

THE DAILY EXAMINER.

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The Election To-Morrow.

The people of the country districts in which there are by-elections will, to-morrow, decide between the economical and prudent administration of Hon. Mr. McLeod and an Opposition which has no leader, no policy and no desire, apparently—except to "get in." But the issue in the City has been completely obliterated. Everyone who has any regard for Charlotte-town must regret the civic middle into which the candidates for the Provincial Assembly have been drawn. It is to be even more keenly regretted that, the civic issue of the election is not clearly defined. Electors cannot possibly, by the event of the election to-morrow, declare whether they prefer the road system to the collective vote. We have little doubt that the leading civic reformers will, sooner or later, regret that they declined to take the advice of THE EXAMINER in respect to this important point.

The Horse in Commerce.

SOME idea of the importance of the horse as a commercial factor may be gathered from the fact that among the farm animals of the land horses are worth more than the mules, the sheep, the hogs, the milk cows, or the oxen. It is estimated that on January 1st there were 14,056,750 horses on the farms and ranches of the United States, worth on the average \$67 a piece, and valued in all at \$941,823,222. Next in money rank of the domestic animals came the oxen and other cattle—exclusive of milk cows—valued at \$544,127,908, and numbering 36,875,648. Milk cows were third, with a valuation of \$346,397,900. The sheep, concerning which the politicians are so solicitous, are worth \$108,397,447, or about one-third as much as the horses. The hogs are worth \$210,193,923, and the mules \$178,847,370. The New England States report no mules whatever, while Texas, Tennessee and Missouri each have over 200,000.

The figures as to horses, though enormous in their aggregate, by no means cover all the horse flesh of the country. Reports of the Massachusetts assessors show that May 1st last there were 178,742 horses in the State. The National Agricultural Department credits Massachusetts with only 63,200 horses on its farms, so that there must be 115,000 horses used in business or for pleasure. If this ratio is true of the other states, the total number of horses in the country must be over 25,000,000, and at an average valuation of \$67 they must be worth over \$1,700,000,000. The ratio would not hold true in the agricultural states, but on the other hand the horses owned in cities and towns would average much more than \$67 in value.

Taking the figures, however, for farm animals only, some interesting calculations may be made. The ratio of horses to population in 1870 was about 1 to 4.43; in 1880, 1 to 4.39; in 1890, 1 to 4.45. This would indicate that in the last twenty years the conditions of farm life have not so changed as to make the work of horses either more or less useful to any considerable degree. But in the cities and towns in the single matter of street railways the sphere of usefulness for horses has greatly increased of late years. In the last decade alone the length of street car lines in the United States was doubled. Three-quarters of them, with a total length of 2,351 miles, were a year ago, when the census figures were taken, operated by animal power, and must have required the work of 50,000 horses, besides several thousand mules. However, the general change from animal to electric power now imminent is likely to set free for other uses these 50,000 car horses, or rather to stop the demand for horses to take their places.

According to the Department of Agriculture, the average value of farm horses has risen from \$58.44 to \$67 during the last decade. This has been almost wholly due to an improvement in quality. Twenty years ago almost any horse lover could name over the greater part of the horses that could trot in 2.30. Now it takes several newspaper columns to record the names of the new ones that enter the list each year, and thousands meet the requirements of "standard-bred." In the West the breeding of Percherons, Clydesdales and French coach horses has become a substantial and most reputable business. In New England there are half a hundred stock farms where, twenty years ago, there were practically none, and in California the breeding of fast horses has become almost a craze.

Notes and Comments.

