

THE DAILY EXAMINER.

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The Provincial Budget.

It is to be regretted that the first budget speech of the Hon. Frederick Peters was plentifully garnished with small criticism and bad rhetoric. Those who hoped to hear the financial position of the Province described in clear language, those who expected to obtain a careful exposition of the plan by which the Government propose to rid the Province of financial difficulty must have been woefully disappointed by the deliverance of the premier. The major portion of the speech is a criticism of some of the smaller items of expenditure of the late Government. For instance, twenty dollars had been paid to Mr. W. C. Desbrisay for typewriting for the Provincial delegates while they were in Ottawa: that was made the subject of the premier's denunciation. Only half the amount of the small account of a certain Ontario printer had been paid, because the printer had doubled his order, and the balance was at the suggestion of the printer—left to be paid in this year: the premier waxed warm over the enormity of this offence. Mr. Longworth, of the Land Office, was paid a small sum to cover his expenses, in addition to his salary, while on his collecting tours throughout the country: this fact was dwelt upon as a heinous departure from the line of right action. Reasonable men will infer from the very pettiness of his charges that the McLeod Administration was not, after all, so very extravagant, deceitful, dishonest and corrupt as the premier tried to paint it. Reasonable men will say that Mr. McLeod's clear and explicit explanation of the circumstances in which each particular little item was involved was hardly necessary.

There was one matter, one only, which worthy the Premier's criticism, viz: the amount paid for the consolidation of the laws. The value of a lawyer's services is a subject upon which the Hon. Frederick Peters ought to speak with authority. But Mr. Peters discredited his statements on this point by his extreme language respecting the other points. When the Leader of the Opposition reminded the House that our statutes were in a state of the wildest confusion, and that the Halifax lawyers who consolidated the laws of Nova Scotia had charged three or four times more, in proportion to the work performed, than Messrs. Morson, McNeill, McDonald and McLean, he did much to discredit the unsupported declarations and turgid rhetoric of the Leader of the Government.

We shall not say much respecting the Premier's estimate of revenue and expenditure. It is to be noted that he expects to get only \$90,000 from the Land Office as a result of his 12 per cent. discount. This proves that he, himself, is impressed with the strength of the Opposition's contention that few, except wealthy defaulters, will be able to take advantage of his communistic give-away policy.

On the other hand, there are a few very petty reductions of salary, etc. Our capable and energetic Superintendent of Education—the head of the most important department of the Government—is to be discredited by having a slice of two hundred dollars taken from his salary; and the salary of the venerable and respected Secretary of Education—long in the service of the Province—is to be cut down. We hear nothing about a reduction of the Legislature, nothing about a comprehensive scheme of economy and reform; only a few paltry deductions from the salaries of capable, hardworking officials.

The essential difference between the financial policy which the Leader of the Government denounced as a policy of drift, and the policy which has been exhibited in the Budget, the Land Bill and the Loan Bill, consists in the fact that the Premier and his colleagues are in the Government boat rowing as hard as they can towards the cataract of ruin. They propose, in the first place, to throw away twelve per cent. of the amount due the Land Office, and to close up that revenue-producing institution altogether. They propose, in the second place, to incur a debenture debt of \$185,000 at a time when not more than forty or fifty thousand dollars are due the banks, to pay an interest charge of \$7,000 to \$8,000 a year while \$3000 to \$4000 a year will pay the banks; to saddle the Province with a mortgage debt, without providing ways or means of, even eventually, paying it off. They propose, in the third place, to make no essential difference in respect to expenditures—the probability being that they will, with heavier interest-charges, incur a larger ordinary expenditure than their predecessors.

With the Legislative Council at their back, surely they might propose and carry out a better financial policy than this!

The first call of this Province is for constitutional retrenchment and reform. But the Government has responded by offering—contrary to the first principles of business—a discount of twelve per cent. to customers who have played the laggard with their payments while the uttermost farthing has been exacted from those who paid their money promptly, by closing up an important source of revenue, and by submitting a measure under which a per-

manent debenture debt will be laid upon the shoulders of our tax payers.

