

THE DAILY EXAMINER.
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Notes and Comments.

Politicians in the States are discussing a proposal to take the decision of contested election appeals from partisan congressional committees and give it to impartial judges.

Colonel Garrick Mallory, a recognized authority on India traditions, religions and languages, says: "After careful examination, with the assistance of explorers and linguists, I reassert my statement that no body or tribe of Indians, before missionary influence, entertained, formulated, or had distinct belief in a single, overruling great spirit, or any being that corresponded to the Christian conception of God."

The Montreal Gazette says: An opposition paper has discovered a new reason for turning the Dominion Government out. It is that if Mr. Hitt's or Mr. Butterworth's commercial union bills are adopted by the United States, and Canada accepts them, the present ministry may not enforce them in their true spirit, or may even seek to abrogate them altogether.

Sir Julius Vogel, who has held high office in Queensland, contributes an article to the current number of the Nineteenth Century in which he touches upon the possibility of Canadian secession from the Empire, and expresses the opinion that England would employ force to prevent the disruption.

Four cheese factories in Antigonish County, Nova Scotia, made 185,179 lbs. of cheese last year. The total number of lbs. of milk used for the season of months ending with October was 1,893,704; the average price paid per 100 lbs. was 763-5 cts.

If recent advices from Washington are reliable the Navy Department has about abandoned the idea of building the 7,500 ton cruiser on the plans contemplated by the act making appropriation for her; and it is stated that Congress will be asked to increase her displacement from 7,500 to 8,500 tons, in order that she may be built after the plans of the new English protected cruiser Blake, which has brought forth so much favorable comment recently.

The Boston Herald has a complete recapitulation of the defalcations throughout the United States during the year 1889. The grand total of money embezzled from corporations, private firms and the United States Government is \$8,562,753. This amount would be sufficient to meet the allowances to Queen Victoria and the English royal family and the royal pensions for two years; it is greater than the total annual public revenue of the kingdom of Serbia or the principality of Bulgaria, to say nothing of the minor German principalities and duchies.

The Russian engineers sent to examine the Canadian Pacific Railway say: "We have obtained many valuable hints. We like your Canadian life very much. Your towns spring up so quickly, and the whole country has an air of enterprise about it. It is so different from Russia. There everything is very conservative. This country could open commerce with Russia for machinery. In Siberia we have mineral wealth, but no machinery to open it up. We have very few manufacturers in Russia. When the projected road in Siberia is finished Russia will have, between railroad and water, direct communication from St. Petersburg to the Pacific ocean, a distance of 5,000 miles. Three divisions of railroad will be built connecting with navigable streams, one being 1,200 miles long, one 500 and the other 700."

At a meeting of the directors of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, held on the 30th ult., statements of the results of working for the year were submitted, which, estimating for the month of December, showed net earnings for the year above working expenses of \$6,029,000, affording a surplus above fixed charges for the year of \$2,250,000, which, added to the surplus from last year, would make a total surplus of \$2,576,000 at the close of the present year. The question of an extra dividend was considered, and it was decided to declare a supplementary dividend of one per cent., payable Feb. 17th, with the regular one and a half per cent. half yearly dividend from the annuity fund in the hands of the Dominion Government, making a total for the half year of two and a half per cent., with the intention of continuing a similar half yearly supplementary dividend until expiry of the annuity in 1893, earnings permitting, and of accumulating further surplus earnings as a dividend reserve fund. The success of the great Canadian Railway Company is wonderful. Its gross earnings for the year will reach \$15,000,000, and the operating expenses \$9,000,000, an increase in the former of \$1,800,000, and a decrease in the latter of \$225,000.

Sister St. Thomas.

AN INCIDENT OF THE SMALLPOX VISITATION OF 1885, IMPARTED BY A LADY VISITOR TO THE CITY HOSPITAL.

BY MRS. A. D. MACLEOD.

Bright beauty of northern winter! The sun, with its tenderest glow, Gilded the haze of the housetops, Warm-tinted earth's mantle of snow.

Flashed forth the crystalline branches, Bedazzling of jewelry rare; Rich set in radiance of splendor, Choice pearls of nature's own wear.

Dark night with its gloom had faded, Fair morning its glory unfurled; Yet stirred not the solemn silence With the hum of a waking world.

Unheard was the sound of labor, Mute hushed was the voice of the street; Only the tread of passers-by, Who stayed not their hastening feet.

Only half whispers, curt replies To eager questions, doubtful given; For hearts were awed with sudden fear, For dearest ties of earth were riven.

Soft cloudlets afloat on the blue, Pure wreaths of the shimmering snow, Re-uttered, in language sublime, The breathings of unwonted woe.

Alas, for the dreamings of life! Though heard not the roll of the drum, Nor witnessed the ensign of war, A merciless tyrant had come.

