

THE DAILY EXAMINER.

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THE WESTMORELAND ELECTIONS.

Acting upon the principle of those who have everything to gain and nothing to lose, the Opposition have made a "dead set" upon Westmoreland County. The result will be seen on Saturday next. Apart from all the local grit talent, there are now in the County: Mr. L. H. Davies, Leader of the Maritime Liberals and Treasurer-in-Chief of the grit Election Fund; Hon. W. S. Fielding, Premier of Nova Scotia; Mr. J. Israel Tarte, Secretary of the Bay Chaleur railway blackmail; Mr. D. C. Fraser, of Guysborough, Nova Scotia; Mr. E. M. McDonald, of Pictou, N. S.; Mr. Peter Mitchell, of Montreal; Mr. P. A. Choquette, of Quebec; Colonel Danville, of King's; E. H. McAlpine, of St. John, N. B.; H. J. Logan, of Cumberland, N. S.; Mr. John L. Carleton, of St. John, and others "too numerous to mention." Such an aggregation and conglomeration of virtuous politicians and boosters may, perhaps, affect somewhat the great majority rolled up in 1891 by Senator Wood. The Conservatives of the county will do well if they are not over-confident and are proof against the "human devices" of Mr. Laurier's lieutenants. We are pleased to note that the main topic in the discussion is still the N. P. The Finance Minister and others have chafed the Opposition orators with the cowardly non-committal attitude of their leader and party concerning the Manitoba question. But Free Trade and Protection continue to be talked about, and a grit victory will be taken to mean that the Electors of Westmoreland want no more of the policy under which Moncton has been developed from a mere hamlet to a growing and prosperous manufacturing town. We have confidence that the electors of Westmoreland are not such fools as to convey to the world any such impression, and that they will resist all the efforts that are being made to that end.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

—Mr. Davies and Mr. Tarte are hunting together in Westmoreland County. It would be interesting to know exactly what these gentlemen think ought to be done about the Manitoba School question.

—Watchman: The presence of Tarte in Westmoreland, working hand in hand with our Mr. Davies, is also an object lesson for the electors of this Province. Tarte, it will be remembered, rose to the surface of criticism on the scum of Mercierism.

—Mr. Tim Healy has not been disciplined by the Irish parliamentary party. He has, instead, been elected to the committee of management by a vote as large as that given to Mr. Dillon or Mr. Blake, and may in a short time rank among his followers a full half of the parliamentary delegation.

—Every impartial and honest man will agree with the Mail and Empire that it is not only absurd, but a downright insult to the intelligence of the people, that the country should be in the present predicament and material interests at the mercy of the men who were educated in the Mercer school. Langelier, Tarte and such men are now the most trusted lieutenants of Mr. Laurier.

—Mail and Empire: "No doubt the revived rumor to the effect that Mr. Blake is wanted to resume the leadership of the Opposition voices the sentiment of the party which discards danger in the present policy and the present management. During the past few years the machine has drifted very far indeed from the Liberal moorings. Nor while the platform has changed has there been the slightest improvement in the personnel. As a matter of fact the ruling minds today are Sir Richard Cartwright, who regulates the tariff programme, and the colleagues of the late Mr. Mercer, who control the party conscience, and offer themselves as the guarantee that honesty in administration shall prevail. Mr. Laurier, undoubtedly an amiable gentleman, is apparently the leader, but no one needs to be told that his leadership is just such leadership as the firebrand affords to the ship."

—This is how Grit political pabulum is manufactured: "When first proposed to Parliament," says the London Advertiser, "the estimated cost of the Sault Canal was \$95,000. The accounts already in show that \$3,062,358 have been paid for the work, and before the work has been completed it will have cost the taxpayer \$4,000,000." No wonder that Sir Charles Tupper said in Parliament (Hansard, 1888, page 1624): "The approximate estimate to complete that work and obtain a depth of sixteen feet at the lowest water is \$5,000,000. If a depth of twenty feet is to be obtained, Mr. Tarte's approximate estimate of the cost is \$3,800,000."

