

THE DAILY EXAMINER.

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Summer Travel.

FROM all sources we hear of the great influx of American tourists into Canada. The steamers from Boston and New York to Yarmouth, St. John and Halifax are crowded every trip. The hotels at Alexandria Bay, Kingston, and other summer resorts bordering on the river St. Lawrence are turning people away daily. The trains and parlor cars coming East are overcrowded. Yet but few find their way to P. E. Island, which we claim has a better climate, balmy air, and more natural advantages as a summer resort than most other parts of the Dominion. The reasons why it does not attract more tourists are easy to define. We lack hotel accommodation. We must improve our streets and sidewalks, keep them cleaner, and, generally, make the town more attractive. Further, it is necessary to canvass for the tourists' travel—to advertise P. E. Island extensively abroad as an unrivalled summer resort—and thus attract people here.

All this can be done. It only requires united action on the part of a few energetic citizens to make a move in the matter to carry it out successfully. Lots of places in the United States and Canada that have not half the advantages and attractions of P. E. Island, have been "boomed" of late years, and become favorite summer resorts. With a good summer hotel at or near Charlottetown, and proper advertising, three thousand to four thousand tourists, over and above those who now come here, could be brought to P. E. Island every summer. Suppose they only stopped long enough to spend \$15 each, they would leave amongst us from \$45,000 to \$60,000 cash, annually, the greater part of which would go into the pockets of farmers, grocers, storekeepers, livery stable keepers, etc. In fact everybody would be benefitted directly or indirectly. This is but a moderate estimate and could be increased in time.

In the United States and in the other Provinces, new hotels are being built in all directions to accommodate the constantly increasing travel, which is gradually extending further north and east every year. Is P. E. Island to be left behind in the race? We say no! The time has arrived when a move should be made. Will not some live men among us take the lead? The Charlottetown Steam Navigation Company and the P. E. Island Railway should put a man on the road in the United States and Ontario for a couple of months every season to advertise P. E. Island as a summer resort, and to attract tourists to the Province. That is the way this business is now worked up. The out-lying pays. An instance came under our notice lately of a steamer sailing out of New York—recently put on the route to the Provinces—which left port loaded with passengers, mostly tourists, not one tenth of whom had ever been in the Maritime Provinces before, and had heard and known very little about them. They were all attracted to the new route by advertising, and gladly availed themselves of the opportunity offered to visit regions new to them. There are hundreds of thousands more like them who would come to P. E. Island if only shown the way, and assured of getting good accommodations when they arrive.

"Worse and Worse."

A LIST of recent political appointments will be found in another column of this day's issue of THE EXAMINER. But we do not find in the names of those mentioned in the following paragraph clipped from the Summerside Pioneer:—

"We understand the School Inspectors, Messrs. Arbuckle and Cain, have been dismissed. Mr. Alex. Campbell, of Victoria, who has an experience of eleven years as a first class teacher, has received the appointment for the Western Inspectorial District, and Mr. Daniel F. Murphy, of Lot 56, that for the east."

Possibly the Government were restrained by a feeling of shame from letting the public know, officially, that they have drawn the Educational Department into their political machine, and that they have dismissed two competent Educational Inspectors—against whom complaint has not been laid—in order that places might be found for two of their party camp followers.

Notes and Comments.

The publishers of the Montreal Herald and Weekly Star, of Montreal, have subscribed the sum of one thousand dollars to assist in erecting an enduring monument in Montreal to the memory of Sir John Macdonald, Canada's greatest statesman.

Our correspondent corrects a couple of errors which recently, by some means, crept into THE EXAMINER's telegraphic news columns, and we note a third which appeared yesterday. The Government majority in the recent Parliamentary division was twenty-six—not a hundred and twenty-six!

The Guardian publishes crooked telegrams from Opposition sources concerning scandals at Ottawa, but suppresses such straight facts as the vote on Sir Richard Cartwright's resolution in amendment of the budget. The Guardian is an "independent newspaper"—owned by men of both parties—don't you see

NOTES FROM OTTAWA.

Some Errors Explained and Corrected.

SIR JOHN AND THE C. P. R.

