

**THE DAILY EXAMINER**

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**OUR ASYLUM.**

As no defence has been offered against the charges and statements that have lately been made concerning the proposed "annex" and the medical superintendent of our "Hospital for Insane Persons," the people are left to draw their own conclusions. It cannot be presumed that the authorities are treating these charges and questions with contempt. The hospital with its hundred and eighty-seven patients is not a matter to be lightly regarded by the representatives and officials of the public. Members of some of the most influential families in the Province are included among its unfortunate inmates. Many of them have been sane and intelligent as the sanest and most intelligent men and women who now walk at liberty. No one knows the day or the hour that a sudden distemper of the mind may necessitate his or her removal to Falconwood. In the language of mad Ophelia, "Lord, we know what we are, but know not what we may be." Surely the welfare of an institution in which all in this community are more or less interested is not to be regarded with indifference, even by the most light-minded or cold-hearted of men. We cannot believe, either, that the Government and the Doctor count upon the inertia of the public, and are silent because they suppose that if nothing is said the subject will the sooner be forgotten. Human sympathy has not yet ceased to be a force, even in Prince Edward Island. The people of this Province are not utterly unconcerned about that which reflects upon their generosity, their justice, and their humanity. So we are forced to the conclusion that the failure of the exponents of the Government to put in a defence is practically an admission that the charges and statements that have been made are substantially true.

What, then, is the present condition of our Hospital (so called) for the Insane? So far as the improvement or cure of the mental diseases of patients is concerned, the medical superintendence amounts to nothing. The crowded state of the wards, with patients mingling together in every state of idiocy and lunacy renders a cure in any difficult case improbable if not impossible. Observations made at occasional visits confirm the opinion that the Supervisor and the Matron are kind hearted and attentive to duty. But the mere administration of such a large establishment must occupy so much time that they can do but little in respect to the nursing, and care and personal attendance upon the patients. For the greater part of the time the patients are necessarily deprived all care except that of the attendants. And who are the attendants? Have they received any training as nurses of insane persons? Are they selected because of their aptitude in the management of mad men and women? Not at all. They are selected as other servants are selected. Those who remain long at the work naturally gain in the course of time some knowledge of the idiosyncrasies of the patients and a rude skill in controlling them and ministering to their needs. Those who happen to have abundant patience and good temper treat the patients who are under them with kindness and consideration. But we can readily imagine that those who are not always patient and good tempered are many times constrained to acts of harshness and cruelty for which the discipline of the institution affords no means of discovery or avoidance.

In these circumstances, that which we call our "Hospital for Insane Persons" is not a hospital at all in the sense of being a curative institution. Indeed, it can hardly be called an asylum; for the word implies a place of protection and of security from ill-usage. It is a mere overcrowded keep or pound in which close upon two hundred lunatics are huddled together without regard to mental or moral condition, or age, or likelihood of recovery, or any consideration whatever, except that of sex. Thus, the public pays \$17,000 to \$20,000 a year for no other purpose than to relieve society from the danger of having lunatics at large. Surely something more than this is demanded (and might be obtained for the large amount of money paid) in an age when the energies and skill of thousands of physicians are directed solely to the care of the insane persons.

Are we not, then, justified in calling for a reform of the institution? The Liberal party is fond of commissions; and if ever there were a case for which a commission is needed, first to inquire into the actual condition of the asylum and then to propose measures of reform,—this is one.

Eggs, cornmeal and flour are becoming more scarce in Havana, and the prices of all articles of food are doubling though very many families have left.

**THE SENATE TO THE RESCUE.**

While the Liberal papers have much to say in condemnation of the Senate for rejecting a Government measure in the course of the present session, they are not so ready to give due credit to that body for carrying out the policy of the Government against a majority of the House of Commons. A fraternal society, the Sons of England, sought to carry on Life Insurance without making the necessary deposit with the Government for the security of policy holders. The Finance Minister announced that without a provision to that effect the Government could not accept the bill. On a division, every member of the Administration voted against the measure. But the House of Commons refused to sustain the Government, and the bill was carried in that House by a large majority. When, however, it reached the Banking and Commerce Committee of the Senate, the policy of the Government was sustained by a vote of 11 to 7. Conservatives on the Committee, such as Senators Ferguson, Drummond and Wood, were the most prominent supporters of Mr. Fielding's policy and saved the administration from a humiliating defeat. The Government have, under our constitutional system, to assume responsibility for all legislation; and had not the Senate interposed Sir Wilfrid would have had to "swallow the leek" or resign.

