

halderdash he may choose to write and publish. I have no doubt but "the poor sufferers in India" are largely indebted to the patriotic editor of the Journal for his "prayers" in their "behalf," as well as for his large pecuniary contribution!

The Examiner.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I., MARCH 22, 1858.

THE BIBLE QUESTION.

This question came up for discussion in the House of Assembly on Friday last, on the petitions of several parties, praying the authoritative use of the Bible in the Central Academy and Normal School. Our readers will perceive that the ground occupied by the opponents of the Government on this question is much narrower than the platform they occupied last year.

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THE DIVISION ON THE BIBLE QUESTION. THE result of the debate on Friday evening ought to be a warning to the Liberal majority of the House of Assembly on the want of a clear understanding and efficient organization amongst themselves.

if this division had taken place on the second reading of a Bill—instead of a resolution—designed to alter and cripple our educational institutions; if the Government stood pledged to oppose so disastrous a change; and if all their supporters were present to aid in the opposition,—and it was still found that the maintenance of their policy depended on the casting vote of the Chairman in Committee and the Speaker in the House,—we feel that their influence would be so sadly impaired as to call for an immediate dissolution of the House, or a resignation of the Cabinet.

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The Hon. Mr. Wightman, Mr. Munro and Mr. Laird, voted with the minority on this question. The two first named gentlemen have steadfastly voted with the Government for several years past; the third has been sometimes against them, and sometimes with them; although we believe he was returned with the implied, if not expressed, understanding, that he would support them always in their general policy.

THE TESTIMONY OF A PROTESTANT JOURNAL RESPECTING THE "PROTESTANT COMBINATION."

We select the following short passage from the leading article in the last Islander, which deals out some heavy hits against the Protector people regarding their so-called "Protestant Combination."

NEWS BY TELEGRAPH. EXCHANGE ROOMS, CHARLOTTETOWN, March 20, 24 p. m. The steamer Arabia arrived at New York this forenoon. Very little political news. The members of Earl Derby's Cabinet would be returned to Parliament without opposition.

Joseph Ignatius Little, Esq., son of Mr. Cornelius Little, of this city, has been recently admitted an Attorney and Barrister of the Supreme Court in Newfoundland. Birth, at Charlottetown, on Monday morning, 8th inst., Mrs. G. P. Tanton, of a daughter.

New Advertisements.

Fat Stock, &c. BY WILLIAM DODD. BY AUCTION, ON WEDNESDAY, the 31st of MARCH, on the Market Square, at 1 o'clock— 1 Fat Ayrshire OX, 3 years old,

Horses, Cows, Sheep, Turnips, Straw, and Farming Implements.

TO be sold by auction on Friday, the 2d day of April next, at 12 o'clock, at the Farm of William Swaby, Esq., Upton, North River, about four miles from the city— 1 very good HORSE, 5 years old, 7 superior COWS,

Building Lot for Sale.

TO be sold by public auction, on Monday, the 5th day of April next, at 12 o'clock, on the premises, all that piece of LAND situated in Sidney-street, in the first hundred of Town Lots in Charlottetown, measuring 42 feet front by 80 feet deep.

Auction. Dry Goods, Groceries, Hardware, &c., &c.

TO be sold by Auction on WEDNESDAY, 24th MARCH, at the Store of C. B. SMITH, QUEEN SQUARE, at the hour of 11 o'clock, a. m., all his STOCK IN TRADE, Consisting in part of—Grey and white cottons, prints, delaines, colburs, striped shirtings, robe dresses, black and blue cloths,

GROCERIES—Molasses, sugar, tea, coffee, spices of all descriptions, candles, soap, crackers, cheese, currants, raisins, &c.; boxes confectionary, boxes lozenges, boxes Digby herrings, &c.

HARDWARE—Carpenters' tools of all kinds, spirit-levels, knives and forks, mortice and stock locks, thumb locks, hinges, screws, zinc and iron shoe nails, clocks, tin ware, stove and blacking brushes, hearth, white-wash and paint brushes, &c., lanterns, cordage, back bands and chain trawls, cod and mackerel lines, cod and trout hooks, black lead, blacking, cast steel broad and narrow axes, adzes, carpenters' pencils, shovels, forks and rakes, casks nails, skates, &c., &c.

