

THE DAILY EXAMINER.

MAY 8, 1891.

Book-keeping in the Land Office.

The Patriot takes exception to the following statement of THE EXAMINER, and calls it "an astounding declaration:"

"It is admitted that, under the system of book-keeping followed in the Land Office by successive administrations, the defalcations could not have been prevented, could not have been discovered sooner than they were, even if the Commissioner himself had been in constant attendance and counted the cash every night."

"Who," asks the Patriot, made the above admission? In reply, we refer the Patriot to the evidence of Mr. Fred. W. Hyndman, (See Preliminary Report, pp. 41) in which these words appear:

"If a man paid money which did not appear in the Cash Book, it might not go to the Treasury; and under my system of auditing it might not be discovered."

Then, in the course of their Preliminary Report, (pp. x) the Commissioners say that they "have reached the conclusion" that the system of single entry book-keeping which has been in use in the Land Office from its organization, "is entirely inadequate for the purpose of showing the state of affairs of the Land Office, or of checking in any way the action of persons disposed to manipulate the accounts."

Again, the Commissioners say (See their Preliminary Report, pp. xi):

"Under the system of book-keeping hitherto in force in the Land Office, a dishonest official might, with impunity and small chance of detection, as the evidence at this inquiry proves, collect money due the Government, place the amount directly to the credit in the Township Ledger of the account of the person paying it, and pocket the money. He could do this even while the Provincial Auditor was in the act of comparing the cash book entries with the counterfoils of the official receipts."

Further, the Commissioners say in their "Final Report" (pp. 32):

"The errors and discrepancies of every kind here reported, as found in the books of this Department, are, for the most part, but the natural result of an incomplete system of accounts, which, as already pointed out in the preliminary report, has, undoubtedly, facilitated the operations of the defaulter."

These quotations from the statements of, admittedly, competent men are given in reply to the Patriot's question, "Who made the above admission?"

THE EXAMINER'S "astounding declaration" being proved correct on the highest authority, we contend that the conclusion drawn from it, and from the statement of the Commissioners that, excepting the late Assistant Commissioner, "No other official of the Department has been implicated in these defalcations, nor has anything appeared which would justify a suspicion of dishonesty on their part," that Mr. Ferguson is blameless in respect to the defalcations, is absolutely right and logical, even though the Patriot hazards the bald assertion that it is "an extraordinary conclusion."

Notes and Comments.

Some of our public readers, and some others, should know that the word "new" is not pronounced "noo," and that "duet" is not pronounced "doet." The finest style and the most graceful action go for nothing when the vocal sounds in the commonest words are broadened or flattened by the public reader.

It is reported that supporters of the Government at New London are greatly dissatisfied with the nomination of Mr. A. B. Warburton and that Dr. McNeill is about to take the field against him. If Dr. McNeill should contest the election and be elected, he will soon be an influential man in the Legislature.

The taste for beer is strong in the British race, to judge from a return of the beer exported from Great Britain in the fiscal year ended with October, 1890. Fancy the quantity represented by £1,596,281 stg.—almost \$9,500,000! Of this Gibraltar drank £57,366 worth; Malta, £81,546; Egypt, £20,539; South Africa, £98,914; India, \$241,657; Straits Settlements, £26,790; Australasia, \$641,656; the Bermudas, £20,278; whilst France only drank £35,800, and Germany, £36,532 worth.

The value of the waterworks was shown last night. The burnt building was close up to two large wooden buildings, one on either side. But our active firemen, with an abundant supply of water, saved both the latter. In the olden time many thousands of dollars worth of property would have been destroyed, and the property owners and insurance companies would have bled plentifully. Rates of insurance should now be reduced to the minimum.

The Empire remarks that the wealth of a country is said to be the value of what it produces, and there can be little doubt that Canadian production is yearly increasing. The annual output of our manufactures has grown, according to a careful estimate, from \$309,676,000 in 1881 to \$509,000,000, and the wages paid out to over \$100,000,000, whilst some 35 towns and cities have during the same period increased their assessment from the neighborhood of \$270,000,000 to \$440,000,000.

