

The Daily Examiner

MARCH 8, 1886.

The Gillis Sentence Commuted.

This afternoon the High Sheriff received the following telegram:-- To the High Sheriff:

In the case of Alexander Gillis, under sentence of death, the Governor-General orders that the sentence be commuted for imprisonment for life in the Dorchester Penitentiary. An official letter is sent by mail.

Acknowledge this, repeating message. S. POWELL, Under Secy of State.

The Public Accounts of Canada.

The Deputy Minister of Finance begins his report by expressing the "sincere regret" felt by himself and all the officers of the Department that the health of Sir Leonard Tilley became such as to render it imperatively necessary that he should retire from a position which he so long and so acceptably filled.

Apart from what has already appeared in the telegrams, there is much in these Public Accounts of Canada, for the year ended 30th June, 1885, to interest and instruct. Thus it appears that there were paid out on Capital Account the following sums:--

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes Intercolonial Railway, Eastern Extension Railway, Canadian Pacific, etc.

There was also paid to the Canadian Pacific Railway, on account of the loan authorized by the Act of 1884, the sum of \$9,701,438.00, and, in addition to this sum, advances to the extent of \$828,131.00 were made as follows:--

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes St. John Bridge and Railway Extension, Improvement of the St. Lawrence, Quebec Harbour, etc.

In addition to the above mentioned sums, the following payments, amounting in all to the sum of \$403,245.00, were made to the under-mentioned railway companies on account of subsidies granted to them by the Parliament of Canada, viz:--

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes Northern and Pacific Junction Railway, Quebec and Lake St. John, etc.

In all, the expenditures on capital account, Canadian Pacific Railway, subsidies to Railway Companies, etc., for the purpose of providing modern facilities for the people, amounted in the past year to the enormous sum of \$24,147,578.96.

The net debt of the country has therefore been considerably increased; yet through the diminution of the rates of interest payable on the several Dominion loans and the reduction of the higher interest-bearing debts the rate of interest on the net debt has decreased within the year from 4.06 per cent. to 3.80 per cent., whilst the rate of interest on the debt payable in England has been reduced in the same period from 4.22 per cent. to 3.99 per cent.

The burden of the taxpayers has not, therefore, been very materially increased. On the debt payable in London, we paid as interest in 1878 \$5,739,181.19, and in 1885 \$6,732,818.86; or only \$993,667.67 more--though the Canadian Pacific Railway has in the meantime been built, and every where in the country public buildings have been erected and other permanent improvements effected.

Of course, the debt payable in London is the total debt of the country. There is a large amount payable to Canadians, the interest of which goes into their pockets, and is therefore a source of profit and not a burden to a large proportion of the people. But on the total net debt the net interest paid in 1878 was \$6,533,314.97, and in 1885 \$7,467,942.66; or only \$934,627.69 more--only about twenty cents per head of the population, though in the meantime the Tories have been seven years in power.

\$39,305.06 less than in the preceding year. The amount collected from passengers in 1884 was \$62,926.26, and in 1885, \$74,213.84. It appears that \$70,394.09 were expended in finishing up the Cape Traverse Branch, and \$8,050.00 in new rolling stock.

Mr. J. M. Duncan's Case.

It appears, from the letters in another column, that Mr. J. M. Duncan, at least, is "not guilty" of editing or writing for a disreputable journal, as charged by correspondents of THE EXAMINER. We publish the denial with pleasure, and will be most happy to do a like service for any other teacher who may have reasonable grounds for supposing that he is slandered by the statements of our correspondents. But we should have been much better pleased if Mr. Duncan's denial were in better form. THE EXAMINER has never refused to Mr. Duncan any reasonable and proper redress "for personal attacks in its columns;" nor has THE EXAMINER, at any time, permitted its correspondents to attack Mr. Duncan "with all the treachery of assassins." Mr. Duncan is a public school teacher, paid out of the common public fund; and it is open for any man, privately or publicly, by means of the Press or in a communication to the School Board, to charge him--if there be reasonable grounds for doing so--with any offence incompatible with his position. It is needless to say that editing "a disreputable journal," containing "heathenish and unchristian-like scribbles," is such an offence; and Mr. Duncan, by denouncing the statements of our correspondents as slanders and "the foulest libels that ever appeared in print," practically admits that it is so. That there were some "reasonable grounds" is evidenced by the fact that Mr. Duncan, himself, inferred that the statements applied to him, though his name was never mentioned. Perhaps it would be well for the School Board to thoroughly investigate the matter.

Chips.

