

THE DAILY EXAMINER.

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PRINCE COUNTY ELECTION CASE.

The decision of the Judges, unseating Mr. Hackett on the ground that an alleged agent of the respondent gave a voter a treat of whiskey, while at the same time dismissing every other charge, may well cause surprise. The result is a remarkable indication of the clean and honorable record of the Conservative party in West Prince. After four months were spent by Grit leaders hunting evidence, and fifty charges presented to the Court, the judges solemnly find that the only corrupt act committed was one treat given by a person in Mr. Hackett's interest. Although the Grit manner of conducting the campaign was not under inquiry, yet it came out, incidentally, during the trial that the very first witness put on to the stand by that party had made two attempts at perjury on election day. It was further proved out of the mouth of Wm. Sharp Larkins, the petitioner, that a whole barrel of whiskey had been ordered by the local attorney and delivered to the petitioner during the heat of the campaign. A letter shown in the Court to have been a forgery formed the basis of a charge in the particular, and last though not least it came out in cross-examination that a Grit emissary had attempted to suborn one of the principal witnesses by promising that he would be given \$25 cash and a barrel of flour if he made an affirmation to the effect that Mr. Hackett had personally bribed him.

CURE FOR RHEUMATISM.

A cure for rheumatism, lately applied in Victoria Hospital, Montreal, is briefly described by The Star. In principle it resembles very closely a Turkish bath, the only difference being that a higher degree of temperature may be secured. The modus operandi is as follows: The patient is placed in a case with only the face exposed to the outer air, the box being hermetically sealed and heavily padded. All being in readiness, a current of hot air is turned into the box, and this gradually increased until a maximum of two hundred and fifty or three hundred degrees is reached. Very frequently the experiment lasts for over an hour, and at its conclusion the patient is thoroughly rubbed and dried and put to bed. The Star states that the result showed a very marked improvement in the condition of the patient. Previous to the experiment he was partially paralyzed, but on being removed from the box it was found that he could walk with comparative ease. The physicians who watched the clinic are confident that a partial, if not a complete, cure has been effected. In another instance a hospital patient, who had been taken to a hospital several weeks ago suffering from rheumatic fever, was placed under treatment, with the result that her condition has very materially improved, the rheumatism having almost entirely left the muscles. The Star says that in cases of a chronic character, the doctors express themselves as being doubtful if a permanent cure can be effected. The treatment, they say, may relieve the pain for the time being, and cause the muscles to relax and the joints to become more flexible, but they are of the opinion that the disease will return again at some future time. However, everything is as yet in the experimental stage, and the treatment is evidently well worth the attention of physician and rheumatists everywhere.

A PREPOSTEROUS IDEA.

A sufficient answer to the Guardian's weak plea for the Petrel is found in the statement of its Summerside correspondent who says:— "The charge is being somewhat freely circulated here that the Petrel was brought here merely for a blind, and as the most suitable selection that could be made to prove the impracticability of navigating the strait anywhere west of Georgetown and Pictou. The charge is backed up by the statement that the boat was not furnished for the accommodation of passengers—that there are no seats or tables in the room intended for a saloon—that a lady who took passage by her from Summerside to Cape Tormentine was obliged to go to the galley there being no seat for her anywhere else. It is further stated that the steel plates put on in Pictou were fastened with short screws and would not have withstood an ordinary sea let alone ice, and that they were stripped off on her first encounter with ice. All of which is intended to prove that a very short service was a foregone conclusion. Whether these charges are true or not, the steamer is now lying idle at Cape Tormentine. It is said, fast in the ice, and if her friends can put up any defence for her it would not be out of place to do so before the ice gets heavier and her opportunities for defending herself have passed entirely away." The idea of such an exemplar of jobbery as a humbug as the Petrel demonstrating the feasibility of an improved Cape's service is merely preposterous.

A SAMPLE ARGUMENT.

The Guardian discusses learnedly the subject of "Evolution," and comes to the conclusion that the centre of the earth is not in a state of intense heat, because the "Challenger" found that water at a great depth was colder than on the surface." This reminds us of another Heaven-born scientist who pronounced as his dictum, "It was clearly proved that the sun was not the source of heat, because it was far colder on the top of a mountain, which was much nearer the sun, and should be, if the sun was the source of heat, much warmer." No intelligent schoolboy would give utterance to so palpable a fallacy as that the fractional difference in propinquity to the centre of the earth of a few thousand yards would warm the deeper water. —Banks bursting up in the Western States show that the times are not merry there—even though McKinley is in.

MR. RHODES' BIG IDEAS.

Representation of the Colonies in the Imperial Federation. A Capetown despatch remarks that a reception was given on the 24th inst, at Port Elizabeth to Cecil Rhodes, formerly Prime Minister of Capetown, and Manager of the British South African Company, who is en route to England to testify before the Commission that will examine into the rail by Dr. Jameson on the Transvaal. Mr. Rhodes made a speech certain parts of which have excited considerable comment. He treated lengthily upon South African affairs, touching somewhat fully upon Rhodesia, whence he arrived a few days ago, after taking part in the suppressing of the Matabele revolt, and then said that he was going home to be examined regarding the Jameson expedition by his fellow countrymen, whose anxious recollections well knew. This sarcastic reference to the investigating committee is taken to indicate that Mr. Rhodes' testimony will be far more interesting than was anticipated. Another speech, at Port Elizabeth, Mr. Rhodes, who it will be recalled, some years ago contributed \$50,000 to the Irish cause, said that in the course of his negotiations with Charles Stuart Parnell (later promised to insert in the Home Rule Bill a clause allowing of a franchise representation of the colonies in the British Parliament.