A Buffalo despatch reports that the malsters and barley dealers are making preparations to place their case strongly before the Senate Committee on Trade Relations with Canada. The present duty they consider an injury to their business, for the existence of which there is no reasonable excuse. The duty they must meet, as the local supply of barley is not so well suited to their purpose as the Canadian product, and they are obliged to import the choicer grades of Canadian barley. It seems that while Canada may suffer on account of the McKinley tariff, the people of the United States must.

Dyspepticure—Is not a palliative, but a cure; it first relieves the irritation and finally entirely subdues the irritation and inflammation of the stomach that causes indigestion and dyspepsia.

Soiree Musicale.

The Soiree Musicale in St. Patrick's Hall last evening, by Mr. H. A. Tanton's pupils, assisted by Mrs. James Byrne, Mr. C. B. Warren and Masters Hazard and Mitchell, was largely attended and was very successful. The pupils, one and all, acquitted themselves in a manner creditable to themselves and to their tutor. The vocal solos by Masters Henry Anderson, Brent McInnis, and Eddie Mitchell—the three favorite boy singers—as well as those by Messrs. Frank Trainor, John Lewis and L. Cooke, were capital, evoking much applause.—Master McInnis' song, "Where Mother is 'tis Home," being especially well received. Miss Ethel Tanton acquitted herself well in the vocal solo "Tired," and although Mrs. Byrne was suffering from a severe cold she sang, "Who's at My Window," in very good style. The vocal duet, "Entreat Me Not to Leave Thee," from the Cantata of Kuch, was capitally given by Masters Hazard and Anderson. Miss Eli Sutherland's piano solo "The Cuckoo Song" was well played, as was also the solo by Master Lorne Robinson. Master Harry Anderson's rendition of "Les Voix du Matin" was capital, and Mr. Tanton himself played "Oboron" with skill and precision. Mr. Burt Harris also played well. Mr. C. B. Warren's reading, "Jenny Lind and the Dissipated Musician," was given with much dramatic effect, and was well received. The "National Anthem" brought the performance to a close.

McGill College.

It is pleasing to note at the very head of the report of the graduating class of McGill University this year—in the Department of Applied Science—the name of Ernest Albert Stone. Young Stone is Island-born, of course—a son of Albert Stone, Esq., formerly of this city. He is the winner of the British Association Gold Medal; British Association Exhibition; certificates of merits in Theory of Structures, Hydraulics, Designing and Materials; and prizes for Summer Report. He stood first in Engineering (advanced course), and obtained the degree of Bachelor of Science. Among the first year students, Mr. Charles H. B. Longworth, Esq., occupies a high position, having won prizes in mathematics, sanitation, freehand and object drawing, practical chemistry and general chemistry, and English. Congratulations.

Cardigan Shipments.

Shipped on May 5th, per schr. Onward, McLeod Master, for St. Pierre, by Messrs. D. C. Morson and H. McCormack: 21 head fat cattle, 11 fat sheep, 850 bushels potatoes, 50 bushels turnips, 2 1/2 tons hay, 250 lbs. butter, 300 dozen eggs. The fat cattle were fed by Cyrus Shaw, R. Dewar, New Perth, Terrence Power, Thomas Bulpitt, Rosenath, D. Carmichael, P. O'Donnell, Pisquid Lake, Mrs. Walsh, Brothers Road, Charles Crawford, James Quinn, St. Peter's Road, Lot 53, John J. Campbell, Mrs. John Cantello, Cardigan, N. McLaren, Brudenell, Francis Curran and Henry Trainor, Baldwin's Road. The cargo is valued at \$1,400.

The schr. Brilliant is loaded by E. M. Ely with 4,000 bushels of potatoes for the United States.

The schr. Cardigan is loading for H. F. Bissett.