Irregularities in the Civil Service.

[Special Correspondence of THE EXAMINER.]

By a mistake of either the telegraph operator or your compositor, the Patriot was enabled to score a point against me last week. It was Nicholas Connolly and not McGreevy, who testified that his firm had never paid Sir Hector Langevin any money. I should not complain, however, of the Patriot. The fact of it having jumped on me so promptly, when the error was not mine, shows that my despatches, as a rule, are correct, and that their accuracy cannot be impugned. I wish that I could say so much for the Patriot's despatches. I observe in last Thursday's EXAMINER, in the Ottawa despatches, that Mr. Davies delivered an eloquent speech on the Budget. It was not Davies, but Davin—this is clearly an error in transmission. Davies has not yet spoken, and I am at a loss to account for his long silence.

Upon a motion by Mr. Fraser, of Guyaboro, for correspondence relating to the salary of Judge Johnstone, County Court Judge for Halifax County, Mr. Davies brought the case of Judge Alley before the House, who, he said, stands in the same relative position that Judge Johnstone does. Said Mr. Davies: "Judge Alley receives the same amount of pay as the County Court Judges of Prince and Kings Counties, although he does more work than both of them together. Yes, more than they do when their work is doubled and doubled again. I do not say they are overpaid, but, in a large County like Queen's, with a population of nearly 65,000 and with a very fair extent of jurisdiction for the County Court, a very large amount of litigation which took place in the Supreme Court, a few years ago, now comes before the County Judge. He is a man of good experience and legal attainments, and discharges his duties satisfactorily; and having no jury, but acting as a Judge of law and fact, he himself attends to a large amount of business which was formerly done at a great expense in the Supreme Court."

Whether the Grit leaders are responsible or not for the recent fustian attack of the Globe and other party papers on the memory of Sir John A. Macdonald in connection with his ownership of C. P. R. stock, the fact remains that the attack was made in the interest of the Grit party, and that none of the party leaders have yet repudiated it. We did think, after the magnificent panegyric which Mr. Laurier pronounced upon Sir John, that the departed statesman would have been allowed to rest in peace. But it was too much to expect. The vultures must have their prey, and the poor old man must be slandered and maligned in his grave. I do not know what stories have reached the Island, but I have read the despatches of the Ottawa liar to the Halifax Chronicle from which most of the Lower Province Grit sheets receive their inspiration, and I think I may safely conclude that by this time most of his abominable falsehoods have been transferred to the columns of the Patriot and Pioneer. There is no truth whatever in the statement that any duplicity or underhand work was practised in connection with the filing of Sir John's will. The charge was made and was promptly denied by the proper official—the Registrar of the Court. The will was proved like any other man's will and placed on record, where those desirous of seeing it could peruse it. Sir John's will—I do not know whether it was drawn by himself or not—was drawn with all legal formalities, and the devices were technically constructed to include lands, tenements, hereditaments, whether he had any or not—and thus it was that he devised "stocks, shares and securities, whether standing in his own name, or held in trust for him in the name of any other person." On these technicalities the Grits fastened and feasted. His stock in the C. P. R. was magnified to a quarter of a million dollars. "It had been presented to him years ago." "No one ever dreamed that Sir John owned any stock in the C. P. R. It was generally believed he was a poor man and had kept himself clear of the C. P. R." "The stock was not held in his own name, but in trust, and some unknown concern in New York had ascertained that the books of the C. P. R. showed \$250,000 held in trust for Sir John." Then came the emphatic and explicit statement of the executors that at the time of his death, Sir John was owner of only 122 shares of C. P. R. Stock which he had purchased with his own money three years ago, and that never at any time, in his own name or in that of anybody else, had he held any other shares of C. P. R. stock than those specified. Will this statement satisfy the Grit birds of prey? It is too much to expect. While Sir John lived, day after day for years it was cast in his teeth that he had invested money in Florida Orange groves and Texas Cattle Ranches. Will the Globe or Chronicle, or any other Grit vulture tell us by what provision in his will Sir John disposed of his Florida plantations and Texas cattle? Surely, if their New York agent can find the record of C. P. R. stock held in trust, he should be able to tell where the oranges and cattle have disappeared. And I would like to ask who had a better right to invest his surplus cash in C. P. R. stock than Sir John Macdonald? It was at his bidding, it may be said, that this vast corporation came into existence. He created it—he believed in it—he predicted for it a successful future—and if he spoke honestly and truthfully regarding it, he had a right to invest his money in it. He backed his assertions with his money, and he purchased stock in the open market, where the sale was notorious, where all knew of it, and where there was no secrecy necessary or practised. But now that the stock scare has been explained we must quietly await the launching of another scandal.

