

THE DAILY EXAMINER.

JUNE 15, 1895.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Toronto Globe: All the signs point to a return of good times in Canada. Prosperity is returning to our best customers...

Montreal Gazette: "If the fiscal system now proposed by the Liberal party were put into force to-morrow the consequences would be not merely the destruction of so many important home industries and the precipitation of a commercial crisis, but the transference to the State of a very considerable trade carried on with Great Britain."

Montreal Gazette: Mr. Goldwin Smith is reported as giving his opinion that in the coming general election the Government will win. Mr. Smith is not a political friend of the present Government...

The Chinese loan will be issued at 4 per cent. It is the first time since the year 1860 when the loan was issued at 6 per cent...

The Boston Journal has taken a glance at the political situation in this country, and has made the following interesting observations: "Canada is doing an excellent permanent work on Great Street and new plankways are being laid. Good progress is being made by the Messrs. Love Brothers in the erection of a new St. Paul's, and Mr. McFarquhar is working energetically on St. James' new hall."

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Free Trade is not making the working women of England and the Port Hope Ontario, Guide, a Liberal paper, publishes a letter from a Canadian in England, who writes as follows: "With our friend, the parson, we called at some of the cottages in the village of Sandon, and saw the women at work plating the straw and making hats. The prices paid are astonishingly small—a penny for a score of yards of plating and a halfpenny for making hats being the present prices."

NEWS NOTES.

In the last three weeks or so there have been six suicides at Niagara Falls.

Chicago's new city directory gives the city a minimum population of 1,695,000.

Baron Henri de Rothschild, of Paris, one of the family of the world's money kings, is a last year's medical student in the Hospital de la Charities.

H. Y. Massey, of Toronto, has promised Wesley College a donation of \$20,000 in aid of the construction of a new college building.

There were 9,800 murders in the United States last year, and only 110 legal executions. This may account for the presence of Judge Lynch in 194 localities.

The summer exodus of travellers from New York and Europe, which has been steadily growing in years past, is this year reported to be larger than ever.

The revolutionists of Cuba are putting an embargo on coffee, cocoa and tobacco crops in the interior. They have forbidden plantations to transport these products to market.

It has been certified by physicians that the American, Lorenzo Covington, arrested in London for threatening to murder Cardinal Vaughan, is insane. A magistrate ordered Covington to be confined in an asylum.

The announcement is made that Bishop Sullivan, of Algoma, has been appointed principal of Huron Anglican College, London, Ont. He has been compelled to abandon the hardships of pioneer work in Algoma for his health's sake.

If the debate in the Senate correctly represents the situation, the insurance of children's lives is not carried on to any great extent by Canadian companies, which is a creditable thing. An investment that matures on a baby's death may be business-like, but it is not fatherly.

Preparations are under way in Spain to have 40,000 troops ready to drill for Cuba in August, besides 10,000 men who will start for the island next month. The Senate has passed the bill authorizing the government to raise 600,000,000 pesetas, should that amount be necessary, to put down the insurgency. An official despatch from Havana states that the insurgents have appeared in Canagney, a district of the central province. This is regarded as important.

The next session of Sir John A. Macdonald's which will be "inaugurated" is that now being placed on the Parliamentary grounds at Ottawa, on the other side of the great square from that on which Carleton's statue stands. It is of bronze, ten or twelve feet high, an excellent reproduction of the face and figure, representing Sir John in a well-known attitude, with eyeglasses in his hand. The bronze casting is by Hebert, Paris. The statue will stand upon a granite pedestal, and with the emblematic figures at the feet will look quite imposing. The work is being rapidly pushed, the idea being to unveil the figure on 1st July.

PRESBYTERIAN GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Advices from London, Ont., state that Thursday's session, after routine, Principal Pollock reported on behalf of the Halifax college. Forty-eight students had been enrolled and the session had been one of the best in the college's history. Two chairs had become vacant, and on motion Dr. S. Gordon and R. A. Falconer were appointed to the chairs of theology and New Testament Greek respectively.

The report of Morrin college, Quebec; Presbyterian college, Montreal; Queen's college, Kingston, and Manitoba college, were adopted. These showed a successful course of study during the winter. All complained that the contributions from the congregations had fallen away. Post-graduate courses had been discontinued in Queen's and good work had been done therein. A great increase had been made in the arts department of that university. Appeals were made for funds, and satisfaction expressed at the continued prosperity of the colleges.

Knox college report was presented by Dr. Caven, and showed that twenty-eight students had graduated last session. Our graduates were Dr. D. Thomas had died, and Dr. McInnes, of Philadelphia, was nominated as his successor. The college was congratulated on the attainment of its jubilee. Its report was adopted with the exception of the appointment of Dr. McIntosh, which was left for further consideration. Dr. Gregg intimated his resignation of his professorship, and a high tribute was paid to his work and success as a teacher.