The canal, it is reported by the Mail and Empire, is a twenty-foot canal. The cost, therefore, up to date is not above the estimate, but something below it. How easy it is to invent an original estimate and to infer that the difference between it and the actual cost has been stolen. The job can be done as readily as any other form of falsification by partisans with easy consciences.

EXCITING SCENE AT HALIFAX.

Excitement ran high for a time on Barrington street, near Bell's Lane, Halifax, on Tuesday, according to the Herald. Several oxen stampeded, causing pedestrians to run in all directions. One of the animals dashed against a horse car, terrifying the passengers. The ox reared and charged head down at the car horses. The end of the car caught the mad creature, knocking it under the car wheels and breaking one of its legs. The ox got up, and, although maimed, charged at the side of the car. This time the passengers hurriedly left the car. The large crowd that had gathered ran where opportunity offered, greatly fearing the oxen. The injured ox was finally captured. The chief of police was sent for. He ordered the animal to be slaughtered on the spot. A man held the beast's head while Ben Hartin struck it with an axe. He struck the brute three blows but failed to knock the ox over. The chief of police noticed that the man had held the head in the wrong position, and he took hold of the animal's horns and placed the head in the correct position. It took six blows to knock the ox over. He was then held and carried to the slaughter house where the meat was dressed. The animal belonged to Michael O'Connell.

A SPANISH REVOLT.

Advices from Madrid state that from present indications it looks as if advantage was being taken of the despatch of large bodies of troops to Cuba to inaugurate an active movement looking to the overthrow of the monarchy and the establishment of a republic. There has been a concerted rising of Republican bands in the province of Valencia, and the province of Castellon de la Plana, immediately north of Valencia, and the Government is taking active measures to quell the rising in its incipient stage. A number of Republicans made an attack upon the small town of Clवार, in the province of Castellon de la Plana, taking the townsmen and civil guards by surprise. The mayor was captured and imprisoned, and for a time the place was entirely at the mercy of the attacking party. They seized all the arms in the town and also all the money they could find. The authorities asked for assistance from Sagunto, a number of detachments were hurried to Clवार from that city. Meanwhile the Republican bands had fled to the open country, and when the gendarmes arrived at Clवार they were despatched in pursuit of them, under orders to shoot them on sight. Candia, a town of Valencia, 40 miles from the capital of the province was also the scene of a Republican demonstration. Several bands collected there from the surrounding country and entered for a reprisal. They then cut the telegraph and telephone wires, and their subsequent actions are unknown.

HAD LOTS OF DUES.

An old colonial woman of Zuer, O., the wife of a Baptist minister, has been arrested by the United States marshal and brought to Cleveland, for fraudulent use of the mails. Through her operations men and women of good appearance and romantic turn of mind have been the losers. The prosecution which ended in her arrest was instituted at the instance of Segoria, a minister of the same denomination who lives in Denver, Colo., and who is a susceptible widower. The scheme of the negro was to insert an advertisement in a matrimonial paper, saying that a beautiful young woman of fortune desired to correspond with gentlemen of good appearance and address with a view of marriage. In the answer to letters drawn forth by such advertisements, the woman informed the writers that she had means enough for both, and that what she required in a husband was black hair, dark eyes and a sicken moustache rather than riches. She would also agree to go to her fiancé, when it reached that point, to marry. Then, representing herself as short of ready money, she would write for money for transportation, and for freight for her piano. Come lost \$37 this way, and when he awoke he found he had been defrauded, he reported the matter to the authorities. Mr. Johnson has surrendered hundreds of letters to the Marshal from men all over the country. The game was profitable to her.

NEWS NOTES.

The miners at the Joggins are on strike.

The Soo canal will be opened on the 1st September.

The Canadian Pacific Railway has brought into effect reduced rates on butter, cheese and eggs between Manitoba and all eastern ports.

