

THE DAILY EXAMINER.

MARCH 24, 1884.

Public Schools Report.

This report has been made with the care which usually distinguishes the Superintendent of Education. From it we learn that there are four hundred and twenty-four schools in operation—the same number as the year previous. Queen's County contains one hundred and seventy-four, Prince County one hundred and thirty-five, and King's County one hundred and fifteen.

The report proves that Teachers of the higher grades are in more demand year by year. In 1876, for example, there were only seventeen teachers of the first class employed, and nineteen of the second class. During the past year there were fifty-three of the first class and ninety-eight of the second class.

We learn further from the Report that the number of Female teachers is steadily increasing, while that of the male teachers is gradually diminishing.

The number of pupils enrolled in 1883 was 21,495. In 1882, the number was 21,269—showing an increase of 226. The average daily attendance has also increased, which, certainly, is a hopeful sign of the times. In 1882, the average attendance was 11,285; in 1883 it was 11,759—thus showing an increase of 474. In 1877 the average daily attendance was 9,303; but last year, it was 11,759.

The expenditure for educational purposes for the year just closed amounted to the enormous sum of \$101,193.41—showing an increase of \$3,781.64. There was paid as statutory allowance for teachers \$78,161.09, and as supplementary allowance for teachers' salaries, \$10,781.67. The Prince of Wales College and Normal School expenditure, including printing, etc., was \$10,463.16. The amount of bonuses to teachers for the year reached the sum of \$1,784.50. From this it will be seen that the cost of education has assumed the most enormous proportions, and it must go on increasing from year to year.

With the limited amount of revenue now at the disposal of the Province, we think the time is not far distant when the Government must cease to pay for the higher education of the children of the country. When they provide a good English education for every child in the Province, they will consider their duty done. And if young men wish to fit themselves up for any of the professions, they must be prepared to do so at their own expense.

When the State provides every child with a good English education and the three R's, it does all that ought to be required of it. From this report we learn that there were enrolled in the Prince of Wales College and Normal School one hundred and thirty pupils; non-professional students, thirty-six; students in training for teachers, ninety-four.

The reports of the Inspectors for the Counties are brief, but clear and pointed. They remain the same as last year, viz: Peter Curran, for Eastern Section, and J. S. Murray, for the Western Section. The Public Schools Report would not be completed without a report of the Board of Trustees for Charlottetown and Summerside, and these reports are published at the end of the book. From a cursory glance at their contents, we are satisfied that they are highly satisfactory. It is more than likely that we should refer to them again.

The Toronto Scandal.

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MINISTIA, Mich., Dec. 25, 1883.

F. S. Kirkland, Esq.: DEAR SIR.—Any arrangements you make with Mr. Goff or anyone else to aid you in getting favorable legislation in Canada to the end that we can buy the pine lands you have surveyed on the Pigeon River and vicinity, or that we may survey, will be satisfactory to me, and you are hereby authorized to make such arrangements as may seem best in your judgement, not to cost over \$10,000.

Respectfully yours, R. G. PETERS.

DEAR SIR.—I leave for New York to-morrow, then to Ottawa, and it will be all I can do if I can accomplish that to reach Toronto before Saturday. I hope you have succeeded with the mining lands and timber, but whether or not you better wait until I get back. You want to make money; so do I. If a good mine is struck there is more in it than all the pine timber in Canada. I go to New York to look after my own interests, and while in Ottawa I expect to pocket a timber limit.

THOMAS A. KEEFER.

THE QUEEN'S TORONTO, 12th, 1884.

My Dear Kirkland: I am just leaving for Montreal, and would like to have seen you before going to say good bye, but have nothing particular to communicate. I have seen two or three of the Conservative members since noon, and they all say it is better not to be in too much hurry with the resolutions until they get matters well matured. I will be back on Friday and see you then. In the meantime if you have

anything particular to communicate write or wire me to "Windsor," Montreal. "Yours in haste,"

THOMAS MARKS.

MINISTIA, Mich., March 11, 1884.

F. S. Kirkland, Esq.: DEAR SIR.—You are pushing me beyond my ability, and the best I can do would be \$5,000 on the 20th or 25th, and some more on the 30th. You forget I cannot ship till April 30th, and I have a large business to float and carry on. It is certain that they will milk you for all you will stand, and you must not be too free or they will take our hides off. Refer them to the corn agency for a report of my standing, honor, etc. I enclose a hundred and send the other drafts as ordered. I shall do my best to go through with this undertaking. Can't leave to go there now.

Respectfully yours, (Signed) R. G. PETERS.

