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The Examiner.

Charlottetown, August 23, 1875.

OBITUARY.

TO-DAY we record the death of the HON. GEORGE COLES. A full obituary of his life, were it written, would be a task worthy the pen of the ablest biographer. Few men were more instrumental in advancing the progress and prosperity of a new country; few men were more unselfish in their labors. His name is wrapt up in the history of this Island, and will be remembered by its people as long as they value the blessings of a liberty, civil and religious, which his efforts gained for them—it may be, at a cost but little thought of.

That, as an educated people, we stand superior to any colony in the Empire, is due to his earnest, untiring zeal in a cause, wherein mightier minds have striven and failed. That an elective franchise, as free as the spirit that gave it birth, is the birthright of our people to-day, is the fruit of a hard-fought battle with the great forces—wealth, station and influence—of an established Oligarchy. Were these two acts alone the efforts of a lifetime, have we not cause gratefully to remember the dead? But have we not more? What measure was there that conduced to the welfare of this Province, that did not receive his able and ready support? Whose voice was more sincere or more powerful in the advocacy of the people's best and most lasting interests? The universal and affectionate remembrance of his name to-day proves, at least, that his efforts were appreciated, and that his works are not forgotten.

We believe, in but few hamlets is the name of George Coles not known and respected; and that we but now echo the sentiment of all classes and of all creeds. An affliction the most trying arrested his usefulness, at a period in his life when, humanly speaking, it was most to be deplored. An overwrought mind and domestic anxieties deprived him, during the last few years of his life, of his reason. Even in this, his sad trial, his wonted kindness and courtesy never forsook him; and he ever remained the same kind and affectionate husband and father for which, through former years of active public life, he was so marked. Few who have known him, will not drop a tear to his memory. To the poor his purse was always open—a ready friend in time of need. His never-ceasing popularity was due as much to the natural kindness of his disposition as to his political ability and integrity of purpose. May it not be said, that though his cold form now awaits the performance of the last rites due the dead, and will soon be borne hence to be no more seen, the master-spirit that lived in the man has breathed itself into the life of our people, and given a freedom of thought and of action worthy of his efforts. A self-made man, his teaching and his life made men think and act for themselves; and, by a few bold legislative enactments, he opened the field of labor to all alike—cut the long-used leading-strings that retarded our industries and damped our exertions, and gave the people the constitutional right to govern themselves.

We should have wished to have been by his bed-side when, shortly before his death, his reason, unclouded as of old, returned to him in perfect freshness, as if he had been awaked out of sleep, and heard the last few words he gave to earth. They will long be treasured by those who heard them; never be forgotten by his bereaved family. Of his faults and his failings we do not speak. They were few, and seem to us but as necessary incidents to his humanity; and not to need our comment. We leave them to be chronicled by those who cannot praise without censure, and by whom the faults and failures of men are remembered when the greater and nobler life is forgotten—perhaps unappreciated.

In concluding this brief obituary we, unhesitatingly, say no man in this Colony so honestly earned the respect and esteem of its people; none has done more to advance its material prosperity, and none whose labors have been more untiring or more unselfish. Universal sympathy will freely be given to his sorrowing wife and family; a sympathy not the less sincere, when we remember that their affliction has not begun with their present bereavement.

TERRIBLE MURDER.

In a special despatch from Bear River, N. S., to the St. John *News*, some particulars are given of a horrible murder, perpetrated at the former place, on the night of the 18th inst. It appears that David Robbins, fifty-five years of age, shot his wife, Emeline Chute, beat out her brains with a mallet set fire to her bed, and fled to the woods. The murder was evidently premeditated. Robbins had been disposing of crops and converting them into money for days. He bought a box of biscuit in the village the night before, and took them with his gun to the woods. The day previous he shaved his whiskers off. He had been illtreating his wife for a long time. He was not given to drink, but is an innate fiend. His wife was a member of the Baptist Church, and was a quiet woman. Two boys, asleep up stairs, heard her scream, and ran down stairs and out to an uncle's near by. Robbins ran off as the uncle (his wife's brother) got to the house.

CIVIC AFFAIRS.

THE last city elections gave us a new Mayor and three new Councillors. In our remarks to-day, we intend no reflections upon the present members of the Council; nor are we prepared now to single out the individuals who in the past were responsible for the state of affairs to which we are about to draw attention. What we want to point out is, that our city business has been, in every department, most disgracefully mismanaged; and we call upon those who are now in charge to do better than their predecessors.

The facts to which we have to-day to call attention, have been, for many years, before the public; but they have been disregarded. Unfortunately, the citizens generally take no interest in city affairs; and as this, in New York, gave opportunity for the dishonesty of the Tammany Ring, it has here caused utter incompetence and neglect of duty in almost every official connected with the Corporation.

