

THE DAILY EXAMINER

MAY 6, 1898.

THE SEWERAGE BILL.

The City Councillors seem disposed to withdraw this bill, or not to put it in force, because it has been passed in a form somewhat different from the draft prepared by them. Any such action on their part would not be business-like, and it would result in the indefinite postponement of a work which, when they were elected, they professed to regard as of pressing importance.

City Councillors must know that their power in regard to civic matters is not absolute. In strict accordance with British principles of government, a check has been placed upon them at certain points, and that check is the Provincial Legislature. The Provincial Legislature is not a mere machine to give the force of law to acts of the City Council. It is a deliberative body, with power to alter and amend any draft bill submitted to it in accordance with the opinion of a majority of its members; and it may be taken for granted that the majority of the Legislature will not stultify itself by going back upon a decision deliberately arrived at after full discussion.

Bearing these facts in mind, let us briefly review the history of the sewerage question. After many years of agitation, the matter was brought to an issue at the last civic election. By means of Dr. McLeod's addresses and papers and as a result of discussions in the press and elsewhere, the importance and necessity of sewerage for Charlottetown was at that time, pretty generally admitted. But the fear of extravagance and corruption in connection with its construction deterred many people from coming to the sticking point of declaring their intention to vote for it. This fear was worked upon by opponents of the measure, who pointed to the Park road-way the construction of which, under the management of the City Council, had cost far more than was anticipated. At this juncture, THE EXAMINER suggested that the sewerage work might be placed in the hands of the water commissioners. This suggestion gave instant strength to the canvass for sewerage. The water works had been constructed and managed economically and honestly. Everyone admitted this fact; and the leading promoters of sewerage stated privately and publicly when talking to the electors that the construction and management of the work would be left to the water commissioners. Upon this understanding, the vote was taken and the victory for sewerage won.

It is true that nothing was said about the personnel of the commissioners. The point was not thought of. But neither was it ever suggested that the present commissioners should be legislated out of office. These commissioners have been elected by the unanimous voice of the electors, all over the City. The Hon. David Laird has been at the head of the Commission from the beginning—elected by acclamation term after term. No one doubts the ability of the commissioners to perform the additional duties. No one doubts their honesty; and it is admitted that they have since their last election, done nothing to forfeit the confidence of electors.

But it is held by some persons—not all perfectly disinterested—that simply because the care of sewerage is to be added to their duties, the present commissioners, in whom all express confidence, must be turned out of office and the civic electors must again exert the right of election. We are not of those who depreciate this right of the citizens. It is a valuable right to be jealously maintained. But we contend that there is practically no more need to exert this right in respect to the present sewerage and water Commissioners than there would be to elect a new President and Directors of THE EXAMINER Publishing Company if it were decided to add book-binding to the business of that Company. However, this may be the Legislature in its wisdom has decided that there shall not be a special election of the Commissioners, because the care of sewerage has been added to the duties of the Board, and they are not likely to reverse a decision deliberately formed in opposition to the suggestion of the Council and in the face of a sharp discussion.

But the Leader of the Government has promised to hold this bill over until a meeting of the citizens shall have been held. Why was not the public meeting held before the bill as submitted to the Legislature? That would have been the right thing to do. Exception to certain points in the bill as drafted by the Council was taken by both THE EXAMINER and THE PATRIOT. The Editor of THE PATRIOT naturally did not like the idea of being

legislated out of office. But he said—see Patriot, April 16th.

"We are quite willing to bow loyally to the wishes of the citizens if, at a public meeting, they clearly approve of the method proposed in the Bill to supersede the present Water Commissioners."

Here was a direct challenge to the Council to hold a public meeting of the citizens. Why was it not taken up? Why was the meeting not held and the bill submitted to the citizens at the right time? This is a question which the councillors may, perchance, answer when the meeting is held and when they ask the citizens to request the Legislature to stultify itself by reversing its decision. In the meantime the electors may be excused if they draw their own conclusions from the fact that it was not until after the Legislature had run counter to the wishes of some of the City Councillors that the City Councillors condescended to ask their opinion or advice about the matter.

We refuse to believe that a majority of the Councillors or any considerable number of citizens will, upon reflection, imperil the bill and postpone the introduction of sewerage simply because the Hon. David Laird and his associate commissioners—who have carried on the water works to the satisfaction of all—have been entrusted by the Legislature with the additional duty of superintending sewerage.

—Our Legislative reports have been cut down and crowded out on account of war news. The question of P. E. Island's claims upon Canada was up last evening. Able speeches were made by Hon. Mr. Gordon and Mr. Shaw, a summary of which will appear later. As to business—nothing of public importance, worth speaking about has, so far this session, been done by the Legislature.

DIED.

At Upper Great George Street, on the 5th inst., John R. son of Christopher and Eliza Turner, aged 6 years and 6 months. (Funeral 2.30 Sunday 7th, to People's Cemetery.)

