

THE DAILY EXAMINER.

JANUARY 24, 1884.

The Belfast Election.

It appears that the announcement of Mr. Duncan McMillan as the Grit candidate for the Belfast District was premature. It appears that the party wirepullers are doubtful of Mr. McMillan's ability to gain the seat, and that a meeting is called at Eldon to-day for the purpose of choosing a candidate. It is evident that the Grits feel a want of confidence in their strength when so many hitches are allowed to occur in the nomination of their man.

We hear the most encouraging accounts of Mr. Alexander Martin's prospects, and we have no doubt that if the Liberal-Conservative party work with a will they will achieve a splendid victory. Mr. Martin is well known and esteemed in the Southern, Western and Central parts of the District. He is a man of good education and ability, and will make an able and energetic representative. The people of Belfast are not so shortsighted as to add another cypher to their present representation, or to reject an able man from among themselves, in sympathy with the Government, and consequently in a good position to advance the interests of the district.

The Patriot of yesterday has a very feeble article on the Belfast election. Our contemporary does not attempt a reply to the facts and figures contained in THE EXAMINER. The present Government have taken \$165,000 less from the people in direct taxation during the five years they were in power, than the Davies Government would have taken with the same levy as in 1877 and 1878, and they have paid over \$23,000 yearly for education over and above the average paid by the Davies Government for this purpose. This is their record; but, instead of discussing it, the Patriot declares the policy of the Grit opposition to be "in one word stern opposition to the policy of Sullivan & Co." This is just what might be expected from Messrs. David Laird, J. F. Robertson and D. C. Martin. Their sole and only object is to get hold of the Government; but the people of Belfast will do well to ask these gentlemen what "reforms" they propose to inaugurate when they obtain the reins. The people of Belfast are too wise to trust these gentlemen or their nominee in the election, unless they are prepared to show that the present Government have been dishonest, incapable, or extravagant. This they are unable to do; but the Patriot endeavors to supply the want by abuse and declamation. The only fault which is laid to the charge of the present Government is that they do not levy sufficient taxes. We admit that the people would not be at all likely to have that cause for complaint if Mr. Laird or Mr. L. H. Davies were running the Government. It is amusing to observe the Patriot trying to shelter Mr. L. H. Davies behind Messrs. Prowse, Lefurgey, Gordon, and DeBlois, without giving these gentlemen any of the credit of passing the Education Act.

The Patriot has the "exodus" on the brain. It thinks that the policy of the present Government will compel the people to join the exodus, or fasten a "millstone around their necks." Our contemporary cannot help being silly. How lightness of taxation can drive people out of the country or fasten millstones around their necks, is something which the organ will do well to explain. The only "millstones" which hang to the necks of our people, were placed there by the efforts of Mr. D. Laird and his party. Some of these Conservative party have removed, and others they are now laboring to remove. In relieving the people from the expense of building and maintaining all the wharves and piers of the Island, they are removing one of Mr. David Laird's "millstones." The Patriot, however, announces that it is opposed to the policy of Sullivan & Co. This must mean that the organ is in favor of saddling our Province with the expense of maintaining the piers. The Patriot tells the truth in this matter, but not intentionally.

The contract for the supply of Pullman palace cars on the Intercolonial Railway will soon expire, and it is just possible that the Dominion Government will not renew the contract. The Montreal Gazette has some very sensible remarks regarding the matter. It says the contract now existing was entered into a time when any other course seemed impossible. At that time the Pullman sleepers were protected by patent right, and the better method which has since come into practice of railway companies owning and operating their own sleepers, had not been adopted. The Pullman car was a necessity of travel. No line was considered equipped without it, and trading on the general sentiment, the company made exactions which to-day we should think they would hardly venture to ask. Even the arrangements with ordinary railway companies were based upon the principle heads I win; tails you lose. But with the Government, if we rightly understand, the terms of the contract were especially of the jug-handle order. The company was not satisfied to take its risk, that is to have all the receipts from the cars, giving in return simply a conductor and a porter, but it demanded a guarantee of minimum receipts as well. There is no necessity for any consideration of that kind being extended to that company now. The Pullman car is no

longer a monopoly in the hands of one corporation. Railway companies are beginning to see the importance of having their own sleepers attended to by their own servants, over whom they have control. And the Government should adopt the same course. The Intercolonial Railway should own its own parlor and sleeping cars. It cannot possibly have more gloom or worse appointed ones than those which the Pullman Company consider good enough for the Canadian travelling public; nor can it have less civil or obliging officials. The reign of the Pullman system in Canada should end; and when it does end, it will leave no regrets behind it.

