

\$116,000 a year. In 1873 each \$100 of Excise revenue was collected for \$3.50; now it costs \$4.25. The administration of Justice in 1873 cost \$393,000; to-day it costs \$565,000. The Government have been able to cut down Militia expenditure from \$1,250,000 a year, but their "Reform" hearts failed them when the national wants pointed out to them the absolute necessity of refraining from packing the public service with their friends, and of spending as little as possible on the office-holding class, while the country was suffering from deficits.

To sum up, the Party of Economy has increased the public debt \$33,000,000 in four years of previous depression while the McDonald Government with all its heavy exceptional expenditure increased it but \$24,000,000 in six years; and under a pledge to be economical, has spent in four years \$5,000,000 more than the highest estimated expenditure of the old administration in the days when surpluses, not deficits, greeted the people. And, to crown all, besides adding thus enormously to the debt and expenditure, the man who were to lighten the burden of the taxpayer have extorted three millions of extra taxes from him!

To say that Sir John McDonald and his colleagues are responsible for this crisis in our financial affairs is a contemptible plea for men to make, who boasted their ability to cut down his expenditure and remedy all the evils they alleged he had inflicted on the country. It is false plea, too, for so far from being responsible for the chronic deficits, he left the country prosperous and progressing, and has been striving ever since, but in vain, to induce the Government to adopt a policy for restoring that prosperity. The responsibility for the three millions of deficits rests on the statesman who locked up three millions in steel rails, who has squandered the public money though pledged to economy, and who has throughout pursued a policy that has aggravated the depression by crippling the industries of the country and impoverishing the people.

The Registry Office.

OUR contemporary the poor, old lumbering *Argus*—the Sairey Gamp of our Island literature—waddles up to the defence of the Registry Office, and such a defence! Not one single statement that we made has been contravened; the accuracy of each one is unimpeached. We have given facts and figures, and we defied the Government press to answer them, and unanswered they remain, because unanswerable.

We gave the amount paid to the officials in January; the *Argus* admits it to be correct, but in his own inordinately stupid way, he remarks: "Unfortunately for the EXAMINER'S calculations, the sum of \$530 was paid only in the month of January." Is the man mad? We wrote in the month of February, and gave the wages paid during the last month. We could not do more. For we could not give the amount of wages which had not then been paid. Had the *Argus* been placed in our position, this difficulty would not have occurred to him. Figures would have been forthcoming—whether they were accurate or not would be quite a secondary consideration to him.

But if our contemporary set himself to answer our charges, why not, at least, try and answer them all: that the boy Norman, in six months, copied the indexes for three years; that he copies but four folios a day; that he is, nevertheless, paid more than any clerk in the department; that the Registrar, with piteous lamentations, complains that the clerks will not obey him, and that they have refused to perform work he assigned them; that the certificates of discharge of mortgages are unregistered for the last three years. Why not answer these charges?

The *Argus* says: "Under the old order of things, the clerks in the Registry office used to do whatever amount of work they pleased." Did they? Then the result was much more satisfactory than now. In February, 1877, the work was all completed. In June, 1877, there was not a single unregistered deed in the office (with the exception of discharges for mortgages from 1875), and consequently not a cent spent for extra work. But now since the Leader of the Government has made the celebrated "agreement," the *Argus* seems so proud of, in one month the amount paid for extra work is \$230—that is only \$5 short of double the whole monthly expenditure of the Department! The Attorney General's financial "agreements" bid fair to rival Mr. Cartwright's budgets.

The *Argus* speaks of what the clerks used to do "under the old order of things." Can anything be worse than the state of that office now? Unfortunate persons who have paid off their mortgages, suffering in their credit because their securities have not been marked satisfied; the clerks in open mutiny; the Registrar helpless in his own department, without any influence or the slightest control over his subordinates; they laughing at him and twitting him into all manner of ridicule; he running about the building bitterly complaining of the treatment he is receiving. The boy Norman, whose duty is to copy the indexes, neglecting this, and, with official impertinence, waiting on those who bring their deeds for registry, filling up receipts, and what is most highly irregular, filling them up from signed blanks which the Registrar most improperly allows him access to; add to this the terrible state of the plans, tossed and tumbled about the floor, and in drawers without order or arrangement; and what is worse still, several of them lost evidently beyond hope of recovery.

