

THE DAILY EXAMINER.

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Notes and Comments.

Mr. Mercer has written to Mr. Bruneau, the new M. P. for Richelieu, congratulating him and declaring that both Mr. Bruneau and Richelieu are honored by his election.

A very important educational problem is just now occupying the attention of those interested in educational matters in England, that, viz., of making provision for the old age of teachers.

With reference to Newfoundland's desiring to proceed with the negotiations of the Bond Treaty with the United States the London Times urges Newfoundland to make friends with Canada and to negotiate a treaty on a wider basis with Canada.

The Montreal Gazette thinks that the talk of war between Chili with its two millions or so and the United States with its sixty-five millions, is an extraordinary development of Pan-Americanism.

The Montreal Witness reproduces from the New York Times an article on smuggling on the Maine border. From this it appears that it is a regular practice to smuggle from Canada into the States English kids, cloths, silks, machinery, oil, cotton waste, whiskey, dry goods, provisions, fish.

The Boston Herald is alarmed lest the greed of the fisherman on the Atlantic coast should ruin the fisheries. The lobster factories of Maine, it says, are now all closed.

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A recent correspondent of the Times, who seems to be well posted in Chinese geography and the characters of the inhabitants of the various sections of the country says that Hunan is a centre of outrages, the people being of a different type from the mass of the population, whom they exceed in superstition and bigoted hatred of strangers.

The Y. M. L. A. Concert.

Last evening there assembled at St. James' Hall a large audience to hear the Concert given by the Y. M. L. A., under the direction of Mr. Earle, which was listened to throughout with rapt attention. The instrumental duets by Mrs. Malcolm McLeod and Mr. Earle were delightful.

SIX JOHN.—Mr. Theo. L. Chappelle, agent for Macpherson's great book, has distributed a large number throughout the city among subscribers. It is a work that everyone—irrespective of party—should have, as it promises to be a complete history of Canada for the past century.

THE LOBSTER INDUSTRY

Draft of the Proposed Regulations.

What the Packers Think About Them.

A Large and Representative Meeting.

A large and representative meeting of lobster packers and those interested in the lobster packing industry was held in Norton's Hall, Queen Street, yesterday. The object of the meeting was to consider the proposed regulations for the lobster fishery. The following gentlemen were present, representing factories: James Clow, M. P., Murray Harbor North; William Harris, William H. Prowse, Hugh Keeping, John R. Bailey, Murray Harbor South; Daniel McKenna, Murray Harbor North; Edwin McFarlane, Annandale; John S. Murchison, Point Prim; D. Henneberry, Argyle Sh. R.; Benj. Piggott, Savage Harbor; Daniel Davies, Murray Harbor South; Alexander McFarlane, Rice Point; Duncan Campbell, do; James Mullins, Tryon; Neil Livingstone, Rice Point; Michael McElroy, Minto; Joseph O. Arsenault, Egmont Bay; Samuel McLeod, Point Prim; Hugh McMillan, Canoe Cove; D. Farquharson, do; J. A. Matheson, Campbellton; Peter McEroy, Minto; Peter McEroy, Minto; A. F. Larkin, Nal Pond, S. E. Island; Egmont Bay and Sheep River; L. H. McLintie, St. Peter's Bay; G. H. Tombs, do; Horace Hazard, representing D. Mann & Sons, Littlezard, representing High Bank, McMillan & Francis, St. Peter's, and Neil Murray, Wood Islands; H. W. Longworth, representing Augustine Griffin, West Point; Joseph Lantz & Son, Point Prim; James E. Grant, Launching, and Michael Howard, Brae; J. McLean, M. P., representing Matthew, McLean & Co., Bayfield and North Lake; C. Carlton & Sons, Little Bay and Fairfield; F. Moray, Sauris; Dennis Murphy, East Point; McDermid & McEachern, Black Bush, Starns Bros, Chepstow, Keefe & Chaisson, Cow River, Charles McDonald, Little Pond, James Dingwell, Bay Fortune; John T. Crockett, representing J. H. Myrick & Co., Tignish. There were also present: Hon. Senators Prowse and Macdonald, A. C. Macdonald, M. P., Edward Hackett, Esq., Inspector of Fisheries, and representatives of the press.

The meeting was called to order by electing James Clow, M. P., Chairman, and Mr. Horace Hazard Secretary.

The proposed regulations which the meeting was called to consider are as follows: 1.—No one shall fish for, catch, kill, can, preserve, or cure lobsters, or keep them alive in ponds, or other places except under license from the Minister of Marine and Fisheries.

