

THE DAILY EXAMINER. MARCH 29, 1887.

The Lieut.-Governor's Speech.

The day has gone by when we can reasonably expect a large gubernatorial bill of fare for discussion by the assembled wisdom of the Province.

We are not, therefore, surprised to find that the speech of Lieutenant Governor Macdonald at the opening of the Legislature is neither very long nor very full of topics of absorbing interest.

The Jubilee of our Queen is for us the most remarkable and joyful event of the year, and we feel sure that the loyal people represented by the Legislature will join in the prayer that Her Majesty "may long be permitted to occupy the exalted station which she has for so great a period adorned by her virtues as a woman and illumined by her wisdom as a Queen."

It was, no doubt, pleasing to the assembled legislators to hear from so high and undoubted an authority as His Honor, that the Federal Government are giving their favorable consideration to the important question of improved communication between this Province and the Mainland.

His Honor intimates that Bills respecting the sale of spirituous liquors and amending the law relating to Education, with others of a less important character, will be introduced. The Government have done well to take time by the forelock in view of the possibility—we had almost written the probability—of the relinquishment, by the citizens of Charlottetown, at least, of the provisions of the Canada Temperance Act.

We see nothing in the speech to demand a lengthened discussion on the Address in reply to it. The Government have been very careful—properly very careful—not to introduce questions upon which there are great differences of opinion.

Then, why have a long, dreary, useless debate on the Address?

The Official Investigation.

The Patriot was "utterly astonished" yesterday to hear that an "inquisition" has been opened at the Railway offices. It fears that the Tories are about perpetrating another outrage;—that they actually regard the civil service "as belonging exclusively to themselves."

It appears that certain of the officials have been charged with an official misdemeanor; viz: with having taken an active part in the late election contest; and it appears that the railway authorities have taken notice of the charges and have ordered an investigation for the purpose of ascertaining whether they are true or false.

The reason why General Ben Butler's recent fall on an icy pavement did no harm, is accounted for on the ground that two slippery surfaces coming in contact rarely injure either force. It is something like an expression of mutual admiration.

Thanks to Dr. Pierce, there is a balm in his golden medical discovery—a balm for every wound to health, from colds, coughs, consumption, bronchitis and all chronic, blood, lung and liver affections. Of druggists, faw

Dr. Geo. M. Dawson, son of Sir William Dawson, will have charge of the Yukon Valley expedition which is to explore the gold deposits of that district and try and define the unsettled boundary of British Columbia and Alaska.

no power before the election, but he would have power after!

But the present Government are reasonable and just. They adhere to the rule that officials shall not be dismissed for political reasons, if they refrain from taking an active part in elections; and all the officials are well aware that he who takes an active part in elections takes the risk of dismissal from the public service.

Those who have taken this risk are now to be dealt with. The charges preferred against them will be officially investigated; and if they are proven to be guilty—who, will say that they do not well deserve their fate? Who will say that the course pursued by the Railway officials is not right?

The Patriot threatens that something desperate and terrible will be done to the Tories when the Grits get in. We have no doubt that the Patriot expresses the mind of its party. But the Grits are not in; and without a leader.

Direct Communication with New York.

We understand that it is the intention of the Red Cross Line, if sufficient freight offers, to have their steamers call at Charlottetown again this season. The steamers were well patronized last fall during the short time they touched here; but, we are informed, the traffic will have to be further developed before the service can be made permanent.

New York is also the greatest distributing centre, there being direct communication from that port with all parts of the Southern and Western States, West Indies, Bermuda, South America, England, Ireland, Scotland, France, Germany, Belgium, and other parts of Europe. Canned goods, fish and potatoes, which are now sent to Halifax for transhipment to the West Indies, France and Germany, can be shipped by this route via New York under through bill of lading with only one transhipment, which is a great convenience and advantage to shippers.

P. E. Island horses are now scarcely known east of Boston. With facilities for shipping direct to New York, a new market would be opened to our stock-raisers and exporters.

We hope to see the trade developed, and this new line largely patronized during the coming season.

Bench and Bar.

(Montreal Star.)

Complaints are often made of the frequency with which, in our courts of law, sons appear as advocates before their fathers on the Bench. It is believed by those who complain that such a practice is not conducive to the impartial administration of justice. It is asserted, we know not with how much truth, that lawyers are sometimes employed because of their relation to the judge who is expected to try the case.

At the conclusion of the speech, His Honor reviewed the Guard of Honor and complimented both officers and men on their fine military appearance. The following officials have been elected for the session:— Clerk—Archibald McNeill. Asst. Clerk—F. W. Hughes. Sergeant-at-Arms—Donald McKenzie. Messenger—Wm. G. Sabine. Doorkeepers—Ninian Patterson and George Burgess. Reporters—Isaac Oxenham and George F. Owen.

Provincial Legislature.

Opening Ceremonies.

The Lieutenant-Governor's Speech.