Some of the Opposition press are howling over the revelation that Sir John died worth \$105,000, whereas he always spoke of himself as a poor man and wished it so to be understood. Well, comparatively, Sir John was a poor man. Had he stuck to his profession, instead of politics, his income would have been fully twice what it was as premier, and his expenditure would have been far less. Mr. Blake's income from his profession is generally allowed to be \$25,000 a year. Sir John received \$8000 a year. But if we analyse the \$105,000 which Sir John bequeathed to his family, we find that very little of it was in actual money—in hard cash or in investments. His real estate, household furniture and library constitute \$29,000 of this amount, and life insurance policies \$18,000 more. So that his ready cash and investments in bank and railway stock footed up only \$61,000, and part of this sum was inherited from a sister who predeceased him! There is a possibility that your readers may confuse the nature of the irregularities which have been revealed in the Department of the Interior with the corrupt developments of the Tarte-McGreevy investigation. They are widely different. In the latter case there is corruption; in the former it has been shown that a few of the clerks have received payments in an irregular way for work actually done and performed. These payments were not "hooles"; they were earned by hard work performed after hours—what a mechanic would call "over time." In other departments extra work was also performed by permanent clerks, but the payments were sanctioned by a direct vote of Parliament. In the Interior Department the payments were made out of the vote for Dominion lands. Really, the only wrongdoing developed was the silly attempt to cover up the payments under fictitious names, and those who ought to know say that the work which was done was not only well done, but executed more cheaply than if extra clerks had been hired to do it.

The investigation of irregularities by the Public Accounts Committee made some progress last week. The Grit wing of the Committee tried hard to implicate Mr. Schreiber in some shady something or other, which they themselves could neither exactly define or make out; but they failed, and then they wanted to know why the I. C. R. did not pay when the C. P. R. did, although the former carried more tons per mile than the latter. Mr. Schreiber explained one reason to be that the C. P. R. rates were higher than the I. C. R. The Committee immediately shut down on this sort of business, as involving the policy of the Government,—it was outside their province and altogether a matter for the jurisdiction of the House. Although the Committee had Mr. Schreiber in attendance day after day they found nothing on which to impeach his management of the Government Railways. He has his instructions, and it was very plain that he carried them out—too literally, perhaps. Then Mr. McMullen wanted to examine a witness as to matters several years back, but it was ruled that this was outside the duty of the Committee, whose jurisdiction was confined to the accounts of 1889-90, and that leave of the House should first be obtained before travelling outside their province. The Opposition press seized on all these little incidents and represent that the Government are endeavoring to stifle discussion. This is not the case. The Government are determined on and anxious for the full investigation into the working of all departments with a view to the discovery and punishment of fraud, and the checking of irregularities. But there is a right and a wrong way of doing everything, and Mr. McMullen and his associates are not always careful whether they adopt the right way so long as they can take up something which they hope may prejudice the Government. The other morning I was in the committee room, and there was an officer of the Public Works Department there—Mr. Saucier, a French gentleman—who had been in attendance for several days, but had not been examined. He got tired of waiting and asked that he should be examined, but no one knew what he had been subpoenaed for. It turned out that Mr. Mulock had asked for his attendance, but Mr. Mulock said he did not know what it was for—it was on behalf of some other member that he had requested Mr. Saucier's presence. And then next day it was discovered that it was the fire-eating Colonel Amyot who had sent for Mr. Saucier, hoping to prove that there was no such person as one Bancroft who had signed the contract for the Kingston Dry Dock, but that Bancroft was really Michael Connolly. The Colonel was surprised, however, to learn from this witness that there was a Bancroft who had signed the contract in witness presence as well as a Michael Connolly who had also signed the contract. The witness was then discharged and the Colonel retired from the committee room with colors at his tail.

