

The Daily Examiner

FEBRUARY 25, 1886.

Opening of Parliament.

His Excellency the Governor-General opened Parliament this afternoon, and a full report of his speech on the occasion will be found in another column. His Excellency has good cause for the congratulatory and reassuring tone of his address, and for looking with great confidence to the continued development and prosperity of the country. Peace and contentment reign throughout Canada, and the completion of the Canadian Pacific Railway marks the beginning of the most hopeful era in the history of the country.

The measures to be submitted to Parliament are all in the direction of improvement, and we hope their passage will not be unduly obstructed. The reform of the judiciary might, indeed, be extended towards the East as well as to the Northwest; and a measure providing for their representation in the Parliament of the country is due to the people of the Northwest. His Excellency makes no mention of the execution of Riel. Probably His Excellency is of opinion that too much will be said on that topic before the session has closed.

The Lobster Packers' Convention.

The lobster packers have unanimously agreed to the suggestion that the lobster fishing season be shortened by a month. Collectively, the packers have voted like sensible men, anxious to preserve a source of wealth to themselves and to the country. It is a pity that they have not individually, in the conduct of their business, acted in the same sensible way. If they had there would be no talk now of shutting up the factories because the fish are deteriorating in size and our grounds are in danger of being "fished out."

The shutting up of the factories could only be justified on the principle that "desperate diseases require desperate remedies." If it were done, many of the packers would certainly be injured, thousands of persons would be thrown out of employment during the summer season, and (the packers say) the industry would never be revived. On the other hand, if it be not done, and the packers continue to be as reckless as they have been, the lobster fishing industry of P. E. Island will soon be as completely destroyed as those of Maine and Nova Scotia. We hope that the better course now suggested will be pursued. Three months' fishing, with the privilege of taking the season at the times most suitable to the respective localities, ought to satisfy the reasonable demands of the trade, and with an additional month every year, in which to spawn and grow, the poor lobsterers ought to be able to hold their own.

Some of the packers feel aggrieved because the Government have "tinkered" with the industry. If they had given the lobsterers a fair chance, there would be no necessity for governmental interference. When they cease killing everything in the shape of a lobster that comes in their way, and act like reasonable men anxious to preserve the wealth of the country, there will be no necessity for governmental interference.

"News of the Day."

HAVING lately obtained access to a copy of the Prince Edward Island Register for the year 1830, we intend, under the above heading, to make extracts therefrom, and thus make the present generation acquainted with "the burning questions" of that day, and at the same time afford them an opportunity of comparing the present state of our Island with the past and drawing their own conclusions as to our progress or retrogression. That we have progressed in many ways is evident, but that some retrograde steps have been taken we do not propose to deny. That our extracts will prove interesting as well as amusing we have no doubt, and that they may prove instructive we are not without hope. It is to be noted at the outset that the year 1830 had many features in common with the present year of grace, 1886, in that the dates of the day of the week and month were the same. Small-pox was a just vanishing bugbear, and the winter season was a very mild and open one. But of this more anon, and for the present we will let our extracts tell their own "tale unfold."

The first number we take up is The Prince Edward Island Register, Vol. VII., dated Charlottetown, Tuesday, Jan. 5, 1830, No. 310. It is a small paper of four pages, 18x11 1/2 inches, and having four columns to the page, or about two-thirds the size of the present DAILY EXAMINER. The first page is devoted to what now-a-days would be called "reading matter," two-thirds of a column being taken up by "RURAL AFFAIRS" (from the Dunfermline Courier); one column by "MR. R.—D.'S DREAM (From a note to the new edition of the Antiquary); five sixths of a column by four other articles headed respectively: "SINGULAR WOODEN BRIDGE," "THE JEWISH NEW YEAR," "THE MEASURE OF TIME," and "ARABIAN HORSES," whilst the balance of the page and two columns of the next are occupied by "CHURCH OF SCOTLAND IN CANADA" (Examination of the Rev. John Lee, D. D., before the Committee of the House of Commons on the state of Canada). Passing over the remainder of the page, which consists of equally interesting "reading matter," we

come to page 3, which contains the kernel of the nut, i. e., the editorial and local news. We give the editorial verbatim:—

"The courier, we learn, has been unable to cross to Cape Tormentine for the mails, owing to the quantity of ice which has accumulated on this side of the straits. In the commodity of news we are thus effectively cut off from all hopes of a foreign supply, for at least some time to come; nor does the domestic market afford the smallest resources. We have not this week a single novelty to announce, an incident to record, or a reflection to utter. From Dan to Beersheba all is barren."