Commenting upon the claim of the Government of Nova Scotia for a refund of all moneys expended by the Province in the construction of railways which have since become the property of the Dominion Government or passed under the Legislative control of Canada. The Montreal Gazette says: "This is a claim, which, if admitted in the case of Nova Scotia, would have to be admitted in every province, save, perhaps, Prince Edward Island. It would increase the public debt of Canada by some twenty-four millions of dollars, that being the amount granted by all the provinces in aid of railroad construction. The ground of the claim is of the weakest. The Federal Parliament's reply to Nova Scotia will doubtless be that the money granted by the province was to secure the construction of certain lines of road in the interest of the people of the province, and that the lines of road are there and are being operated. Any road in Nova Scotia the Federal Government holds has been obtained for value, and any road operated under Federal law is operated for the benefit and safety of the people. Nova Scotia's claim has not the slightest chance of being allowed."

Personal.

Father Stephen Phelan, of Georgetown, is in the city. The oyster is one of the strongest creatures on earth. The force required to open an oyster is more than 1,300 times its weight.

The W. C. T. U. Entertainment.

THE "crush" at the Y. M. C. A., last evening, while many were unable to gain admittance, proves again the great popularity in Charlottetown of cheap literary and musical entertainments, and the great need there is of a larger and better hall than any of those which are now available for such purposes. That these entertainments are worthy of encouragement is not to be doubted. While we laugh at the ridiculous, and feel disgusted that which is in bad taste, and sigh over the inanities and truisms of the orator of the evening, there is in them almost invariably, a great deal that is gratifying and refreshing to the mind, and, perhaps, a brilliant gem to be admired, a thing of beauty to be enjoyed forever after. They are certainly an assistance in the training of our critical faculties. By them we learn to discriminate between that which is good and which is not so good. They are, in short, an easy and excellent means of social culture. Therefore they are to be commended and encouraged, and we should have a larger and better hall.

After the devotional exercises of last evening—conducted by the Rev. William Hamlyn—Miss Lewis and Mr. Vinnicombe gave a beautiful duet on piano and violin and responded to an encore by playing "Home Sweet Home." This touched the hearts of all—as it ever does—and we have no doubt that it suggested the thought that home is not always sweet when the head of the house is "given to drink." Little Mabel Cook followed with a recitation, and there was, subsequently, a recitation by little Ethel Pope. Both of these were excellent as to form and as to the lessons in temperance which they conveyed. The acting of the "Model City Council" was not brilliant. Some of their "hits" were fairly good and some atrociously bad. But they disposed of the "Saloon Keeper" to the entire satisfaction of the audience. Miss Hamlyn sang a beautiful song in a pure musical voice, and Miss Earle made a thrilling and touching, as well as musical, appeal to "Save the Boy." Messrs Fletcher and Knight played a duet on cornet and clarinet, and gave as an encore the old plaintive air of "Hard times come again no more." Mr. S. F. Hodgson gave a sensible reading which THE EXAMINER will reproduce at an early date.

The entertainment—upon which the W. C. T. U. is to be congratulated—concluded with a duet and chorus by the choir and the National Anthem. T. C. James, Esq., occupied the chair.

Y. W. C. A.

The seventh annual meeting of the Young Women's Christian Association was held yesterday afternoon in the parlor of the Y. M. C. A. The Secretary's report of the working of the Association during the past year specified a mission service held every Sunday afternoon in the north end of the city; the weekly visitation of the jail and pothouse; a mother's meeting conducted fortnightly; and a bible and prayer service on Saturday afternoon. The corresponding secretary reports having furnished letters of introduction to the Boston and New York Associations to several young women leaving the Island, who are always kindly received and helped in obtaining situations. The Treasurer's report was also satisfactory.

These reports were followed by most sympathetic and encouraging addresses from the Rev. Messrs. Hamlyn and Gordon, Judge Hensley and Mrs. Dr. Johnson, who greeted the Association in the name of the W. C. T. U. The officers elected for the coming year are: President—Mrs. Heard. Vice-Presidents—Mrs. Hamlyn and Mrs. Smallwood. Recording Secretary—Miss M. C. Davies. Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Hensley. Treasurer—Miss Doull.

It would be difficult in a short space to fairly represent the quiet and unobtrusive work of this Society. Those who know and understand its operations recommend it to the interest and sympathy of any who will meet the members on Saturday, at 3.30 p. m., in the parlor of the Y. M. C. A.