(b) Any light, trap, net, or other device for taking lobsters, and every boat, trap, net, or other device for taking lobsters used in excess of the number permitted by the license, or not according to the description contained in such license, shall be deemed illegal and shall be liable to seizure and forfeiture, together with the lobster caught therein, and the owner or owners, or person or persons using the same shall also be liable to the penalties and costs provided by the Fisheries Act.

(c) All boats, traps, or trawl-boats, and packers and fishermen, shall have the names, initials or mark of the owner, or owners, legibly marked or branded thereon, and such names, initials or mark shall be recorded in the license. Any boat, trap, trawl-boat, or "cove" used without such names, initials, or marks, shall be deemed to have been used without a license and shall be liable to seizure and forfeiture, together with the lobsters caught therein, and the owner or owners, or person or persons using the same shall also be liable to the penalties and costs provided by the Fisheries Act.

(d) A fee of one cent shall be levied on each trap, or other device used for catching lobsters, which fee shall be paid when the application for a license is made.

(e) Any lobster caught in violation of this regulation shall be liable to seizure and forfeiture, together with the boats, traps, nets or other devices used for the taking of the same, and the person or persons violating this regulation shall be liable to the penalties and costs provided by the Fisheries Act.

(f) It shall be unlawful at any time to fish for, catch, kill, buy, sell, expose for sale, or have in possession, any berried or soft-shell lobster or lobsters, or any lobster or lobsters under nine inches in length, measuring from head to tail, exclusive of claws or feelers, and when caught in fishing apparatus in legal use they shall be liberated alive by the proprietor, owner, or agent, tenant, occupier, partner or person, actually in charge, either as occupant or servant, of each of whom shall devolve the proof of such actual liberation, and each of whom, upon any violation of this regulation, shall be deemed to be jointly and severally liable to the penalties and costs provided by the Fisheries Act.

delivered at a can manager operates to... Minister of Marine and Fisheries... removed from each female lobster received at such cannery.

Upon each case of canned lobsters, there shall be securely and conspicuously affixed, by the packer or exporter, a printed label supplied by the Department of Fisheries, and signed by a Fishery Officer, stating that such lobsters have been legally caught and packed; and all cases not so labelled, shall be liable to seizure and forfeiture, and the owner, packer and exporter of any such case shall be liable to the penalties and costs provided by the Fisheries Act.

All traps, boxes or cages used for the purpose of taking lobsters, shall have the laths or slats one inch and a quarter (1 1/4) apart, so as to allow the escape of small lobsters. And any trap, box or cage not made in accordance with this regulation shall be liable to seizure and forfeiture, together with any lobsters caught therein, and the owner or owners, and person and persons using the same shall be liable to the penalties and costs provided by the Fisheries Act.

After furnishing printed copies of these regulations to all present, the chairman explained the object for which the meeting was called, and invited discussion. Mr. Hackett, Inspector of Fisheries, explained for the information of the meeting that he was not present with the authority of the Department of Fisheries, but rather as a listener. He was glad to see so many interested in the lobster industry present, and he would be pleased to hear what they had to say in reference to the proposed regulations and to give all the personal explanation he could. He felt sure that in framing the regulations the Department was not actuated by a desire to harass the packers and fishermen, the only object was to protect the lobster industry and bring it more immediately under the control of the Department.

A general discussion of the different clauses in the proposed regulations and their probable effect upon the lobster industry then took place, lasting upwards of two hours. The discussion was taken part in by Senators Prowse and Macdonald, Messrs. McLellan and Macdonald, M. P., Hon. Daniel David, P. Farquharson, M. P., P. F. Horace Hazard, A. F. Larkin, Daniel McKenna, J. A. Matheson, M. P., P. J. O. Arsenault, M. P., H. W. Longworth, Hugh Keeping, Mr. Hackett and others.

The outcome of the discussion was that a committee of six, consisting of Horace Hazard, Senator Prowse, John McLean, H. W. Longworth, J. A. Matheson and S. E. Gallant was appointed to draw up a report embodying the opinions of the meeting in reference to the proposed regulations, said committee to report at nine o'clock in the evening, until which hour the meeting was adjourned.

At nine o'clock the meeting re-assembled when Mr. Horace Hazard, chairman of the committee, presented a report, which, after some little discussion, was adopted unanimously. The report reads as follows:—

At a meeting of lobster packers held at Charlottetown on Thursday, the 21st January, 1892, to take into consideration the proposed regulations as submitted for consideration, James Clow, Esq., M. P., was appointed Chairman and Horace Hazard Secretary, after which the following resolutions were adopted unanimously:—

That after hearing the opinions of lobster packers and fishermen in regard to the proposed regulations submitted for consideration, we are of opinion that it would not be in the interest of this industry, or tend to the better protection of the lobsters if such regulations were to be enforced as therein set forth.