The weather still continues comparatively mild, and the harbour can hardly yet be said to be even slightly frozen over. Some snow has fallen in the course of the week—sufficient merely to allow our amateur whips to sport their jingling equipages along its smooth and level surface. At this season of the year, skating, driving in carriages, and such like pastimes are common enough, but our idea of summer would be revived were we to see—

"The patient fisher takes his silent stand, Intent, his angle trembling in his hand; With looks unmoved, to hook the scaly breed, And eye the dancing cork and bending reed."

A friend, however, informs us that, as he was taking a walk on Thursday, being the last day of December, he saw a person actually angling for trout with the fly in one of the small streams which run into North Creek, about three miles from town. Such an incident is worthy of remark, as a proof of the mildness of the season.

Then follows a "local" on the Hog Reeves for the present year; a list of persons "licenced" to retail spirituous liquors throughout the Island for the year commencing July 1st, 1829 (fifty-five persons in all, twenty-six of whom were in Charlottetown) and we strike the advertisements, consisting principally of Stray Cattle, and the ad's of the merchants of the day. We are informed by "ad" that "the Surveyor General's office has been removed to the upper end of Queen Street, near the Cross Street leading to Government House," and in advertising their wares, most of the merchants state that "they will be sold on very moderate terms for prompt payment, and that Cash, Wheat, Oats, Barley, Pork and Furs will be taken in exchange at market prices. The last page is devoted to more reading matter of the same moral and instructive style as appears in the Protestant Union of the present day.

"We have not seen any verification in the P. E. Island newspapers of Mr. Davies' statement that hundreds of fishermen there are in want of bread, and we presume that is one of our friend's flights of fancy, for which he is somewhat famous."—Moncton Times.

We have not heard of any class of persons in this Province in want of bread. There may be individual cases of distress from this cause, but generally there is "fulland plenty" throughout the Province. Either the Times has misunderstood Mr. Davies or Mr. Davies has been drawing the long bow—as usual. We hope Mr. Davies has not, while abroad, been libelling his constituents and reflecting unjustly upon his native Province.

Supreme Court, King's County.

GEORGETOWN, Feb. 24. The Court opened at 11 o'clock. The first case called on was an action of ejectment, brought, as stated by Mr. Morson, by Flora Steele against Roderick O'Hanley, to recover possession of a piece of land on Lot 53, King's County. The plaintiff claims title under Capt. Steele who purchased the land at Sheriff's sale, in 1876. At the close of the plaintiff's case, Mr. D. C. McLeod, for the defendant, moved for a non-suit on several grounds. Mr. F. Peters, for the defendant, replied, and the Court refused the motion, but reserved the points taken. The defendant called no evidence. Mr. Peters addressed the jury for the plaintiff, and Mr. D. C. McLeod replied for the defendant. The jury found a verdict for the plaintiff.

The Grand Jury found true bills of indictment against James Conway, Daniel Conway and Richard Conway for assault on Mary Cantwell, John Cantwell and Bridget Cantwell.

The Grand Jury made no further presentments, and having no further business to transact, were discharged this afternoon.

Information Wanted.

Sir,—Will some one of your numerous correspondents, who have so distinctly asserted that, during the present month, no ice could be seen from Knight's Point, Souris East, to Cape George—or from Cape Bear to Pictou Island—explain why the winter steamer Northern Light was from 10 o'clock a. m. to 3 o'clock p. m. yesterday, the 24th inst., getting from the port of Souris to Georgetown. Something very serious must be the matter with a steamer so powerful, and "no ice in the Gulf to stop a canoe."