A Successful Islander.

Daniel MacEachern, of Fair View, West River, was among the passengers by the winter steamer Stanley from Georgetown last week, on his way to Europe via the Royal Mail Steamer from Halifax. Mr. MacEachern is a native of West River. He left home when a mere boy some 43 years ago. Possessed of a strong, robust constitution, and unbounded will, he resolved on trying his luck in the gold diggings of California, where he was fairly successful. After travelling over many parts of the Southern States he crossed the border and went to British Columbia, where at that time the Fraser River gold mines were an object of attraction. After a residence of some years on the Pacific Coast, he crossed the Atlantic and visited several European cities and countries. "Dan," then resolved on seeing the Antipodes, and left England for the Australian Colonies. He remained in New Zealand for some time and was doing fairly well. From thence he went to South Africa, and was for many years engaged in the diamond fields of Kimberley and the gold digging of Kimberly in Africa. There he accumulated such considerable wealth, that the interest of his deposit in the Bank of England alone is sufficient to keep him in comfortable circumstances. Having made his pile he resolved to pay his native Island a visit which he did, arriving at the home of his boyhood, some twenty years ago. There he purchased some property, and enjoyed the comforts of a quiet retreat by the river side. In the meantime he received encouraging letters from his old "boss" in England, inviting "Dan" to join him once more at the "Diamond Diggings." Accordingly he consented and left for Africa, as above stated, Dan is of a retiring disposition, but enjoys the company of friends. During the long winter evenings of the last three months Dan, who is a bachelor, entertained young people at his cottage, relating his many terrible experiences among Zulus and other savage tribes. Mr. MacEachern appointed Mr. T. Stewart, of Westville, his agent for the sale or renting of his property on the West River.

K D. C. for the Stomach.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

A Different Opinion.

SIR.—The Guardian has not gauged public opinion right, with respect to the election in Charlottetown, in trying to convey the impression that the contest between Dr. Jenkins and Mr. H. Douse is a square issue for and against Civic Reform. There is a large number of citizens who are just as anxious for civic reforms as the Guardian and the extreme temperance people seem to be, but they do not consider that the matter was properly brought before the electors in this contest. They cannot support Dr. Jenkins in his tactics in pushing himself forward and forcing Mr. Blake, the candidate of the party, to resign; and having no confidence in his ability; if elected, to carry out the reform, they will abstain from voting. Therefore, whatever the result may be, it will not voice the sentiment of the people on this important question.

LIBERAL-CONSERVATIVE.

The Contest in the City.

SIR.—To-morrow the taxpayers will be called upon to vote whether they approve of the present manner of electing the city councillors by wards, or whether they will elect them by a vote of the whole city. It seems somewhat suspicious that this matter should be brought up at this particular time, when the finances of the city are, according to reform critics, in such a healthy state. But to any unprejudiced citizen the cause is quite apparent. Mr. Blake was to be set aside for the House of Assembly and certain City Councillors were to be forced out of the City Council. It does not require very great penetration to obtain an inside view of the motives of the so-called reform party in asking for the City Councillors to be elected by the whole city. Why are these gentlemen afraid to publish their platform before the election? If one of the clauses is to disfranchise tenants and poll-tax voters, they ought to be ashamed of their platform, and Dr. Jenkins ought to be proud of his party.

TAXPAYER.

Death in March Winds.

