

The Daily Examiner

SEPTEMBER 1, 1885.

Hon. Mr. Ferguson and his Detractors.

The *Patriot*, edited by the Honorable David Laird, M. P. C., and ex-Governor, has lately been the vehicle for a series of petty slanders on the character of the Honorable Donald Ferguson. These slanders are calculated to injure Mr. Ferguson not as a politician only, but as a farmer and citizen dealing and acting with his fellow-men; and they would be infamous only that they are contemptible. Everyone who has known Mr. Ferguson, as a boy or man, as a farmer or politician, feels and knows that, while there may possibly be an element of truth in some of them, they are essentially and absurdly false. It is to those who do not know Mr. Ferguson that these slanders are directed. His jealous detractors wish to prejudice the minds of the people at large against an able and rising man whom they fear. Why they have chosen this particular time for their unmanly work it is difficult to guess, seeing that an election is not pending. Probably they think that if they can by any means make an impression against Mr. Ferguson now, it will be there when the election comes. But we mistake very much the character of the people of Prince Edward Island if the mean slanders do not rather create an impression favorable to Mr. Ferguson. Fair-minded and honorable men, even those of the Opposition party, must feel disgusted when they see tactics resorted to which are evidently unfair and despicable; and they will be apt to infer that there is very little to be said against the Government when such means have to be taken to detract from the merits of one of its most prominent members. Mr. Ferguson has explained the grounds of the charges in a letter which we publish to-day. His friends will say that he might have saved himself the trouble; but those who do not know him will do well to read the explanation, and be convinced that there is nothing in the facts that is in the slightest degree creditable to him.

Civic Finances.

Now that there is a change of the administration of Civic affairs, it will be well to see what has been received and expended by the Corporation during the eight months of the year that have transpired, and how the City stands financially. The receipts of the current year have been:—

Balance from last year.....	\$ 1,786 89
From Ordinary Revenues.....	6,088 40
From Real Estate Tax, 1884.....	1,111 12
1885.....	14,536 15
From Personal Property Tax, 1885.....	1,543 99
From Poll Tax, 1885.....	631 00
Total.....	\$25,697 45

The Expenditures have been:—

Ordinary Payments.....	\$15,556 30
To pay for Real Estate.....	3,800 00
For City Schools.....	4,800 00
For Accounts of 1884.....	1,200 00
For Debenture Redeemed.....	100 00
Total.....	25,456 30

Balance in the Bank..... \$241 15

The revenues to be still collected will amount to about \$20,000, as follows:—

Balance unpaid from levy on Real Estate (about).....	\$11,000
Balance unpaid from levy on Personal Property.....	2,500
Balance unpaid from Poll tax.....	2,800
Balance of ordinary revenues (est.).....	4,500
Total.....	\$20,800

The remaining expenditures of the year, including \$5,000 for schools, will, it is estimated, amount to about \$16,000. Not a bad showing, after all!

The City Council.

STUNG by the action of the City School Board and the criticisms of THE EXAMINER the recalcitrant members of the City Council decided at last that they had better settle down to business. So they were all present at the meeting of Council held last evening, and the Committees were reorganized. Now that the Council is in working order again, we may hope that civic matters will be attended to, though it is too much to hope that they will be conducted on right principles. That cannot be, while citizens continue to show little or rather no discrimination in the selection of their representatives at the Council Board, and while the Council is too big by half.

The bright sun of to-day and the change of civic administration combine to throw into relief the improvements which have lately been made in our market house. The market house has been shingled and painted outside and inside, a railing divides the broad staircase, and other improvements are apparent. Besides, the whole building is clean. One has not to hold his nose when going through the darkened upstairs passage, nor is he possessed with a feeling of shame when he takes a stranger there to see our market. The Market Committee lately in office are to be credited with this change for the better.

—Exports for August from Queen's and King's Counties comprise:—

LOBSTERS:—		
Foreign.....	\$111,516	
Colonial.....	9,492	\$121,008
EGGS:—		
Foreign, 125,111 doz.....		\$13,315
OATS:—		
Foreign, 85 bush.....	\$37	
Colonial, 7,835 bus.....	\$3,526	\$3,563
FISH:—		
Foreign, 1090.....		\$2,606
Colonial, 1516.....		\$3,995
POTATOES:—		
Foreign.....	\$42	
Colonial.....	19	\$61
STARCH:—		
Foreign.....	\$1,250	
Colonial.....	1,350	\$2,600
MEAT:—		
Colonial.....		\$140
CHEESE:—		
Colonial.....		\$240
MISCELLANEOUS:—		
Foreign.....	\$9,503	
Colonial.....	2,372	\$11,875
Total.....		\$159,403

City Council.