The *Patriot* very justly remarked a short time ago, that every city is as well governed as it deserves to be. The amount of interest shown by our citizens in civic affairs is evident from the fact that there there are over 3,000 voters, and at the last election about 450 voted. We deserve to be very badly governed; we cannot complain about not receiving our deserts. We doubt if there is in Canada, or in the United States, a city in which every duty that a Corporation should perform is so systematically neglected.

Now, for the proof of our charges. We obtain our information principally from two sources: the published financial statement of the city, and the evidences of carelessness and neglect that meet our eyes at every turn. The assessed value of property in the city (we use round numbers) is $193,000; the rate of assessment 7½ per cent. The amount of assessment, therefore, ought to be nearly $15,000. The amount collected last year was $7654.57, or a little over one half. Now, of course, there must always be a certain amount of taxes uncollected. But would any Corporation—we will not say any vigorous one—but any one that was not sunk in the lowest depths of indolent uselessness, allow one half of its assessment to be unpaid? For every man who honestly pays, there is another who dishonestly does not; and the Corporation, by not enforcing payment, becomes an accessory after the fact. It is most unfair to those who pay, that there should be such a large portion due. It makes them pay out of their pockets the whole working expenses of the city. We ask for a statement of uncollected assessment for the last five years.

We see, in the last accounts, a special assessment for macadamizing to the amount of $3827.4. The amount spent for this purpose was $800 short of this; although if this assessment may be legitimately applied to sidewalks, then it has been more than spent. But we should like an explanation of this fact. That assessment either has, or has not, been levied this year. If it has not, the Corporation has grossly neglected its duties; for no one can say that our city—not half macadamized, without one street with complete sidewalks—has had all done to it that it requires. If it has been levied, to what purpose has it been applied? None to macadamizing; very little to sidewalks; one or two streets have been partly done, and with a perverse ingenuity, a sidewalk has been carried away out into the Common, while some of the principal streets—notably those leading to the Railway Station—are to a great extent, unprovided with this accommodation. With a power to levy special assessment for the streets, and to tax horses and carriages for the same purpose, there is no possible excuse for that disgraceful condition of our streets, which is a matter of comment from every stranger. Something was done, and done fairly well, last year; but this only throws into greater prominence the larger portion which remains undone.

Besides the items for macadamizing and sidewalks, there is $2094 charged to streets and squares. What this was for we do not know. But, we ask, is it possible to imagine more untidy, neglected, desolate looking streets and squares than we have? To take one or two instances. Look at the fence round Hillsborough Square. Look at the number of streets without even a respectable surface drain. Not one street has its name up, so that it is impossible to direct a stranger how to find any place in town. In Kent street some new buildings are going up where there was the fire last winter. Of course it is quite right that persons while building should be allowed to occupy the sidewalk for a reasonable time; but those to whom this privilege is given, should be required to board in the part taken up by them, so that the inconvenience to the public should be as little as possible. In Kent street, bricks, mortar, building materials, spread out right into the street; the city surveyor has driven by scores of times, and yet the nuisance has been going on all summer.

The police force costs $3016.66—the odd cents might represent the value of their services. What on earth do they do? They do not keep loafers off the street corners; they do not keep cows off the streets and squares; trotting and running matches take place on the public streets. Did any one ever meet a policeman on his beat, except his beat to and from dinner? The force is quite too small to be efficient, and if the assessments were paid, it might be trebled without any increased taxation. Two or three years ago, we occasionally saw an account of a solemn farce that was periodically performed when the Mayor "inspected" the force; and then Mayor, Marshal and police mutually admired each other, and expressed great satisfaction at themselves, and the way in which they performed their duties. This was all nonsense. From City Marshal down, the whole force needs at least waking up, if not weeding out. There are needed more men, and very much more efficient supervision and discipline than they have at present.

The Fire Department costs $3493.52. Having spent last year $1365 for hose, we trust the Corporation will lose no time in providing water to run through it. Any amount of hose without water is useless to check a fire; though it would seem we have hardly yet wakened up to the fact. Had the fire at the Medical Hall got ahead the other evening, the results must have been most disastrous, as our little water supply was just giving out. However, we are not going to blame the Fire Department for their being no water. We can only say that if a supply is not soon brought into the town, some much more forcible arguments than we can employ, will be brought to bear upon our citizens, and scattered families, property destroyed, and the bare, gaunt chimneys rising above the charred cinders of once happy homes, will speak with an eloquence greater than we can command.

We have other matters still to refer to; and will continue this subject next week.

THE SCOTTISH GATHERING.

UNDER the auspices of St. Andrew's Society, there was a highly respectable gathering of 'Auld Scotia's sons' on Government Farm last Thursday. The day was very warm; but the games were well managed and spiritedly kept up. It is estimated that about five thousand persons visited the grounds. Among the number we noticed the Lieutenant Governor and Miss Macdonell, the Right Honorable Mr. and Mrs. Childers, Mr. Charles Childers Mr. Halburton the correspondent of the *Illustrated Canadian News*, and many other noteworthy men. Douglas McLeod, Esq., formerly of this Island, but now a resident of Halifax, and Dr. Sutherland, of this city, were on the grounds in Highland full dress. Mr. Alex. McKenzie's well arranged refreshment table was largely patronized. Dancing, to the stirring music of the pipes, was kept up with spirit. We are indebted to D. C. Martin, Esq., Recording Secretary of St. Andrew's Society, for the following list of prizes and prize-takers:—

Heavy Stone—17 competitors—1st prize, Roderick McDonald, M. H. Road, 27ft 1in. 2nd, Alex. Campbell, Strathalbyn, 26ft 10in.

