

Notes and Comments.

The Hon. William L. Scruggs, U. S. Minister to Venezuela, states that a reciprocity treaty with that country will be successfully negotiated before the close of the present year.

The Patriot of last evening professes to give its readers an editorial account of the events of "The Week"—in which there is not one word about the discovery of the Pacaud-Mercier theft!

The Pall Mall Gazette gives as a further evidence of the declining trade of Great Britain the great decrease in freight traffic in England and Scotland. Each week of the present half-year has shown diminished receipts as compared with those of the corresponding period last year.

The city Council of Victoria, B. C., has decided to submit to the people a proposition to appropriate nearly \$3,000,000 for new railroads, connecting the city's feeders with the Northern Pacific and the Canadian Pacific. The shrewd people of Victoria seem to understand that communication, no less than competition, is the life of trade.

A sufficient answer to the leading article of this week's Watchman may be found in the fact that THE EXAMINER is a secular newspaper, and not an authority in respect to theological questions. As such, we publish—as fully as possible—the news concerning all the churches and denominations, and we decline to endorse the doctrines of any. It was a—perhaps, unnecessary—fear that readers of THE EXAMINER might forget this fact, which induced the publication by THE EXAMINER of the item which the Watchman has made its text.

The latest official statistics of Ohio farm lands are interesting. According to the Cleveland Leader of August 6, the State Decennial Board of Equalization has completed its assessments of property values, and the value of property in cities, towns and villages has grown from \$412,683,314 in 1890 to \$639,026,724 now. The value of farm lands, however, has fallen from \$684,826,516 in 1890 to \$627,378,974, or a fall-off of \$57,447,542—about 8 1/2 per cent in ten years. Some light is thrown on this decline in values by the new census, which shows that in 28 counties in Ohio there were decreases in the population ranging from 100 to over 3,000. The steady decline in agricultural prices, too, has borne hardly on the United States farmers.

Personal.

Hon. Peter Sinclair is in town. Jas. Macdonald, Sheriff of King's County, is at Hotel Davis.

Mr. William Dean—formerly one of our Charlottetown boys—is here on a visit to his old friends.

The arrivals at the Hotel Davies last evening included: W B Murdoch, J S Tesky, Montreal; H E Wilson, Woodstock, Ont; Geo Tackabury, Huntington, Pa; W T Bennett, Halifax; H L Silver, Montreal; J P McLennan, Truro; H Jacobus, Montreal; Sam Frank and wife, Mississippi; Wm S Davenport, Harry W Knight, Boston; John Sterling, Jas Amber, G Guillet, Montreal; H B Silliker, Bay View; R A Bronson, W A Bronson, J H Barnes, New Haven, Conn; H C Holmes and wife, Middletown, Conn; J E J Baxter, England; George Carriage, W M Farwell, S S Bartlett, Boston. This morning there were registered: Mrs G P Knight, Souris; Priscilla Leslie, do; Miss M Head, Georgetown.

The arrivals were registered at the Osborne House last evening:—P Kelly, Montague Bridge; Mrs Bullman, Mrs Warfield, New Glasgow; Mrs J Memhard, Chicago; Mrs C Simpson and daughter, Cavendish; Chas McLeod and wife, Kinross; Peter Sinclair, Summerfield, Rev T W Fraser, Antigonish, N S; G McGowan and wife, Boston; Louis Taylor, S'ide; Mrs S G Wilson, St John; H McK Wilson and wife, St Louis, Mo; G T Baker, Boston; Thos C Tidmarsh, Halifax; M E Doherty, Aspen, Col; Rosina M D, S'ide; John Siveinight, New Glasgow, N S. This morning there were registered: William Taylor, Wood Islands; Mary E Taylor, do.

News Notes.

The fortifying of Heligoland is proceeding with a rapidity that indicates the anxiety of the Kaiser to have the Island in a defensive condition as soon as possible. The work will be completed in 1893.

A death from leprosy occurred in the small-pox hospital at New Orleans, Quebec, on Friday. The patient was a white woman named Mrs. Mary Bolt. Dr. Beard says there are half a dozen cases in Quebec city.

Cardinal Manning, in a letter just made public, denounces the employment of lotteries and raffles and bazars for works of charity or religion. The Lord's work, he says, ought to be done in the Lord's own way; Christians must not encourage lower motives.

As a result of drinking water from a well at Milwaukee two persons have died and twenty-five are ill, a dozen of them so critically that the doctors have given up hopes of their recovery.