Respectfully yours, IGNORANCE.

Ch'town, Feb. 25, 1886.

Sir Ambrose Shea.

The Halifax Herald recently published a special London letter, giving the full text of Col. Stanley's final reply to Sir Ambrose Shea regarding the Governorship of Newfoundland. Sir Ambrose fully released the Colonial Secretary from all personal obligation to himself. The last sentence of the despatch reads: "Colonel Stanley continues to feel the fullest confidence that if personal and local considerations had not rendered your appointment undesirable at the present time, you would have administered the Government of Newfoundland with great faithfulness and ability, and he is glad to place on record that he would have been prepared, if he had been in a position to do so, to consider whether you could be invited to accept some other appointment of similar standing and importance."

A Living Pin Cushion.

Miss Josephine Weaver, of Kittinging, Pa., recently had five pieces of cambric needles removed from the lower part of her leg by a physician. She is known as the living needle cushion, and during the past six years it is said she has extracted 92 needles, whole and in part, from her limbs. Miss Weaver is 34 years of age and is quite eccentric though intelligent. She maintains that she is bewitched. She has been watched frequently and awakens out of an apparently deep slumber with screams. It is generally believed she is a monomaniac on the subject of sticking herself full of needles, but her parents and friends assert that they have watched her repeatedly and found no evidence of such actions.

THE NEWS OF THE DAY.

Carefully Collected by "The Examiner's" Reporters.

Wallace Ross wants to arrange another race with Hanlan.

England's milk product is estimated at \$150,000,000 per annum.

It is said that in Vienna alone last year 263 Jews became Christians.

Advertising is a good deal like making love to a widow. It can't be overdone.

The 4,200 public libraries in America contain more than 13,000,000 volumes.

Russia wants England to join the league for the extradition of political criminals.

Mercury is said to be the god of thieves. Mercury has certainly got pretty low this winter.

Rev. Thomas Thomas, of Arkansas, 114 years old, still exhorts on special occasions.

Since 1793, as a statistician learns, wars among civilized nations have cost the lives of 4,470,000.

It is reported that the banana crop will be short this year. This will be good news to pedestrians.

The reading of 285 love-letters is soon to occur in an Indiana court, where a breach of promise case is to be tried.

The Japanese say: "A man takes a drink, then the drink takes a drink, and the next drink takes the man."

Some one says: "The South Americans put up sausages in bark." This is better than to put the bark in sausages.

Parnell has prepared a scheme to apply Irish church surplus not yet exhausted to relieving the distressed in Ireland.

Bismarck's wife is described as a tall, aristocratic-looking woman, with decided but pleasing features, and of elegant but simple taste in dress.

Over one hundred million people rode on the New York elevated railroads during the year ending Sept. 30, and paid the company over \$7,000,000.

A girl has been found in Wapping, Conn., who has been looked up by her parents twenty years because she wanted to marry against their wishes.

The United Presbyterian Church of Scotland has 557 congregations, a membership of 179,891, and 103,578 teachers and scholars in Sabbath Schools.

Lord Salisbury accuses Mr. Gladstone of destroying the power of the landlords in Ireland, and failing to create anything capable of promoting peace.

In these days of hydrophobia, it may be well to remark that no person who has paid for his newspaper in advance was ever known to be bitten by a mad dog.

A man at Des Moines, Iowa, canvassed the city for funds with which to push his suit for divorce. He evidently had a large dependence upon the public sympathy.

New York policemen say they could have clubbed down the London riot in ten minutes. The New York police are not afraid of any mob that ever rioted—3,000 miles away.

Lord Napier, of Magdala, states that of 18,000 cases of crime in the army of India, which he had caused to be investigated, not one had been committed by a total abstainer.

Rauben R. Thrall, of Rutland, Vt., is probably the oldest practicing lawyer in the world. He recently celebrated his 90th birthday, and has several cases now on the docket.

