

THE PUBLIC DEBT.

Mr. McKENZIE had the impudence to tell the people of this Island—or at least the comparatively few who heard him on Tuesday last—that his Government had lessened rather than increased the public debt. The Public Accounts issued by his Government tell a very different tale. They show:—

PUBLIC DEBT.	TOTALS.	Increases
*Total Debt, 1873.....	129,743,432	\$
Increase, '73 to '74.....	11,420,119	\$
Total Debt, 1874.....	141,163,551	
Increase, '74 to '75.....	10,499,850	
Total Debt, 1875.....	151,663,401	
Increase, '75 to '76.....	9,541,286	
Total Debt, 1876.....	161,204,687	

Total increase of debt in 1874, 1875 and 1876. \$31,471,255.

Again, he said the Debt was placed in a very much more advantageous position. In view of the fact that the rate of interest on money has been very much lower since Mr. McKenzie attained to power than it was while Sir John remained at the head of affairs, this ought to be true. But it is not. Read the following statement collated from the Public Accounts:—

INTEREST ON DEBT.	TOTALS.	Increases
Total Interest, 1872.....	5,549,374	\$
Increase, '73 to '74.....	573,470	\$
Total Interest, 1874.....	6,122,844	
Increase, '74 to '75.....	217,212	
Total Interest, 1875.....	6,340,056	
Increase, '75 to '76.....	413,115	
Total Interest, 1876.....	6,753,171	

Total increase of interest in 1874, 1875 and 1876. \$1,203,797.

How accurate is the knowledge of the heaven-born Premier? Every year the burden of Debt is steadily increasing, and he tells us that it has been materially lightened!

It cannot be truly said—although the Premier said so—that the enormous increase shown above is due to a proportionate expenditure for Public Works charged to capital account. The figures under this heading have been collated by Senator McPherson; they appear in that excellent pamphlet of his, which the Premier will "not deign to notice":—

1873.....	\$6,005,000
1874.....	5,254,000
1875.....	6,923,000
1876.....	7,154,000

Mr. Macpherson finds that the net increase in that portion of the annual expenditure largely within control of the Administration in 1876 over 1873 was \$3,677,000, and making every allowance for the statutory and other increases in 1874, he holds the Ministry responsible for an increase in 1876 over 1873 of \$1,800,000! He adds:

"Thus the increase by the present Administration in the controllable expenditure between 1876 and 1873, is \$1,800,000 equal to the interest at 5 per cent. on \$36,000,000; and the annual burden on the people would be no greater if instead of increasing the expenditure unnecessarily the Government had borrowed \$36,000,000. Now, a small portion of this sum, if it had been borrowed and judiciously expended, would have done much to promote the prosperity of the country. The very increase in the controllable expenditure of 1876 over 1873, \$717,062, is the interest at 5 per cent. on \$14,341,240."

Mr. Macpherson's quotation from Junius is indeed singularly apt: "The situation of this country is alarming enough to rouse the attention of every man who pretends to a concern for the country's welfare."

[In our former statement we gave the net debt.]

DESERVATION.—Some unfeeling wretch defaced the monument on the grave of the infant son of the Hon. L. H. Davies. A simple cross of freestone was placed at the head of the little grave. This was broken off by a brute in human form. Mr. Davies will, we understand, handsomely reward any person who will give such information as will lead to the conviction of the offender. The grave is in the Protestant Cemetery.—Pat.

LET THE TRUTH COME OUT.

MR. NORMAN J. CAMPBELL is insolent. His conduct as a public official is a proper subject for criticism. He ought to explain his conduct or the Government ought to enquire into the serious charges which have been preferred against him.

THE PREMIER IN NOVA SCOTIA.

From the reports of our Nova Scotia contemporaries, it is evident that the Premier received a colder—if that were possible—reception from the people of our sister Province than he received from us. We have not heard whether the Premier's supporters in Nova Scotia acted in the contemptible petty spirit they did here. If so, the Premier would be justified in exclaiming "save me from my friends and put me into the hands of such good Conservatives as welcomed Her Majesty's Minister to Bouris East." The Halifax Reporter has a clever pictorial representation of "The Premier as he appeared on emerging from the North St. Depot and looked round for the crowd which wasn't there."

THE FISHERY QUESTION.

The New York World publishes a special despatch from Halifax to the effect that "the American case before the Fishery Commission has staggered the British Counsel."