The "City of Columbus."

FURTHER ACCOUNT—A FAREWELL KISS OF MAN AND WIFE—TOUCHING INCIDENTS.

Among the surviving passengers who arrived in Boston on the 19th, was Mr. John L. Cook of Portland, Me., formerly of the Bunker Hill district. His description of the disaster is most melancholy and graphic. He says he never saw a more cheerful company than those who embarked on the "City of Columbus" on Thursday afternoon last. Almost upon the departure of the steamer the passengers began to fraternize together, and all were looking forward to an unexceptionably pleasant trip. Though toward evening the wind was high and the sea heavy, yet there was not the slightest suspicion or dread of disaster until almost the moment the steamer struck. Everybody had confidence in the stability of the craft, and the capacity of the officers and crew to bring them out safely. This was the prevalent feeling among all the passengers when they retired to their state-rooms and berths in the evening. Mr. Cook's state-room was only separated from the captain's by a small air space. The captain had retired only a few minutes before the first premonitions of the disaster and Mr. Cook was still awake. Though the crash seemed something unusual, yet he did not feel specially alarmed until he heard the captain dressing himself. Almost instantly the other officers of the boat gave the alarm to the passengers that the steamer had met with a disaster, and that it would be wise for them to provide themselves with life preservers. The scene at this moment Mr. Cook describes as one of melancholy confusion. The boat was rapidly sinking, and the fury of the storm was increasing, and not one soul on board saw the smallest possible chance of escape from a watery grave. Strong men, many of them, as well as the women and children, seemed to have completely lost their senses in the face of what appeared an inevitable doom for all. Many were suddenly awakened from sleep, and to all the news of serious danger came with a quickness that hardly admitted of more than a moment for a realization of its awful possibilities. Self-preservation, that eternal first law of nature, did not prevail everywhere, however, according to the observations of Mr. Cook.

A TOUCHING INCIDENT. Among the confused mass who were struggling and screaming was noticed a middle-aged man and his wife. Their conduct was in marked contrast with that of the other passengers. The panic which had seized the others was not shared by them, but their blanched faces told that they had realized the peril which surrounded them. The only movement of muscles or nerves was that produced by the chilling atmosphere. They stood close together, their hands clasped in each other, as if about to contemplate suicide together, and thus fulfil the marital vow of standing by each other in the varying tide of life's fortunes and misfortunes. As the wreck careened with the gale from one side to the other, and while the spray and waves were drenching them at every moment, the husband turned and imprinted a kiss upon the companion of his life, and while thus embraced a heavy sea broke over the wreck and both were washed away and not seen afterward. Mr. Cook says the scene was one which will remain indelibly impressed upon his memory until his dying day. The conduct of the little Farnsworth boys, of Townsend, Mr. Cook describes as heroic beyond conception. They gained the rigging early after the disaster and were near him and the captain of the steamer during the weary hours intervening before assistance arrived. The youngest was more gamey than his older brother, and, together with Mr. Cook, they clung and pounded him at intervals to prevent him from surrendering to cold and exhaustion. When at length the revenue cutter arrived, they both seemed animated with new life and both jumped from the rigging and swam to the rescuing boat with as much cheerfulness and vigor as if they had been disporting on a summer's evening in the tepid waters of the sluggish Merrimack.

AN IMPORTANT STATEMENT—CAUSE OF THE DISASTER.