There are about 200 sail of fishing vessels between Georgetown and Cardigan River. Messrs. McLeod & Shaw have purchased the property owned by Peter McPherson at this place, price \$1,000. They intend fitting up a general store in the building formerly used as a warehouse.

May 8th, 1891.

G. F. O.

Insurance Rates.

Sir,—The advantage of having a good system of waterworks in the city was again apparent last night. Had we to trust to the old order of things, the probabilities are that thousands of dollars worth of valuable property in the very heart of the city would have been destroyed. Yet there has been no material reduction in the rates of insurance.

News Notes.

The number of miners on strike in Belgium has reached 62,000.

Massachusetts is talking about an exhibit of her abandoned farms at the World's Fair.

It is reported in Rome that U. S. Minister Porter will shortly vacate the United States legation there, leaving the secretary in charge.

Mr. Tapling, who died recently in England, was an indefatigable collector of stamps, and left a collection estimated to be worth \$150,000.

A Chicago politician has sued a local paper for \$50,000 damages on account of an alleged libel published against him. A Chicago politician who can think of no better way of making \$50,000 than suing a newspaper for it is a disgrace to his craft.

A London correspondent points out the importance of Canadian sea fisheries by comparing the returns issued for the United Kingdom with our figures. The value for Ireland Scotland and England is given at £7,365,000 for the year 1891, which shows a tremendous increase, while the figures quoted for Canada represent the year 1889, and stand at £3,678,178.

Let us talk about the price of eggs. The Globe's Toronto market reports of May 1, 1890, quoted the admirable product of our excellent friend, the Canadian hen, at 10 cents to 10 1/2 cents a dozen. The same reports for May 1, 1891, show 12 to 12 1/2 cents per dozen and market steady. So much for the organ of despair.—The Empire.

Two weeks ago the brother of Mrs. James W. Palmer, a prominent man in Omaha, shot himself while suffering from an attack of the grip and was brought to Racine, Wis., for burial. Last Wednesday her husband died and was buried, and yesterday her mother died. Her little six-year-old son is very sick and Mrs. Palmer, herself, is lying at the point of death, the prevailing disease being the cause of all the sickness and death.

Expected every day, a large lot of baby carriages, at Mark Wright & Co's, to be sold off cheap. ap 29 6f

Personal.

We regret to hear that Dr. Bagnall has been confined to his house with influenza for several days past. He expects, however, to be able to resume work by Monday.

The Sun of Markham, Ontario, has the following: It is with pleasure that the Sun learns of the successful, in fact brilliant, result of the examination of Rev. Alfred Osborne, B. D., Incumbent of Grace Church here, for the degree of D. D., at Trinity University. We believe the Rev. gentleman is the first clergyman in the Canadian ministry who has successfully passed the examination for the degree of D. D. at Trinity University, and this makes us feel the more pleased at having the successful candidate in our midst. According to the schedule of subjects we are convinced that the D. D. of Trinity is no empty honor, as the examination embraces "The bearing upon the Christian revelation of recent investigations in the various physical sciences and in history," "the relation of Christianity to the various non-Christian faiths," and a thesis on "the needs of man to which Buddhism bears witness and the way in which Christianity meets them." The examination was conducted by specialists in the various branches, who expressed themselves as highly pleased, the average obtained being considerably above the requirement for degree.

Six Centuries of Work and Wages.

A history of English labor.—By J. E. Thorold Rogers, M. P., late professor of Political Economy in the University of Oxford. Abridged.—With charts and appendix by the Rev. W. D. P. Bliss.—Introduction by Richard T. Ely, Ph. D., Associate Professor of Political Economy in John Hopkins University.—Price 25 cents.—The Humboldt Publishing Co., Astor Place, New York.