The World's despatch says "THE AMERICAN CASE RESTS PRINCIPALLY UPON THE EVIDENCE OF CANADIAN MINISTERS."

The Halifax Reporter remarks that "that was the criticism of Liberal Conservative Press upon Mr. Mackenzie's and Mr. Blake's speeches. It was generally felt that the speeches of these two politicians had done damage. Indeed, it was on several occasions openly asserted that, had they been acting for the 'Americans,' they could hardly have delivered better speeches for them."

A CURIOUS STATE OF THINGS.

We never expect anything generous from the Patriot. But we were almost surprised at a bit of nasty, malicious spite in the issue of Thursday morning. We refer to the manner in which Mr. W. C. Des Brisay's name was dragged into the Patriot's account of the Mackenzie meeting.

In the first place the Patriot's statement was quite inaccurate. Mr. Des Brisay called for Mr. Brecken before not "when" Mr. McKenzie came forward to reply to Mr. Pope.

But we wish particularly to call attention to the cool assertion which the Patriot makes, that the whole influence of the Local Government is to be thrown on the side of the Grits, and that by an organized system of terrorism every friend of the Constitutional Party is to be silenced. It is exactly the same spirit which led Mr. Welsh to threaten Mr. DeBlois last fall with immediate loss of office if he dared to vote for Mr. Pope. His attempt failed for Mr. DeBlois is not the man to submit to such dictation. But the same idea prevails, and is in some degree encouraged by the conduct of the Conservatives in the Local Government. They and their supporters are too often afraid to do anything in Dominion politics, for fear they might "embarrass the Local Government." No such scruples vex the souls of their colleagues. Mr. Davies was loud upon the hustings in praise of Mr. McKenzie. Mr. Stewart was in constant attendance on the Premier, and lent him the vast influence of his presence and his name. The Conservative members of the Local Government left Messrs. Pope and Brecken to fight their battle alone. And the Patriot, thinking that he saw one Government officer more anxious to hear Mr. Brecken than to listen a second time to Mr. McKenzie, insolently shakes the rod at him, and hints that such conduct will bring punishment.

For an employee of any Government to take an active part against the Government which he serves is, we believe, wrong. But Dominion politics are quite independent of local politics. This should always be so but more particularly is it the case when, as here, the same Government is formed by a coalition of the two parties in Dominion politics. For the organ of one branch of this coalition to terrorize the friends of the other shows a curious state of things.

Mr. Des Brisay owes nothing to Mr. McKenzie. That gentleman introduced into Canadian politics the worst practices of the United States. For political reasons, and none other, he turned Mr. Des Brisay out of a Dominion office for which he was eminently qualified. This disgraceful act was in direct opposition to Mr. McKenzie's avowed principles when he was out of power, and is one of many instances of the vast difference between his professions and his practices.

EASTERN NOTES.

From the King's County Advertiser.

The barque James Kenway, McDonald owned, arrived at Miramichi on the 23 inst., from Liverpool.

Messrs. McDonald & Westaway shipped 1,800 bushels of oats, in bags, in the steamer M. A. Starr, on Friday last.

S. Murchison, master, owned by John M. Stewart, arrived at Barbadoes on the 4th ult., 15 days from New York.

LARCENY.—A woman named Matilda Morrison was arraigned before Wm. Sanderson and A. C. Stewart, Esquires, two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for King's County, on Wednesday, the 1st inst., on a charge of larceny. The evidence given against her was sufficient to sustain the charge, and she was accordingly sent to jail to await her trial at the supreme Court.

The Steamer Albert returned to this port from the Magdalen Islands on Monday night last. Capt. McLean reports the most singular phenomenon which has occurred there for fifty years past. Five water spouts streamed down from the clouds in the early part of Monday and in the brightest sunshine. He states that they were beautiful to behold and far surpassing anything he ever saw. They lasted nearly fifteen minutes.

CONFIRMATION AT MAGDALENE ISLANDS.—His Lordship Bishop McIntyre sailed for the Magdalen Islands on Saturday night last, and arrived there at noon on Sunday, where he administered the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday, to those who were prepared. The consecration of the new Convent recently built there, will take place this week, and six sisters of the Congregation Da Notre Dame, Charlottetown, who also went there on Sunday, will immediately begin the formation of classes, and commence a course of training, which will prove a great boon to these people, who have encountered so many difficulties in the past, by sending their children abroad to have them educated in the higher branches. Rev. Dugald McDonald, of Tignish, accompanied them, as did Father Von Blek who went there to commence his duties as Parish Priest in that place.

