

THE DAILY EXAMINER.

MARCH 16, 1896.

THE PUBLIC DEBT.

A short history of the public debt of Canada may be interesting at this juncture. This debt results mainly from four causes, viz—

Dolls of Province at union, \$189,000,000
Cash paid to construct Inter-continental R. R. 44,000,000
Cash paid towards construction of O. P. R. 62,000,000
Cash paid towards Canals of Canada 38,000,000

\$233,000,000
And the total net debt up to 1895 was \$233,074,527.09.

It will thus be seen that the whole debt of the country is accounted for by these four items, without reference to all the railway subsidies that have been paid and all the expensive public buildings, steamships, light-houses, buoys, harbor improvements, etc., that have been erected and maintained since the union was consummated.

As to the interest paid on the public debt it amounted in 1886 to \$10,137,909; in 1889, to \$10,148,931; and in 1895, to \$10,166,294.44. So that although such magnificent works as the Saint Canal, have, in the meantime, been constructed, the burden of the debt is not materially increased. It is to be noted that the rate of interest paid on the debt in 1878 was 3.68, and in 1895 2.93—showing how greatly the credit of the country has improved, notwithstanding the increase of its liabilities. This may be taken as the best proof in the world that the investments of the country in public works are regarded by capitalists as prudent and business-like. The net interest paid per head of the population was in 1874 \$1.34 and in 1878 \$1.58—an increase in four years of twenty-four cents, or six cents per head per year! In 1891 the interest paid amounted to \$1.79 per head of the population—an increase in sixteen years of twenty-one cents, or about 1 1/2 cent per head per year. In the first short period hardly anything was accomplished; in the second long period the Canadian Pacific Railway was built, splendid additions were made to our canal system, splendid public works and buildings have been erected.

THE ROAD TO RUIN.

It was predicted in 1878-9 that Canada had entered upon "the road to ruin." There are not wanting dolorous souls who continue to make similar statements. A good test may be found in the bank statistics of the country. The bank notes in circulation in 1874 amounted to \$27,904,963. In 1878 they amounted to only \$20,475,589—a decrease in four years of \$7,429,377. But in 1893 they amounted to \$33,811,925—an increase since 1878 of \$13,336,339.

Again, in 1874 the deposits in our chartered banks amounted to \$77,113,754. In 1878 these deposits amounted to only \$70,856,253—a decrease in four years \$6,257,501. But in 1893 the bank deposits amounted to \$174,776,722, an increase since 1878 of \$103,920,479!

The assets of our chartered banks in 1874 amounted to \$187,921,031. By 1878 these were reduced to \$175,456,274. This was a decrease in four years of \$12,474,757. But by 1893 the bank assets had risen to \$302,696,716. In other words, our bank assets had increased by the enormous amount of \$127,240,441.

As to deposits in our savings banks—there amounted in 1874 to \$14,621,270, and in 1878 to \$11,128,185. But in 1893, with interest down to 3 1/2 per cent., the deposits in our savings banks amounted to \$54,673,494—equal to \$11.02 per head of the population—an increase since 1878 of \$40,545,309!

These figures would seem to indicate that we had in 1878 left the road to ruin and entered upon that of prosperity. Now, the question is—shall we go back to the old road?

THE GUARDIAN AND THE TELEGRAMS.

The Guardian must not imagine that The Examiner does not sympathize with it in respect to night telegrams. We know full well how unsatisfactory it is to publish a morning paper containing the evening news. But what is the use of grumbling about the matter? In respect to it there are but two legitimate courses that can be pursued. Either the Anglo-American Company must be bought out or the Company must be shown that it will pay them to establish a night service in connection with this Province. The first of these alternatives is evidently not reasonable or feasible. As to the second, it is, we feel sure, only necessary to prove to the active and efficient superintendent of the Company that there is money in a night service. The Guardian may easily do this. If it were to order several columns of telegraph news per night and guarantee a continuance of the work, the Company might, perhaps, even risk it. We know from experience that Mr. Jamieson is most obliging. In 1891 he kept the office open the whole of one night for The Examiner in order that it might issue a morning edition, containing the morning news, and he has frequently kept the lines open beyond the scheduled time in order that the public might be accommodated in times of excitement. What he has done for others he will, we have no doubt, do for the Guardian to the end that it may become really a morning paper. Let the Guardian show its enterprise and public spirit by making it worth while for the company to supply a night service.