The fame of Dyspepticure is fast spreading and the results from its use are indeed astonishing, as a perusal of the home testimonials which have been placed in each home in town will show. Mr W W Short, who represents this valuable remedy, has been in town for a few days advertising its merits, and invites investigation as to the genuineness of the testimonials published. They are all near at hand and a simple enquiry in a post card to any of the addresses named in the circular will be all that is necessary. Dyspepticure is selling well all over the Maritime Provinces, and no doubt P E Islanders will appreciate it when they find it out.

FUTURITY STAKES AT SUMMERSIDE.—A great day's sport is in store for our readers on Wednesday next, 26th inst., when the futurity stakes races take place at Summerside Driving Park. Two splendid fields of horses, and every animal a trotter, contending for big purses, will afford exciting sport. All the horses are moving well, the track is in fine condition, the best of order will be maintained, and fares by rail and steamer are extremely low, so that all can attend the best day's racing ever held in Summerside. The race is for blood, and fast time will be made; no lover of genuine sport can, therefore, afford to miss it. Be sure and spend Wednesday next in Summerside.

NOTES FROM OTTAWA

Review of the Tarte-McGreevy Case.

The Question of Sir Hector's Culpability.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE OF THE EXAMINER.]

The end of the great Tarte-McGreevy-Langevin case looms up. But like the magic lantern views which Mr. Henry Cundall used to show us boys, all too seldom, in old St. Paul's schoolroom—I shall not say how many years ago—as one picture fades from the screen another appears in sight. The Tarte-McGreevy case is disappearing; not fast enough, however, for its promoters, while the Pacaud-Mercier-Baie de Chaleurs scandal is rapidly taking its place and promises to be more deeply exciting.

Early on Tuesday morning, some time before the committee met, Sir Hector Langevin was in attendance. After the formal opening proceedings, the sturdy old French-Canadian chief, looking a trifle pale, but with grim determination in his face, presented himself and asked to be put on oath preparatory to making a statement. He had not been summoned, but appeared of his own free will. Having been sworn, he was requested to take a seat, in deference to his age and position, but he declined, preferring, he said, to stand so that he might be distinctly heard. The room was packed, the overflow filling the hallway where the high-pitched tones of Sir Hector's voice were clearly heard by those who could not see him. His statement occupied an hour and a half in reading, and was an emphatic and comprehensive denial of the many and various charges of wrong-doing preferred against him by Mr. Tarte and sworn to by O. E. Murphy and Robert McGreevy. It would take up all your space to attempt even a summary of Sir Hector's statement, so that your readers must rest satisfied with the assurance that not only did the veteran statesman specially deny the charges, but that he refuted them in many instances by documentary evidence which he produced, and that at the conclusion there was not an impartial man who had listened to him who did not feel that Sir Hector was innocent and that he was the victim of a base conspiracy as has been ever attempted. When he had finished he received the congratulations of numerous friends, including not a few political opponents. Wednesday and Thursday were occupied in cross-examination, but his testimony was not broken down nor disturbed. It is noteworthy that Mr. Geoffrion abandoned the cross-examination at an early period, and that both he and Mr. Tarte treated Sir Hector with the utmost deference and respect. Mr. Davies was the hardest on him; but he elicited nothing. Sir Hector was ready with day, date and explanation, and showed that he had studied the previous evidence closely, for when Mr. Davies would fasten on a solitary passage in the testimony of some previous witness and make it the basis of a cross-hacking, Sir Hector would frequently refer to a subsequent statement of the same witness, in explanation. In vain did counsel try to puzzle him or make him contradict himself. The old man came out of the ordeal triumphantly—there is no getting over that. So what does the whole thing amount to? Sir Hector was charged upon the evidence of Owen E. Murphy—a self-confessed swindler and procurer of fraud both in New York and in Canada—and of Robert H. McGreevy, a self-confessed perjurer, and whom the most highly-respected citizens of Quebec swore they would not believe on his oath. Against the oaths of these two miscreants we have the oath of the French-Canadian chief, the man who for twenty-four years has been a Privy Councillor, who has been signally honored by the Queen, the man who has been notoriously the hardest working minister in the cabinet, sparing himself neither day nor night. If Sir Hector were guilty of corrupt practices as a minister we might expect to find that he is a rich man, living extravagantly, giving expensive entertainments, and enjoying himself; but the contrary is the case. He lives quietly and in comparative retirement, works hard, is to be found at his office at 8 o'clock in the morning, and in his seat in the House at 3 o'clock next morning. As he testified, he frequently worked eighteen hours a day. It is not generally known, nor was it developed in evidence, but it is nevertheless a fact that he is a most generous man, and that the call of charity he never turns away unheeded.

