

THE DAILY EXAMINER

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A POPULAR DEMAND.

THE Upper Province papers to hand this morning were those of Saturday last. That is to say, they were four days old. The accompanying letters were equally ancient. It is understood that henceforth for the remainder of this season, there will be the old-time detention of P. E. Island mails and passengers upon the mainland. If the loss of time and money involved is an absolute necessity of the situation, the public must, of course, submit to it. But if our steamer and railway can possibly continue to make close connections, as in the summer season, they ought to be required to do so. We are entitled to "continuous communication." This is not afforded when our mails and passengers are detained for twenty-one hours at Moncton or some other point on the Intercolonial Railway. The public interests, as well as the terms of our bargain with the government of Canada, demand the continuance of close communications between P. E. Island and the mainland. We are now in a worse position as to mails and passengers than we shall be in mid-winter.

THE LAIRD BANQUET.

We believe in honouring, as well as rewarding, those of our public men who have faithfully served the country. Necessarily the private characters and public acts of all public men are proper subjects of public criticism. In too many instances such criticism degenerates into personal abuse. Sensitive men of high ability are apt to shrink from this and so avoid as far as possible the service under which it is incurred. That this is contrary to the interests of the country is evident. To attract the nobler spirits of the nation into the public service, the government and people of Great Britain have been wont to heap upon those who have rendered distinguished public services not only great emoluments but high personal honors. That this policy has been a wise one is evident in the results. No matter how important the occasion or great the crisis, Great Britain has never been without a man of distinguished ability to meet it. The world-wide well governed empire of Great Britain has been built up and organized under the leadership of able, and honest and courageous men who have been publicly honored for their well-doing. We in Canada will make no mistake if we follow, as far as we can, the example of the Mother Country in this regard. In our fierce political fights, able and honest men are sometimes met by floods of misrepresentation and obloquy. As compensation for this, it is pleasing to the public man to have such expressions of appreciation and regard as that of last evening in which men of both political parties and all shades of religious belief unite to honor one, who, whatever mistakes he may have made, has exhibited prudence and honesty and has done his country good service. The banquet in honor of Mr. Laird reflected credit upon those under whose management it was held.

—Some of the leading Liberal organs continue to figure up a majority against prohibition!

—At the banquet, last evening, some of the speakers maintained that the Hon. David Laird was a product of oatmeal and Presbyterianism. This is only partially true. If Mr. Laird were fitted for representative and official positions, if he were the capable man and useful citizen his admirers maintain, the fact is due to the training that he obtained as a member of the press.

A MUSICAL EVENING.

Mt. Allison Conservatory of Music, Sackville, N. B.

Rarely has Beethoven Hall ever been filled by such an eager and critical audience as that which gathered there on Friday evening to witness the first appearance in Sackville of the three artists who have lately come to preside over their respective departments of music in the Mt. Allison Conservatory.

The platform presented a very attractive appearance, with its bank of flowers and open pianos, while from the background Beethoven and Liszt seemed to smile down in sympathy with the expectant faces of the fair young students, who occupied the front seats of the hall.

Miss Golder's appearance was the signal for hearty applause, and before the evening was over, by her fascinating personality and beautiful voice, she had won the hearts of all. On being recalled after her rendition of Meyerbeer's "Pagan Aria," she received a very handsome shower-bouquet of roses from her pupils, who, even at this early date, are very much attached to her. Miss Golder's voice is a clear and beautiful soprano, and shows evidence of her long and careful study abroad under the best masters.

Prof. Vincent's admirable finger method and clear-cut tones were the striking features of his performance. His selections from Liszt and Chopin were excellently rendered, but in the Leschetizy number the music seemed fairly drawn from the piano. As a recall, Mr. Vincent gave Schumann's "Träumerei" so sweetly and softly that the hearts of all were touched and many eyes were wet.

