

The Daily Examiner

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The First Important Event.

Mr. L. H. DAVIES has received a letter from Sir Richard Cartwright, marked "private." It was "a large letter and had every appearance of being what it actually was—a communication on political matters."

The first point to note is that the envelope was torn. The Patriot says it was broken open; so we cannot—how ever much disposed to do so and though full of the charity begotten of Christmas—conclude that the end of the envelope was worn off by rubbing against the mail bag or that Sir Richard had, after the manner of some other great economists, who mail many letters carrying Christmas and New Year's greetings to their distant friends, torn or cut a hole in the end of the envelope in order that it might pass through the post at a reduced rate of postage.

No. In the first place we are not told that the stamp was one of the lower denomination, and in the second place we are distinctly told that the letter had the appearance of one in which a partisan Post Office clerk would be interested. Therefore, in the absence of ocular proof, which would of course be most satisfactory, we must conclude that the letter was as the Patriot says "broken open" and that a Post Office clerk was guilty of the act of outrage and desecration. Need we say that we hope the Post Office Inspector will take instant and prudent measures to discover the culprit and bring him to condign punishment. It is a bad and criminal act of a Post Office clerk to break open any letter; but to invade the sanctity of a letter from Sir Richard Cartwright to Mr. L. H. Davies, M. P., marked "private"—words fail to convey an idea of the blackness of the deed.

The question arises, who could have done it? Not surely a clerk in the Charlotte town office. The clerks here have their faults no doubt. A good many impatient people think them rather slow when the mail comes in. But they are well-known to be passing honest on their pittance, and not rabidly partisan. Besides, how would any clerk in our Post Office know that the letter came from Sir Richard Cartwright. Sir Richard is undoubtedly great as a mixer and muller of figures; but he is not so well known as a great letter writer, and it is not therefore probable that any one here—except Mr. Davies himself—is acquainted with his hand-writing. We incline decidedly to the belief that the deed was done at Kingston by some clerk—perhaps a protégé of Sir Richard himself—some one well acquainted with the great man's peculiar chirography and curious to know what his intentions are—some one, perchance, who impatiently awaits his return to power in order that he may get an increase in salary. Let the wretched scoundrel be hunted down!

But as to the contents of the letter, what were they? Of course we have no right to inquire, though after what the Patriot has voluntarily vouchsafed, we must confess to an overwhelming curiosity—to a feeling akin to anxious wonderment. The letter was an important one, that is quite evident. Most likely it was one of many sent to admiring friends and political followers of Sir Richard; and the Patriot tells us "it actually was a communication on political matters." We are tempted to exclaim with Horatio, "What can it be about?" "Parliament," says the Patriot, "is expected to meet in a short time." It may be that these words are a key to the mystery. Everyone knows that Parliament will meet in a short time, and the Patriot, slow as it is, could not have published them with the intention of conveying any news or information. It must be—it must be something to be done about the meeting of Parliament. It was by the writing of a letter that one of the conspirators gave the clue which led to the discovery of the historic gunpowder plot. But Sir Richard can never have dreamed of blowing up our Parliament with anything stronger than words. That idea is too ridiculous. We have no doubt Sir Richard often wishes Sir John and some of his followers at the bottom of the sea—but he is not a dynamiter, would not care to be the leader in a plot to blow them all suddenly into eternity, and would not certainly seek to make Mr. L. H. Davies a party in any such infernal enterprise. Can it be that Sir Richard has at last formulated a policy for his party. Sir Richard is, we can well imagine, rash enough to make the attempt. There were, it will be remembered, some nebulous remarks in his latest Montreal speech about independence and sundry other misty topics. It may be that these unsubstantial airy notions are developing in the poetic mind of Sir Richard, and that in the next session of Parliament he will, with the consent of Mr. Davies, etc., discharge them upon the devoted heads of the Government and their supporters. Like other self-important but disap-

pointed men who have gone before him, Sir Richard is full of mischief; and, though we think he would not conspire to take a single life, we are by no means certain that he would hesitate to take the lead in an attempt to destroy our constitution if he felt pretty sure that he himself would be first man in the kingdom or republic founded on its ruins.

It is pretty certain now that Mr. Blake has been or is to be supplanted. Poor Blake! He was lovely as a leader—we shall not look upon his like again. Every lingering doubt as to his fate is dispelled by the fact—which we have on the authority of the Patriot—that Sir Richard Cartwright is sending Christmas communications on political matters to Grit members of Parliament.

