

THE DAILY EXAMINER.

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THE BUILDING BUNGLER.

The Patriot, a few days ago, recklessly charged THE EXAMINER with recklessness, because we had stated that the government borrowed money with which to build the proposed addition to the Hospital for Insane and a new Prince of Wales College building, and used it in ordinary revenue.

We are surprised that the Patriot should, while admitting the main facts enter a plea on behalf of the government which bears trickery upon its face.

"We have no knowledge how the account for loans stands under the Temporary Loans Act, but as the extension (statute) of 1896 did not mention the annex to the Hospital for the Insane as one of the objects for which the money was to be applied, the law has not been violated though the money was otherwise used.

So the letter of the law has not been violated; and therefore the using as current revenue of \$50,000, the consent of the legislature to borrow which was obtained upon pretence of erecting an addition to the Hospital for the Insane and a new Prince of Wales College building, is justifiable.

When the bill authorizing the borrowing of \$75,000 additional under the Temporary Loans Act was brought down, the project of building an addition to the Hospital for Insane persons and a new Provincial College Building had both been discussed in and out of the Legislature; plans of both had been prepared; it was expected that the erection of both would be proceeded with that year.

It was upon that expectation and understanding that the permission of the Legislature to borrow \$75,000 was obtained. The two buildings it was estimated would cost about \$45,000 and the balance would cover the \$18,000 already borrowed in excess of the provisions of the law, leaving \$12,000 towards current expenditure if needed.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

The Provincial election in Ontario will be held to-morrow. Threatened with war and beset by famine, Spain seems to be in a bad way. Mr. Osler is credited with saying that if a little of what Mr. Ogilvie said about the gold fields was true, Canada had in that country the Eldorado of the world, and yet nearly four millions of acres of this mineral land was to be given away for the construction of a tramway.

NEWS NOTES.

The Rothschilds, it is announced, have commenced a suit against Sir Tatton Sykes, which it is expected will be as sensational as the recent action of Jay v. Sykes.

J. Leiter, the new "King of the Wheat Pit," has purchased a pair of fast pacers at the special Newgass sale. Red Leaf, a seven year old chestnut gelding, was bid in for Leiter at \$1,375, and Alzumont, a bay stallion, cost him \$1,075.

The remains of Archbishop Cleary were taken to the palace drawing room on Friday last and hundreds viewed them. Today the body was taken to St. Mary's cathedral to remain there until the funeral tomorrow, Tuesday. Mgr. Farrelly, Belleville, has been appointed administrator of the diocese.

There is a great boom in the Clyde ship-building industry, 50,000 tons having been ordered in February, against 26,000 tons in January. Builders have raised their rates for new work, and will not promise any delivery within eighteen months.

A late expedition to Southern British Guiana to punish persons who had been treating the natives unjustly, has shown the region to be possessed of a rich soil and a fine climate, where both stock raising and agriculture can be carried on with profit.

A count has been made, which shows that in Ontario there are 7,133 officials drawing public money appointed or paid by the provincial ministers. They get something like a million and three quarters a year of the taxes. They are an important and impertinent part of the biggest political machine ever devised in Canada.

An Ottawa despatch reports that there is sincere sorrow in No. 6 room, where the conservative members meet, over the accident that has befallen Mr. Dupont, the respected member who was one of the victims of the railway accident near Sherbrooke.

ESTEEMED EXCHANGES.

Montreal Gazette: The discussion by the Presbyterian ministers of Toronto of a plan for limiting the period of the pastorate may be a significant sign or only a passing fancy. It is noted though, that some of the ablest members of the church's ministry deplored the "restlessness" that was said to be behind the desire for a change, and which the authorities seemed to think was not always in the congregations.

PERSONAL

Mr. Paton and Mr. Leigh arrived at Queenstown on the 27th. Rough voyage. All well.

Capt. Fred. Curtis, son of W. F. Curtis, of the Custom Department, arrived home today after an absence of seven years.

Lyman Dartt, who shot an Armenian pedlar, last autumn, in the vicinity of Truro, has been pardoned by the Government on the ground that the shooting was accidental, that there was neither motive nor evidence of murder.

Mr. A. M. Burgess, Commissioner of Crown Lands—lately Deputy Minister of the Interior—is dead.

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THE TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

Interesting Paper by Mr. L. W. Watson, M.A.

The fortnightly meeting of the Teachers Institute took place in the Kindergarten Schoolroom on Saturday evening beginning at 7.30 o'clock. A number of ladies and gentlemen besides the city teachers were present,—several, probably, to hear the paper read by Mr. Watson.

Usually at these meetings, some questions specially related to schoolroom work are submitted for discussion. The questions presented this evening were:—How can cramming be prevented? How can honesty be secured in examination? And how can tardiness be overcome? These questions, particularly the first one were discussed by Supervisor Stewart, Principal Seaman and T. C. James Esq. Written answers by some teachers were read by the Chairman, Principal Landrigan.

The half hour a signed to the discussion of these questions having elapsed, Mr. Watson began the reading of his interesting paper on Carnivorous Plants. After a few well chosen introductory sentences, descriptive of the floral beauties encountered during an excursion, and of the points in which animals and plants agree Mr. Watson entered upon the principal matter of his paper—an account of the plants known as carnivorous or insectivorous. The Sundew, one of which, as Mr. Watson stated, is indigenous, namely, the round leaved Sundew came up first for consideration. The principal organs employed in the capture of insects and the process by which the capture is effected were minutely described and illustrated by well executed drawings; the Dionaea or Venus's fly trap, the Side Saddle flower; Nepenthes, a native of the East, and one of the Blad derworts followed in the order named; and the action of the organs of these different plants by which insects are made captive were clearly explained by the aid of the drawings previously mentioned.

A discussion on the paper by Messrs. Newson, McSwain and Prof. Shaw, was followed by a vote of thanks to Mr. Watson for his well written and entertaining paper.

Local Council of Women.

The Women's Local Council of Charlottetown met Saturday afternoon at the Prince of Wales College, the President, Mrs. Anderson, in the chair. Brief but interesting reports were read from the twelve federated societies, showing in a concise form the nature of the work engaged in by each. Formal notices of affiliation were read from each and the fee of one dollar paid into the treasury.

Lady Davies and Mrs. Sullivan were appointed Vice Presidents, the former as a provincial officer, and the latter as an officer of the Local Council. Letters were read from Lady Aberdeen expressing her great pleasure in the formation of a council in this province, and a formal notice of adoption with the National Council.

The subject of the Curfew Bell was discussed, and a resolution was passed appointing a delegation to present a petition to His Worship the Mayor and City Councillors regarding the better enforcing of the Curfew law. The delegation are, Mesdames Anderson, Reddin, Johnson and Bayfield. The same

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