Running Long Leap—1st prize, Samuel McLeod, Springfield, 15ft 9in. 2nd, John McRae, Canoe Cove, and Alex. Campbell, Strathalbyn, equal, 15ft 4in. Prize divided by consent.

Heavy Hammer—1st prize, Wallace Stewart, Cardigan, 64ft. 2nd, Fred. Johnson, Charlottetown, 62ft 10in.

Light Hammer—1st prize, Wallace Stewart, Darlington, 77ft 11in. 2nd, Roderick McDonald, Murray Harbor Road, 77ft 1n.

Hop, Step, and Leap—1st prize, Charles McKenzie, Pictou, 36ft 4in. 2nd, Samuel McLeod, Springfield, 35ft 5in.

Throwing Light Stone—1st prize, Alex. Campbell, Strathalbyn, 34ft 8in. 2nd, Mal. McLeod, Valleyfield.

Hurdle Race—1st prize, Samuel McLeod, Springfield. 2nd, Alex. Campbell, Strathalbyn.

Tossing Caber—1st prize, John McRae, Canoe Cove, 28ft 7in. 2nd, D. Livingstone, Clyde River.

Sack Race No. 1—1st prize, Malcolm McKinlay, Strathalbyn. 2nd, Samuel Jardine, Pownal.

Sack Race No. 2—A prize of $2 given by Chief McLeod, of Halifax, won by Wm. McLeod, Strathalbyn.

Running High Leap—1st Prize, N. J. McLeod, Strathalbyn, 5ft 4in. 2nd, P. McInnis, New Glasgow Road, 5ft 2in.

Boys' Race—1st prize, Fred Bevan, Charlottetown. 2nd, Malcolm Nicholson, Strathalbyn.

Highland Fling—Won by Jas. McEachen, Ch'town.

Gælic Song—Won by Charles Morrison, Pinette.

Allcomers' Flat Race—1st Prize, Charles Dockendorff, North River. 2nd, Malcolm McKinlay, Strathalbyn.

Allcomers' Hurdle Race—1st prize, Sam'l McLeod, Springfield. 2nd, Samuel Jardine Lot 49.

Vaulting with Pole—1st prize John McRae, Canoe Cove, 9ft 9in. 2nd D. Cullen, Roseneath.

Mr. Charles Morrison, of Pinette—who took the first prize for a Gælic song—arrived too late to take part in the athletic exercises in which, we are informed, he is a proficient. Mr. David McIntyre, of Montrose—an enthusiastic piper—knows the history of nearly all the Scottish tribes.

In the evening there was a ball in the Market Hall. There was a small but select assemblage.

RAILWAY EXTENSION.

IT gives us great pleasure to note that the question of "Railway Extension" is obtaining a hold upon Public Opinion. On the 12th inst., a meeting of the people was held at Flat River, at which the following resolution—moved by A. Beaton, Esq., and seconded by A. Cooks, Esq.,—was carried:—

Resolved, that this meeting approves of building a Branch Railroad through the Belfast and Murray Harbor Districts, which, no doubt, would be beneficial to the districts, in developing the trade and commerce of the country; providing the aforesaid R. R. would be built by a company of capitalists, and the Local Government becoming responsible for $24,000 yearly towards the support of the aforesaid branch R. R. lines; and that this meeting is of the opinion that the farmers will co-operate as much as possible in aiding the building thereof.

This is good. But the expression of a desire on the part of farmers themselves to take stock in the Company and to aid the enterprise in every way possible, would, in our opinion, have been better. We think the farmers should, if they are in earnest, and if they approve of Mr. Gregory's suggestions, signify their willingness to take stock in the Company to the extent of the value of the land through which the proposed Railway will run. Then, after the Company is formed, they could apply to the Dominion Parliament and to the Local Legislature for a subsidy with fair prospects of success.

MILITIA GENERAL ORDERS.

Summerside Battery of Garrison Artillery.

A Battery of Garrison Artillery is hereby authorized at Summerside in Prince County.

To be Captain, provisionally: Thomas Kelly, Esquire.

To be 1st Lieutenant, provisionally: Jas. W. Howe, Gentleman.

Prince County Provisional Battalion of Infantry.

A Provisional Battalion of Infantry is hereby authorized to be styled the "Prince County Provisional Battalion of Infantry," with Head Quarters at Summerside, to be composed as follows:

An Infantry Company at Alberton, to be No. 1 Company.

An Infantry Company at Tryon, to be No. 2 Company.

