

THE DAILY EXAMINER. AUGUST 21, 1888.

The Right Ring.

The address of the Hon. Mr. Haggart, Postmaster-General, whose election by acclamation was announced a few days ago—contained the following paragraph:

"I am still, as I have always been, an advocate of National Political Union, National Commercial Policy, and the maintenance of such a national spirit as will prevent Canadians from ever, in any way, encouraging the abandonment of one jot of our allegiance to the Crown, or seeking in any way, or for any purpose, the severance of this country from the British Empire.

That has the right ring about it. That—as the Montreal Gazette remarks—is the Conservative platform, commercial, fiscal and political.

A Foolish Movement.

The folly of the demand for a Third Party in the interests of temperance has been demonstrated in recent bye-elections; and the case of Halton proves that a Third Party is not at all necessary. In Halton, the temperance men simply applied to the candidates of both political parties the test question: "Will you, if elected, promote the passage of a prohibitory law?" Both candidates answered "Yes"; and, so far as the cause of temperance is concerned, it matters not which of the candidates in Halton shall be elected. Let temperance men all over the country see to it that honest, capable, fair-minded temperance men are put in nomination as the candidates of both the existing parties, and laws for the promotion of temperance will be enacted. A Third Party is not needed, and is more likely to retard the work of temperance reformers than to promote it.

Orthography a Few Hundred Years Ago.

The sale at Christie's, London, England, of some collections of old letters, ranging from A. D. 1444, is worthy of note, not only as the survival of historical evidence of the past, but as showing the difference between the orthography a few hundred years ago and the present time. They are not like our ordinary enveloped letters, nor even like any that date back some two hundred years. The paper is thick and coarse, but good—mostly about twelve or thirteen inches wide by four to fourteen inches in length. The handwriting shows wonderful regularity, and looks like engraving. The fluid used is a full black, and very rarely shows the rusty look that later inks reveal after a century or so. The writing, though puzzling to a modern reader, has been deciphered. To illustrate this, Mrs. Paston's letter to her son, dated from Norwich, Oct. 29, 1444, may be selected. It will be noticed that the Z took the place of our Y. Here it is: "Sonne, I grete zow wele and lete zow wele," etc., written beautifully and every letter carefully formed; it is without blot or blunder of any kind, and ends "Be zoure Modir, A. P." The address was: "To my wele beloved son, John Paston," and as a supplemental command to the carrier, "Be yis delyv'ed in haste." The remains of a wax seal are still on the paper. At that time paper was worth its weight in gold, and there was no post office in all England.

Editorial Notes.

The value of the hay crop in the United States is fixed at about \$400,000,000 per year, a sum that places it high among farm products.

Ireland's butter export to England amounts to 40,000,000 pounds per year. The superiority of this butter is what gives it such prominence in English markets.

Mr. George Iles says:—"No Canadian has any adequate idea of his country who has not seen Manitoba, the Northwest Territories and British Columbia. Their resources have scarcely begun to be developed; coal and valuable minerals abound; quite accidentally, as at Lungevin and elsewhere, natural gas has been discovered, and forests of magnificent timber await the axe. America has no soil richer than that of Manitoba and the farming sections west of it. From Calgary to the coast, 644 miles, the scenery is admitted by experienced travelers to be the most splendid and various stretch of railroad scenery on earth. Neither words nor pictures can convey any adequate notion of it."

"Invalid Voyageur," who is no other than Mr. Robidoux, editor of the Montreal Acadien, has recently been paying a visit to the Island, and, like every one else, is charmed with its present appearance, and speaks in the highest terms of our people and institutions. Mr. Robidoux was at Rustico on Sunday week, and here is what he has to say of our friend Father Burke, of that parish, after giving expression to the regret he felt, in common with the parishioners, because of the failing health of Father McPhee:—"It is M. Tabbe A. Burke, of Charlottetown who, for some short time past, assists the Cure in the discharge of the sacerdotal functions. Besides being a good writer, M. Burke is also an eloquent preacher, and Sunday I had the pleasure of hearing one of the best sermons that I ever heard, on the two grand ways of gaining Heaven: 'Love God with all thy force, and thy neighbor as thyself for the love of God.' His phrase is simple, but striking in its clearness; his gesture is graceful; his voice is agreeable; his discourse is frank and distinct; he has an abundance of language, but is never guilty of redundancy or repetition."