The marriage of Princess Maud of Wales is expected to take place at the end of July, and thus prolong the London season a month longer than usual.

NO "IF" ABOUT IT.

The Guardian continues to struggle with the Manitoba Question. It quotes the following from the record of the court "Question 5.—Has His Excellency the Governor-General-in-Council power to make the declarations or remedial orders which are asked for in the memorials and petitions, assuming the material facts to be stated therein, or has His Excellency the Governor-General-in-Council any other jurisdiction in the premises?"

The answer.—In answer to the fifth question:—That the Governor-General-in-Council has jurisdiction, and the appeal is well founded, but the particular course to be pursued must be determined by the authorities to whom it has been committed by the statute; that the general character of the steps to be taken is sufficiently defined by sub-section 3 of section 22 of the Manitoba Act, 1870."

If the Guardian would but comply with The Examiner's request, or accept The Examiner's challenge, its intelligent readers would easily see that the Lords of the Privy Council find the "material facts" to be as stated in the memorials and petitions referred to. There is, it is evident, no "if" about the matter. It is true that "the authorities" are free to determine the particular course to be pursued. The High Sheriff, in carrying out the judgments of an ordinary court, is frequently at liberty to pursue his own course—but he must, by a satisfactory settlement or otherwise, right the wrong or remedy the grievance that has been declared to exist. "The authorities" at Ottawa are, concerning this matter, in very much the same position as a High Sheriff or other executive officer of the court. They are in duty bound to act. There is no "if" about it. Their Lordships say clearly, in answer to the sixth question, "that the two Acts of 1890 complained of did affect a right or privilege of the minority in such a manner that an appeal will lie thereunder to the Governor-General-in-Council." No "ifs" or "buts" about that!

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

An Ottawa special to the Mail and Empire reports that Mr. Laurier is making the fight of his life to keep the French Liberals in line with him and his "slippery school" policy. As persuasion has in several instances already failed, and as there is danger of a spread of the defection, the Liberal leader has now decided to resort to coercion. The threat he has offered, according to a well-known member of Parliament, is that if his friends do not stand by him he will resign the leadership of the Opposition.

Mail and Empire: "There is every reason to expect that recent events, which have opened the eyes of thinking men in Great Britain to the fact that they have, with their free market, been building up on this side of the Atlantic a nation that is none too friendly, will have an important bearing upon the future relations of Canada to the other portions of the Empire. For this contingency, which is fruitful of great results to us, we must be prepared, and we cannot be prepared for it, by indulging in passion or in prejudice, we are forced into any one of Sir Richard's unfortunate schemes."

Interviewed at New York the other day Sir Donald Smith said: "I went to Winnipeg a purely unofficial capacity. While there I discussed the school question with the members of the Provincial Government, with a view of protecting the rights of the Catholic minority. I have good reasons for believing that the Legislature there will find a satisfactory solution of the question. I do not anticipate that the Government of the United States will be deflected on this issue at the present session." "What about political union with the United States?" "I sincerely believe that annexation is the furthest thought from the mind of the Canadian people; yet it is true that we possess a most kindly feeling towards the American people, and I admire their progress. We fully anticipate a happy and honorable settlement of the existing disputes of the United States with England, and always will remain loyal to the British Empire."

RELIGION IN POLITICS.

In the course of his sermon, yesterday, the Rev. Mr. Kirby, of the Second Methodist Church, entered a strong plea for more religion in the politics and public business of the country. In this connection he quoted from an Alabama telegram the following concerning the opening of a court at St. Stephen's that State:

"A novelty was sprung on the court as well as the crowded court room of citizens by a motion made by Col. Samuel B. Brown that the court be opened each day by reading a chapter from the Bible and prayer. Judge Anderson granted the motion, stating that he thought it a very appropriate service. Col. Brown volunteered to read the first chapter, which he did, choosing the first chapter of St. Peter. After the reading, Solicitor General Brooks was requested to lead the prayer, and responded in an able petition imploring Divine direction for the court, and that justice might be done and the country benefited by the wisdom, closing with an earnest appeal for Divine blessings upon all present. The assembly room paid respectful attention to this novel feature of the court standing during prayer."

