

THE DAILY EXAMINER

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THE CABOTS.

Mr. Joseph Cabot has, in the Canadian Magazine for December, an article which is calculated to upset somewhat our preconceived notions concerning the Cabots and their discoveries. He remarks that "whatever knowledge we possess of John Cabot is at second hand. We do not know whether he traced any accounts of his voyages or wrote any maps. None have come down to us, and we are forced to depend primarily upon a few sentences in letters written by Spanish and Italian envoys to the English court, who obtained, or may have obtained their information from Cabot himself. These letters, one or two historical references to even his weight, and a map purporting to be the work of Sebastian Cabot (who is now generally admitted to have been a colossal humbug and pretender) comprise our sources of information." In view of these statements of Mr. Pope, those who talk glibly about the Landfall and the subsequent discoveries of the Cabots in this Canada of ours, will have to defend their position. Mr. Pope's article is pointed particularly against the conclusions of Mr. O. A. Howland, one of the leaders in the movement towards the proposed Cabot celebration; and he has succeeded in demonstrating that the subject is one about which neither Mr. Howland nor anyone else can write dogmatically. He questions the statement that Cabot landed here on the 24th of June, 1497, and quotes Dr. Dawson's admission that "the dates, even, of the voyages are disputed," and that "very learned professors do not hesitate to declare that the voyages are apocryphal, the discoveries pretended and the whole question a mystification." He is inclined to accept as correct the conclusions of Barrisse, Dawson, Bourne and other writers who, after laborious research, have agreed in fixing the date of Cabot's landing at 1497, though he declares that there is high authority for the statement that it was 1494, and that there are good grounds for believing that "the landfall took place earlier in the year than the 24th June."

A CIVIC MISTAKE.

It is needless to say that THE EXAMINER is not of those who are striving to raise a religious or class prejudice against the Mayor and those of the City Council who voted down Mr. Horne's resolution concerning the appointment of Mr. Matthews. We have no doubt that these gentlemen voted conscientiously. We have no doubt that they thought they did that which was both right and expedient. It is to be regretted that they have not published their reasons. For according to the facts, as known, their action was entirely wrong. What are the facts? We have the Scott Act as law in this city. The City Council has been allowed to take the Scott Act for the purposes of the Act—i. e., for the prosecution of the law. Subsequent to the election the law was shamefully, openly, and notoriously violated in this city. But the chief of the offenders was not prosecuted. Then a number of influential citizens took the matter into their own hands, and at their own expense obtained the services of Mr. Matthews. Mr. Matthews' presence has been felt at the Stipendiary Magistrate's Court, where he has demonstrated that, as a Scott Act prosecutor, he is at least worthy of his hire. Evidently that which is a duty of the City Council ought not to be imposed as a task upon private citizens; and Mr. Matthews' fitness having been demonstrated, the private citizens ought to have been relieved of the burden of his salary and he given an official standing. We believe that this conclusion will be acquiesced in by all reasonable citizens, whatever their opinions concerning the Scott Act and its operation in this city may be. Having accepted the Scott Act, justice demands that the City Council, and not private citizens, shall shoulder the responsibility and expense of the prosecution under the Act; and having been presented with a man who has proved his fitness as a prosecutor, they ought to have given him official standing. Mr. Matthews will, we presume, continue to act as prosecutor; and the Mayor and City Council will, perhaps, ere long, have another opportunity to vote upon his appointment. We hope that they will not repeat their mistake.

"FIGHT FAIR, GENTLEMEN"

The Guardian ought to know that a newspaper is not held responsible for either the language or opinions of its correspondents, and that the School Board having opened their doors to the public, and by so doing invited public criticism, are not presumed to be squeamish over the people's remarks. If they are severely blamed by some newspaper correspondents they are likely to be unduly pained by others; and all are alike free to express their opinions in THE EXAMINER, upon equal terms. The memory of THE EXAMINER's denunciation of its insult to the School Board still evidently rankles in the Guardian's bosom, even though the School Board has generously overlooked the insult. Therefore it imputes to THE EXAMINER that which was written by an EXAMINER's correspondent. Is this fair?

The beautifully decorated window of Watson's Drug Store will give the people looking for Christmas presents an idea of the large a varied stock of useful articles of which there is an abundance within. While perfumes and handsome toilet articles are chiefly in evidence, there are many other things useful and suitable for Xmas presents. The window is well worth looking at.

