

THE DAILY EXAMINER

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OUR SCHOOLS.

St. Peter's schools are attended by pupils whose parents are, for any cause, dissatisfied with the public schools and can afford to pay the fee, in addition to some of those whose parents deem the nurture and training of the spiritual—the higher and nobler—part of their children's nature to be of the greatest importance. The distinctive doctrines of our various denominations are not touched upon. In point of fact the religious teaching is, we are informed, confined solely to the reading and study of the Holy Scriptures. But it is needless to say, that with the Rev. James Simpson as teacher of the advanced classes in the Girls School and the Rev. T. H. Hunt as the head master of Boys School, St. Peter's Schools are pervaded by a religious tone which makes for the upbuilding of spiritual and moral character. At the same time they afford instruction in the ordinary branches of a secular education and enjoy the advantage of Dr. Hodgson's personal, sedulous, daily attention to the classes in English and Canadian history. That the appreciation of the public for them is growing, year by year, is shown by the larger attendance of both boys and girls. The closing exercises, on Wednesday last, were witnessed by ladies and gentlemen of all classes and opinions, including His Honor Lieutenant Governor Howlan (who presided) and Mrs. Howlan, Sir Louis Davies and Lady Davies, the Rev. T. F. Fullerton of St. James' Church, Dr. Blanchard and Mrs. Blanchard, T. A. McLean, Esq. and Mrs. McLean, and many others. It is evidently felt that St. Peter's schools merit patronage and support. We are glad to learn that, in addition to the prizes usually given, Sir Louis Davies has offered a prize of five dollars to the best reader (boy or girl) in the schools at the end of the scholastic year. Reading is certainly, as Sir Louis maintains, one of the most important branches of early study.

The present condition of the public schools of this city calls for an extended notice. While they are fairly well attended, there are too many boys who idle their time away, day after day, throughout the city, qualifying themselves for the poorhouse and the penitentiary. Pressure ought, if possible, to be brought to bear upon the parents or guardians of these boys. The truants, should, at all events, be looked after and compelled to go to school. Dislike of a teacher or dissatisfaction with a school is no excuse for the boys who are neglecting their education on the streets or in the more secret and questionable places of the town.

We greatly regret to learn that fault-finding with the public schools is taking the place of the old-time enthusiasm. Anyone who mingles among the pupils and their parents will find abundant criticism of the teachers and their methods and but little of the warm admiration which was formerly expressed. This is, we believe, the result largely of the high pressure put upon the pupils to construe as many as possible to matriculate as soon as possible into Prince of Wales College. For this purpose, a number of abstruse subjects are taught in the higher grades; and for these comparatively few pupils have any liking or necessity. The curriculum of our common schools ought to be simplified. The whole body of our pupils ought not to be metaphorically whipped and spurred in order that a few of the more talented and more wealthy may pass into Prince of Wales College. The effect of this effort is, as we now see, indifference or an increasing dislike of studies and teachers. Let the whole body of our children be thoroughly instructed in the simple and necessary elements of education. Thoroughness in a few subjects is of much more value than a smattering in many. We therefore advise the restriction of the course of study in the common schools to those comparatively few subjects which are of common utility; and let these be thoroughly taught. It is infinitely better to have good readers, good spellers, good grammarians, good writers, good arithmeticians, come from our schools, than a few scholars qualified to enter upon the study of the professions and the great majority possessed only of that smattering of learning which is a dangerous thing. After all, our schools are but means of learning how to learn. To this end a solid foundation upon the three R's is of the first importance. If it be deemed essential to qualify a certain small proportion of our young men and women for entrance to Prince of Wales College in order that they may distinguish themselves at McGill or Dalhousie, let an additional school be opened for that purpose. If the scholars of the grade now taught by the principals of the city schools