Prof. Oetking wielded the bow as, perhaps, only a true German musician can. His first number, a long and difficult sonata for violin and piano by Grieg, was much appreciated by all, and especially by those who knew anything of violin technique; but after the rendition of his second selection, Vieuxtemps' "Ballade et Polonaise," the enthusiasm of the audience rose to a climax, and Mr. Oetking responded to the deafening applause by playing an exquisite little "Romance" of his own composition.

This ended the programme, and, after the inevitable "Rah! rah! rah!" of the college boys had been given, the audience dispersed, well pleased to have partaken of one of the richest musical feasts in the history of the Conservatory.

We may say in conclusion that on the list of Prince Edward Islanders attending this Conservatory may be found the names of:—Miss Winnie Brecken, Miss Minnie Moore, Miss Winnie Week, Miss Blanche Smallwood, Miss Annie Poole, and Miss Hortense Phillips, Charlottetown; Misses Mary and Eva Wright, Summerside; Miss Lottie Deacon, Cornwall; Miss Mamie Bentley, Kensington; Miss Jennie Allen, Murray Harbour.

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The Man is he who despises words and makes us a thing of use— A ship, a house, a law that works, or a timely gallowsspoose;

And next to him is the man who sings a song to wrench the heart, Or paints a picture to stir the soul, a something more than Art.

But gossip-strung degenerates who write in journales, To whom all tragedies are "events"—God save us from all these!

And save us, too, from the motley crew who follow Fashion's fads And read whatever they're told to read by literary chads!

Give me a cat with her I love, where the river winds the sea, The daily need of bread above, and a book, or two, or three; With never a care for what's to come, nor grief for what is past; For Mother Earth who gave me birth will give me a bed at last!

JAMES JEFFREY ROCHE

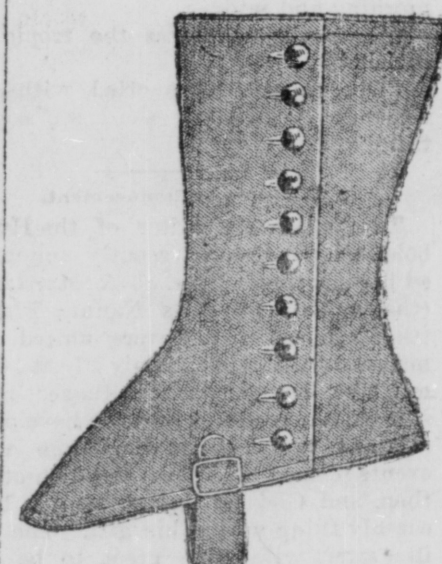
A PRETTY WEDDING.

A very pretty home wedding took place at the residence of A Ernest Mills, 34 Banks Street, West Sonerville, Mass., on Wednesday evening, October 12th, when his sister, Emily Florence, was united in marriage to Rev Robert Robertson Morson. The ceremony was performed by Rev Dr Gunn, in the presence of a large circle of friends. The drawing rooms were tastefully decorated with palms and plants. The bride was charmingly attired in a tailor made green traveling dress with hat to match. After a sumptuous repast the happy couple left on the 10 o'clock train for a tour through Massachusetts after which they will go to their home in Winthrop, Maine, where the groom has a pastorage. The bride was the recipient of many costly and useful presents including a silver service. The bride is the eldest daughter of John J Mills, Esq., of Bay Fortune; the groom formerly belonged to Dundas.

Goldwin Smith says: Drunkenness we all abhor and despise. On that subject opinion, which formerly was unsound, is now perfectly sound. It constitutes a social law really more powerful, more certain in its operation, surer in the infliction of its penalties, than laws written on the statute book and enforced by the police. The man who is known to be a drunkard is socially and industrially under a ban. Nobody is willing to employ him; he forfeits his chances of marriage; the insurance office shuns him; disgrace and poverty are his lot. It used to be otherwise. Excess in liquor was once almost a part of hospitality. But it is not so now. This very temperance movement is a proof of the strength of feeling on the question which makes itself felt in all departments and relations of life.

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