Poets and novelists go into ecstasies over what they romantically call "beautiful spring" and "gentle spring," and while, no doubt, every one is glad to see winter release its icy grasp, "beautiful spring" is, after all, one of the most deadly seasons of the year. Sudden transitions from warmth to extreme cold, with piercing, chilling winds; from dry to sloppy, "muggy" weather, all combine to make the season a most trying one, even to the hardiest constitution, while to those with weak constitutions the season is one of positive danger. Undoubtedly the greatest danger at this season of the year is from cold in the head, which very few escape, and which if not promptly and thoroughly treated, develops into catarrh, with all its disagreeable and loathsome effects. Catarrh, neglected, almost as certainly develops into consumption, annually destroying thousands of lives. At this trying season no household should be without a bottle of Nasal Balm. In cases of cold in the head it gives almost instant relief and effects a speedy cure, thus preventing the development of catarrh. Where the latter disease has already secured a hold it is equally efficacious, and with persistent use will cure the worst case. From the outset it sweetens the breath, stops the nauseous droppings into the throat and lungs, dispels those dull headaches that afflict the sufferer from catarrh. Nasal Balm is not advertised as a cure-all—it is an honest remedy which never fails to cure cold in the head or catarrh when the directions are faithfully followed.

Recording Secretary—Miss M. C. Davies. Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Hensley. Treasurer—Miss Doull. The officers elected for the coming year are: President—Mrs. Heard. Vice-Presidents—Mrs. Hamlyn and Mrs. Smallwood. Recording Secretary—Miss M. C. Davies. Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Hensley. Treasurer—Miss Doull. It would be difficult in a short space to fairly represent the quiet and unobtrusive work of this Society. Those who know and understand its operations recommend it to the interest and sympathy of any who will meet the members on Saturday, at 3.30 p. m., in the parlor of the Y. M. C. A.

MR. VINNICOMBE'S Grand Orchestral Concert

—IN THE— PHILHARMONIC HALL, —ON— Monday Evening, April 13th.

PROGRAMME.

- Overture—"Le Chevalier Breton"....A. Herman Orchestra. Vocal Solo—"The Desert" (by request)....Pianisti Rev. F. E. J. Lloyd. String Study—Andante and Allegro (Opus 8).....Pleyd Pupils and Orchestra. Baritone Solo—"Romance".....Steiner Mr. Reed. Vocal Duet—"Maying".....Smith Mrs. E. H. Norton and Rev. F. E. J. Lloyd. Waltz—"Alone".....Bennett Orchestra. Vocal Solo—"Children's Home".....Cowan Mrs. E. H. Norton. Violin Solo—"Blue Balls of Scotland" (by request).....Farmer Mr. Vinnicombe. String Sextette—Andante and Rondo (Opus 23).....Millard Members of Orchestra. Vocal Solo—"Drifting".....Claribel Miss K. Hyndman. Trio—Andante for Piano, Violin and Viola.....Carl, Stein Miss Lewis, Messrs. J. Hyndman and Vinnicombe. Cornet Solo—"Good Night, Farewell".....Millard Mr. Fletcher and Orchestra. "GOD SAVE THE QUEEN." Concert at 8 o'clock, sharp. Tickets—Reserved 30 cents; general admission, 25 cents; at Chapelle's, Reddin's, Watson's, Lewis', and at the door.

JUST OUT. A NEW HAND-BOOK —ON— FRUIT GROWING In all its Branches, adapted to the wants of the Maritime Provinces, ready by the 15th inst. Mailed on receipt of price, 40 cents; three for \$1.00. Choice Stock of Home-Grown Fruit and Ornamental Trees, Small Fruits, Roses, Shrubs, etc. NOVA SCOTIA NURSERY, Church St., Cornwallis, N. S. T. E. SMITH, Proprietor.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

IRISH AFFAIRS.

Growth of the National Federation.

DUBLIN, April 8. Parnell visited the officers of the National League yesterday and afterwards returned to London. The first public meeting of the National Federation was held yesterday. Sexton, President, made a speech in which he dwelt upon the rapid and enormous growth of the Federation, which, he said, would soon embody the political strength of Ireland.

Liberal-Conservatives Gain a Seat.

HALIFAX, April 8. In the three local elections, held yesterday in Cape Breton, Antigonish and Hants Counties, to fill the vacancies caused by the resignation of members to run in the recent Dominion contest, Chisholm (Grit) carried Antigonish, McPherson (Grit) Cape Breton, and McDougall (Liberal-Conservative) Hants. This is a gain of one for the Liberal-Conservatives in the Local House, as all three seats were held by the Grits previous to the Dominion election.