study and instructed in a separate school, two teachers, of whom only one need be of the highest class could easily do the work of the latter, and a teacher's salary would be saved. A building or suite of rooms conveniently situated in the middle of the town could easily be secured for this purpose; and Prince Street School, now overcrowded, would thereby be relieved, and the necessity of constructing a costly addition to the building would be avoided. The change would necessitate a readjustment of the teaching staff, and this might be done in such a way, as without injustice or harshness to any of the older teachers who have faithfully served the city, to remove the dissatisfaction which now unfortunately exists in respect to some of the schools. Besides all this, the main point of relieving the unduly high pressure unnecessarily put upon a majority of the pupils, would be gained. We make this suggestion because we desire not to be merely critical. But it is for our Board of School Trustees—who are properly held responsible for the efficiency and beneficent operation of our schools—to consider the whole matter and take such action as they may deem most advisable. The duty is theirs, and to them will belong the credit if they improve a difficult situation.

We were glad to hear Mr. James and Judge Fitzgerald speak in high terms of the teachers and pupils of the higher branches at Prince Street and West Kent Street Schools in respect particularly to the study of history and a knowledge of current events, as well as to note a decided improvement in the discipline of Queen Square School. The conduct and manner of the pupils of a school, their politeness, brightness, heartiness and readiness to do that which they are asked to do, is held by many persons to be a reflection of the influence of a teacher on the characters of the pupils, and Queen Square School, from the lowest to the highest classes, is noticeable in this regard. It is pleasing to know that Dr. Taylor, Judge Fitzgerald, Rev. Mr. Fullerton, Rev. Mr. Campbell, Mr. James and others continue to show a practical interest in the schools by attending classes more or less frequently and offering prizes for excellence in special subjects. If there were more personal interest of this kind there would be less carping criticism of the schools. Mr. W. S. Stewart, Q. C., the junior member of the School Board, has entered upon his duties and offered a prize of five dollars to be competed for by the young ladies of Prince Street School. We have no doubt that this is an earnest of the interest and attention he will continue to bestow upon all our schools.

*This article was intended for insertion in THE EXAMINER of Saturday last. We insert it to-day with an apology for its late appearance.

RECLOSE SEASON FOR LOBSTERS.

We are authorized by Sir Louis Davies, Minister of Marine & Fisheries, to say that after giving a great deal of consideration to hundreds of applications, pro and con, sent to his department with reference to the extension of the lobster season, and after having had personal interviews with many of those interested in this fishery, and having ascertained the facts with respect to the size of the lobsters that are being taken this year, he has come to the conclusion that it would be fatal to the lobster industry to grant any extension of the close season this year. All the officers of the Department have been notified that there will be no extension and that factories must be sharply closed on the 15th instant, as they have been obliged to close on the first along the Southeast coast of Nova Scotia.

The Minister is daily in receipt of communications but he trusts this public notice will prevent any further applications, as his decision has already been given against any extension.

CHURCH AT FIFTEEN POINT.

Laying the Corner Stone—An Elaborate Ceremony.

We feel sure that our forefathers, of eight and ten centuries ago, were men of great ideas, skilled workmen, and of strong devotion to their religion, because of the magnificent cathedrals and stately churches which they built for the service of God and the admiration of succeeding generations; and the many substantial edifices of brick and stone now in course of erection by the Roman Catholic people of this Province, under the Bishopric of Mgr. McDonald, will stand as witnesses to the strength of their faith after much of the temporal wealth in which we now rejoice has been reduced to dust and ashes. In this view the laying of the corner stone of the new Church at Fifteen Point on Sunday last was an event worthy of all the elaborate preparations made by Father Arsenaux and his parishioners and of the thousands who were in attendance.

The church is to be 135 feet long, 60 feet in breadth and proportionately high. It is to be built of brick faced with Nova Scotia stone. The architects are Messrs. Berlinguet and LeMay, of Quebec, and the foreman of the work, Mr. George Baker, of Summerside. The finances and all the details connected with the erection will be under the superintendence and management of the able and enthusiastic young parish priest, Father P. P. Arsenaux.

