

THE DAILY EXAMINER.

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CONSISTENCY. THOU ART A JEWEL.

The present ministers are now justifying practically many of the actions of their predecessors which they denounced when in opposition. A notable instance is afforded in the Tariff Enquiry. When, two years ago, the Hon. Mr. Foster proposed an enquiry in view of certain proposed changes in the tariff, the Hon. Mr. Patterson raised his loud voice to his highest key and said:

"It is there one feeling that has taken possession of the country more firmly and strongly than another it is that the men sitting on the treasury benches are unable to grasp the real condition of the country and to manage its affairs as they ought to be managed. They were not able to make up their minds on the tariff last year; that was the first awakening of the country to the fact. With a hundred odd supporters behind them they could not counter with them in order to find out what changes should be made; but they had to appoint a commission to go through the country higher and thither, and parliament has to be delayed till the last moment before they can make up their minds to introduce a tariff measure."

And again—"If there ever was an insult rendered to members of parliament it is rendered to them now in the plan he has just declared he is going to pursue. Why not consult the members of this House? But no, he declines in fact that they are not able to guide in this matter, that he himself will associate with himself three experts, and that during the recess they will ascertain the state of the country and what the duty of the government is. These four gentlemen will do what? They will make a personal inspection of the different industries of the country. I trust they will do that in a proper manner. If they will undertake it at all. Does the hon. gentleman know the task he is undertaking? Does he propose, when he says that, only to select two or three or a dozen manufacturers and ask their views of no more than that what the government ought to do in the best interests of the whole country."

Sir Richard Cartwright was no less emphatic. He said:—"The hon. gentleman proposes during the whole year, if he really means what he says, to unsettle all trade, to unsettle all manufacturers. Nobody is to know where he stands until the hon. gentleman and his colleagues have completed their pilgrimage, and until a sufficient number of the old taxes have been sold. But, sir, if this is simply a device to gain time, if there has been a private arrangement with certain protected manufacturers that they need not disturb themselves, that this will all come out right, that it will be managed in such a way that their interests at any rate will not suffer, then I venture to say a greater farce was never played off on any country than the proposition of the hon. gentleman to take a whole year and carefully consider what the Finance Minister ought to be able to advise the country on to-day."

The very men who spoke the words we have here quoted are now engaged in the very work they then condemned. Sir McKenzie Bowell and Mr. Foster might well be excused for doubting the prudence of the proposed tariff changes and for instituting an enquiry; but they were believers in the N. P. But Sir Richard Cartwright and Mr. Patterson repeatedly denounced in their most vigorous terms, throughout the long period of eighteen years, the National Policy tariff. Now they must needs go round the country as a "Government Commission" to ascertain how that tariff works and whether or not anything had better be done!

It is a significant fact that, so far, they have found in the statements of those who have appeared before them no evidence whatever that any radical change in the National Policy tariff is needed or desired. The Montreal Star well remarks that "the Ministers have heard more about the practical benefits of a protective policy than they would have had they sat through a dozen budget debates in which politicians and not business men did the talking."

THE PRINCESS.

Slow as we are, there are nevertheless some evidences that we are surely progressing. Among these must be reckoned our new steamer, The Princess. Thirty years ago when children played among the cradle hills on some of our public squares, no one would have dreamed that there would now be plying daily between this province and the mainland, two such steamships as the Princess and the Northumberland, both of which are provided with every modern convenience except electric lights. Built upon the Clyde, the Princess is not everything that could be desired by the ship's company. Those who construct her had apparently no idea that she might at some time, have for her commander a gentleman who tips the scales at close upon three hundred pounds and is tall in proportion. That important section over which the steward holds sway is also somewhat cramped. The doors at the side through which freight is passed are rather too low for men of the stature employed in moving freight, and there are a few other particulars in which the Princess needs improvement. But for passengers the accommodation she affords is ample and comfortable. Her saloons and staterooms are roomy and elegantly painted and upholstered. Everything is convenient and in good taste; and the ladies' cabin "just sweet." The engines of the Princess are of the latest model, with "condensers" pumps and everything up to date. Under the good management of Messrs. McNeil and Cuming, the first and second engineers, the vessel crosses the Strait at the rate of thirteen or fourteen miles an hour, and easily makes the passage to and from Pictou in about four hours. Mr. Chandler, so long, so well, and so favorably known in connection with the service, continues to be in charge of the commissariat, and still sets a table which affords satisfaction to even the most fastidious passenger. Altogether the Princess is a larger, stronger and better vessel than we anticipated. Fitted with a "huge keelson," a recent improvement, it is said that she does not roll as much as the Northumberland. However this may be, she is a credit to the Steam Navigation Company and the Province.

LOOKING TO WASHINGTON.

The meeting of Parliament is, we are told, to be postponed until March in order that Mr. Laurier and his colleagues may confer with Mr. McKinley and his colleagues as to the prospects of reciprocal trade between Canada and the States. It is not so long since the Liberals denounced the very idea of Canadians waiting upon the States in the matter of tariff legislation. Now they propose to prolong the suspense of the country, and in case the doubt and uncertainty of business men concerning the new tariff, and retard and hamper trade in order that they may confer with the politicians at Washington. But how can it be supposed that the author of the McKinley tariff, selected and elected chiefly on account of his high protectionist views, will change the character and policy of the United States Government for the purpose of favoring trade with Canada? or how can Canada as a whole expect to do a profitable trade with a country in which prices are lower than they are here? The answers to both these questions are enveloped in doubt. Yet the Ministers announce that they will postpone the meeting of Parliament in order that they may consult with the politicians at Washington!

A BATTLE WITH THE ICE.