The Provincial Legislature opened at three o'clock this afternoon, after the members-elect had been duly sworn in by ex-Governor Haviland, Judge Hensley and Honorable James Clow. The opening was celebrated with the usual salute of fifteen guns from Fort Edward—fired by a detachment from No. 2 Battery G. A. under command of Capt. Moore, and the usual courtly display at the Provincial Building. The Guard of Honor—which was under the command of Captain W. A. Weeks of the Engineers—was made up of one hundred men drawn from the Artillery, Engineers and 82nd Battalion, together with the fine Band of the last named company. A large number of spectators witnessed the ceremonies. After the Usher of the Black Rod had bowed in the faithful Commoners His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor delivered the following

SPEECH:

Mr. President and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council:—

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:—

I am happy to meet you in General Assembly, in order to obtain your advice and assistance in reference to the affairs of the Province.

This year, being that of the Jubilee of our beloved Sovereign, Queen Victoria, will be well remembered by Her Majesty's loyal and devoted subjects, the people of Prince Edward Island. They, in common with those in other parts of the British Empire, will rejoice upon the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of Her Majesty's reign, and they will fervently pray that she may long be permitted to occupy the exalted station which she has for so great a period adorned by her virtues as a woman and illumined by her wisdom as a Queen.

It affords me extreme satisfaction to be able to congratulate you upon the abundance of last year's harvest. The progress that the people of this Island are making in agriculture and other industries was well attested at the Exhibitions held last autumn; and the success which attended the Island's competition at the Colonial and Indian Exposition must be highly gratifying to the people of this Province.

The question of the fulfilment of the terms of Confederation in regard to inter-provincial steam communication is, I am assured, receiving the favorable consideration of the Federal Government.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly.

The Accounts for the past year shall be laid before you.

The Estimates for the current year will be submitted to you; and I confidently rely upon your readiness to make provision for the efficient maintenance of the public service.

Mr. President and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly.

Among the measures which shall be placed under your consideration will be Bills respecting the sale of spirituous liquors, amending the law relating to Education, concerning Chattel Mortgages, and regarding procedure in the Supreme Court. In committing the public interests to your care, I earnestly pray that, grateful for the numerous blessings which have been bestowed upon us during the past year, your deliberations on this occasion may conduce to the advancement and happiness of the people of Prince Edward Island.

The New Triple Alliance.

The alliance between Germany, Austria and Italy seems to have taken Europe by surprise. The negotiations were conducted with the utmost secrecy. None of the other powers appear to have had the least hint of what was going on. No one seems to have thought that while the whole world believed that the leading nations of Europe were on the verge of war Bismarck was silently and effectively working to secure the peace of the continent. The combination is no doubt a strong one. Neither Russia on the "one hand nor France on the other will feel disposed to test its strength. The tone of the Russian Government is already peaceful. The news of the new alliance immediately following a Nihilist outbreak has evidently convinced the Czar that the time is not favorable for carrying out his ambitious designs on the territory of foreign nations. It is the opinion now that the war preparations of France were for defence, not offence. It is believed that neither its Government nor its people have the slightest desire to engage in a war of vengeance against Germany. The signs of war are disappearing in Europe. The war cloud, which but a short time ago looked so black and threatening, is fast dissipating.

S. W. Adrian, of Minneapolis, has laid claim to a large amount of property in the heart of Duluth, Mich., which, he claims, was decided to his father by W. A. Conant, an Indian chief, who died in 1854, and who, it is said, once owned the site of Duluth. The land claimed by Adrian is now worth \$10,000,000.

A French paper says that aerial torpedoes, capable of carrying 900 pounds of melinite, are being manufactured in that country for the Russian Government. Sauce for the goose, however, is equally suitable as sauce for the gander; and if the Nihilists get hold of one of these machines the Czar may be disconnected one day by having half a ton of melinite dropped down the back of his neck.

Queries.

—Would it not pay the city to scrape the streets? Surely the scrapings are worth the labor to farmers in the Royalty.

—Now that spring is coming, what steps are to be taken that the accumulated filth preserved in ice in yards during the winter may be removed as it melts, before it sinks into or lies rotting upon the surface of the ground, to the peril of the general health?

—In case of accident to life from the falling of one of the many loosely-hung swinging signs, who would be responsible—the owners, or the city authorities who allow them to be erected contrary to the often expressed wishes of the community they represent?

—When citizens disregard the warning of the police to clean their yards, would it not be a good plan for the city to remove the dirt and charge the offenders sufficient advance upon cost of labor to pay for the feed of the city horses. This would have the twofold advantage of ridding our air of pollution, and of giving employment to some of our worthy carters while there is little hauling being done.

A Convert.

"Harold Coster, the second officer of the British steamship Erl King, was mortally wounded on the night of January 6, 1887, by some men who tried to rob him and a companion. He was taken in the ambulance to the Charity Hospital and cared for by the Sisters and surgeon of that famous institution. As soon as his eyes fell on the religious car that stood at the foot of the bed, he made an instant and urgent demand for a Catholic priest. However, being assured that he was not going to die immediately, he consented, on account of the lateness of the hour, to wait till morning. Early next day Mr. Coster assured the Sisters that he felt he was dying, and asked to see a priest as soon as possible. He was baptized, received his first Holy Communion, and a few hours later breathed his last.