Mr. Kirby urged that the spirit of religion ought to permeate our public as well as our private affairs, and that a reform is needed in this regard.

B. I. S.—The annual meeting of the Emerald Branch B. I. Society took place in their hall on the evening of the 10th inst., when the officers presented reports, &c., which showed that the Society was in a prosperous condition. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President—John R. Murphy. Vice President—Jas. E. Doyle. Secretary—P. F. Hughes. Treasurer—Geo. R. McMahon. Sergeant-at-Arms—Michael Croken. Marshal—Terence Goodwin. Hall and Managing Committee—P. J. Trainor, Patrick Duffy, G. R. McMahon. Sick and Relief Committee—P. Duffy, T. Goodwin, Jas. Power.

An excellent programme has been prepared for St. Patrick's entertainment, and with favorable weather the hall will, no doubt, be packed as usual.

Exposure to cold, damp winds, may result in pneumonia if the system is kept invigorated with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Read Weeks & Co's. advertisement of cheap goods in to-day's paper. No better place for cheap goods in town.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Sir,—The Guardian has at last been constrained to publicly endorse the Citizens League's five-dollar inducement to extend crime. It cites the action of Imperial, Federal and Provincial Governments offering rewards—in one case aggregating \$40,000, and out of this it hopes for comfort. In no sense of the word is this a parallel case. The Government offered a reward for the detection of a crime which had already been committed. The Citizens League offer the reward—whether purposely or not, as an inducement to commit crime. Had the Government offered \$40,000 for the murderer of O'Arcy McGee before the murder was committed, there would have been scores of assassins at hand ready to cut his throat and to claim the reward. The Government would be then responsible for his murder by offering and paying the money which ensured his death.

This also holds good with regard to rewards to prevent smuggling, which are rewards fraudulently and unscrupulously obtained. There is no inducement for a merchant to have \$1,000 worth of his goods confiscated in order to recover "one-third or one-half the value of the goods if the goods are recovered, nor can one who is a party to the violation of the law claim the reward, excepting in very special cases. How different with the five dollar offer of the Citizens' League. The more Government bounty reduced to the very worst straits for money is offered five dollars if he will take ten cents and with it induce someone to violate law, and then convict him for it, is even worse than that which is offered honest after the world's pattern of honesty, has purchased a glass of beer the character of which has left him in honest doubt. He could not swear to be inebriated, nor could he swear to be inebriated ten per cent. Following out the well known maxim of English law to give the accused the benefit of an honest doubt, his evidence must acquit. The League offer, however, is interposed. The witness is in need of funds, or perchance is one of the many who prefer cash to character. His judgment is warped, his honest doubt is stolen from the accused and sold for five dollars to the League, a conviction follows, which is nothing more nor less than a legal theft and a legal crime. This is had enough, but the League's contemptible offer goes still further, for it practically is made to those who are to be found in Charlottetown and who are capable of anything; who will go into a store, purchase a drink absolutely temperate, and then deliberately perjure himself in court, and swear that it was intoxicating in order to get an easy five dollars. Is there not a faint suspicion on the minds of many citizens, that this has already occurred, and if so, was it not the League's five dollars that purchased the perjury and procured the false conviction? It is a legal precept that better let ninety-nine guilty go free than convict one who is innocent. But according to the League, innocent and guilty must suffer alike.

This offer is not made in the interest of temperance—nor is in fact anything else that the League has done—and is disgusting to many temperance citizens. Magistrates trying Scott Act cases should make every effort to find out whether evidence offered is real or purchased, and if purchased, it should be discarded, and if would further suggest that the Attorney General should investigate this purchase of evidence as possibly indictable under the New Criminal Code.

PERSONAL. Mr. and Mrs. A. J. McInnis, of Murray River, are in the city. Mr. I. L. Harkins, Quebec, is among the guests at the Queen Hotel. Captain Malcolm Macdonald, Georgetown, is in the city. He is registered at the Hotel Daves. Mr. Tomkins, the Rock Island whip man, is here on a business trip. He is registered at the Queen Hotel. Mr. and Mrs. James Beale, of Charlottetown, were registered at the Clifton House, St. John, on Thursday.

