

The Daily Examiner

APRIL 1, 1886.

Prospective Local Legislation.

The Local Legislature will meet for the despatch of business in a week from to-day; and suggestions as to the legislation desirable and necessary are now in order.

As this will be the last session of the present Legislature, hon. members will, no doubt, be on their good behavior, and permit no reasonable and practicable demand to remain unsatisfied.

Two chambers with forty-three members appear ridiculous when we reflect that there are here little more than a hundred thousand persons, including men, women and children, and when we reflect that the great Province of Ontario, with millions of people, has but one chamber.

This is admitted by all; but party jealousy and personal selfishness has heretofore stood in the way of the necessary reform. May we not hope that now, just before they appeal to the country, honorable members will sink their party feelings, compromise their political differences, and agree to carry out some reasonable plan under which the Legislature may be reduced forthwith.

Perhaps, the simplest, easiest and best mode of accomplishing the reform desired, would be to provide that one member be elected, where now there are two. By this means the House of Assembly would be reduced to fifteen members, the Legislative Council to seven; and instead of forty-three representatives, we should have twenty-two, or twenty-one less than at present.

The total saving under this plan would be about \$6,200 a year—equal to a capital sum of \$124,000.

This is not a large sum but it is worth saving. Better—much better to save it than to take it out of the pockets of the tax payers!

Some few difficulties stand in the way of the consummation of the plan; but they may be easily overcome if only our local politicians will agree to work patriotically together for the good of the Province.

A Challenge.

The Patriot informs its readers that the Ottawa correspondent of the Halifax Chronicle "lets a little gleam of light" upon what the Tory members from the Island at Ottawa think of the Sullivan-Ferguson delegation.

How a "Shirker" Managed.

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believe that the people of P. E. Island are possessed of ordinary courage and independence, but we cannot congratulate them upon the action of one of their representatives on this occasion.

Comment is, perhaps, unnecessary. We cannot, nevertheless, refrain from expressing the regret of Mr. Yeo's constituents that occasion should be given for the publication throughout the length and breadth of Canada of such a damaging paragraph—placing them in such a false position before the public.

Editorial Notes.

—Mr. A. B. Warburton has written a second letter to the Scotsman, in which he sets forth to the farmers of Scotland the agricultural capabilities and advantages of P. E. Island. Well done!

—The Herald tries to shift the issue from the City authorities and violators of the Scott Act to a question as to the "worthlessness" of the Scott Act. It won't succeed. The Scott Act is now law; it is the duty of all good citizens to respect the law; and it is the duty of the Police to enforce the law.

—The fishermen of Yarmouth County are warmly seconding the policy of the Government as to the exclusion of United States vessels from the Canadian fishing grounds. At a meeting lately held in Fort Maitland, the following resolutions were passed unanimously:

Resolved, That in the opinion of this meeting all persons interested in our fisheries should do all in their power to secure the enjoyment of the provisions of the treaty of 1818, and further, Resolved, That we believe a law should be enacted by the Dominion authorities to prohibit the transportation of bait, ice or supplies to American vessels.

—The Toronto Mail points out a noteworthy fact in connection with the religious aspect of the division on the Laundry resolutions: there is no Irish Catholic representative on the Liberal side of the House, while on the Government benches there are eight, Messrs. Bergin, Burns, Costigan, Coughlin, Curran, Daly, Hackett and McGreevy.

—Sir Charles Dilke made a great oratorical effort at Chelsea a few days ago. The speech was mainly a fierce attack upon the Whigs, and furnished abundant evidence of the close alliance existing between the speaker and Mr. Chamberlain. He referred at great length to the Irish question, discussing Mr. Gladstone's attitude to the Liberal party, and expressing himself as strongly opposed to the land purchase scheme.

—We are confirmed in the opinion that the Grits are playing false with Mr. John McKenzie by the long satirical production of the Pioneer, in which Sir John McDonald is portrayed as "exulting" over Mr. McKenzie's recantation, and "great excitement" is said to prevail at Ottawa on account of it.

Sudden Death of a Naval Officer at Devonport.