F. W. Fairbanks, of Gorham, Me., one of the survivors, says he was in his berth in the steerage but awake, and somewhat uneasy when the accident occurred. He is of the opinion that the steamer struck the rocks several times, two or three at least, before she came upon them finally. He noted these successive shocks and thought it might be that the high sea was hurling ice against her side. When the steamer jammed upon the rocks, water rushed into the greater part of his clothing. As the vessel filled she keeled over and he got into the rigging where he clung for hours with the sea breaking over him at frequent intervals. At one time some of the rigging fell upon him, he received a blow across the forehead which partially stunned him, and another on the chest, but his fingers, which were then frozen, clung to the rigging, and he was not swept off. While they were in the rigging together the pilot told him that he fixed the course of the vessel and fastened the wheel, and as he was very cold he went to the smoke stack to warm himself. He remained there fifteen or twenty minutes, and when he returned to his post he found the ship had veered round. When he ascertained that the vessel was among the rocks and that it was probably impossible to save her, he put her right on shore, and ran her as high as he could, with the result that although she drew seventeen feet of water her fore foot was in eleven feet. Fairbanks got into the fore rigging where was the Captain, a man

named White and two Farnsworth boys, all of whom were saved. During the long morning hours this little company saw others dropping from the rigging into the sea with but little hope but that their own fate was to be of a similar character. The captain maintained a cheerful and courageous manner throughout and was the last living being to leave the wreck. The first sign of relief was the life boat from the station. Although the point is but a mile and a half away from the wreck the storm rendered it the work of hours to reach them.

NEW BRUNSWICK PEOPLE PERISH.

The St. John Globe says Mr. R. Bayard Belyea, who, with his wife and daughter, Mrs. John Atkinson, and two children, is supposed to be among those who perished, was a brother of Messrs. Samuel W., George, John, William and James Belyea of Carleton. He carried on an extensive dry goods and grocery business in Woodstock, and was well and favorably known in St. John. He was about forty-five years of age. His wife was a daughter of Mr. Nathaniel Belyea, Long Reach. Mrs. Atkinson's husband died on Christmas Eve, and she had with her her only child, a lad of ten years. The other child was a grandson of Mr. Belyea, named Coburn Merrill. He was five years of age. His mother was dead and his father is now residing in Skowhegan, Me. Mr. Belyea leaves behind him a son and daughter, Mr. Willington Belyea and Mrs. Manzer. They are both living in Woodstock.

Supreme Court.

THURSDAY, JAN. 24.

The Connolly Scott Act Case.—The Supreme Court gave their decision in this case this morning, and decided that although under the provisions of the Scott Act the defendant was compellable to give evidence, he was not bound to answer any question, the answer to which might tend to criminate himself. Mr. Connolly was therefore discharged from custody, and his arrest and detention held to be illegal.

Immediately after this decision was rendered an application was made for an order to compel the Stipendiary Magistrate to issue a summons against a person who had purchased liquor contrary to the Scott Act. The grounds upon which this application was made are: that if the seller of liquor is liable to be punished the buyer is equally liable as an accessory. The Stipendiary it appears was of opinion that the buyer was not liable, and he therefore refused to issue a summons. To remove that decision the present application was made. Judgment reserved.

All the jury trials being over the jury were this morning discharged.

Our Advertisers.

A. McNeill advertises an auction sale of office furniture, stoves, and sundry other articles, at his salesroom, to-morrow, at two o'clock.

A public meeting is to be held at Caledonia Schoolhouse, on Thursday, the 31st inst.

Tenders are invited for the erection of a new Schoolhouse at Caledonia.

Tenders are also called for building and finishing the outside of a Presbyterian Church near Head St. Peter's Bay.

AUCTION SALE,

ON FRIDAY, January 25th, at 2 o'clock, in front of Auction Room, Stevenson's Building, Queen Street, near the Market,—

- 1 Office Desk,
1 Fine Old English Sideboard (Mahogany),
1 Office Table,
1 Counter Show Case (12 feet long),
1 Set Office Shelves,
1 Lot Glass Doors and Frames for Show Cases,
1 Hall Stove, 1 Parlor Stove,
2 Sets Fanners, and sundry other articles.