Since writing the above we learn that Mr. Brecken caused an investigation respecting the torn envelope to be held as soon as possible after the matter was brought to his notice. Each of the clerks here was examined apart from the others, and in the presence of Mr. Davies himself. The evidence was not conflicting, nor in any way suspicious in its character; and it points to the conclusion that the envelope was torn before it reached Charlottetown. Seriously, we think the Patriot was rather over-hasty in attempting to fasten a stigma upon Post Office officials previous to an examination into the case. As to the propriety of informing the public that private and confidential communications are passing between Sir Richard Cartwright and Mr. L. H. Davies, that may be justifiable.

Savings Bank Deposits.

We learn that the balance at the credit of depositors in the Summerside Branch of the Dominion Savings Bank is \$111,676.26. This is a respectable balance, considering that the Summerside Branch has been in operation only about two years, and makes the total of the Savings Bank deposits \$1,810,710.13.

Our Advertisers.

B. Wilson Higgs announces that an auction sale of bankrupt stock will be held at Bremner Bro's Store, commencing next Wednesday, at two o'clock.

John Lowe gives some information concerning exhibits for the International and Colonial Exhibitions.

J. B. Macdonald informs the public that in order to prepare for stock-taking, he will sell his present large stock at great bargains.

A New Book.

After consultation with a number of the leaders of the Liberal Conservative Party present at the Toronto Convention, Messrs. Nicholls and Wright have decided to publish in book form a full and complete report of the proceedings of the great Liberal-Conservative Convention, and also of the Banquet to the Right Hon. Sir John A. Macdonald, G. C. B., etc. The book will be handsomely printed on fine paper, and will contain—besides full verbatim reports of all the speeches delivered—the text of the various addresses presented, and of the resolutions adopted, the names of all the delegates from each constituency and the constitution of the Liberal Conservative Union, and will be embellished with well executed engravings of Sir John Macdonald, and of Mr. W. R. Meredith, M. P., Leader of the Liberal Conservative Party of Ontario. Sir John and Mr. Meredith have, over their own signatures, approved of the proposal to publish this report in the following terms: "We are thoroughly in accord with the proposition, and cheerfully recommend the same to our friends of the Liberal Conservative Party." The price of this book—which will be replete with information of interest and value to all Liberal Conservatives, and prove a handy text-book for future reference—is placed at 25 cents per single copy, or five copies for \$1, a price which it is estimated will just cover cost of publication. As only a limited number will be printed, applications for copies will receive attention according to the order in which they are received. Address Frederic Nicholls, Canadian manufacturer, Toronto.

A Remarkable Case.

A PHYSICIAN CONTRACTS BLOOD POISONING WHILE PERFORMING A SURGICAL OPERATION.

Dr. George H. Atkinson, one of the leading physicians of Brooklyn, N. Y., is lying at the point of death. The disease from which he is suffering, and of which there is not the slightest hope of recovery, is blood poisoning, contracted while attending a private patient in August last. The patient was the victim of an infectious disease. A painful operation became necessary. Ether was administered, and while the patient was under the influence he scratched the first joint of the middle finger of the doctor's right hand with his nails, drawing blood. The wound at first was apparently insignificant. Two weeks ago the doctor's right side became paralyzed and his mind began to wander. The next day only the left hand could be moved. Since then he has been under the constant care of half a dozen of the most distinguished medical men of the country. Dr. Pierce said, on the 28th ult., that the patient's pulse reached 160. The end is not far off. The case is considered one of the most remarkable that ever came to the knowledge of the attendant physicians, as the poison was not expected to reach the brain for a year or more. There was only one case of a similar kind mentioned in the books. Dr. Atkinson has since died.

The value of Canadian exports for the month of November, was \$10,931,522, a decrease of \$628,893 compared with the same month in 1883. The value of goods entered for consumption in Canada during the month of November, was \$7,322,729, compared with \$8,075,232 in the same period last year.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Letter from Our Old Friend.

SIR,—After one has had occasion to criticize with some severity, it is always pleasant to be able to speak a word of praise. On my return to the Island this autumn, I was rejoiced to find that not a little had been attempted in the way of improving both the town and its inhabitants. I regret that I did not see Queen Square in its summer beauty, but I feel assured that it must have been very pretty. Too much credit cannot be given to the gentleman who displayed so much energy and good taste—both rare qualities in the Maritime Provinces—in making the town less unlovely. I earnestly hope that he may be well supported by the citizens in the spring. It is rather surprising, too, that the flowers and shrubs should have been allowed to grow unmolested. The public spirit of the small boy one can quite understand, for the traditional small boy is not nearly so black as he is painted. But that the ladies—who, as a rule, have no public spirit, and only an intermittent regard for honesty—should not have carried off surreptitious nosegays by night, is a fact truly remarkable. This forbearance on their part is very encouraging, and would almost lead one to believe that the principles of Christian morality can get some slight foothold in the feminine breast after all.

