

THE DAILY EXAMINER. DECEMBER 13, 1883.

Editorial Notes.

The Intercolonial Railway is dispatching English goods from Halifax to the Upper Provinces with unprecedented celerity.

It is a good sign of the times that a bill providing for the granting of divorces has been defeated in the South Carolina Legislature.

Many of our readers will be glad to learn that the health of Rev. W. R. Frame is improving already; and will read his account of the trip to Bermuda with interest.

A friend of Tennyson says he has a vivid recollection of hearing the poet say: "When I was a young man a lord was looked upon as a small god almighty. Thank Heaven that is fast changing." Tennyson has, however, been persuaded to become a Baron.

Sir John Rose, in an exhaustive speech delivered at the last annual meeting of the Hudson Bay Company, declared the progress which has been made in the Canadian Northwest to be unparalleled in the history of any place in North America. This statement was not made for political purposes.

A Federal Council is proposed for Australia. Each colony is to be represented by two members, and the Crown by one member for each colony. The Council is to hold annual sessions and to deal with intercolonial matters as well as with the relations of the colonies to the Pacific Islands. Its decisions are, of course, subject to the veto of the Crown.

The Hamilton Spectator declares that it is wholly untrue to say that the farmers of the Northwest are oppressed by the railway rates, and challenges the Hamilton Times "to name a railway west of the Mississippi with rates so low as those of the Canadian Pacific." Of course the Times won't accept the challenge. Its business is like that of the Patriot, to make strong (unfounded) statements.

Since immense deposits of coal have been found in the Canadian Northwest, the wide-awake progressive people who live there have been talking of establishing extensive manufactories. The Winnipeg Commercial says: "It must be kept in mind that this is an exporting country, and in every instance where our products can be exported in a manufactured instead of a raw state, we are lessening the drain upon our financial resources." Apply these words to P. E. Island!

The editor of the Monetary Times recently sent a circular to men of business throughout the Upper Provinces containing the enquiry: "How have you found business?" The replies ranged from "fair" to "very good"—only one among those published stating that times were "dull." Here is a sample of the replies:

"I have found business very good this year, with a gradual increase for the first ten months over last year. There has been a slackening off during the last six weeks, owing to the harvest not turning out as expected. Wheat has been seriously damaged by frost, and oats are very light from the same cause. Prices for produce are lower this year than last. For these reasons farmers will not have so much to spend, and we must expect business to be curtailed. There is however a healthier tone and payments made in shorter time than was the custom a few years since. If merchants would set their faces resolutely against long credits, great benefit would be reaped by their customers as well as themselves. Thanking you for your efforts in this direction."

Our Advertisers.

Wm. Dodd advertises a sale of apples, etc., at his auction room, next Saturday, at eleven o'clock.

B. Balderston invites persons desiring Christmas requisites to call at his store and inspect goods and prices.

A. McNeill will hold an auction sale of sleighs, harness, robes, etc., at Stevenson's Building, Queen Street, next Friday, at two o'clock.

John Bolger announces that he is prepared to accommodate permanent and transient boarders at the Railway Hotel.

A. McNeill will sell the schooner "Cora" at Ferry Wharf, to-morrow at twelve o'clock.

The Boston Advertiser contains a most appreciative article on the proposed confederation of the Australian colonies. It fully justifies their desire to annex New Guinea, the New Hebrides and other neighboring islands, on the ground that France is aiming to make penal colonies of these and that "when one nation seeks to dump its felons at the gateways of another, there is good ground for resentment and protest." It proceeds: "The Australian colonies are no longer puny settlements, but fully grown governments, including a population of nearly three millions. The cities of Melbourne and Sydney had respectively 225,000, and 285,000 in 1880. At the date of our first American census, 1790, the population of New York was only 33,000, that of Philadelphia 42,000, and that of Boston 18,000, while the aggregate of the States was 3,929,000. In point of numbers, then, the Australians have ample ground for looking upon their welfare as a preponderating consideration in the future of the Pacific. In point of wealth they have even more right to assert themselves, for in 1880 their exports reached the value of £48,800,000, and their imports of £45,000,000; while in 1790 the imports of the United States did not reach £5,000,000, and the exports were £107,000.

A TRIP TO BERMUDA.

Interesting Notes of Incidents by the Way.

Rev. W. R. Frame Relates his Experience.

The situation on Saturday morning, November 17th, for passengers in Charlottetown, who were anxious to catch the Monthly Mail Steamer which was to leave Halifax the following Monday at noon for Bermuda, was not encouraging.