This is the state to which the Registry Office has been brought under the present Government, and surely, the *Argus* will hardly dare to say that "under the old order" matters were worse than this.

We have one more remark for the *Argus*. Some months ago he issued a Patent of Nobility to Senator Haviland by designating him as "one of nature's noblemen." We are not going to quarrel with him about this; but we think we may fairly claim that with him Senator Haviland's word should have some weight. Now, we state it to be a fact that Mr. Haviland protested to Mr. DesBrisay against the state of his office and warned him to have the discharges of mortgages registered, a protest

and a warning which have either been unheeded or which the mutinous conduct of his subalterns has rendered him powerless to remedy.

Enterprise.

We must really decline the mead of praise for enterprise awarded to us by this morning's *Patriot*. He far surpasses us in this particular branch. His daily is regularly ante-dated, and could be thrown off his press any evening by 8 o'clock. In fact, to all intents and purposes, the *Patriot* is an evening paper issued in the morning. His press may begin to work between three and four, a. m., but the forms are all locked up the evening before, and left to toast at the stove, while the enterprising managers retire to slumber. With forms thus locked up and ready to be put on the press at 8 o'clock,—that is, about four hours after the EXAMINER is in the hands of its readers,—how can the *Patriot* have the brazen effrontery to promise his readers telegrams twelve hours later than those of the EXAMINER? Enterprise has strangely muddled the leading minds that direct our contemporary's course.

City Schools.

For the following Statistics of City Schools, taken on Monday, March 4th, we are indebted to Mr. Isaac Oxenham, the obliging Secretary of the Board of School Trustees:—

UPPER PRINCE STREET SCHOOL.	
	Pupils on Roll
Mr. Duncan,	54
Miss Smith,	41
Miss Snaddon,	47
Miss Moore,	71
Miss Barr,	64
Miss Gregor,	58
Miss M. Lawson,	62
Miss Bartlett,	47
Miss Montgomery,	56
500	
EAST KENT STREET SCHOOL.	
Mr. Miller,	50
Mr. Seaman,	69
Miss McKinnon,	57
Miss E. Lawson,	90
260	
QUEEN SQUARE SCHOOL.	
Mr. P. Curran,	41
" M. Curran,	63
" McElmeel,	100
204	
ROTCHFORD SCHOOL.	
Mr. Mackenzie,	53
Miss Finnesey,	51
Mr. Helm,	36
140	
WEST KENT STREET SCHOOL.	
Mr. Amos,	52
Miss Walsh,	41
93	
SPRING PARK SCHOOL.	
Miss Lawson,	58
KENSINGTON SCHOOL.	
Mr. M. Smith,	41
99	
Total number of pupils in City Schools, 1502	

Correspondence.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions or statements of Correspondents.

To the Editor of the Examiner:

SIR,—I am not of an irritable temperament, but I must confess that my indignation has been thoroughly aroused. The cause is this: The Dominion Government, through its representatives in Charlottetown, has actually set up a job shop, and men are now being sent out from this Government shop to do jobs throughout the city and country. This, you will allow, is a sufficient cause for not only my irritation, but for that of every manufacturer and mechanic on the Island. It seems that the Dominion Government Railway Machine Shop is not satisfied with a monopoly of the work furnished by the repairs to be done on the *Northern Light* and the Steam Dredge, but men are sent out to look for work, and repair boilers, engines, hydraulic presses, &c., &c., wherever they can be found. Now, let me ask an intelligent people if it is possible for private enterprise to compete with an establishment supported by the Government? I also ask Mr. Stronach if he has been instructed by the Government to continue in such a course? If so, manufacturers and others should be made aware of the fact. Matters have, indeed, come to a fine pass when Government tax the industry of the people, and with these taxes support establishments which strive to take the very bread out of the mouths of the same tax-payers. Yours, MANUFACTURER. Ch'town, March 5, 1878.

To the Editor of the Examiner:

It has been very noticeable on each occasion of a fire in this city that great confusion has occurred and very great difficulty experienced by those wishing to arrive at the scene. It is evident that reform is necessary in the Fire Department. Instead of five wards, representing as well fire wards, as at present, there should be at least double that number. Let the division line be Great George street; the Eastern portion might be still recognized as Wards 1 to 5, while the Western side could be numbered 5 to 10. An arrangement of this kind would greatly facilitate matters and save much inconvenience. A new fire bell is also a great necessity. Hoping our worthy Chief Engineer will attend to this most important matter immediately, I am, etc., CUSROS. Ch'town, March 5, 1878.