Parnell's Marriage.

LONDON, April 8. The lady to whom Parnell is said to have been privately married since the O'Shea divorce, is the eldest daughter of Mrs. O'Shea. The extreme privacy with which the ceremony was performed is attributed to the fact that the young lady is a ward in Chancery. Although she is twenty-one years of age, the marriage could not be lawfully solemnized without the assent of the court, and by his action Parnell lays himself open to prosecution.

Death of Barnum.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., April 8. P. T. Barnum, the world renowned showman, died last evening after an illness of twenty-one weeks. Barnum was born at Bethel, in this State, in 1810. In early life he was a trader and an editor. In 1842 he brought out the world renowned "Tom Thumb," and in 1849 brought Jenny Lind to America. His career in recent years is familiar to all. He frequently appeared as a public lecturer, and has published a life of himself as well as "Struggles and Triumphs" and "The Humbugs of the World."

Wholesale Bribery.

MONTREAL, April 8. It has just come to light that the grits have about completed a scheme by which they expect to secure power in the next House of Commons. They boast that they have a fund of a quarter of a million dollars at their disposal and they propose to use it to the extent of giving as high as twenty-thousand dollars per man for supporters.

An Unsavory Case.

ST. JOHN, April 8. A man named Alexander Leaman was arrested here to-day, charged with improper relations with the wife of one J. E. Dobson. Dobson complains that his wife left him some time ago, and has taken up her residence with Leaman. This is the first case in New Brunswick under the Charlton Seduction Act.

Dynamite in a Satchel.

ST. JOHN, April 8. A man named Corbett, charged with carrying dynamite in a satchel on a passenger train of the Intercolonial Railway from St. John to Salisbury, was arrested and brought to Moncton by Detective Skeffington last evening. He is liable to a penalty of five hundred dollars.

A Scheme Rejected.

ST. JOHN, April 8. In the Aldermanic elections yesterday, the Leavy Harbor Improvement Scheme was the great point at issue, and the result was that out of twenty-six members, sixteen were elected to oppose the scheme. Of the 26 elected 23 are Liberal-Conservatives.

An Extradition Case.

BOSTON April 8. In the United States court, yesterday morning, the case of Henry James, an escaped convict from Dorchester Penitentiary, in New Brunswick was heard. Deputy Warden Ross, of the Penitentiary identified the prisoner, whom Judge James turned over to Canadian authorities.

Protection of the Fisheries.

OTTAWA, April 8. A meeting of the Fishery Inspectors of the Dominion will be held here on Thursday next, to exchange views and arrange for the protection of the fisheries.

Weather Bulletin.

TORONTO, April 8.—10 a. m. North-west to south west winds, fair, stationary or a little higher temperatures.

Millinery.

Miss Maggie McQuarrie, having just returned from New York, (where she has been working for the last eighteen months under the different first-class milliners of that great centre) has taken the room above Stanley Bros. store, and is prepared to do all kinds of millinery work in the latest styles. Miss McQuarrie begs to inform the public that she is acquainted with all the details of artistic work, and has intimate knowledge of the different styles now so much in vogue, and which were introduced into New York for the first time last season. A full patronage extended to her will have her personal attention.

WANTED FULL PARTICULARS —OF OUR— Grand Opening —IN— A Day or Two! BEER BROS.

FURNITURE REPAIRED. Now is the Time to have your Furniture Repaired, Repainted and Reupholstered. OLD FURNITURE MADE TO LOOK NEW. We have a nice lot of Coverings for Lounges, Smoking Chairs, etc. MARK WRIGHT & CO., Ltd. Charlottetown, March 26, 1891.