This is the first number of the Social Science Library, which puts at the disposition of the public a record that is invaluable. It is the story of the struggle of the English poor against the avarice of priest and king, landlord and capitalist; a story told by the records of thousands of court rolls, and stewards' accounts, compiled by unscrupulous historians who little dreamed of the tale the figures they so patiently added up would one day be made to tell. From the beginning of the thirteenth century, when almost every one not only possessed land but cultivated it; when a landless man was looked on as an outlaw and a stranger; when the use of the common pasture was without stint, and the arable land of the manor was usually communal; from that remote date to modern times, Prof. Rogers, conducts the reader through the successive stages of a drama whose motive was the opening of labor for the benefit of the monopolist. And surely no time could be more fitting than the present for publication of this work which, with its special charts, clear type, good paper and elegant make up, is destined to have an extensive sale.

BIRTH.

In this city, May 3rd, the wife of John Gillis, of a son.

MARRIED.

At the residence of the bride's father, on April 27th, by the Rev W A Mason, B. A. Mr Nelson Fairchild, to Miss Lelia Alice, daughter of D F Kennedy, Esq, both of Georgetown.

DIED.

In this city, on the 5th inst, Simon Burke, aged 23 years. R I P. 'Tis hard to break the tender heart, When love has bound the heart, 'Tis hard to speak the words, "We must for ever part."

Summerside Exports.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes 49 cases eggs, 290 bags potatoes, 65 bush potatoes, 27 head cattle, 11 horses, 77 brls oysters, 2400 lbs hams, 140 yds Island cloth, 800 lbs butter, 25 brls pork, 500 lbs lard.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes 80 cases eggs, 756 brgs potatoes, 21 cattle, 15 sheep, 4 horses, 1 buggy, 39 brls pork, 13 brls oysters, 760 bush oats, 150 yds Island cloth.

CHOICE English Fruit BY AUCTION.

Consignment Choice English Fruit, just received ex steamship Tayncote Castle and Nova Scotia, will be sold by Auction at Sales Room, on MONDAY, the 11 day of May inst., at 2 o'clock. 5 Cases Lemons, 5 do Palermo Lemons, 10 do Valencia Oranges, 1 do Muscatel Raisins, 2 Bags Barcelona Nuts, 1 do Walnuts, 110 half boxes Valencia Raisins, 20 boxes Dates, 5 cases Currants, 1 do Figs (38 boxes), 1 bag Almond Nuts. Also at the same time—50 half chests Tea, 30 puns Moissese, Terms at Sale. R. BEARSTO, Auctioneer. May 8,

PARNELL.

THE Trotting and Carriage Stallion Parnell will stand at the owner's stable for the season at \$0. For further particulars and pedigree apply to the owner. P. F. GILLIS. may 8—lmeod

Housekeepers Attention.

FURNITURE repaired and Upholstering and general jobbing done with despatch. R. D. PYKE, Cor. of Pownal and Grafton Streets may 8—6led pd

FOR SALE.

A QUANTITY of good Black Oats, most of them suitable for seed. Enquire at D. R. M. Hooper, Easton St. may 8 44

FACTS!

TWO THIRDS of your time is spent in your clothes, the Rest is in bed. In either case we have given you clean Linen, nicely done and Punctually delivered. NOW, we want some cash. We, therefore, respectfully ask ALL our customers to make an early call and settle up. Most of our accounts are small, but in the aggregate amount to considerable. It must, therefore, be apparent that we expect to have from you at once. E. D. STERN, Charlottetown Steam Laundry. May 4, 1891.

HAY.

TO ARRIVE ON MONDAY:—One Hundred and Twenty Tons of Hay. Will be sold reasonable from ship. M. P. HOGAN. may 2—3 pd

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Charlottetown Gas Light Company will take place at the Gas Works on TUESDAY, the 12th day of May, 1891, at the hour of Eleven o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of electing Directors and the general transaction of business. LEMUEL MCKAY, Secretary. ap 23—tl die



BLACK GOODS.

