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**THE DAILY EXAMINER.**

DECEMBER 31, 1878.

**A HAPPY NEW YEAR**

to all readers of the DAILY EXAMINER—  
 or, in other words, the whole population.

**Our Year's Trade.**

DURING the year, we have passed through a season of dullness in nearly every line of business. The trade wave of depression reached us later than other parts of the world; we had to struggle against it, but our little Island has done manfully. We built fewer ships than we did since 1853; our oats—a fair crop—ruled low here and in the foreign market; our potatoes brought good prices, and the quantity of them exported more than doubled that of any previous year in the Island's history. Of potatoes and oats—in about equal proportions—the exports foreign will exceed 3,000,000 bushels, and other productions will make a fair exhibit in our statistical returns. This is not a bad surplus for 100,000 people. The fishing business, for which large preparations were made, did not turn out so well as was expected. The early catch of mackerel was small in size, and it is said the United States seining is doing much harm. It ought, if possible, to be stopped. Our wheat crop has not been better since the midge made its appearance. To us as a people this is an immense gain. The Collector of Customs reports our imports and consumption as decreasing since 1873, which is a healthy sign. We were overtrading for years, and we must now reap the reward. Still, we have reason to be thankful to a kind Providence. Plenty in our granaries, with peace and contentment around us might, and will, we know, evoke the Christian's gratitude.

**Is George Elliot a Widow?**

Since the death of George Henry Lawes, many newspapers have been discussing his relation to George Elliot, whose genius and literary labors have entirely overshadowed his fame and his works, deserving as they are. The press generally speaks of her as his wife, which she was, spiritually, though not legally, owing to circumstances that could not be controlled. The wife of the author eloped from him many years ago; but, having repented of her folly, and wishing to return to him, he very generously restored her to his heart and home. She proved to be incurably inconstant. She left him a second time, and he soon after met George Elliot, between whom and himself sprang up a strong friendship, based upon perfect mental sympathy and community of trade. They would have married, but they could not do so, inasmuch as, having once condoned his wife's offence, the laws of Great Britain were not capable of granting him a divorce. He could not marry again until his late wife's death, and she, unfortunately, showed every symptom of longevity. Such conditions naturally produced a dilemma. After long deliberation and consultation with common friends, among them some of the best minds of Europe, they decided to dwell under the same roof, disregarding conventionality for the sake of mutual assistance and mental growth, a course in which their friends, it is said, fully sustained them. George Elliot has been called and known for years as Mrs. Lawes, and will so continue to be called and known, albeit the former wife still lives, and bids fair to survive the gifted novelist, who is nearly sixty, and has long been in very delicate health.

ARTHUR McEWEN, Esq., the License Inspector, has been at work in Tignish among the vendors of liquors. No less than five have been convicted of selling liquors illicitly. Two of these had been previous offenders. A correspondent of the Progress says: "It is to be hoped that the majesty of the Law will be respected, and that those houses engaged in the abominable traffic will be closed at once, and those parties interested will find some other lucrative business. If Mr. McEwen succeeds in closing them up, he will deserve the thanks of the community. If, on the other hand, the vendors of liquors succeed in setting law at defiance, other means will have to be taken to make them respect the law."

CHILDREN often hear the postical organ drum. "How doth the little busy bee improve each shining hour?" It is answered with scientific accuracy by Mr. A. S. Wilson in a paper read at the Dublin meeting of the British Association. Mr. Wilson estimates from his data that, to obtain two and a quarter pounds of sugar from red clover, 7,500,000 flowers must be sucked. There are about sixty flowers in a head, and 2,500,000 visits must be made to collect a pound of honey.

**The North River Sensation.**

**FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN THE ARSON CASE.**

TUESDAY, Dec. 31.

The adjourned examination re-opened before the Stipendiary Magistrate this forenoon. A large number of persons were in Court; and the great interest taken in the case seems to be unabated.

The prisoner Dan. McKinnon, charged with stealing hay from Mr. McKinley, North River, gave bail, and was discharged from custody. The case will be further examined into on the 7th January next.

**JAMES McINTYRE (sworn)**—Examined by Mr. Palmer—Lives at North River. Did not get subpoena till last night. Was at Neil McLean's since Saturday—chopping longers and cutting wood. Would not deny that he was keeping out of the way of the subpoena. Saw Charles Dockendorff on Friday last at Neil Matheson's. He wanted me to come in about the traces, but I told him I couldn't do him any good by coming in. He wanted me to clear B. Dockendorff. I know Mrs. Wm. Rodd. The night I spoke to her I was drunk. I told her the Dockendorff's took Sellar's beehive. Chas. Dockendorff took it to B. Dockendorff's. They took it to a bush behind the house and smothered it. They took it there about ten or eleven o'clock at night. Geo. Dockendorff was staying at the house at the same time. He was as handy to them as I was. They took the honey out of the hive and left it there. I don't know anything about the fire or the shaving of the horses tails. I heard Charles and Benjamin Dockendorff talking about the shaving of the horses tails—I can hardly tell the time. I don't know whether they said they were going to do it or had done it. It was in the night I heard them talking. I went to bed that night about nine o'clock. B. Dockendorff was in bed. Charles was not. I saw a well bucket and chain at the Dockendorff's which looked very much like one I had before seen at Mallet's. I told Mr. Mallet I had seen it at B. Dockendorff's. I don't think I could have been mistaken in the bucket. Both Ben. and George Dockendorff used it. I don't know how they got it. I told Benjamin one day that that was "Mallet's bucket and chain." He laughed. I know nothing about the shooting.