We are glad to hear these words of appreciation of the Island and Islanders, and hope our esteemed friend may find time to run over here often, where he will be sure to recuperate his failing health.

A Terrible Storm.

SWEEPS OVER EASTERN ONTARIO AND THE WHOLE OF QUEBEC.

The thunder storm that passed over Eastern Ontario and the whole of Quebec on Thursday night and early on Friday morning last, was, if reports are true, the most terrific ever known in these places. Hundreds of houses and barns have been burned or blown down. Crops are in many places entirely destroyed. Horses and cattle, by the hundred, have been killed, and, worst of all, many people are lost.

At a small village called St. Louis de Gonzague, Capt. Louis Saive, his wife, son and daughter were sitting in the kitchen when several bolts of lightning struck the house at the same time. The building seemed to collapse and then caught fire. The flood of rain extinguished the flames, and those villagers who were not panic-stricken dragged the family from under the debris, but it was found that, while none had been hurt by the falling house, all of the family had been struck by the lightning. Father, wife and son were killed instantly. The daughter cannot live.

A laborer, name unknown, on the Saive farm, was killed by a bolt that struck the barn half an hour after the house was struck.

At St. Ignace, Geo. S. Lorimer was killed by a tree, which had been struck by lightning, falling upon him.

At St. Hyacinthe the son of the proprietor of a small hotel was killed while closing his windows in his room. A report comes from Chaudiere that two workmen were swept over the falls while they were crossing the river. Lightning struck their canoe.

The hotel at Smith's Falls was set on fire, and it is reported that the wife of the proprietor died from fright.

From all over Quebec come reports of houses being set on fire and whole families left destitute, and in a small place called Original the parish church was struck by lightning. The church was full of people at the time—10 p. m.—praying for protection from the storm. A panic ensued, and many people were seriously injured by being trampled upon.

The churches were besieged, and priests in many places held masses at midnight and every hour thereafter during the storm.

In Montreal the electric lights went out, and in the big hotels there were small panics among the guests. The Baldwin hotel was struck by lightning, and a corner of the roof shattered, but the fire was extinguished. The post office dome was struck, and the machinery of the four big clocks badly disarranged. The electric light company's station was set on fire and badly damaged. Trees were torn up, telegraph poles blown down, and miles of telegraph, telephone and electric lighting wires entirely burned out by the lightning. It is estimated that the damage done by the storm in this province alone will reach over \$1,500,000.

Twenty houses were destroyed and four persons killed at St. Placide.

At St. Zotique, on the north side of the St. Lawrence river, extensive damage is reported. The three children of Bablen Rouleau, who were sleeping in the upper part of the house, were swept away into a field, but were not injured. Two other children received injuries in the head and will die.

The widow of Joachim Bissonelle, of St. Zotique, was killed under the ruins of the house, which was struck by lightning. Many persons sustained severe injuries, and one, Jean Montpetit, of St. Thomas, had his arm broken. In the same township seven houses are reported to have been completely demolished and the occupants left without any shelter.

The public highway is strewn with the ruins of demolished buildings. No less than 22 farmers in the immediate vicinity of St. Zotique had their houses and barns destroyed.

The Mackerel Market.

Boston advices of the 18th say that the supply of mackerel has been a little increased of late, though not within a long distance of an average catch, but at the same time something like enough to supply the very limited demand which is the result of the very high prices. Again, even the limited demand has fallen off somewhat of late, and prices are easier. The Halifax steamer's mackerel of this week sold at lower prices than on the previous week here, large 3s bringing \$15.50; rimmed, \$16.50 to \$17; Island, \$18 to \$20. The quality of Island mackerel is greatly improved, and one Boston house has bought quite extensively at \$20. The jobbing market may be quoted at: Plain 3s, \$16.50; rimmed 3s, \$17.50; 2s, \$19; by 1s, \$21; island 1s, \$24. Tinklers are left entirely out of the list, for they have increased in size so as to admit of being sold for better fish. Medium 3s, such as will count out 600 to the barrel, are very scarce, and dealers here have instructed their salesmen not to sell more than one barrel to five of larger fish. The vessels are getting rather more mackerel. The steamer Novelty, on her last trip in here, brought 140 barrels, taken in the vicinity of Boon Island. She worked at night to discharge her fish, and immediately put back after more, from which trip she has not again arrived. The schooner M. S. Ayer landed at Gloucester the other day the largest trip of the season thus far, 315 bbls., all large fish.