An Infantry Company at Port Hill, to be No. 3 Company.

To be Major, Commanding: Lieutenant Colonel John Hunter-Duvar.

To be Adjutant: Lieutenant Hubert Hunter-Duvar.

To be Surgeon: Henry F. Jarvis, Esquire, M. D.

No. 1 Company, Alberton.

To be Captain, provisionally: George R. Montgomery, Esquire.

To be Lieutenant, provisionally: Lieutenant Edward C. Maxfield.

No. 2 Company, Tryon.

To be Captain, provisionally: Thomas Ives, Esquire.

To be Lieutenant, provisionally: Alexander Howatt, Gentleman.

No. 3 Company, Port Hill.

To be Captain, provisionally: Herbert Yeo, Esquire.

To be Lieutenant, provisionally: William R. Ellis, Gentleman.—*Canada Gazette.*

THE LAND COMMISSION.

THE Land Commissioners opened their Court in the Assembly Room, on Monday last. To them it might, without hyperbole, be said, 'a hundred years look down upon you;' for portraits of the Speakers of each succeeding House—from the time of Stewart till the time of Howatt—representations of those who represented the people's representatives during the long and troubled period in which the Leasehold System caused discontent and distress, unceasing agitation and continual discussion in the Island—are hung over the seat in which they sit. If these types of the 'dead past' are insufficient to remind them of their present responsibilities, surely the pictures—which hang suspended from the walls around—of Cooper, the apostle of Escheat; of Coles, the author of the Fifteen Years Purchase Bill; of Whelan, the eloquent expositor of the tenants wrongs—will do it.

The Right Hon. Mr. Childers is Chairman of the Commissioners, and occupies the Speaker's seat. Dr. Jenkins, who represents the public, sits at his right hand, the proprietors Commissioner at his left. In front, within the rails, sit the Counsel, Secretary and Reporter. The Local Government is represented by the Attorney and Solicitor General, Mr. Thompson of the Bar of New Brunswick, and Mr. L. H. Davies. The proprietors have retained Mr. E. J. Hodgson. Mr. Charles Childers is Secretary to the Court, and Mr. P. S. McGowan, Reporter.

The estate of William Cundall, Esq., was first brought before the Court. The case was opened by L. H. Davies, Esq. On the part of the public he laid before the Commissioners a history of the land question—a history so well known to all our readers that we do not propose to repeat it. He forcibly urged that many of the proprietors had forfeited the right to the land by reason of non-compliance with the conditions on which it was granted to them; and he cautioned the commissioners not to allow the prosperous appearance of the country now, to influence them in the valuation of the estates; for the fertile fields and the comfortable homesteads were entirely results of the tenants toil.

The witnesses examined were Mr. Wadmau, of the Crown Lands Department, Messrs. William Cousins, William Campbell and George Mallett, Mr. Cundall (who submitted leases, plans, etc.) and Senator Haythorne. In the opinion of the tenants examined the proprietor's interest in the estate is about two dollars per acre.

During the hearing of evidence, some differences of opinion arose between the Counsel for the public and the Commissieners, and on closing the case for the Government, Mr. Thompson, at the commencement of his speech, made some very pungent remarks upon the course adopted by the arbitrators, and the conduct of the Chairman. It is, we think, greatly to be regretted, that some mutually satisfactory arrangement, as to the mode of procedure, had not been agreed upon between the opposing Counsel and the Commissioners previous to the commencement of the trial. If such a course had been pursued, it is certain that many hard words would have been spared. Respecting Mr. Cundall's title, Mr. Thompson said that it would not be questioned by him nor by his fellow Counsel. Neither would he, in this case, dwell upon the forfeiture of the estate by reason of non-fulfilment of the conditions of the original grants; for the Legislature of the Province had, by Act of Parliament, carefully set that question at rest forever by recognizing Mr. Cundall a proprietor. He urged, however, that the Court was called upon to view the case in its political aspects. The Leasehold System has been a long standing grievance. It is anomalous in America. Because of it, very many had left the Island, and those who remained had been hampered by a heavy annual tax to the proprietor. Consequently, the prosperity of the country was retarded—its resources undeveloped. The tenants of the estate had been unable to take advantage of the Fifteen Years' Purchase Act, even upon specially favorable conditions, for the simple reason that the price was too high. Estates had been purchased for 7s. 6d. and 10s. per acre. The Montgomery Estate, within three miles of Charlottetown, had been sold to the Government for 13s. 6d,; and there was no good reason why Mr. Cundall's estate—which is from twelve to twenty miles from the nearest town—should be worth 18s.—together with all the arrears. When the farms were leased they were worth absolutely nothing. The land, has entirely through the labor of the tenants, completely changed its character. It is no more the land Mr. Cundall leased, than the rough tree is the finished building. Besides, there is always some risk attending the payment of rent, and the reasonable probability of being unable to collect the arrears should weigh with the Commissioners in their awards. Lord Durham's despatch—which Mr. Thompson quoted at length—stated the case of the tenants as forcibly and as truly as could be desired.

