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THE DAILY EXAMINER

SEPTEMBER 4, 1897.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

The September number of the Canadian Home Journal, devoted to the ladies, is interesting. It deserves the patronage of Canadian ladies. Published in Toronto.

Mr. Fielding's visit to England to raise a loan is the fitting complement of Mr. Tarte's visit to Great Britain and Europe to learn how to spend the money.

Instead of getting excited over President Kruger's assertion of the independence of the Transvaal, the British Government has quietly transferred the jurisdiction over it from the Foreign Office to the Colonial Office. The Colonial Office having already affirmed the suzerainty of Britain over the Transvaal, and the Transvaal coming henceforth under the jurisdiction of the Colonial Office, the Boers will be dealt with accordingly, in a matter-of-fact way that will leave no ground for mistake.

Since the first of January last the farmers of the United States have sold nearly \$100,000,000 in breadstuffs alone. Last year they had disposed of less than \$84,000,000 in the same period, and in 1895 less than \$65,000,000. In two years they have gained a market in this single line of products larger by \$35,000,000—a most handsome dividend. In the face of such an increase in gain, and of a continued and even strengthening demand for their wheat, corn, and flour, it is not surprising to read of a "better feeling" in the country districts, of prompt payment of rent and interest, and of reduction in the amount of farm mortgages.

Lord Lester, in the course of a short address to the recent convocation of McGill University, said: "In connection with many other members of the British Medical Association, I have had an opportunity of inspecting your magnificent new university buildings and equipment, which are due in no small measure to your services, sir, and other munificent donors of the city of Montreal. I was astonished at the splendor of these new buildings and their equipment. I saw there, laboratories, physics laboratories, for example, and mechanical laboratories, and they are second to none in the world. (Cheers.) Having visited the institution twenty-one years ago, to see the immense change which has come over Montreal, and, above all, over your university, filled me with amazement and admiration."

For the first time in her history, a general census has been taken of the population of the Russian Empire. The number of inhabitants is shown to be 129,211,113, of whom 64,616,280 are males, and 64,594,833 females. This is a much closer approximation in the number of the sexes than most countries can show. The United States Consul General at St. Petersburg, who transmits the figures to the State Department, points out the interesting fact that the population of Russia has doubled in forty-five years, and that during the last twelve years it has increased twenty per cent. To take this general census the Government employed an army of 150,000 men, who were engaged upon it for three months. Its completion in so short a time is regarded as a great achievement, in view of the vast territory to be covered, and the illiteracy of the population.

The Chicago Times and Herald raises its voice in protest against the law-making propensity of the governing bodies in the United States. The tendency towards profuse and indiscriminate legislation, it declares, is the curse of nearly every commonwealth in the union. The statute books, it adds, are filled with the futilities of theorists, who are impelled by the desire to correct some of the inequalities of nature. What the Times and Herald says of the situation of affairs in the United States is equally true, as the Montreal Gazette remarks, of Canada. There are enactments on the pages of the statute books of every province which, though they are contravened every day, are never recalled by any one, simply because they are in direct opposition to good sense.

The Encyclopedic letter issued by the bishops of the Church of England lately in conference at Lambeth deals with the burning question of relations between employers and employees. It points out that the industrial problems of the day present themselves under the double aspect of justice between man and man and sympathy with human need. It is widely thought in some classes that the present working of our industries is unjust to the employed and unduly favorable to the employer. The bishops say: "It is obviously not possible for us to enter upon the consideration of such a question in detail; but we think it our

duty to press the great principle of the brotherhood of man, and to urge the importance of bringing that principle to bear on all the relations between those who are connected by the tie of a common employment. Obedience to this law of brotherhood would ultimately, in all probability, prevent many of the mischiefs which attend our present system."

"This Government is a Government of business men. The only programme which we have now is to develop the prosperity of this country. Whatever may be the struggles and whatever may be the grounds on which politicians can make war upon the present Government, as for us, we have only one thing to make, and we have only one ground on which we fight; that is to develop the resources of this country, to make its prosperity more complete than it is at present. That is our aim, that is our programme, that will be our object at all the periods of our existence as a Government."—Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

This sounds well. We may hope with Sir Wilfrid that the country will be prosperous. But what is the government doing about it? Sending Mr. Fielding to Great Britain to negotiate a new loan; sending Mr. Tarte to Great Britain and Europe to learn how to make larger expenditures. Making Orders-in-Council to hamper trade. Doing nothing towards the removal of obstacles placed in the way of our trade. England prospered under the Stuarts and Canada may prosper under Laurier. The Laurier Government will certainly not deserve any credit for the people's prosperity.

CANADIAN BAR ASSOCIATION

Islanders Among the Officers—Next Meeting at Ottawa.

HALIFAX, Sept. 2.—At a meeting of the Canadian Bar Association, held in Dalhousie College this morning, the following officers were elected:

Hon president—Sir Oliver Mowat. President—J E Robidoux. Vice presidents—Nova Scotia, C S Harrington; New Brunswick, G F Gregory; Prince Edward Island, F Peters; Quebec, F Langelier; Ontario, O A Howland; Manitoba, John Stewart; British Columbia, Auley Morrison; Northwest Territory, T H Ainault. Secretary—Mr Faulkner, Montreal. Treasurer—C D Carter.

Hon. Sir Oliver Mowat, Minister of Justice; Solicitor General, Hon. Mr. Fitz-Patrik, and Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Premier of Canada, were elected honorary members of the council.