Manners are the happy ways of doing things, and have their true fountain-head in kindness of heart. The self-reliant man has a manner, the natural expression of his individuality, but it is too often egotistic, and pleasant only when his self-love is gratified. Race affects one's manner; the Briton, cold, punctilious, yet sincere; the Frenchman, effusive, versatile, but without so great sincerity; the Canadian, well--hardly formed yet is, perhaps, the safest answer, and yet a truer one might admit a great want of courteous treatment man to man. What pleasant remembrances we all have of the graceful and gentle mannered old men of our younger days who brought with them across the Atlantic the impress of their social status. Alas! they are all but gone, and their children do not follow them. The strife for place, for the highest seat, is apparently now too keen, too absorbing, to admit of time for the interchange of the courtesies of life; and the tone of authority comes loud from the little heads of a small people.

Mr. Warburton is right there is a reform needed in the administration of justice in this Province. It is a manifest injustice that suits brought for trial last July cannot be tried until next July. The loss this entails to suitors is not easily calculated, but it is by no means a small one. Better to suffer the encroachments of a greedy neighbor, and let your debtor go free, than engage in litigation which lasts over a year. We have three Judges and many lawyers, with comparatively speaking, little real litigation. The docket of every term is largely composed of uncontested suits, and should be finished in the term. If this cannot be done without a shorthand reporter, let there be no delay in his appointment. One thing is certain that this state of things will not long be tolerated, and that a close scrutiny into the wherefore of these delays will not add any lustre to our Provincial system of jurisprudence.

Disraeli's correspondence with his sister, 1832-1852, recently published by his brother, are certainly most interesting reading. Of the men and manners of that day they give an insight only obtainable from such a versatile contemporary. At an early age Lord Beaconsfield had evidently a good opinion of himself. Writing in 1834, four years before he became a member of the House of Commons, he says: "I heard Macaulay's best speech, Shiel and Charles Grant. Macaulay admirable; but between ourselves I could floor them all. This entre nous. I was never more confident of anything than that I could carry everything before me in that House. The time will come." Thirty-five years afterwards he was Prime Minister of England, and at least so far had proved that he had not over-estimated his possibilities. And yet, after his maiden speech, he writes thus: "As I wish to give you an exact idea of what occurred, I state at once that my debut was a failure." That he had not succeeded, he knew; that he would succeed, he had, however, no doubt of. He writes at this time of having "squashed" O'Connell, and having a conversation with Chandos (late Duke of Buckingham), who "has no head, but I flatter myself I opened his mind a little." He met at dinner at the Lord Chancellor's "Young Gladstone" and others, and says of it: "Rather dull, but we had a swan, very white, tender and

stuffed, with truffles; the best company there." After being two years in the House he writes: "The complete command of the House I now have is remarkable, and nothing can describe to you the utter silence which immediately ensued as I rose, broken only by members hurrying to their places to listen." He evidently wrote frankly to his sister, not concealing his most personal reflections.

CELT

The Legislative Council Election.

Messrs. BOYVER and Leitch were nominated to-day, and the election will take place on Monday next. There are two good, solid, sufficient and paramount reasons why Mr. Boyver should be elected.

1. Because it is important that the people should, at every opportunity, show their approval of a careful and economical administration of the affairs of the Province.

2. Because the Government have adopted a positive and imperative policy regarding the fulfilment of the Terms of Union, and it is important that the people should show the Government of Canada and the Imperial Government that they are in complete and hearty unison with the local administration about that matter.

We hope to see Mr. Boyver elected by a large majority. Let every elector make a good use of his right to vote.

Several of the City officials are reported under sentence of suspension for acting in collusion with certain violators of the law. On the other hand it is stated that the proscribed officials have lately been engaged in collecting evidence under the Scott Act. Of course the Stipendiary Magistrate will have the matter carefully investigated. An investigation is certainly due both to the officers and the public. If the officers have really been ferreting out evidence for use in Scott Act cases, they deserve credit--not suspension; if they have simply been "on a spree" something more than mere suspension should follow.

The Nomination for the Second District.

The nomination for a candidate to fill the vacancy in the Legislative Council caused by the death of the late Mr. McMillan, took place to-day. Sheriff Longworth opened his Court at eleven o'clock, and through the day the following nominations were made:--

Henry Burger, of Southport, proposed by Abraham Gill, of Little York, and seconded by Malcolm McKinnon, Uigg, and supported by Henry Burke, Lot 49; John Lawson, Stanhope, Lot 34; Henry Mutch, Southport; James O'Brien, Charlottetown; William Pranght, Lot 50; Thos. Barrigan, Lot 33, Farmer; John Aylward, Lot 48; Patrick Duffy, Lot 48; Michael McBride, Fort Augustus; James E. Lafferty, Fort Augustus; Alexander J. Campbell, Uigg.

