

THE DAILY EXAMINER, JULY 3, 1883

The City Schools.

To attend the Annual Examinations of the City Schools is other people's pleasure; but it is THE EXAMINER'S duty. However, the duty was not without its pleasures. We wish to say, therefore, a word or two on some pleasing points that came under observation.

Mr. L. H. Davies alluded, at the close of the exercises in Queen Square School, to the benefits that have arisen on the introduction of music. He did not underestimate these benefits. At the present time, not only is the tedium of school work relieved by singing; but, in fact, every pupil in attendance is learning to sing a large number of airs that have become classic, as the phrase is. This is no slight advantage. There are times when the ability to sing is of very high value. We always associate music with recreation. And healthful recreation is, as its name implies, re-creation. It is more than rest, it is renewed life. And it is one of the most pleasant features of our city schools that the pupils come under the training of good musicians, and get acquainted with songs that long keep their charm in spite of Jews' harps and itinerant organs. In the Upper Prince Street School for example, there was a chorus of 400 voices under the training chiefly of Miss Barr and Miss McLeod. It is not easy to realize all the time and care that the good rendering of these choruses implies. And the value of them does not dissipate on examination day, when the tones have died out in presence of visitors. On the contrary, more than one-half of those 400 have learned for life—what without this training they could not have commanded—songs worth knowing, which they will be able to reproduce in their own homes for the gratification of parents to whom good music is a rarity and a delight. It was a pure pleasure to hear the pupils of Miss McKinnon's department singing Longfellow's "Bridge" under the tuition of Mr. Ross. There is another thing to be noticed. School has become a pleasant place for children. There are conditions for enjoyment here that could not be found at home. The teacher has become, as a distinguished writer says, a kind of professional parent. At any rate parents would not have the time to take such interest in their children's advancement as the teacher finds pleasure in doing. The division of labor which takes the trouble of training and management from the parents of from forty to seventy children and gives it to one far more capable than the average parent, is not only an item of economy to the community; it is a great relief to the community for which they should not think that they pay too high when the ordinary teacher gets at the rate of from two to three per day per pupil. It is a slow public spirit, blind to its own interest, that would seek to stint our school teachers of their present allowance.

Picturesque Canada.

The first instalment of this important work of art has arrived in Prince Edward Island. The publishers confidently announced that they would place before the public something very much superior to anything of its kind yet produced in Canada. They have kept their promise; and subscribers for the work have good reason to be pleased. As it is now being delivered, it is a much finer work than was by many considered possible in this country. It has attracted much attention in the other Provinces of the Dominion; and its artistic merits have secured for it the warmest commendation of the best judges of art in the United States—a country at the present time unequalled in the production of works of the same kind. Many of our readers are familiar with Picturesque Europe and Picturesque America. In technical qualities and general effect Picturesque Canada is not a whit behind either of these splendid publications.

Few persons have any idea of the enormous expense involved in the production of these artistic works. The variety in the different kinds of drawing and engraving is very great, and the price varies in proportion—a single illustration costing in many instances as much as \$200. All must admit that the scenes chosen are of a specially Canadian character. The most picturesque and interesting localities have been carefully sought out; and the pictures are representative of the different sections of the country whence they are drawn. Altogether, the illustrations show very clearly that our wealth in picturesque things is as great as that of almost any country in the world. Our cities, mountains, great rivers, lakes and waterfalls, are all rendered faithfully and with spirit; and we need not point out to readers of THE EXAMINER that as a rule the illustrations have that artistic character without which pictures are no more than mere topographical works, quite devoid of any of the distinctive spirit surrounding the respective scenes.

The excellence of the engraving, is obvious. The printing, too, is thoroughly good. The blocks are overlaid and printed with the same skill as they are in the best printing establishments of the United States; and in this work the Americans are admitted to be the most expert of any nation. The style of the letter press is graphic, and the story told—the story of the men and woman, some of the great and good men and women, who founded the country—their struggles and trials and triumphs—is one of very great interest. Canadians ought to feel pleased that their country is being so well portrayed to the world. Had the work been ill-done, it would not have been seen outside the country. As it is, it will certainly have a large circulation on both sides of the Atlantic.

As to the examinations, themselves, we can only state what has been said repeatedly before, that they do not always give a true index of the efficiency of the school. Questions may be answered readily or answers may be withheld. Yet the refusal to answer immediately may display more intelligence than mere quickness would. It is sometimes a credit to a pupil not to answer at once—for there are questions and questions. They who have all their answers ready show a mind that has done growing, as it were; they who wait to think are in training for the duties of life where each new step demands forethought and care.

City School Houses.

