

THE DAILY EXAMINER. NOVEMBER 22, 1881.

Savings Banks.

SOME time ago, THE EXAMINER suggested the establishment of Savings Banks in Prince and Kings Counties. We now renew the suggestion, and respectfully direct the attention of the Dominion Government to it.

We are persuaded that the establishment of savings bank within reach of all would promote habits of thrift, and be regarded as a real accommodation.

We note that in Nova Scotia there are twenty-six savings banks, and in New Brunswick quite a large number.

Agricultural Depression in England.

JOHN BRITGER in a recent speech said that unless measures are taken to stimulate production by putting increased capital and skill into the soil, there is no remedy whatever for agricultural distress in England but a great and permanent reduction of rent.

Mr. James Caird, addressing the Statistical Society, of which he is president, recently said that in the ten years ending in 1881, 828,000 acres of grain land and 228,000 acres of green crop land in Great Britain had been converted into permanent pasture, and that the annual return of £8,000,000 formerly derived from these crops had thereby disappeared.

The Working of the "Land Bill."

THE decisions of the Commissioners of the Irish Land Court continue to be favorable to the tenants; and leading friends of the tenants express satisfaction with the working of the Land Bill.

"A gentleman who may be fairly taken to represent them, declared to me that the landlords are not afraid of the courts, that they have dealt fairly with their tenants, and that there are no persons more anxious than they are to see an end put to rack-rents.

Railway Work in the West

A correspondent in the Northwest writes: The autumn of this year has been very favourable for railroad work, and the graders have completed about 350 miles in the province—a most astonishing record.

We gather from a short article in Saturday's EXAMINER that the Dominion Government intend to make the project of a railway to the Capes an excuse for not providing the Island efficient steam communication with the Mainland when the contract with the present Steam Navigation Company expires.

ALL kinds of toys and fancy goods suitable for Christmas presents at Lewis'. [no 22 31 end

City Council.

A SPECIAL MEETING of the City Council was held last evening. Present—Mayor, Recorder, Councillors Murphy, Chappelle, Davy, Lawson, McLean, Smith, Byrne, Morris.

The Ladies of the Baptist Church were granted the use of Market Hall for holding their Bazaar at the rate of \$4 per night.

Councillor Henry B. Smith was elected City Surveyor at a salary of \$450 per year, his engagement to date from the 31st March last.

Councillor McLean was appointed to fill the vacancy on the Street Committee, and Councillor Chappelle was unanimously elected Chairman.

The Fife and Drum Band were allowed the occupancy of the room in Bell Tower, free of charge, for practice.

Councillor Chappelle called attention to the neglected state of Spring Park, and urged its cleansing.

Mr. James Lewis was appointed Inspector of Bread instead of Arthur O'Neill, at a salary of \$40 per annum.

Land League Meeting.

The Charlottetown Branch of the Irish National Land League held its regular meeting in Farquharson's Hall, last evening, at eight o'clock. M. P. Hogan, Esq., President, occupied the chair.

The Corresponding Secretary read communications from Hon. P. A. Collins, Rev. Lawrence Walsh, and Thomas Flatley, Esq., the President, Treasurer and Secretary, respectively, of the Irish National Land League of the United States.

The Executive Committee reported that they had forwarded the sum of fifty dollars (\$50) to the Irish National Land League, through Rev. Lawrence Walsh, Treasurer of the organization in the United States, and also the necessary papers to become affiliated with that body.

The President announced that future meetings of the League would be held in St. Patrick's Hall, as the present place of meeting was too small for our increasing numbers.

After addresses from several gentlemen, expressing much satisfaction with the progress already attained by the League, the meeting adjourned.

RICHARD WALSH, Secretary. Ch'town, Nov. 22, 1881.

Montague Bridge Items.

Professor John T. Mellish, of Halifax, favoured the Rev. J. Berrie by occupying his pulpit at Union Road, Lot 51, on Sunday morning, the 13th inst. He delivered an instructive and impressive sermon. On Monday evening the Professor gave the people of that district a great treat by lecturing on "My Travels in Scotland."

Donald, son of William McLeod, of France (head of Montague River) returning from Montague Bridge a few evenings ago, met with a serious accident. The horse took fright, ran away, threw young McLeod from the truck and broke his leg. Hurrah for Carney!