Another sign of improvement which cannot but give every one great satisfaction, may be marked in the accent of the young ladies. As for the old ladies and the men—their case, I fear, is hopeless. But the young ladies really seem to be making an effort after the correct utterance of the English tongue. Several of my acquaintances habitually say, to-morrow, and widow, and tobacco, who before said to-morrow; and eida, and tobacco. Two ladies whom I could name, now say calf instead of calf and laugh, instead laugh though they still persist in using haaf instead of half. It is true that even an improved accent may go to extremes, and some of my Island friends have within the past six months improved all the R's out of the English language; but such cases I believe to be rare, and in every march forward there are always some who go too far in front.

A straw is said to show how the wind blows, and these trivial instances may point to a time when the average Englishman or American coming to the Island may receive less of a shock than he experiences at present.

STEEPLE CLEYDON.

The Post Office.

SIR,—Although the mail arrived Thursday night at a few minutes past eight, at half past nine when I put in an appearance, the mail was not opened; and to make matters worse, the street door was fastened, and quite a crowd, including a number of ladies, were compelled to wait outside in the storm. The vigorous action of the press on the door, finally brought Mr. Murphy to the rescue, and in a few minutes the room was full. To an outsider it looks as though more hands were required, and long ere this the building should have been fitted up in more convenient shape. For instance, the counter could be removed bodily, and a few lock boxes from the floor up, would reduce the rush and lighten the labors of the delivery clerk. A transparency should be provided and hung outside, stating at what hour the mails might be expected; also when it would open, and delivery continue open. Better still, have the office for the winter remain open until 11 p. m.

Yours,

RAMBLER.

Suffering and Death.

TERRIBLE EXPERIENCE OF TWO MEN IN THE WILDS OF COLORADO.

On Tuesday week when the snow storm began, N. R. Smith and Elbridge Forsyth started with teams from Dotsero for Coffee Pot Springs, Colorado, for lumber. Last Sunday the men had not been heard from and the storm was still raging. A relief party was sent and after a severe struggle through drifting snow, found Forsyth half dead from hunger and cold, and unable to move. Smith had died the previous day, and was found buried in the snow, frozen hard. In Forsyth's clenched hand was a scrap of paper, on which he had written a brief note to his wife. He is badly frozen and if he recovers will be crippled. He says they shot a deer the first day. The storm then increased and hemmed them in so that they were unable to proceed. On Wednesday they saw a mail carrier passing on snowshoes, but they were unable to attract his attention. The men subsisted on snow and raw deer flesh for three days, but could get no fuel, and finally sank benumbed. Smith was a pioneer in the region.

P. E. ISLAND RAILWAY. NOTICE.

COMMENCING ON MONDAY, 22nd DECEMBER, inst., a Special Passenger Train will, until further notice, leave Georgetown for Charlottetown, every evening (Sundays excepted) on arrival of Northern Light from Pictou; returning, will leave here for Georgetown at 9.15 p. m., except on Saturdays evening when Train will not return. Train will leave here for Georgetown at 3 o'clock on Monday mornings.

JAMES COLEMAN, Superintendent. Railway Office, Ch'town, Dec. 20, 1884. daily papers only

STEAM! STEAM!

THE undersigned, being about to remove from Flat River, offers for sale at Public Auction, on Tuesday, the 13th January, 1885, at 1 o'clock, p. m., on the premises, his Steam Saw Mill, complete with Rotary Self-acting Shingle Machine, Cross-cutter, Shaftings, Pulleys, &c., &c., all in complete working order, and driven by a 12-horse power engine. All will be sold together or separately to suit purchasers. Terms made known at sale. H. M. P. McMILLAN. Flat River, Dec. 24, 1884—ja2 pat till sale

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Balance of stock of Ladies Mantles, balance of stock of Shawls, balance of stock of Knitted Woolens, Squares, Scarfs, Vests, Jackets, &c.; Ladies Plush Felt and Velvet, 26 cents (half price). Blankets, in white and grey, very cheap. Buffalo and Goat Robes, Coon and Bear Coats, Ladies Astracan Jackets, Ladies Fur and Plush Caps and Muffs.—Must be cleared.

