

THE DAILY EXAMINER.

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CHRISTMAS.

The temple of Janus is closed. There is no war in the world. While we celebrate the feast of the Prince of Peace, peace prevails among the nations.

But neither nations nor men can yet be said to live fully inspired by the spirit of peace. There exist too many men under arms and thirsting for battle, too many infernal engines and munitions, too much contention, chaffering, backbiting, slandering and bitterness; the danger of war in the near future is too apparent, the existence of feelings the reverse of loving and peaceful is too real;—we cannot shut our eyes to the fact that the principles of the Prince of Peace have not yet been half learned, are not yet half appreciated.

In our own country, peace is accompanied by prosperity and progress. Over all a wide extent of Canada the people are thriving and hopeful. There are, of course, some individual cases of poverty and suffering to call into activity the generous impulses of the many who are in more fortunate circumstances. But we have great cause for thankfulness and may well be merry at this glad Christmas time.

A HAPPY, HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL.

—The Monetary Times says:—"Some 120,000 pounds of potato starch was entered at the Eastport, Maine, custom house last week, from Prince Edward Island, and the amount of duty paid there was \$2,400. Why should not our P. E. Island friends complete the manufacture of the starch instead of sending it to the United States to be worked up? There is a large market in Britain for this article."

—The officers of the law who have succeeded in again breaking up the illicit whiskey still near Souris, are to be commended for their energy and activity. We wish them a merry Christmas after their good stroke of business, and hope they will catch the distiller next time.

—The harbors and rivers of this Province are still open on this Christmas eve, 1887.

Meeting at Montague Bridge.

The adjourned meeting under the auspices of the Three Rivers Dairymen's Association was held in the Hall at Montague Bridge on Wednesday, the 21st inst., but was not very numerously attended.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Geo. F. Owen, Esq., who briefly explained the object of the Three Rivers Dairymen's Association, and gave a short account of the work it had accomplished. He announced that the first subject to be discussed was the question of Commercial Union. If time permitted the advisability of establishing a Cheese Factory would afterwards be considered.

Dr. Robertson was sorry to see so small a meeting, as he was anxious to hear the opinions of the farmers on the question of Commercial Union, for no doubt it would be one of the principal subjects discussed in Parliament in Ottawa this winter. He was a free trader himself, and believed in that policy. He thought the people of this Island were unanimously in favor of a Reciprocity Treaty with the United States, such as we had from 1854 to 1860. The only question was whether it would be advisable to agree to a "Commercial Union," if a Reciprocity Treaty on the broadest possible basis could not be obtained. After showing the advantages that would accrue to this Island from greater freedom in the interchange of commodities between this Island and the United States, he suggested that it would be advisable to postpone the meeting until another night, when possibly a greater number would be present.

John G. Scrimgeour, Esq., M. L. C., was strongly in favor of Commercial Union, and forcibly showed the benefits that would follow its adoption. He said that although many officials would lose their positions on the boundary line between Canada and the United States if this Union was effected, yet the people generally would be in pocket by having these custom houses swept away.

James D. Dewar, Esq., submitted the following resolution, which was seconded by W. C. White, Esq.

Resolved, That in the opinion of this meeting, convened under the auspices of the Dairymen's Association of Three Rivers (King's County), a removal of all restrictions on Trade between the Dominion of Canada and the United States is most desirable, either by Reciprocity Treaty or Commercial Union.

After some remarks from Mr. Dewar, in support of the resolution on motion, it was resolved that the debate be adjourned until the second Tuesday in January, when the Association will hold a meeting at the Schoolhouse in New Perth at 7 o'clock p. m., to which the general public are invited. The meeting then adjourned.

Montague, Dec. 21, 1887.

THE BOSTON BANQUET.—The Boston Traveler gives a complete list of the Canadians who are to be present at the Merchants' Association banquet, in Boston, on Wednesday next, to discuss Commercial Union. It appears from this list that the Dominion is to be represented by Hon. J. W. Longley, attorney-general of Nova Scotia; Hon. A. G. Blair, attorney-general of New Brunswick; Hon. Peter Mitchell, Montreal; W. Mulock, M. P., vice-chancellor of Toronto University; John Macdonald, merchant, Toronto; Mr. D. B. Dick, Toronto; Dr. O'Reilly, Toronto; Hon. Justice Patterson, Toronto; Mr. Andrew Robertson, Montreal; Hon. L. H. Davies, M. P., Charlottetown; E. L. Mr. J. B. Snowball, merchant and ex-M. P., Charlottetown, N. B.; Mr. L. E. Baker, President Yarmouth Steamship Company. Several other prominent politicians and business men were also invited to attend, but the oldest were absent.

Christmas Musings.

(Rev. W. Harrison, in The Wesleyan.)

Nineteen hundred years ago, the world in nearly all its manifold relations and conditions was pagan from its loftiest pinnacle to its lowest foundation stone.

