

THE DAILY EXAMINER.

AUGUST 10, 1896.

HON. ALEXANDER LAIRD.

The people of this province lose, by the death of the Honorable Alexander Laird, the services of one of the most talented members of a talented family. The deceased gentleman devoted himself to agriculture and politics, and was successful in the prosecution of both. His farm at the junction of Wilmot River and Boque Bay was one of the largest, if not the largest, in the province. He took a leading part in our agricultural and industrial exhibitions. He was president of the Agricultural Mutual Fire Insurance Company. He was ex-President of the Farmers and Dairy-men's Association of Prince Edward Island. He often took a prominent part in the practical discussions of the Western farmers convention and was, up to the time of his death, if we mistake not, one of the commissioners of the Government stock farm. His connection with the politics of the province dates from 1867, in which year he was elected a member of the House of Assembly for the fourth district of Prince County. Subsequently he served repeatedly as a member of the Legislative Council, of which he was for many years leader. He was a member of the Executive Council of Prince Edward Island from 1867 to 1870, from 1876 to 1879, and from 1891 till the time of his death. Two or three years ago, he was the victim of a savage bull, which left him stunned and senseless; and, ever after, he suffered a partial paralysis affecting mind and body. In his prime he was an able man and exercised a strong influence over his party. He married, in 1864, Rebecca, daughter of the late Ephraim Reed, Esquire, and, after her death, Annie, the youngest daughter of the late Samuel Carruthers, Esquire. Socially he was a genial man, and he leaves many personal friends, among his political opponents as well as among his political partisans, who will unite in sympathizing with his bereaved wife and family.

PREFERENTIAL TRADE.

From the Canadian point of view there is a great deal to be gained and little to be lost by the adoption of a system of preferential trade with Great Britain. We know this by experience. In the early part of this century, as the Mail and Empire points out, there was in existence a commercial union of the British Empire. Canadian products were then allowed to go into England at nominal rates, while duties were imposed upon foreign articles coming into competition with them. The consequence was that between 1811 and 1825 the population of Upper Canada increased from 77,000 to 135,000. In the next ten years it more than doubled, going up to 336,469. In the next five years it increased to 427,441. Between 1840 and 1851 it again more than doubled, and in the latter year amounted to 957,061. If similar preference were shown now it is certain that a similar development would take place as a result of larger shipments of our agricultural and other products. Great Britain owes nothing to the foreign nations, all of whom have, as against her, erected hostile tariffs. But it is argued that it is of no consequence to England whether the immigrants who leave the British Islands settle in the United States or Canada; that it is of no consequence to England whether she draws her food supplies from one country or the other. That this argument is not strong was made manifest a few months ago, when in the midst of a war scarce the people of Great Britain saw their food supplies in danger. Then the importance of having ample sources of food supply within the empire was brought home to them. The time is now favorable for such a change of policy as will ensure Free Trade within the Empire and Protection against the world. Mr. Laurier has a grand opportunity. Will he avail himself of it?

MANCHESTER SHIP CANAL.

It is announced that the manager of the Manchester Ship Canal is coming to Canada for the purpose of convincing our exporters that Manchester is the seaport to which they can most profitably ship Canadian produce. It is needless to say that our exporters will be quite ready to be convinced. We are, indeed, most of all interested in obtaining new markets in which our produce can be promptly and profitably sold; and if the manager of the Manchester Ship Canal can but convince our merchants that they may ship direct to Manchester with greater profit than to Liverpool or London, we have no doubt that Canada will be happy to afford to the Manchester Ship Canal a not inconsiderable volume of trade. Hitherto the canal has not been the "paying concern" that it ought to be in view of the great extensive and public spirit of those who put their money into it. It cost about seventy millions of dollars and has not yet paid a dividend. In fact it is, we believe, maintained at a loss. But its promoters are not disposed to give up hope and effort in its behalf. Like "true-born Britons," who "never say die," they are searching out new sources of trade and traffic. "Tis not in mortals to command success." But the men of the Manchester Ship Canal will, at least, "deserve it."

In view of public opinion, roused and expressed, we may hope that the City Council, representing the City at large, will, at the meeting to be held this evening, put itself on record as against the drunkenness that has prevailed in violation of the law and in favor of a vigorous and impartial enforcement of the Canada Temperance Act, — our only means of curbing the liquor traffic.

Housekeepers! — Do your clothes wringers require new rollers? Is any other part worn out? Bring them to Loggie's old tannery and have them repaired.

A SPLENDID ENDOWMENT.

It is announced, from Montreal, that Lord Mount Stephen and Sir Donald A. Smith have handed to the trustees, to form a permanent endowment for the Royal Victoria Hospital, securities to the value of \$500,000, which it is estimated will yield an income of at least \$40,000 a year. Herein lies, at once a suggestion and a noble example. We hope that the hospitals of Charlottetown will not long have to "send around the hat" for means of maintenance. Who among us will immortalize their names by providing the permanent endowment that is required?

A SUGGESTION.