E. J. Hodgson, Esq., closed the case on behalf of Mr. Cundall. He said the law of *eminent demesne*, to which allusion had been made, and which provides that a person may be obliged on receipt of consideration to give up his land for the public good—did not apply to the case before the Commissioners, for it was proposed to merely take the land from Mr. Cundall and hand it over to the Commissioner of Crown Lands. In the agitations of the past, every concession of the proprietor had been made the stepping stone to renewed agitation—to demands for still further concessions. And the failure of the Fifteen Years' Purchase Bill was owing not so much to the inability of the tenants to pay so high a price, as to the fact that they desired to get still better terms. One of the witnesses (Mr. Cousins) had offered 20s. an acre for the freehold of his land. Mr. Hodgson contended that his client's interest in the land was worth 18s. an acre, and all the arrears. If the arrears are to be thrown off, let the Commissioner of Crown Lands, representing the Government, do it. His client was rightfully entitled to every cent. At the present time there are nearly a million dollars in our banks bearing interest at from four to five per cent, and how will it be possible to invest $800,000 or $1,000,000 more at 7½ per cent? Investments in Bank Stock or commerce, are liable to depreciation or total loss. Property in money is never so sure as property in land; and this consideration should weigh with the Commissioners in arriving at the award. In cases where property is forcibly taken from a man, he is always allowed full indemnity. He should be in no worse position after the sale than he was before. He (Mr. H.) felt sure that only justice would be done his client by awarding him the full amount claimed ($10,592.19)—together with the arrears due—and this amount, he felt confident, the tenants on the estate were well able to pay.

After the close of Mr. Hodgson's address it was agreed that Miss Cundall's estate should be submitted to the court without further evidence, except the production of plans, leases, etc., and without pleading of counsel. The court then adjourned until Monday,

LATEST NEWS SUMMARY.

BRITISH.

The weather in England is fair and hot.

Three sloops of war, recently constructed in England for the Mexican Government, are *en route* for Vera Cruz. It is supposed that the Rio Grande is their eventual destination.

Col. Valentine Baker, who was convicted in London recently of assaulting a young lady in a railway car, and who was sentenced to pay a fine of $500, and be imprisoned for one year, has been dismissed from the British army.

From a paper published by an Austrian officer it appears, that the British Empire contains a larger population than the Empires of Russia, Austria, Italy, France and Germany combined. The total population of these is only 223,000,000, while that of Great Britain is 290,000,000. The calculation is made in reference to the war power.

The marriage of Dr. Livingstone's daughter, at Hamilton, Scotland, to Mr. Alex. L. Bruce, one of the partners of a well-known Edinburgh firm (Messrs. William Younger & Co.,) on the 28th of July, was an event in the fashionable world. The bride received presents from all parts of the globe. The venerable Dr. Moffatt, the African missionary, performed the ceremony, and the little town of Hamilton had on its best holiday attire. It was in the neighboring mills of Blantyre, the weaver-boy Livingstone learned his Latin declensions while working at the loom.

The Royal yacht, containing Queen Victoria and members of her family, cut down a schooner yacht, the *Mistletoe*, on the 18th inst., between the Isle of Wight and Portsmouth. Three persons were drowned. The *Mistletoe* was cut into amidships and sank in a few minutes. None of the Royal party were injured. The Queen was on the deck of the *Alberta* and witnesed the collision. She gave orders to do everything possible to rescue the *Mistletoe* and party.

The London 'Times' on the Crops.—The 'Times'' city article of August 14th, says: The following on the condition of the corn trade is derived from good sources. Admitting as certain a further rise in the event of bad weather, in the contrary event, there is still time to secure a large proportion of the wheat crop in good condition. If so, recent apprehensions will probably prove to have been extreme. If the American crop is secured in good order there can be no great change in the result of the spring wheat crop from what we had reason to expect a few weeks ago. There had been, then, already reasons to expect a deficiency which had not been sufficiently heeded, which should certainly be heeded now. The last report from France is much less unfavorable than was apprehended, most of the late rains having done slight injury. Our own farmers' stock of old wheat is reported small, but cannot be quite so exhausted as it was last year, and deliveries during the last two weeks have been double those of the corresponding weeks last year. The blight is damaging the hop crop, and the prospects are at present less favorable than hitherto. The Continental crop is also suffering from variable weather.

EUROPEAN.

The authorities state that the cholera in Syria is abating.

Servia and Greece have decided to unite against Turkey.

Crop reports from Europe indicate the yield not to be so good as anticipated.

The King of Bavaria has granted 56,400 florins for the purchase of works of art.

The Roman Catholic clergymen in Posen, Germany, have all submitted to the ecclesiastical laws.

The insurrection in the North-western Provinces of Turkey is spreading at an alarming rate.

It is thought probable that the disturbance in Herzegovina will resolve itself into a religious war.