The valuable amendments to the Franchise Bill which were made by the Senate at the suggestion of Senator Ferguson and accepted by the Government, illustrate the value of the Upper Chamber. The bill was for over three months before the House of Commons, and yet it left that body so faulty that the Government were glad to accept important amendments in the Senate. Yet this is a Bill affecting the constitution of the popular chamber.

**RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE WAR.**

Though we insert the letter signed "Peace" as an expression of the opinion of a forcible and intelligent writer, we cannot see that any good can be brought about by a discussion of the question which he raises at this juncture. The question is rather one for the future historian with all the facts spread out before him than for us from whom the motives of Spanish and American action are partially withheld. Though the armed interference of the United States may seem to us unnecessary and criminal, we may rest assured that there is a Power who, in this matter, is working out his Sovereign will. In this country, every man is at perfect liberty to think and speak as he may choose, and while many may sympathise with the Spaniards and many with the Americans, it ought to be evident to all that the neutral position of the British Government, relieving this country from responsibility for the acts of either party, is right.

—Two additional supplementary estimates were brought down yesterday, by the Finance Minister. We are not told that either of them provides for the construction of the Belfast-Murray Harbor Railway or the Hillsborough bridge, to which the knightly word of Sir Louis Davies is pledged.

—The following is the announcement which appeared in the Chester Chronicle of 27th July, 1839, the double marriage having taken place on the previous day: "Yesterday, at Hawarden, by the Hon. and Rev. G. Neville Greville, the Right Hon. Lord Lytton, of Hogley, near Stourbridge, Worcestershire, to Miss Mary Glynn, and William Ewart Gladstone, Esq., M. P., for Newark, to Miss Glynn, the ladies being the daughters of the late Sir Stephen Glynn, Bart., and sisters of the present Sir S. R. Glynn, Bart., M. P., Harwarden Castle, Flintshire."

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**MARKED BALLOTS.**

The Montreal Star refers, editorially, at some length, to the amendments to the Franchise Act proposed by Senator Ferguson, and points out that Senator Ferguson proposed to meet the difficulty of discovering illegal votes in his Province by providing a system of marked ballots for challenged voters. The Star remarks: "Frankly, we do not like the system of marked ballots. They have it up in Ontario and it creates a general distrust of the secrecy of the ballot box. But the Government, having dragged us into this difficulty with their precious provincial franchise policy, must find a way out. It will never do to leave the elections in Prince Edward Island exposed to capture by an army of mercenary 'telegraphers.' The fact of the matter is that the Government are trying to saddle this country with a hopeless botch, and they should be grateful for improving amendments, whether offered in the Senate or any where else."

The Star's dislike to marked ballots in a province in which there is secret voting is natural and proper. But in this Province we have "open voting." Everyone here, may know how every one votes. Consequently the objection to a marked ballot in a Dominion election held according to our Provincial law is not valid.

**ESTEEMED EXCHANGES.**

Ottawa Citizen: Here are two definitions for readers of Liberal journals:

"Outrageous extravagance" — \$38,600,000.

"Increased economy" — \$47,970,947.

Summerside Journal: If the government is in earnest in its promise to construct a breakwater in Summerside harbor, it is about time the work was begun. Is it intended that the matter shall drop entirely, or is the breakwater to be used as a lever in another bye-election? And this leads up to the further inquiry—what about the vacant Prince County Senatorship? Is it not about time the appointment was made? The public would like very much to see these questions satisfactorily answered in the near future.

**A TORONTO CONDUCTOR.**

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It stopped the Yukon and prevented the flotation of a huge endowed Klondike "gamble" in London.

It proposes, now, that any subject of her Majesty who is illegally deprived of his franchise shall have the right to appeal to the courts of law for redress.

Crimes such as these are abhorrent to the greedy element that is on top just now.

This is why there is an outcry against the Senate.—Mail and Empire.

**BORN.**

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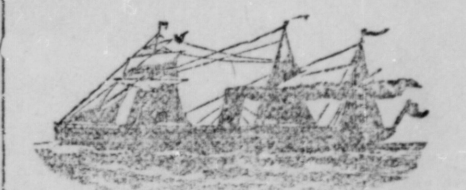
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