The evening session was occupied with the consideration of home mission matters. Rev. Mr. McInnes presented the report of the eastern committee. Over 40 ministers and 65 catchings were employed. The income from all sources was \$12,311.64, and the expenditure \$12,104.16, and the debt has been slightly decreased. A church building fund for the presbytery of St. John was sanctioned.

Dr. Cochran reported that in the west a greater work had been done than ever before. They had received an income of \$15,226.76, including \$10,000 from the British churches, and carried forward a balance of over \$600 on the right side.

The remainder of the session was occupied with special speeches by home missionaries regarding the work they were engaged in, and the many difficulties they had to encounter.

METHODIST CHURCH IN P. E. ISLAND.

District Meeting Held in Cornwall.

The district meeting of the Methodist Church in this Province was held on Wednesday and Thursday last. Rev. G. G. Spang, of Toronto, presided, and Rev. W. H. Spargo acting as Secretary. We regret that our space to-day will not admit of the lengthy report of the Rev. Mr. Lawson. From it we learn that in connection with the question as to how the efficiency of ministerial labor and the promotion of the work of God might be increased—

"It was the opinion of this District Meeting that if more earnest and systematic efforts were made to organize and develop Lay Agency in connection with all our circuits and Missions, it would prove of very great advantage to the Work of God."

"Therefore Resolved, That Conference should make close enquiry into the extent to which such agency is at present employed throughout the Province, and also make such arrangements as may encourage the more general employment and rapid development of such agency."

The following minutes, proposed by Rev. W. Lawson, were adopted:—

"That this District meeting confirms its conviction of the need on all our circuits of a deeper work for God, the sustenance of our time-honored means of grace, such as the class, prayer and fellowship meetings, love feasts and sacraments, giving special attention to the training of the children for Christ and the Church."

Messrs Richard R. Campbell and George Ross having credibly passed the examination, were unanimously recommended as candidates for the ministry. A memorial service was held for the Rev. Mr. Dutcher, and warm tributes were paid to his memory by the Rev. W. Lawson and others.

In reply to a communication from the W. C. U. T. U., hearty sympathy was expressed in the objects and aims of that Society and a pledge of support was given in the effort to secure instruction in the public schools on the subject of Temperance.

Lay representatives to the annual conference were elected as follows, viz: W. E. Dawson, George Eckham, G. F. Beer, Golding Howard, Jas. Esery, J. T. Mellish, James Senter, Wm. Pierce, Charles Bryanton, Amos West, Anthony Esory, John Edwards.

The financial and spiritual needs of the Methodist Church in this Province were fully discussed and it was unanimously resolved that Brackley Point Road be attached to Winslow circuit, Mount Stewart to Black River, and the circuit of St. Mary and Glenfennan to Pownall; also resolved that Vernon River North be attached to Vernon River South.

The next district meeting will be held at Winslow.

Five Lines on K and L.

I find the people around here prefer Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills to any other. I have in stock a few of these wonderful pills. Send three dozen at once, I am nearly out. P. S.—Send by post, J. W. Ireland, Gourock.

Herbert Spencer, who has respectfully declined a decoration from the German emperor, explains that the reason is his hatred of Militarism, frequently vigorously expressed.

Don't you know that Hood's Sarsaparilla will overcome that tired feeling and give you renewed vigor and vitality?

SPECIAL NOTICES.

Advertisements under this heading charge for the rate of five cents per line.

Wide boots at 60¢ Bros. Cheap hosiery at Moore & McLeod's tonight.

Kid gloves. A few pairs Perrins lacing gloves colored. Sizes 5, 6, 6 1/2 and 7. Price \$1.25 selling for \$1.00 at the London House.

When out shopping this evening call and see the new oak bedroom suites at John Newson's.

To-night will be a good time to secure your summer underclothing, as we intend clearing out our stock very cheap.—Prowse Bros. June 15.

We don't care how big a foot comes along we believe we can encase it at sight. Goff Bros. June 15.

Do you want a boy's suit, a youth's suit, or a man's suit? If so, there is no better place in the city to make your purchases than at Prowse Bros., the Wonderful Cheap Men.

Ladies!—Look for bargains in our hosiery department tonight—Moore & McLeod.

A RETROSPECT.

Young as our country is, there are very few cities that do not contain an ever increasing number of idle, unemployed mechanics, doctors without patients, lawyers without clients, clergymen without congregations, tradesmen whose failures seem only to have become more abundant. They are, and men who, under various pretences, make their living by the credulity or weakness of their fellow-citizens.

These people are not, in the ordinary sense of the word, immoral. They are, as a rule, willing to work if they could get work to do. But they have brought inferior wares to a glutted market and no one will buy. They lose heart, and either sink into poverty or gain by craft or deceit what they cannot win by honest labor.

