

The Liberal-Conservative Party have taken the room in the Market House, formerly used as the City Council Chamber. This room will be open throughout the campaign. A meeting for organization will be held this evening at 8 o'clock.

THE DAILY EXAMINER.

JANUARY 10, 1890.

Mr Ferguson and His Antagonists.

The Patriot is greatly dissatisfied with the preliminary report of the Commissioners appointed to "examine into and investigate the accounts, transactions and management of the Department of Crown and Public Lands of this Province." Its cause for dissatisfaction is evident. The Commissioners cannot, as honest, impartial, independent and skilful men, sworn to make a true declaration in the case, say—we quote the Patriot's words—that "the main responsibility for the Land Office robberies rests with Mr. D. Ferguson." To put the matter more plainly, the Commissioners do not further the main object of the Grit Opposition, expressed in the words "Donald the Unsound must go." Therefore the Commissioners, themselves, have become subjects for the condemnation of the Patriot. Nicknames, opprobrious epithets, labels, slanders, vituperation, false witnesses, lying invectives, the money of the briber, have been advanced against Mr. Ferguson, in vain. Indeed, all these "human devices" of the Oppositionists, hungering and thirsting for office, have tended to raise Mr. Ferguson in the estimation of his fellow-farmers of York and Covehead, For. Augustus and Belfast. These men have known Mr. Ferguson from his youth until now.—have known him for a man of strict integrity and very rare natural talents, a man of large information, fully acquainted with the wants of the Province and well able to promote the best interests of the district in which he was born and in which he lives. Their confidence in Mr. Ferguson has not been shaken by the foul means employed by those in whose way he stands, those who are looking forward to Judgeships, and Attorney-Generals, and pickings from the Governmental crib. But if the independent men appointed Commissioners had, after hearing the evidence, condemned Mr. Ferguson for the sin of his subordinate, and branded him as a robber, responsible for the "Land Office robberies," it is possible that the confidence of the electors might be shaken, and that Mr. Frederick Peters,—the city lawyer who has been torn away from his beloved Charlottetown to "beard the lion in his den," the farmer in his home,—might come off victorious in the fight.

The anxiety of the Patriot for the issue of the Commissioners' Report was betrayed in the issue of Tuesday last. Then it clamored against "prolonging the enquiry." Then it complained that the Commissioners "did not confine their duties to ascertaining how the money was stolen, or by whom the defalcations were perpetrated." Then it declared that questions "which bear upon the staff of officials which should be kept in the Land Office, and the salaries which the Government ought to pay them," were mere questions of policy. Then it said: "If Hon. D. Ferguson and the Government do not know how to manage the ordinary business of the public departments without calling in expensive experts to give them advice, let them step down and out!" In short, it demanded the publication of the Commissioners' Report at once, and argued that the Commissioners should lose no moment in the investigation of matters apart from the defalcations.

On that very day the Commissioners' report was published by THE EXAMINER. As the public will have observed, it refers only to the matter of the defalcations which had been discovered and to the system to be adopted for the prevention or discovery of further defalcations. In other words it was precisely that which the Patriot demanded that it should be;—but it did not contain a condemnation of the Hon. Donald Ferguson! What does the Patriot say now? It complains that the enquiry was "limited in its scope," and that "the evidence submitted to them concerning the items specially referred to them for enquiry," was the only subject of the Commissioners' report. The Patriot's inconsistencies reminds one of the man in the play whose "speech was like a tangled skein." Its argument is all disordered.

That the Commissioners would report in the first place, upon the subject matter of the defalcations which have been discovered is what every one expected. That they have made a clear exposition of that matter is what everyone who has read their report will admit. That the Government and Mr. Ferguson fear nothing in respect to the most searching enquiry that can be made, is evident from the fact that the Commissioners have been instructed to "examine into and investigate the accounts, transactions and management" of the Land Office, and that they are now proceeding with that work.

But why did not the Patriot publish the evidence obtained by the Commissioners?

Why has it now published the Commissioners' report in a garbled state, letting its readers see only those portions which seem to reflect most strongly upon Mr. Ferguson and the Government? Why has it treated the readers of the Patriot as if they were children or fools, unable to weigh testimony for themselves, and unable to judge for themselves concerning the right or the wrong in Commissioners' report? The reason must now be clear to the dullest intellect. The truth about the matter is what the Patriot wants to keep dark. It is not that the Patriot really believes its readers to be childish or foolish, and so unable to judge for themselves. But it is that it knows that they are intelligent, discriminating and just; and that the evidence and the report are both opposed to the false and malicious assumption of the unscrupulous Opposition politicians who to further their selfish ends dare to blacken Mr. Ferguson's fair name by involving him in a crime of which they know that he is not guilty.