A. McNEILL, Auctioneer.

Jan. 24, '84.

TENDERS FOR CHURCH.

TENDERS will be received until the 25th of February, for building and finishing the outside of a Presbyterian Church, near Head St. Peter's Bay, according to Plans and Specification to be seen at the store of Messrs. Davison & Co., Charlottetown, and at the store of L. Anderson, St. Peter's Bay.

Tenders will be addressed to John A. McLaine, Esq., Head St. Peter's Bay. Each Tender to be accompanied with the names of two good and solvent persons willing to become surety for the faithful performance of work.

Scantling for frame and foundation will be provided by committee. Committee do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any Tender.

L. ANDERSON, Chairman of Com.

Jan. 23, '84.—2aw wklly 4.

PUBLIC MEETING.

A PUBLIC MEETING of the inhabitants of Caledonia and vicinity will be held at CALEDONIA SCHOOL HOUSE,

Thursday, January 31st,

AT 3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The representatives of Belfast and Murray Harbor Districts are respectfully invited to attend

JOHN McDONALD, JOHN GILLIS, JAMES WALKER.

Caledonia, Jan. 19, '83.

TENDERS!

TENDERS for the erection of a New School House at Caledonia will be received up to an including TUESDAY, 12th of February, next, at 6 p. m.

Plans and specifications can be seen with either of the undersigned.

JOHN McDONALD, JAMES WALKER, JOHN GILLIS, Trustees

Caledonia, Jan. 24, '84.—25.

Annual Sale

BEFORE STOCK-TAKING,

— AT THE —

LONDON HOUSE.

WE SHALL CLEAR OUT

ALL REMNANTS

— IN —

Every Department,

AT GREATLY REDUCED PRICES.

GEO. DAVIES & CO.

Ch'town, Jan. 21, 1884.

THE CHARLOTTETOWN

FLOUR, FEED AND PROVISION,

STORE,

South Side Queen Square, near Queen Street,

HAVE to announce that they have on hand the following goods, which they are prepared to sell at reasonable prices and in quantities to suit purchasers:

Flour (Superior Extra, Strong Bakers' and Patent)

OATMEAL, CORNMEAL, BRAN, SHORTS, OATS,

CRUSHED FEED, either Oats and Barley or Oats, Barley and Corn. APPLES, which will be sold by the barrel or by the pound, at rates very little over barrel prices.

Ch'town, Dec. 18, 1883.

GREAT ATTRACTIONS

Just Received, a Large Assortment of

JEWELRY,

CONSISTING OF

Gold and Silver Waltham and Geneva Watches, Colored, Gold and Plated Sets, Ladies' Chains and Lockets.

GENTS' GOLD, GOLD-PLATED, SILVER AND NICKEL LOCKE'S AND CHAINS.

Silver-Plated Ware, Eight-Day and Thirty-Hour Clocks (American styles), Spectacles and Eyeglasses.

Call and be convinced that my Stock is the Cheapest and Best in Charlottetown.

Watches, Clocks, Jewelry, etc., cleaned and repaired. All work warranted.

G. G. JURY, North Side Queen Square, Opposite Post Office. Charlottetown, Dec. 18, 1883.—2aw mo th wklly Ing

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— AT —

BEER & COFF'S.

OUR TEA is giving splendid satisfaction. Prices, retail 24cts., 30cts., and 36cts. Prices, wholesale, very low.

FIVE POUND TINS, (screw top), excludes the air, preserving the flavor and strength of the Tea. Just what is wanted.

Half chests very cheap to the trade.

BEER & GOFF.

NEW FRUIT,

Wholesale and Retail, Cheap.

ON HAND:

- 230 boxes very choice Valencia and Layer RAISINS,
30 half-boxes choice LAYERS,
3,000 pounds CURRANTS,
200 boxes prime FIGS,
5 cases choice PRUNES,
200 barrels hard WINTER APPLES, No. 1,
20 kegs GRAPES,

AND MORE TO ARRIVE.