"Pernicious weed! whose scent the fair anoints." — Cowper. It is reported that Mayor Pirgree, of Detroit, who started the "potato patch" plan, by which poor families are enabled to cultivate the waste lands in the neighborhood of cities, has been nominated for the Governorship of Michigan by the Republicans, in a year when the Republican nomination is likely to mean election. We suggest to the wide-awake Mayor and Council of Charlottetown the idea of providing that some of the waste lands in and about this city be let to the poor to be cultivated. The leader of the movement may expect to have his ambition gratified by being called to higher things. There is, for example, a vacant lot at the south of McKinnon & McLean's foundry at present overgrown with burdock and thistle, which might well be turned into a poor man's potato patch. The burrs are a nuisance to the ladies, to whose skirts they stick fast, and an eye-sore to every passer by. Who will take the lead in a crusade against the weeds which abound in this and other lots, and in favor of potato patches for poor people? Whoever they may be, we promise him promotion.

WHERE IS THE PRESIDENT?

Sir,—What has become of the Citizens' League formed last fall for the propagation of temperance and the due enforcement of the Scott Act? Where and what has become of the talking president, who was going to work such wonders in the temperance cause? Has he forgotten his solemn promise as contained in his speeches in the Opera House, or had the late election anything to do with the extraordinary inactivity of the League? Unless the president comes out and shows his colors, a great many will come to the belief that his temperance is subservient to his politics and that both are subservient to his own interests. The citizens look for activity from the League, from its president down to its members, among whom, if I mistake not, are the representatives of Charlottetown in the Legislature. Let them all come out of their shells and show themselves. Inquire.

LOOK AFTER THE DRUG STORES.

Sir,—As the City Council meets to-night, it is expected that the members will speak in no uncertain tones regarding the enforcement of the Scott Act. The public are now determined to put a stop to the present deplorable state of affairs in Charlottetown, and will put up with no more idleness in connection with the prosecutor's department. The Council must instruct the prosecutor to look sharply after the law breakers and bring them all to speedy justice. A sharp look out must also be kept on the drug stores, and if need be bring them to book also. They have no more right to violate the law than any other store, and the public will not be satisfied until the illicit selling in the drug stores is also put an end to. Let the Council act and enforce the law without fear, favor or affection.

TEMPERANCE.

BEER DRINKERS.

Sir,—Your correspondent "Independent" hit the nail on the head when he said that the beer liars must be attended to. There is no doubt of its intoxicating power. If it was not intoxicating these old toppers would not be so fond of it and the boldness with which it is sold and drunk is simply appalling. Make an example of one or two of the wittinesses and there will be an end of the drinking and false-swearing. Citizens.

THE GULFAR left port early this morning.

THE 10TH OF AUGUST.—Black duck shooting has commenced.

CHRISTIAN ENDOWERS.—Remember the rally to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock in St. Paul's Schoolroom.

EXCURSION.—About 80 or 90 excursionists left in the Jacques Cartier this morning en route to New Glasgow. The steamer will return to-night. The 32nd Battalion Band accompanied the excursionists.

MEMORIAL SERVICE.—Instead of the usual decoration of the graves of deceased Oldfellers, Prince Edward Lodge, Summerside held a memorial service in their hall at that place last evening at which Rev. Allan Hudson delivered an address appropriate to the occasion.

NEARLY A BAD ACCIDENT.—Master Charles Earle narrowly escaped being seriously injured a day or two ago. He was firing a rifle but the cartridge would not explode. He extracted the shell and tapped the cap. As a result the charge exploded, and Master Charles's friends would hardly recognize him now. He was not badly hurt, however, and will be all right in a day or two.

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A DESPERATE BATTLE.

Matabele Warriors Show Great Bravery at Umbuluzi.—Charged Almost up to the Ears of the British Guns.—Heroic Death of Major Kershaw at the Head of His Men.

Cape Town, August 7.—Details have just been received here of the decisive victory on Wednesday by the 700 British troops composing Colonel Plumer's column over a native force estimated to have numbered from 500 to 700 men. The latter fought most desperately and bravely charging up within a few yards of the rapid-fire guns. About five hundred of the Matabele warriors were slain during the engagement, which lasted several hours, and the loss of the British included Major Kershaw, Lieutenant Harvey, four sergeants, and about thirty men killed and six officers, several non-commissioned officers, and about fifty men wounded, according to the official figures.

The Matabele and their allies were commanded by the big chiefs Somboko and Umbuluzi, and were divided into five impi or regiments, each of over a thousand men, well supplied with arms and ammunition. At six o'clock on Wednesday morning a force of about 700 men, whites and natives, cavalry, infantry and artillery, all under British officers, marched to the Umbuluzi valley. The white infantry, commanded by Captain Beresford, with two screw guns and a Maxim rapid-fire gun, was detached to make a detour behind some hills, and then take up a position from which the valley could be shelled. It had previously been reported by the scouts that the enemy in strong force, was encamped in the valley preparing for a forward movement of importance upon the British position.

