

THE DAILY EXAMINER

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THE STATES AND SPAIN.

As between the United States and Spain, "the die has been cast." The word of the President only remains to be given to "let slip the dogs of war." Spain would now be justified in making an attack upon the States. But it is unlikely that she will do so. The United States will probably have to take the responsibility of beginning the war, unless indeed, as seems to be anticipated by Congress, Spain will at the last moment yield the point. It is to be noted that while Congress expresses the opinion that Cuba ought to be free and independent, and declares that it is the duty of the Government of the States to demand that Spain shall relinquish Cuba, it expressly disclaims any intention of acquiring the island, and says that the object of the States is merely to bring about peace and leave the Government of Cuba to its people.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The number of school districts in the Province is 469, an increase of three within the past year; the number of schools open in 1897 was 467; and the number of departments 579, an increase of nine. Of the schools 184 are in Queen's County, 152 in Prince, and 131 in Kings. The number of teachers employed last year by the Government was 579, an increase of ten. Seventy-two of these were of the first class, an increase of seven; three hundred and thirty-nine are of the second class, an increase of thirty-three; and one hundred and sixty-eight of the third class, a decrease of thirty. The men employed as teachers numbered 332, an increase of eight, and the women 247, an increase two. The pupils enrolled numbered 21,845, a decrease of 203. Of the pupils 11,976 were boys, a decrease of 169, and 9,869 were girls, a decrease of 124. The daily average attendance was 12,978, a decrease of 134, the percentage of decrease being 1.17. The following table gives the number of pupils in each branch of study for 1896 and 1897:

Table with 3 columns: Branch of Study, 1896, 1897. Rows include Pupils Enrolled, Boys, Girls, Average Daily Attendance, Primer and Book I, Books II and III, Book IV, Book V, Book VI, Writing, Arithmetic, Grammar, History, Geography, Orthography, Composition, Music, Book-keeping, Drawing, Scientific Temperance, Agriculture, Latin, Greek, French, Algebra, Geometry.

The total amount expended in 1897 for education by the Government of the Province was \$128,662.53, an increase of \$4,578.21. Of the total amount, \$109,607.70 was drawn by teachers, an increase of \$4,673.70 although both supplements and bonuses are reduced. The explanation of the increased expenditure is given by the Superintendent of the Public Schools, from whose report these statistics are obtained. Mr. McLeod says:—

"The additional number of second-class teachers employed during the year accounts for almost the whole of this amount. These teachers receive a much larger statutory allowance than those of inferior rank. A second-class male teacher is paid \$45 more than a male teacher of the third-class or a female teacher of the second-class. A second-class female teacher receives \$50 more than a female teacher of the third class. A male teacher of the third class is paid \$50 more than a female teacher of the same class. As the amount that each teacher receives for salary is fixed by statute, the Educational department has no control over this item of expenditure."

Table with 2 columns: Location, Amount. Rows include Queen's Co., Prince Co., King's Co., Charlottetown, Summerside.

Table with 2 columns: License Class, Highest Lowest. Rows include First Class Male, First Class Female, Second Class Male, Second Class Female, Third Class Male, Third Class Female.

—It is better to savor than to kill. Our Legislature is anxious preserve our part-

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

—British Columbia wants a road to the Yukon valley, and is now building one that will suit the purpose quite as well as the proposed second-hand tramway that Mann and Mackenzie were to be given a kingdom to build.

—With a greater number of teachers and heavier expense, there are fewer pupils enrolled in our public schools and a considerably lower average of attendance. Something wrong, gentlemen!

—La Patrie expresses the opinion that the abolition of the French language in official use in Louisiana, is most lamentable, and that it will give a fatal blow to all annexationists known and unknown in our country. After this no Canadian Frenchman will be found to vote for Annexation.

—Public opinion in Charlottetown will, we feel sure, justify the Legislature in rejecting the bill to impose a tax upon the owners of bicycles. Bicycles do no harm to the street. The proposed tax would bring in very little money while it would cause a great deal of irritation. Little special taxes, ought, as far as possible, to be avoided and imposed only for the protection of citizens against the unfair competition of non-taxpaying outsiders.

—Mr. McIntosh resigned the office of Lieutenant Governor of the North West Territories on the 1st of January last. But his resignation has not yet been accepted. He can't get rid of the office, much as he wants to, because of complications arising out of the claims of rival politicians who have promises, etc. Oh what a tangled web we weave, when'er we practice to deceive.

—Mr. D'Alton McCarthy was never a very regular attendant of the House of Commons. But since he went over to the Liberals he seems to have gone to the bad altogether. He was present last year only for fifteen days of the session and managed to draw indemnity to the amount of \$752. This year he has so far been present only for a short time in four days; and how much he will draw no man can say.