Our reasons for objection to sections 1 and 2 are as follows:— We are opposed to a license system. We do not consider that the Department or any fishery officer should have the power or right to say who shall or shall not have a license, as proposed by sub-section (a) of section 2, and even if licenses were granted this would operate most unjustly if adopted for the coming season, as far as the Island is concerned, because all intending packers have contracted for most of their outfit, such as tin, lead, cans, boxes, traps, rope, marine, labels, etc., and very many of them have engaged their fishermen and factory hands, who are now being supplied with the necessities of life for themselves and their families on the good faith of their engagement.

The provision of this section is equal to a considerable tax on the packers without serving any useful purpose, as traps and buoys are continually being lost and destroyed by ice and storms, averaging about twenty per cent. during the season. Section 4—Imposes a tax of one cent per trap to which lobster fishermen strongly object, as they are now limited to about two months fishing, whilst all other fishermen are allowed to fish during the whole year and receive a bounty from the Government besides.

Section 5—sub-section (a) We do not care to express an opinion upon not being directly interested, but sub-section (b) we would suggest to amend by striking out the words "thirty-first day of December" and inserting the "first day of May." Section 5—sub-section (c) We approve of, and desire to impress upon the Department the advisability of having this clause rigidly enforced and that no extension of time be granted under any circumstances. Section 6—sub-section (a) In regard to soft-shell lobsters, no packer would be foolish enough to pack them, and only very few are ever found previous to the fifteenth day of July, and further having conceded to the shortening of the season from the first day of May to the fifteenth day of July, a period of seventy-five days, out of which may fairly be deducted twenty days, as follows: Eleven Sundays, three holidays and six stormy days, and taking the average of the seasons, we are prevented by ice from beginning operations before the fifteenth day of May, leaving the actual fishing days not over thirty-five to forty in each year; and we strongly urge upon the Department the advisability of removing all restrictions as to size and sex during such short season especially as we are all desirous that incubators should be provided at every factory where practicable. The removal of such restrictions would, in our opinion, do away with the necessity and expense incurred by the Department in having wardens placed at or near every factory, as well as having the cutters continually employed to enforce the regulations.

Section 7—We do not see that it can be carried out satisfactorily, but we have no

objections... it necessary... Section 1... close every... plainly men... lobster trap... use, averaging from 1500 to 2500... to each factory... from fifty cents to sixty cents each, and will compel the packers to make new traps for all their requirements, the material for which cannot now be procured in time for next season's work; and even if this could be done no fishermen who understand the fishing could be induced to fish for this reason that with their pliable laths 1 1/4 inches apart, such traps would allow lobsters over nine inches long to force themselves through.

We have also to inform the Department that this regulation is sure to cause intense uneasiness in the minds of all concerned, and every day this uncertainty continues only adds to their embarrassment and prolongs their anxiety as to what the decision of the Department may be, and the longer such decision is delayed the greater the injury that will result if the regulations are such as cannot be complied with. Looking at the whole question, we are fully convinced that the strict enforcement of the regulation prohibiting fishing after the fifteenth day of July is the only important one that it would be wise to enforce. Less real injury will be done to all concerned by allowing the business to become unprofitable to packers for a time by over fishing than to adopt such regulations as will prevent anyone from packing who had made or is making preparations for doing so. Once packers begin to feel they are operating at a loss they will soon give it up, and will do so voluntarily at the end of a fishing season after using up their stock of cans, etc., instead of being compelled to do so by the enforcement of impracticable regulations with a full season's stock of cans, etc., on their hands.

It was further resolved that in the opinion of this meeting all lobster packers and fishermen should co-operate with the Department of Fisheries in the better protection and propagation of the lobster. And they hereby pledge themselves to assist the Government in taking charge of the incubators if supplied by them, together with the necessary information as to their management.

Votes of thanks were then tendered the Inspector of Fisheries and the members of the Senate and House of Commons for their presence, also to the chairman for the able and impartial manner in which he presided over the meeting. Suitable response was made in each instance. Meeting adjourned.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Fast Driving. Sir,—If the police have standing orders to arrest any one guilty of fast driving, it is a pity they do not set upon their orders, for last night Queen Street was more like a race course than the principal street of an orderly city, and it was dangerous for an old fellow like me to venture out. It is not only at night time, but all day long the police might make themselves useful by restraining drivers. The rate of driving on our streets is much faster than it should be. Mr. Fitzgerald would be doing the community an inestimable benefit if he could give the matter some further attention than simply issuing a standing order.