TURNIPS AND WINTER BUTTER.

Under this heading, in Farming for December, Mr. George Harcourt, B. S. A.,—our old friend of Prince of Wales College—discusses a question that is of practical importance to our farmers. He says that there is no doubt that by careful feeding a great deal of the objectionable odor of turnips can be done away. But he thinks, also, that if it is the desire of our farmers to capture the English market with the butter made in our factories during the winter months, they have no chance of doing so if the cows are allowed to eat turnips as part of their daily ration. A number of the leading winter butter factories have, he says, refused to accept milk from farmers who feed their cows on turnips; and he believes that if our farmers desire to get hold of the English market they must produce their milk in the very best way, free from any objectionable taint, and the butter maker must make the very best article that he can from the milk given him. The point is one to which the farmers of this Province ought to give their attention. While it is true that turnips can be grown here to perhaps greater advantage than any other crop, the time for planting them being later than that of the others, and while it is true that the turnip odor is avoided for the most part by feeding the turnips immediately after milking, the taste of the English people must be considered if we are to compete with success in their market. It is pleasing to know that we are not by any means dependent upon the turnip for a root ration. Though turnips are most productive here, our soil is also as productive of the mangold, carrot and beet as that of any other part of the world.

VALUE OF THE MILK.

The following table shows the net value of the milk supplied the thirteen Cheese Factories which were operated during the past season under the direction of Mr. T. J. Dillon, Dairy Superintendent for this Province:—

Table with 4 columns: Factory, July milk, Oct. milk, per 100 lbs. Includes entries for New Perth, Alberton, M. H. South, Gowen Brae, North Lake, St. Peter's Bay, Carleton Place, Mt. Stewart, M. H. North, Morell, and O'Leary.

COMMUNICATE WITH WARREN.

Sir,—If the temperance people of Charlottetown desire to have a prosecutor appointed in place of Mr. Warren, why do they not pick out some person in the city and give him the position? Surely there is someone in Charlottetown who can fill the job, for it is admitted that his duties are simply to act on the reports that he receives and then lay information before the Magistrate. It is not pretended that the prosecutor acts on his own knowledge, and it is not expected that he should be everywhere to see for himself violators of the law and then prosecute. The liquor men are not fools and do not sell before the law officers, and the prosecutor must, and in fact in nine cases out of ten does, act upon information received from his temperance friends. I am quite sure if they will not cordial in Mr. Warren that some other person in Charlottetown can be found whom they can trust, and there is no need to send to North Wilshire for Mr. Matthews, when it is quite clear that the Council will never appoint. It may be said that to dismiss Mr. Warren is out of the question. He is Mr. Peters' commercial traveler detective, and to dismiss him would offend that ancient and friendly temperance, and besides Mr. Sergeant arms Hooper would never cast his vote to dismiss his friend Warren, so that after all, he would be the best thing the temperance party can do is to accept Mr. Warren, confide in him, and he will doubtless act, as he does now, when he receives his information. Let them communicate direct with Warren and not through Matthews as a medium.

FAIRPLAY.

—We are in receipt of a copy of "The Cornell University Register." It appears that the University now shows the largest registration ever reached at this point in the academic year, and with the usual growth during the year it will have between 1800 and 1900 students by the beginning of the spring term. The number of students offering Greek and Latin at entrance is notably growing, the per cent. of increase being over 10 per cent. The College of Civil Engineering, and the College of Law also show large percentages of increase, and the attendance in the New York State Veterinary College is all increase. The faculty also shows an increase. It consists of 17 professors etc., as against 165 last year. Upon the whole the showing is highly creditable to President Sothman.

DAIRY NOTES.