The end—the result—of this policy is not far. We know what happens to a mortgagor who makes no provision for the payment of his debt, who has no resources but those which were insufficient before the debt was contracted: his property will, ere long, be gone. Unless the fatal policy of the Government be changed, Prince Edward Island will soon have lost its independence as a Province and be absorbed by Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, after the same manner as a mortgaged farm is usually absorbed in the farms of its neighborhood.

The one pleasing feature of the statement made to the House of Assembly Friday evening is the assurance that the Government propose to follow in the footsteps of their predecessors in respect to the employment of a professor of agriculture. Judging by his remarks concerning the herd of Durhams on the Government Stock Farm, the Premier himself might, with advantage, take some lessons from the successor of Professor Shuttleworth.

Botany of P. E. Island.

The glory of our Island Province is the richness of its vegetation. The rolling beauty of our hills wrapped in the leafy domes of maple, and birch, and sturdy beech, and warrior oak, and queenly elm, and the quieter grace of velvety green fields that dip their checkered borders into the bursting blue of the summer wave, are ever the subjects of our admiration and delight. But, beneath the forest shadows, and in the tangled web of the meadow's greenness, there are a thousand floral gems that drink nectar from our balmy airs, and light the flash of their starry beauty in the cloudless beams of our summer sky. These are each worthy of study and admiration, and they, altogether, go to form the rich, varied, resplendent wealth of our Island's flora. How few of us are at all acquainted with the numberless beautiful native plants that crowd our wildwoods and dells.

This present season the Royal Society of Canada has formed a Botanical Club for the study of the entire flora of Canada. A secretary has been appointed for each Province, and every assistance will be given to those who engage in the work of discovering new plants and adding to the present lists. The secretary for the Island is Mr. Francis Bain of North River. All who wish to join the club should send their names to him. Persons not acquainted with botany can give valuable assistance by preserving any rare plants which they may find, drying the same between sheets of soft paper, and sending them to the Botanical Secretary for determination. Such collections may be left at the drug store of L. W. Watson, Esq., who will forward them to the Secretary. All new "finds" will be duly recorded to the credit of the collector. The P. E. Island Natural History Society has at present a list of more than 450 Island plants. Any discoveries beyond the compass of this list will be considered worthy of honorable mention, and the industry and taste of the finder thus brought to the notice of the foremost scientists of Canada.

We trust that our friends will devote some of their leisure to this interesting study during the glorious summer weather of the present and succeeding months, when a ramble in the fields and woods is a pure delight. Let not the opportunity pass to learn something more about the plants of our childhood's home. The beauties of the fields, the jewels at the cottage door, that gave us joy in childhood and sweet thoughts in maturer years—let us not neglect them now, when all Canada is awake to their study; but let us try and place our Island first in this delightful department of scientific pursuit.

The Financial Situation.

It is very many years, says Mr. Henry Clews, of the New York banking house of Henry Clews & Company, since we have witnessed such a disorganized condition of financial relations between this country and Europe as has recently developed. Such is the distrust prevailing at the foreign centres that numerous bills heretofore considered good drawn here on European houses have become, in a large measure, unnegotiable; and the consequent scarcity of negotiable exchange compels a continuation of the shipment of gold long after the balance of our accounts with the outside world has ceased to rule against us. A condition of things more calculated to check business and enforce liquidation in foreign commerce could hardly be conceived. Even if there were no real reason for this distrust towards bills of exchange, this sort of discrimination is calculated to cripple importers and exporters in ways that can hardly fail to disturb confidence and produce embarrassment, which is dangerous treatment under present conditions. It is undoubtedly a gratifying evidence of strength that we have able, without any signs of suffering, to so long endure the withdrawal of the European banking balances which are usually allowed to rest here, and to pay them off in cash without a wince; but when our export bills become unobtainable because of the distrust directed against the foreign houses on whom they are drawn, we encounter a kind of gold drain of a much more serious nature; and yet nearly all the Jon's shipments, amounting to nearly 20 millions, have been of this forced character. The total exports of gold to Europe this year amounts to \$70,000,000 and still there is reported "abundance of money in the country."

S. of T.—Victoria Division meets to-night at the usual hour.

PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

SATURDAY, July 4.

