

THE DAILY EXAMINER.

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Railway Development.

ONE of the best indications of the progressive development of a country is the progressive development of its railways, and there is no better trade barometer than the railway traffic returns.

According to the railway statistics just issued at Ottawa, there has been an enormous development of railways in Canada, and a continual upward tendency in their earnings.

The returns for the past ten years have been summarized as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Item, Value. Miles in operation: 10,700. Increase: 107 percent. Passengers carried: 9,861,000. Increase: 77 percent. Tons of freight carried: 15,670,000. Increase: 150 percent. Earnings: \$33,389,950. Increase: 100 percent.

This is the showing of a country whose trade should now, according to the Grit prophets, be ruined by the N. P. This is the record of a country which, in the opinion of Mr. L. H. Davies, M. P., cannot "continue to live under the present trade relations with the United States," but must needs adopt the United States tariff and enter into a Commercial Union with her, to the exclusion of the mother country.

The statistics referred to show a decided increase over last year in mileage, passengers, freight and earnings, proving that the trade development of the country is progressive. The traffic returns of the Canadian Pacific Railway for last week were \$327,000, against \$302,000 for the corresponding week last year, an increase of \$25,000.

Mr. Schreiber, government engineer, reports that very satisfactory progress is being made this season in the construction of the Short Line Railway between Montreal and the Maritime Provinces. From Lachine to Iberville, a distance of 38 miles, the road is completed. Between Iberville and Sherbrooke, 50 miles, the road is completed, and will be in running order this fall. Work on the section between the International boundary and Mattawamkec, 145 miles, is being pushed vigorously and hopes are entertained of its completion before winter, although the contractors complain of great difficulty in securing laborers. It is understood that this scarcity of laborers prevented the contractors from this season constructing the section between Harvey and Moncton. So says a correspondent of the Halifax Herald.

No "Blue Ruin."

THE Moncton Times has a very well written and appreciative article respecting Prince Edward Island. We quote the concluding paragraph:—

"Generally throughout the province there is no evidence of the 'blue ruin' some newspaper writers write about and politicians talk about. There is the complaint of hard times, low prices and scarcity of money, but that complaint is heard everywhere and at almost all times. Those who pay annual visits to the Island province cannot fail to be impressed with the general and increasing prosperity of its people. In every country district new dwellings or barns are going up, or old ones are being enlarged and improved. A deserted farm is rarely seen, and every reasonable, energetic farmer makes it a point to bring in some new land each year. Many towns have sprung up along the line of railway during the past decade, and are still growing. Of these Kensington is particularly noticeable. Even Charlottetown and Summerside are prospering. When the writer first visited Summerside ten years ago, nearly every second building was unoccupied, and the sound of the carpenter's saw or hammer was not to be heard in the town. Now there is scarce an unoccupied building and many handsome structures, chiefly private residences, are being erected. The same is more or less true of Charlottetown, which has been greatly improved in recent years. The Cameron block is a credit to the city, while the new post office building adds greatly to the appearance of Queen Square. It makes a Monctonian ashamed of himself to visit Queen Square, with its beautiful gardens, and he is apt to ask when his own fellow citizens are going to wake up to the importance of providing for one or more of these breathing places. It cannot be said that Charlottetown is altogether an attractive city; its sidewalks especially will stand improvement; but there are many pretty spots and many points of interest for the stranger, notably the stock farm and the various other provincial institutions. The steamers which ply between Point du Chene and Summerside and Pictou and Charlottetown have been greatly improved of recent years, and afford every accommodation for the traveller."

—Max O'Rell does not share the common English opinion that it takes a surgical operation to knock a joke into a Scotchman's head. On the contrary, he protests that of "all the citizens of the more or less United Kingdom they are the most subtle, serious, matter of fact, preserving and witty."

—Victoria and Charlottetown are the only Provincial capitals where letters are not delivered by post office officials at the addresses they bear. The people of Victoria are now agitating for a postal delivery of this kind. It is stated that the post office department at Ottawa has received an urgent request from Victoria, B. C., that letter carriers' delivery may be instituted there, and that the request will probably be granted. What are the people of Charlottetown "going to do about it?"

—It will be admitted that the Hon. Daniel Davies has given the Hon. David Laird a Roland for his Oliver. Mr. Laird will now know—he ought to have known before—that persons in the service of the public must be civil to the public. As chairman of the Board of Water Commissioners, Mr. Laird ought to have given Mr. Davies the information he desired without being offensive to him. Mr. Davies made his enquiries because he felt that the subject of them was of great importance to his fellow citizens, and because, as it now appears, he had good cause to doubt Mr. Laird's prudence and judgment. But whatever his motive he ought not to have been answered in a tone calculated to give him offence.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Letter from Hon. Daniel Davies.