A reported plot exists to unite Spain and Portugal, under the Duke of Braganza, and overthrow the present regency in Spain. The Duke of Montpensier is heading the intrigue.

When Adelaide Neilson died she had in her possession a copy of every photograph of herself which had been published, and the total of these, cartes, cabinets, panels, etc., was 609.

It is estimated that the Chinese in California earn by their labor, \$24,000,000 every year, and one of the arguments against them is that they send \$20,000,000 of this home.

The greatest trouble a girl experiences when she attends a maturation and wants to learn to swim, is in keeping her mouth shut. And the same thing holds good in all her after life.

Pueblo, Colorado, has a Chinese doctor who was married recently. He purchased his wife in China for \$1,000, spent \$500 in San Francisco for her trousseau, and \$500 for railroad fare and incidental expenses.

The dude collar this season, it is authoritatively announced, will be narrow, and will be slightly turned down. He will now have an opportunity of looking around him and of seeing what is going on in the world.

An Iowa judge has decided that a man may legally kiss a pretty girl if he can swear he thought it was his wife. That decision should be denounced by all good men and true as an open encouragement of perjury.

Sir Michael Hicks Beach is a very nice looking gentleman, handsome, with small features, black hair parted down the middle, black beard and moustache, and a very pleasant expression of face. A young-looking man, too, in his forties.

The Toronto Branch of the Irish National League met the other night, when the Treasurer reported that \$1,400 had thus far been remitted to headquarters, leaving on hand a balance of \$310. It was decided to remit a further sum of \$250 to the Treasurer of the American League.

In New York a few nights ago a sad-faced woman had a warrant issued, as a last resort, in the hope of checking her son's dissipation. She was on her way home, accompanied by an officer, when she suddenly passed, moaned, "Oh God, my heart is breaking!" sank to the sidewalk, and was soon dead.

D. B. Palmer, a wealthy lumberman, formerly of Grand Rapids, Mich., died at Ashland, Wis., last week, and left \$100,000 to his child, a little girl of 10 years, who is with her mother at Grand Rapids. Mrs. Palmer refused to accompany her husband when he went West eight years ago to rebuild his fortune.

They tell in Louisville of a citizen of that town who went to New York recently and lived at one of the most expensive hotels there. He stayed four days and asked for his bill. "Fifty-one dollars," said the clerk. "Guess again," said the Kentuckian. "You haven't sized my pile yet. I've more money than that."

It is reported that 171 railroads, operating 60,000 miles, are ready to join the 24 o'clock movement, and to abandon all use of "A. M." and "P. M." and some urge no delay in the matter. The Canadian Pacific has taken the initiative and all the time tables, watches and clocks on the road have been adapted to the change.

Schr. B. Vrooman, from Trapani, Dec. 3, for Gloucester, Mass., put into Philadelphia on the 18th, in distress, having sprung a leak on Dec. 28, when off Canary Islands, and continued leaking until reaching Philadelphia. From 200 to 300 tons of salt were lost. The crew were at the pumps for fifty-three days, and are completely exhausted.

An international committee at Nice has prepared a memorial to Prince Charles III. of Monaco, urging the abolition of gambling at Monte Carlo. This memorial includes the names of all who have committed suicide through disappointment at play since 1878. The list is explicit as to names and dates, and comprises for the 8 years, 1820 persons.

Louis Marks, aged eighteen, while riding on the cowcatcher of an engine at Jefferson, Texas, a few days ago, was observed by the fireman, who exclaimed: "I'll fix him," and, going to the front of the engine, kicked the box off the cowcatcher on to the track. The engine ran over him, crushing him to death. The murderer is still at large.

Great and alarming sickness exists in numerous families residing along Bernhart's Creek, north of Reading, Pa., consisting of a gradual wasting away of the system as in cases of consumption. At first physicians were puzzled, but they have discovered that the chemical waste from a dynamite factory runs into the creek, the waters of which all of the families use.