The New York Herald apparently does not share the jealous feelings entertained by certain politicians relative to the progress of Canada. The Herald rather finds the growing unity of the empire a thing to be commended. Here is its own language:—"The British Government having built its railway across the North American dominions is now pressing forward a policy for direct trade with Asia and Oceania. Subsidies as high as \$150,000 and \$225,000 annually are paid to steamship lines connecting British America with Japan, Hong Kong and Australia. When we consider that a cargo can leave Southampton for Hong Kong, thence to British Columbia, and taking rail to Quebec, again by the sea to Southampton, we realize that an Englishman can go around the world under his own flag, taking the shortest and most direct route, stopping nowhere but on British soil. This is the realization of an imperial dream grander than was ever conceived by Caesar or Napoleon."

The Rifle.

The annual shooting match of King's County Rifle Association was held on the Georgetown Rifle Range on Saturday, the 18th inst. Good scores could not easily be made, owing to unfavorable wind and light. Following is the list of prize winners:—

Table with columns: Name, Points, Match. Includes sections for First Match (200 yards), Second Match (500 and 600 yards), and Summerside Exports.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Balcony Music on the Square.

SIR,—The opportunity that the balconies of the Colonial Building offer for the accommodation of a company of bandmen to discourse sweet music on the public square, as soon as the electric lights are in operation ought not to be lost sight of. What is wanted is diffused music, with the players out of sight, and this can be realized as suggested—music from an elevation is far sweeter than on a level with the promenade. It is the sound, not the sight of a band that is the

CONSOLATION.

Law and Order League.

SIR,—Is it not time that something was done to give these men in our city, who are selling intoxicating drinks in defiance of the law, to understand that there has to be a stop put to it. I see that in some of the cities in the Upper Provinces they have a Law and Order League, who feel their duty to see that laws passed in the interests of morals are carried out, and render great assistance to the officers of the law in bringing guilty parties to justice. Could not something be done here on the same lines? All it wants is for some of our influential citizens to take the lead in the matter, and I am sure there are numbers who will back them up. I am sure our Mayor is in sympathy with the movement and would only be too happy to call a meeting for that purpose, if requested. I remember a few years ago when we had the smallpox epidemic in our midst, and the old asylum was refused for an hospital, that an indignant committee went and demanded it; and so it would be if the citizens would take this matter in hand and show these men that they mean business. What can a few policemen do, if ever so well disposed, if not backed up by a strong public sentiment?

It was disgraceful on the day of the Scotch Gathering to see so many persons intoxicated. In one case a horse with a buggy attached was observed by one of the citizens apparently without a driver, but on looking inside, a young man was found lying back in a drunken sleep and a young woman at his feet in a similar condition. Furthermore, love to our brothers should lead those who profess to be followers of Christ to interfere on behalf of the rising generation.

It was told by one who is in a position to know, that there is a lad now in jail for drunkenness, who was made drunk on a beverage obtained at a shop in which no person would suspect anything of the kind was sold. For one, I should be only too glad to support any such movement, and hope that the matter will be agitated until something definite is done. If every one would do their duty in this matter, and sink private opinions for the sake of the public good, I have no doubt we could, at next session of the Dominion Parliament, demand a prohibition law and obtain it.

Yours, &c., J.

Personal.

Hon. MacKenzie Bowell and party have reached Winnipeg. Mr. B. D. Higgs, Editor of The Pioneer, is visiting Charlottetown.

It is reported that the poet Frechette will be appointed Clerk of the Quebec Legislative Council.

Sir John A. McDonald is visiting Halifax. He is accompanied by Lady Macdonald, Miss Schrieber, Miss White, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis and Mr. Pope.

Rev. Felix Von Bleck was among the clergymen that assisted at the laying of the corner stone of St. Bernard's Church, Montreal, on Sunday.

Hon. Jos. O. Arsenault was among those present at the banquet tendered M. Lameau, the historian, by the Acadians of Shediac, on Saturday evening.