Before he took the witness stand he placed his resignation as Minister of Public Works in the hands of the Premier; and it is not surprising that his opponents have used this against him as an admission of his guilt. I say it is not surprising, because their course of persecution has been so tortuous that nothing they do or say should surprise us. The moment the charges were formulated in the House they demanded his resignation, and because he did not resign they made that an additional accusation. Now that he has resigned they use it against him. They did the same with Mr. Burgess. Because, when he was accused, he resigned as Deputy Minister of the Interior, they declared his action an admission of guilt; and because Sir Hector did not resign they pronounced him guilty. Nothing will satisfy them. Then, again, we see the opinions quoted of what the Grits are pleased to call Independent Conservative papers, that even if Sir Hector is not actually guilty of everything charged, enough has been proved to make his retirement a necessity, that his usefulness is gone, &c. What are these Independent Conservative papers? Are they of any standing or influence? Not at all, but they are of that class that regards every Catholic as an offence and every French Canadian an abomination. These are the newspapers that proclaim the Catholic religion a menace and the Province of Quebec a weakness to the Union. These are the papers that forget the part that Sir Hector Langevin and other French-Canadian statesmen took in bringing about that, but for the loyalty of French-Canadians, and particularly of the clergy of the

Province of Quebec, there would be no Canada to-day, and Victoria's diadem would lack its brightest and most brilliant jewel.

On Friday Mr. Michael Starrs, of Ottawa, testified that the firm of Starrs and O'Hanley had tendered for the construction of the Esquimaux dock, that their tender was the lowest, that Sir Hector sent for him and called in Mr. Perley, and they both told him that his tender was too low, and that he could not do the work for the money, and Sir Hector strongly advised him to withdraw his tender, which he did. He declared, however, that he was offered no inducements to withdraw. Sir Hector is to be asked on Wednesday what he has to say about Mr Starrs's testimony. Mr Starrs keeps a saloon and a bowling alley in Ottawa, and has made some money; but he was surely venturing beyond his depth when he tendered to build a graving dock 3,000 miles away, and with no means of getting to his work except through American territory. If Sir Hector really did advise him to withdraw his tender, which was away down below the engineer's estimate, he was doing the man a good service, and I think Mr Starrs felt that too, for he gave his evidence very unwillingly and did not seem anxious to bring Sir Hector into it at all. Wera he of the style of Mr O E Murphy he would have been only too ready to tell all he knew. Robert McGreevy, at the last sitting, produced the missing blotter which, he said, had been found by his son, who had just returned from his bush." Mr O E Murphy declined to sign his evidence—a significant proceeding on his part as, in case of action being taken for perjury, matters are not facilitated by the production of unsigned testimony. So the Committee could not get no witness fees. The cost of the investigation will foot up \$75,000, it is said. The printing is the heaviest item; already it has run into the third volume, and totals up some 1,600 pages. Mr Mulock was anxious to have Mr. Perley recalled to testify whether he received or sent some letter. Mr Girouard, chairman, announced that he had a certificate from Dr Couesens that it would undoubtedly prove fatal to Mr Perley to attempt to examine him again, and that if the Committee decided to call him, they might find some other chair-man—he would be no party to it. As for Mr Perley's letter books lying before the Committee, and not one of them has been opened. The Committee adjourned till Wednesday, when counsel will be heard.

W. C. D.

The Prince Edward Island FUTURITY STAKES RACE

WILL BE HELD AT THE Summerside Driving Park —ON— WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26th.

NIGHT have made final payment in the E Two-year-old Class and five have done so in the Three-year-old event, and there is, therefore, no doubt but that this will be one of the most interesting Trotting Races ever held in this Province.

Tickets at special rates will be issued from every Station on the Railway.

A. C. ROGERS, Secretary.

ST. PETER'S BOYS' SCHOOL

—WILL RE-OPEN— On Tuesday, September 1st.

FOR PARTICULARS APPLY TO

REV. JAMES SIMPSON, HEAD MASTER.

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BIG AUCTION SALE

—AT— P. MONAGHAN'S,

(CONNOLLY'S OLD STAND.)

This Evening, at 7.30 o'clock,

Consisting of Crockery and Glassware, Fancy Goods, etc., etc.

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Eastern Steamship Co. (LIMITED.)

