

THE DAILY EXAMINER.

JANUARY 7, 1890.

A GENERAL ELECTION.

A GENERAL ELECTION for members of the House of Assembly in this Province will be held on Thursday, the 30th January, inst.

This appeal to the people is this first important official act of Mr. McLeod's Administration. It will, we believe, be admitted that good tact and judgment have been shown in postponing the issue of the writs until after the holidays.

Notes and Comments.

The Pioneer fears the contagion of "The Dread Leprosy"; but the people fear, with greater reason, another Grit Government.

The Empire says: If it be true, as reported, that the Winnipeg Sun has passed into hands hostile to the Manitoba Government, there will be no Grit organ in Winnipeg to play the Dead March at the funeral of the Greenway ministry.

The situation in Brazil, says a report, is alarming. The navy appears to be opposed to the new government, and many sailors have been imprisoned and shot for cheering for Dom Pedro.

One of the arguments in favor of church disestablishment is that churches progress even better after their disestablishment than before. This has certainly been true of the Church of Ireland.

The King of Portugal said at the opening of the Cortes: "The patriotic aspirations of Great Britain to extend her vast possessions in Africa had been met at several points by the fixed design of Portugal to maintain her authority over those regions."

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A car filled with women and children went over an 80-foot bank at Helena, Montana, the other day.

High excitement prevailed in the Glasgow market on Friday. The price of wheat advanced to 66 shillings, and wheat reached since the box

Fire at Kensington.

[SPECIAL BY TELEPHONE.]

About nine o'clock last night a fire occurred at Kensington by which the Eureka House, owned by Mr. William Mead, of that place, was destroyed, together with all the furniture. The fire, when first discovered, was in a room above the kitchen; how it originated no one seems to know.

New Books, Pamphlets, etc.

The latest advance made in stenography is the publication, by Mr. Arthur Doughty, of Montreal, of the "Idyls of the King," in shorthand. The work has just appeared. It is illustrated by Henry Sandham, and has met with the literary approval of Lord Tennyson as well as that of all the members of the craft.

Oddfellowship.

On last evening Mr. Theo. L. Chappelle, Deputy Grand Master, installed the officers of St. Lawrence Lodge, No. 8, for the current term. Following is the list:—

- N. G.—Charles Lawson.
V. G.—John T. Hardy.
R. S.—J. Samuel Nelson, P. G.
P. S.—Fred. H. Sellar.
Treas.—George M. Moore, P. G.
Warden—Wm. Small.
Con.—Ewen MacMillan.
Chaplain—Rev. Fred. E. J. Lloyd.
Marshal—Samuel Lowe.
Organist—Fred. H. Hertz.
I. G.—Lauchlin A. Bruce.
O. G.—Pope Clarke, P. G.
R. S. N. G.—H. M. Davison, P. G.
L. S. N. G.—John P. McKenzie.
R. S. V. G.—A. J. Houle.
L. S. V. G.—Daniel Macleod.
R. S. S.—A. C. Parsons.
L. S. S.—David Plews.
J. P. G.—Wm. N. Riggs.

Sons of Temperance.

The officers of Victoria Division, No. 4, for the current quarter are as follows:—

- W. P.—C. F. McLean.
W. A.—A. Sabine.
R. S.—J. J. Chappelle.
A. R. S.—A. Down.
F. S.—R. B. Kerr.
T.—A. W. Tanton.
Ch.—W. P. Caldwell.
C.—John Godkin.
A. C.—Henry Rackem.
I. S.—W. G. Sabine.
O. S.—C. B. Warren.
P. W. P.—N. Huntley.

The Rev. George Steel, G. W. P., will pay an official visit to this Division on Monday evening next.

Examination and Presentation.

The semi-annual examination of Tryon School took place on the 3d inst. The two departments were examined before quite a number of parents and visitors by their respective teachers, Mr. McDonald and Miss Alexander.

The visitors noted, by their remarks at the close, that the pupils showed by their quick and correct answers to the questions asked, that both teachers are very careful and painstaking in their work, and that they are doing their utmost to advance the interests of the school under their charge.

When the examination had concluded, Master Ernest Crawford, on behalf of the senior department, with a few very appropriate remarks, presented Mr. McDonald with a beautiful photograph album. Mr. McDonald made a suitable reply.

Tryon, Jan. 4, 1890.

News Notes.

Twenty thousand people have influenza in Chicago.

The population of Japan is just under 40,000,000.

A new nihilist society has been discovered in Russia.

The revolution in San Salvador has been suppressed.