At San Francisco, Cal., on April 15th, 1898, at the residence of his mother, Montrose, Hamilton Doherty. Deceased was the eldest son of the late Malcolm Doherty, of Seal River, Lot, 50, P. E. I.

SHIP NEWS.

Port of Charlottetown.

ENTERED

May 5—Minnow, Duplacey, Buctouche; ss Winola, Walsh, Baie Verte; ss Electra, McLaren, Montague.

CLEARED

May 5—St Joseph, Girardin, St Pierre; ss Winola, Walsh, Baie Verte; ss Electra, McLaren, Montague.

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Magazines FOR MAY

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- Munsey,
- Argosy,
- Ladies' Home Journal,
- Puritan.

HASZARD & MOORE

UNCLE SAM'S DOMAIN.

With All of His Extravagance He Still Owns Over 600,000,000 Acres.

The idea that Uncle Sam is at present a landless old fellow has generally taken possession of the people throughout the country. This, however, is a great mistake. He still has land enough to give each one of his 73,000,000 children a nice little homestead of eight acres each and still have a ranch of over 16,000,000 acres left. In other words, your dear old uncle still owns something over 600,000,000 acres, distributed as follows throughout the various states and territories:

Alabama, 532,339 acres; Arizona, 54,400,211 acres; Arkansas, 3,922,042 acres; California, 43,841,044 acres; Colorado, 4,037,204 acres; Florida, 1,797,662 acres; Idaho, 45,962,855 acres; Kansas, 1,046,589 acres; Louisiana, 845,020 acres; Michigan, 522,431 acres; Minnesota, 6,240,049 acres; Mississippi, 41,441,220 acres; Missouri, 497,764 acres; Montana, 71,432,917 acres; Nebraska, 10,669,353 acres; Nevada, 61,578,586 acres; New Mexico, 56,983,047 acres; North Dakota, 21,385,293 acres; Oklahoma, 8,105,238 acres; Oregon, 35,892,318 acres; South Dakota, 13,250,718 acres; Utah, 44,207,270 acres; Washington, 17,958,536 acres; Wisconsin, 454,107 acres; Wyoming, 49,341,588 acres; Alaska, 369,529,600 acres.

About one-half this vast amount of land lies, it will be seen, in Alaska, and it is very certain that this will never be available for homestead purposes, but for mining purposes its value in cold coin may prove to be even greater than though it were arable. The larger part of the balance lies in fertile and productive states and is all subject to homestead laws.

Those who want homes should avail themselves of the more liberal than homestead laws of the United States. This is the place for the surplus labor. —St. Louis Star.

Holland.

Holland is an abbreviation of Holland. It is a low, flat country on the North sea and is composed mostly of deposits from the Rhine and other rivers and of sand thrown up by the sea. Some parts of it are even lower than the sea itself, and to keep the water out strong walls called dikes, made of great stones, timber, turf and clay, have been built along the shores. The land was formerly very soft and swampy, but it has been filled up or drawn out by hundreds of pumps, which are worked either by windmills or steam engines. The water is pumped into canals, which take the place of streets, and the people go about on them in summer in little boats drawn by horses or by dogs, and in winter they travel merrily over the ice on skates, which men, women and children use with ease and grace.

Knowledge.

Yeast—That boy of Sharpley's is a bright boy, isn't he?
Crimsonbeak—Yes, but he'll know more when he forgets a lot that he thinks he knows now.—Yonkers Statesman.

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of Changes - - -

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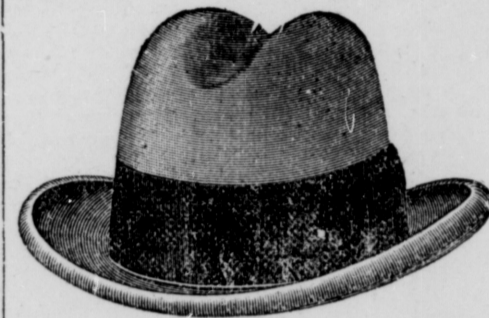
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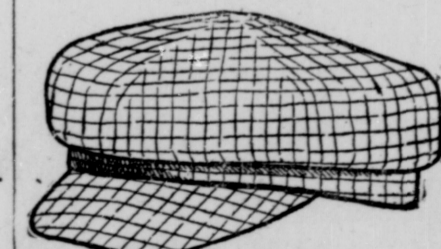


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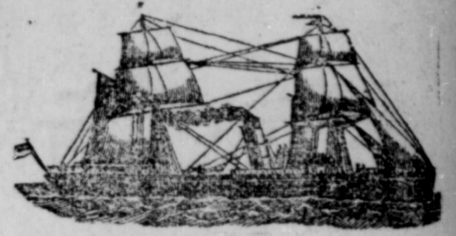
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