Neither the "Northern Light" nor the "Napoleon III" had been able on account of the severe snow storm to return on the previous day from Pictou. At about 8.30 a. m., however, the latter boat put in an appearance and by 9 o'clock was at her wharf, to return to Pictou at 1 p. m. As there was a bare chance that she might reach Pictou landing in time for the accommodation train, which would leave there for Truro at 5.30 we took passage as the last resort.

It was 1.15 before the "Napoleon III" got away, and the wind and tide were against her. To the credit of this abused craft she made the run in four hours, and to the great delight of the writer and other passengers, reached the landing fifteen minutes before the train started.

Having in the meantime by telegraph secured staterooms in the Bermuda boat, we hurried to the train and arrived in Truro at about 10 p. m., and rested the Sabbath there.

We took the first train on Monday for Halifax and drove direct to the Canard wharf, and saw our "trunks and traps" safely deposited on board.

On enquiry we learned that the "Sarmatian" from Liverpool, though due on Saturday, had not yet arrived, and that the "Beta" could not leave for Bermuda until she received the English mail from her. The "Sarmatian" we were told, might arrive at any moment, or might not come for a day or two, as she had not been heard from since leaving and was not to call at St. John's, Newfoundland.

One peculiarly weather-wise sea-faring gentleman who spoke with an air of great authority on nautical matters, assured the now assembling passengers that the English boat could not possibly arrive before Wednesday, as the "Hibernian," which left England two days before the "Sarmatian" had reached St. John's, Newfoundland only on Saturday; consequently the latter boat must be at least still fully five hundred miles away.

Some of his hearers, however, did not accept all this as gospel, and determined not to wander too far from the "Beta," and in about an hour after they had the satisfaction of seeing the "Sarmatian" pass up to her dock.

Fears were now entertained that a number of the passengers who had thus been encouraged to go and visit their friends till the following day might be left behind; but as the "Beta" extended her time of leaving for three hours, an opportunity was afforded for all to get on board.

Friends having accompanied us to the ship, at 3 p. m. we were off on our voyage.

The "Beta" is a three-masted iron screw boat built on the Clyde in 1873. She seems somewhat narrow for her length, which is 250 feet. Her gross tonnage is 1260. She is in command of Capt. Shaw, a Nova Scotian, who combines the skill of his profession with the accomplishments of a gentleman. All the officers, down to the waiters, were models of politeness and attention, and left nothing undone to secure the comfort of the passengers.

The table was such as to satisfy the most fastidious. It may be mentioned as a tribute to oatmeal porridge—a dish still despised by some—that the Captain and nearly all the saloon passengers partook of it for the first course at breakfast. Though wines and liquors could be obtained on board, nothing stronger than claret was drunk at dinner, and that only by one passenger—a military gentleman.

There was a goodly number of passengers of the usual miscellaneous kind. We had an old gentleman of a very communicative turn, whose great grandfather was one of the twenty-three survivors of the "lack hole" of Calcutta. Several ladies, with their families, whose husbands were officers in the Navy, were going to Bermuda to join them there for the winter. There were also clergymen, lawyers, merchants, together with military officers—one being in command of a company of the Royal Engineers from Halifax.

Of the passengers, some like the writer were in quest of health. One, a talented young member of the Dominion Parliament, who, at the opening of last Session, moved the address in reply to His Excellency's speech, and who was complimented by the Leader of the Opposition for his ability and eloquence, was suffering severely from sciatica; the pain at times being excruciating.

The passage was the smoothest the steamer had made between Halifax and Bermuda the present season. The afternoon she left the sea was a perfect calm, but in the evening a breeze from N. N. E. sprang up, and the sails were set, and not taken down during the voyage.

On the evening of the second day we entered the gulf stream, and on the following morning when we went on deck, found the temperature twenty degrees higher than on the previous evening.

The only incident of the voyage out of the ordinary occurred on the forenoon of the second day when the "Beta" suddenly and most unexpectedly shipped a huge sea. A Quebec gentleman and the writer, who were out, sitting against the cabin and enjoying the sun, were wet from head to foot. The wave rolled over the deck and poured down the companion way into the saloon. Fortunately the ladies and children who were on the deck were all on the opposite side of the cabin and sheltered from the deluge. A great cry of alarm was raised and the captain rushed out from his cabin to see what had happened. It was found, however, that there was "nobody killed and nobody hurt." When the two unfortunate who had received the drenching appeared shortly after at luncheon, as might be expected, they were the subject of some good-natured mirth, which as a matter of course they submitted to with becoming fortitude.

Early on the forenoon of Thursday, land was discovered, and at one p. m.—or just

sixty hours after leaving Halifax—the "Beta" lay quietly at her berth at St. George's, and our voyage was ended. The quaint looking houses remind us that we have got to a strange land, while the August-like heat, the orange trees, the oleander in bloom, and the banana trees laden with fruit, all help us to realize that we are a thousand miles south of P. E. Island.