The following is a list of the members to compose the regular council for the coming year:

Ontario—A E Irving, J R Gowan, F H Cleryster, M Watson, D McCarthy. Quebec—Hon D MacMaster, F L Beique, N Mariel, M A Languedoc, J C Noel. Manitoba—Hugh J Macdonald. Nova Scotia—Sir CH Tupper, Mr Wade, Senator Power. Prince Edward Island—D McKinnon, J T Mellish. New Brunswick—Mr Pugsley, Mr Mullin. British Columbia—Mr Dodwell. The next meeting will be held at Ottawa in May next.

ESTEEMED EXCHANGES.

Montreal Star: Sir Wilfrid's flattering comparisons of Canada with Europe make us satisfied with ourselves. We have the finest Parliament buildings, it seems, and can get up the most flaming demonstrations. Or, perhaps, Sir Wilfrid visited Blarney Castle when abroad.

St. John Sun: Canada is giving Sir Wilfrid Laurier a fine reception. The province of Quebec has seen nothing like it since the return of the late Count Mercier from his spectacular European tour. The associations of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Count Mercier are the same. The present premier was the ally and instrument of the late premier of Quebec. The worst influence about Mr. Mercier was that of Mr. Tarte and his associates, and these are the influences that surround Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

The Klondyke boom is abating in London.

Bradstreets, which usually takes a conservative view of the market question, is of the opinion that the high price of wheat is well supported by the statistical situation. According to this authority, which is probably the best available, no such combination of conditions calculated to maintain high prices has existed since the early eighties.

THE SCRAMBLE FOR THE OFFICES.

(Montreal Star.)

These unseemly local scurrillages arising from personal disappointment over the distribution of the "spoils," must pain to the heart the stalwart Liberals of the old school who followed the party from conviction through defeat after defeat without a thought of wavering. It was not for this, they will justly say, that Alexander Mackenzie stood by his principles in spite of all temptation, that Edward Blake voluntarily sacrificed the profits of a lucrative law practice, and that many another leader took on without reward or without even much expectation of one. The spectacle which is presented in Huron, for example, where a Liberal member and a Liberal editor are abusing each other with a ferocious party campaign could hardly cover, over such a petty piece of patronage as the local postmaster-ship, is one to wake not only a Liberal blush for his party, but the Canadian for his country. The eagerness with which the "spoils" are hunted down in all parts of the Dominion by members of the victorious party, forbids belief in the pleasing fancy entertained by many a sincere Liberal that it was not for these paltry offices that the non-commissioned officers of the party fought so valiantly and so long. Now that they have discovered that the supply is far short of the demand, they do not even siff of indifference to these tit-bits of patronage which a triumph at the polls gives into the hand of the successful politicians. The Ministers are attacked when they do not decapitate Tories rapidly enough, and the violent quarrels which have broken out in different parts of the country over the possession of a sweet morsel or so, are calculated to cruelly dissipate illusions. The question must soon be settled, however, whether or not these office-hunters represent the Liberal party. Liberals from conviction stand to protest that they do not. But possession is usually taken as the proof of power; and if the men who regard public office as so much party patronage rather than a public trust continue to remain in control of the Federal distribution bureau, the average taxpayers will believe his eyes instead of the protestations of the clean-handed Liberals. There is room enough here for a civil service reform, and it is difficult to see how anything less than a drastic change of policy can rescue the party and the country from the disgraceful exhibitions of the last few months.

BORN.

In this city on the 1st inst., to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gordon, a son.

MARRIED.

At Tignish, on the 30th ult., Paul Godin, of Tignish, to Miss Judith Richard, daughter of Jean Richard, of Harper's Road.

At Ercmont Bay, on the 23rd ult., by Rev. Wm. C. Pepper, Simon Day, of Higgins' Road, to Margaret Jane McDonald of Alberton.

At St. Peter's, on the 1st inst., by Rev. C. W. Coray, Charles B. Ellis, of Cornish, N. H., to Miss Maggie J. Webster, daughter of John Webster, St. Peter's.

DIED.

In this city, on the 3rd inst., Charles Oswald Frank, infant son of J. H. Angel, aged 7 1/2 months.

At Summerside, on the 31st ult., Valorie, aged 4 years, daughter of James McLeod.

At Hingham, Mass., on the 27th ult., of gastro enteritis, Alvin Alexander, infant son of Laughlan and Mary E. Gillis, formerly of Prince Edward Island.

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2—Half Mile (C W A Maritime Championship)

1st Prize—Gold Medal, \$25 (C. A. A. Association) 2nd Prize—Silver Medal (Stanley Bros). 3rd Prize—Clock, (Hazard & Moore).

3—One Mile (Boys Under 16)

1st Prize—Gold Medal, \$15, (Revere Hotel). 2nd Prize—Search Light Lamp, (Fennel & Chandler) 3rd Prize—Daily Patriot for one year.

4—Quarter mile.

1st Prize—Silver Cup, (W. W. Wellner). 2nd Prize—Mandolin and Case, (Miller Bros). 3rd Prize—Sweater and Belt, (Perkins, Sterns & Turner).

5—Quarter Mile Flat Race

1st Prize—Gold Medal, \$20, (A. N. Large). 2nd Prize—Opera Glasses, (C. A. A. Association). 3rd Prize—To be selected.

6—One Mile (C W A Maritime Championship)

1st Prize—Gold Medal, \$25, (Prowse Bros.) 2nd Prize—Silver Medal, (John Birch). 3rd Prize—Fishing Rod, (George E. Hughes).

7—One Mile (2.50 Class)

1st Prize—Silver Cup, \$15, (Mark Wright & Co.). 2nd Prize—Bronze Ornament, (Jas Paton & Co.). 3rd Prize—Daily Guardian for 1 year.

Entries close with Secretary Wednesday night, Sept 1st. Fees, 50c for each event.

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