All the crowns and thrones were in unchristian and idolatrous hands. In the splendid palaces and temples of that distant day—in the song, art, literature, eloquence and countless dwellings of that congenial world—heathenism formed a congenial abode, and sprang itself and flourished in every province and clime where man had fixed his habitation and his home.

The god and commerce, the intellect and science, the heart, life, and ever-expanding history of the race—in fact the vast globe of human affairs—were controlled by forces and ideas which were pagan from first to last. Even Palestine, that land of a thousand sacred memories, had through the presence and influence of Rome's dominion, become permeated by ideas and practices which marked the outside heathen world. The powers which dominated and ruled mankind were of the most selfish, barbaric and degrading type. The whole moral and social life of that period sloped downward, and the universal tendency of the race was to ruin and desolation. So dark that men shrunk back as from the sight of some awful precipice, or some horrid and frightful dream. Never had the despair of men been so openly avowed and the cries of anguish arising from this bewildering chaos of doubt, the moral helplessness of men, and the social wreck and ruin everywhere apparent, were indeed distressing. The crime, corruption, unblushing indecency, and gross immoralities of that period are recognized and confirmed in the strongest manner by the various authorities who have made the construction and characteristics of the first century a special study.

With the palaces and temples, the capitals and thrones stained and gory with the blood of the murdered and the slain; with emperors and rulers gorged and brutalized, and capable of the most infamous deeds; with the proud mistress of the world acting as the corrupter of the provinces and peoples that owned her dominion and power; with the face of that first "imperial century," bruised and marred by her sins and sorrows; with the black and hideous catalogue of crowning crimes and horrors; within the swoop of that debased and wicked pagan supremacy, which held all the thrones and dynasties of earth within her terrible grasp, and mankind surrounded by that "ring" of animism, outrage, abominations, social rottenness, moral death, and a vast and hopeless despair, the prospect of a religion of purity, truth and love was poor, poor indeed!

Nothing but a faith supernatural in its origin and invested with the divinest and sublimest possibilities, would attempt to gain a foot-hold and supremacy in such a world, with the bold and magnificent design to unseat the vast heathen power, which had won a mastery and dominion wide as the race itself. It was then, however, that Christianity appeared, and for awhile it seemed left to contend with an enraged, corrupt and maddened world.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Ferry Landing.

Sir,—We notice a letter signed "South Side," complaining about openings in the railing of Prince Street Ferry Wharf, and asking if the City or Government are responsible, and who is going to bring the matter up before the grand Jury. We think he has good grounds for complaint. The idea that in the interests of any persons, place or thing, such openings are to be made in such a public highway, thereby endangering the lives of all who cross the ferry. Just see what would happen a person feeling his way along the wharf and supported by the rail, coming to the opening in the side. Why, the person falls if he cannot walk unaided, and where does he fall, Mr. Editor? Right on the railway siding, and the chances are he will lie there until the mill train will be starting out of the mill loaded. I would suggest that cattle guards be placed in the opening at once to prevent accidents.

NORTH SIDE.

He Deserved a Banquet.

The other day in Charlottetown a public banquet was given to a teacher. The dinner was given by former students of Prince of Wales College, and the guest of the evening was Principal Anderson of that institution. Professor Anderson has delivered a few lectures outside his Province, has done some literary work, and is now one of the editors of the Educational Review. But his life work has been given to the cause of education in Prince Edward Island. He has completed a quarter of a century of service as Principal of the College at Charlottetown, and it is not wrong to speak of that college as his workmanship. Many men who have made for themselves a wider reputation than Mr. Anderson is likely to gain, gratefully acknowledge their indebtedness to him. Dr. Schurman, the young professor of philosophy at Cornell, whom enthusiastic students of metaphysics place in the first rank of American schoolmen, and who has sat at the feet of the great lecturers in two continents, says that his old Charlottetown professor, rather than any of these, is his ideal teacher. Like sentiments were expressed in the speeches of several eminent public men who attended the banquet. It is not remarkable that a man of whom such things can be said, and who has done his province so much service should be thus honored. When one comes to think of it, the wonder is that such things do not often occur. Here is a man whose services to the Province exceed that of any half dozen statesmen that ever lived in it, who has labored on a small salary while his pupils have gone out into the world, some to become famous, some to become rich, many to attain positions of honor and trust. Until now it has not occurred to any person to look upon this teacher as a fit subject for the honorable notice so freely bestowed upon politicians who talk. It may be that we are coming upon a time when the true benefactors in the land will be sought out and given assurance of public approval.—St. John Sun.

The balance of our Xmas goods will be offered this evening at large reductions.—Four P.M.

Gadara.

By Gadara, a lonely Shape did dwell— By Gadara, and in the place of Death! Who durst go there, stole by with bated breath.