BEER & GOFF.

Nov. 14, 1883.—2aw wklly

"COMMON SENSE."

J. H. FLETCHER, ESQ.,

LECTURE

ON THE ABOVE SUBJECT, UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE

Catholic Literary Union

st. Patrick's Hall,

Tuesday, 29th Instant.

Doors open at 7.30. Lecture at 8 o'clock, P. M.

Admission 10 cts. Reserved Seats 15 cts. Tickets for sale at Frazier & Reagin's Drug Store and Apothecaries Hall.

THOMAS CURRAN, Secretary.

LECTURE

REV. J. McWALSH, S. J.,

Second Methodist Church,

ON THE EVENING OF

Monday, January 28th.

Subject:—"FUR & WATER"

In connection with this Lecture some experiments will be performed, showing the character of the water in some of the city wells; also, from Spring Park and Winter River.

Admission 10 cents. Lecture to commence at 8 o'clock.

Ch'town, Jan. 22, '84.

NOTICE

IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of THE EXAMINER PUBLISHING COMPANY will be held at the office of THE EXAMINER newspaper, on WEDNESDAY, the 30th of January, next, at the hour of eight o'clock, in the evening.

N. A. MITCHELL, Secretary.

Ch'town, Jan. 17, 1884.—wklly.

TO THE TRADE!

ON Consignment and for sale very low, at my Auction Room, Queen Street,—

- TEA—50 Half Chests Prime,
APPLES—150 barrels No. 1 Choice,
HERRING—50 barrels No. 1,
CODFISH—15 quintals,
GREY COTTONS—7 bales all prices,
WRAPPING PAPER, Paper Bags, etc., very cheap. TERMS CASH.

A. McNEILL, Auctioneer.

Ch'town, Jan. 14, 1884.—wklly.

TO LET.

THE room in the South Side Queen Square, lately occupied as a private billiard room. Apply to

H. RAO HAZARD.

Ch'town, Jan. 14, 1884.

YOUNG MAN GROW A HOUSE-KEEPER.

MR. J. HERRIN McNEILL gives written guarantee with each recipe. TEN WEEKS' TIME. Price \$4. Communications confidential. Box 264, London, Ontario. [31] 1w.

SEED WHEAT.

I HAVE just received from Ontario (ONE CAR LOAD) 500 bushels.

WHITE RUSSIAN SEED WHEAT

Specialty selected from my own trade

This Wheat can now be seen at my store and will send samples by mail to any address free

PRICE, \$27.00 per bushel of 60 lbs. Bags (containing 2 bush each) 25 cents extra.

All orders filled promptly and in their turn. The freight will be delivered on board train without extra charge.

TERMS CASH. Remittances should be made by Registered Letter. Fractions of a dollar may be sent in one or three cent postage stamps.

As there will be a rush for this wheat, those who desire to secure some of it should order immediately. Address

George Carter, Upper Great George St.

Ch'town, Dec. 27, 1883.—law wklly.

ADVERTISE IN THE DAILY EXAMINER

Rates moderate.

WANTS, LOST, FOUND, &c.

LOST.—On Wednesday morning, a red Morocco Purse with steel clasps, containing notes and silver, etc. The finder will be rewarded by leaving it at this office. [124]

WANTED IMMEDIATELY.—A good Cook. References required. Apply at the Revere House. [Jan 22]

WANTED.—A Man for general work. References required. Apply at the Revere House. [Jan 22]

FOR SALE CHEAP.—Second Hand Stoves at A. McNEILL'S Auction Room. [Jan 31]

LOST.—Last Evening, either at the Skating Rink, or between that place and King Square, a Ladies' Gold Ear-Ring, with pearl in centre. The finder will be rewarded by leaving the same at this office.

BOARDERS.—Mrs. Robert Rodd, has removed to the house of Mr. C. Hearty, Euston Street, where she can accommodate number of Boarders, on reasonable terms.

[Footnote]