To the Magistrate—I think it was about three or four years since the beehive was stolen. Ben. and George then lived with old Mr. Dockendorff. George White was one who came with the beehive. Neil McNeill was another. Neil belongs to North River—he is the son of John McNeill, who lives on the Bedeque Road.

To Mr. Palmer—Benjamin and George were there at the same time. They helped to eat the honey. I did not see a buffalo robe there that did not belong to them.

To Mr. Shaw—I will not say that I did not take part of the honey.

**JOHN MALLET (sworn)**—I live at North River. I lost a well bucket and chain about four years ago—some harness and a quarter of mutton at the same time. They were stolen. The chain was a twisted zinc chain. There was a split in one stave of the bucket. It was a bucket which could be recognized. People told me they saw it at Dockendorff's. I did not go to see after it. The harness was taken from the stable, which was locked. I was told that the Dockendorff's were on the road at that time.

**WILLIAM HORREL, JR. (OR HORRIEL) sworn**—I was tending Geo. Dockendorff's store and could not come in before. I remember the night Sellar's dog was shot. I did not see Geo. Dockendorff that night; neither did I see Charles Herrol that night. I know Hudson Roper. I did not say to him—there goes George Dockendorff. I did not shoot the dog. A wagon might have passed at that time. I saw no orders on the bank, but I heard of some. I heard that my brother was in about them. I saw him before he came in; but did not know what he came in for. I know nothing about the smashing of the windows or the shaving of the horses tails. I heard everyone talking about it. But did not hear Geo. Dockendorff admit that they had a hand in the work.

**HUDSON ROPER (sworn)**—I remember the night the dog was shot. We had guns with us, but did not shoot the dog. We met a wagon going towards Sellar's. I don't know who was in the wagon. Wm. Herrol said, "One of these fellows is George Dockendorff." I did not hear the shot fired.

To Mr. Shaw—We were only about two chains from Mr. Sellar's at the time the wagon passed.

**RICHARD ROPER (sworn)**—I was up at North River Bridge the night the dog was shot. I saw George Dockendorff and Chas. Herrol that night. They went on towards McPhee's corner. I did not know anything about the dog being shot for a day or two after. My brother Hudson came in about ten minutes after.

To Mr. Shaw—I was told by Mr. Yeo that the dog was shot. He did not say he suspected any one. I had no conversation with Mr. Sellar about the shooting of the dog.

**JOHN SELLARS**—To Mr. Palmer—Three beehives were stolen from me—three or four years ago. One time the horses were shaved, the flesh of one of them was cut in the neck an inch deep, and the skin was peeled from their tails in strips three or four inches in length.

**CHARLES HERROL (OR HORRIEL) sworn**—To Mr. Palmer—I know James Crosby. I got the forged cheque from him. I got two checks from him. One was for \$120, the other for \$80. At the time I was on North River Road. George Dockendorff was there, too. He didn't show me the notes in town. There were not five cheques. I got no money from the Union Bank at all.

**ROBERT WYAND (sworn)**—I was at Mr.

Sellar's the night the dog was shot. As near as I can mind, about 11 or 12 o'clock a wagon passed and stopped opposite the house, and I heard a shot and the dog screech immediately after. I didn't know who was in the wagon. We afterwards got under the bridge and the wagon came back and turned round just abreast of us. I didn't look up at the time for fear the men in the wagon might think it was a duck or a watchdog, or something like that. (A laugh.)

**GEORGE CARTER, sworn**—To Mr. Haszard.—The first fire took place on the night of the 25th January. I was asleep in bed. What woke me was a report which sounded like that of a gun. Jumped out of bed at once, and saw the little warehouse in a blaze. I alarmed the rest. The evening previous to the fire, I saw Charles Herrol in the shop. He stopped till I closed up. He did not buy anything that I recollect. The second fire took place on the 15th September. When I saw it first the barns and piggery and the little warehouse were all burning. Eight persons were living in the house at the time. They just got out in time, and saved very little. We saved a little out of the shop. The fire could not possibly have caught, if somebody had not set it on fire.

**CHARLES DOCKENDORFF, sworn**—I saw James McIntyre since I was on the stand before. I asked if he knew anything about the trace in which Ben was concerned. I heard that he could clear up the affair. I didn't know that a subpoena was out for him.

After hearing arguments by C. Palmer and R. Shaw, the Magistrate adjourned the examination until to-morrow morning. He will then give his decision. Charles Dockendorff and George White were held in custody on a charge of larceny.

[Written for the Examiner.]  
 1879.

Adown the silent street, what hurrying of feet  
 Disturbs us at the midnight hour from our quiet rest?  
 It is the New Born Year, that is traversing  
 our sphere,  
 From his cradle in the East, to greet the glowing West.

Scarce a moment yet has flown, yet still he presses on,  
 He stops not with the joyful, nor tarries with the sad;  
 His youthful face it beams, his eye it brightly gleams,  
 He is laden down with blessings to make the nations glad.

His glowing chariot wheels glide swiftly at the heels  
 Of his hoary predecessor, who trudges on before.  
 Ring out a merry chime, for the latest born of time,  
 The youngest of the Ages is passing by our door.

Fain would we grasp his hand, but Time did never stand,  
 To dally for a moment with either friend or foe.  
 If we only would take heed, a lesson we may read,  
 To value every moment that passes here below.

Ch'town, Dec. 31, 1878.

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 December 31, 1878—

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