—Professor Thomas Shaw, in a recent issue of the Farmer's Voice, makes a strong plea for the extension of the sheep industry of the United States. He points out that the importance of this industry cannot be estimated by the mathematician, and that it would be unfair to the sheep industry to say that the maximum of its value is represented by the number of sheep in the country valued at so much per head. This arises from the intimate relation which exists between fertility and the production of maximum crops. It has been the practice in reckoning the profit on sheep growing to place a value on the lamb crop and on the wool, and to deduct from that sum the cost of maintenance. This mode of reckoning only tells half the story, for the service rendered by each animal in destroying weeds and in fertilizing the soil is oftentimes fully equal to the cash returns which it gives the owner.

Montreal Gazette: Sir Richard Cartwright's defence of the Government's financial administration could only be done justice to by some one with Sir Richard Cartwright's vituperative opposition tongue. Sir Richard was wont to denounce an expenditure of thirty-eight millions a year by the Conservative Government as monstrous and unjustifiable. Drugged by the employment of power, or hypnotized by the influences that tend to extravagance in the present ministry, Sir Richard Cartwright no longer worries over the expenditure of thirty-eight millions a year, but is satisfied to sit by and see and share in the making of expenditures of thirty-nine or forty millions. Not only this, but he is willing to find excuses for what he condemned, and actually declares now that the contrast between what the Liberals spend and what the Conservatives spent is disadvantageous to the Liberals because the Conservatives scamped the services and did not in their last year, spend enough. This is worse than weak. It is insulting to common intelligence. The fact is there is no defence to be made for the Laurier Government's manner of dealing with the finances. Its members have been in public life for years. They had opportunities equal to those of their opponents for judging of the need of the country. If they were in good faith as opposition critics, they are in bad faith now. And the worst of them is Sir Richard Cartwright, who, from the Opposition benches, could hardly speak civilly of men who were spending from one and a half to two millions a year less than he and his colleagues now spend and seek to justify.

FOWLERISMS.

(By Nath'l C. Fowler, Jr.)

The barking war-dog never fights.

Foliteness in business is a business commodity.

Lack of confidence is failure.

The good old is better than the bad new.

He who is sick would not be half so sick if he didn't think he is twice as sick as he is.

The undiscovered goal shines with a brightness greater than the real light of fact.

Woman may not propose herself, but she alone can dispose, while man only proposes.

Practice gives fact; theory is guess-work, but all fact was born of theory.

Ten per cent. of the folks do the thinking for the remaining ninety per cent.

SHIP NEWS.

Port of Charlottetown.

ENTERED.

April 18—SS Wm Aitken, Batt, Pugs-wash.

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April 16.—Swallow, Frolayson, Pinette. April 18—Eitel Aggie, Phalen, Magdalen Islands; ss Wm Aitken, Batt, Piclou.

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PROGRAMME.

- 1. Vocal Quartette—"Boat Song" Misses Dodd, Fitzgerald, Cotton and Haszard
2. Violin Solo—"Sargasso" Mozart Singer Miss P. Large.
3. Vocal Solo—"The Fairest Angel" Hoffman Mr Ernest Hill
4. Reading—Hon. Mr. Bell
5. Vocal Solo—"The Island of Dreams" S. Adams Miss W. Cotton
6. Cello Solo—"O rest in the Lord" Mendelssohn Mr Ernest Hill (by request)
7. Vocal Solo—"Mary of Argyle" Miss Annie Hyndman.
8. Reading—Judge Fitzgerald.
9. Vocal Solo—"Trusting only You" G.L. Davies Mr Leslie Cook.
10. String Trio—Miss Hornsby and Messrs Hyndman and Hill.
11. Vocal Solo—Miss L. Dodd.
12. Violin Solo—Prof Vinnicombe.
13. Reading—Mr Fritz Moore.
14. Vocal Solo—Mr Charles Earle.
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2. Living Picture—"Visiting Brethren"
3. Baritone Solo—Selected Mr. J.H. McDonald
4. Reading—"In the Addington Aqueduct" Miss Alice Lillian Butcher
5. Vocal Quartette—"The Lovers" Koscatat Op. 2i
6. Character Song—Selected Miss Edna Sinclair.
7. Vocal Solo—Selected Miss Nora Waddell.
PART II.
1. Scene from Opera Robin Hood... Chateau de Pierland, Gieslen & Co. a Avize, Mum's Extra Dry. Alfred Greater & Co's.
2. Violin Solo—Prof. Vinnicombe.
3. Comic Quartette—"Call John" The Misses L. and Messrs Moore and C. Earle.
4. Reading—"A Sisterly Scheme" Miss Alice Lillian Butcher.
5. String Quartette—"Asimes on the Levee" The Misses Murphy, MacEachern and Blake, Miss Carroll Accompanist.
6. Operatic Chorus—Selections from Erminie
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