There is, we believe, not a single prominent man of business in Charlottetown, who has not, at one time or another, been robbed by a subordinate, in whom he trusted—a clever, insinuating, perhaps pious, rogue—who scrupled not to steal and tamper with accounts. Put any one of these men in Mr. Ferguson's place—put Mr. L. H. Davies himself—and ask him how he would like to be hounded down and robbed of his character because his subordinate stole money and he failed to discover the theft at once;—then he will, perhaps, appreciate the justice and the Christianity of the attacks which are now being made upon Mr. Ferguson.

There can be no doubt whatever, that Mr. Ferguson will repel the attacks of his opponents and come out of the conflict unscathed.

"Thrice is he armed that hath his quarrel just, And he but naked, though locked up in steel, Whose conscience with injustice is corrupted."

There can be no doubt whatever that Mr. Ferguson's fellow-farmers will rally to the support of one of themselves, whom they must see as being foully used.

We have taken part in many public contests, we have seen many foul blows dealt, we have contemplated a great deal of selfishness, and malignity and cowardice on the part of striving politicians and unscrupulous journalists,—but we have never seen or contemplated such perfect and absolute baseness as that which has been exhibited by those who seek to accomplish the ruin of the Hon. Donald Ferguson.

Y. M. C. A.

The adjourned annual meeting of the Charlottetown Y. M. C. A. will take place in the Association Hall at 8 o'clock on next Monday evening, the 13th January, inst., when officers will be elected for the ensuing year. It is very much to be hoped that all the members and others interested will attend, as subjects of interest in regard to the future support and operations of the Association will probably be discussed. This valuable institution first came into existence in 1856, and there are some of its original members yet holding office, or otherwise connected with it, who can testify to the great good accomplished through its agency in our community. It forms one of a large band of Y. M. C. Associations, amounting now to three thousand and upwards, extending over almost every part of the civilized world. There are two classes of members, active and associate. Active members are those in good standing in connection with evangelical churches as defined by the international convention of Portland in 1869. Associate members include all young men over sixteen years of age, of good moral character. Both classes enjoy like privileges, except that voting and holding office is confined to active members.

The avowed object of the Association is to promote the improvement of the spiritual, mental, moral and physical condition of our young men. There is a bright, well-furnished and comfortable reading room, and a young men's parlor open all day and until ten o'clock in the evening, affording a most pleasant place of resort. A gymnasium has already been provided and furnished, and is open to all the members on application to the Secretary, who is constantly in attendance at the rooms. Classes for bible study assemble in the parlor every Saturday evening, and a public religious meeting is held every Sunday afternoon at four o'clock. The doors of the Association building are readily thrown open to any young men who desire to form themselves into debating societies or meet for mutual intercourse and improvement. The Upper Hall is besides this frequently made use of for meetings of religious societies, notably the Bible Society, and for lectures on various subjects. To its platform are always welcomed those who advocate the great cause of temperance, now, as always, of vital importance. Here also the pastors and members of the different churches meet on common ground in the interest of young men of our city and Province; and they work heartily, lovingly and cordially, bound by the link which the Christian Association brotherhood has welded, and which it is hoped will grow stronger and firmer as time goes on.

As far as possible the Association lends the helping hand to other institutions of kindred character. The Young Women's Christian Association meets weekly in the basement parlor. The Women's Temperance Association or Union also meets in the same place weekly. That the Association has done, or is doing, all that it was intended to do, or that its promoters desire it to do, is not for a moment to be claimed; it needs for this purpose a still more liberal support than it has received and a renewed interest on the part of the fathers, mothers, relatives, employers and friends of young men. And who should not be interested in the welfare of our young men? It is sometimes feared that the public interest in this excellent Association is not what it was many years ago,

but it will be seen that this can hardly be the case when it is stated that within the last month thirty members of our community have testified their sense of its value by most cheerfully making a special contribution to its funds to the extent jointly of \$305—and this in addition to the amount of their ordinary membership subscription. This is a most gratifying fact, and augurs well for the future financial prosperity of the institution.

MARRIED.

At Richmond Bay, on the 24th ult., by Rev. J. A. Cahill, Hugh B. Dunbar to Miss Martha Harris.

At New Glasgow, N. S., on the 28th ult., by Rev. E. Scott, Thomas R. Watters, Green Hill, to Miss Annie Mann, of Summerside, P. E. Island.

At the Methodist Parsonage, Summerside, on the 24th ult., by Rev. C. W. Hamilton, Thomas Ramsay, of Lot 11, to Rubeselle Williams, of Tyne Valley.

At the Methodist Parsonage, Summerside, on the 24th ult., by Rev. C. W. Hamilton, Charles W. Beer, of Coleman, to Theresa J. Bryenton, of Burlington.

At the Methodist Church, Gagetown, N. B., on the 1st inst., by Rev. Geo. C. Palmer, brother of the bride, assisted by the Rev. William Briggs, Roland H. Brown, of West St. Martins, to Fannie Rebecca Scullar, daughter of the late John Palmer, High Sheriff of Queen's County.