A special meeting of the City Council was held last evening, for the purpose of appointing Committees and transacting other business.

The resignations of the several Committees were accepted, and the following Committees were appointed:—

- Finance Committee—Councillors Morris, Horne, Douse.
- Street Committee—Councillors Curtis, Douse, Davy and Horne.
- Market Committee—Councillors Davy, Douse and Horne.

A communication was read from the Secretary of the City School Board, asking payment of the balance of their estimated expenditure of the school year ending 31st December, 1885, viz: \$1,050, and also the estimated amount of expenditure for six months ending 31st December, 1885, viz: \$5,125, to be paid on or before Friday, 4th September next, otherwise the Board will instruct an attorney to carry out the powers conferred on it by the Public Schools Act, 1877.

The letter was referred to the Finance Committee.

The Mayor suggested that Auditors be appointed to look after the expenditure by the City School Board.

Councillor Horne stated that when the City Auditors were sent to examine the Board's accounts some years ago, they were refused permission to do so.

Councillor Douse moved and Councillor Davy seconded a motion to the effect that the Finance Committee be authorized to contract a loan at the Merchants, or any other bank, for the purpose of paying off the several amounts due by the City.

The disgraceful condition of Spring Park was brought to the notice of the Council by the Mayor, but no action was taken.

Councillor McLean brought to the notice of Council the fact that several pumps were out of repair in the city.

The Mayor stated that the pump contractor was not giving the work any attention.

The Mayor notified the Council that the funeral expenses of the late John Hatch were defrayed by the City.

A request of the City Clerk for a week's holidays was unanimously granted.

The meeting then adjourned until next Monday evening, the 7th inst.

The Cardwell Election.

(Montreal Gazette.)

The particular significance of the vote cannot be determined until the full returns are received, but we incline to the opinion that a light polling has been had, and that Mr. White had practically a walk over the field. The contest was certainly in a family sense a disagreeable one to the friends of the present administration. When the member for Cardwell was selected to fill the vacant portfolio of the Interior, so general an expression of approval of his nomination was made that few persons familiar with the methods of party warfare deemed it probable or even possible that the new minister would be opposed. And they were right in the sense that the Liberals would not venture to challenge public confidence in the Government by insisting upon Mr. White earning his election at the polls. An old-time Conservative, and a gentleman who is said to be of a very estimable character, seemed, however, to consider it his duty to oppose the new minister, while yet professing unabated confidence in the administration of which the latter was a member. The reasons inducing Mr. Allison to present himself as a candidate are unknown to us and looking at it from what appears to be generally acceptable grounds, the inference is irresistible that his mentors were either misguided or enemies veiled with the cloak of friendship. It is not now necessary to delve into this question. The large majority by which Mr. White has been elected tells its own tale. It applies not only unabated confidence in the present Government on the part of the electors of Cardwell, but stands as a warning to those disposed either to abandon their party or raise a narrow sectional issue in the expectation of gaining public place thereby. How much influence the Liberal party may have had in preventing Mr. White's election by acclamation, or in confining his majority to several hundred cannot be determined until the full returns to permit of an analysis of the vote are had. In the meantime, following upon the heels of the East Durham triumph, it is enough to know that the Government has been emphatically sustained in the by-election of yesterday.

The annual meeting of the Ladies' Hospital Aid Society, will be held in the Basement Parlor of the Y. M. C. A., on Thursday, the 3rd September, at 3.30 p. m. Members and all interested in the hospital are requested to attend, a full meeting being particularly wished by the committee.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Sir,—The Hon. David Laird, apparently wincing under fair criticism of his public actions as Governor of the Northwest, has resorted to the mean and cowardly course of attacking my private character. I flatter myself that were I a known these attacks cannot injure me; but when I remember that they will be read by many to whom I am an utter stranger, I deem it necessary to say a few words in explanation.

