

THE DAILY EXAMINER

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THE BRIDGE CONTRACT.

VERY reluctantly, after a long and stubborn fight with the members of his own Cabinet and others who were interested, Premier Farquharson has been induced to sign the contract with the Dominion Government admitting the construction of a railway bridge over the Hillsborough river and the transfer to Canada, every succeeding year for all time to come, of \$12,000 (perhaps a little less) of the revenue of Prince Edward Island. With the details of this notable agreement we are still in ignorance. We only know, for certain, that the bridge is to be constructed at a point out of the way of ordinary traffic and particularly disadvantageous to the citizens of Charlottetown. It is due to Mr. Farquharson that he recognized this fact. But he was compelled by the logic of his own act, passed last session, and by the insistence of the Dominion authorities, to yield at last, and to consummate the bargain.

A LATE SESSION.

THE meeting of the Legislature of this Province on the 8th of May involves serious loss to the members, or to the Province, or to both. If the public affairs be attended to, the most important private business of our representatives, in the midst of the planting season, must be neglected; if private business be attended to, the public must suffer. There may be a compromise between the two under which the interests of both will be to some extent attended to and to some extent neglected,—and, then, both will suffer.

The season of comparative idleness is just past,—the season in which all thrifty men examine into "The Situation," public and private, and make their arrangements for business in the busy months, beginning with May. Why was the Legislature not called during this season? Only absolute necessity can justify the postponement from winter until spring. If the Government cannot show that such a necessity exists, the calling of the Legislature to meet on the 8th of May is nothing short of an outrage.

NOT SUFFICIENT.

THE GUARDIAN offers as its "one good reason" why we should go to the trouble and expense of enacting and enforcing a Provincial Prohibition Law that, "Such an act would render it illegal to sell liquor in the only part of the Province where liquor can now be legally sold."

A Scott Act election in Charlottetown, which may be brought on this year, may render the sale of liquor illegal in the only part of the Province where it can now be legally sold, and result in prohibition of the sale and manufacture of liquors throughout the whole Province,—all that a Provincial Prohibitory Act could afford!

In view of this fact, it will readily be seen that the Guardian's one reason is not sufficient. Perhaps our discreet contemporary will propound another reason.

POOR PINEAU.

THE latest authentic advices are to the effect that Mr. H. J. Pineau, the lost M. L. A. for West Prince, is in the town of Lynn, Mass. It appears that he travelled with the Hon. Joseph Israel Tarte as far only as Boston. At Boston, Tarte, in some way, gave Pineau the slip; and Pineau was left, with all his pleasant dreams of "a summer in gay Paris," to muse upon the uncertainty of Liberal promises. But the government had to

throw him overboard. Their honest and outraged friends here were protesting against the rascally bargain. It is said that Sir Louis was literally overreined by the letters and protests of those who had been his supporters in West Queen's, while the public opinion of all Canada was strong against the job. So Tarte was literally compelled to give Pineau the slip. The breach of faith with the poor man was, however, a little matter in the eyes of the redoubtable Minister; and we have all learned that ours are promise-breaking governments! In the meantime, while thousands of dollars are being paid for "commissioners" and "sub-commissioners" to the World's Exposition, drawn from other parts of Canada, Prince Edward Island remains unrepresented at the great gathering. Promises to Mr. J. S. Clarke have been broken as readily as promises to Pineau. But won't all this double-dealing be avenged, ere long!

CALEDONIAN CLUB SOCIAL.

An Evening of Mirth, Music and Dancing.

The annual social of the Caledonian Club was held last evening and proved to be one of the most enjoyable affairs of the kind held this season. The social was held in McEachern's building, on Queen Street, and the Club rooms and the rooms of the Ancient Order of Hibernians were thrown open to the members of the Club and their friends, upwards of one hundred in all being present. The rooms were tastefully decorated with flags and bunting, evidences of patriotism being in view everywhere.

The proceedings began with an entertainment in the A. O. H. rooms. President McPhee presided, having on his right Mr. John T. Clarkin, President of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, and on his left Mr. J. A. McLaren, Chief of the Caledonian Club. The programme was as follows: Opening Address.....President McPhee Song.....Miss Florence Earle Pipe Music.....Mr. Peter Ferguson Recitation.....Miss Eoid McLean Song.....Mr. B. McInnis Address.....Mr. John McSwain Song.....Miss Collings Reading.....Professor Watts Song.....Mr. Chas Earle Closing Address.....Mr. D. Small

The various literary and musical numbers on the programme were well rendered, and drew forth hearty applause. President McPhee's address had a special bearing upon the loyalty displayed by the Canadians—especially the Prince Edward Islanders—who went to South Africa to battle for the Empire, and touching references were made to Roland Taylor and Alfred Riggs who had given up their lives for their country. President McPhee also made a feeling reference to Rev. T. F. Fullerton and Lieutenant John A. Macdonald, two members of the Club, who are now among the Canadians at the front. Both of these gentlemen were at the Club social last year and participated in the festivities. Mr. McSwain's address dealt mainly with thistles, and was an interesting and instructive contribution.

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Easter Festival

St. Joseph's Convent

Saturday Evening, April 21st.

- PROGRAMME.**
- 1. Vocal Selection.....St. Cecilia Club
 - 2. Reading.....K McPherson
 - 3. Vocal Solo.....Mrs M Blake
 - 4. Vocal Solo.....Professor Caven
 - 5. Reading.....T. Eggleston
 - 6. Vocal Solo.....Mrs Byrne
 - 7. Vocal Solo.....Geo. Hennessy



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