To the Honorable David Laird.

SIR,—I was not a little surprised at what I consider the impertinent letter you addressed to me in the Patriot of Monday last on the Waterworks.

The remarks I made in the letter I published in THE EXAMINER were not addressed to you personally. It would, I think, have been in better taste for you, as Chairman of the Commissioners, to have inserted an explanatory editorial in the Patriot, pointing out that I was under a delusion in supposing that atmospheric pressure exerted any influence in preventing water from rising to the source of supply by gravitation. It would also have been more satisfactory to citizens generally for you to have stated plainly that the "big well" was being dug under Mr. Tidd's advice; and we would also have liked to have been informed of the object you had in view in digging it?

I am afraid that you have forgotten that you are a well-paid servant of the citizens, as one of our Commissioners, and that we have a right to demand such information and explanations from you, from time to time, as we may think proper. In writing the letter to THE EXAMINER, I was only voicing a question in the mouths of citizens. It was this: Having found water by boring, what are they digging the big well for? Has it been recommended by the Engineer?

I was aware, when you were in your baby clothes, of the law by which water rises to the level of its source, but I don't profess any scientific knowledge. My impression, from what I have read, is that when water is passed through pipes and hydrants for the purpose of extinguishing fires, it will not rise to over about two thirds of the height of the source of supply, owing to the friction of the pipes and to atmospheric pressure. I am sure that many of your fellow townsmen in common with myself will be glad if you will lecture on the subject to dispel our ignorance. There was another reason which influenced me in writing the letter. I remembered when you were a young and rising politician, the four members from the Island—of whom I was one—that helped to form the McKenzie Administration selected you as our "Island Minister," and that shortly afterwards you made "a terrible blunder" in giving the contract for the Winter Mail Service to the old Albert, without consulting your Island colleagues on a subject of which you were more ignorant than I am of the water question. You made laughing stocks of us before the whole country, and we had to share the odium with you, as it would not be believed that you selected the "old Albert" without consulting us. It was said by some of our opponents, that it was a "put up job," and many a time was I taunted with it. It was said: "Mr. Davies you are a ship captain, a ship builder, a ship and steamboat owner, and there is 'the thing' you and your colleagues have brought down here to perform the winter service!" I was in hopes that what I said in my letter would have recalled to your memory the blunder you made on that occasion, and that you would not repeat it again as Chairman of the Waterworks Commissioners.

Your obedient servant DANIEL DAVIES. Charlottetown, Sept. 8, 1887.

Crossing Wanted.

SIR,—I would like to know if it is the intention of the Street Committee to provide some kind of a crossing between the houses of W. L. Cotton and Henry Weeks, on Pownall Street, in place of the plank one taken up, or not? This morning's rain has supplied mud ankle deep at this place, and in a few weeks, when our broken weather sets in, it will be almost impassable to pedestrians. It seems to be the policy of the street committee to commence work on our streets, work a little while, and then emigrate to another locality, leaving what they commenced half done. An old platform on Hillsborough Street, near Mr. Brecken's residence, was removed about a month ago, and about a dozen new planks laid down, when suddenly their labors ceased. Like King Solomon, Mr. Smith commences gloriously and ends in inglorious mud.

WALKER.

European News.

Prince Bismarck has interests in three distilleries in Germany.

Eighty-six thousand persons used the baths of Berlin during July, of whom 41,000 were admitted free, the rest paying a half-penny a head.

The Liberal League of England has resolved to establish branches of that association wherever the National League branches are prohibited in Ireland.

The man who robbed the safe in the office of the Credit Mobilier, Paris, of 125,000 francs has been arrested. He was a clerk employed in the office.

Extra police have been ordered to be held in readiness for action in the event of rioting on Friday on the occasion of the trial of O'Brien at Mitchellston.

Captain Schmidt, a French artillery officer, commanding the French mission to Mequinez, fell behind the main body of his command, and was attacked by Arabs who strangled and then beheaded him.

Mr. Lane, M. P., speaking at Queens-town, Monday, said that the Parnellites intended to continue to hold meetings even at the point of the bayonet. If the Government attempted to suppress their meetings they would meet with barricaded doors.

Dillon and O'Brien have signed a notice calling a convention of delegates from all League branches in Limerick County to meet at Limerick to arrange a plan for raising a fund in aid of evicted tenants, and to counteract the landlords' efforts at extermination.