W. R. F. St. George's, Nov. 22, 1883.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

(SPECIAL DESPATCHES TO THE EXAMINER.)

Disastrous Gale in England.

LONDON, Dec. 12. Violent gales prevailed throughout England last evening causing much damage in London and the provinces. At Wolverhampton the Exhibition Building which was only partially completed was destroyed.

Later.

LONDON, Dec. 12.

The gale of yesterday was especially severe in Ireland, Scotland, and North Wales. In the Midland Counties of England huge trees were torn up and carried away, causing great destruction to property and personal injury; also loss of life. The low-lying districts of Birmingham were flooded. A large gas-holder near Bradford was capsized. Two large chemical works at Widnes were damaged. Fears are entertained for the safety of the Channel steamers which sailed before the storm.

Ministerial Kleptomania.

BOSTON, Dec. 12.

The case of Rev. Mr. Mitchell, charged with book stealing, came up in the Municipal Court yesterday. It was continued on application of Mr. Mitchell's counsel till Dec. 27th, the ground for postponement being the ministers in a body to be present, because he is alleged to be on the verge of insanity.

Suicide.

TORONTO, Dec. 11.

Travelyan Rideout, a well known Barrister of this city, mysteriously disappeared two months ago. To-day his body was found in High Park with a revolver clutched in one hand. He had shot himself through the head. It is supposed that the rejection of his suit by a young lady unhinged his mind.

On the Defensive.

CAIRO, Dec. 12.

Baker Pasha despairs of any advance from Suakim with his present forces, and will act entirely on the defensive until he feels strong enough to march across the country.

Another Suez Canal—Cash Offered.

LONDON, Dec. 12.

The Cairo correspondent of the Standard says that the Anglo-Egyptian Bank has offered the Egyptian Government a loan of £10,000,000 to construct a canal parallel to the present Suez Canal.

Interceding for O'Donnell.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.

The Graphic says the Radical Club of London are signing a memorial which is being circulated, soliciting the Home Secretary to grant a respite to O'Donnell.

Troops for Egypt.

LONDON, Dec. 12.

It is reported that Lord Hartington, the English Secretary of State for India, has ordered six regiments of native troops to prepare to sail for Egypt.

Disastrous Fires.

ST. PAUL, Dec. 12.

The losses by the Drake block fire aggregate \$170,000. Early this morning Reave's block, occupied by P. Hardenburg & Co., a sashery and hardware, next to Drake block, was burned. Loss \$115,000.

Banditti Killed.

MEXICO, Dec. 12.

Three days ago a party of Federal soldiers attacked thirty-two Banditti in Combre Deloca Mountains. They killed five, and the others fled. Only one soldier was killed.

Heavy Failure in England.

LONDON, Dec. 12.

Peyton & Peyton, bedstead manufacturers of Birmingham, have failed. Liabilities £100,000.

French Fleet.

PARIS, Dec. 12.

Admiral Lespes will sail to-morrow to take command of the French fleet in Chinese waters.

El Medhi Advancing.

CAIRO, Dec. 12.

The government has received news that El Medhi is advancing on Darfour with 100,000 men.

Heavy Failure in New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.

J. H. Billups & Co., cotton merchants, suspended to-day. Their liabilities are \$200,000.

Found Dead.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 12.

Capt. Robert Dickerson, Irish political refugee, and brother-in-law of Mr. Parnell, was found dead in bed to-day.

Home News.

OTTAWA, Dec. 12.

The Senate and House of Commons Chambers will be lighted by the electric light this session.

Hon. Mr. Proulx, member of the Quebec Legislative Council is very ill.

Commander Cheyne, R. N., has received a communication from the United States Secretary of State that the Secretary of War has deemed the scheme of reaching the North Pole by balloon as unsafe and impracticable.

It is said the Dean of Ontario has written a letter of dismissal to Rev. Dr. Wilson, of St. George's Cathedral, for his connection with the Salvation Army.

Mr. Lalonde, of Quebec, has forwarded to the Local Government two carloads of food for the destitute poor of Labrador.

Weather Bulletin.

Probabilities for the next 24 hours for the Maritime Provinces.

TORONTO, December 13—10 a. m.

South to southwest winds, fair milder weather.

Apples, Raisins, Herring.

TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION,

On Saturday, 15th instant,

At 11 o'clock, at my saleroom,

15 brls. Water Keeping Apples,

50 boxes Valencia Raisins,

500 boxes Smoked Herring,

25 10-lb. tins French Coffee,

25 half chests Tea,

10 doz. Buckets.

WILLIAM DODD, Auctioneer.

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SUNDRIES.

