of the largest and finest-looking Scotchmen in Canada, and if his portrait is a little larger than the rest, no one can reasonably find fault, and no one in the Senate does, except the cranky Senator from Woodstock, as may be seen by the vote the other day.

BIRTH.

At Halifax, 35 Hollis street, on the 13th inst., the wife of A. M. Liddell, of a son.

DIED.

At Eldon, on the 2nd Jan., Catherine Ann Buchanan, in the 32nd year of her age. She died a true Christian.

On Monday, the 9th inst., at the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. James Bentley, Margate, Sarah, wife of the late Daniel McNeill, of Cavendish, aged 71 years. (Other papers please copy.)

At Brudenell, on the 10th inst., after a short illness, Elizabeth Gordon, deeply regretted by a large circle of friends and acquaintances.



THE LARGEST, CHEAPEST & BEST ASSORTMENT ON P. E. ISLAND. HATS, AMERICAN & CANADIAN. L. E. PROWSE, Sign of the BIG HAT, 74 Queen Street.

EXTENSIVE SALE! OF STAPLE & FANCY DRY GOODS. Duffus & Co's. Stock at Public Auction, BY B. WILSON HIGGS, At Stevenson's Building, Queen Street, commencing Wednesday, 18th March, at 11 o'clock, a. m., and continued the following day, Thursday, at the same hour.

A FULL and complete assortment of Duffus & Co's. stock of Dry Goods, comprising gray and white Cottons, assorted Staples, Blankets, ready-made Clothing, Cloths, Tweeds, Coatings and Trowerings, Mantles, Gloves, Braces, Hosiery, Underclothing, Dress Goods, House Furnishings, Haberdashery, Small Wares and Fancy Goods. TAKE FURTHER NOTICE—That this Sale is positive and peremptory. Nothing will be withdrawn. Everything put up must be Sold. TERMS: All sums under \$50, cash; over that amount, approved endorsed notes, six months, or 5 per cent. discount for cash. JAMES SHAND, Ch'town, March 16, 1885.

MORE CHEAP GOODS!

PEOPLE Looking for Bargains ought to go first to Weeks & Co's Cheap Store, where goods are sold all the year round at about the same rates as many shops call their "selling off" prices. During March a number of excellent Bargains will be offered to all cash customers alike:—7000 yds. Bed Tickings at 5 to 7cts per yard under a dollar price; 200 white fringed Counterpanes only \$1.10, worth \$1.75; 2000 yds. Roller Towellings at 5c, 6c, and 7c; 1500 yds T ble Linen, beginning at 15c. Very cheap; 4000 yds. Cotton Flannels, 4c. to 6c. under price; All Grass Cloths and Prints, Cretonnes, &c., at reduced prices; about 9000 yds. choice Cotton Shirtings from 7c. per yard; black and colored Cashmeres and other Dress Goods at a bargain; about 5000 yards to go cheap, ask to see them; also, special lines in Ladies' Corsets, at low prices. Now is the time to buy Cottons, as they are going up in price. We have about 75,000 yards bleached and grey Cottons and Sheetings to offer at the lowest prices ever seen. Call and see the goods, even if you don't want to buy. W. A. WEEKS & CO. Ch'town, March 5, 1885.

ANTHRACITE an' all other kinds of COAL. McHILLAN'S DEPOT, Dawson's Old Wharf. March 7—Si wklv 4.

On Consignment. Iron, Tin Plates, Pig Lead and Ingots Tin.

SEED WHEAT. FOR SALE CHEAP. THE best variety of "White Russian" Hard Wheat, a splendid yielding, good flour, stiff straw; best for our soil and climate. JOHN NEWSON, Ch'town, March 9, 1885. 2moos

GOLD MEDAL-PARIS 1878. JOSEPH C. MORTIMER'S PATENT STEEL PENS. SOLD BY ALL STATIONERS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

THE ANNIVERSARY MEETING OF the Young Women's Christian Association will be held (D. V.) on Monday afternoon, next, 23rd March, at 4 o'clock, in the Bremond Park of the Y. M. C. A. Friends and members are invited to attend and hear the reports read of last year's work. C. J. A. MAYNE, Secretary. Ch'town, March 19, 1885. 3i

Orchestra! No. 3. GRAND SACRED CONCERT! IN THE Y. M. C. A. HALL. ON— Friday Evening, March 20th.