A lively snow storm here yesterday and frost last night. There is good sleighing this morning around the Bridge, but it is rough out in the country.

Montague Bridge, Nov. 21, '81.

The "Solway" Tragedy.

SIX PERSONS BURNED TO DEATH, MANY INJURED AND OTHERS MISSING.

The explosion on the steamer "Severn," as at first reported, which was towed into Kingstown Harbor on the night of the 17th, was not caused by dynamite, but by the bursting of a barrel of naphtha oil, which ran along the deck and caught fire at the stove in the steerage. Six persons were enveloped in the flames and burned to ashes—five soldiers and one passenger. Five other persons left the steamer in a small boat and have not been seen or heard of since.

The disaster occurred at six o'clock Thursday morning, twenty miles off Irish coast, and all day long the steamer lay at the mercy of the waves in a terrible storm, the crew and remaining passengers fighting the flames which continued to rage in the steerage. Between five and six o'clock Thursday afternoon a pilot boat, attracted by the signals of distress, put off from the shore to the assistance of the imperilled steamer. The pilot went on board and the sorely pressed vessel was steered for Kingstown harbor. A ship fell in with the steamer about the same time and remained near her until she reached the harbor, fearing lest the fire might reach the untouched portion of her cargo.

Later advices say two more deaths have resulted from the explosion on the steamer. There were thirty-three passengers in all on board. The cargo of the vessel consisted of spirits and oil. These igniting caused the fire to spread rapidly. Six passengers were covered with burning liquid and perished immediately. Their shrieks were awful but assistance was impossible, the deck being well on fire. The fire was got under control by means of the donkey engine.

President Arthur has deserved well of the Republic in the matter of patronage. Being pressed to remove certain postmasters, on the ground that they were not Grant Republicans, he refused, saying that his personal relations to General Grant were one thing, and his duty to the entire Republican party quite another.

CORRESPONDENCE.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions or statements of our correspondents.

By what Authority does he These Things?

LETTER FROM MR. MURDOCH.

To the Editor of the Examiner.

SIR,—I do not know how "Carson," who writes in your paper of the 4th, has got into such a mess, nor why, when he took upon him to write at all, he did not try to give information instead of multiplying blunders, and making the mess he was in so much worse. If he had been intelligent enough to do what he professed to desire to do—to correct errors and impart knowledge—he would have told your readers that neither Blackie nor Murdoch ever said what, by some mistake, a reporter seems to have said of us. I quoted Professor Blackie as having said that there was more wit and wisdom in the Teachdair Gaidhealach and Cuairtear nan Gleann than in all Greek literature. I do not know how the mistake of placing Rob Donn's one song in the place of the above volumes; neither do I know how it comes that "Carson" did not make the simple correction, instead of making misstatements of his own. The blunder by which Rob Donn got the credit due to Norman and John McLeod and others is not enough, "Carson" must mix Lachlan McLean up in such a manner with me as to make me responsible for the saying that Gaelic was spoken in Paradise, and that Eden was in the Island of Mull. Does this make things better? What was the object of bringing these things in? Clearly not to enlighten the public? What, then? To prepare the way for a sneak, who does not even give his own name, to call in question the authority of a man who comes forward in person to face the public openly with what he has to say. And pray in whose interest is all this resorted to? Who commissioned "Carson" to act as "devil's advocate" in the case? A person is to be sat upon as having no authority when he speaks on behalf of the poor, but any sneak has authority to attack him. There has been a good deal said about "cold blooded shooting from behind a hedge." What is this sort of thing to be called? When Ahab the king of Israel was to be helped to get possession of Naboth's vineyard, it was quite legitimate to get up sons of Babel to bear false witness against the poor man, and it appears that the brood is still forthcoming to do the dirty work for British landlords.