The first charge is that I purchased animals which were sold without pedigree at the Stock Farm sales, for which I afterwards took prizes at the Provincial Exhibition as thoroughbreds. This refers to a heifer calf I purchased in the fall of 1882. She belonged to what is called the "Gay Lad" strain. This family of Shorthorns are known to stockmen in the Province as pure bred, but are not admissible to the Herd Book on account of a missing link in the registration of the bull "Gay Lad." There being until recently numbers of this strain of cattle on the Stock Farm as well as in the herds of private breeders, they were until last fall allowed to compete in the thoroughbred class at our Provincial Exhibitions. I exhibited my heifer in the fall of 1883, representing her exactly as I bought her, viz: pure bred, but without registration. Others owning animals of the same strain exhibited them and obtained prizes at the same Exhibition, among them I may mention from memory John Dewar, Esq., of Lot 48, and John H. Gates, Esq., of the city.

The next charge is that I purchased cattle at the Stock Farm sales in October and put them back to the Farm to be fed at the public expense. It is hard to properly characterize the meanness and unfairness of this charge. Farmers at these sales often purchase animals without anticipation, and are consequently unprepared to take charge of them on the grounds. In all such cases Mr. Bell is instructed to allow the animals to go back to the Farm with the herd and remain there for a reasonable time, until it suited the purchaser to send for them. I have never enjoyed any privilege in this respect which has not been cheerfully accorded to other purchasers. In the fall of 1883 I purchased two heifers, for which I paid \$121. On the last day of the Exhibition I received a bodily injury, from the effects of which I was confined to my bed for nearly three weeks. Immediately on my recovery I took my heifers home. It never occurred to me that I was gaining anything by leaving them there. They received no feed but what they were able to pick on the fields towards the end of October. Last fall I purchased an Ayrshire cow. Her calf was not ready to wean at the time, and as she had a large flow of milk, I permitted her to go back to the farm for some weeks to suckle her calf.

I am next charged with taking the milk contract for the Lunatic Asylum from the former contractor and giving it to another person. In the eyes of the person who supplied these choice morsels to the *Patriot*, the charge is sufficiently grave to consign me to political perdition. The facts are these: The former contractor, Messrs. Miller and Robertson, offered to supply the milk for 1885 at 16 cents a gallon; Mr. Wellington Curtis tendered at 14 cents a gallon. The difference in the two tenders amounted to about \$70 or \$80 in the year's transaction. The Trustees accepted the lowest tender, but some of the parties interested have been "nursing their wrath" against me ever since. The only other charge which I will notice, is that I have obtained prizes for the product of my dairy, by appointing my "servant" as a judge. Here are the names of the gentlemen who have acted as judges of butter at our exhibitions for the last three years: 1882—Wm. Mutch, Donald McKenzie, James Lewis, Aubrey Fowler, John Quirk. 1883—James Lewis, Wm. Mutch, John Quirk, J. D. McLeod, J. F. Jenkins. 1884—Wm. Mutch, Wm. Dennis, Herman McDonald, D. McKenzie. Not one of them is now or ever has been a servant of mine. I hazard the assertion that every man of them is as independent and honest as the Honorable (J) David Laird. It has also been stated in the *Patriot* that I interfered with the judges last autumn while in the discharge of their duties. The charge is false; I left the exhibition grounds and building before the judges entered on the examination of the tub butter, and did not return again until the awards were in the hands of the secretary.

Allusion is also made to the test of butter in Mr. Connolly's warehouse for long-keeping qualities, in which butter from my dairy did not take a prize. It is a new doctrine that it is a crime or even a disgrace to fail to take a prize in a public competition. The only point, however, determined by the test referred to, was that earthenware is better suited than wooden packages for the preservation of butter. The three samples packed in earthenware came out in good condition and took prizes, while those packed in wood had, in a greater or less degree, contracted a taste from the material in the tub. I am, Yours, etc., D. FERGUSON. East River, Sept. 1, 1885.

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This is a Genuine Reduction, in order to make room for fall goods.

FOR CASH ONLY.

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September 1—tu fri tf

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Ch'town, Aug. 17, 1885.

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Ch'town, August 10—dy wky

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July 22nd, 1885—6mos

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We want to keep all the money we can on the Island, so we are bound to give better value in our make than can be had in any imported Boot. Therefore, buy from us.

Ch'town, March 25, 1885.

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St. Aloysius' School.