Y. M. C. A. To the Electors of Charlottetown, Common and Royalty. Annual Meeting. GENTLEMEN,—Having been waited upon by a large number of the inhabitants of this City and Royalty, and requested to put myself into nomination for the election for the Local House, to be held on the 9th inst., I have acceded to their request, and have nominated on the 2nd inst., in due form. In asking for your suffrages, I beg to state that I will not support any party that will not give fair play to Charlottetown—that is to say, its share of the moneys received from Ottawa—which, I contend, this city has, in all justice, a right to receive in proportion to its population. We have in the Royalty about twenty miles of roads that are sadly neglected, and in this city about sixteen miles of streets to be kept in order. I should strongly advocate the keeping in the best state of repair this important branch of the public interests. We have, at an outlay of two hundred thousand dollars, constructed a system of Waterworks, which gives protection not only to Civic property but to Local and Dominion Government property as well—a protection for which, we may say, we only receive six hundred dollars a year. I will support that party which secures to this City its rightful share of all Government moneys. In regard to the Ward system in this City, I believe it is admitted to be the system in force in all cities, and why Charlottetown should make any innovation I cannot see. I am of the opinion that the present Ward system should be preserved intact, with this exception: that as Ward Five has, of late years, grown considerably larger than the lower Wards, I would vote for its division into two Wards, when the people of that Ward ask for the same. Thanking you, Gentlemen, for your confidence, I pledge myself, if elected, always to work for the interests of this, my native city, and of the country generally. I am, yours respectfully, HENRY C. DOUSE. Charlottetown, April 4, 1891.

ST. GEORGE'S DAY. Dramatic Entertainment. THE CHTOWN LAWN TENNIS CLUB Will Give a Dramatic Entertainment IN THE LYCEUM, —ON— Thursday, the 23rd of April. SALT! SALT! 5,000 BAGS LIV ERPOOL SALT, full sized bags, to arrive about the 15th of May, and will be sold low whilst landing. PEAKE BROS. & CO. Ch'town, April 2, 1891—cod tt

MORTGAGE SALE. TO BE SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the Law Courts Building in Charlottetown, in Queen's County, on FRIDAY, the 15th day of May next, at the hour of Twelve o'clock, noon:— All those several tracts, pieces and parcels of land, situate, lying and being in the Royalty of Charlottetown, in Queen's County, and known and distinguished on the map or plan of the said Royalty, kept in the office of the Registrar of Deeds, as Pasture Lots, Numbers 416, 417 and 418, excepting thereout such part of Number 416 as is described in a conveyance from John Gardiner to The Gas Gardiner. The above sale is being made under and by virtue of a power of sale contained in an Indenture of Mortgage, bearing date the First day of May, A. D. 1874, and made between Robert Hurry and Mary Hurry, his wife, of the one part, and John Amos Gardiner, of the other part. For full particulars apply in Charlottetown to Messrs. McLeod, Morson & McQuarrie, Solicitors. Dated this 20th day of March, A. D. 1891. JOHN A. GARDINER, Mortgagee.

Dwelling House and Premises, FITZROY STREET, CHTOWN. THE undersigned Executors and Trustees of the last will and testament of the late Hon. W. W. Lord offer for sale:— THE HOUSE AND PREMISES fronting on Fitzroy Street East, formerly occupied by George L. Lacey, having a front of 42 1/2 feet on Fitzroy Street and running back south-westerly 160 feet, being part of Town Lot 99, in Fourth Hundred of Town Lots. In addition to the Cottage facing the street, which is rented for \$80 yearly, there is a basement in the rear of the Lot rented at \$20 a year. Terms:—Half cash, and balance secured by mortgage bearing 6 per cent. Apply to L. H. DAVIES, A. LORD, Trustees and Executors of last Will of W. W. Lord. mh24—st pat m w y

WOOD! WOOD! OWIN? to the scarcity of Coal I have started a Wood Yard, and am prepared to supply Hardwood at a reasonable price, cut up to suit stoves, and delivered to all points in the city. A. DOWN, Pownall Wharf. jan13—4f