ORDER.

Supreme Court.

FRIDAY, JAN. 22. James D. Taylor and another vs. W. E. Dawson and others.—The verdict yesterday afternoon was, generally, for the plaintiffs. The jury also answered certain questions submitted by the Court. Mr. Justice Hodgson ordered a verdict to be given for the plaintiffs for \$245.

Wm. Pratt vs. Peter McCourt.—Action on account. Verdict for plaintiff for \$39.40. W. S. Stewart and J. S. McDonald for plaintiff; Oliver Hattenbury for defendant. Ebenezer Wheatley vs. Chas. Lyons.—This case was commenced, when the Court adjourned till Monday morning next at 11 o'clock.

SALE OF APPLES

AT MY SALES ROOM. To-morrow, Saturday, at 11.30 a. m. CHAS. I. MORRISON, Auctioneer.

GRAND CONCERT,

STANHOPE HALL, Friday, 12th of February, AT SEVEN O'CLOCK, P. M. If the day should prove unfavorable, it will be held the first fine Friday following. Admission, 30 cents. Reservations can be had at the Hall. jan22—dy 11 wky 2

The Belfast Mails.

THE subscriber requests all persons having business with him to leave their orders at his Residence, MALPEQUE ROAD, instead of at the Rocklin House, as formerly. His residence is connected with the Telephone Exchange. All parcels must be prepaid.

ON HIS HONOR.

"Have you any cough syrup?" he asked of a druggist, when he had got his breath after a long fit of coughing. "Yes, sir." "How many kinds?" "At least fifteen." "Anything of your own make?" "Yes, sir." "Something you can warrant?" "I can." "Well, to be square and honest, what would you advise me to take for this cough?" "Um! Well, if you put it on that ground, I recommend a bottle of Hacknrobes." "How much can be had?" "Sixty—jan18

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THE LYCEUM,

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PROGRAMME.

- 1. Overture—"The Diadem"..... Orchestra. 2. Vocal Solo—"The Boatie Caves"..... Professor Cayen. 3. Vocal Solo—"Banks o' Loch Lomond" (by special request)..... Mrs. Roope. 4. Violin Solo—"Scottish Fantasia"..... Miss McDonald. 5. Vocal Solo—"Flow Gently, Sweet Afton"..... Mrs. Malcolm McLeod. 6. Vocal Solo—"The Lea Rig"..... Mr. William McKay. 7. Menley—"Bonnie Laddie"..... Orchestra. 8. Grand Gathering of the Clans, headed by Mr. Peter Ferguson, Piper, introducing eighteen full-dressed Highlanders; Gaymans' Irish, and "Wia Saw the Forty-Second"..... 9. Highland Fling..... Mr. T. McLean, Jr. 10. Duet—"O, Wae! Me for Prince Charlie"..... Misses Webster. 11. Recitation—"Pipes of Luathnow"..... Miss B. Hall. 12. Vocal Solo—"Angus McDonald"..... Mr. James Davison. 13. Vocal Solo—"Jessie's Dream"..... Mrs. James Byrne. 14. Scotch Selection—"Scotland Forever"..... Orchestra. 15. Vocal Solo—"Will You No Come Back Again"..... Miss Sullivan. 16. Recitation—"Execution of Montrose"..... Mr. A. E. McRae. 17. Vocal Solo—"Robin Adair"..... Miss Farquharson. 18. "Gillie Calum"..... Mr. D. McDonald. 19. Vocal Solo—"The Auld House"..... Mrs. J. M. McLeod. 20. "Auld Lang Syne"..... Orchestra and Audience. "GOD SAVE THE QUEEN." Doors open at 7.30. Concert to commence at 8 o'clock sharp. Tickets to be had at the Drug Stores and Jas. Paton & Co's. J. A. MCLAREN, Secretary of Committee. jan18

NOTICE! QUARTER'S ACCOUNTS JUST ISSUED.

We respectfully ask that all amounts due us be paid during this Month.

HASZARD & MOORE, Charlottetown, Jan. 22, 1892—w f s BROWN'S BLOCK.

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CARRIAGE BUILDERS.

We are closing out this Department of our business. You are bound to get Bargains. Call or write for prices. Stock is large and well assorted, and we are bound to close it out this year.

NORTON & FENNEL. Charlottetown, January 8, 1892—2aw & wky