Mr. Dawson, director of the geological survey, has gone to Arthabasca Landing, Northwest Territories, to inspect the progress in the boring for petroleum.

The professor Fletcher reports that the troubling mustard pest has done much damage in the territories and has proved almost as bad as the Russian thistle.

Physical culture contests is the new name given to prize fights. It sounds quite soft, but it won't make the blows struck any lighter. Their style has not been changed.

The National Union Conservative Association of Great Britain distributed upwards of twenty five million leaflets to the voters; and the Conservatives won. There is nothing that tells like printers' ink, even in politics.

Mrs. Thomas Killam, relict of the late Thomas Killam, M. P. for Yarmouth, is dead. Her eldest daughter is the wife of Rev. Dr. Hearty, of Nova Scotia. Mrs. Killam was most highly esteemed and a member of Wesley Church, Milton.

Lord Lansdowne, secretary of state for war, in making a statement in the House of Lords regarding the retirement of the Duke of Cambridge, said that the latter would relinquish command of the army on the 1st of October, instead of the first of October, as had been originally arranged. This change, his lordship added, was made in order to comply with the desire of the duke to complete the autumn inspection of the army.

Rich young women in search of a title will be edified to know that in Warsaw alone, with a population of half a million, there are 30,726 persons belonging to the hereditary nobility, and 9,257 "personal nobles." There are as many princes in Poland as in Russia, according to late census returns, and as for the numerousness of the Russian nobles it may be said that there are now living nearly a thousand Princes and Princesses Galitzin.

Live stock exports from Montreal to Europe this season show totals of 58,616 sheep, 53,516 cattle and 7,452 horses. There is an increase over 1894 to the same date of 11,434 sheep, 4,454 cattle and 4,229 horses, and 1894 was one of the big years of the trade. The growth of the horse trade is especially remarkable, and indicates the possibility of a constant and increasing market having been found for the breeders' product. Pretty much everything that is good, if properly handled, can find a market in Great Britain.

In reference to the statements cable to the old country that cattle are dying by scores in Nova Scotia, it is learned at the department of agriculture that Mr. McEachern, chief veterinary of the Dominion, has just returned from an official inspection tour in that province. He emphatically denies that any unusual disease exists among the cattle there. The trouble is the "Pieton cattle disease," which was quite local in its character, is almost, if not altogether, extirpated, and the few tuberculosis cases found were not more numerous than in any other country in which cattle were kept. The suggestion that Swinburne be named post laureate in opposition to Tennyson will please many people. He is the greatest living master of English verse, and possesses a command of words that no rival can equal. He has of late also dropped the season's time that characterized much of his earlier work, and that won for him many reproaches. Some of his later poetry has been as tenderly sweet as anything in the language, while his latest published verses on Cromwell are strikingly forceful. If it were not for his early reputation, there could be no room for questioning the fitness of his nomination.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

THE BICYCLE RACES.

Sir,—The St. John Sun contains the following: "The Charlottetown Cycle Club has prepared an elaborate programme of bicycle races for Monday, Sept. 2nd, and on account of the keen interest taken in athletics of all kinds on the Island, the day is looked forward to with great interest. The competition between Messrs. Prowse, Cannon and Unsworth for supremacy is so exciting that the mere fact of their intention of taking part proves a great drawing card. It is to be hoped that these three gentlemen, as well as others of the Island's fleet riders, will pay St. John a visit on Sept. 4th, and see how they compare with our riders."

There is no reason why the wishes of the writer should not be gratified. The races at St. John offer a good opportunity to the winners of our Labor Day races to compete there on the 4th. By all means let us see some entries from the Island. By competing at St. John we will see just where we stand with our Maritime friends in this sport, and will certainly do much towards inducing New Brunswick racers and visitors to attend future meets here.

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SHIP NEWS.

Port of Charlottetown.

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TOOTHPICKS!

We haven't Toothpicks already flavored, but we have a full packet of good Hardwood ones for 10 cents, or Quill for 5 cents. Quill you remember if you require them.

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