No fear of wandering ghosts had wrought this spell

On souls sin-laden; but a horror fell

As of some god gone mad, whose strength untamed

Mocked human chains—mocked human life—and shamed

Bold sons of Heaven with secret pangs of Hell.

By Gadara, a solemn sight was seen: The Shape sat there—a Man! with dress of men

Once more about him! In his own right mind!

And they who looked, and knew what he had been

Stood mute, and wondered; and took heart again

That One such demon-fury could upbraid.

A Little Girl's Letter.

Dear Santa Claus; I write 'Cause I'm so afraid you might Forget about my brother Jack and me; We're so little, and you know You're so many ways to go, You might miss such twenty-twenty tots as we.

Jack, he wants a Noah's ark, And a real dog with a bark; And, if you please, he would so like a drum, A toboggan and some skates, And some oranges and some dates, And just a little bit of chewing gum.

Then he needs an overcoat, And O he'd like a boat, Some candy and a pair of rubber boots, And he'd be so very good, "Dear Santa," if you would, Bring a rabbit and a little gun that shoots!

As for me, please, Santa dear, Tho' perhaps you'll think it queer, There's but one thing that I'm really dying for.

Oh Santa, can't you guess? A dolly—that's it—yes, 'Twould make me the happiest girl that e'er you saw.

She must have a pretty face, And a dress that's trimmed with lace, And a string to pull and make her say "Ma-ma."

And on the other side (I know for I have tried), Another string to make her say "Pa-pa!"

Please get me one that cries, Opens and shuts her eyes; And do try and find a dolly that can walk! You wind 'em up you know, And then round about they go, For, of course, a doll can walk if she can talk.

And then Dolly'll want a bed And a mattress and a spread And a table and some chairs and dishes, too; For, without them don't you see, Poor, dear Dolly, she might be Half starved and sleepy, and I'd not know what to do?

Dear Santa that is all, And don't forget to call! Both our stockings you'll find hanging where the clock's Ticking the hours away That will bring us Christmas Day And my dolly to your grateful Goldilock.

The Christmas Stocking.

From the shelf I hang, suspended, In the firelight's glow distended Till my sides are almost split with everything that's good; I'm so full that it's a question If I don't have indigestion Never yet was I so stuffed with such peculiar food.

In my toe (oh, goodness gracious! I declare it's vexatious) Some one's put a big potato and it makes me feel so strange; I wonder, now, what made them do it. Do you think that right next to it They have put a lot of candy—something sweeter for a change.

Then a bank to save up money And a man that acts so funny When you pull him sharply by his stringy hempy tail; A picture book, some small tin fishes And a set of little dishes; Pair of mittens, popcorn and a little wooden pail.

Then on top a piece of paper, Isn't this a funny caper? Perhaps they want to burden me with some new fangled dish. Let me try my best to con it. Why, this is what they've written on it: "May you have a Merry Christmas is my hearty wish."

A Christmas Carol.

God rest ye, merry gentlemen; let nothing you dismay, For Jesus Christ, our Saviour, was born on Christmas-day. The dawn rose red o'er Bethlehem, the stars shone through the gray, When Jesus Christ, our Saviour, was born on Christmas-day. God rest ye, little children; let nothing you affright, For Jesus Christ, our Saviour, was born this happy night. Along the hills of Galilee the white flocks sleeping lay, When Christ the Child of Nazareth, was born on Christmas-day. God rest ye all good Christians; upon this blessed morn, The Lord of all good Christians was of a woman born. Now all your sorrows He doth heal, your sins He takes away; For Jesus Christ, our Saviour, was born on Christmas-day.

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IN REGARD TO THE

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THURSDAY, JAN 5, 1888.

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Tenders will be received for each lot, as herein enumerated, or en bloc. The undersigned will not be bound to accept the lowest or any Tender. Dated at Charlottetown, this 23rd day of December, 1887.

WALTER MATHESON, LEWIS CARVELL, Assignees.

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Concert at Little York.

A CONCERT will be given in Little York Hall, next WEDNESDAY EVENING, the 28th inst.

The Charlottetown Methodist Church Choir and many well-known and popular Readers will assist. Concert to commence at 7.30. Admission 25 cents. Proceeds to go toward paying off the debt on Hall. Should the evening prove unfavorable, the Concert will be held following evening. Dec. 24, 1887—31

Apples, Oranges, Lemons, Tea, &c.

BY Auction, WEDNESDAY, December 28th, at 11 o'clock, at Rooms, 11 Queen Street.—75 Barrels Choice, No. 1 Winter-keeping Apples, 20 cases Silver Skin Onions, barrels and cases Oranges, Lemons, &c., 25 half-chests Tea, Wrapping Paper, &c., to close out consignments. A. McNEILL, Auctioneer.

Dec. 28, 1887.

Auction Sales.

AT STEVENSON'S BUILDING, Queen Street, this,

Friday Evening, December 23rd,

AT 7 O'CLOCK,

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Dec. 23, 1887—21

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