On Monday morning the report was telephoned from Fort Augustus that the East River was free of ice as far up as Hickey's wharf, and that from there to Haggarty's wharf the ice was thin and no solid. Relying on the truth of this report, the tug William Aitken left here for the purpose of towing down the schooner Foam frozen in at Haggarty's wharf. Unfortunately the report of the condition of the river was not justified by facts, for when the mouth of Johnston's River was reached the ice was found solid and in abundance. From there to Haggarty's wharf the ice was firm and solid; in many places as much as five inches thick. Notwithstanding this state of affairs the tug battled nobly with the ice. She pushed through it and crushed it down while it ground under her with a sound resembling the grumbling of thunder. Now and again when ice of a firmer and more unyielding composition was met, the noble boat straining with all her might, would force herself up on it or crush it for a foot or so in front of her, then leap at it almost as if by magic, and spring on to her prey. This, if I may so term it, "struggle of giants" was maintained all the way from Johnston's River to Haggarty's wharf, a distance of about five miles. In all the long and fierce combat the tug never stopped. True, her speed was often reduced to a very low rate but still she was always forcing her way ahead. She got the vessel and brought her to town safe and unharmed. It can with truth be said that there is not another boat in the lower Provinces, with the exception of the Stanley, that could force the ice as the William Aitken did on Monday. The ice was found solid between the two shores of the river. It was not as would be the case in an open sea where there was room to push the ice out of the way. Here there was no chance to do anything of the kind, everything was jammed solid. Had the Honorable the Minister of Marine been on board the tug the experience would have been a whole volume of instruction for him concerning the requisites of an ice boat. It would have shown him also that we have in our own harbor a boat more suited in every way for the work of aiding the couriers at the capes than the Petrel which he scoured up in one of his rambles through the "wild and woolly west."

A RETURN MATCH.

Is being played at the C. D. S. Commencing to-day. Our display vs. Alcomers. Stumps will be pitched at 10 o'clock. Come and participate in the match. Snuffers are our colors. You will wear them. Oh, if we can't win the match we can show you some good playing.

TO LET.

Desirable \* Residence. FURNISHED. —OR— UNFURNISHED. Situated in the most desirable residential part of the city. Contains 10 rooms, besides Bath Room, Dressing Room, Closets, Pantries, etc. Hot and cold water up stairs and in kitchen. House heated throughout with hot water and lighted with electricity. Bath Room fitted with enamel lined sanitary bath. —Possession given 1st Jan. —Terms moderate.

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You Can't PLAY HOCKEY Unless you have suitable boots to attach your skates to. We have just received another lot of Hockey boots which you should see before buying your skating boots. Those are acknowledged by everyone to be the best hockey boot in the city.

R. K. JOST.

Great Auction Sale Bankrupt Goods. I am instructed to sell by auction, the stock in the store lately occupied by B. Macdonald & Co., Lower Queen St., (next door to Johnson & Johnson's Drugstore), commencing on Thursday, the 17th day of Dec., at 11 o'clock, and to continue from day to day until the whole stock is cleared out. The stock comprises \$2,000.00 worth of Ready-made Clothing, Uster Cloths, Tweeds, Dress Goods, Prints, Hats & Caps etc. The whole stock will be sold without reserve, in lots to suit purchasers.

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CHEAP KINDLING.

Having bought the Old St Paul's Church at a GREAT BARGAIN I will sell for cash only, about 1,000 loads of extra kindling wood at a Great Bargain delivered at your house or any place in the city. Church Seats, Cushions, Stools, Matting, etc., in good condition at one half the manufacturer's price. Also, a lot of Windows. Orders left at Dodd and Rogers or at the old St. Paul's Church, will be promptly attended to. JOHN GILLIS. 142-135&w

For the New Cathedral.

CHRISTMAS \* BANQUET AND FANCY SALE AT THE LYCEUM December 21 & 22. The ladies of the different societies at the Lyceum intend holding a Tea, Fancy Sale, Christmas Ball, Oyster Supper and Bean Social, all combined, in aid of the New Cathedral Fund, on Monday and Tuesday, the 21st and 22nd December. Come to the Lyceum and purchase your Christmas Presents, you will enjoy yourselves and aid a noble cause. Hon. Mr. Laurier speaks at Cornwall today.

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Celluloid Dressing Cases, Cuff and Collar Boxes, Glove and Handkerchief Sets, Shaving Sets, Necktie Boxes, etc.

A fine assortment of Ink Stands, in Bronze, Silver and Brassware. Photo Albums. A full assortment of English and German Xmas Cards, Calendars, and Booklets.

Toys Toys.

Toy department now open with a full line of Toys, Games, Dolls, etc. FOR PRICE AND QUALITY of goods, we cannot be beaten.

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Xmas Supply Store, Queen Street

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Errors a Beginner Should Avoid in Xmas Shopping.

Don't wait until the store is crowded with eager buyers. Don't take home a pin cushion when he would prefer neckwear. Don't give him a handkerchief case when he needs handkerchiefs. Don't purchase him by giving him cuff buttons when he has only ragged cuffs to wear them in. Don't give a cane when he needs an umbrella. Don't give a hand-painted smoking set, when his overcoat is shabby. Don't buy the little one a drum when he really needs a Sunday suit. Don't get huffy a diamond pin when he has a decent scarf to wear it in. Don't let your big brother shove his darned stockings into new slippers, but buy him a new pair at Paton's. Watch for our list next week.

Great Jacket sale now on. Also all fur capes offering at 25 per cent. off for cash.

Jas. Paton & Co

For Spot cash we will give a large Picture to the first 200 customers buying from now till Xmas \$20.00.—Jas Paton & Co.

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