THE Sisters of the Convent de Notre Dame beg to announce to Parents and Guardians that they purpose opening, SEPTEMBER 1st, a Day-school for boys under the age of ten years. The immediate supervision of the School will be under the Sisters, and the task of instructing shall be assigned to an efficient Teacher, holding a second-class license. For Terms apply to the

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August 24, 1885—1st wk 2d next

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GREEN'S FACTORY

Common Single Backs, 45 cents
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Bow, Double Rungs, \$1.00.
Oak Back Dining, \$1.00.
Rocking Chairs, in Arm and Nurse.

Great George Street,

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THOMAS GREEN.

Ch'town, Aug. 26—1mo pat

CONVENT DE NOTRE DAME,

CHARLOTTETOWN.

THE classes of this Institution will be re-opened TUESDAY, the first of September. Pupils failing to have their names registered that day shall forfeit the right of competition for medals or extra prizes.
August 19—tl sept 1

MOLASSES.

THE Subscriber offers for sale to the trade 500 Puncheons Choice Barbadoes Molasses, Cheap for Cash or Approved Paper.

OWEN CONNOLLY.

Ch'town, Aug. 28—4wks tue & fri

A. H. B. MACGOWAN,

Auctioneer, Commission Merchant and General Agent.

HAS removed to premises of William D. dd, Esq., who has retired from business. In addition to the line of Commission and General Agency heretofore done by him, he is prepared to conduct Auction Sales of Real Estate, Bank and other Stocks, Household Furniture, Horses, Carriages, Fruit, General Merchandise, &c., at rooms or elsewhere to suit customers.
Ch'town, Aug. 27—1mo tu th sat wky

POLITICAL MEETING

—IN THE—

MARKET HALL.

A POLITICAL MEETING, under the auspices of the Reform Association, will be held in the Market Hall on

Wednesday, 2nd September,

AT 8 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Representatives of the County are respectfully invited to attend.

A. B. WARBURTON.
Aug. 29—td

The North Atlantic Steamship Co.



FOR LIVERPOOL

THE STEAMSHIP

"Nellie Wise,"

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ON OR ABOUT THE

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and will take Lobsters, Live Stock, and other Freight at lowest rates.

FENTON T. NEWBERY, Agent.

Sept 1st, 1885.

COAL.

BY Auction, WEDNESDAY, September 2nd, at 11 o'clock, on Queen's Wharf:—

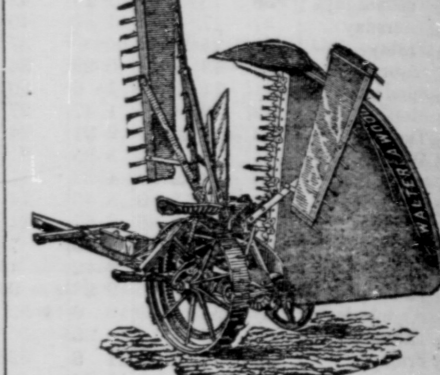
100 Tons ROUND COAL, Ex Schr. British Eagle, from Ontario Mines, Glace Bay. Good Coal for House use.

A. McNEILL, Auctioneer.

Ch'town, Sept. 1, 1885.

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These Reapers have five rakes instead of four, and our experience with the five-rake Reaper for the past five harvests, in all kinds of grain—light and heavy, long and short, standing and lodged,—has satisfied the farmers that it is a very great improvement over the four-rake Harvester.

Farmers in want of a good American Harvester will find it to their advantage to call and examine for themselves.

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August 14, '85—wky 4t

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Wednesday, the 2nd Day of

September next (1885),

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That beautifully situated House and Property situate at Spring Park, Malpeque Road, adjoining the Woollen Factory, having a front of 45 feet on the Malpeque Road, and extending back 92 feet 8 inches, at present occupied by Mr. R. H. Crawford.

The house is almost new, contains nine rooms, is well finished throughout and has a good brick foundation.

A portion of the purchase money will be required in Cash, and the balance may remain on Mortgage.

Possession can be given on the 1st October next.

W. W. LORD.
August 31—tl sale

Garden Party.

THE Ladies' Aid Society of St. James' Church will hold a Garden Party at NEWLANDS, the beautiful grounds of Malcolm McLeod, Esq., on

Thursday, 3rd September.

Admission to the Grounds, 10 cents; Children under twelve, accompanied by Guardian, half-price.

Refreshments, Games and other Amusements will be provided.

Tickets for sale at W. R. Watson's and C. D. Rankin's Drug Stores.

Gates open at 3 o'clock, p. m.

All contributions to the above will be received at the Manse.

August 31, 1885.

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Aug. 29th—3t



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