Fond Boston mother (to daughter)—"Jennie, did you kiss young Gaskin again to-night?" Daughter—"Yes, mamma, he's just lost an uncle in San Francisco, and I was so sorry for him." Fond Boston mother—"Well, Jennie, let this be the last. I'm afraid if you keep on encouraging him with your sympathy, he won't have a relative left in the wide, wide world."

The statement of the chartered banks of the Dominion for January shows total assets and liabilities of \$222,905,552 and \$142,232,706 respectively, being a decrease compared with the statement for December, 1885, of \$4,957,995 in assets, and \$5,275,470 in liabilities, and an increase in assets \$9,616,649 and in liabilities \$9,220,002 compared with statement for January, 1884.

It is reported that the Chief Engineer of the Public Works Department considers the lowest tenders for the bulk of the Welland Canal improvement too low, and in consequence the Government has decided only to close contracts for the dredging, which will cost from \$225,000 to \$250,000. It is stated that the total work would have cost about one and a half million dollars.

On the 17th, Miss Kate Moore, daughter of a wealthy lumber merchant of Ottawa, was found dead in bed. She had been suffering, and her friends injected chloroform into her ear just before she retired. Fearing the young lady may only be in a trance, the family have decided to postpone the funeral for a few days. Those of the medical profession who have viewed the body are of opinion that life is extinct.

We are reminded of a joke alleged to have been perpetrated not many years ago on the Montreal Witness. Being a strong advocate of temperance, it declined to insert advertisements of places where liquor was vended. One day, however, an innocent looking advertisement appeared, headed "Schooners for sale," and informing the public of the time and place. It was the announcement of the opening of a new lager beer saloon.

During the recent freeze some darkies ventured out on the ice in a lake in the lower part of Lowndes county, Georgia, and one of them fell in. The water was over his head, but he was a short distance from shore. He immediately dived under the ice and swam toward the shore. At length finding himself to be within his depth, he let himself down, and placing his feet on the ground, deliberately battered a hole through the ice with his head, and escaped without a headache.

Little Billie Hutchins, of Lawrence, Ga., is a hero. A can of powder dropped into a basket of chips and was thrown on the fire, before which stood Billie's three little sisters. The boy jumped for the can, but just as he seized it the powder exploded. The little girls were not hurt at all, but the boy was badly burned. Some one asked him why he grabbed the powder. He answered as well as he could, for he was suffering intensely, "To save the girls."

Edward E. Carlton, whose wife was the victim of the celebrated Carlton murder mystery at Watertown, Mass., in March, 1883, has met an accidental death in Texas. He was suspected of killing his wife but proved an alibi. He remained in Boston until he succeeded in collecting the insurance of \$5,000 on his wife's life. Then he disappeared. He received a legacy of \$30,000 after the death of a sister in California, and with this capital he embarked in a patent medicine enterprise. He purchased a gurgulous turn-out, and made a tour of the south-west. Three weeks ago he was thrown from the rear platform of a train in Texas, fell through a bridge, and died soon afterward.

DIED.

At Charlottetown, on Wednesday, the 24th inst., of cancer, Alexander Marshall, aged 81 years.

At Tyne-mount, Alberton, on the 22nd inst., Barbara Stuart, only child of James Harry and Isabel Hunter, aged 17 months.

The Charlottetown Water Works Co.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Stock Book of the above Company has this day been opened, and that such Stock Book is now in the office of R. R. FitzGerald, Solicitor, in the Cameron Block, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, where any person or body politic or corporate can subscribe for shares in the above Company, under the Act or Charter incorporating the same.

Dated this 24th day of February, A. D., 1886.

ALEXANDER MCKINNON, R. R. FITZGERALD, for Incorporators.

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Ch'town, Feb. 25, 1885.—dy & wky

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Large Stock of Colored Dress Goods.

Black French Merinoes, Black Cashmere, Black Cords, Black Nuns' Veiling, Black Costume Cloth, &c.

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Ch'town, Feb. 23, '86.