C. W. A. HOTEL LIST.

Upon presentation of membership tickets, C. W. A. members will receive reduced rates, at the following hotels in the N. B. and P. E. District:

Table with 4 columns: Place, Hotel, Regular, C.W.A.
Campbellton, Royal, \$1.25, \$1.00
Charham, Adams, \$1.50, \$1.35
Charlottetown, Davies, \$2.00, \$1.50
Edmundston, Hebert, \$1.50, \$1.15
Fredericton, Queen, \$2.00, \$1.50
Grand Falls, Commercial, \$1.50, \$1.15
Moncton, Commercial, \$2.00, \$1.50
Shediac, Weldon, \$2.00, \$1.50
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There is said to be a serious split in the English Liberal party, arising from a revolt of the Radical wing against Lord Rosebery as leader.

We wish to notify our customers and others who have been waiting to see our 1896 suitings and overcoatings that they are now in, comprising a selection from some of our leading foreign manufacturers for this season's trade.—S. A. McDonald, m12 5i

Fruit Growers' Association.

A meeting will be held at the Central Creamery, Charlottetown, on SATURDAY, the 4th of April, 1896, for the purpose of organizing a Fruit Growers' Association for P. E. Island. This notice only affects the delegates appointed at Prof. Craig's meetings.

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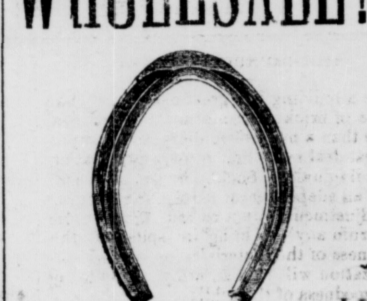
At Freetown, March 9th, to Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Auld, a son

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At Souris on the 16th inst., Mrs. Eneas Waitt, at the advanced age of 77 years.

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500 Boxes Tin Plates,
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TELEGRAPHIC.

SPECIAL DISPATCHES TO THE EXAMINER

INCREASING DEBT AND TAXES

Important Measures in New Brunswick.

FREDERICTON, March 16.

Three important bills were introduced in the Legislature of this Province on Saturday—one providing for a loan of four hundred thousand dollars for public improvements and another providing for a grant of \$7,500 a year for seven years towards the establishment of cold storage at St. John and other points. The third relates to the liquor business. The Provincial Government is to take charge of the traffic. Retail licenses are now issued at \$150. But the new bill increases them to \$300. Wholesale licenses, which are now \$300, will be \$500, and the hotel licenses, of which there are many, are to be \$400 each.

ANGLO-EGYPTIAN EXPEDITION

Opinion in Parliament.

LOSDON, March 16.

The proposed Anglo-Egyptian expedition has the unstated approval of the Conservatives and Liberal Unionists, the hesitating support of the Liberals and the fierce opposition of the Radicals. A statement relative to the matter will be made in the House of Commons to-day by the Right Hon. Geo. Curzon.

Notes from the Capital.

OTTAWA, March 16.

Half a million copies of Hon. Mr. Foster's speech on the School Question will be printed for campaign purposes. The Government has ordered a complete report of the debate on the Remedial Bill, to be made up in book form from Hansard, in order that the literature of this question may be preserved in a compact form.

Six-inch quick-firing guns are now en route from Halifax to Victoria, to be mounted on the forts at Esquimaux.

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ST. PATRICK'S DAY 1825-1896.

The Benevolent Irish Society and Ancient Order of Hibernians of Charlottetown will celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

On Tuesday, March 17th, by the usual Parade and Church Services in the Morning at 10 o'clock (Sermon by Rev. A. McAulay).

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Tickets on sale Friday morning, March 13th, at the following places:—Balcany at Rankin's Drug Store, Orchestra at Dodd's Drug Store, Admit on Tickets at Reddin Bros.

Tickets 25, 25 and 50 cents. R. F. MADDIGAN, Secretary Committee. mch10

Valuable Property For Sale.

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