John Colin Lutich, of Stanhope, Lot 34, in Queen's County, Farmer, proposed by Donald Crockett, of Little York, Lot 34, Farmer, and seconded by John Jenkins, of Lot 49, in Queen's County, Farmer, and supported by John Scott McLeod, of St. Peter's Road; Duncan Taylor, Wood Islands; George Forbes, Vernon River Bridge; John McGregor, Lot 48.

No further nominations were made, and at four o'clock the Sheriff adjourned his Court.

Benevolent Irish Society.

"ROBERT EMMETT BRANCH."

On last Thursday evening a respectable audience assembled at Cardigan Road School-house, Baldwin Station, to establish the above named branch of the Benevolent Irish Society of this Province.

Simon Bolger, Esq., attended as a delegate from the city, and delivered an earnest and telling address on behalf of the movement. He also expressed, on behalf of Richard Walsh, his regrets at being unable to attend. Messrs. H. R. Mooney, J. M. Davis, D. McQuaid and other gentlemen addressed the meeting, which was unanimous. The various speakers were heartily applauded.

Mr. Anthony McLoughlin occupied the chair, and the undersigned was appointed Secretary of the meeting. After the usual and necessary motions were disposed of, the Branch was established by appointing the following officers:--

President--H. R. Mooney. Vice President--Anthony McLoughlin. 2nd Vice President--Dennis McQuaid. Secretary--Patrick Rice. Treasurer--John Kenny.

MANAGING COMMITTEE. Joseph McQuaid, James Coogan, Patrick Campbell, James Kenny, John H. Bradley, George McLoughlin, Michael McQuaid.

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND REGULATIONS. Andrew Bradley, H. D. Mooney, John Curran.

Mr. J. M. Davis was entered as the first honorary member of the Branch. Mr. Bolger heartily eulogised his part in the meeting, and it was easy to see that the audience made him "one of themselves." The compliment was duly acknowledged. Over thirty names were handed in as charter members of the Branch. Votes of thanks were cordially passed to Mr. Bolger, and the Chairman and Secretary. It was decided that the next meeting would take place in the same school-house on the evening of Thursday, the 18th inst. It was moved, seconded, and carried unanimously, that the EXAMINER and Herald be requested to publish report. JOSEPH MOONEY, Secretary.

AUCTION.

I WILL sell by Auction, at my Sales-room, to-morrow, at 1.30 p. m., Furniture, Slighs, &c. Also--20 bris. No. 1 Labrador Herring. G. M. HARRIS, Auctioneer.

ENTERTAINMENT

ST. JAMES' HALL.

TUESDAY, 9th MARCH.

PROGRAMME. Opening Piece... Choir Reading... Miss Ellen Lawson Duet... Messrs. Lord and Mackinnon Recitation... Mr. Thomas McLean INTERMISSION. Song... Mrs. Roome Reading... Miss F. Lawson Song... Mr. Maynard Reading... Mr. Carruthers Closing Piece... Choir Admission, 10 Cents; Entertainment commencing at 8 o'clock. March 6, 1886.

St. Patrick's Day.

THE ANNIVERSARY OF IRELAND'S PATRIOT SAINT will be celebrated in Charlotte-town. On Wednesday, 17th March, by a Procession of the Benevolent Irish Society, from their Hall, Prince St., to St. Dunstan's Cathedral, at 9.45 a. m. In the evening a Literary and Musical ENTERTAINMENT WILL BE GIVEN IN THE MARKET HALL.

Doors open at 7.15. Entertainment to commence at 8. Admission 25 cents. Reserved Seats 50 cents; Tickets to be procured at the various Drug Stores, and at the Diamond Bookstore. St. Patrick's Day has been proclaimed a Public and Civic Holiday.

Return Tickets will be issued from all Railway Stations to Charlottetown on 16th and 17th March, good to return on 17th, 18th and 19th March, at one first-class fare.

JOHN HENNESSY, Secretary.

BISCUIT.

ON consignment, 150 boxes Moir & Co.'s celebrated BISCUIT, in Sugar, Wine, Butter, Fruit, Ginger, Seed, Tea, Opium, Cocoa, Water, Soda, Cinnamon, Thin Family, &c., &c. A. H. B. MACGOWAN, Queen Square.

Ch'town, March 6--4 sat mo th sat

Special Notice.