There will be going to the Grand Sejour, Quebec, next September from this Island, besides Messrs. A. P. McLellan and D. F. Reid, who attended the classes there last year, Messrs. McGrath, of Tignish, J. A. McDonald of Johnson's River, and A. McAlay of St. Peters.—Collegium.

We are pleased to learn that M. C. A. Campbell, who is attending the Propaganda College, Rome, has succeeded in obtaining the degree of B. B. He will always be pleased to chronicle the success of Islanders abroad, more especially of old students of St. Dunstan's.—Collegium.

Fun, fun at the Lyceum to-night. Royal Marionettes in their minstrels, and specialties at the Lyceum to-night. Sig. Giovanni with his trained canary birds at the Lyceum to-night. Miss Adele Gilbert will give some choice selections on the musical glasses at the Lyceum to-night.

SHIP NEWS.

PORT OF CHARLOTTETOWN. ENTERED.

Aug 20—Morning Star, Thorpe, Shemogue, dials; Olivia, McDonald, Pictou, coal; Cora, Landry, do; Mary D, Langill, Wallace, Stone; Margaret Jane, McDonald, Pictou, coal; R Munn, Burke, do.

21st—Albion, Wry, Buctouche, lumber; Monelle, Rendle, Liverpool, G B, sundry mdse.

CLEARED.

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OTHER PORTS.

S'ide, Aug 17—Ent Breeze, Benoit, Charlottetown, oats. 18—Annie Florence, Peters, Cape Bauld, stone. 20—Neal Dow, Henton, Pictou, coal; Alma Ritchy, Halifax, mdse.

21st—Erema, Ledwell, Liverpool, G B, deals.

Summerside, Aug. 17—Shipped per steamer St. Lawrence, Cameron, master, for Point du Chene:

Table with columns: Item, Price. Includes 650 lbs cheese, 2 horses, 5 pigs, 8 bbls pork, 94 cases eggs, 24 bbls mackerel, 1 steam boiler.

By same steamer on 18th: 66 cases eggs, 8 bbls mackerel, 1 horse.

By same steamer on 20th: 103 cases eggs, 72 bush oats.

CAUTION.

THE PUBLIC are cautioned not to cash a Cheque on the Mercantile Bank of Halifax, Summerside Branch, dated Aug. 18, 1888, for \$100, freight S. N. Co., signed by Robt. T. Holman, as it has been lost or stolen in Summerside. Aug 21—31.

ANTHRACITE COAL

TO ARRIVE per Schooner "Otter," due here 1st September.—400 Tons best quality HONEYBROOK and LEHIGH, in Egg and Chestnut sizes. C. LYONS. Aug 21—1 1/2 pats per gar

GRAND CONCERT

Y. M. C. A. HALL, Tuesday Evening, August 21st. A Grand Concert will be given by MESSRS.

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Graduates of Halifax School for the Blind. The Programme will include some of the Choicest Songs of the Lands of the Shamrock, Rose and Tristle, and will comprise SOLOS, DUETS, TRIOS, &c., &c. The Concert will be varied by bright and taking Music, arranged for Violin and Piano or Violin and Organ. The Performers are well-known in musical circles in Halifax, Messrs. Hisholm and McLean, after graduating at Halifax, studied for two years in one of the best Conservatories of Music in Germany. Mr. Reid is well and favorably known in Charlottetown, and wants no recommendation as to his musical ability. The reputation of the performers and their high professional standing is a guarantee that the Concert will be one of the best that has been given in this city for many years. Come early in order to get good seats. Admitted on 25 cents. Children 15 cents. Doors open at 7:30. Concert begins at 8 o'clock. GOD SAVE THE QUEEN. Aug 21

Lyceum Theatre.

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NOTE THE DATE OF THE VISIT: Two Days Only, Friday and Saturday, Aug. 24th and 25th.

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CAMERON BLOCK, CITY. August 15, 1888.

CHANGE IN BUSINESS!

In consequence of the death of one of the members of our Firm, it is necessary for us to close our books and settle all accounts. We have, therefore, to ask all indebted to oblige us by paying the amounts due by them. All accounts due December 31st, 1887, and not paid by the first of September next, will pass to an Attorney's hands for collection.

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