So these worthies operated on the members of both parties, selecting, no doubt, those whom they deemed most suitable to carry out their rascally purposes. We shall see, as the investigation proceeds, who it was that they succeeded in decoying into the deepest mire.

Where Did the Point Come In?

MR. FARQUHARSON entertained the House of Assembly with some senseless drivel, on Friday evening, and the Patriot says he made a good point against Mr. Prowse. It is hard to see where the point came in, without the aid of Sam. Weller's celebrated magnifying glass. Mr. Farquharson is a great admirer of Messrs. Blake and McKenzie; but what did they ever do for the Island. Have they not opposed every concession to the Island? Did not Mr. McKenzie declare in Parliament that the Terms of Confederation were carried out to the letter? Mr. Blake was equally emphatic in his declaration that the Island received millions more from the Dominion than they paid to the Dominion. What we want from the Federal Government is the fulfilment of the Terms of Union. Our claims will be opposed by every Grit in Ontario, and they will be helped in their opposition by the Grits of the Island; but in the end truth and justice will prevail.

—What the Patriot would not sacrifice to gain a political point is an enigma. On Saturday it made an attack upon Sir Leonard Tilley, which, besides being unwarranted, is calculated to prejudice the Finance Minister against the case of the creditors of the defunct Bank of P. E. Island. If every word in the editorial were true—which they are not—they would be better unsaid at this critical moment, when the creditors are asking more for leniency than for justice. The Patriot little knows that if the Government were to accept the dividends declared by the Liquidators of the Bank, they would be establishing an improper precedent which might, in the end, necessitate the withdrawal of all Government funds from the Banks of the Dominion, and centre them in one particular institution. But the Patriot cares little. Its aim is to make a point against the Government.

—R. T. Weeks, Esq., writes to the Patriot, in reference to the Driven Well System of waterworks in operation in Brooklyn, N. Y. He believes that this system is peculiarly adapted to Charlottetown, and asks that it be considered by the committee recently appointed to decide upon the best means of supplying this city with water for fire, mechanical and domestic purposes. We agree that the system of which Mr. Weeks writes is peculiarly adapted to this city, and we strongly recommend that the Committee shall at once place themselves in a position to secure full information regarding the Driven Well System. It is the most feasible mode of obtaining a supply of water yet brought to our notice.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

A Crying Shame.

SIR.—We often hear of the great advantage it is to the merchant to get his goods, late and early, by the "Northern Light"; but we have never once heard of the farmers' advantages or gains by this route. This much beloved and highly admirable winter route for the "Northern Light," via Georgetown and Pictou, is wholly and solely in the interest of the lawyer and the merchant—the merchant that he may the more effectually put an over stock of goods on the farmer, and the lawyer that he may demolish him outright. The merchant and the lawyer have just the same regard for the farmer as the wolf has for the lamb. "I dinna say men are villains aw"; but if an exodus could be conveniently spared from this Island, it should be a few of these same gents. Last year, had a steamer been on the Capes route, she could have commenced to carry freight from the 10th day of March; and prices were good from that date until the final opening of the navigation, which would have been a good many thousand dollars gain to the farmer. And this winter there has been but few days she could not have made a crossing.

Our Advertisers.

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PARLIAMENTARY CORRESPONDENCE.

OTTAWA, March 19.

THE BRIBERY PLOT.

The bribery plot disclosed at Toronto, yesterday, is the chief topic of conversation here to-day. It is but right that it should be investigated before the courts; and while we may denounce the act in the strongest language we can use, we ought to withhold our judgment as to its perpetrators until the case has been fully developed. Let us hope, in the meantime, that neither is Mr. Bunting guilty of the charge of complicity in this nefarious transaction, nor Mr. Mowat guilty of the charge of conspiring to ruin the Mail and bring discredit on the Opposition party of Ontario; but that the plot is only the device of an ingenious American, desirous of a change of Government, in order that he might obtain a coveted timber limit. It is but right to remark that the Hon. D. L. McPherson rose in the Senate to-day and solemnly denied any knowledge of the affair.

THE ORANGE BILL.