Local and Other Items.

LET IT NOT BE FORGOTTEN that the Hon. Alexander McKenzie, Premier of the Dominion, is too great a man to condescend to explain to the "coarse," "rough," "brutal," "savage" people of Prince Edward Island the reason why he accepted, in the session of 1874, to disfranchise about one-half of them.

We have received a letter referring to the above paragraph, the writer of which did not send his name. Unless he does so—as an advertisement of his idioity—we will not publish it.

THE AWARD SET ASIDE.—One of the most important points on which the Award of the Commissioners, respecting the estate of John Alliston Smerlett McDonald, was set aside was that the award was not executed in this Province. This point was inadvertently omitted in our announcement of yesterday morning.

OVER THE WHARF.—At 10 o'clock yesterday morning, as the steamer arrived at the Southport side of the ferry, Mr. Archibald Kennedy's horse took fright and backed over the wharf. Mr. Kennedy, who was sitting in the wagon, was precipitated into the water, and only for the timely assistance of a man named Martin (one of the hands on board the steamer), he would probably have been drowned. This accident may be attributed to the carelessness of the Local Government in not having moveable railings on that part of the wharf. We would advise the Government to have this want supplied before other similar accidents take place.

The Hon. J. E. Cauchon, Minister of the Interior is now in Halifax. Of this gentlemen the Toronto Globe of the 9th of December says:—

"The Cauchon job is rank and smells to Heaven. The Cauchon has been proved guilty of JOBBERY and of DEFIANTLY BREAKING THE LAW for years, is, we should think, not doubted by any sane man. That a corrupt and illegal bargain was made, and that one or more of the Ministers knew it was, are unquestionable facts. And what do Ministers propose to do now? Buy up the asylum make it public property, and PUT \$50,000 INTO M. CAUCHON'S POCKET, in addition to all he has received as proprietor of Beauport and contractor with the Government."

HALIFAX CADETS AT CHARLOTTETOWN.—The Halifax representatives to the quarterly session of the Grand Lodge of Cadets of Temperance, in connection with the S. of T., which begins in Charlottetown on Tuesday, intend giving a musical and literary entertainment in the Market Hall in that town, on Wednesday, the day of the Scottish Gathering. The performance will be under the direct supervision of Mr. Wm. Gill, the well known scenic artist of the Academy of Music. Among the attractions will be some handsome new scenery, which he is now engaged in painting. The Cadets' entertainments here are always of a high order, and if they do as well on this occasion, our Charlottetown friends may expect something worthy of their patronage.—Halifax Herald.

Latest by Telegraph.

Latest from Montreal.

(Special Dispatch to Daily Examiner.)

MONTREAL, Aug. 10th.

Robert Miller and J. H. Williams fell from a scaffold in Toronto yesterday, and were killed.

The 48th Regiment of Oswego New York State Militia beat the 49th Canadian regiment 27 points at the rifle shooting yesterday afternoon.

The sides were each composed of six men and fired seven shots each at two hundred, five hundred and six hundred yards.

Judge McKenzie was yesterday sworn in as Judge for the Maritime Court of Ontario.

Lord Dufferin visited the Fort Garrison on Tuesday, and attended a grand ball at Winnipeg in the afternoon.—His reception in Manitoba being generally enthusiastic.

Superior Extra,	\$7 30 to 7 35
Extra Superfine,	7 00 to 7 05
Fancy,	6 65 to 6 70
Spring Extra,	6 55 to 6 60
Superline,	6 15 to 6 35
Strong Bakers',	6 70 to 6 95
Fine,	6 00 to 6 15
Middlings,	5 20 to 5 40
Pollards,	5 50 to 5 75
U. C. Bags per 100 lbs.,	3 60 to 3 65
City Bags (delivered)	3 20 to 3 25
Oatmeal	5 90 to 6 00

WAR DISPATCHES.

(Special to the Daily Examiner.)

LONDON, Aug. 10.

It is reported in official circles that the Russians were again defeated at Plevna.

The Grand Duke Nicholas narrowly escaped being captured at Eskesaghra.

Ten thousand men are at present fortifying Gallipoli.

The Servians will have forty thousand men on a war footing by the twelfth of August.