The Leader of the Opposition moved the second reading of the bill to incorporate the Charlottetown Woolen Mills Company. Mr. Farquharson moved that the bill be read a second time this day three months. House divided on the amendment: Yeas—Peters, McLean, McMillan, Farquharson, Sinclair, Forbes, Macdonald, Montgomery, Matheson, Warburton, McWilliams, Cumiskey, Robertson, Underday—14.

Nays—McLeod, Bentley, Shaw, A. J. Macdonald, Clow, Gordon, J. E. Macdonald, McKay, Rogers, A. McLeod, Sullivan—11. Mr. H. C. Macdonald moved the third reading of the County Courts Amendment Act, 1878. The bill was read a third time and passed.

Mr. McKay asked the Commissioner of Public Works if the inspectors on the contracts let on Rocky Point Wharf and the contract of the extension to the block at Mr. Phee's Bridge, West River, have been dismissed, and if so, when and for what reason, and who have been appointed in their place; also whether it is the intention of the Government to open a road between the New London road and Cavendish Road at or near Laird's Mills.

Hon. Mr. McLean declined to answer the first question; the other matter would be attended to.

Mr. Shaw asked the Commissioner of Public Works to lay on the table any correspondence, or the report of any investigation, or all papers relating thereto, that led to the dismissal of the inspectors of the Cardigan Ferry dock, previous to the appointment of Mr. Donald Stewart and Mr. Donald Sigsworth.

Hon. Mr. McLeod replied that there is no correspondence.

Mr. N. McLeod moved the second reading of the bill to incorporate the Watchman Publishing Company. House went into committee, Mr. Cumiskey in the chair. The bill was reported agreed to.

Mr. Clow asked the Commissioner of Public Works to lay on the table of the House a detailed statement of tenders received for the packet service between Charlottetown and Murray Harbor (North and South) etc., with the names of the different parties who have tendered, the amount of each tender, and which has been accepted, and if bonds has been signed for the fulfilment of contract.

Hon. Mr. McLean replied that a copy would be prepared and laid on the table as soon as possible.

House took recess.

THE BUDGET DEBATE.

Hon. Mr. Sinclair resumed the debate on the Budget, considering the grant of \$300 to Dr. McNeill, and contending that to borrow money by debentures is necessary, and that the estimates of revenue and expenditure would be met.

Mr. A. J. Macdonald justified the payment made to Dr. McNeill, showing that he had a strong claim, and that the late government had a good ground for its action. He said that the Government were astray to the extent of \$56,000 in respect to the indebtedness of the Province. House adjourned.

Notes and Comments.

—The Presbyterian Witness condemns and repudiates the cry raised against Sir John Thompson because he is a Roman Catholic.

—Signor W. C. Bevan, of Malaga, Spain, the head of one of the largest business concerns of that country, is in Toronto with the object of establishing a trade in Canada. Signor Bevan says Canada is attracting great attention in his country, at the present time.

—The papers of the Upper Provinces highly commend Mr. John MacLean, M. P., for his first Parliamentary effort in behalf of the proposed tunnel; and one of THE EXAMINER'S correspondents at Ottawa states that "the consensus of opinion among Islanders here is that the Island and the tunnel stand in a better position to-day than ever before!"

—The Empire's Ottawa correspondent writes, July 1:

"The evening session was almost entirely taken up with a discussion about the merits and demerits of Prince Edward Island. The trouble started with Mr. Cookburn rising to a question of privilege and repelling a charge that he had been actuated improperly in his statements regarding the Garden Province made last week. This brought to his feet Mr. McLean, one of the Conservative members from the Island, who made one of the best first speeches ever delivered in the House, and as well a gallant defence of his province. Mr. Lean will be heard from again. He has every quality necessary in a great public speaker, and was deservedly the recipient of many hearty congratulations."