Strife is no strife ill-divided When man fighteth frail brother-man; But war is a war unequal When giant force leadech one van.

What marvel that mortals shrunk back, That science e'en held bated breath,— Over the lights of our dwellings There hovered the angel of death.

The flags which drooped from the windows, And waved in the wintery sun, Signalled fierce battle was raging, But told not of victory won.

They were no flags of our nation, No tri-colored red, white and blue; Heralds of hope, or of freedom, Gleamed not in their pale, saffron hue.

Inside the new opened Lazar-house, Where sick and dying, plague-struck, lay, Skill sought to battle foul disease, Yet still the dismal blight made way.

Sore lack of helpful, nursing hands Was keenly felt within those walls; Since selfish dread had closed the soul To lucre's bribe, or mer cy's calls.

Had closed the soul of all save those Whose life is but to do His will; Who fear not Afric's burning sands, Nor Javan swamp, nor Iceland chill.

Three Sisters, vowed to charity, Out of the well-trained city band; Skilled nurses they, and fit prepared, Came forward as with life in hand.

When, shame to tell, their proffered aid Was scouted; reason urged, why? Search not dim aisles of bigotry, Sift thou thy soul for just reply.

Oh, narrow-bounded prejudice! Hedged round of a christian name, Thou low, dim burning altar light, Unlit of celestial flame.

Right royal blood in honor's cause, Red stains the patriot battle field; Thou slay'st thy myriads for naught, God in the conscience may not yield.

Thou! blind and selfish prejudice; Vile, murky source of endless strife; Know that a world reviving faith Doth blossom into fruitful life.

Still raged the dreaded pestilence, And still the quiet stars of night Beamed down upon the obsequies Of those who perished in the fight.

'Mid comfort of our peaceful homes, We heard the rattle of the car Which bore the vanquished from the scene. Of bloodless, but relentless war.

For them no sacred bell was tolled, Nor rose the chant of plaintive psalm; Yet through deep mists shone guiding light From cruel cross, to blissful palm.

Within the City Hospital, With satchel in her willing hand, She waited, as a soldier waits, Intent to hear his lord's command.

She knew that fickle human aid When sought at risks is sought in vain; That in no human breast exists Will to encounter death or pain.

"And can't thou think to go?" I said, "When all thy purposes of good Were balked by callous ignorance, Close-linked with base ingratitude."

She looked me calmly in the face, A shade, which noted sad surprise Stole o'er her placid countenance, And spake from out her gentle eyes.

Her answer echoed down the years, Illumes the hall in which she sat, Breaks through all cant of class or creed,— "Those sick must not suffer for that."

Just then a messenger was hailed; To God, and to their mission true, Firm-souled, went out to meet the plague She and devoted sisters two.

Emblazoned in archives of light Those names which no wording may hold; Whilst their star, in our nether sky, Shines forth in a circlet of gold.

With practised eye, and tender hand, With quiet mien, and noiseless tread, They grappled with the dire disease, Or soothed the sufferers' dying bed.

They listed, with a patient mind, The longings of the exiled one; Or treasured, for a mother's ear; The last faint accents of her son.

Yes, all along that tardy night, Black with the bitterness of woe, They toiled in unison with those Whose skill and courage foiled the foe.

Fame proudly vaunts her hero dead Ambitious tools, in glory's van; Three worthy he of lasting wreath, Who lives for God, and dies for man.

Ah me! for the silent martyr Whose tireless feet so surely trod The pathway leading on and up Towards the city of our God.

The poison draught entered her blood; In brightness of Spring's early day Sister St. Thomas bowed her head, And passed from her labors for aye.

I know that, 'yond the swelling surge, She yielded that tribute, tranquil shore,

Where faith finds anchor nigh its source, And storms of time are heard no more.

I know that, robed in spotless white, Her pure soul on Mount Zion stands; And yet I see her as she sat With satchel in her willing hands.

Ho, peerless crown! Ho, fadeless palm! Bright land where ransomed spirits be; True love to God, with love to man, Ensures a blessed eternity.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

No Prohibition.

Sir,—As the annual civic election again approaches, the monotonous wail of the prohibitionist rises as usual to a howl.

Have we not heard enough of this whining about the non-enforcement of the Scott Act? It is time for these people to acknowledge that they have gone too far with their own idea. Not satisfied with shutting their own mouths against one of the good things that God has given for man's use and enjoyment, they have attempted to put a padlock on the lips of their neighbors. The attempt has been—as it deserves to be, and in a free country, ever will be—a miserable failure.

That intemperance is a great evil, and the cause of much crime, cannot be denied. That the temperate use of wines, beers and liquors is sinful or hurtful, or a thing which the state has any moral right to prohibit, I do deny.