Mr. Blake's great injudicious speech was the only feature of the discussion on the Orange Bill worth noting. Mr. Blake denounced, not only the Orange Association but all other secret societies; and was most eloquent when he enlarged on "the tyranny exercised by them." He said, "it is in the nature of these societies to be tyrannical and despotic;" and "we have no right, because we have no necessity, to engage in secret societies, which, as I have said, are the frightful mother of malignity, misrepresentation, and bigotry." These are brave words! But it is probable that before they shall have ceased to re-echo between the hills of Strathalbyn and the heights of the Rocky Mountains, Mr. Blake will have learned that it is judicious in a political leader to temper his bravery with discretion. Notwithstanding his Leader's oratorical denunciations of all secret societies, Mr. Davies voted that the Orange Bill should be incorporated; and it is shrewdly suspected that while the leader hopes to capture the Catholic vote of Quebec, the follower fancies he may win the Orange vote of Queen's County. But it is much more probable that both will be deceived.

THE DOMINION LIQUOR LICENSE ACT.

This Act was the subject of discussion last evening. The point of the discussion was: whether the Dominion or the Provinces have jurisdiction over the liquor traffic, or both concurrently? Messrs. Houde, Amyot, and others, maintained that, according to the latest decision of the Privy Council, jurisdiction lies with the Provinces; and that, therefore, the passage of the Act was a mistake, which should at once be undone by its repeal. Sir Hector Langevin, Mr. Girouard, and others, argued, on the other hand, that the decision of the Privy Council referred to related simply to the two questions of billiard saloons and the sale of liquor to minors, and not to the power, whether Federal or Provincial, having jurisdiction over the liquor traffic; that it would be undignified, in the absence of any certainty upon this point, to undo the laborious and careful legislation of last year; and that it would be better to have the question settled, once for all, by a test case. This course was adopted; and Sir Hector explained that an Act would be brought down to protect the interests of temperance and morality in the meantime. Your correspondent is advised that, while the test is being made, the sections of the Act which relate to the Scott Act will remain in full force and effect.

CHINESE IMMIGRATION.

Mr. Shakespear, of British Columbia, brought in, to-day, his motion that "it is expedient to enact a law prohibiting the incoming of Chinese," and made the usual charges about the dark ways and vain tricks of the Celestial John. He declared that white men are unable to compete with Chinese slave labor, and that the Chinese, "are drawing the very life blood out of the Province." The debate came to an unexpected and inglorious close. At six o'clock, Mr. Baker, of Vancouver Island, in ignorance of the rules of the House, moved its adjournment. The matter will not come up again for some days; and but for the courtesy of the House, which would not take advantage of a mere blunder, its place in the order paper would be so low that it could not come up again this session.

THE "JOURNALS" ATTACK ON MR. HACKETT.

The Summerside Journal's lengthy and able articles against Mr. Hackett are based upon a groundless story. The Journal has been misinformed. Your correspondent has the best authority for stating that Mr. Hackett is not, and has never been, in the employ of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company. As to Mr. Hackett's residence in Ottawa, it is a good thing for the Province and for Prince County, that a gentleman so able and willing to represent their wants and interests in a position to consult at all times with the Ministers. We all know that more can be done by personal suggestion and discussion than by the most elaborate correspondence, and next to a Minister in the Cabinet, the best thing for the Island is to have a representative at the Capital. It may be added that no man could be more zealous in his efforts on behalf of those he represents than Mr. Hackett; and it is stated here that he stands high in the estimation of the Ministers. Mr. Hackett has lately had his full share of personal anxieties and troubles—not the least of which is the dangerous illness of his wife; and he should receive sympathy from his constituents and the Journal, rather than reproof and criticism, having no better foundation than a fiction.

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TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

[SPECIAL DESPATCHES TO THE EXAMINER.]

Six Children Poisoned.

MEDVILLE, Pa., March 23. Six children from the village of Vatonia, near this place, have been poisoned, one fatally. It appears they tapped a tree supposing it to be a maple and having sipped the juice they were poisoned.

The London Poor.

LONDON, March 22. At a meeting last night at the house of the Baroness Burdett-Coutts, the Marquis of Lorne urged that the poor of East London should emigrate to Canada, especially to the Maritime Provinces.

Soldiers to Remain in Suakin

LONDON, March 23. It is proposed to leave four hundred British soldiers at Suakin, to be relieved every fortnight, and to station the remainder of the troops at healthier points in the interior.

The Ontario Bribery Case.

TORONTO, March 22. In the continuation of the bribery investigation to-day, nothing new was brought out. The investigation will be continued on Monday.

More Gatling Guns Wanted.

HARTFORD, Conn., March 23. The Gatling Gun Company have received an order for ten more guns, for the Chinese Government, to be delivered in sixty days.

Floods in New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, March 23. A despatch from Baton Rouge says the river is rising, and fears are entertained for the safety of life and property.

The New Immigration Agent.