BY AUCTION, FRIDAY, DECEMBER

14th, in front of Stevenson's Building,—

Stoves, Sleighs, Robes, Harness,

Furniture, Earthenware,

Groceries, &c.

ALSO

25 Barrels Apples.

A. McNEILL, Auctioneer.

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SCHOONER 'COR.'"

BY AUCTION, FRIDAY, DECEMBER

14th, at twelve o'clock, noon at the

Ferry Wharf where she now lies, the American

built schooner "Cora," 55 tons register,

oak bottom, with sails, anchors, chains, etc.

all complete and ready for sea.

A. McNEILL, Auctioneer.

Charlottetown Dec. 13, 1883.

RAILWAY HOTEL,

(OPPOSITE DEPOT),

Charlottetown, P. E. Island.

Permanent and Transient Boarders accommodated.

J. BOLGER, Proprietor.

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Citizens' Skating Rink.

SEASON 1883-4.

THE DIRECTORS have much pleasure in

announcing the

OPENING OF THE RINK,

—ON—

Monday, December 17th,

(ICE PERMITTING).

The Band, under the management of Mr

John Worth, will be in attendance.

The new brass instruments, imported ex-

pressly for the Rink, will be used.

Tickets for sale at the Apothecaries Hall

at the following prices:

Gentleman's.....\$5.00

Lady's.....3.00

Promenade.....1.00

Afternoon Skating (Boys).....2.00

" (Girls).....2.00

Single Tickets, all times.....25

Single Tickets, to Promenade.....10

By order,

W. W. STANLEY, Secretary.

Ch'town, Dec. 12, 1883.

A LOT OF BEAUTIFUL

Writing Desks,

Work Boxes,

Card Cases,

In Hand Painted, Leather, Pearl and Tortoise

Shell, the latest patterns. Also the latest

styles of

AUTOGRAPH ALBUMS,

received to-day and for sale at

LOW PRICES I

BREMNER BROS.

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Y. M. C. A.

THE Annual Meeting of the Young Men's Christian Association will be held in the Parlor in Y. M. C. A. Building, on the evening of Thursday, 20th instant, at eight o'clock, for the election of officers, etc. By order.

F. S. MOORE, President.

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BALDERSTON'S GROCERY AND FRUIT SHOP

IS THE PLACE TO GET YOUR CHRISTMAS COODS.

Chocic Tea, 25 and 30 cents.

Excellent Sugar, 8, 9 and 10 cents.

Raisins, 5, 12 and 16 cents.

Potato Farina, Corn Starch, Essences, Lemon, Orange and Citron Peel, Canned Meats,

Extracts Beef, Pickles, Sausages, etc., etc. Green Grapes, Oranges, Lemons,

Apples, Pears, Nuts, Candy, Figs, Dates, etc., etc.

We will sell you Goods as cheap and as good as anybody else. Just drop in and see our

Fancy Confectionery, Crockery, Glassware and Woodenware, selling off at slaughter prices.

B. BALDERSTON.

Queen Street, Charlottetown, Dec. 13, 1883.—eod 11 25th wily 21

FROM NOW

—TILL—

XMAS AND NEW YEAR.

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WE WILL OFFER

BISCUITS, CRACKERS, CAKE, CONFECTIONERY, &c.,

AT LOWER PRICES THAN EVER.

Biscuits from eight cents per lb. upwards, Retail.

A great variety in CONFECTIONERY, comprising Panorama Eggs, Crystal

Hats, Return Balls, Flower Pots, Beautiful Hearts, all made of PURE

CONFECTIONERY. Also the finest lot of Cossagues and

Coranucopis ever shown in the city.

Try our Mixed Crackers in 5-lb. packages, very cheap.

Thousands and Nonpareils, for Cake decorating; Extract of Lemon, Citron

and Lemon Peel, Currants, Raisins, etc.

Choice Preserves, in 1 and 6-lb. packages.

Special Prices to Wholesale Buyers.

J. QUIRK,

(City Steam Bakery, Prince Street.

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"A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

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Christmas Presents

AND REQUISITES,

—AT—

WATSON'S DRUG STORE!

SATIN-LINED Dressing Cases, for Ladies; Leather Dressing Cases, for Gentle-

men; Odor Cases, in Flush, Leather, Cardboard, Wood and Tortoise Shell; Painted

Puff Boxes, Cut Glass and other Toilet Bottles; Smelling Bottles; Florence

and other Hand Mirrors; Pocket Toilet Cases, Porcelain Feeding Cups, etc.,

for invalids; Walking Sticks, Pipes; Beautiful fine Leather Cigar & Cigarette

Cases, Pocket Books.

Fly Books, Painted Shaving Mugs, Razors, Stropps, Magnifying Shaving Mirrors,