There were 1900 lbs. of butter made at the Central Creamery on Wednesday. The output this week will be over 5,000 lbs. The supply of milk is increasing at all the stations. A new separator was started on Wednesday by the New Glasgow Dairy Company. There are now seven creameries and nine purely separating stations, making a total of sixteen separators. The output of Island Creamery butter this winter should be in the neighborhood of 250,000 lbs. Mr. C. Marker, butter expert on Professor Robertson's staff, returned yesterday from an inspection of the creameries at New Perth and Vernon River Bridge. Mr. Marker will remain in the Province till the end of the month. Prevent sickness and save doctors' bills at this season by keeping your blood rich and pure with Hood's Sarsaparilla. Books for Xmas presents are always acceptable. We have popular Gift Books, Poets, Juveniles, Oxford Bibles in cloth, morocco and real, gilt edges. Holiday prices. Carter's Bookstore. Purse, Books of Poems, Prayer Books, Hymn Books, or any leather or leather covered good will have names lettered in gold free during Xmas trade.—Hazard & Moore. Every day the bankrupt stock is getting less. We have a big run and our clerks are kept hustling all day. A great many of the lines are already completely disposed of. The Furs and Ladies Jackets are selling very rapidly. Fifty cents almost buys one dollar's worth. A grand chance and all kinds of good goods, call and get bargains while this bankrupt stock lasts.—W. A. Weeks & Co., wholesale and retail. 143 21. Light furs that require cleaning will be promptly attended to by leaving them with us.—Beer Bros.

THE CUBAN TROUBLE.

Senator Morgan and the Possibilities of War—Macao's Assassination.

According to a late despatch from Washington Senator Morgan, of Alabama, held the attention of the United States Senate and well filled galleries for an hour on Tuesday in his earnest advocacy of a strong and decisive policy in dealing with the Cuban question. He spoke in a dispassionate style although his words had a directness and severity in picturing the horrors that existed in Cuba such as is seldom heard in the Senate. Mr. Morgan spoke freely of the possibilities of war, welcoming it if necessary to guarantee the protection of American citizens. According to certain indications at Madrid Captain General Weyler will soon be relieved of his command in Cuba. The discontent with Weyler is noticeable even in the government organs. They say that instead of going to Havana to receive an unmerited ovation he ought to have continued his operations in the province of Pinar del Rio. It is currently reported that the government is disposed to relieve Weyler by Gen. Maura now governor of Porto Rico. The reported assassination of Macco is denied. It is claimed that he was shot by Spanish soldiers in a loyal fight at Pante Brava. It is expected that the Spanish authorities that they will be able to trace the origin of the story of Macco's assassination to a certain Cuban resident of Jacksonville, Florida.

A REQUEST.

Sir,—In common with a large majority of the citizens of Charlottetown, I would like to know the names of the alleged citizens who are asking the City Council to appoint Matthew Scott Act prosecutor for Charlottetown. It is said that he has been engaged by a number of private citizens to enforce the Scott Act, and if the matter were entered there, the public would have no right to inquire who those citizens are, but when the City Council is asked to pay for Mr. Matthews' services it ceases to be a private matter and at once becomes a matter of public concern, and every citizen has then a right to know the names of those desiring the new prosecutor appointed. So far no memorial has been presented to the City Council, and no official request made for the appointment. So let those who want the change come out like men and say so and cease woe pulling and lobbying. If their case is good they need have no fear, but their working in the dark behind Councilors' shoulders is a very strong argument for the opposition of the proposed appointment. At any rate let the agitators come out like Britons to the front and show themselves.

BITOTES.

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FAIRPLAY.

SHIP NEWS.

Port of Charlottetown. ENTERED. Dec 17—Bark Kathleen, Davies, Terceira Island, Azores. CLEARED. Dec 17—Bessie S Keefe, Horton, Murray Harbor.

We don't confine ourselves at Watson's Drug Store to one line of French perfumes for Christmas. We have perfumes from several French makers including Hugel and Gallet, also from the best English, American and Canadian makers. We have them in plain bottles, fancy bottles, cut glass bottles and we have them beautifully boxed and in useful fancy baskets. We have the largest stock and best assortment of perfumes in this city at Watson's Drug Store.

Our \$16.50 fine Beaver Overcoats are the best value in town.—S. A. McDonald, Good quality chain bracelets at G. H. Taylor.

A Weakness Easily Cured

A great many people have a strong weakness for perfume. Select a nice bottle from our stock and present it. It will act as a tonic at once. Many other articles in stock suitable for presents.—Let's show them to you. A. W. REDDIN, Phm. B. Central Drug Store. "Sunnyside."

WANTED.—A girl for general housework.

Apply to Mrs R. B. Norton, Prince St. 143-21.

FOUND.—A purse with small amount of money.

Apply at this office.