WHAT THE POWERS WILL DO.

Europe May Become Uneasy if the United States Encourages Cuba. The London Times publishes a despatch from Paris saying that the United States has been "officially" informed of the most friendly terms that the European Powers could not remain impulsive in the event of the United States abandoning the attitude of President Cleveland and his Cabinet towards Cuba. Should the United States presume to exercise pressure on Spain by recognizing the Cuban insurgents or encouraging them in their resistance, it has been informed that Europe generally might become uneasy at the idea of such an extension of international action by the United States, inasmuch as it might at a given moment threaten almost all the powers whose possessions are in proximity to the United States and might tempt the spirit of enterprise and encroachment that is inspiring the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations. "If," continues the writer, "I am correctly informed, the United States has been informed that Germany is already quite ready to decide with Spain in the event of the United States showing that she is disposed officially to side with the rebels. Moreover, academic conversations are proceeding in certain foreign offices agent the measures the powers could take to form a pact against the invasion of Socialism which is now menacing all political organizations. It was during these pour-parlers that the friendly warning to the United States that the United States' resolutions for the recognition of the Cuban insurgents being regarded in some quarters as revolutionary.

STILL DOUBT MACCO'S DEATH.

An officer of the steamer Vigilancia, which arrived at New York from Havana a few days ago, said that while his vessel lay at Havana he learned from several Cubans that the belief prevailed there among adherents of the Cuban cause that Macco was not murdered but was planning a coup d'etat in Matanzas. They believe on a story told by a passenger on a train which started from the boundary of the province of Matanzas, who declared he saw General Macco passing near by at the head of troops. "There are many other reasons," continued the officer, "why it is reasonable to suppose Macco is still living. There has not been exhibited in Havana any souvenir of the late general. The Spaniards might have taken some part of his clothing as evidence. That you may be certain would have been paraded before the public."

A DISASTROUS WATERSPOUT.

The Portuguese consulate in Boston has received a petition from the island of St. Michael, in the Azores, signed by the Portuguese governor and 19 principal citizens, asking aid for sufferers by the bursting of a giant water spout. Nov. 2nd, at the City of Povoacao. The petition states there is much suffering for food, clothing and shelter, and gives some particulars of the calamity, thus which, it states there has been some more devastating in the history of the island. "Too much water poured down upon the city which has about 25,000 inhabitants, mounting above the roofs of houses, ripping up streets, carrying destruction everywhere in its path. The torrent rushed down the slope to the sea, tearing a wide channel through nine miles of country and carrying with it the homes of thousands of people. The flood destroyed the town of Ribeira Quente of 3,000 population, and several other parishes all along the coast. The fishermen lost their boats and the shore was literally covered with corpses of those who perished in the flood."

NEWS NOTES.

Mr. L. H. Davies, Minister of Marine and Fisheries, expects to have the Hudson Bay expedition, for which Parliament voted \$25,000 last session, ready to send out next spring. The Cornwall Standard's estimate is that the Liberal victory in Cornwall cost the Government and its friends between \$30,000 and \$40,000. It is no wonder the Conservatives were unsuccess under such circumstances. They had to fight a bank as well as a political party. The statement of Nova Scotia crops, issued by the Secretary of Agriculture, shows the yield of the past season to have been far above the average in nearly everything except potatoes, which, owing to the continued rains, are below. The fruit is the greatest in the history of the province. Japan and Peru have arranged a commercial treaty. Peru is to favor Japan's manufactures, and Japan is to give professional treatment to Peru's raw materials. Japan's main success is leading her to aspire to commercial conquests also. It was not expected though that she would successfully invade this continent. Mr. Nelidoff, Russian Ambassador to Turkey, acted as spokesman for the concert of European nations, has notified the Sultan that the agreement of the powers upon the question of the enforcement of reforms in Turkey is perfect and that they demand that there shall be no delay on the part of the portie in giving assent to the proposals for such reforms submitted by the representatives of the powers. A Graduate of Toronto University. "My children have been treated with Scott's Emulsion from their earliest years. Our physician first recommended it, and now whenever a child takes cold my wife immediately resorts to this remedy, which always effects a cure."

TELEGRAPHIC.

It's natural to suppose that the Liberals appear to be running for cover at full speed, it is generally believed by well informed politicians here that a crisis is at hand in the political as well as religious affairs of the Province of Quebec, and that a new man will appear in the arena. The Bishops of the entire Province will issue a mandament forcibly denouncing the Manitoba settlement, and threatening dire disaster to any Catholic member of Parliament who does not protest against it. This will bring about the voluntary retirement of several French-Canadian Liberal members from the Commons, and the acceptance by others of places of ennoblement, so that ten or a dozen serious gaps will appear in the Liberal deputation from this Province. Then Sir Joseph Adolphe Chaplain will leave Spencerwood, and with his friends carry the vacant constituencies, and having taken his seat for Terrebonne Mr. Chaplain will resign and will assume the leadership of the French Conservative party.

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THE TARIFF COMMISSION.

Testimony More Strongly Protectionist. MONTREAL, D. C. 30. The Tariff Commission sat here yesterday. The testimony from all lines was even more strongly protectionist than at the previous sittings.

Ottawa Appointments.

OTTAWA, Dec. 30. Then, J. Furness has been appointed sub-Collector of Customs at Vernon River, P. E. I., and Peter McMillan sub-Collector of Customs at Grand River, P. E. I.

David Submits.

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