The New, First-Class Clyde Built Steamer PREMIER, CAPTAIN A. H. KELLY,

Is appointed to sail as follows:—

FROM HALIFAX on Wednesday, 19th of August, at 7 p. m., and every Wednesday thereafter for Charlottetown and Summerside, calling at Sonora, Sherbrooke, Isaac's Harbor, Canso, Arichat and Port Hawkesbury.

RETURNING, will leave Charlottetown for Halifax, calling at intermediate ports, on Monday, 24th August, at 6 a. m., and every Monday thereafter.

Fares, to any port of call, \$3 00 Return " " " " " " " " 5 00 Rates of Freight moderate.

The PREMIER is a fast steamer, and has splendid accommodation for passengers. She will make close connection with the steamer Halifax sailing for Boston every Wednesday morning.

For Freight, Passenger and other information apply in Charlottetown to FENTON T. NEWBERY, Agent.

In Halifax to JOSEPH WOOD, Central Wharf.

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ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY To Secure Some Rare Bargains.

We have secured One Case of sample WOOL KNIT SHAWLS—German make—which we shall offer for a short time at VERY MUCH below their value. A few of them slightly soiled will be sold for half price.

STILL ANOTHER.

We are now offering the balance of our SPRING SACQUES, DOLMANS, CAPES and FICHUS at prices reduced sufficiently to please the shrewdest buyer.

As we are anxious to completely close out these lines to make room for our immense Fall Stock, we shall not allow price to interfere with sales.

BEER BROS.

TO SCHOLARS!

We have just opened the following School Books for the new School Term:—History of Greece, Remson's Chemistry, Hume's History of England, French's Study of Words, Sweet's Method of Teaching, Pope on Criticism, Macaulay, Earl of Chatham and Samuel Johnson, Hudson's Tempest, Wordsworth's Excursion. We sell cheap.

HASZARD & MOORE.

Charlottetown, Aug. 19, 1891—wed thu fri sat

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BOYS' CLOTHING.

We have a lot of Boys' Suits, age from 5 to 8 years, which we want to clear out at once, and will sell them at 75 CENTS, \$1.00 AND \$1.50.

Come in and see them, as they will go quickly.

HARRIS & STEWART, LONDON HOUSE.

LOST!

BETWEEN six and nine o'clock last evening (18th inst.), an ENGLISH GOLD PATENT LEVER WATCH, with Chain attached, having the name of the subscriber engraved upon the inside of the cover. If the finder will leave the same at the office of Messrs. Carvell Brothers, he will be suitably rewarded and greatly obliged.

LEWIS CARVELL, Ch'town, Aug. 19, 1891.—21

BOARDS & SCANTLING BY AUCTION.

I WILL sell by Auction, at Connolly's Wharf, on FRIDAY EVENING, Aug. 21st, at 6 o'clock:—

20,000 feet HEMLOCK BOARDS, 15,000 " SCANTLING, 2x4, 2x5, 2x6, 2x7.

R. BEARSTO, Auctioneer.

AGENTS:—"Life of Sir John A. Macdonald," by his nephew, Col. J. P. Macpherson, M. A., B. C., written with the concurrence of the departed Statesman. Earle Publishing House, St. John, N. B., sole publishers. Exclusive territory given each Agent. Baroness Macdonald may be successful from every point of view. Hugh John Macdonald, who has carefully read part of the manuscript, says: "I can honestly congratulate you upon the success of your work." aug13—lm

For St. John's, Newfoundland.



THE S. S. "CORAN" for St. John's, Newfoundland, will be due at Charlottetown on MONDAY MORNING, the 24th inst., and will carry "Cattle and Sheep on deck. For Freight or Passage apply to

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HILLSBOROUGH HOUSE,

KENT STREET, CH'TOWN.

Permanent and Transient Boarders accommodated at reasonable rates.

THIS HOUSE is within easy distance of Churches, Colleges, Schools, Post Office, etc., and will be found convenient for Students and others who desire to be centrally located. MRS. LEDWELL. aug19—dy & wky tf

ALTERATION —AND— Extension Sale!

JAS. PATON & CO.

Find it absolutely necessary, in order to meet the growing requirements of their business to rebuild their Show Rooms on a great extended scale. This will provide improved facilities for displaying Goods, and at the same time minister to the comfort and convenience of the public. It involves, however, the handing over most of their present space to workmen for about One Month, thus compelling them to offer for Immediate Sale their Large and Valuable Stock of DRESS GOODS. To make a Thorough Clearance they have resolved on such Important Reductions as will most certainly effect their purpose; and when it is remembered that the Stock is HIGH-CLASS, FRESH AND FASHIONABLE, and bought on the best terms, it will be apparent that an opportunity such as rarely occurs is presented of securing Bargains of a genuine character. It is impossible to enumerate all the Lots that will be offered, but the following list will give some idea of the Leading Fashionable Lines:

Black Silks of the Best Makes.

