

THE DAILY EXAMINER.

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Improvements in the Country.

CONTRASTING the present appearance and condition of this Province with its appearance and condition twenty, or even ten, years ago, we see improvement on every hand.

But in the country, as in the town, much has yet to be done. Thistles and weeds are much too common.

Then our fences should be greatly improved. In some sections there are fine hedges of thorn and fir, and these are not only more lasting than fences of longers, and turn the cattle more effectively, but add beauty to our landscapes.

The bare look of the schoolhouses and of many of the dwellings of our farmers could be easily and soon relieved by the planting of trees and creepers; and a very great and lasting improvement could be effected by adopting the advice of Mr. Harris, the architect, and building the houses of the stone which can be procured in Island quarries.

The Water Commissioners' Critic.

AN INDIGNANT CITIZEN criticises the press of Charlottetown—and THE EXAMINER in particular—because the press has not denounced, as he does, the acts of the Water Commissioners.

But instances apart, the Commissioners have been elected to provide waterworks for Charlottetown; and we are bound to judge of their conduct of the work as a whole—not on this or that particular which we may, think mis-managed.

When the work has been done, or the term for which the Commissioners were elected has expired, we shall be in a position to judge whether or not the Commissioners have been true to the trust imposed upon them; and while we shall not fail to criticise the slightest act of corruption which

may in the meantime appear, as well as point out errors which may be remedied, we deem it best to refrain as much as possible from denunciations of the Commissioners on account of acts of theirs which cannot be undone.

Communication with the Mainland

It is pleasing to note that intelligent persons residing in the Mainland are awakening to the fact that it would be an advantage to them and their respective Province if better means of winter communication between P. E. Island and the mainland were established.

It is to be regretted that P. E. Island is shut out from communication with New Brunswick about half of the year. Its natural resources would make it a garden to us if daily communication with the mainland was practicable the year round.

The hint thrown out in this paragraph is worthy of consideration. Whether accepted or rejected, it is, at all events, more manifest that the benefits that would result from a subway or tunnel, or some other approved means of communication would not be felt by the people of this Province only, but also by the neighboring Provinces and by Canada at large.

Editorial Notes.

—The immigration returns for July show 11,000 settlers against 8,000 during the corresponding month last year.

—American statistics show that since the abolition of the duty on anthracite coal Canada has purchased nearly forty per cent more than formerly.

—The public mind has been horrified by the development of the disaster which took place on the collision of the "Geist" and "Thingvall." A searching investigation will now be in order; and we may expect strong criticisms upon the conduct of commanders who "rush" their steamships at full speed during "foggy" or "thick" weather at sea.

—The Halifax Herald rises to remark that if the Grits are not successful in election contests, it is not for the want of variety in their methods or cries.

—A correspondent of the Montreal Gazette from the Northwest criticises the statement that under the 4 per cent rule only American lager beer will be used in the Northwest.

—The jubilee surplus has at last been disposed of. The Queen Square fountain fund has been enriched to the tune of \$125 as a result, and Hillsborough Park and the regatta committee get the remainder.

Brains and Bicycles.

A memoir just issued of the Honorable Keith Falconer, M. A., gives a charming account of one whose University career was highly distinguished and whose character as a Christian was of the highest type, which will be at once encouragement and a consolation to our local bicycle men.

Weather Bulletin.

TORONTO, August 22—10 a. m. East, varying to south and south-west gales, cloudy with rain.

As we are about making a change with the intention of leaving the Island, we will now offer our goods at a very great discount at the Cheap Crockery Store, W. P. Colwell.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Things Said and Done on the Streets and Elsewhere.

THE admirers of the Scott Act, or at least the greater number of them, have at length awaked to the fact that their pet fad is not the success anticipated; in other words, they now fully realize that liquor selling is much more prevalent than in the days of license, and that drunkenness bounds in the city.

The Electric Light Company certainly deserve the thanks of citizens generally for placing the four lamps on Queen Square. They were lighted for the first time on Monday evening, and the effect was very good.

In connection with Queen Square and the improvements thereon, I may be pardoned for referring to a subject touched upon in one or more of my former communications, viz., the matter of a testimonial to Mr. Arthur Newbery, the young man under whose magic touches the Square has been transformed from a barren waste into a thing of beauty.

The dismissal of Policeman Costello, and the consequent necessity for the appointing of a new officer, has developed the fact that there are a goodly number of persons in this city ambitious for a position on the force.

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The approaching race between the stallions Hernando and Black Pilot is the topic of conversation among horsemen and admirers of horse-flesh on the Island as well as throughout the Provinces.

I observe that Howe's Circus is to visit the Island shortly, giving performances in Charlottetown, Summerside, Souris and Georgetown. The show has been traveling through the Provinces for some time past, and the press appears to be divided as to its merits.

By the way, I think it a great shame that a few of our young men should be allowed to go racing about Queen Square on bicycles, cutting up the walks and occasionally taking a "header" into the flower beds.

Since my last, THE EXAMINER offices have been removed to new, and I trust

more commodious, apartments in the London House building, in which, to use the language of Rip Van Winkle, "I hope you will live long and prosper."

P. E. ISLAND RAILWAY

Hernando-Black Pilot Race.

IN connection with the Match Race between the well-known Stallions "Hernando" and "Black Pilot," Return Tickets will be issued at an intermediate rate from all Stations on this road way to Summerside, on THURSDAY, Aug. 24th, inst., good to return on same date:—

Table listing railway stations and fares: Tignish, DeBlois, Kildare, Montrose, Alberton, etc.

Tickets from Tignish and Intermediate Stations will be issued by Regular Morning Train, good to return by Regular Afternoon Train, which will be detained at Summerside, leaving there at 4:30 p. m.

Tickets from Georgetown, Souris and Intermediate Stations to Royal Junction, will be issued by Regular Morning Trains, and will be good to return by Special Train leaving Summerside at 4:30 p. m.

Tickets from Charlottetown and Intermediate Stations will be issued by Special Train leaving Charlottetown at 7:30 a. m., to return by Special Train leaving Summerside at 4:30 p. m.

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