And what a thing it was for a man to speak without authority! Poor, weak P. E. Islanders were not fit to judge for themselves! Before they listen to a man, they must see his authority to speak. And if I had produced authority, what then? I venture to say that that would have been every bit as objectionable. It was not the want of authority that was the matter; it was that I said things which entered the souls of flunkies like daggers, and they must have their ding at me. Let me tell "Carson" and others a simple story:—I had a few weeks to spare. I was anxious to have personal knowledge of the land revolution which took place in P. E. I. I wanted to come in contact with the people. I wanted subscribers for The Highlander. I wanted when I went home to be able to tell the people as much as I could about their friends in Canada. I wanted to tell these as much as I could about their brethren in the Old Country; and I wanted to do all these things in a way which would be for the good of all concerned. So I spoke of things in such a way as to stimulate people to feel for the suffering and to take such action as would enlarge their own souls, be a credit to the stock to which they belonged, and help on the work of God on earth.

I am thankful to say that, as in the case of the Great Master, "the common people listened gladly," although I may have hurt the feelings of some uncommon persons who have not the courage to come into the light. And will you kindly allow me to thank the people of your interesting Island for the courtesy and the hospitality which they showed me, wherever and whenever it was in their power to do so? I hope those who heard me will feel themselves the better of having their thoughts raised in the direction of the luxury of doing good; and that your whole people, now that they have themselves got rid of landlordism, will establish their little community in those righteous principles, which can only be realized by working for the good of their fellowmen. They have a great privilege in that they are freeholders, but that only places them where they can grasp the still greater privilege of not living on bread alone, of not living unto themselves alone, but of living on the wisdom and love of God, while laboring for the good of their fellowmen.

I am, etc., J. MURDOCH.

P. S.—I beg to thank you for giving that extract—"What is this?"—from the Halifax Chronicle. I have not thought it worth while to enter into a refutation of statements which are self-contradictory. I will advocate and defend principles which stand upon eternal laws. As for what may be said against myself, I take it as so much evidence that I am trying to do God's work for the poor.

AQUATIC—Edward Trickett lately received an offer from Wallace Ross to row for \$1,000 a side on the Kennebecasis. In answer Trickett says he would very much like to row the New Brunswick on neutral waters, but at present any idea of a race was a little beyond him.

CHRISTMAS! CHRISTMAS! If you want cheap cards go to Lewis'. [Nov 22 21 end

Two passengers, a gentleman and lady, who recently left St. John by the International railway tickets in Boston for their destination, at a cost of \$18. On arriving at Pittsburg the tickets were refused, on the ground that they had expired, the train having been one hour late on reaching that city, a thing over which, it is needless to say the passengers had no control. Their remonstrances were of no value. The parties had to purchase new tickets at a cost of \$12. A rebate on the tickets was advertised, but the travellers were unable to obtain. They were particularly ill used, and we mention the fact in order that, if possible, other travellers may be put on their guard, and also that, if possible, some explanation may be had of this cool swindle.—Telegraph.

THIS IS A GRAND TIME TO PURCHASE ALL KINDS OF GOODS FOR THE SEASON, —AT THE—

LONDON HOUSE, as we are offering special inducements to CASH BUYERS, and can meet the wants and means of all in Town and Country.

WE HAVE AN IMMENSE STOCK OF DRESS GOODS, Special Values, at 9, 10, 12, 16, 20 and 25 cents per yard.

BLACK & MOURNING GOODS, ALL PRICES.

A large lot of Ladies' Felt, Cloth and Knitted Skirts, from 50 cts. up. Ladies' Sacques and Fur Lined Circulars. A lot of Colored Table Cloths, many of them at Half Price, to clear. Wool Tweeds for Men's and Boy's wear, at 50 cents per yard, up. Manle and Ulster Cloths, double width, 50 cts. per yd. up. Grey Union Flannels for 16 cents, up.

A LARGE STOCK OF Ladies' Wool Squares.

Bales of Buffalo and Wolf Robes. Coon and Buffalo Coats. Waterproof Tweed and Rubber Coats, JUST OPENED.

A VERY LARGE STOCK OF OVERCOATS & ULSTERS, \$5.00 UP.

Reefing Jackets, \$3 up. A GOOD LINE OF BOYS' CLOTHING, SUITS FROM \$1.50 UP.

Boys' Ulsters and Storm Coats. Men's Wincey and Flannel Shirts 50 cents up.

Men's Woolen UNDERCLOTHING and CARDIGAN JACKETS. A Good Selection of Ladies' and Men's Fur Caps.

A VALUABLE STOCK OF BLANKETS, IN WHITE AND GREY. BATCHELORS' QUILTS, \$1.10 UP.