Every yard guaranteed. Our regular prices are from 90c to \$3.50 per yard. They consist of the following makes:—Gros Grains, Mascottes, Satin Marvelaux, Bangaline; also the beautiful make known as the Perfection of Silk. The manufacturers guarantee every yard, "that's good." We guarantee them, "that's better." Alteration Sale price of the above goods from 50c to \$2.75. Special Bargains in Black Striped Bengaline Silk, suitable for Dresses, Capes, Mantles, etc. Good value at \$2.75. Will clear this lot at \$1.80. (No goods bought for sale purposes.)

IF YOU ARE GETTING MARRIED, you will find it to your advantage to take this hint:—"Reliable Goods at Lowest Cash Prices" should ever be the motto in purchasing Marriage Outfits. JAMES PATON & CO. will make the supply (at minimum charges) of the various articles of apparel and furnishings required by young housekeepers.

DRESS GOODS.

BLACK DRESS STUFFS, including Standard Cloths, such as French Merinos, Cashmeres, Henriettas and all the latest novelties Merinos—regular prices from 50c to \$2.25, now from 35c to 95c. Cashmeres—regular prices from 35c to \$1.25, now 20c to 85c. Grenadines from 20c to 65c, sale price from 12c to 50c. The latter goods will make up a beautiful Dress for summer wear.

One lot special double-width Black Embroidered Cloth, suitable for Mantles, Capes, etc., regular price 35c to \$1.25; sale price 20c to 85c. Do not miss this lot. A big lot of Single-Width Goods, consisting of Brown, Blue, Garnets, etc., for the annual sum of 8c a yard.

Single-width Goods, all-wool, in Grey, Browns, Blues, Greens, etc. Must be cleared regardless of cost.

Six pieces light shades of Brilliantines, double widths, regular price 40c, clear at 25c.

Stripe Goods in all the latest shades from 8c to 15c.

One lot of double-width Mohair Goods, mottled in Drabs, Greys, Browns, Blues, etc. Our price was 40c per yard, now half price.

Dress Robes! Dress Robes!

About 45 in stock, all new goods, prettier shades in Plains, Spots, etc. Regular price from \$8 to \$16, now for \$4 to \$10.

Extraordinary value in Black Silk Wray Henrietta Cloth. Six pieces left of this beautiful goods, ranging from 85c to \$1.15. (The above goods make a stylish and ladylike Dress.) To clear the above we will make a special reduction on our already low prices—65c per yard.

One lot of Serges in all the different makes, and at surprising prices.

SUNSHADES! SUNSHADES!—25c to \$2.00. Ladies' White and Cream, regular prices from \$ 50 to \$2.90, now for 75c.

Five Hundred Yards BRAIDS for Trimmings, from 40c to 60c. Will clear the lot at 20c per yard.

PRINTS! PRINTS!

The Balance of our Large Stock of Zephyrs, Gingham, Cambrics, Satines, etc., at 15 per cent discount. SILK AND VELVET RIBBONS at low prices to clear.

Ladies' Underclothing.

The whole of our choice stock of this Department is being offered at never-to-be-forgotten prices, and is a rare chance for Ladies to buy the best English Goods of every description. The stock includes Cotton, Woollen, etc. Also, one lot of Ladies' White Silks in endless variety at low prices.

Mantles! Mantles! Mantles!

Capes, Jet Capes, Silk and Lace Dolmans, Silk and Jet Yagnone and other light summer textures in Ladies' Shoulder Capes, Silk Blouses. Also, large selection of new Tennis Blouses in fast colors, in all the latest patterns; regular prices from 60c to \$2.45, clear at 40c to \$1.95.

CARPETS! CARPETS!

We are Headquarters for Carpets on P. E. Island. We have the largest stock and are in a position to offer you extra value at very low prices. Our stock is complete in Wilton, Velvet, Brussels, Tapestry, Squares, Rugs and General Household Furnishings. Do not buy before seeing our stock.

Hundreds of pairs of CURTAINS, including Silks, Muslins, Laces, Art Muslins, etc. Call and see this wonderful stock.

READYMADE CLOTHING?—We have decided to clear out every dollar's worth of Ready-made Clothing before our opening of New Rooms. Call and get a bargain. No Goods given out on approval as long as the Sale continues at Sale price.

JAMES PATON & CO.

Charlottetown, July 24, 1891.