Mr. Thomas Stratton, M. D., retired deputy-inspector-general of hospitals and fleets of the Royal Navy, died suddenly during Monday night at his residence in Valletot-place, Stoke. Deceased was of full habit, and although he has not complained of serious illness lately, suffered to a certain extent. He was not under any medical care. On Monday evening he retired to rest as usual, nothing unusual being noticed in his appearance or manner.

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has written a large number of essays and papers upon medical subjects.—The Western News, March 17.

[Dr. Stratton was, some years ago, a resident of Charlottetown. He was attached to the Hydrographical Survey under Admiral Bayfield and Captain Orlebar.]

The Garrison Artillery.

It is pleasing to learn that the P. E. Island Brigade of Garrison Artillery again carry off the lion's share of the honors competed for under the auspices of the Dominion Artillery Association, among which are the two leading prizes, viz: The Governor General's prizes for general efficiency and for shifting ordinance, No. 2 Battery, capturing the first and No. 1 the last named. The prize for general efficiency is awarded to the Battery obtaining the greatest number of credits for Company Drill, Manual and Firing Exercises, Gun Drill, Discipline, Answers to Questions on the subjects of Gunnery, Artillery Material, &c., by the officers and men, and the appearance and state of the clothing and accoutrements.

The General Efficiency prize was captured by No. 2 Battery, notwithstanding the fact that at least two of the competing Batteries had, at the time of the inspections, the advantage of continuous drills and discipline, being for some time previously in charge of forts and doing garrison duty. The Toronto Battery, which took the second prize, was quartered at New Fort, Toronto, where it had every advantage in the way of drills and daily inspections, while the Island Batteries had nothing but the evening drill, with very limited time, in consequence of the lateness of the season when the orders for the annual drills were issued.

The prizes won by the Island Brigade are as follows:— The Governor General's Prize for General Efficiency..... Cup and \$75.00 Do do for Shifting Ordinance " " 25.00 And the following individual prizes for shooting with 32lb. smooth-bore guns: Sergt. Weatherbie, No. 3 Battery, Georgetown..... 8.00 Corp'l. Offer, No. 1..... 5.00 Gunr. McLeod, No. 2..... 4.00 " Music, No. 2..... 4.00 " Moore, No. 2..... 3.00 " Aitken, No. 1..... 2.00 Sergt. Down, No. 2..... 2.00 Corp'l. Conley, No. 1..... 2.00 A Total of..... \$80.00

Men of Enterprise.

UNDER this heading the East Boston Advertiser of the 13th inst., publishes the following sketch of Mr. Walter F. Burk, accompanied by a very good likeness of that gentleman:

"This gentleman represents the enterprising and successful mechanical element in the business of this place. Mr. Burk was born in Prince Edward Island in 1811, and came to East Boston when quite young. He was educated in the Chapman School. For some years he worked at the ship-builders' trade, and afterwards engaged in the wharf and bridge building, for several years as foreman for Mr. Wm. A. Norton. A few years ago Mr. Burk went into business on his own account, and he still carries on wharf and bridge building as a contractor. Mr. Burk has been prominently identified with Republican politics in Ward One. In the years 1853-54 he served his ward in the Common Council, and in 1854 was a representative of the city government on the board of directors of the East Boston ferries. Not long since Mr. Burk purchased Mr. Andrew Hall's handsome cottage house, No. 233 Lexington street, where he now resides. In affairs of public interest this gentleman takes a prominent part. He is popular in a large circle of friends, who appreciate his admirable qualities of mind and heart."

Mr. Burk was born at Bay Fortune where many of his relatives and friends reside, about 45 years ago, and left there when very young to try his future in the neighboring Republic. He is a cousin of C. Howar Dingwell, of the P. E. I. R.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

The Gillis Case.

SIR,—The writer of "Vindex," in your issue of Wednesday last, endeavors to whitewash the murderer of poor Callaghan, and it is evident that he has undertaken more than can be accomplished. His attempts to palliate the horrible crimes of a monster like Gillis, will be read by an intelligent public with that abhorrence which they deserve.

The letter hails from Black Bash. It may have been copied there, but it savors so strongly of a certain law office in the Cameron Block in this city, that there can be but one opinion as to its birthplace. To bring about this dangerous miscarriage of justice, some one has blundered—some lawyer has "stultified" himself, and it is the merest vanity for him to suppose that people will pay any respect to his opinions of right and wrong.

