

THE DAILY EXAMINER

MAY 7, 1898.

AN EXPOSURE.

The mystery of the "Asylum Annex" has for many months been puzzling many people. How it happened that additional accommodation for "the most helpless of God's creatures," which was represented as an absolute necessity in 1896, had not been provided, though money had been borrowed for the special purpose of ensuring the erection of a new building and a plan and specification had been prepared and contract entered into, was the problem which persons not in the secret could not solve. The explanation was given last evening when the whole disgraceful story was unfolded by Mr. Shaw. Mr. Shaw set forth and proved by documentary and other evidence that—

1. A contract between the government and Mr. Walter Lowe was entered into in August, 1896, for the erection of the building. According to this contract, Mr. Lowe was bound to follow the plans and specification subject to the direction of Mr. C. B. Chappelle, and was to make no change involving charges for extras unless authority for such changes was given in writing over the signature of the Commissioners of Public Works and Mr. Chappelle.

2. Mr. Lowe was prepared to go on with the work at once; but at the request of the Government postponed action until the following spring. In the meantime he placed \$8000 worth of materials upon the ground.

3. In April, 1897, Mr. Lowe went upon the ground and prepared to make the foundation. Upon reference to the plan and the ground he discovered that the Eastern end of the building, as designed, would have nothing to rest upon. The fall of the ground was much greater than that set forth by the architect that the end of the building would be in the air unless a large excavation were made.

4. He promptly gave notice of this discovery to the architect, who made certain offers which he could not accept.

5. He then called the attention of the Commissioner of Public Works to the matter. Mr. McLean, with the Government engineer (Mr. McMillan) visited the spot. After examination they were compelled to admit that Mr. Lowe's statement was true. Mr. Peters was away from home at the time, and the Commissioner directed Mr. Lowe to await further orders.

6. When Mr. Peters came home he directed the engineer to investigate and report. The engineer reported that the specification was "defective in many cases."

7. Mr. Lowe was anxious to go on with the work, and asked for authorization as per terms of contract. At the request of the Leader of the Government he made an estimate of the cost of the additional work. The Government declined to accept this estimate and did not give the necessary authorization, signed by the commissioner and the architect.

8. On the 11th of August, 1897, Mr. Lowe received a letter from the Commissioner of Public Works, calling his attention to the fact that the work was not proceeding, and directing him to go on,—but still withholding the authorization required by the contract.

9. Correspondence followed. Finally on the 19th of October, 1897, the Government agreed to accept Mr. Lowe's estimate for the extra work, and stated that the plans, etc., had been referred to Mr. LeMay and Mr. Hector C. McMillan, and promised to notify Mr. Lowe of the changes required and the prices set by those "parties."

10. LeMay and McMillan's report condemned the plans and specifications altogether, superstructure and fittings as well as foundation.

11. But Mr. Lowe was not furnished with a copy of LeMay and McMillan's report, as promised.

12. On December 8th., 1897, Mr. Lowe was notified that the Government would take the work out of his hands, go into possession of the Asylum premises and the materials, and proceed to finish the work.

14. Since that date the materials have been covered but nothing else has been done.

Many significant and important particulars were given by Mr. Shaw, a report of which will appear later. But the above are the main bald facts.

It took Mr. Shaw two hours and a half to state the whole of the case—a case in which incompetence and imbecility is wonderfully mingled with blundering and rascality. We can apprehend now, at least one of the reasons why Mr. Peters left for British Columbia, why Mr. Farquharson refused to accept office in the Warburton Administration, and why Mr. Sinclair is

pled to be out of it. We can hardly believe that Mr. Warburton understood this case when he consented to succeed Mr. Peters, and to assume responsibility for the acts of the previous administration.

GOVERNMENT STOCK FARM

The report of the Commissioners shows that here are now on the Government Stock Farm six working horses, thirty shorthorn cattle and twenty-nine Ayrshire cattle. In the past year six calves were sold at Charlottetown for \$205; five calves were sold at Georgetown for \$82.50 and five calves were sold at Summerside for \$174.80. Some fat cattle and some barley and oats were also sold, realizing \$742.85. The balance against the Farm on the 15th of April last year was \$7,892.70 and on the same date this year, \$8,168.93.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

—Perhaps the Commissioner of Public Works will now explain what was received by the Provincial Government as payment for the old asylum building.

—A succinct outline of the very able and convincing speech delivered by Mr. Martin in the House of Commons, a few days ago, respecting the claims of Prince Edward Island to additional railway accommodation and public works, will be found in another column. The report which is from the efficient hand of the editor of The Sun, of St. John, Mr. S. D. Scott, ought to be read by everyone.

—The St. John Sun points out that news of fighting at Manila has to travel more than 14,000 miles over a dozen or more cables and two or three overland wires before it can reach New York. It goes under the China sea, the Straits of Malacca and the Bay of Bengal, over India under the Arabian Sea, Red Sea, Mediterranean, the Channel and the Atlantic. But 35 minutes elapse after the British operator at Manila opened his key until the news of Commodore Dewey's victory reached New York.

GRACE CHURCH.—The Rev. Thomas Hicks of Tryon will preach at both services in Grace church tomorrow. A special collection in behalf of the Supernumerary Fund will be taken at each service.

THE ENQUIRER.—This steam yacht owned in Buffalo, N. Y., called here last evening to coal.

