

Correspondence.

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The Steam Dredge.

AN OFFICIAL WHO DRAWS A SALARY AND DOES NOTHING.

To the Editor of the Examiner:

SIR,—We are informed by the *Patriot* that the steam dredge is doing good work at Rocky Point, and what is of still more importance, that the Hon. W. D. Stewart and his irrepressible engineer the Hon. J. F. Robertson, and several others high up in political circles, took the trouble a few days ago to inspect the work done by this machine. There can be little doubt that the inspection was thorough in every particular; that the Hon. W. D. Stewart would not leave without having tested the quality of the work, the depth of mud taken up, and critically examined the machinery. After this posse of inspectors had returned, the *Patriot* reporter interviewed the chief man of the Committee; and can it be wondered if, out of the learned and exhaustive report, the poor reporter could only comprehend enough to make up a paragraph. While it may be admitted that these important gentlemen were our inspectors and saw everything all right; to a person not up in political freemasonry, there appears something not as it should be. In the Provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick there are several Dominion dredges—worked pretty much on the same principle as the one at Rocky Point. In every one of these there is a crane-man who, besides attending to the crane, superintends the work, and has charge of the dredge. Our dredge has also a man who attends the crane, an engineer, and ten or twelve deck hands—all necessary no doubt. But above all them is another official called "Captain," who seldom leaves Charlottetown. This person receives a salary of \$80 per month all the year round. But what that gentleman does for his salary is a problem impossible to solve. We can easily understand the duties of Captain of a ship, but to be Captain of a dredge requires no knowledge of navigation nor even of nautical terms. In the other Provinces the "crane-man" has command; and when on the Island the Chief Engineer, Mr. Perley, said that he could not understand why our dredge could not be managed as cheaply as those in the other Provinces. In law a man who has no title, trade or profession is generally styled "gentleman," and perhaps on the same principle a Government official who draws a salary and does nothing for it is called "Captain." No fault can be found with Mr. Williams himself, who is generally believed to be a decent kind of a person; for no person, even though drawing a salary, can be blamed for doing nothing when there is nothing for him to do. But our Government know that they are paying \$1,000 a year of the people's money to a political favorite, merely because he had, at one time, been of service to the party. Of course it is only a thousand dollars a year of the people's money spent for nothing, and merely goes to show the real nature of the Government's pretensions of keeping down those taxes which they claim would be raised by a proper adjustment of the tariff.

Yours, &c., RAMBLER.

Lot 65, May 23, 1878.

NEWS ITEMS.

Kate Field has been engaged upon the staff of the *London Times*.

The Shah of Persia leaves St. Petersburg for Warsaw, and goes thence to Berlin.

Dr. G. W. Major, of Montreal, who acted as a surgeon in Turkey during the late war, arrived home a few days ago in good health.

The Crown Prince and Princess of Germany visited the Empress Eugenie and the French Prince Imperial at Chisshurst recently.

A special to the *New York Herald* from St. Petersburg says Prince Gortschakoff's relapse continues. Grave fears for his life exist.

Mr. James Gordon Bennett named his first yacht—which, at the breaking out of the war he gave to the Federal Government—the *Henrietta*, for his mother. He has named his latest Arctic yacht for his sister, the *Jeannette*.

His Excellency the Governor-General will leave Ottawa next week on a fishing expedition to the lower St. Lawrence, but it is understood will return to Ottawa before taking his final departure, which will likely be in September.

A scene occurred in the Spanish Cortes on Saturday during a debate on the outbreak in Barcelona, and the President summarily terminated the sitting before the Opposition members had been heard. The latter declared they would not take their seats unless the discussion was resumed. Yesterday the President explained his conduct and the debate was continued. The trouble in Barcelona arose out of an attempt of the municipal authorities to compel the people to use gas in order that a tax on it might be collected.

A letter from Paris to a *New York paper* gives a long interview with General Grant, in which he denies the statement in the *North American Review* by General Richard Taylor, that he (General Grant) had fought his campaign in Virginia against his own judgment, and had thrown away the lives of a hundred thousand men; also, the article in the *Atlantic Monthly*, in which Gideon Wells arraigned General Grant upon the authority of General Taylor for having insulted President Lincoln's memory by attempting to throw upon him his own fault in the Wilderness and other campaigns.

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- 2nd. A LEASEHOLD FARM (wood land, no improvements) of about Two Hundred and Four acres, on Lot 46.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Subscriber, Administrator *cum testamento annexo de bonis non* of the estate of the late Emanuel McEachern, of Lot Number Forty-seven, deceased, will sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, on WEDNESDAY, the TWELFTH DAY OF JUNE NEXT (A. D. 1878), at the hour of Twelve o'clock, noon, on the premises, in Souris, aforesaid, by virtue of a license therefor granted by the Honorable Charles Young, LL.D., Surrogate and Judge of Probate of this Island, dated the Twenty-fourth day of October, in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-seven:

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