AMERICAN WARE—Buckets, brooms, nests tubs, mats, clothes-pins, Venetian blinds, Putman's window rollers, cane-seated chairs, sets of bed-room furniture, bedsteads, stretchers. Also a variety of glassware—fluid lamps, oil do., tumblers of all sorts; a lot of crockeryware—milk dishes, stone jars, butter crocks, preserve pots, with a variety of other articles too numerous to mention.

SALE POSITIVE AND WITHOUT RESERVE.

TERMS—All sums under £10, Cash on delivery; from £10 to £50, 6 months' credit; from £50 and upwards, 12 months, on approved Notes of Hand. WM. DODD, Auctioneer. March 8, 1858.

APRIL 6, 1858. Extensive Sale of Household Furniture by W. T. PAW, Auctioneer.

THE attention of country dealers is respectfully requested to an extensive Sale of HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE to take place at the Factory of Patrick Hickey & Co., Sydney-street, on the 6th day of April next, (Easter Tuesday), at 11 o'clock.

They are reminded that at this sale they can be patriotic by encouraging home manufacture of better quality than is generally imported, and at prices which will be a saving to the Importer without loss of time, freight and other expenses of Importation; and should there not be a sufficiency to meet all demands, they can be made to order in less time than they can be imported.

WHEREAS, James Coles, junr., of Charlottetown, by a Deed of Assignment, dated the 25th February last past, Assigned, and made over to the undersigned, all Sum and Sums of money, debts and demands due and owing to him, whether by Book Account, Notes of Hands, or otherwise. Now this is to request all persons who are in any way indebted to the said James Coles, junr., to come forward and make immediate payment to the undersigned, who alone are qualified to give legal discharges.

New Advertisements.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE EXAMINER.

SIR,—In your issue of the 12th instant, I observe a letter signed "D. J. ROBERTS," wherein he complains of my having made statements at the annual meeting of the Shareholders of the Bank, injurious to his character, and quotes the adage—"He who steals my purse," &c.; and again—"An honest man's fair fame is ever dear to him."

He accuses me of stating at that meeting that he (Mr. R.) did not expend all the amount received from the Bank, in his shipping and other business, but had laid by from £7,000 to £8,000 for his own use hereafter, thereby defrauding his creditors of that amount. In answer, I have to inform Mr. Roberts that I made no statement injurious to the character of him or any other person; but asked such questions as I considered, as a Shareholder, I was entitled to, viz:—"Mr. President, did the Directors examine Mr. Roberts's books before making the compromise?" The answer I received was:—"We had a statement out from London." "Was it certified by any reliable authority, or merely a statement of their own getting up?" The answer was:—"That the Directors were satisfied with it, and thought the best thing they could do, for all concerned, was to take Mr. Roberts's offer." I then said it was reported about town that Mr. Roberts had not expended that large amount—say upwards of £17,000—this last year; and I believe the report to be correct.

Mr. Roberts asserts that he offered me the examination of his books; this he must know is not correct; he made me no such proposal; but in my absence he called at the office and shewed to J. Lea a statement of his account, in which he shewed two sums, say one to Wm. Pope and another to J. Reddin, of about £1,000 each, both of which he said he would pay in full, but for the amount due our Firm he would pay 13s. 4d. to the pound. Is this fair dealing with the creditors of his Estate? Query—What Estate? Will Mr. Roberts tell me that he did not obtain money from the Bank for his useless Bills, and purchase from private holders good sterling Exchange, paying them a high premium? Did he not get a Bill of £437 16s. sterling, and remit to his friends, giving in return his Bill on Keel & Roberts? For what was this done but to deceive? This would-be famous London Agent concludes by referring to my conversation after dinner, which hearsay statement I do not consider worth confuting. I have now been doing a business for sixteen years in this town, and am too well known, both in the commercial and domestic circle, to be injured by the impudence of such an individual. WILLIAM W. LORD. Ch. Town, March 19, 1858.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE EXAMINER.