The poor young man thus tragically called from life in the very bloom of manhood, stated that his father had been an Anglican clergyman, but that his mother was a pious convert to Catholicity, and that he had one sister among the Religious of the Sacred Heart, and another studying with that Order. Pendant to his watchword, which his assassins had singularly left with him, was a medal of the Sacred Heart, which he wore for his mother's sake, and his urgent appeal for a priest was in order to execute a promise he had made her to one day become a Catholic. Thus he died, wearing the medal of the Sacred Heart; received into the Church on the first Friday of the month, the day devoted to the worship of that most Adorable Heart; and bearing signal evidence of the power of prayer, and of the wonderful clemency of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus."—Morning Star (New Orleans.)

[Mr. Coster has several acquaintances in Charlottetown.]

ZION CHURCH ENTERTAINMENT

A Musical and Literary Entertainment, in connection with Zion Church Sunday School, will be held in the

BASEMENT OF ZION CHURCH,

Thursday Evening, 31st inst.

A select and varied programme has been arranged, consisting of choice Choruses, Duets, Solos, Readings, Recitations, &c.

The Choir and School will be assisted by some of the best local talent.

To commence at 8 o'clock, sharp. Admission 10 cents.

JAMES H. GOOD, Secretary.

HORSE FOR SALE.

The splendid entire horse GENERAL GORDON, jet black, by Brown Stout, four years old in June; weighs about 1,400. For particulars apply at THE EXAMINER office, or to the owner,

ALFRED SCHURMAN, Central Bedoune, March 29—11 wky 2f

ST. JAMES' HALL.

Lecture Course, 1886-7.

REV. JAS. CARRUTHERS

will deliver the last Lecture of his course, on TUESDAY EVENING, the 29th inst., at 8 o'clock, in ST. JAMES' HALL.

SUBJECT—The World Gone Mad. Admission, 15 cents.

ALBERT E. MORRISON, Secretary.

DIAMOND POTASH.

50 BOXES (2 dozen.)

CARVELL BROS.

March 26—31 cod pat

RICH.

80 BAGS.

CARVELL BROS.

March 26—31 cod pat

BLACKLEAD.

200 Boxes Nickel Silver.

100 do do Dome.

20 do do Great American.

CARVELL BROS.

March 26—31 cod pat

LOBSTER CANS.

2,200 CASES (talls) for sale by

CARVELL BROS. Ch'town, March 26—2 wks 2f awk—pat

LONDON HOUSE.

House-keeping Goods, New White and Gray Cotton, New Printed Cottons, Bleached Sheetings, Unbleached Sheetings, Pillow Cottons, Table Linens, Towels, Toweling.

THESE goods have just been opened for Spring Sale, and having been bought before the recent advance in Cottons, will be found extra value.

CARPETS! CARPETS!

Bruzzels, Tapestries, Hems, Floor Cloths, Matting, Hearth Rugs, Door Mats, Lace Curtains.

Tailoring Department.

A lot of Spring Tweeds just opened.

HARRIS & STEWART, SUCCESSORS TO GEO. DAVIES & CO.

Ch'town, March 7, 1887.—wky

NOTICE.

Intending to move back to my own store first of April, I will sell for the next ten days the remaining stock on hand at a sacrifice.

J. B. McDONALD.

Ch'town, March 21, 1887.—dy & wky

Carpets, Oilcloths,

—AND—

HOUSE-FURNISHINGS.

WE offer the Largest Assortment in the City in these goods, and at prices very low during March.

28 BALES ROOM PAPER NOW READY.

See our Sample Books before buying elsewhere.

Sheetings, Pillow Cottons, Tickings, Table Linens, Towels, Gray Cottons, White Cottons, Prints, Gingham.

SEERSUCKERS.

A very large assortment of LADIES' CORSETS, at extremely low prices.

JAMES PATON & CO., MARKET SQUARE.

Ch'town, March 12, 1887.—dy wky

BEER BROS.

WE are offering very fine value in Black and Colored Cashmeres and Merinos, also in White and Gray Cottons, Prints and Gingham. In Ladies' Corsets we have exceptional value. We are also offering Carpets and General House-furnishings at very low prices.

Good value will also be found in all other departments.

BEER BROS.

CHARLOTTETOWN SASH AND DOOR FACTORY!

Peake's No. 3 Wharf, R. PALMER & CO., PROPRIETORS.

We are now manufacturing and will sell at the Lowest Cash Prices:

Sashes, Doors, Window and Door Frames, Architraves, Spouting and Conductor Mouldings, Ballusters, Newel Posts, Stair Rails, Twists, &c. We are prepared to do all kinds of Jobbing, in Planing, Joining, Morticing, Tenoning, Jig and Pret Sawing, Turning, &c. All kinds of Gothic Windows for Churches made at shortest notice. With new and first-class Machinery, and the latest appliances, we can insure the utmost satisfaction to all who favor us with their patronage. Jan. 5, 1887.