A thunder storm in the morning, the forerunner of the remarkable electric storm of the evening, probably detained many persons from coming to the grand ceremony; but it is estimated that at least two thousand persons, of all classes and denominations, were present. The grounds had been gaily decorated with flags, and an arched sanctuary covered the altar before which the Bishop and the priests served. The people, with heads uncovered in the cooling breeze, stood or sat or knelt under the cloudless canopy of Heaven, from which the sun shone in all his glory.

A Pontifical High Mass began at ten o'clock, the Celebrant being Bishop McDonald, assisted by Father Dougal McDonald, of Tignish as High Priest, Father Bouderault, of Egnont Bay, as Deacon on Honor, Father John Macdonald, of Miscouche and Wellington, as Sub-deacon of Honor, the Rev. E. Cormier, of Memramook College, as Deacon of Office, the Rev. P. C. Gauthier, of St. Dunstan's, as Sub-deacon of Office, and the Rev. I. R. A. Macdonald as Master of Ceremonies. Professor Gallant was the organist, and the Rev. S. J. Arsenaux, of Memramook college leader of the orchestra. A choir of thirty-four voices was efficient led by Mr. Florentin Peters, and the Egnont Bay band was present under the leadership of Mr. Arsenaux J. Poirier.

After the Gospel, the Rev. Father Cormier delivered an exceedingly eloquent sermon in the French language, and Father John addressed the immense congregation in English, taking for his subject the Church in general and the new new church at Fifteen Point in particular. The discourse was, as one who heard it remarked, "poetic as well as solid," many quotations in support of the argument being made from Holy Scripture, and the celebrated passage from Lord Macaulay on the history and stability of the Catholic Church was recited at length. In respect to the new church of which the corner stone was to be laid, Father John said that the idea of it was conceived by the Rev. Father Bouderault when he was in charge of the parish. Money toward the erection of the church had subsequently been collected by Rev. Father McGrath, and now the work was to be carried on under the direction of the present priest of the parish (Rev. P. P. Arsenaux) whose financial and administrative ability had already been shown in connection with it. The church Father John declared would stand for generations a monument to the piety and generosity of the people of Fifteen Point and vicinity.

At the conclusion of the Mass, the Bishop and clergy proceeded to the corner stone which was then duly laid. A tin box was enclosed in the stone containing a number of the current coins and news papers together with the following Episcopal statement:

"A. M. D. G.

"In the year of our Lord 1898, on the 3rd day of July, we the undersigned Bishop of the Diocese of Charlottetown, of the Province of Prince Edward Island, in the 20th year of the glorious Pontificate

of Leo XIII, in the sixty-first year of the reign of our gracious Queen, Victoria, Lord hereof being Governor-General, George W. Howlan, Lieutenant Governor of the Province, and the Rev. P. P. Arsenaux pastor of the parish, have blessed and placed the corner stone of the church of this Parish known under the title of our Lady of Mount Carmel, of Fifteen Point."

The collection on the occasion amounted to \$271.25.

A WINDSOR JEWELLER

Cured of Bright's Disease by Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Windsor, July 4—(Special despatch) "If the United States army had taken a supply of Dodd's Kidney Pills to Cuba, it would have been able to withstand the ravages of disease arising from the drinking of bad water," said a prominent physician to-day.

"Dodd's Kidney Pills," he continued, "are the greatest life-savers in the world. I know a score of persons whose lives they have saved."

"Right here in Windsor, Mr. R. E. Colwell, the Oulette street jeweller has been cured of Bright's disease by them, after two years' suffering. I use them in my practice, and can cure the worst case of Bright's disease, Diabetes, or any other kidney complaint, with them."

—Again it may be asked, "What about band music in the garden?"

Charlottetown Sewerage

TENDERS FOR SEWER PIPE

SEALED TENDERS endorsed "Proposals for furnishing Sewer Pipes for Charlottetown" addressed to the undersigned, will be received at this office, until noon on

Friday, the 8th July,

pro. for furnishing Stoneware, or Vitrified Sewer Pipe and their appurtenances, according to conditions and specifications to be seen at the office of the Commissioners of Sewers and Water Supply for the City of Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, or at the office of their Chief Engineer, Freeman C. Coffin, Esq., 58 State Street Boston, Mass. Proposals must be on the forms supplied from this office, and each tender must be accompanied by a certified bank cheque for Three Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$350), payable to the order of the said Commissioners. This cheque will be forfeited if the party declines the contract, or fail to complete the work contracted for, and will be returned in case of non-acceptance of tender.