Armenians in Turkey are preparing to emigrate to Persia.

Detroit has now a natural gas supply from the Ohio field.

The New York world's fair fund now amounts to \$5,237,238.

Chicago is to build a magnificent Masonic Temple, to cost \$2,500,000.

The new year was ushered in by disagreeable weather in Ontario and Quebec.

La grippe is increasing to an alarming extent in New York, Brooklyn and Jersey City.

A farm near Macduff, Scotland, has been handed down from father to son for 300 years.

The Austrian Government will reinforce its staff of secret agents in Italy, watching the irredentists.

In New York on the 4th inst., delirium, resulting from an attack of the influenza, caused a woman to commit suicide by throwing herself out of a window.

City School Board.

At a meeting of the School Board, held on Monday evening last, being the first regular meeting since the date at which Miss Barr resigned her position as Principal of Prince Street School, the following resolution was unanimously passed:—

"Resolved, That as Miss Emma Barr is about to retire from the position of Principal of the Upper Prince Street School in this city, this Board cannot accept her resignation without placing on record an expression of the high esteem in which she has always been held by them, and of their appreciation of the valuable services rendered by her during the period in which she occupied the important positions to which they appointed her. By her indefatigable devotion to her duties, and her manifest determination to succeed in her profession, she has won for herself a reputation as a successful teacher and disciplinarian, especially in connection with her successful management of the Girl's High School. The Board desire to say that they regret being deprived of her services, and believe this feeling is shared by the teachers and pupils of the Prince Street School and the community generally; and that wherever her future lot may be cast, she will carry with her their warmest and best wishes for her future happiness and prosperity."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Whist, Wine and Women.

SIR,—Sunday night I had the pleasure of being one of the large audience which sat under Rev. Mr. Read in the Methodist Church. He spoke from the text, "I will think on my ways."

It is refreshing, he said, to find a man who really does think. This is not an age in which people use their brains for themselves as they used to. One sees so many abler minds than his own grappling with the great questions of the day, and scattering their conclusions, within reach of all, that he is apt to say, "What need is there for me to bother my head thinking about these things? I will adopt the opinion of some leading authority on the subject, who will more likely be right than myself."

And so people make cranks of their minds, and allow them to be wound up by others. But we cannot thus get rid of the duty which rests on us as reasonable and responsible beings. According to the abilities and powers he has received from God, every man must give an account of his actions.

The preacher then proceeded to denounce the evils resulting from the frivolous amusements of society, and particularly those flowing from drinking, card playing and dancing. While not finding fault with these as wrong or sinful in themselves, he objected to them mainly on two grounds: 1st, that they are dangerous; 2d, that they are a waste of time.

Graphically he described the young man of the period, led on from his first glass in the drawing room to the midnight orgies of the saloon and the drunkard's grave; or from the playing of a harmless game with a friend to while away the time to the degradation of the gambling den, where, with glaring eyes and fevered brow he sees his last dollar swept away, and with it his honor and good name; or drunk with the pleasant intoxication of the dance learnt in the parlors of the respectable and elite of society, going down to a miserable end in the music halls and slums of the great cities.

There is danger in them all, said the preacher, and though not more than one in the hundred may fall, it is our duty to avoid them altogether.

He then pointed out the loss of time occasioned by becoming engrossed in these things.

Now, while heartily agreeing with Mr. Read as to the evils resulting from excess in these amusements (and, in fact, the same may be said to an extent of going too far in any pleasure), and as to the danger to some of indulging in them at all, and while allowing that a great deal of time is lost by people who give themselves up to these things without restraint, I cannot follow him when he condemns in toto, and puts the ban on these practices and all who engage in them.

There being no harm in the thing itself, simply that an amusement is dangerous, seems to me no valid objection to it. Did the fact of a hundred children being crushed to death on an Irish excursion train, last summer, put a stop to our picnics? Does the knowledge that each year many are maimed and killed at cricket and football keep our boys from going in for those games? Does it not rather add a zest to their enjoyment of them?

We cannot shut ourselves up in glass cases in this world to keep the dust and rain off our spotlessness. It is not the tree sheltered in a nursery that grows to be the king of the forest; but the seedling that has bent to the blasts of winter, and felt the heaving of the frost and the burning of the sun, is the one that grows strong and upright, and defies the storm. And if we look at men it is much the same. Whence have sprung those mighty intellects and characters of grandeur that have electrified, reformed and renovated our world? Were they the result of a training which kept them out of sight and touch of the evils of life? No. The world, with all its hardness and roughness, was their school; it was in the hot fires of trial and temptation that those characters were forged.