We understand that Mr. N. Lee has matched the stallion "Island Bush Messenger," owned by Mr. J. Gourlie, to trot Mr. Jas. Sharpe's gelding "Gray Dick," for \$50. This we expect will be an interesting race as the horses are about equally matched. Notice will be given in due time as to date.—Progress.

Latest by Telegraph.

WAR NEWS.

Special Dispatch to Examiner.

LONDON, March 5.

The *Standard*, in its fourth edition, prints a Constantinople despatch, saying "Prince Teherkosski, to whom was entrusted the administrative organization of Bulgaria has died at St. Stefano."

In the House of Commons this afternoon, Gathorne Hardy, Secretary of war, in answer to a question by Charles Morgan Norwood said, that the matter of the defence of the commercial ports of England, was being carefully considered at the present moment.

In the House of Lords this afternoon Lord Derby, in reply to a question by Earl Granville, said that the Government had received the terms of peace, but in an imperfect state. He could only say that the terms do not include the cessation of the Turkish fleet; that the indemnity is reduced to 12,000,000 sterling, and that Egyptian tribute is not affected.

CONSTANTINOPLE, March 5.

To-morrow the plenipotentiaries will enter upon the discussion of the details of the several points of the treaty which were agreed to, taking up first the payment and guarantees for payment of the indemnity.

LONDON, March 5th.

Intelligence comes from St. Stefano that General Ignatieff and a special Turkish ambassador were to leave for St. Petersburg immediately after the signing of the preliminaries of peace.

It is thought that the special Ambassador will convey the Sultan's desire for the restoration of diplomatic relations, or be charged with the conduct of negotiations for drafting a definite treaty, preliminaries only having so far been signed. The principle conditions of the preliminary treaty signed are the cession of Batoum, Kars, Ardahan and the district of Bayazid. The question of the Straits will be reserved for further consideration.

The *Agence Russe* says that some days must elapse before the treaty can reach St. Petersburg and authentic conditions be published.

CONSTANTINOPLE, March 5.

The foreign Ambassadors have not received the text of the treaty. They are not certain whether it is definite. It is understood, however, that exchange or ratification within a fortnight is obligatory.

LONDON, March 5.

In the House of Commons this evening, Gathorne Hardy introduced the War Estimates.

In his speech he avoided all exciting topics, confining himself to technical details. He stated that the Estimates had been framed in as strictly a peaceful footing as would be the case whether apprehensions were entertained.

Mr. Earle gives his concert this evening in the Y. M. C. A. Hall, at 8 o'clock.

"ENTRE NOUS" on the *Argus* and the Skating Carnival, will appear to-morrow.

The Supreme Court will finish its work in Georgetown to-night, and will resume here on Thursday.

The market to-day was very small. There was very little poultry, and the display of meat, in the Market House and on the square, was unusually thin.

THERE was but one trial before the Stipendiary Magistrate's Court this forenoon, John Martin, for furious driving on the street, was fined 50 cents, without costs.

REMEMBER the Entertainment to be given in the Reform Club Hall by the Women's Temperance Union, this evening. The programme is well arranged, and there is every prospect of a good entertainment.

THE *Northern Light* left Georgetown at 6 a. m. and arrived at Pictou at 11 a. m. to-day. The business of the Intercolonial Express will be immediately resumed. A large quantity of express goods will (D. V.) arrive here to-morrow.

It seems that we were in error when noting the drift of the Rev. G. W. Hodgson's letter to the *Patriot*, published in yesterday's EXAMINER. All that the Revd. gentleman wanted to do, was to refute a silly and spiteful assertion of the *Patriot*.

THE BRITISH REVENUE.—The total receipts into the British Exchequer from 1st April to the 2nd Feb. were £63,074,094. In the corresponding period of last year they were £62,746,094. The expenditure was £63,356,195, against £65,668,534 last year. The balance in the Bank of England on Saturday last was £833,775, and in the Bank of Ireland £409,562.