The main body of the British was halted while Captain Beresford's detachment, moving from the guns referred to, was making its way to the position designated for the artillery to occupy, and while this movement was being executed, the guns being moved over a small, isolated kopje, the Matabeles made a sudden and determined rush at Captain Beresford's command. There was no strategy or concealment. The natives rushed forward like a living tidal wave and in spite of the hot fire which was promptly poured into their ranks, they were not to be deterred. They succeeded in getting within forty yards of the screw guns and reached a spot only fifteen yards from the Maxim rapid-fire gun before any of these pieces could be brought into action. In fact, another moment's delay in opening fire with the guns might have proved fatal to the Beresford detachment, as the white infantry was unable to check the reckless, wild charge of the tribesmen, who seemed to court death in their fierce attack on the column.

But when the screw-guns began crashing case-shot into the enemy, tearing wide, bloody gaps in the ranks, and the deadly Maxim rattled its hail of lead into the heaving, scurried masses of the moving impi, the natives wavered in their charge, and a moment later the rush was stopped and they began to give way, leaving heaps of dead and wounded on the field. But, rallied by the chiefs, who bravely rushed to the front, encouraging their followers by a display of magnificent dash, the native warriors returned to the charge in the face of the fierce and awful fire of the British guns, and Captain Beresford's force was for a few moments completely surrounded by surging waves of warriors who seemed to knock the air.

The position of the Beresford force was then most critical, and their commander hurriedly ordered his signalmen to ask Colonel Plumer to lose no time in advancing with the main body to their rescue. While the signalling was in progress a hot and determined fight raged around the guns and several British officers, and men fell. In the distance could be seen two more impi rushing forward to join in the attack upon Beresford's position, and there was no time to be lost if the guns were to be saved.

Consequently, Col. Plumer ordered the main body of the British troops to advance. The mounted men were sent forward at a gallop to storm the hills on the left of Beresford's position, from which the natives were delivering a hasty, dropping fire upon the kopje occupied by the guns. The cavalry was gallantly led by Major Kershaw, who charged up to within fifteen yards of the enemy's position, when he was shot through the heart by a native, who almost immediately afterwards fell, literally riddled with carbine and revolver bullets.

The advance of the main body of Plumer's force was quickly noticed by the natives who were pressing around the Beresford detachment, and it caused them to take steps to retreat in order to escape being caught between three fires. The guns were thus able to do better execution, and a well-directed fire of case-shot, followed by a well-placed fire of shrapnel, soon changed the native attack into a retreat, and when the full reinforcements came into action the enemy broke and fled.

The guns and war rockets played upon the natives as long as the latter were in range; but the main loss of the enemy was inflicted while they were so bravely charging almost up to the muzzle of the British pieces, and one cannot help speculating what would have been the result had the gallant but ill-armed Matabeles been able to reply in kind to the fearful fire of the Maxim and screw guns.

The courage displayed by a small party carrying the ammunition of the British, at a time when there was no retreating leaden stream thrown into the native ranks by the Maxims, it would have demoralized well-trained and properly officered picked European troops under similar circumstances, much less bodies of nearly naked, badly armed savages; for while rifles and ammunition were not wanting among the natives, the supply was very far short of the demand, and the shooting of the warriors was of the worst possible description.

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A Grand Tea Party will be held at St. Ann's, Lot 65, on Monday, the 17th August.

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TELEGRAPHIC.

SPECIAL DISPATCHES TO THE EXAMINER

BICYCLE RACING AT HALIFAX

Cannon Wins the Two-mile Lap Race, But He is Disqualified for Crowding.

HALIFAX, Aug. 10. The Ramblers' Club races on Saturday attracted a small crowd. BARNETT, of Windsor, won the mile 2.30 class; time 2.43; Thomas Nass, of Lunenburg, won the C. W. A. championship; time, 2.27; R. Smith, of Windsor, won the half mile 2.20 class. Smith also won the half mile C. W. A. championship in 1.17, and the quarter mile, open, in 33.15 seconds. The two mile lap race was won by Cannon, of Summerside, but he was disqualified for crowding, and the race was awarded to Cunningham, of Halifax. The five mile C. W. A. championship was won by Conrod, of Lunenburg in 12.27, with Archibald of Halifax second.

SOME SIGNIFICANT FIGURES

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The Country at Large Supports the Conservatives.

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UNITED IN DEATH.

Drowning of an Engaged Pair. MONTREAL, Aug. 10. While four young people were boating near St. Helen's Island on Saturday, the craft upset, and Fred Harrigan and Miss Hughes, who were to have been married shortly, were drowned. The other two were rescued.

Paterson to be Opposed.

OWEN SOUND, Ont., Aug. 10. At the Conservative Convention on Saturday, James McLaughlin, who came so near beating the late member, was unanimously nominated to oppose the Hon. Mr. Paterson. The Conservatives will make a stiff fight to redeem the constituency.

Collision of Steamers.

MONTREAL, Aug. 10. The steamer Vancouver put back here with bows badly stove in, the result of a collision with an inward bound steamer. No lives were lost.

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