OTTAWA, March 23. Mr. Clay, son of the present incumbent, has been appointed Dominion Immigration Agent at Halifax.

New Cardinals and Bishops.

ROME, March 23. At a Consistory to-morrow, the Pope will create two Cardinals and twenty-one Bishops.

Weather Bulletin.

Probabilities for the next 24 hours for the Maritime Provinces. TORONTO, March 24—10 a. m. Fresh to strong south to west winds; clear milder weather, preceded by rain.

METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE, Charlottetown, 24th March, 1884. Highest Temperature Saturday.....40.6 Lowest Temperature Saturday.....7.1 Highest temperature yesterday.....26.9 Lowest temperature (read at midnight).....7.4 Lowest temperature this morning.....25.6 Temperature this morning, at 8 o'clock.....37.0 Temperature this afternoon, at 1 o'clock.....40.2

SEED WHEAT.

CHOICE White Russian Wheat (imported), for sale by F. L. MACNUTT, Water Street, March 24—see cod weekly 21

NOTICE.

THE Office of the Board of License Commissioners, and of the Chief Inspector of Licenses for Queen's County, is in the Building occupied by Messrs. Warburton & Conroy and Messrs. McLean & Martin, as law offices, opposite the Post Office. ROBERT H. CRAWFORD, Chief Inspector. March 21, 1884.—3i wlyly 11

TRADE SALE.

THE Subscriber will sell by AUCTION, at his Auction Room, corner of Queen and Water Streets, on

Wednesday, the 2nd April next

AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK, A. M.,

Molasses, Sugar, Herring, Tea,

PAPER BAGS, WRAPPING PAPER,

Brooms, Nutmegs, Gloves and General Groceries,

ALSO,

BOOTS AND SHOES, DRY GOODS, &c.

Terms at Sale.

N. J. CAMPBELL, Auctioneer.

Ch'town, March 20, 1884.

FOR SALE OR TO LET,

LATE ALLAN McNEILL'S HOME-STEAD, in Royalty, fronting on Malpeque Road, containing about eighteen acres, with Dwelling House and Barns. Enquire at office of PALMER & McLEOD. Ch'town, March 13—2w cod ne 2w

MOLASSES.

50 PUN. CHOICE MOLASSES,

on consignment, for sale at a bargain.

A. H. B. MACCOWAN, AGENT.

Ch'town, March 12, 1884.—cod 3w

WEST INDIA WAREHOUSE.

Sugar.

Porto Rico Sugar, Ten hhds, fifty brls., Granulated " Fifty brls., Confectioners A " Twenty brls., Yellow " One hundred brls., FOR SALE BY HORACE HASZARD.

Molasses.

Demerara and Trinidad Fifty puns., FOR SALE BY HORACE HASZARD.

China and India Teas.

Choice Congou, One hundred lb chests, Do, Fifty caddies, India Tea (Souchong), Twenty cases, Do (Orange Pekoe), Twenty cases, Do (Pekoe), Ten cases, FOR SALE BY HORACE HASZARD.

Fish.

Choice Codfish, 100 quintals, No. 2 do, 25 do, Choice Hake, 100 do, Herring, 60 barrels, FOR SALE BY HORACE HASZARD.

Feed.

Cracked Corn, Two tons, Cracked Grain, Two tons, Wheat Shorts, Five tons, Wheat Bran, Five tons, FOR SALE BY HORACE HASZARD.

Flour, &c.

Forest City Queen (Sup. Extra), 100 brls., Crystal, do, 100 brls., Cornmeal (Am. kiln dried), 50 brls., FOR SALE BY HORACE HASZARD.

Manilla Marine.

Do. Ropes, One ton, Fifty coils, FOR SALE BY HORACE HASZARD.

Turks' Island Salt.

Liverpool Salt, 1,200 bushels, 200 bags, FOR SALE BY HORACE HASZARD.

Paints, Oils, &c.

English White Lead, 100 kegs, English Colored Paints, 50 kegs, English Patent Driers, 20 kegs, Boiled and Raw Oils, 10 casks, Turpentine, 10 casks, Pitch, Rosin, Putty, Brown Lacquer, FOR SALE BY HORACE HASZARD. Ch'town, March 17, 1884.—1m cod

London and Liverpool.

REGULAR TRADERS

THE CLIPPER BARK

"MOSELLE,"

500 tons Register, classed ten years A1 at English Lloyds, Alex. McLeod, Commander, WILL

Sail from Liverpool for Charlottetown,

ABOUT THE 25th MARCH.