The investigation into the Interior Department irregularities is pretty well through. The Grit members, when they heard the testimony of Mr. C. C. Rogers last week, decided that it would not be wise to go any further. Mr. Rogers told them that he had been in the service since 1870 and that the system of paying permanent clerks for extra work had obtained during the McKenzie administration. When Hon. David Mills was Minister of the Interior, he (Rogers) had received extra pay, and he had also received money from the Finance Department for extra work, when Sir Richard Cartwright was Finance Minister. Sir Richard, who had, up to this period, been taking a lively part in examining witnesses, suddenly became dumb and, remembering his hat and left the room. Mr. Somerville suggested to Mr. Lister that it was lunch time, and that the committee had better adjourn. We shall probably hear nothing further of irregularities in the Interior Department. Mr. Burgess' statement and the straightforward testimony of Mr. John R. Hall, the Secretary of the Department, and now acting Deputy Minister, has convinced all fair-minded men that while there certainly have been irregularities allowed by the heads of the Department, there has been no fraud committed, but that every dollar's worth of work has been done for Mr. Hall's exorbitant pay. During the progress of Mr. Hall's examination, Mr. James Somerville got a snub that he will remember for some time. Mr. Somerville was pressing Mr. Hall to say that he was excoedingly "chummy" with a Mr. Kinlock and a Mr. McMahon. Mr. Hall acknowledged that they were very good friends but would hardly allow that they were "chums," and as to Mr. McMahon, said Mr. Hall, "I have been in his house only once in my life." "O, yes," replied Somerville, "I can understand that—I have lots of friends, and I have never been inside their houses." "I can readily believe that," said Mr. Hall, "but you must understand, all my friends' houses." Mr. Somerville did not pursue the examination further.

SHOT BY THE MATE.—The second mate of the Norwegian bark Tram, shot one of the seamen at North Sydney on Tuesday night. The man is probably fatally wounded. The mate excuses himself by saying the man was attempting to desert.

Written For The Examiner.

Beecher.

THE LAST TIME IN PLYMOUTH CHURCH.

The organ grandly pealed; Still rose the peaceful hymn; The lights, though waxing dim, A beauteous sight revealed.

From off the busy street Into the sacred pile, Adown the shadowing aisle Came little wandering feet.

Secure from fear of harm, With eager, upturned face, The lone ones rest a space, Joy-filled of music's charm.

Forgot their hapless fate, Forgot cold, worldling scorn, Unseen the life forlorn, Seem'd nigh heaven's golden gate.

Upriseth from his seat He of a world-wide fame; He of the lustrous name, Those nameless ones to greet.

The mightiest orb on high Doth kiss the meaneast flower; True love, in bounteous shower, Doth lift earth's formal sky.

Stoops low the silvered head To kiss the smooth young brow, To seal the sacred vow Which life-long fragrance shed.

And tenderly his arms Those boyish forms unfold, As if, o'er life's drear world, He'd shield from rude alarms.

Thus pass they from the sight From out the vaulted door;— He walks the pearly floor, They grope through dismal night.

Oh scene surpassing fair! Soul-filling, all sublime; Undimmed of dark'ning time, Unlit of earthly glare.

Fair soul of tenderness! Unselfish, meek and mild, The waif, the outcast child Thou dignest to caress.

Sweet, humanizing love! Beyond choice gift of mind, 'Yond culture most refined, Bright essence from above!

MRS. A. D. MACLEOD.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

The Souris Marine Hospital.

