

THE DAILY EXAMINER

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THE COMMISSIONERSHIP.

The Hon David Laird has not yet resigned the office of Commissioner of Sewers and Water Supply; and we learn that a legal opinion has been obtained to the effect that he cannot do so. Whether or not his absence from the Province will, of itself, create a vacancy which may be filled by the election of another man is another question. One thing is clear: the act was loosely drawn and passed. The contingency that has arisen ought to have been provided for by a specific enactment. It seems probable that Messrs Smith and Halloran will have to carry on the work and take the responsibility until after the meeting of the Legislature next year.

COLD STORAGE.

Twenty years ago, the idea of cold storage in transit had hardly been conceived. In the year 1880, a trial shipment of 400 frozen carcasses of mutton was made from Australia to Great Britain. This was followed in the next year by shipments of 17,275 carcasses. The following year (1882) New Zealand began the export of frozen mutton; and in 1883 Argentina opened the cold storage business with shipments of 17,000 carcasses. It is interesting to note that last year (1897) Australia shipped 1,394,500; New Zealand 2,696,000, and Argentina 2,068,000, or upwards of six million carcasses of mutton among the three,—not to speak of 758,000 hundredweight of frozen beef. Frozen rabbits from Australia, frozen salmon from British Columbia, turkeys from Ontario, fowls from Russia, geese from France and Italy, in countless numbers, find a market in Great Britain every year. In cold storage, too,—though not so cold as to freeze,—are sent thousands of carcasses of chilled beef from Chicago and large quantities of fruit of various kinds from the United States and Canada. Between 20,000 and 30,000 quarters of chilled beef from America are now sold in England every week. Besides this, large quantities of fresh pork are also received from cold storage. A writer in Chambers' Journal, to whom we are indebted for these facts, states that so important has the carrying of frozen and chilled produce become in recent years that there are now over 150 steamships fitted with special refrigerating machinery and cold rooms for dealing with the trade, and several others are now being fitted up. Ten years ago, a steamer carrying 30,000 carcasses was the largest employed; now there are several being built to carry 100,000 carcasses per voyage. As a complement to these there are cold storage warehouses of immense capacity in all the sources of supply, as well as in Great Britain where the produce is received and consumed. There are now in the city of London cold stores capable of holding 1,250,000 carcasses, and there are stores in Birmingham, Bristol, Manchester, Glasgow, Liverpool and other large towns, with a capacity of about 980,000 carcasses. It is predicted by the writer we have referred to that ere long there will not be a single considerable town in the British Isles without its cold storage warehouses for the supply of the people with perishable, but preservable, food.

—Our teachers, who have used them, will speak in high terms of the Common School Arithmetic by W. T. Kennedy, of Picton Academy, and Mr. Peter O'Hearn, of St. Patrick's school. Published by Messrs T. C. Allen & Co. of Halifax. We have asked the opinion of several, and they all agree that the Common School Arithmetic is a distinct success.

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BRITISH SHIPBUILDING.

From returns compiled by Lloyd's Register of shipping it appears that, excluding warships, there were 598 vessels of 1,364,250 tons gross under construction in Great Britain at the close of the quarter ending 30th September last. Of these 572 were steam vessels of 1,361,557 tons, and 26 were sailing vessels of 2,693 tons.

At the same time there were under construction at the Royal dockyards in Great Britain 14 ships of war (110,140 tons) and at private shipyards 78 ships of war (266,295 tons) or altogether 92 warships of 376,435 tons displacement.

If shipbuilding will do it, the people and government of Great Britain are determined to continue to be the rulers of the sea.

ESTEEMED EXCHANGES.

Moncton Times: How inspiring to the imagination of the juvenile Sorcelites it must have been to think that the little Tarte, who once was in the apple business in such a humble way, now steams up and down the St. Lawrence in a Government yacht or dashes across provinces in a private car, presenting this place with a harbor and that with a breakwater or a new postoffice building. And, then, he had not yet reached the apex of his glory. Just wait till they see him next summer!

Montreal Gazette: Toronto clergymen are moving to fight the liquor traffic by the establishment of coffee houses. Coffee houses have been helps to the promotion of sobriety in London, and may have a field here. They are neither to be deprecated nor despised. The best means of fighting whiskey, however, is the inculcation of the doctrine that, physically, mentally and financially, the average man is better off when he does not taste it.

Halifax Herald: Sir Louis Davies told the people of Sorel that he was of French ancestry. This is a new discovery of the minister of marine, but perhaps it was necessary to make it in order to have any standing in Quebec. The only paper in Canada which proclaims on its title page that it is "the organ of the liberal party" has pointed out that the province of Quebec has twice saved the country, and that by voting unanimously it will continue to do so. Sir Louis must therefore cultivate Quebec.

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