Yours, &c.,

OBSERVER.

Reply to "Vindex."

SIR,—I have read the letter signed "Vindex," in yesterday's EXAMINER, and I should say that it is strange that your correspondent did not append his genuine name to his letter—a letter in which he asks your readers to pay no attention to anonymous writers.

It is well known that Gillis's attorneys sent a petition to His Excellency the Governor General, asking for mercy on behalf of the condemned man. The people do not know what statements were contained in this petition, but as a result they do know that Callaghan's murderer escaped the gallows. Neither is it generally known that this petition was received at Ottawa and acted upon while a letter from the same firm of attorneys was on its way to the Governor-General withdrawing certain of the statements, or, properly speaking, misrepresentations, which were in the original petition because these statements could not be substantiated. The Governor-General having acted before the retraction was received, could not, of course, withdraw the commutation, notice of which had been received by the Sheriff of Queen's County. The probabilities are that had the state-

ments in the original petition been founded on fact, Gillis would have suffered the death penalty.

I do not wish to charge the prisoner's attorneys with any wrong; on the contrary, I expressly exonerate them, because I believe the fact to be that whenever they discovered the errors in the petition they immediately wrote the Governor-General, but owing to the delay in the mails the contradiction arrived too late.

CITIZEN.

ALL PERSONS

HAVING Accounts with the undersigned, same being past due, will please take notice that settlement, either by cash or note, must be made forthwith or they will be handed over to their Attorney.

BEER & SONS.

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Board of Civil Service Examiners.

OTTAWA, 17th March, 1886. THE Civil Service Entrance Examinations will commence at Halifax, N. S., St. John, N. B., Charlottetown, P. E. I., Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa, Kingston, Toronto, Hamilton, London, Winnipeg, and Victoria, B. C., on Tuesday, the 11th day of May, at 9 o'clock, a. m. Forms for making application may be had from the undersigned until Monday, the 15th of April, and the same must be returned duly executed not later than Friday, the 20th idem.

P. LESUEUR, Commissioner and Secretary.

April 1, 1886—oaw

NOTICE.

A PUBLIC MEETING will be held at Strang's Hall, Cape Traverse Wharf, on SATURDAY AFTERNOON next, at 2 p. m., to consider the question of the construction of a bridge across the Cape Traverse River, near the Wharf, and other local requirements. The members for the local electoral district, and Commissioner of Public Works are respectfully requested to attend.

By requisition of inhabitants. JOHN BELL, J. P., ISAAC CLARK, J. P., Cape Traverse, March 27, '86—apl 21



GRAND MILITARY CONCERT, Under the Patronage of His Honor the Lieut.-Governor and Mrs. Macdonald, —IN THE—

MARKET HALL, Monday, May 3rd.

THE Committee are sparing no pains in order that this may be the event of the season. Mr. S. N. Earle, Musical Director. Particulars later.

HENRY BEER, Lt.-Col., Chairman Com. J. D. SEAMAN, Secretary.

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MAIL CONTRACTS.

TENDERS addressed to the Postmaster General will be received at Ottawa until noon on FRIDAY, the 23rd APRIL next, for the conveyance of Her Majesty's Mails on proposed contracts, for four years, from 1st July next, over each of the following routes, viz:—

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Printed notices, containing full information as to conditions of proposed contracts, may be seen, and blank forms of tender may be obtained at the Post Offices at which the services commence and terminate, or at the office of the subscriber.

F. DE ST. C. BROCKEN, Assistant P. O. Inspector. Post Office Inspector's Office, Charlottetown, P. E. I., March 12, 1886. March 30—3i

Y. M. C. A. LECTURE COURSE.

THE third Lecture of the winter course, before the Young Men's Christian Association, will be delivered by MR. T. A. LEPAGE, of the Prince of Wales College, in the

Y. M. C. A. HALL.

—ON— Thursday Evening Next, April 1st.

Subject: "PAUL—A Study of Character." Chair to be taken at 8 o'clock. Admission, 10 cents.

HENRY SMITH, Secretary.

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