Now that the City Schools have closed, a word or two suggested by the late examinations may not be out of place. It is useless to cry over spilt milk, and it is equally useless to bemoan spent money. But, if the lesson of care for the future be thoroughly learned, neither will the milk have been spilt, nor the money spent, in vain.

If ever we want any more school buildings in this town, they must not be built so high. Friday, as the pupils were being massed in the Upper Hall, one could not but feel that it was a great mistake to compel small children to mount so many flights of stairs. Of course, it is only on rare occasions that the young pupils are asked to assemble in this Hall; but, in the Upper Prince Street School, we understand that two departments are taught in the highest flat. Now, mounting stairs is one of the most tiresome of occupations. Over and over again, at public meetings held in one or other of our school halls, grown men and women have breathed a sigh of relief when they realized that the last floor had at last been reached, and seats were at hand where

they might rest. Of course, children and teachers get used to these things; they adapt themselves to necessities; but it should not be overlooked that the necessities are imposed, not by nature, but by thoughtless architecture. We have made no reference as yet to dangers involved in these ill-planned schools. But the record of accidents in the old country and in the United States should direct attention to these dangers. Every one knows how wildly large assemblies of grown people behave in cases of panic; and children would not be likely to act less wildly. Now the conditions of destruction to life, in case of sudden alarm are only too well satisfied here by the excessive number of stair-cases to be descended in reaching the ground. In New York, the teachers of late have been practising what they call a fire-drill; and it seems that large school buildings can be emptied in less than two minutes. It would be cruel to subject, say, Miss Mitchell's department to any such extra exertion; yet the difficulty of descending safely so many steps under adverse conditions would surely imperil life. A public hall should not be more than one story from the ground; nor should young pupils ever be required to ascend six or seven flights in the morning and at two recesses. It is an exertion not beneficial even as exercise. We hope we shall see the last of it in connection with the buildings now erected.

Picturesque Canada.

The following are the names of the signatories to the Address presented to Col. Dunn, and which we published Saturday evening: T. Heath Haviland, Lieut. Governor; Peter McIntyre, Bishop of Charlottetown; Edward Palmer, Chief Justice; David Laird, P. C.; Joseph Hensley, Judge Supreme Court; Henry Longworth, Sheriff; Frederick De St. C. Brecken, M. P.; L. H. Davis, M. P.; W. W. Sullivan, Attorney General; D. Ferguson, Provincial Secretary and Treasurer; William Campbell, Commissioner of Public Works; Neil McLeod, M. E. C.; David R. M. Hooper, Mayor; R. R. Fitzgerald, Q. C., Recorder; Thomas W. Duddy, M. L. C.; A. B. McKenzie, M. L. C.; Henry Beer, M. P.; Donald Farquharson, M. P.; Donald C. Martin, M. P.; Patrick Black, M. P.; George Alley, Judge, Queen's County Court; D. O'M. Reddin, Judge, King's County Court; Herbert Read, D. D., Archdeacon; D. Fitzgerald, D. D.; K. Madenham, M. A.; M. McLeod, Q. C.; Charles Palmer, Q. C.; J. Longworth, Q. C.; Edward J. Hodgson, Q. C.; James Currie, Collector of Customs; Joseph Pope, Dominion Auditor; D. Hodgson, Clerk of the Crown, A. A. McDonald, Postmaster; F. W. Hyndman, Vice-Consul, U.S.A.; Theophilus DesBrisay, J. P.; Archibald Kennedy, J. P.; George R. Beer, J. P.; W. H. Fitzley, J. P.; John Ings, J. P.; James Warburton, J. P.; Daniel Davies, J. P.; George Davies, J. P.; L. C. Owen, J. P.; George Peck, J. P.; Owen Connolly, J. P.; Thos. Handrakh, J. P.; Richard Sloggett, J. P.; Thomas Morris, C. C.; Alexander Horne, C. C.; W. H. Hobkirk, M. R. C. S., England; F. L. Hazard; Frederick Peters; A. B. Warburton; John Ball, C. L. C.; Archibald McNeill, C. H. A.; R. F. DeBlois, Provincial Auditor; J. W. Morrison, Secretary Public Works; Artemas Lord, John F. Robertson; John Maccaehern; A. L. Brown; W. H. Aitken; W. A. Weeks; C. E. Robertson; B. Balderston; W. L. Cotton; William C. DesBrisay.

Our Advertisers.

Artemas Lord, Agent Marine and Fisheries, calls for tenders for the conveyance of coal from the Acadia Wharf, Pictou, to Georgetown.

John McPhee & Co., Queen Street, announce that during this month, they will give special bargains in every department. See advertisement.

Fenton T. Newbery is daily expecting per schr. "Annie Simpson" 300 tons Anthracite coal, Chestnut and Egg sizes, which will be sold low while landing.