The Russians are in great force at Boghaz, where a battle is imminent, unless they abandon the Balkans.

GENERAL NEWS.

LONDON, Aug. 7.

A telegram from Constantinople states that the Porte has informed Minister Bayard that it was about to complete the fortifications and increase the garrison at Gallipoli. The Porte adds that it will be able to defend Gallipoli against any attack.

A special from Alexandria reports that orders have been received at Suez to prepare steamers. Four will leave Suez today. It is supposed they will embark troops for Constantinople.

A Constantinople despatch states that regulations concerning a forced loan of 600,000,000 piastres, has been published. Ottoman subjects, without distinction, must participate in the loan. Men from 20 to 40 years of age will be enrolled in the civil guard.

Various specials states that on August 9th, 5,000 Turkish cavalry attacked the Russians between Loscore village, near Plevna, and the River Pusica. The Russians, who occupied the fortified line, and who now outnumber the Turks, repulsed them with difficulty.

Rioting was renewed last night in Belfast, and the military called out. The Mayor issued a proclamation announcing that the police were instructed to disperse (if necessary by force) all assemblages in the street.

The News says it is requested to contradict current rumors concerning Dr. Buti. He has gone to Ireland on private business, and will probably at the same time consult the Council of Home Rule League as to the best course to be pursued, but has no intention of resigning.

The News says it is probable that Lord Beaconsfield, before Parliament separates, will make a statement in the House of Lords as to the position and policy of the Government in reference to Eastern affairs.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Aug. 8.

Osmah Pasha telegraphs from Plevna that eight battalions of Russian infantry and 8 squadrons of cavalry attacked Lovatz on Tuesday.

The garrison at Lovatz having been reinforced by 5 battalions of infantry and some cavalry from Plevna, repulsed the Russians, who lost 300 killed and about 600 wounded.

Concerning the attitude of Austria towards Serbia if she declares war, the Minister of Finance says: "Some weeks ago I would have emphatically replied we should occupy Serbia, but Austria may allow that principally her freedom of action."

The Russians, in superior force, attacked Plevna to-day. The result is unknown.

Three Imperial palaces are converted into hospitals for wounded.

The Russian losses to July 27th, according to official statement, amount to 9,395 losses at Plevna not included.

Two regiments of Russian cavalry and a battalion of infantry have been repulsed in two attacks on Jasjar, south of Rasgrad. Bloody battle on both sides.

The monitors taken at Nikopolis are ready for action. It is believed they will be directed against the Turkish monitors at Rutchuk.

The Porte has officially informed the English Embassy that after two day's hard fighting at Lovatz the Russians suffered a severe defeat.

New Advertisements

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Aug. 11—6in

Provincial Exhibition 1877.

PACKETS of the Prize List are mailed to the Commissioners and the Post Offices throughout the Island for distribution. Postmasters will oblige by delivering to intending exhibitors.

R. MUNRO, Sec'y Comrs. Georgetown, Aug. 11, 1877—2in

DR. WOOD,

PROPRIETOR of the celebrated "OTTAWA CANCER CURE," will be at the Bankin House, Charlottetown, from the 12th to the 22nd of August, and in Summerside, at the Clifton House, from August 23rd until September 1st. His treatment of Cancer, Cancerous Tumors, and growths of all kinds, has, during a period of twenty years, proved a marvellous success. All persons afflicted with such diseases are invited to call Consultation free.

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THE MISSES SWAN,

LATE of Halifax, beg to inform the ladies of Charlottetown that they have taken the Shop near the corner of Pownall and Grafton Streets, where they are prepared to do first-class MILLINERY, MANTLE, and DRESS-MAKING. Particular attention paid to Mourning. Charges Moderate. Ch'town, Aug 7—1weod

Wants, etc., etc.

Advertisements under this heading, in space not exceeding half an inch, will be inserted for TEN CENTS per day.

LOST—About the hour of 5 p. m., on Thursday, the 9th inst., a Steel Watch Chain, with Seals and Keys attached. The finder will be recompensed on its restoration to the owner. T. STEWART. Aug. 11—

WANTED—The address of James Blundell, shipwright, late of Runcorn, England. Address W. W., care of this Office. Aug. 9—2in*

WANTED—In a private family, a room and board for a single gentleman. Address, stating terms, &c., W. J. M., P. O., Lock Box 78, city.—August 6.

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