Who can tell the sufferings which these poor people and those depending on them endure? As we cannot admit that many evils in this world are incurable, let us, by a rapid glance over the past, try to find out how this state of affairs has been brought about and caused, and a remedy sought for the future.

During the first half of this century the little bands of immigrants driven at different times from their homes in the old country by the difficulty of gaining a livelihood, sought the eastern shores of Canada. The land, covered with a dense growth of pine or maple, looked inhospitable enough. Some of the immigrants had been soldiers, many were fishermen, others were farmers or shepherds, but very few had taken even the first lesson in the woodman's craft, which must henceforth be their chief occupation. But their wives and little ones were with them; and it was not long before the most promising spot, generally by the water side, they set to work to make a home for themselves.

Soon a small clearing was made and a log cabin was built. The many openings left by the unskillful workmen were filled with mud and moss. If the family was large a rude partition perhaps divided the apartment and a lot served the double purpose of storeroom and bed chamber. One side of the house was almost occupied by the great fire-place, and as the weather grew cold roaring fires filled the room with warmth and light. Scarcely in its essential precincts father, mother, sons and daughters plied their evening occupations. The whir of the wheel, the click of the knitting needle and the softer sound of the loom, showed that the women were manufacturing the rough, but serviceable, clothing which must protect the family from the severity of the climate. The men busied themselves with their tools, repairing their rude farming implements, or shaping, with what skill they might, the indispensable axe handle. For the forest was at once their worst enemy and their best friend. Every tree occupied a spot where crops might grow, while on the other hand, money for the few necessities the clearing could not furnish was most readily procured by the sale of timber to the shipping vessels where built the swift sailing vessels demanded by the growing commerce of the country. The books of the family were, "The Bible," "The Pilgrim's Progress," a stray volume of poems or sermons, and now and again a newspaper or a welcome letter from the old country afforded the reading of a few moments. At length, after the loss of a relative from a distant settlement or a belated traveller gave the good people an opportunity of exercising their overflowing hospitality. The settlement itself was but a larger village, and the trouble and joy were shared alike by all, and where the constant interchange of kindly offices sweetened every misfortune. The widow's wood pile was always replenished, the sick man's cup of tea had followed every clue and every person making connection with the case. He was absolutely in the dark regarding the identity of the murderer and admit that he had not even been a suspicion in reference to the probable slayer. The jury returned a verdict of murder committed by some unknown person.

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discontented. The father, harassed by the difficulties into which his own improvidence has led him, becomes perhaps a more impatient and exacting master of labor which brings them no direct remuneration, and leave the farm to learn a trade or enter a store.

Other farmers, who have by a wise use of improved opportunities and by prudent forethought acquired a competency, send their sons and daughters to college, not that they may return to adorn their homes but that they may return upon some other field of labor which brings them some remuneration, and leave the farm to learn a trade or enter a store.

How hard it is to revert a lost path may be seen in a recent long, terrified hour in the forests of our province trying to find a trail which had been left, and which a countryman can follow, but which itself depends on the success of the effort. Alas that sometimes the bewildered exhausted traveller is compelled to give up the attempt and return upon his heels. But we have a country that is so fertile and so rich, and we are thankful to say that the return path is plain. If one who has traversed this broad Dominion of ours, and who has formed any conception of the vast majority of her sons must devote their time to the intelligence and their energies to obtaining from her soil the subsistence it is so ready to yield, and while doing so fill the land with a people which loves her only as those who have taken a share in making a country can love her.

Let the idle or half-employed young men who have crowded into our cities return to the farm. Mother Earth is ready to welcome back her prodigal children and still produce "bread enough and to spare for their needs." The unaccustomed task will prove hard at first, but if they have a little of the adaptability, the industry of the forefathers of Eastern Canada, their labor will ensure success. They may feel as they look round on waving fields or fruitful orchards that, if not in the highest, yet in a very real sense they are working together with Him.

"Who bringeth forth grass for the cattle, And green herb for the service of man." MARIA LAWSON.

GENERAL TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

LONDON, June 13.—A despatch from Hong Kong says the Japanese are administering the customs on the Island of Formosa and trade is proceeding upon normal lines. The intelligence and their energies are being put to the test.

GREENVILLE, Ohio, June 13.—The Rev. George R. Tomlinson was baptizing several candidates in Mill Creek, eighteen miles north of this city, Sunday afternoon, Mrs. Emeline Richards, who was troubled with heart disease, after being immersed and just before stepping out of the water sank and died in a few minutes.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 13.—The coroner's inquest into the death of Nellie Harington concluded in her own room ten days ago, is concluded. The testimony of four additional witnesses completes a perfect alibi for the late Senator Buck. I. W. Mack, chief of detectives, says a further clue followed every clue and every person making connection with the case. He was absolutely in the dark regarding the identity of the murderer and admit that he had not even been a suspicion in reference to the probable slayer. The jury returned a verdict of murder committed by some unknown person.

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