JAMES J. GAY & SON have now, and will have, for just a few market days, a superabundance of cucumbers, cauliflowers and small onions for very moderate prices. Do not make the mistake of last year. In a very short time the frost will snap them all up, and you will be biting your fingers off because you did not buy when you could do so cheap. We take orders to be filled the following market day.

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Canadian News.

Manitoba potatoes are being shipped to Ontario.

Hon. Mr. Mackenzie's health is somewhat improved.

George Johnson, Ottawa, has been appointed Dominion statistician.

The site of the Herald office, Montreal, is to be expropriated by that city.

The new buildings of the St. Lawrence Sugar Refining Company are now being erected in Montreal.

The Manitoba wheat crop is about all harvested. It is estimated that the yield amounts to 8,750,000 bushels, of which 7,000,000 will be available for export.

The potato crop throughout Ontario is reported to be an entire failure, and dealers will have to depend upon the maritime provinces and Manitoba for their supply.

The International steamship company are reported to have cleared over \$20,000 more on their passenger traffic this season, up to July, than in the corresponding period of any previous year.

John Robichau, the unfortunate man who was struck by a piece of falling scaffolding at Dalhousie College building, Halifax, one day last week, has died from the effects of his injuries. It is said that Robichau's brother narrowly escaped being killed by a falling slate an hour before.

The losses by fire in Montreal since January 1st foot up over \$1,500,000, of which more than half occurred within the last three months. This is something unprecedented, and is causing much alarm. Insurance companies talk of raising the rates, as they are losing money rapidly.

The coal dealers in Montreal who united in an attempt to make the city pay six dollars for anthracite coal, have had the pleasure of seeing their tenders rejected en bloc in favor of a man who undertakes to supply Welsh anthracite at four and a half dollars on the wharf, or five dollars and ten cents at the reservoir. The cheap coal will, however, need very close scrutiny as to quality and weight.

A Grand Trunk dividend is announced at the rate of two per cent. per annum on the first preference stock. This is a half per cent. better than the general anticipation, and caused a sharp upward movement in the company's stocks, all of which show a rise on the week. Canadian Pacific shares are a trifle better. Other railway stocks are steady, except New Brunswick, which has fallen 1 per cent. Canadian Government securities are without change, and there is no movement to note in land or financial shares.

It is understood that Sir Charles Tupper, at the request of the Canadian Government, had an interview with Mr. Kaikes, the postmaster-general, with reference to the notice recently issued regarding letters to China and Japan superscribed "via Vancouver." It appears that in consequence of the steamships being cargo vessels, their sailings are irregular and the advertised dates are not always adhered to. Letters sent in accordance with the notice are therefore liable to delay, which would bring discredit on the all-Canadian route. The result of the interview is that the action will be modified, and the letters will be superscribed "via Montreal" instead of Vancouver, as they can be forwarded via San Francisco if the Canadian steamer is delayed.

The Moncton Transcript says: "The complete failure of the hay crop in Cape Breton brings the farmers of that section of the Dominion face to face with a hay famine. If they cannot procure the needed supply—and many from want of means will not be able to do so—they must sell the greater portion of their stock at ruinously low prices. The Halifax Presbyterian Witness suggests that the municipalities should take the matter in hand, borrow money from the local government at 5 per cent., repayable in instalments within three or four years, and that pressed hay should be imported from the province of Quebec. There should not be much difficulty in the municipalities arranging to provide temporary relief for those who may be unable to pay at once for the hay they require, but why import hay from the province of Quebec when there is abundance of hay both in New Brunswick and P. E. Island, and which can be landed in Cape Breton at a much cheaper rate than it could be from the Upper Province. Will the Witness make a note of this?"

American News.

New Orleans has a brass band of fourteen members, all newboys.

There were 73,328 arrests in New York city during the year ending May 1.

The four children of Dr. W. A. Gordon, of Chester, Ill., were born in different years, but the birthday of each falls upon July 22.

A lady found a \$20 gold piece in the streets of Woodland, Cal., one day recently, invested it in a lot, and in two weeks realized \$1,250.

The Sun is opposed to the renomination of President Cleveland and is just now more than ordinarily disposed to find fault with the Acts of the Administration.

Mrs. Iva Richmond, of Golden, Mich., was thrown into the machinery of a reaper that she was driving, but her life was saved by her faithful dog who rushed forward and stopped the team.

One of the largest building operations of the year at Philadelphia, Pa., is that of Henry R. Schoch, who has purchased land on which he will erect 148 houses, all to be completed by the close of the year.