DEBTORS. MESSRS. YOUNKER & OFFER beg to notify all persons indebted to them, either by Book Account or Promissory Notes, that unless their respective amounts are paid immediately, they will be sued for without respect of persons. This notice is final. March 5--4 eod pd

SEED WHEAT

BEST WHITE RUSSIAN, FOR SALE CHEAP. JOHN NEWSON. Ch'town, March 4, 1886.--5wks dy wky

The Charlottetown Water Works Co.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Stock Book in the above Company has this day been opened, and that such Stock Book is now in the office of R. E. Fitzgerald, Solicitor, in the Cameron Block, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, where any person or body politic or corporate can subscribe for shares in the above Company, under the Act or Charter incorporating the same.

Dated this 24th day of February, A. D., 1886. ALEXANDER MCKINNON, R. E. FITZGERALD, for Incorporators.

NOTICE.

ALL persons indebted to the late firm of A. GEO. DAVIES & CO. are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned. HARRIS & STEWART. March 3, 1886.

Kent Street Grocery Store,

Op. the Rocklin House. R. R. BELL, DEALER IN CHOICE FAMILY GROCERIES, CANNED GOODS, FRUIT, FISH, &c. As my stock is all Fresh and First-class, selected by a gentleman of many years' experience from the best assorted stock in the city, I can guarantee satisfaction to all, and would respectfully solicit a fair share of public patronage. Orders by mail will receive prompt attention. March 4th, 1886--1mo eod & wky pd

Prime Codfish.

50 QUINTALS choice Table Codfish, selling at \$3.50 per 100 lbs. FOR SALE BY HORACE HASBARD. Ch'town, March 6--2wks eod

JAS. PATON & CO, MARKET SQUARE,

OFFER special inducements to purchasers of House Furnishing Goods, during the month of March. Those in need of Carpets and Oilcloths should give us a call. Our stock is pronounced the largest and cheapest in the city, and entirely new. 100 rolls Carpet, in Brussels, Tapestry, Scotch and Hemp. 75 Oilcloth, from one foot to twelve feet wide.

A special lot of Bleached Sheetings and Pillow Cottons, slightly damaged, will clear off at a bargain. Ask to see them.

Grand value in White and Grey Cottons, Shirtings, Print Cottons, Cretonnes, Table Linens, Towels and Bed Tickings, 1,200 pairs Corsets, cheap. Gilray's Patent Lace Curtain Stretcher. Ladies should see them.

JAS. PATON & CO.,

SUCCESSORS TO W. A. WEEKS & CO.

March 5, 1886.

GREAT BANKRUPT STOCK!

Dry Goods, Hardware, Crockeryware, Boots, Shoes, &c., &c.

THE Subscriber will sell at Public Auction, commencing on MONDAY, the 15th MARCH, 1886, at 12 o'clock noon, at his store in Souris East, and in continuation from day to day until all is disposed of, the entire stock of Doyle & McBride, consisting of:--

Ready-made Clothing, Dress Goods, Silk Velvets, Velvetines, Silks, Millinery, Worsted Tweeds, Tailors' Trimmings, Window and Table Damasks, Shirtings, Sheetings, Towels and Telling, Bed Ticking, Winceys and Carpeting, Gents' Furnishing, Shirts, Ulsters, a good stock of Hardware and Iron, Men's Long Boots, Men's Gaiters and Shoes, Ladies' Boots--a Variety.

You may expect a Bargain in every line for Cash, as the entire stock has to be disposed of.

OWEN CONNOLLY.

Souris East, March 1st, 1886--mar3 eod & wky 2i

BEER BROS.

MARCH. SPECIAL Prices on HOUSE-FURNISHINGS: CARPETS, OILCLOTHS, ROOM-PAPER, CURTAINS, SHEETINGS, TOWELLINGS, TICKINGS, CRETONNES.

Exceptional values in White Cottons and Embroideries. We invite you to compare these with similar goods offered elsewhere, and feel confident you will find it to your advantage to purchase at BEER BROS., 73 & 75 Queen street. Ch'town, Feb. 27, 1886.

FLOUR! FLOUR!

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL. HAVING a Large and Well-assorted Stock on hand, we are selling CHOICE FLOUR very cheap to suit the times. We keep all the Choice Brands on hand, such as-- Matchless, Kent, Victory, Forest City, Queen, Our Favorite, City Mills, brls. and half-brls, &c. -- ALSO -- CHOICE PASTRY, in half-barrels. Every Barrel Warranted. Give us a call before buying elsewhere. BEER & GOFF, OPPOSITE MARKET HOUSE. Feb. 25, 1886--2aw & wky