Prince Charles Theodore, great uncle of the King of Bavaria, fell from his horse at Naples yesterday and was killed.

The native Japanese papers are just now discussing with great earnestness the expediency of extending the railway system of that country.

The Alfonsist Government yesterday caused a report to be sent abroad that the Carlists have been overwhelmingly defeated, but from other sources it is stated the Carlists gained success.

A royal decree has been issued by Alfonso, commanding that all conscripts shall join their regiments before the end of October. the price of exemption being fixed at 8,000 reals.

Another heavy battle is reported to have taken place in Cuba. The Spaniards in an encounter a day or two ago killed six insurgents. With reinforcements of 10,000 men the Captain-general hopes to make a likely winter campaign.

Herzegovinian rebels again defeated Turkish troops and another serious insurrection broken out in Croatia, on the Austrian frontier, which promises to be formidable. 20,000 Turkish troops have been sent against the insurgents in Croatia.

The Journal de St. Petersburg fears that the Mahommedanism of Asia may become equally inconvenient and dangerous to England and Russia. It intimates that Russia would offer no opposition to a union of the two Governments for keeping down Mahommedanism by force. A union which is not likely to be accomplished.

A calculation has been made of the number of persons the great cathedrals of the European Continent will hold. St. Peter's at Rome, holds 54,000 people; the Milan Cathedral holds 37,000; St. Paul's, at London, holds 25,000; St. Sophia, at Constantinople, holds 23,000; Notre Dame, at Paris, holds 21,000, the Cathedral at Pisa holds 13,000, and San Marco, at Venice holds 7,000.

UNITED STATES.

A summer church is to be built for the Rev. Henry Ward Beecher.

Booth, the great tragedian, was fatally injured by falling from his carriage in New York.

It is said that the lost boy, Charlie Ross, is now at home with his parents, who are keeping the matter secret in order to avoid intrusion.

'Chairmaness' is the latest development of feminine grammar as applied to the presiding 'officeress' of the Arkansas Women's Centennial Executive Committee.

NEW YORK, Aug. 18.—Another heavy battle has taken place in Cuba. The Spaniards in an encounter a day or two ago killed six insurgents. With reinforcements of 10,000 men, the Captain General hopes to make a lively winter campaign.

The President has written an autograph letter to the Secretary of the Treasury enjoying special vigilence in prosecution of whiskey frauds, and intimates that neither position nor influence shall stand in the way of the execution of the law.

BEECHER AT THE WHITE MOUNTAINS.—A despatch from the Twin Mountain House, Sunday says that twenty-one cars from Portland, Plymouth, N. H., Stanstead, C. E. and from the Fabyan House and 140 vehicles from neighboring cottages and hotels were that morning employed in bringing 4,000 to 5,000 people who came to hear Mr. Beecher preach. Never before since the mountain services were inaugurated at this house has so large a number assembled to attend them. Hundreds were unable to get near enough to the speaker to hear his voice. Every foot of space in the large parlor, in the corridors leading to it and on the long piazza was occupied. It is expected there will be an improvement in the accommodations for the audience that gathers here in the future, as Mr. Beecher intimated by some remarks with which he prefaced his sermon that a tent capable of accommodating 2,500 persons would be procured from Boston between this and next Sunday.

CANADIAN.

The first detatchment of recruits for the Manitoba Mounted Police have arrived safely at Winnipeg.

The body of Grimwood, the reporter who ascended with Donaldson on his last balloon trip, has been found on the shore of Lake Michigan.

J. Perrault, Secretary of the Canadian Centennial Commission, has left for Philadelphia, where he will remain to the close of the exhibition next year.

Principal Dawson, of McGill College, is at Detroit, attending the meeting of the American Association for the advancement of the Science. Dr. Dawson is President of the Section of Geology and Natural History.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Y. M. C. A. HALL,

Monday Evening, August 23rd,

AT 8 O'CLOCK,

Mrs. Robinson's Reading's.

PROGRAMME.

PART I.

1. Langley Lane.
2. Over the Hill to the Poorhouse. Carleton.
3. A Legend of Bregeng. A. A. Proctor.
4. Daruis Green and his Flying Machine. J. T. Trowbridge.

PART II.

1. The Bells. E. A. Poe.
2. The Young Grey Head. Mrs. Southey.
3. Early Rising. Saxe.
4. Father Phil's Collection. Lover.

Admission 25cts. Reserved Seats 50cts.

For sale at Medical and Apothecaries Halls.

Aug. 23, 1875. pd

Benjamin Dawson, Esq.,

OF MONTREAL,

WILL EXHIBIT IN THE

Methodist Chapel

ON

Monday Eve'g Aug. 30, at 8 o'clock.

A COLLECTION OF

DISSOLVING VIEWS,

Illustrating the places visited by him on a recent tour through

ITALY AND SWITZERLAND.

ADMISSION 25 cents: Children, under 14 years of age, 12 cents.

TICKETS to be had at Messrs. Beer & Son's, H. A. Harvie's, Dr. Dodd's, W. E. Dawson's, and at the door.