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L. E. PROWSE,

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Ch'town, Dec. 27, 1884.

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CHILDREN'S FANCY CHAIRS, CRADLES, COTTS, SLEIGHS, &c., CHEAPEST.

Mirrors & Looking Glasses, English and German, very Low.

Our stock of Gilt and Walnut Picture-frame Mouldings is the largest in the Lower Provinces, unrivalled in quality and variety, and made to suit all kind of pictures—the Cheapest in the city.

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Examine our Magnificent Parlor and Chamber Suits, which we are Selling at Cost.

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Ch'town, Dec. 19, 1884—3mos

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Ladies' Lined Kid Mitts, 50cts; do Long Cloth Gloves, 32cts; do Long Thread do, 28cts. Men's White Cambric Handkerchiefs from 5cts, Men's Colored Cashmere Handkerchiefs in great variety, Ladies' White Cambric Handkerchiefs from 5cts, Ladies' Linen do from 10cts, Ladies' Embroidered and Lace-edge Handkerchiefs, Ladies' Silk Handkerchiefs from 15 to 60cts.

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Remember the place: Stevenson's Building, Queen Street, where all goods kept by us are sold at prices which cannot be legitimately competed with.

Charlottetown, Dec. 15th, 1884.

AUCTION SALE

BANKRUPT STOCK.

I AM instructed by Mr. Rennie to sell by Public Auction, commencing on Wednesday, the 7th Jan. inst. A. D., 1885.

At the hour of TWO o'clock in the afternoon, and continuing from day to day, at the store recently occupied by Messrs. Bremner Bros., Queen Street, all their stock in trade, consisting in part of Books, including Bibles and Church Services, Hymn Books and works of standard and other authors, large lot of Letter, Note and Flat Paper, Envelopes, Ink, Mucilage, Pens, Pencils and a general assortment of such articles as are usually sold in a Stationery store; a well-assorted Case of Artist materials, lot of Show cases and Shop Furniture, a first-class Iron Safe with combination lock, &c., &c.

This sale offers a good chance to country and other dealers to obtain their supplies of Stationery, &c.

B. WILSON HIGGS, Auctioneer.

Ch'town, Jan. 2, 1884.



International and Colonial Exhibitions

ANTWERP IN 1885—LONDON IN 1886.

It is the intention to have a Canadian representation at the INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION at Antwerp, commencing in May, 1885, and also at the COLONIAL AND INDIAN EXHIBITION in London in 1886.

The Government will defray the cost of freight in conveying Canadian Exhibits to Antwerp, and from Antwerp to London, and also of returning them to Canada in the event of their not being sold.

All Exhibits for Antwerp should be ready for shipment not later than the first week in March next.

This Exhibition, it is believed, will afford favourable opportunity for making known the natural capabilities, and manufacturing and industrial progress of the Dominion.

Circulars and forms containing more particular information may be obtained by letter (post free) addressed to the Department of Agriculture, Ottawa.

By order, JOHN LOWE, Secy., Dept. of Agric. Ottawa, December 19th, 1884. Jan 2 61 wky

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Ch'town, Dec. 20, 1884.

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Also: An assortment of Table, Library and Study Lamps, in bronze and nickel silver, Lamp Fixing, and Lamp Chimneys of many kinds, all of which is offered at the Lowest Prices.

J. B. POLLARD, Kent Street.

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GOAL BY TELEPHONE.

THE Subscriber, having appointed Messrs. D. Lindsay & Angus his up-town Agents for the sale of his Coal, of which he has a large and varied assortment, wishes to announce to the public that any orders left with them will receive prompt attention. His office has communication to different parts of city by telephone.

R. McMILLAN, Ch'town, Dec. 20, 1884—cod wily lm

WANTED, LOST, FOUND, &c.

WANTED—A Girl to do general housework in a small family. Apply at this office. Jan 2 21

LOST—On the 1st January a Canary Bird, long and slender, bro 22 head and breast. The finder will be rewarded by leaving it at this office. Jan 2

LOST—On Tuesday, 30th December, between Kent Street and the Market House, a dark brown silk Umbrella, with bone handle, in form of a ring. The finder will be suitably rewarded by leaving it at THE EXAMINER office. Dec 31—1w

TO LET The premises at present occupied by Horace Haszard, Esq., at the foot of Queen's street. Possession given on the 1st day of January next, A. D., 1885. For further particulars apply to R. R. Fitzgerald. Nov 26

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