DISASTROUS FIRE AT CARLETON, N. S.—A disastrous fire occurred at Carleton, N. S., on the 1st inst. It originated in Wyman Bros. & Co.'s furniture factory, a very large building, and did not stop until this and the adjoining mills were burned. The fire commenced at 9 p. m. and lasted six hours. There was no insurance on any of the property. The losses are as follows: Wyman Bros. & Co., \$8,000; Miller, Richardson & Co., \$1,000; Miller & Kelly, \$1,500; Samuel Hamilton, \$200.

We have no desire to lay ourselves open to animadversions from the Bench such as the *Patriot* and *Argus* had to endure. Hence we refrain from publishing any utterance upon the riot trials, beyond what is given in Court, until these trials are finished. Both the *Patriot* and *Argus* have again sinned in this direction by publishing the "official letter" of F. H. Campbell and T. J. Leeming. That letter is intended to produce an impression—otherwise it would never have been written. It might be a matter of conjecture what kind of an impression it is calculated to produce, and hence we hold it back until the Court has finished with the culprits arraigned.

Died.

At Souris East, on the 20th ult., John Cosmo McDonald, son of Michael B. McDonald, aged nine years. May he rest in peace.

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New Advertisements.

To Michael McCormack, Esq., High Sheriff of King's County.

SIR,—As efforts are made in certain quarters to decry the S. S. *Northern Light* and remove her from her present route, we request that you will please call a County Meeting as soon as possible, to consider the situation,—affording the people of King's County an opportunity to discuss their interests in this matter. John M. Stewart, G. A. Aitken, R. Munro, J. H. Rutherford, Charles R. Aitken, Michael Hession, Charles Owen, W. Wightman, Wm. Clements, Jos. R. Macdonald, Arch'd J. Macdonald, James Bourke, Adam Wight, David Keye, D. Gordon, Ewen Stewart. Georgetown, 2nd March, 1878.

To John M. Stewart, G. A. Aitken, Roderick Munro, Esquires, and others.

GENTLEMEN,—In compliance with the above requisition, I do hereby give notice that a PUBLIC MEETING will be held in the Supreme Court House, Georgetown, on THURSDAY next, the Seventh March, at two o'clock in the afternoon.

MICHAEL MCCORMACK, Sheriff. Sheriff's Office, King's County, March 2nd, 1878. 21 dy pat

BUTTER! BUTTER!

A FEW Tubs good Home Made BUTTER—not imported,—made by some of our best Butter-makers—can be had on application to JAMES BARRETT, Dorchester Street. Ch'town, Mar. 1, 1878—t

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FOR SALE AT OUR STORE:

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Mr. Earle's Concert!

A CONCERT of VOCAL & INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC will be given in the Y. M. C. ASSOCIATION HALL

TUESDAY, 5th March

TICKETS 50 cents each, to be had at Dr. Dodd's Medical Hall, where a plan of the sittings can be seen on Wednesday, the 27th inst. Family tickets of six, \$2.00; of four, \$1.50. Feb. 25—

Anniversary Service.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the P. E. Island Auxiliary Bible Society will be held (D. V.) in the Hall of the Y. M. C. A., Charlottetown, on MONDAY, the 11th inst. Besides the usual programme, some choice pieces will be sung at intervals during the evening. Chair taken at 8 o'clock, p. m. DONALD McNEILL, Secretary.

March 4, 1878—t meeting.

Tenders for Poor House.

TENDERS, marked "Tenders for Poor House," will be received at the Poor House, until SATURDAY, 9th March, from persons willing to furnish the following supplies:—

FISH, KEROSENE OIL, SOAP, HOMESPUN CLOTH, FLANNEL, UNBLEACHED COTTON, WHITE WINCEY, SHIRTS and DRAWERS, HATS and CAPS.

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All necessary information can be obtained at the Poor House from the master. The Commissioners do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender.

GEORGE W. HODGSON, Sec'y Commissioners. Ch'town, Feb. 25—dy pat 3taw till 9th

SHROVE TUESDAY!!

An Entertainment,

UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE WOMEN'S TEMPERANCE UNION, WILL BE GIVEN ON

TUESDAY, MARCH the 5th,

IN THE

REFORM CLUB HALL.

As the Committee have spared no pains in making the programme an interesting one, they hope the Entertainment will be liberally patronized.

ADMISSION, TEN CENTS. Doors open at 7½ p. m.; to commence at 8. T. NEWBERRY, Sec'y Com. Feb. 27—t