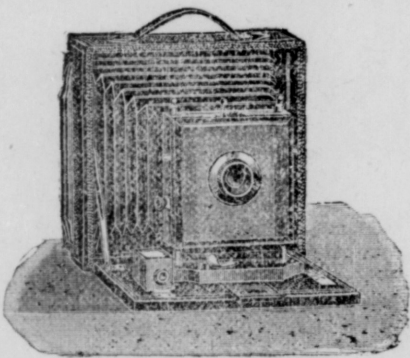
LOCAL NOTICES.

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EFFECT IN CANADA

Of Cession of Spanish West Indies to the United States.

VIEWS OF HON. A. G. JONES.

Some weeks ago the Halifax Herald published an interview with Hon. A. G. Jones, in which, speaking of the Cuban situation, that gentleman said that "United States domination in the Spanish islands would be very injurious to Canadian West India trade. Our export trade with Cuba and Porto Rico," said Mr. Jones, averages in the neighborhood of \$1,000,000 annually, and this entirely in fish. Probably 90 per cent. of the bank fish taken by Nova Scotia vessels find a market in Porto Rico. Unfortunately we have no other market to any extent to which this fish is adapted, so that if Porto Rico and Cuba should come under the United States flag, or under a United States protectorate, it would be hard to estimate the effect this might have on the value of our fishing industry. At present Gloucester is not a competitor for the supply of foreign markets with fish. The United States have a large fishing fleet, but its catch is all consumed in their own market. Still, if the United States controlled Cuba and Porto Rico, and put on a heavy duty such as exists in the United States—84 cents per quintal—it would give a great impetus to the United States fishing industry at Canada's expense. Another important matter is that whereas now our vessels can load return cargoes with the proceeds of their outward fish cargoes and take the freight to United States, in the event of Cuban control by the United States he would lose this privilege. It would be just as impossible for one of our vessels to take a cargo from Havana to Boston, on account of the United States coasting laws, as it would be to take a cargo from Boston to San Francisco. Our interest is that Cuba and Porto Rico should either remain under Spain, or at least be independent of the United States tariff regulations."

SHIP NEWS.

Port of Summerside.

ENTERED.
 May 5.—Nina Page, Campbell, Picton, coal.
 May 6.—Restive, Cain, Picton, coal.

CLEARED

May 5.—Nina Page, Campbell, Picton, ballast.
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Smileless Women.

Nervousness, Indigestion and General Debility have Driven Away the Sunshine but South American Nerve Brings back the Heart Gladness.

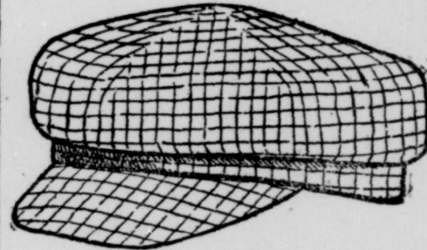
Mrs. D. A. Gray, of Waterford, says: "For a number of years I was a great sufferer from indigestion and general debility and many times was unable to attend to my household duties. I was treated by nearly all the doctors in the town and got no permanent relief. I read of a cure by South American Nerve which seemed to exactly fit my case. I procured one bottle and got great relief, and six bottles cured me absolutely. It certainly has not an equal." Sold by Dr. S. W. Dodd and Geo. E. Hughes.

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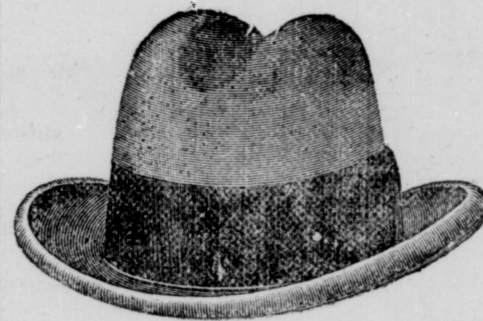


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NOTICE.

Mayor's Office, City Hall, May 5th, 1898.

Public Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the citizens of Charlottetown will be held in the Market Hall on Saturday, the 7th day of May, at 8 o'clock, p. m., to take into consideration "The Charlottetown Sewerage Bill" now before the Legislature, JAMES WARBURTON, Mayor.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

St. James' Church Repairs

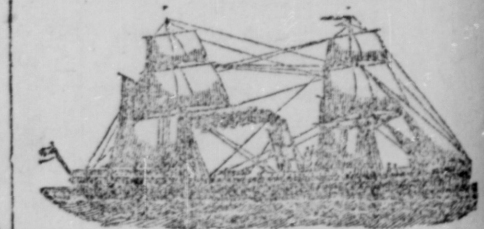
The undersigned will receive at his office in the Post Office Building, sealed tenders up to four o'clock, p. m. on Monday, the 16th day of May, instant, for the following work:

- a The re-construction and alteration of the organ loft and choir gallery.
- b The building of a new vestry.
- c The erection of a new chimney for the furnace—the removal of the boiler from its present position to the western end of the church, and the necessary excavation in its basement.
- d Renewing the church ceilings.
- e Re-seating the body of the church.
- f Painting the whole of the inside of the church.
- g Singling the mail roof,
- h Sundry repairs to doors, windows and floor.

Plans and specifications can be seen at the office of W. C. Harris, architect, Bank of Nova Scotia Building, on and after Wednesday, the eleventh day of May, instant. A certified bank cheque of five per cent. of tender must accompany each tender. The trustees do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender.

A. LORD, Chairman Trustees St. James' Church.

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