HORSE RUGS, \$1.25 UP. Excellent Value in Grey and White Cottons, Tickings, and all Staple Goods.

A FULL LINE OF GROCERIES. Superior Teas, in Chests, Half-chests and Boxes.

Our House has long been popular for the quality of its Goods and the Cheap rate at which it has supplied its customers, and with greatly increased facilities for trade, we intend that its reputation in this respect shall be fully sustained in time to come.

GEO. DAVIES & CO. Charlottetown, Nov. 21, 1881.

LUMBER! AT AUCTION.

I AM instructed by Wm. MURRAY, to sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, on Wednesday, 30th November, AT 11 O'CLOCK, A. M., on his premises, at South Wiltshire, Lot 21, opposite Thomas Auld's gate, 20 acres of excellent Hard and Soft Wood, in lots to suit purchasers. Terms easy and made known at sale. GEORGE CLOW, Auctioneer. Nov. 22, '81—61, wkly 11

Notice to Contractors.

SEALED TENDERS, addressed to the undersigned and endorsed "Tender for Quaco Works" will be received until Thursday, the 8th December next inclusively, for the construction of a Breakwater, on the western side of Quaco Harbor, Saint John County, N. B., according to a plan and specification to be seen at the office of the Department, at Saint John County, N. B., according to a plan and specification to be seen at the office of the Department, at St. John, N. B., where printed forms of tender can be obtained.

Persons tendering are notified that tenders will not be considered unless made on the printed forms supplied, the blanks properly filled in, and signed with their actual signatures. Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted bank cheque, made payable to the order of the Honorable the Minister of Public Works, equal to five per cent. of the amount of the tender, which will be forfeited if the party declines to enter into a contract when called upon to do so, or if he fails to complete the work contracted for, if the tender is not accepted, the cheque will be returned.

The Department does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender. By order, F. H. ENNIS, Secretary. Department of Public Works, Ottawa, Nov. 19, 1881. [no 22 61

BREMNER BRO'S

Have just opened their winter supply of

ELEGANT GIFT BOOKS.

Juvenile Books

From 12 cents to \$1.50 each.

TOY BOOKS—An Immense Assortment

making in all the best variety of Christmas Books they have yet imported.

They would call special attention to their Books suitable for Sunday School Libraries, of which they have an immense variety. A very liberal discount to Sunday Schools, &c.

BREMNER BROS., 44 and 46 Queen St. Nov. 21, '81—61 wkly 11, pat

WANTED.

A STEADY PRINTER, having experience as a foreman. Apply at once, stating wages, at the ADVERTISER OFFICE, Nov. 21, '81—11 pat Georgetown.

Farm for Sale.

TWO HUNDRED ACRES OF FREEHOLD LAND, part of the estate of the late Dr. Cahill, situated at Strathalbyn, Lot 67, are offered for sale. Ninety acres are under cultivation, and the remainder of the land is covered with hard and soft wood. This Farm is conveniently situated, being near Churches, Schools, Mills, &c. It is well watered, and there is a good Dwelling House on the premises.

Terms—One-third of the purchase money to be paid at the time of sale, the balance may remain secured by mortgage on the premises for a number of years at six per cent. interest.

Apply to Rev. Jas. E. McDonald, or Mr. Francis Bradley, Kelly's Cross, Lot 29, or in Charlottetown, to SULLIVAN & MORSON. Nov. 21, 1881—31, wkly 11

SANTA CLAUS!

THE Ladies of the Aid Society of the Methodist Brick Church purpose holding

A TEA

—IN THE— MARKET HALL, —ON—

Wednesday, Dec. 14th. There will also be a

CHRISTMAS TREE,

and the veritable Santa Claus will give the gifts. Nov. 19, '81.

BEDEQUE MAILS

WILL leave the Livery Stable of the undersigned, on Queen Square, every TUESDAY, THURSDAY and SATURDAY MORNINGS, at 7 o'clock, returning to this City every MONDAY, WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY, at 2 o'clock, p. m. Passengers for Bed-que or intermediate points will register their names at the Livery Stable the evening previous. All parcels must be prepaid. SAMUEL T. STUMBLES. Nov. 19, '81—17