On the 2nd inst., at the Methodist Church, Searleton, by the Rev. W. Harrison, assisted by Rev. Geo. Harrison, Mr. Arthur W. Wright to Miss Alice Alma Black, both of Searleton.

At the residence of the bride's father on December 26, by Rev. A. W. Mahon, Mr. Wm. M. F. Wright, of Charlottetown Royalty, to Miss Flora McD. Stewart, only daughter of Mr. Peter Stewart, of St. Peter's Road.

At the residence of the groom's father, on the 25th Dec., by Rev. John Goodwill, Wm. A. Howatt, of Tryon, to Emma McKinnon, daughter of Laughlin McKinnon, of the same place.

At the residence of the bride's father, on the 24th ult., by Rev. A. B. McLeod, Edward P. Jay, of Pisiquid, to Annie, second daughter of David Smallwood, of St. Andrew's.

At the Manse, Orwell, on the 18th ult., by Rev. D. B. McLeod, Angus Campbell, of Lot 61, to Miss Annie C. McDonald, of Caledonia.

DIED.

In this city on the 8th January inst., at the residence of her son-in-law, Andrew Burns, Dorchester Street, (Fast), Mrs. Martha Goodman, at the ripe old age of 78 years.

[Funeral will leave her late residence for St. Dunstan's Cathedral, to-morrow (Saturday) morning at 9 o'clock, thence to Roman Catholic Cemetery. Friends and acquaintances respectfully invited to attend.]

At West Devon, on the 23rd Nov. last, Mrs. James Wood, in the 84th year of her age, leaving a large circle of relatives to mourn their loss.

At St. Side, on the 28th ult., Hugh Munroe, aged 67 years.

At the residence of her son, Wm. McLeod, Kensington, on the 17th ult., Elizabeth Ross, relict of the late John McLeod, Graham's Road, in her 65th year, beloved and respected by all who knew her.

At Mount Stewart, on the 22nd ult., after a lingering illness, Alex. McIntyre, in the 67th year of his age, leaving a wife, one son and three daughters to mourn their loss.

At Georgetown Royalty, of pneumonia, John L. Morrison, in the 54th year of his age, leaving a wife and three children to mourn their loss.

At North Bedeque, on Saturday evening, 25th Dec., Sarah Ellen, beloved wife of Mr. Thomas Hacker, aged 36 years.

At North Carleton, on the 27th ult., of consumption, Edward Osborne, only and dearly beloved son of Samuel and Sarah Crossman, aged 23 years and 4 months.

At Mill River, on Dec. 11th, 1889, of consumption, Allan F. Gord, aged 27 years.

At Malpeque, on Dec. 6th, 1889, of slow fever, Edward Herbert, son of Benjamin and Isabella Champion, aged 3 years and 3 months.

At her late residence, Guernsey Cove, Murray Harbor South, Oct. 31, 1889, Mrs. Henry Brehaut, in her 89th year.

At her residence, Glenfanning, on Dec. 1st, Elizabeth Praught, beloved wife of Ronald Campbell, aged 40 years.

At Albany, on the 11th ult., of consumption, John Keough, aged 25 years, son of the late Patrick Keough.

At St. Side, on the 23rd ult. of scarlet fever and inflammation, Henry V., aged 3 years and 6 months, son of Thomas Nowlan.

At St. Side, on the 21st ult., of inflammation, Agnes, young daughter of the late Angus McDonald in the 25th year of her age.

POLITICAL MEETINGS.

THE CANDIDATES of both Parties agree to hold Meetings as below for the Third District of Queen's County, at 6.30 p. m. of each day:—

THURSDAY, 16th January—Winsloe Road North Schoolhouse.

FRIDAY, 17th January—Mount Stewart Hall.

MONDAY, 20th January—York Hall.

TUESDAY, 21st January—Stanhope Schoolhouse.

SATURDAY, 25th January—Tracadie Cross Schoolhouse.

MONDAY, 27th January—Monaghan Road Schoolhouse.

TUESDAY, 28th January—Fullerton's Marsh Hall, Lot 48.

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PROVINCIAL ELECTION.

NOTICE.

A MEETING of the Liberal-Conservative Delegates of the Fourth Electoral District of Queen's County will be held at Eldon Hall on MONDAY, the Thirtieth day of January, instant, at 2 o'clock, p. m., for the purpose of nominating candidates to contest the District at the forthcoming Election.

ALEX. MARTIN, President Fourth Electoral District. Valleyfield, Jan. 7, 1890—dy wky

POLITICAL MEETING.

A MEETING of the Electors of the Fourth Electoral District of Queen's County will be held at Eldon Hall on MONDAY, the 13th day of January, instant, at 7 o'clock, p. m.

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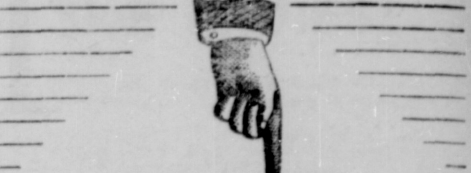
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