Anthracite Coal.

TO ARRIVE in a few days, per Schooner "Annie Simpson," now loading at New York, 300 TONS CHESTNUT AND EGG SIZES (BEST QUALITY.)

For sale low while landing. FENTON T. NEWBERY, July 3-5 wky 1, pat 5i, her 2i, n exa 2i.

Coal for Dominion Steamer Northern Light.

AGENCY OF DEPT. MARINE & FISHERIES, CHARLOTTETOWNS, P. E. ISLAND, 26th June, 1883.

SEALED TENDERS will be received at this Agency up to 10th July, at 12 o'clock, noon, from persons willing to contract for carrying about three (300) hundred tons of Round Coal from the Acadia Mines Wharf or loading grounds at Pictou, to Georgetown, P. E. Island. The total quantity to be delivered on or before 15th Aug. 1883.

The coal to be delivered at Queen's Wharf, Georgetown, into Carts, and the freight calculated on Mines weight. A certified Bank Cheque, or cash, of the value of seventy-five dollars (\$75), will be required to be enclosed with each tender, which amount will be forfeited should the party whose Tender is accepted decline or neglect to complete contract.

All deposits will be returned to parties whose Tenders are not accepted. The Department does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any Tender. Two good and sufficient securities will be required for the due fulfilment of the contract.

All Tenders must be endorsed on outside of envelope, "Coal for Dominion Steamer Northern Light," and addressed to: ARTEMAS LORD, Agent Minister Marine and Fisheries. [July 2nd, wky, pres, her]

ADVERTISE IN THE DAILY EXAMINER. Rates moderate.

Below will be found the reply of Col. Dunn to the address presented to him on Saturday last. It is much to be regretted that steps were not taken earlier to express to Col. Dunn, in a still more fitting and tangible manner, the high esteem in which he was held by our people, and their appreciation of the manner in which he performed the duties of his very responsible office. As he himself happily expressed it, he had lived so long amongst us that he considered Charlottetown his home.

To the Hon. T. Heath Haviland, Lieut. Governor, Peter McIntyre, Bishop of Charlottetown, Edward Palmer, Chief Justice, and others. GENTLEMEN,—I thank you for your kind and complimentary address. It is very gratifying to me to have the honor of carrying with me to my distant home this handsome testimonial of your kind regard for myself and family. Having resided so long in your midst and having formed such a strong attachment for your beautiful Island, and its kind and hospitable people, it is indeed difficult for me to find words to express the deep regret that myself and family feel in parting from you. But be assured that wherever we may go, we shall never forget the uniform kindness and respect with which we have been treated during our residence in Charlottetown. You allude to the changes in the history of your Province, since my arrival here as Consul. At that time you appeared to be a prosperous people. Since then, here, as in other portions of the Dominion, dark clouds of commercial disaster intervened, but they are now rapidly passing away, and your fertile Island, with its healthy climate, rich soil, industries and intelligent population, will, no doubt, in the near future, become one of the most desirable places to live in in America. Mrs. Dunn and family join me in heartfelt thanks for your very kind address, and for the many tokens of friendship received at your hands during our stay among you. With best wishes for your happiness and prosperity, I have the honor to be, Yours sincerely, D. M. DUNN.

JULY, 1883.

JOHN MACPHEE & CO.

Will, during this month, give special bargains in New Black and Colored Cashmeres, Beige Cloths, Satins, Cashmere Serge, Velvetens, Laced Curtaens, &c., &c., at the lowest prices. Job lot Parasols at half price.

Spanish Laces, Gloves, Ribbons, Scarfs, Hosiery, Feathers, Flowers, Parasols, Umbrellas, &c., at the lowest prices. Job lot Parasols at half price.

Table Linens, Napkins, Damasks, Grey, White, Printed and Plush Cottons, Cretonnes, Tickings, Cotton Warps &c., at prices specially low.

READY-MADE CLOTHING, in Men's and Boys' Coats, Pants and Vests, cheaper than ever. Job lot of Men's Pants at cost.

Tweeds, Worsted, Broadcloths, White and Colored Shirts, Collars, Ties, Underclothing, &c.

Job lot of Fancy Shirts at 50 cents; Straw Goods at cost; Remnants at half price. Rare Bargains in every Department.

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL. JOHN MACPHEE & CO., ROBERT ORR'S OLD STAND. July 3, 1883—2 w, wky.

LONDON HOUSE. NEW SUMMER GOODS.

New Black Cashmeres, New Colored Cashmeres, New Black French Merinoes, New Colored French Merinoes, New Plush Velvetens, New Satin Parasols, New Silk Sunshades, New Silk Jersey Gloves, New Tartan Frillings, New White Cottons, New Brown Hollands.