W. E. DAWSON.

Aug. 23.—city papers

Threshing Machines

AND

Separaters!!

THANKFUL TO THE

Farming Public of P. E. Island

for the liberal patronage extended to me during the twenty years I have been in the business, I would respectfully invite their attention to the fact that I am manufacturing to supply the increased demand, a larger number of the above Machines than heretofore offered to the public.

These Machines are all built of good wood and mounted with the best refined iron. Several

VALUABLE IMPROVEMENTS

having been added of late, I have no hesitation in offering them to the public as

First Class.

When desired they will be sent by rail to any point on the line.

Please send in your orders as early as possible.

THOMAS HALL,
Summerside Steam Factory.

Summerside, Water St., East, P. E. Island, Aug. 23.—3mo

WESLEYAN

Methodist Academy.

PRINCIPAL:—Thos. Carscadden, Esq., B. A., & Gold Medallist, Toronto University.

ASSISTED BY

MR. J. R. KNIGHT, B. A.,

and a staff of

8 LADY TEACHERS,

In the various departments of Education, Music and the Fine Arts.

This Institution will re-open on MONDAY, the 30th inst., at 9 o'clock, a. m.

W. E. DAWSON, Sec'y.

Ch'town. Aug. 23.

American Mackerel Barrels!

TO ARRIVE in a few days:—

2500 best American Mackerel BARRELS.
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ALL ASH HOOP.

WILL BE SOLD LOW WHILE LANDING.

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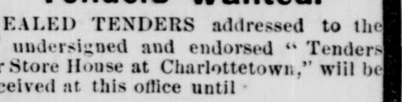

P. E. Island Railway.

Tenders Wanted.

SEALED TENDERS addressed to the undersigned and endorsed "Tenders for Store House at Charlottetown," will be received at this office until

Thursday, Aug. 26, 6 p. m.,

FOR THE ERECTION OF A

Store, House & Offices

AT

CHARLOTTETOWN.

Plans and specifications to be seen at the Engineer's office, Charlottetown, where printed forms of Tender and all necessary information may be obtained.

The signatures of two solvent and responsible persons willing to become sureties for the due fulfilment of the contract must accompany each Tender.

The Department will not be bound to accept the lowest or any Tender, and no Tender will be received unless made upon the printed form supplied.

W. McKECHNIE, Supt. P. E. I. Ry.

Railway Office, Aug. 23.

Wanted.

AN energetic dry goods Salesman. An experienced hand. Apply by letter to

EXAMINER OFFICE

August 23.—pa

A CARD.

THE Subscriber, having retired from the Civic Chair, will now be enabled to give his undivided attention to the interests of his friends and patrons. Thankful for past and anticipating a continuance of patronage in his business as Auctioneer and Commission Merchant.

N. RANKIN,
Corner Pownal & Water Street.

Aug. 23, 1875. 1in

NORMAL SCHOOL.

THIS Institution will be re-opened on the 1st of September next, at 10 o'clock, a.m. To secure admission, application should be made to the Principal on or before the day of opening. Provision having been made for appointing an additional Female Teacher in the Model Department, applicants for the Situation should send in their names and testimonials to the Principal, on or before the 25th inst.

DONALD McNEILL, Sec'y.
Board of Education.

Ch'town, Aug. 23, 1875. 1n

CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT,

OTTAWA, Aug. 19th, 1875.

AUTHORIZED discount on American Invoices till further notice, 12 per cent.

R. M. S. BOUCHETTE.
Commissioner.

Aug. 23, 1875.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.

I AM instructed by P. V. Robin, Esq., to sell at Auction, at his residence, 'The Nest,' Brighton, on THURSDAY, 2nd September, at 11 o'clock, all his Household Furniture, as follows:—

1 Gilbert Piano Forte (7 Octavo, Rosewood Case (1 Walnut Music Stool, 1 do. Tete-a-tete Couch, 2 do. Ottomans, 1 Arm Chair, 1 do. Card Table, 6 do. Chairs, Carpets, Pictures, Book Cases & Books, Curtains, Poles and Rings, Hall Stoves, Oil Cloth, Ext. Dining Table, Cane Seat and other Chairs, Side Board, Lamps, Decanters, Claret Jug, Wine Glasses, Custard Glasses, Dinner Set, Crockery, etc., Blk. Walnut French Bedstead, Spring Bed, Iron Bedstead, Stretchers, Wash Stands, Dressing Tables, Looking Glasses, Toilet Ware, Mahog. Wardrobe, Chest Drawers, Shower Bath & Pan, Hip & Shoe Baths, Water Cans, Chairs, Tables, Bed Room Stoves, &c., &c., Cooking Stoves and Cooking Utensils, Kitchen Tables, Chairs, Tinware, Crockery Sets, Scales, Clothes Wringers, Wash Tubs, lot Wood and Coal, Wheel Barrow, Hand Cart, 2 Work Benches, Vice, lot Paints, 1 Double School Desk, Cross-cut Saw, Grind Stones, Garden Tools, &c., &c.