—One of the best pieces of workmanship yet done on our streets is now being completed, under the superintendence of Mr. George Douglas, on Upper Queen Street. The street and sidewalks have been carefully graded and the middle of the street macadamized so as to be perfectly dry and free from ruts. Altogether, the work done on our streets this year is commendable, and reflects credit, not only upon Mr. Douglas and Mr. Taylor, but upon Councilor Douce and the City Council. A continuance of the present policy will, in the course of a few years, result in a marked improvement of the Streets of Charlottetown. We hope to see something done, ere long, in the direction of permanent sidewalks. Plank sidewalks are a continual expense, and are always more suggestive of the village than the city.

Supreme Court.

SATURDAY, July 4.

William Mahar, breaking and entering with intent to commit a felony. Not guilty.

William Mahar and William Potter, housebreaking and larceny. Guilty.

MONDAY, July 6.

Norman Valley, breaking and entering Clarke's warehouse and stealing liquor therefrom. Guilty.

John T. Connolly, breaking and entering the premises of Archibald White and stealing money therefrom. Now before the Court.

BIRTH.

At Charlottetown, on the 5th inst. Mrs. John H. Longworth, of Port Arthur, of a son.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

I AM instructed by the Executors of the Estate of the late Sophia Burdett (widow of the late Richard Burdett, Esquire, of Rocky Point), to sell the Business Stand and Property at said place,

On Wednesday, 22nd July, 1891.

The above property consists of Ten Acres of Land in a good state of cultivation, Dwelling House and Shop attached, large Warehouse, Public Stable and Coach House, besides other smaller buildings, all in good repair.

The above stand is adapted for carrying on a Lumber and Coal business as well as general trading, as it is adjacent to the wharf at Rocky Point.

There is a Brickmaking site on the premises. This place is a resort for pleasure seekers during the summer months.

Terms—15 per cent. day of sale; balance on execution of deeds.

I am instructed to sell the same day the Stock in Trade of the late Sophia Burdett, consisting of Earthenware, Crockeryware, Dry Goods, Groceries, Shop Furniture, three superior Cows with Calves.

Household Furniture, consisting of Sofas, Sideboards, Chairs, Tables, Bedsteads, Stoves and other articles too numerous to mention.

Terms for Furniture and Stock—All sums under \$5, cash; over that amount, 4 months' credit on approved notes.

F. H. HORNE, Auctioneer.

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Charlottetown Board of Trade.

THE GENERAL QUARTERLY MEETING of this Corporation will be held at the Board Room, Cameron Block, this city, on the Evening of WEDNESDAY, the 8th of July, at 8 o'clock.

B. D. HIGGS, Secretary.

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BAZAAR

—AND—

Strawberry Festival.

THE Ladies of ZION CHURCH intend holding a Strawberry Festival and Fancy Sale

On Thursday, 9th July,

—IN THE—

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—AT—

CONNOLLY'S WHARF,

—ON—

Monday Evening, July 6th.

15 THOUSAND HEMLOCK BOARDS,

5,000 2 inch " Plank,

5,000 3 inch " Deals,

20,000 2x3 inch Hardwood, in Ash and Birch,

12,000 Pine Boards,

40,000 Clear Cedar Shingles.

Sale at 6 o'clock, p. m.

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—BY AUCTION.

Horses, Cows, Carriages, Farming Implements, Household Furniture, Hay, Oats, etc.

I AM instructed by the Executors to the Estate of the late Justice Peters to sell by Auction, at his late residence, Sidmont, on WEDNESDAY, the 8th day of July, commencing at 11 o'clock, a. m. —

Horses, Cows, Carriages, Sleighs, Farming Implements, Hay, Oats, Coal, Wood and Household Furniture.

R. BEAIRSTO, Auctioneer.

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FORTY BUILDING LOTS

—BY AUCTION,

—ON—

Thursday, July 9th,

COMMENCING AT 11 O'CLOCK,

And Continuing Till All Are Sold.

THE owners of the Cahill Estate have instructed us to sell by Auction, on the Premises, on THURSDAY, July 9th, at 11 o'clock, the beautiful Field at the head of Prince Street, which has now been plotted off into 40 Lots, comprising the handsome and most desirable Building Lots now available in the City, and facing on Prince Street and Malpeque Road. See handbills for plan.

These Lots are beautifully situated, and will be sold at prices to suit the times. Buy your own homes in a healthy and pleasant locality.

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Charlottetown, June 27, 1891.