Of Him who is our pattern and example, do we not read that He was "tempted in all things like as we are; and has He not prayed for us, not that we should be taken out of the world, but that we should be saved from the evil that is in the world."

As to the waste of time, I would say that everything we do takes some time. And men are so constituted that they must have some amusements. Therefore amusement is not waste of time, unless carried too far. The Puritans, under Cromwell, tried to get along without any of these frivolities. They cut down the May-poles, struck Christmas Day out of the calendar, and pulled a long face on all occasions.

But that did not alter men's nature. They took their joy in defacing churches and striking off heads; and ran into that hypocrisy and phariseism which disgusted the nation, and ended in the rebound from their austerity which found vent in the profligate times of Charles II.

USE, NOT ABUSE. The Spanish ministry has resigned. Senor Segasta will attempt to form a new cabinet on the basis that will reconcile the various liberal groups.

Week of Prayer.

Tuesday—Baptist Church; subject, "Nations and Rulers;" Rev. Mr. Carruthers. Same day—Y. M. C. A. Hall; same subject;—speaker.

Wednesday—Prince Street Methodist; subject, "The Rising Generation;" Rev. Mr. Sutherland, speaker.

Thursday—St. James' Church; subject, "Jews and Mohammedans;" Rev. Mr. Read, speaker.

Friday—Prince Street Methodist Church; subject, "The Heathen;" addresses by laymen.

Saturday—Upper Prince Street Methodist Church; subject, "Thanksgiving;" Rev. W. W. Brewer, speaker.

Collections in aid of the P. E. Island Hospital at each meeting. Services begin at 7.30 o'clock.

Horse Notes.

The St. John Telegraph reports: "The standard bred mare Mainspring, four years old, now at Vanwart's stable, North End, is offered for sale by her owners. She has a notable pedigree, and would be a desirable acquisition to the lovers of a good horse."

The great Sunol has grown an inch since last spring, and now stands 15 3/4 hands high, being two inches higher in front than behind. M. ad S. is the same height as Sunol, but is only one inch higher in front than she is behind.

One of the most remarkable features of Goldleaf, the California pacer, is that she is not only a developed mare herself, but she possesses as much, if not more, developed speed than any horse on the turf. As a 3 year-old, she obtained a record of 2.15, and this year, as a 4-year old, she scored a record of 2.11, and is now the second fastest pacer, living or dead. Beside her record her sire, Sidney, has a record of 2.19; Sweetness, her grand-dam, has a record of 2.21, and her grandsire, Santa Claus, is a noted campaigner, with a record of 2.17.

Odds and Ends.

Tongue cannot tell the words nor express the astonishment of the crippled soldier who awoke to find his wife using his wooden leg to pound the beefsteak for breakfast.

The "constant reader" of the daily newspaper is never compelled to sit on a jury through days and weeks of a tedious criminal trial. Now is the time to subscribe.

Live within your income, because it is very inconvenient to live without it.

Unlike the majority of things in this queer world, fogs are always mist until they are gone.

It is better to be wise, and not seem so than to seem wise, and not be so.

Sir William Harcourt's friends are now booming him as Gladstone's successor, on the ground that he is the best rough-and-tumble fighter in the Liberal party. And above all things else the British democracy is fond of a fight! Harcourt is essentially a self-made man. He was a student at Trinity College, Cambridge, graduating with high honors. At the age of twenty-seven he was called to the bar, where he soon won professional distinction. Afterwards he became professor of international law at Cambridge; and it was not till his forty-second year, in 1868, that he obtained a seat in the Commons. Subsequently he held office as solicitor-general and as secretary of state in two successive Gladstone administrations. His second wife is a daughter of John Lothrop Motley.

Charlottetown Markets.

Table listing market prices for various goods like Beef, Butter, Eggs, etc.

PUBLIC MEETING.

At a meeting of the Liberals of Southport, held on Friday, the 3rd inst., it was resolved that a Public Meeting be held at Southport Schoolhouse on MONDAY, the 13th inst., at the hour of 4 o'clock, p. m., for the purpose of considering the political situation, and particularly the question of the state of the Southport Ferry. The present representatives of the Third District, and all candidates who intend to contest the coming election for that District, are requested to attend.

J. B. DOCKENDORFF, Secretary of Meeting.

Charlottetown Board of Trade.

ALL members in arrears to this Corporation for fees and dues are respectfully requested to make immediate payment.

J. MACEACHERN, Secretary.

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Charlottetown, January 4, 1890—1m

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