Sale positive. Terms at Sale.

WILLIAM DODD, Auc'tr.

Charlottetown, Aug. 23.

VALUABLE

FREEHOLD PROPERTY

AT AUCTION,

On Wednesday, the 8th September next,

AT 11 O'CLOCK, ON THE PREMISES.

I AM instructed by PETER STEWART, of Souris, to sell by Auction, his valuable Freehold Property, beautifully situated at the Head of Souris River, a distance of two and one-half miles from Souris Village, and about one and one-half mile from New Zealand Station, consisting of

518 acres of Freehold Land.

one hundred of which is under cultivation, and is this season planted with 100 bushels of oats, 21 bushels wheat, 8 acres potatoes and turnips, 30 acres hay, and the balance in pasture. The uncultivated land is well wooded with heavy timber. There are a large dwelling house and barn, granary and outhouses in good repair.

Also, a Saw Mill which drives eight Gang Saws, together with two Circular Saws and Edger. Also, a Smallwood & Boyyer Shingle Machine.

Also, a Grist Mill, with 3 run of stones, all complete, with smutters, etc., all of which is situated in a splendid site for milling business.

Also a lot at Souris Harbor, 200 feet water front.

Plans, titles and all information can be obtained from the owner on the premises.

Should it be required, the lands will be divided into two blocks of 250 acres and 268 acres, of which the latter will attach to the homestead and mill property.

This is a rare opportunity of obtaining a very desirable residence in King's County.

SALE POSITIVE—TERMS EASY.

A large proportion of the purchase money can remain on mortgage on the property.

W. D. STEWART, Auctioneer.

August 23.—till sale.

HILLSBORO' BOATING CLUB.

THE Annual REGATTA of the H. B. Club will be held in Charlottetown Harbor, on

Wednesday, the 15th Sept. prox.,

when the usual prizes for the different Races will be offered.

The Earl of Dufferin's Medal will be competed for.

By order of the Committee.

Charlottetown, Aug. 23.

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PARKS' COTTON MANUFACTURES

Cotton Warp.

WHITE, BLUE, RED, ORANGE AND GREEN.

Nos. 5's to 10's.

Cotton Carpet Warp,

Made of No. 8 Yarn 4 ply-twisted. White, Red, Orange, Brown, Slate, Blue, Green, etc., etc.

ALL FAST COLORS.

IN Manufacturing our goods, we take the greatest care to make them of such a quality as to give satisfaction to the consumer.

We warrant them to be full length and weight; stronger and better in every respect than any other yarn in the market.

All our goods have our name upon them, and are sold by us only to the wholesale trade, from whom country merchants and consumers can always obtain them by asking specially for them.

WM. PARKS' & SON.
New Brunswick Cotton Mills
St. John, N. B.

August 23, 1875.

NOTICE.

THE Superintendent of Public Works for King's County, will sell by auction to the lowest bidder, on the spot, on THURSDAY, the ninth day of September, a. m., re-building the Bridge between Kenny's and McKinnon's mills on the Cardigan Road. Same day at 8 p. m., a small Bridge on Cameron's road, head of Hillsboro' Lot 38. Same day at 4 p. m., certain repairs to road, from Ryan's to Janet Smallwood's, Lot 38. Specifications to be seen at time of sale. Good security required for each contract.

WILLIAM McDONALD,

Sup'ts office, Aug. 23—till Sept. 9

NOTICE.

THE Superintendent of Public Works for King's County will sell by auction to the lowest bidder, on SATURDAY, the 11th of September, at 11 a. m., certain repairs to Burke's road, leading from Head of Rollo Bay to Rollo Bay Railway Station. Sale to commence at the south end of the road. Good security required for each contract.

WILLIAM McDONALD,

Sup'ts office, Aug. 23—till 9th Sept.

NOTICE.

THE Superintendent of Public Works for King's County will sell by auction to the lowest bidder, on MONDAY, the 13th of September, at 2 p. m., certain repairs to Bridge, Head of Murray River. Same day at 4 p. m., certain repairs to Burnt Point Wharf, near Murray River Bridge. Specifications to be seen at time of sale. Good security required for each Tender.

WILLIAM McDONALD.

Sup'ts office, Aug. 23.—till Sept. 13

THE

Annual Exhibition

OF

Agriculture and Local Industry, For King's County,

will be held at

GEORGETOWN,

ON

WEDNESDAY,

October 6, 1875.

Prize List Pamphlets may be had from any of the Commissioners, and at the Secretary's office.

Galbraith's Brass Band will be in attendance.

Return Tickets will be issued at one fare from Charlottetown, and all Stations in King's County, holding good till end of October 7. Cattle, Sheep, Pigs, &c., will be conveyed to Georgetown at half the usual charges. By order of the board of Commissioners.

FRED. M. CAMPBELL,
Secretary.

Aug. 16, 1875.—4in