The trial heats of the Watkin's regatta were rowed on Seneca Lake on Tuesday. Hamm covered the course in 20 m. 8 sec., leaving Ten Eyck an eighth of a mile behind. In the second heat Bul-car beat Courtenay a length in 21 m. 3 sec. Teemer won the next heat in 20 m. 58 sec., with Lee second.

Not long ago a well-known New York artist sent to a lady, whom he had met several times, one of his best pictures, handsomely framed, as a souvenir gift. The next day he received a note from the lady, in which she thanked him for the picture, but begged to return the frame, as she made it a rule never to accept anything valuable as a gift from a gentleman.

It is calculated that during the last 12 months the people of the United States have individually and severally put their tongues out 1,968,341,000 times to moisten

the postage stamps for the billions of letters and millions of newspapers, periodicals and parcels that are carried and delivered by the Government. And yet 45 years ago there wasn't a postage stamp in the United States.

There is excellent authority for the statement that Rear Admiral Luce, commanding the North Atlantic squadron, the unenviable treatment of whom by Secretary Whitney occasioned such widespread comment a few weeks since, has consented, at the request of the Secretary of the Navy, to withdraw his application to be relieved from the command he now holds.

The New York Sun vigorously condemns the attempt to settle the fishery question by a mixed commission, on the ground that such a mode of settlement was rejected by Congress. It says:

We very much mistake the spirit of the American Congress if it suffers this obnoxious measure, which it has already twice rejected, to be crammed down its throat this winter. Whatever authority the British side of this so-called commission may represent, the members of the American side will act without the authority of Congress. They can conclude no negotiations. They can make no agreement binding our Government. They will simply represent the obstinate purpose of the Administration to carry out, in spite of Congress and as far as possible, the policy suggested by Minister West for Secretary Bayard's benefit.

Commercial Union Notes.

The Montreal Gazette pithily says: "Commercial Union would mean the orange for the Americans, and the rind for the Canadians."

The case is put in a nutshell by the Chicago Times:

"If the Dominion will take our tariff laws as they are, and as Congress may choose to modify them, and as our Treasury department and courts may construe them, well and good. This country may agree to such an arrangement as that, but it will never agree to accept the Dominion laws, or to put the whole business and into the hands of some joint high commission representing the treaty-making functionaries of the United States and British Governments. Unless, therefore, the Dominion is prepared to make a complete and unconditional surrender of all control over its own tariff, and accept whatever tariff our Congress may choose to enact from time to time, the scheme of Commercial Union, in the sense in which that phrase is used, is entirely out of the question."

SHIP NEWS.

PORT OF CHARLOTTETOWN.

ENTERED.

Sept 7—Sch Annie Florence, Bernard, S'ide; G H Weeks, Walton, Baie de Verte; Sea Bird, Hyde, Murray Harbor, Minnie E, Noel, Cow Bay.

CLEARED.

Sept 7—Sch Annie Florence, Bernard, Pictou; G H Weeks, Walton, Baie de Verte; Sea Bird, Hyde, Murray Harbor; Zetland, Nicholson, Pugwash.

MARRIED.

At St. Stephen's Church, Minneapolis, Minn., on the 22nd August, by Rev. Father Kenny, Mr. John J. Disselle, of Minneapolis, to Miss Minnie J. Higgins, formerly of Charlottetown, P. E. Island.

DIED.

At Lot 13, on the morning of the 7th September, Lemuel McGregor, aged 24.

At Charlottetown, Sept. 7th, 1887, Beecher, infant child of Ronald and Martha McMillan, aged 8 months and 3 days.

At Tracadie Cross, August 31st, Thomas Richard, beloved son of A. J. and Maggie Dorgan, aged 2 months and 20 days.

Dearest infant we have missed thee, And thy loss we deeply feel, But 'tis God that has bereft us, He can all our sorrows heal.

VIOLIN MUSIC.

MR. M. LOWDEN would respectfully intimate to the inhabitants of Charlottetown that he is now prepared to take pupils for instruction on the Violin, and hopes, from his thirteen years' experience as a Teacher, to give every satisfaction. N. B.—Pupils taken from 10 years of age upwards. He can be seen at Mr. Sentner's, 282 Kent Street, near Prince. Ch'town, Sept. 8, 1887.

River Excursion and Kermis.

Steamer "Southport"

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On SATURDAY, the 10th Inst., AT 3 P. M., SHARP.

Go up the West River, returning at 5.30 p.m. St. Peter's Boys' Band will be in attendance. Refreshments, Flowers, &c., may be obtained on board.

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August 31, 1887—1wk pat

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