

THE DAILY EXAMINER

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SIR LOUIS AND THE STAR.

THE EXAMINER is censured by the Patriot because the statement of Sir Louis Davies was not given together with the challenge of the Star. We confess that THE EXAMINER was more deeply interested in the prospect of the poor of Queen's County receiving \$200 (if the Star were in the wrong) than with the merits of the case. But upon reading the other side as published by the Patriot, we incline to the opinion that Sir Louis was somewhat overhasty in his attempt to fix upon the Star the stigma of a dishonorable act involving a falsehood. It appears that the Star's representative at Ottawa received from the Department of Marine and Fisheries a certain written statement for publication, and that he, supposing that it was sent by the authority of Sir Louis, published it as "Sir Louis Davies' view,"—although Sir Louis, as a matter of fact, knew nothing about it. If Sir Louis had, instead of making his statement in Parliament, reflecting upon the honor and veracity of the Star, inquired into the matter and conferred with the Star's representative, the Star would, we feel sure, have hastened to explain the matter to the satisfaction of the Minister and the public. But he took the other course; and has afforded the Star an opportunity to challenge the Minister to disprove the essential truth of the statement to which it gave publicity. We shall see what Sir Louis will do about it. Two hundred dollars to be distributed among the poor voters of West Prince, shortly before a general election, ought to be an inducement to the ruffian Minister.

PURE FOOD.

SOME persons in this locality are verturbed, just now, without any unusual cause, about the food obtained at our butchers' stalls. Generally, we think, our butchers are honest men; and generally, we think, the buyers of meat can discriminate, pretty accurately, between that which is diseased and that which is wholesome. Of course there is need for constant watchfulness on the part of both sellers and buyers,—even though we all know that the first would not wilfully poison his neighbors or the last knowingly partake of that which is bad. But if the conditions here were like those reported in some cities of the United States there would really be cause for alarm. The Boston Globe, for instance, states that Public attention in its vicinity has been very much absorbed of late in the matter of the use of chemicals in giving inferior meats an appearance of freshness and good preservation. But the preparation of meats with intent to deceive is only one branch of the business of counterfeiting, which reaches many lines of food and drink. There are concerns in some of the larger cities who do an extensive business in selling chemicals designed to adulterate and enrich the color of weak milk and to "preserve" various other goods dealers may have in stock. A Providence alderman has been quietly cultivating correspondence with some of these concerns, and the revelations that have been made regarding the sale of "milk preservatives" and colorings for butter and cream are interesting reading. A circular from a concern engaged in the business gives the names and prices of different compounds intended to preserve milk from souring; to

enhance the color of butter; to make cider "sparkle like champagne" and to embellish various other articles of diet. Compounds are recommended that are said to "keep milk and cream perfectly sweet and fresh for any desired length of time," there are powders warranted—that "will give a delicious cream," and others that impart a "natural, rich, creamy shade in milk and buttermilk." One of the artists is so "enthused" over the success of his transformation as to declare that "Nature is no longer in the game." We have cause to be thankful that the branches of art here referred to have not yet been introduced into Prince Edward Island,—where a plentiful supply of food of the purest and best description may be obtained at prices that are not unreasonable. If an inspector be appointed to look after those few dealers among us who are careless or dishonest, he must be well paid so that he may be independent, he must be scrupulously honest and he must be thoroughly capable. We incline to the opinion that the game in this small community is hardly worth the powder. The people's best protection is to purchase their meat and other food supplies only from men of recognized good character.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

—Mr. Fairlie, of the St. Paul's Indian Industrial School, who would not give Mr. Tarte's party hot water on the occasion of a visit to the school, has been removed from his post. Hot water was, as the Montreal Gazette remarks, the cause of his fame, and he has been plunged into it. —Referring to the letter of the Morell Dairying Company, published by THE EXAMINER, we are informed that Mr. Dillon, has, during the seasons of 1897 and 1898, handled 54,000 boxes of Island cheese, that he has paid cash on delivery for practically all of it, and that he hopes to be in a position to continue to do so.

—As to The Guardian's complaint about the Opera House doors, we are happy to report that there is nothing in it. Both side doors leading from the hall open outwards. All that persons inside have to do is to draw the bolts and these doors will swing open. These side doors, together with the large front doors, offer ample means of exit in case of fire.

—New Brunswick has not only a Commissioner of Agriculture, but a Deputy Commissioner and three Dairy Superintendents. Among them, they have made up a very creditable blue book of 250 pages, wherein is contained an interesting report of the agricultural condition of the Province, and information which its farmers may practically apply to the betterment of their prospects of success.

—The Montreal Gazette remarks that those fond believers in the prohibition prohibitions of the Federal Government will be pained on reading the list of "foods" that public money is to be expended on in connection with the Paris exhibition. They include the products of "commercial distilleries," and "breweries," and "wines and wine brandies," "syrups and liquors," "various spirits," "commercial alcohols," and various "beverages." Mr. Fisher must have had a week of weakness when that list went through his department,—or more likely, he had the High Commissionership in view.

—It is stated that Aguinaldo is more than ever resolved to continue the war for independence, and is rigorously suppressing any manifestations of a contrary feeling among his compatriots. He is energetic, prompt and autocratic. When General Lagarda represented to him the hopelessness of continuing the struggle against the Americans, he convinced the General of his error by the simple expedient of having that noble warrior's head chopped off. Who could resist such a cogent argument?

—More sleep, with more regularity in taking it, is a prime need of our exhausting modern life. People talk of giving a rest to their minds; but it was not likely that the mind itself ever tires. The brain, or some overworked tract of it, may

need repose; and it seems a well-established physiological fact that the central organ literally undergoes repair and renewal during sleep. The slowing down of the blood permits the deposit of nutritive particles, just as the slowing of the river permits it to drop its sediment. There is wisdom as well as wit in the Quixotic saying: "Blessing on him that first invented this same sleep."

—A wave of common-sense seems to be sweeping over France just now. Commenting on the debate on the Naval Estimates in the French Chamber, the Solel makes the following remarks: "While Great Britain, with her immense wealth, and Germany with her teeming population, content themselves, the former with holding the first rank at sea, and the latter with holding the first rank on land, we want to hold the first rank on land and at sea with much less money than the English, and much fewer men than the Germans. There are many proverbs and fables respecting the consequences of overweening ambition. Our statesmen learned them at school, and forget them in office. It is time to remind them of them."

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