It is one thing to enact a prohibitory law; but a very different thing to enact it against the feeling of a large part of the people. Let stringent license laws be obtained; let early closing and shutting on Sundays be imperative; and let selling to minors be strictly forbidden.

These will be laws whose observance will be seen to, not by Luke-warm, half-hearted spies and informers, but by the licensed dealers themselves in their own interest. Three-fourths of the dens which now abound in the city and suburbs will be shut up; respectable people will not be driven into back yards and holes in the wall to get a glass of liquor; the perjury and ill-feeling which has been developed under the Scott Act, as under no other statute that I know of, will be done away with, and the moral barometer of the community will go up with a jump.

Maddened by the evils which they see rising from the intemperate use of liquor these men have rushed to the conclusion that the use of liquor must be altogether prevented.

This policy is like that of the man Sam Weller tells us about who cut off his son's head to cure him of a tooth-ache. USE, NOT ABUSE.

—We are indebted to Mr. J. W. Hodgson, Customs broker, for the following statement of exports for Queen's and King's Counties during the month of December,—

Table with columns for POTATOES, OATS, MEATS, FISH, HORSES, CATTLE, SHEEP, & C., EGGS, MISCELLANEOUS, and Total. Includes values in dollars and cents.

—Satisfaction with the prompt delivery of the mails is now freely expressed. The gentlemen in the post office are to be congratulated on the promptitude and celerity they have displayed in the past week.

The person who stole the silk handkerchief from the young man on Government Pond on Friday, 3d inst., will do well to leave it at THE EXAMINER office at once, as he is well known.

Mr. Terlizick received by express this morning a few copies of the Christmas number of the Montreal Star.

CLOTH! CLOTH!

GENUINE MARKED DOWN SALE

THIRTY DAYS ONLY.

THE CHARLOTTETOWN WOOLEN MILLS CLOTH DEPOT, before their Annual Stock-taking, will, during the month of January, offer their immense stock of Tweeds, Dress Goods, Homespuns, Druggets and Flannels of their own make at cost.

All desirous of purchasing Heavy Winter Goods, for Men and Boys, are invited to examine our stock.

These goods are offered at the present low prices to make room for New Spring Patterns.

Also—Five Hundred Pairs of Custom-Made Pants, from our own make of Cloth, which will be sold low.

Charlottetown, January 4, 1890—1p

SHIP NEWS.

London, Dec. 30.—Bark Erema, Walsh, for Charlottetown, P. E. I. from Liverpool; arrived at St. Michael's, Dec. 20th, with bulwarks, stanchions and sails gone foreyard sprung, topsides leaking badly. A survey will be held and she will make repairs at St. Michael's.

Boston, Dec. 30.—Ar. schrs. Miletus, Vaughn, Montague, Dominion, Young, Charlottetown. Buenos Ayres, Dec. 4.—Ar. bark R. B. Peake, Calais, Me. Halifax, Jan. 2.—Ar. schrs. Petit, Reviere, White, Montague, Midway Belle, Grand River; Catmunda, Graham, Cardigan; Enterprise, Cleversby, Georgetown.

MARRIED.

At the parsonage, Cornwall, on the 1st inst., by Rev. D. Davies Moore, A. M., Wm. Morris Chowan, of Highfield, to Rebecca Jane Sellar, daughter of Joseph Sellar, Esq., Highfield.

At the residence of the father of the bride, on the 2nd inst., by Rev. D. Davies Moore, A. M., George Crews, of Kingston, to Hannah Howard, youngest daughter of Samuel Howard, Esq., Cornwall.

New Goods.—Received some nice overcoatings per S. S. Stanley. Sold cheap. McLeod & McKenzie. dec26

ELECTRICAL.

I HAVE JUST RECEIVED an additional supply of Annunciators, Gas Lighting Apparatus, Medical Batteries for Nervous and Rheumatic Persons, "Victor" Bells, "Samson" Batteries, Ornamental Bronze Buttons for "the big front door," Learner's Telegraph Outfits.

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Charlottetown Board of Trade.

ANNUAL MEETING.

THE General Quarterly and Annual Meeting of this Corporation will be held at the Board Room, this city, on the Evening of WEDNESDAY, the 8th of January, at 8 o'clock.

J. MACEACHERN, Secretary. jan4—11 mtg

Charlottetown Board of Trade.

ALL members in arrears to this Corporation for fees and dues are respectfully requested to make immediate payment. J. MACEACHERN, Secretary. dec23—11 jan 8

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REMEMBER, we are offering a large, fresh Stock of SEASONABLE GOODS, which we want to turn into Cash. The Prices and Goods will make a tempting appeal to your pockets. Call and see them. We cannot enumerate, but mention a few of our Specialties for this Month's sale.

Fashionable Winter Dress Goods,

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Charlottetown, Dec. 9, 1889—dy 2aw wkly