SIR,—Yesterday a number of the leading men of Souris telegraphed their representatives at Ottawa, stating that several sick sailors were there in need of proper accommodation and urging the necessity of having the hospital put in suitable condition for their care and treatment. This is a step in the right direction. There is really no excuse whatever for the way this hospital has been neglected by the Marine Department. It cost four or five thousand dollars to build it. Under the McKenzie government a keeper was appointed at a salary of \$200 dollars a year. For the last ten or twelve years he has received no remuneration, and as he has no other means of living he is unable to furnish supplies for patients when required. Sick sailors have to be banded out in consequence, and sometimes it is impossible to get any one to keep them. The hospital building has been allowed to go to wreck. The cellar is filling up fast. The floor is ready to tumble down and the roof is as leaky as a basket. Instead of the Department trying to mend matters, I understand it is the Minister's intention to set both the building and the lot of land on which it stands, up at auction, to be sold to the highest bidder. Such a proposal is simply disgraceful in view of the great, the imperative need there is for a hospital at an important fishing and trading centre like Souris. We sincerely hope that the Government may be induced to reconsider their decision and, instead of selling it at auction, fit it up and use it for the sick and distressed seamen who need it.

JUSTICE.

News of the World.

A large deposit of copper ore has been found on the farm of Mayor Wagstaff, at Chatham, Ont. A syndicate will be formed and the copper will be mined.

Canadian railway securities were quoted strong in London during last week, owing to good crop prospects in this country.

The German Emperor slipped and injured his knee on the Hohenzollern the other day, and is compelled to give his leg a rest.

A farmer in Prince Edward, Ont., is said to have made \$1,000 this season from three acres of strawberry patch.

Floods are doing immense damage to property in Rosen. Many corpses of persons drowned in the floods have been seen floating in the river Neis.

Mr. John L. Uich, of Kingsville, Essex county, Ont., has raised this year 41 bushels of wheat to the acre, 65 lbs. to the bushel, and sold 100 bushels of the first threshed for \$100.

Two Italians and one German were arrested at Omo, Lombardy, a few days ago, for catching a fish securing plans of the forts of that city. It is supposed the men were in the employ of a foreign Government.

Notwithstanding the vigilance of the customs officials at San Francisco it has been learned that arms and ammunition have been shipped to the Chilean insurgents concealed in bales of hay. It is estimated that 800 stands of arms and three million rounds of fixed ammunition have been sent in this way on various merchant vessels.

Tahiti is now a French colony and entirely under the French government, according to the news received at San Francisco by the barkentine City of Pafete, which arrived there on Saturday. The facts are embodied in an announcement by King Pomare V, the last of the dynasty. King Pomare died on June 15, aged 52 years. The islands were annexed to France in 1880, and for this it is stated King Pomare received \$12,000. By the terms of King Pomare's death, and no king can succeed him. The heir apparent, Prince Hinoy, was placated by a gift of 12,000 francs.

Should the present British Parliament live out its full term, and only expire by efflux of time about the close of the year 1893, it will be the longest-lived of any parliament since the passage of the Septennial Act. In fact it will be the only parliament of the present reign which will have rounded out its seven years of legal existence.

Mr. White of Carlisle, editor of the Montreal Gazette, made one of the leading speeches of the recent budget debate. One feature of his address was the discussion of general causes leading to changes in agricultural conditions, which changes in Canada have been attributed to the United States Policy. It was shown by the United States statistics that the average value of an acre of wheat in the United States was eight dollars in 1889 against twelve dollars in 1869. Oats showed like falling off; barley fell from twenty-two dollars to twelve dollars, and rye from thirteen dollars to seven dollars. Like depreciation in values took place in live cattle. The same conditions existed the world over and had no connexion with tariffs.

Personal.

J. W. Richards, M. P. P., Biddeford, is registered at the Hotel Davies.

Mrs. F. S. Huntley, of Moncton, is visiting her sister, Mrs. John Coombs.

There were registered at the Osborne Hotel yesterday:—Goo O'Neill, Vernon River; L. A. Fraid, Montreal; J. L. Miller, Quincy, Mass; W. H. Thomas and wife, Saratoga Springs; E. C. Munn, Cardigan; M. J. Buchanan, Hazel Green; D. Beaton, Montague; H. J. Massey, Seaside; J. I. Norton, Boston; Ellen McKinnon, Ch'town. This morning's arrivals:—James Caldwell and wife, Orwell; Rev. Alex. Raulston, Murray Harbor; Jas. McMillan, Georgetown; Wallace A. Jenkins, do; Jas. Manuel, do; Jas. St. C. Moore, Eldon.

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