OUR STOCK OF SPRING DRESS FABRICS has been carefully and judiciously selected, and all Novelties in BLACK DRESS MATERIALS will be found on our shelves. India Cashmeres, Mohair Brilliantines, Fancy Brilliantines, Jacquard Cloths, Plain Viole Laines, Fancy Viole Laines, Priestly's Henriettes, Wool Surahs, Fancy Checks, Fancy Stripes, Plain Grenadines, Fancy Grenadines, Courtald's Crapes, Priestly's Crapes.

STANLEY BROS., Brown's Block. ap 15

AUCTION.

Carriage Factory, Carriages and Tools.

WE are instructed by Mr. William McKie to sell by Auction, on THURSDAY, May 14th, commencing at 11 o'clock, at his Show Rooms on Upper Great George Street:—

His entire stock of NEW CARRIAGES consisting of 2 Phaeton Buggies, 8 Carriages, Brewster gear (covered and open), 8 do., McLachlan principle, 10 do. (assorted styles). These Carriages are all new and of the very best material and workmanship. Three complete sets of Carriage Blacksmith Tools, and all other Tools and Machinery in connection with the business.

Also, at 12 o'clock, noon, of the same day:—The Stand and Premises now occupied by him. Size of the Lot is 6 1/2 x 100 feet, with good and suitable building on, and is the best established Carriage business on the Island. Terms:—Up to \$50, three months; over \$50, three and six months. Sale positive. E. H. NORTON & CO., Auctioneers. ap 23—dy eod wy guar

Eligibly Situated Building Lots FOR SALE.

THE subscriber having purchased the Cahill Estate, situate at the head of Upper Prince Street, offers the same for sale in building Lots. This property, owing to the high elevation of the land and the view which it commands of the city, is unsurpassed for building purposes. Lots disposed of at reasonable rates. Plan of property can be seen, and full information as to terms of sale obtained, at the office of R. Reddin, Solicitor. WILLIAM MCGRATH, Charlottetown. may 8—lm eod



ONE OF OUR FIVE SPECIALTIES AND ONE OF OUR GREAT SUCCESSSES.

OUR Milliners! OUR Milliners! are sending out weekly some of the neatest and most stylish work ever seen on the Island. No effort will be spared to please our customers. English models copied at half the cost. Special care given to matching costumes. OUR MILLINERS MISS ALLAN. MISS MALONE. Ladies.—We Solicit your Patronage, believing we can do as well for you as any house in Canada. BEER BROS. Taber's New York Pictures. We have just received by Express a large and very choice assortment of Artotypes, Artotype Etchings, and Ideal Heads, bought at a such very low price that we can now offer to the public a Good Picture at a remarkably small figure. We invite your inspection of these works of art. HASZARD & MOORE. Charlottetown, May 8, 1891—eod. HOUSE CLEANING. WATSON'S FURNITURE POLISH produces immediately and without labor a Brilliant Polish upon Piano Fortes, Furniture, Floors, Oil Cloth, etc. It will be found preferable to any imported article and is cheaper. Full Size Bottles, 15 cents each. ALSO, AT WATSON'S DRUG STORE:—Chamois Skins, Ox Gall Carpet Soap, Brunswick Black, Stains for Floors (all shades), Whiting, Glues, Ultramarine, etc., for tinting white-wash, Aspinall's Enamel, Gold Paint, Feather Dusters, Spunged Plate Polish, Brass Polish, Silver Soap, and all Druggists' Supplies for the season. JOHN McLEOD & CO. Charlottetown, March 21, 1891. We guarantee the correct Styles and the Lowest Price possible, from the \$1.00 Hat up.

LADIES.—We Solicit your Patronage, believing we can do as well for you as any house in Canada. BEER BROS.

Taber's New York Pictures.

We have just received by Express a large and very choice assortment of Artotypes, Artotype Etchings, and Ideal Heads, bought at a such very low price that we can now offer to the public a Good Picture at a remarkably small figure. We invite your inspection of these works of art. HASZARD & MOORE. Charlottetown, May 8, 1891—eod.

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