Bargains Bargains IN EVERY LINE

Note well that our Fancy Goods must be sold in the next eight days. Let us show you the values and judge for yourselves of the low prices in every particular.

REDDIN BROTHERS Opposite P. O.

Look at This List

And see if there is any article you wish for!

A

Albert Chains, Alarm Clocks, Art Goods.

B

Button Hooks, Bracelets, Baby Pins and Rattles, Black Brooches, Badges, Buttons, Brooches, Bar Pins, Butter Dishes, Brushes for hair with silver mounts, Bibles, silver mounted. Boxes for collar buttons, (stamps and matches), Jewels and Bonbons, Baking dishes, Bronze Figures, Belts and Buckles, Barometers.

C

Coin Brooches, enameled; Card Trays and Cases, Cake Baskets, Castors for dinner and breakfast; Candle Sticks, Chains, Charms, Clocks, Cuckoo Clocks, Cuff Buttons, and Pins, Collar Studs, Compasses, Cups, Cans, gold mounted; Cream and Sugar Sets, Celery Dishes, Coffee Sets, Spoons, Combs, Cracker Jars, Cases of fish and dessert knives and forks, Carvers.

D

Diamond Rings, Desert Sets, and Knives.

E

Enamel Coin Brooches and Pins, Far Rings, Eye Glasses, Ebony Cans, mounted Egg Stands, Emerald Rings, Engraving artistically done, Elgin Watches.

F

Fruit Dishes and Knives, Fern Pots, Forks, French Clocks.

G

Garnet Rings and Brooches, Gold Watches, and Jewels of all descriptions, Gravy Ladles, Grape Scissors, Glassware.

H

Hand Mirrors, and Hair Brushes, Silver mounted Hair and Hat Pins, Hat Pins.

I

Initial Pins, from 50 each, Ice Pitchers, Ink Stands.

J

Jewel Boxes, Jugs for Syrup, Jugs for Water.

K

Knives and Forks, Knife Rests, Keeper Rings, Keys for Watches and Clocks, Kettles.

L

Locketts, Lamps in China and Silver, Lenses for Spectacles.

M

Mirrors, Mustard Pots, Match Boxes, Marble Clocks, Marble Clocks, Maroon Rings and Pins, Manicure Sets.

N

Napkin Rings, Neckties, Nutcrackers.

O

Oddfellow's Pins, and Charms, Optical Goods, Orange Bowls and Spoons, Opal Rings, Opal Clocks, Opera Glasses.

P

Presentation Watches. Pearl Rings, Pen Holders, Pencils, Pickle Dishes, Photo Frames in gilt and silver; Pebble Spectacles, Pins, Plain Rings, Paper Knives, Pitchers, Pie Knives, Parasols, silver mounted, Peppers.

Q

Quadruple plate Spoons, Forks, Knives, etc., quality guaranteed as represented of all goods sold.

R

Rings signet, wedding, engagement, children's, all prices, either in stock or made to order. Ribbon vest chains and guards, Reading Glasses, Rolled plate Rings and Chains.

S

Studs, Scissors with silver handles, Solid Silver Thumbes, Brooches, and Novelties, Souvenir Spoons, and Boxes, Shaving Mugs, Spoon Holders, Salts, Soup Bottles, Salters, Sugars, Soap Boxes, Syrup Jugs, Silver Polish, Spectacles, gold, silver, aluminum and steel. If you do not know the number of the leases your friend needs we can fit up a temporary pair, and put in the right glasses later.

T

Tea Sets, Tea Spoons, Thermometers, Time pieces, Trays, Toast Racks, Tooth Picks, Tonges for Sugar.

U

Useful and ornamental articles for presents. Urns, Umbrella Cases.

V

Vest Chains, Vases, Veil Clips, Vegetable Dishes.

W

Watches.—The leading makes in hand-somely engraved cases or plain, so that you can have whatever you wish engraved thereon. Wedding Rings, Waiters, Water Pitchers.

Xmas Presents

Y

You are invited to call and see them.

Z

Zoological specimens in bronze, Zero Thermometers. The above and many more, new, good and cheap; for sale at

E. W. TAYLOR'S

Cameron Block.

TELEGRAPHIC.

SPECIAL DISPATCHES TO THE EXAMINER

NOTES FROM THE CAPITAL.

Governor-General and Dismissals

Parliament and the Prospects.