- PROGRAMME 1. Inst. March "Army" Orchestral Club. 2. Chorus—"Lift up your Heads," from the "Messiah" Handel Mr. Earle's Glee Club. 3. String Quartette—"Andante in G," Glick Messrs. Farncombe, Gordon, Strong, and Sharp. 4. Cornet Solo—"Angels Ever Bright and Fair" Handel Mr. Fletcher. 5. Chorus—"Grand Te Deum in F" Palestrina Mr. Earle's Glee Club. 6. Inst. Quintette—"Silver Trumpets" March. Viriani. 7. Solo and Chorus—"O Thou that Tellest," from "Messiah" Handel Solo by Mrs. Roome. 8. Violin Solo—"He Shall Feed His Flock," from "Messiah" Handel Mr. Vancombs. 9. "But Thou didst not Leave his Soul in Hell," from "Messiah" Handel Orchestral Club. 10. Chorus—"The Crusaders" Finati Mr. Earle's Glee Club. 11. String Quartette. Mendelssohn. 12. Vocal Solo—"Ruth and Naomi" Teplitz Mrs. Roome. 13. Vocal Solo—"Pro Peccatis" from "Stabat Mater" Rossini Prof. Cayen. 14. Chorus—"Worthy is the Lamb" from "Messiah" Handel Mr. Earle's Glee Club. "God Save the Queen." Concert at 8 o'clock. G. A. SHARP, Secretary. Ch'town, March 18, 1885.

Administrators' Sale.

GAS CO. STOCK, &c. I AM instructed to Sell, by Auction, This day, March 18th, at 2 o'clock, p. m., a full amount of the Law Court Building, the following being part of the estate of the late William Murphy, Esq., namely:— 227 Shares Gas Co., Common Stock. 130 do do First Premium do 100 do do Second do do 1 do do River-Side Creamery Co. Stock. A. McNEILL, AUCTIONEER. Ch'town, March 18, 1885—5i

P. I. ISLAND RAILWAY.

ON and after this date, until further notice, Excursion Return Tickets will be issued at one first-class fare from all Stations on this Railway to Cape Traverse, to parties of five or upwards, going and returning together. JAMES COLEMAN, Superintendent. Railway Office, Ch'town, March 18, 1885—dly pat 3i eod.

TENDERS.

THE undersigned will receive Tenders until the 23rd inst., for the framing, roughing, boarding, shingling, planing, windows, doors and lining of a building to be erected in Charlottetown for a Skating Rink. Plans and specifications can be seen at the office of Messrs. Poole & Lewis, Charlottetown. We do not bid ourselves to accept the lowest or any Tender. Tenders to be addressed to Muttart & Baker, Summerside. GEORGE MUTTART, P. R. BAKER. Summerside, March 18, 1885—3i pat

WANTS, LOST, FOUND, &c.

WANTED—A Cook and dining-room Girl for an hotel. Apply at this office. mar 19—6i eod pd

WANTED—To purchase, in the City, a Cottage. Enquire at E. Needham's office, Market House. mar 18

LOST—On Friday, March 6th, on Queen Street, near the Pound, a child's Cap. The finder will be rewarded by having it brought to the EXAMINER OFFICE. mar 13

TO LET—A new house, fronting on Poulton Street. Enquire of Thos. W. Dodd. mar 3 pat

MONEY WANTED—Provided interest low good security. Apply at this office. [Feb 27]

BOX HAUNTING SLEIGH and harness (reversible seat) for sale. Apply to Geo. Bremner. [Feb 27]

JOB PRINTING of every description executed with Neatness and Dispatch at the EXAMINER JOB PRINTING OFFICE.