SIR,—You have been pleased to insert in your last number an Advertisement from "DANIEL J. ROBERTS," an adventurer who lately emigrated here from the old country, whose conduct since his arrival has not, I am sorry to say, been marked with that degree of courtesy, which he, as a stranger, on his arrival, received from the mercantile community, and who they had a right to expect a return of like civilities from. Perhaps a more ungrateful feeling never was displayed by a person pretending to the advantages a good education are supposed to confer; and the forwardness under which he has addressed the public, through the press, impugning the morality of my conduct, as well as that of other gentlemen of the first standing in trade, is only equalled by his callous and outrageous conduct towards the unfortunate victims, who the rights of hospitality introduced him to, whose confidence he thereby gained, and which he violated.

The words of such a character, Mr. Editor, are scarcely to be relied on; and the notoriety attached to him is so general, that it would have been unnecessary to take notice of the communication, were it not that a shadow of semblance is thrown over the production, by the sanction which he states, the Bank Directors have given him to use their names, as a certificate, of having examined into his business books and papers, expressing their satisfaction at the manner in which the money has been expended. That may be true. Mr. Haviland, Mr. Brecken and Mr. Cundall are indisputably gentlemen of the first standing in ornamenting the fabric of society; but the impression appears to be, as managers of the Bank, they have been overreached, and the reputation for sagacity and acuteness which they formerly held, appears to be impaired. In my opinion it would have been becoming on the part, if not the duty of the Directors, to have answered the questions put by the Shareholders, at the general meeting, rather than to have refused to do so, and answered as they have done, by Mr. Roberts, through his communication to the press, because it leaves them open to the reflection of gentlemen, not being Shareholders, and at the same time, conveys indirect reproach to those gentlemen who put legitimate questions at that meeting, thereby putting down the spirit of enquiry on future occasions. The examination of Mr. Roberts's books, however satisfactory to the Directors, would have been more so to the Shareholders, and more creditable to Mr. Roberts, had the Bank, in connexion with his other creditors, appointed a Committee to investigate and report on all his monetary and trading transactions. Bank Directors, or any gentlemen entrusted to discharge the duties of corporate bodies, who have been overreached, or taken in, or acted unwisely, are not likely to admit their errors; and the fact of a compromise having been made before the examination of the state of the Debtor's affairs had been gone into, goes to prove an incompetency on their part to discharge the duties they were chosen to fulfil.

Mr. Roberts may, in his estimation, hold a high opinion of his method of transacting business, which he is at perfect liberty to enjoy; my ideas of morality are, I allow, widely different from his; but he must remember it takes twenty shillings to pay a pound, and that the public are to judge which of us have acted the most becoming in endeavouring to uphold the standard of morality. Most of his actions are settled in Court, and there is scarcely a tribunal under the constitution which he has not pestered in one shape or other. I have never circulated unfounded reports.

I am yours respectfully, BENJ. DAVIES. Charlottetown, March 18, 1858.

For Sale, TWO eligible TOWN LOTS—(No 1, 1st range letter C; No. 2, 1st Range letter B)—and two excellent PASTURE LOTS, (Nos. 32 and 33)—commodiously situated in the Town and Royalty of Georgetown. There is a snug Dwelling House built on Lot No. 2. For information as to price, &c., apply at the Examiner's office, or in Georgetown to March 22, 1858. 3s. p. THOMAS BYRNE.

Leasehold Farm for Sale.

THAT valuable leasehold property, situated at South Shore, Lot 65, now in the occupation of the subscriber, consisting of 75 acres, 40 acres of which are in a high state of cultivation, and the remainder well covered with wood. The Stock will be sold with the Farm if required. There is on the premises a never failing spring of water. Please apply on the premises to JAMES FOLEY. South Shore, Lot 65, March 22, 1858. 3s.

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JAMES J. BEVAN, Wm. T. PAW, PHILIP McLAREN. All Accounts not settled before the 1st May next will be sued for without fail. March 20. 5s.

Brandy! Brandy! 5 CASKS of BRANDY, a superior article, for sale on reasonable terms by SAMUEL A. FOWLE. March 1, 1858. 4s.