OTTAWA, Dec. 18.

The Governor-General is bringing back from the west many orders-in-council and papers which have been sent out for his approval and which he will discuss with his advisers on his return. It is said that many of these orders refer to dismissals.

Considerable uncertainty prevails regarding the meeting of Parliament. The Free Press says that from what can be gathered in official circles, it is the intention of the Government to summon Parliament to meet at the earliest possible moment, which will probably be the first week in March.

It is also the purpose of the Government to go on next session with the new franchise bill, the Civil Service Act and the new superannuation bill. The report that Commander Spain is to be succeeded by Lt. Wakeham as commander of the fisheries protection service is emphatically contradicted in official circles.

THE TARIFF COMMISSION.

A Heavy Dose of Protection.

A Farmer's Proposition.

MONTREAL, Dec. 18.

The Tariff Commission heard nothing but the protective theory yesterday until a farmer from Houtington was heard. He wanted free trade and direct taxation, and when Sir Richard asked him where the revenue was to come from he replied that they should be as economical at Ottawa as the farmers were obliged to be.

Mr. Tardif is in print again, devoting three columns to the Semaine Religieuse—the Archbishop's organ.

Sudden Death.

FREDERICTON, Dec. 18.

Richard Blackmore, jeweler of this city, died suddenly yesterday.

Johnson's Baking Powder

gives fullest satisfaction 25c a pound. Johnson & Johnson.

Holiday Headquarters

The great majority of people do not usually buy their Christmas presents until the last day or two, and nothing we can say will make everybody buy in advance.

People who wish to avoid the tremendous rush just before Christmas, will make their selections this week. All the Goods are in now; fresh, clean and choice, and the prices lower than ever before. Last Christmas, many could not get into the store at all, the crowd was so great. It will be the same this year. Santa Claus' Headquarters is the magnet that draws all Christmas buyers. It is the great supply source for Xmas presents.

COME EARLY. "A word to the wise is sufficient."

Carter's Bookstore.

Sale of Papers and Magazines.

The Annual Sale of Papers and Magazines of the Catholic Literary Institute will be held in the Reading Room, on Friday evening, next, at 8 o'clock. J. M. SULLIVAN, Secy-Treas.

APPLES

BIGGEST AND LAST SALE

Auction SATURDAY,

AT 10 30 O'CLOCK

Positive and unreserved orders to close out the entire stock.

200 BARRELS

Including choice varieties of winter stock and 50 barrels handsome Gravestones, and 40 barrels of the best "Bishop Pippins" ever sold. Should Saturday be unfavorable, the sale will be held Monday as the same hour.

E. H. NORTON, Auctioneer.

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Desirable Residence.

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Situated in the most desirable residential part of the city. Contains 12 rooms, includes Bath Room, Dressing Room, Closets, Pantries, etc. Hot and cold water up stairs and in kitchen. House heated throughout with hot water and lighted with electricity. Bath Room fitted with enamel lined sanitary bath.

Possession given 1st Jan'y. Terms moderate.

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ALL FRESH NEW STOCK. Come and get bargains. Seven large Booths. 100 electric lights. No better exhibit of Dry Goods on P. E. Island.

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Hand her a Policy on your life in the Sun Life Assurance Co.

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Bought from the assignee of the estate of J. B. Macdonald & Co.

For Spot Cash.

\$10,000 worth Men's, Women's and Children's Boots, Shoes and Rubbers.

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\$7,000 worth of Readymade Clothing. Boys' good Nap Reefer for 75c, \$1.25, \$1.50. Boys' heavy Overcoats for \$1.75 worth \$3.25, \$1.95 worth \$4.00.

Mens, Ulsters, \$2.75, \$3.75, \$4.50. Worth double that price. The whole stock must be sold in a short time, and for your own sake don't miss the greatest opportunity of your life to get bargains. The sale of the goods is now going on at

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Directly Opposite the West End of the Market House

For the New Cathedral

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AND FANCY SALE

AT THE LYCEUM

December 21 & 22.

The ladies of the different societies attached to Notre Dame Convent, intend holding a Tea, Fancy Sale, Christmas Banquet, Oyster Supper and Banquet, all combined, in aid of the New Cathedral Fund, on Monday and Tuesday, the 21st and 22nd December.

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Admission 10 Cents

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