The said Commissioners do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender.

Sewerage Works

Tenders for Cement, Brick and Stone.

Sealed Separate Tenders addressed to the undersigned will be received at this office until noon, on Tuesday, the 12th of July, inst., for the following materials—

1. Tenders endorsed "Proposal for Cement," according to conditions and specifications and on forms supplied at this office, each tender to be accompanied by a certified cheque for \$125, to be forfeited if the party declines the contract or fail to satisfactorily complete it.

2. Tenders endorsed "Proposal for Brick," for 80,000 Bricks, according to conditions and on forms supplied at this office.

3. Tenders endorsed, "Proposal for Stone," for 700 tons grey N.S. Stone, both being similar in quality to the stone used macadamizing the city streets. The commissioners do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender.

D. LAIRD, Chairman. Office of Commissioners of Sewer and Water Supply, Charlottetown, P. E. I., July 2, 1898.

Hillsborough Tea

The ladies of Fort Augustus Parish, intend holding a grand Tea Party, on

MONDAY, JULY 18th

A charming site has been selected near the church, commanding a fair view of the Hillsborough River and the surrounding country. The committee in charge are determined to leave nothing undone to make the 18th a day of enjoyment to those who shall favor them with their patronage.

Besides saloons well stocked with confectionery, strawberries, ice cream, temperate drinks, etc.; there will be dancing booths, swings, foot races and other sports. The steamer Hillsborough will leave Ferry Wharf, Charlottetown, at 10 a. m., arriving at the grounds at 11.30; returning at 7 o'clock, p. m.

The League of the Cross Band will be in attendance and sing the national anthem. The beautiful new church will be open to the public. Should the day prove unfavorable, the tea will be held on Wednesday, the 20th inst. By ORDER OF COMMITTEE. 153 d&w 2w

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The Sunday School Picnic in connection with the First Methodist Church, will be held at North Wiltshire, on the beautiful grounds of William Clarke, Esq., Maple Grove, a beautiful spot for a day's pleasure.

A tea table for visitors will be supplied with good things. Also the Ice Cream and Refreshment Booths.

The amusements are under the management of a first rate committee and a good time may be expected by old and young.

Visitors' railway return tickets 35c. Visitors' tea tickets 25c. Trains will start at 10 o'clock local. 150 td.

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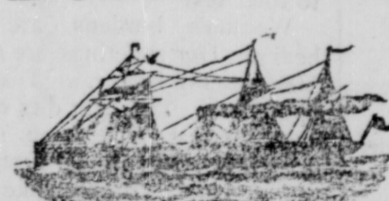
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Stampers Corner.

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For further information, apply to freight or passage, apply to S. S. POLINO, 150 St. John St. Montreal.

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I am instructed by the Executors of the Estate of the late William Dodd, Esq., to sell by auction, at his late residence, Mount Edward Road, commencing on

Wednesday, the 6th of July

at 11 o'clock, a. m.

"Ardgowan," the beautiful residence of the late William Dodd, Esq., comprises about 7 acres of land, with Cottage and Buildings thereon. The grounds are tastefully laid out and planted with ornamental trees, shrubs and hedges, making it one of the handsomest residences on P. E. Island.

The furniture comprises Piano, Drawing Room, Parlor, Hall Office, Dining-room, Bedroom and Kitchen Furniture. Also, Carriages, Sleighs, Harness Farming Implements, etc.

The sale of the residence will take place at 12 o'clock sharp, on the sixth, and will be sold without reserve.

Premises will be open for inspection on Monday and Tuesday, the 4th and 5th, from 11 a. m., till 4 p. m. each day.

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