Wholesale and Retail. GEO. DAVIES & CO. Ch'town, June 22, 1883.

Boots, Shoes, Slippers.

GENTS' BOOTS, Ladies' Boots, Boys' Boots, Girls' Boots, and Boots for all the little ones!

W. R. BOREHAM,

Has now on hand a large assortment of Boots and Shoes. All can now be suited. Particular attention is directed to my large Stock of Ladies' and Gents' Fine Goods.

Call in the morning; call in the afternoon; call at night; at the SIGN OF THE ELEPHANT, Grafton Street, North Side Queen Square.

N. B.—No trouble to show Goods. Ch'town, June 21, 1883.—th sa lm wky

SPRING & SUMMER GOODS.

J. B. MACDONALD

Low showing a magnificent stock of Staple and Fancy Dry Goods, Millinery and Clothing, bought in the English, American and Canadian markets, on the very best terms. I am in a position to give my customers and all who favor me with their patronage the very best value to be had in the city.

Special attention is directed to the splendid range of Worsted Cloths for gentlemen's suits and ladies' mantles. Ready-made Clothing Department is well stocked, and at cheaper prices than ever.

CUSTOM TAILORING.

Suits made to order in the latest style and good fits guaranteed and at prices that cannot be beaten. Also 250 Half-Chests Fine Congou Tea, warranted extra quality, sold low. Wholesale and Retail.

J. B. MACDONALD.

Ch'town, May 10, 1883.—wky pat pres ne

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To the Wholesale and Retail Trade. W. & A. BROWN & CO. HAVE now opened the completion of their large stock of SPRING AND SUMMER DRY GOODS.

They are offering special inducements to cash buyers. It will be to your advantage to inspect their stock before purchasing elsewhere.

W. & A. BROWN & CO.

Ch'town, June 1, 1883.—wky

FEED MEAL, Flour, Molasses, &c., BY AUCTION, AT—

SUBSCRIBER'S SALESROOM, AT—

Wednesday, 4th July, AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK.

100 bags Coarse Ground MEAL, 100 lbs. Superior Extra FLOUR, 50 " " Kent " 3 hhds. SUGAR

Will also offer at the same time: 50 puns. CHOICE MOLASSES, in lots to suit purchasers.

FENTON T. NEWBERY. June 30.—9i

HARD COAL.

TO ARRIVE on the "Canada," on or about the 10th July, 225 tons Chestnut, 75 " Egg Anthracite Coal.

Orders can be left at CAPT. J. HUGHES', Water Street, Ch'town, June 30.—pat tl arrival, her pres li

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—AND— FOR SALE LOW FOR PROMPT PAYMENT:

CASKS PAINT OIL, CASKS OLIVE OIL, CASKS MACHINE OIL, CASKS ENGINE OIL, CASKS WOOL OIL.

—ALSO— A full supply of "LONDON PURPLE," Wholesale and Retail. D. GORDON, Georgetown, June 29, 1883.—5w, wky

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PANTS AND VEST MAKERS, strictly first class—none o'ers. Address, DUNLOP, McDONALD & CO., Merchant Tailors, Amherst, N. S.

June 29.—4i

TO COMMITTEES OF TEAS AND PIC-NICS.

The best place to get your supplies is at THE CITY STEAM BAKERY, Biscuits and Cakes, (our own manufacture), CONFECTIONERY, in great variety, SYRUPS, NUTS, &c.

All of the above very cheap. J. QUIRK, Ch'town, June 16.—1m eod

Merchants Bank of Halifax.

ON TUESDAY, 3rd July, 1883, an Agency of this Bank will be opened at Georgetown, P. E. Island. D. H. PUNCAN, Cashier, June 28, 1883.—dy 1f

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SODA FOUNTAIN—One in Good Order. Apply to Henry Coombs, Agent, Upper Great George Street. [July 2 3i

FOR SALE—An American Seine Boat, 25 feet keel, in good order. Apply to C. C. CARLTON. [June 29

WANTED.—An active boy to attend horse and cow. One from the country preferred. Apply at this office. [June 29 4f

FOR SALE—A Grand Square Piano, nearly new, will be sold at a bargain. Apply at EXAMINER OFFICE. [June 28

DEATH TO POTATO BUGS.—Paris Green and London Purple, wholesale and retail, at Dodd's Medical Hall. [June 25 2w wky 1i pat 2w wky 1i

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TO LET—Furnished Rooms with use of Kitchen and Kitchen Utensils, suitable for a small family. Apply at this office. [May 21

TO LET—(with immediate possession) that handsome and commodious residence in the northern suburbs of the city, on St. Peter's Road, lately occupied by L. B. Archibald, Esq. Enquire of LONGWORTH & HASZARD. [May 16, 1883

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