Followed by the well-known fast-sailing barkentine

"ETHEL BLANCHE,"

400 tons Register, classed ten years A1 at Lloyds,

John Graham, Commander, (NOW ON THE BERTH)

Sailing about the 1st April.

"EREMA,"

300 tons Register, classed nine years A1 at Lloyds,

R. RENDLE Commander, (NOW ON THE BERTH)

Will Sail from London for Charlottetown

ABOUT THE 1st APRIL.

The above vessels will carry Freight at through rates to Pictou, Georgetown, Souris, Summerside and Shediac.

For Freight or Passage apply in London to John Piteairn & Sons, 16 Great Winchester Street; in Liverpool to Piteairn Brothers, 51 South John Street, or here to the owners,

PEAKE BROS. & CO. Ch'town, Feb. 14, 1884.—cod

P. E. ISLAND RAILWAY.

SEALED TENDERS, addressed to the undersigned, and endorsed,

"Tender for Steam Coal."

will be received until Monday, April 7th, inclusive, for the supply of five thousand five hundred (5,500) tons of the best Fresh mined Round Steam Coal, for locomotive use. Tenders to state the price per ton of 2,240 pounds, delivered as follows:—

Charlottetown.....2,500 tons, Summerside.....2,000 " Georgetown.....500 " Souris.....500 "

At least one-quarter of the whole quantity required at each of the above mentioned Stations, to be delivered on or before the 20th of May next, and delivery of the whole to be completed on or before the first day of October, 1884.

The first payment will be made in July, and monthly thereafter. Ten (10) per cent will be retained from each payment until the final and satisfactory completion of the contract. The Department does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

JAMES S. COLEMAN, Superintendent.

Railway Office, Ch'town, March 19, 1884. [mar 21, 2]

FOR SALE,

A SPLENDID SUIT of Drawing Room Furniture, little used, will be sold for half-price. Rare chance. Apply at this office. Ch'town, March 21.

Lord's Wharf Property.

THE undersigned will receive SEALED TENDERS, up to the 31st March, inst., from parties desirous of renting the above Wharf, with Warehouse, Coal Stacks, Weighing Machine and Office, for a term of from one year to five years.

Particulars can be obtained from Mr. David Stirling, Architect, etc.

J HAMILTON GRAY, Trustee.

DAVID STIRLING, Trustee. Ch'town, March 20, 1884.

The Law Society.

A SPECIAL MEETING of the Members of the Law Society of Prince Edward Island will be held at the Law Library, in Charlottetown, on Wednesday next, the twenty-sixth day of March, inst., at the hour of eleven o'clock a. m., to take into consideration certain necessary amendments, required to be made in the laws at the present session of the Legislature.

By order.

F. L. HASZARD, Secretary.

Ch'town, March 18, 1884.

Ground Bones.

THE undersigned will be prepared to supply pure ground bones, of all sizes, and in large or small quantities, to farmers and others about 1st April.

J. W. McGILL, Ch'town, March 14—cod 2m pat cod 2m of 2m

Valuable Property FOR SALE,

THE undersigned offers for sale the business premises known as "88" QUEEN STREET. The building is large and commodious, running back from Queen Street eighty-three feet; and the stand is unsurpassed. Terms easy. JAS. DESBRISAY, Ch'town, March 6—cod 11

Highest Cash Price paid for Old Bones.

J. W. McGILL, Ch'town, March 14—cod 2m pat cod 2m of 2m

WANTS, LOST, FOUND, &c.

TO BE LET, about the 1st of May next, a Cottage containing nine rooms, with a good Yard, Garden and Stable, pleasantly situated on Upper Bishopsgrove Street, nearly opposite the residence of Mr. W. Leitch. Apply at EXAMINER OFFICE. [mar 22 cod

TO LET—A Cottage pleasantly situated on Giltton Street, opposite the Prince of Wales College. Apply to W. M. McLEAS, at Merchants Bank of P. E. Island. [mar 22

WANTED—A BOY to do general work about a dwelling, and attend a horse. One from the country preferred. Apply at EXAMINER OFFICE. [mar 22 6i

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WANTED—A Servant Girl for general housework. Liberal wages. Apply at this office. [mar 21

A COOK WANTED IMMEDIATELY, for a Hotel. Good wages. Apply at this office. [mar 19

WANTED—A Cook and a Housemaid, Good references required.—Miss L. H. DAVIES, "Riverdale." [mar 19

LOST—On the Street, Sunday night, a Yellow Leather Pocket Book, containing \$3.00 Merchant Bank bills; a few cards, and a small enumerated list of Matthew Arnold's works. The finder will