

The Daily Examiner

MARCH 4, 1885.

England and Russia.

RECENT advices from London, give a serious coloring to the difficulties that have, for some time past, existed between these two powers concerning the Afghan boundary line.

British influence with the Afghans is very strong at present, and it is feared that the Afghans, presuming on this friendship, will force a conflict with Russia in which England would be obliged to take a very active part.

Pendjeh, the place upon which the Russians were at last accounts advancing, is a very valuable strategic position. It has for some time past been held by a portion of the Ameer's regular army, and this force will no doubt be exceedingly loath to give up a position of such importance.

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Should there be a change of ministry a brush with Russia may prove a rather good thing for England. It will give her a very good excuse for withdrawing from the Sudan, where she will otherwise lose heavily and obtain nothing whatever except revenge.

Fisheries of Newfoundland.

In a recent number of THE EXAMINER we gave the total catch of codfish in the United States, for the year 1884, as some thing over 1,000,000 quintals.

The seal fishery of 1884 was the worst on record, being only 238,587 seals taken. A fair average is 400,000. In 1881 the catch was 447,908 seals, but there has been nothing so good since.

The Short Line Railway.

A delegation from Quebec, are visiting St. John on a mission concerning the extension of the Canadian Pacific Railway to the seaboard. In reply to a reporter for the Telegraph, they stated that they came to obtain the views of Halifax and St. John on the question of the winter terminus.

The "unfortunate," "bloated" manufacturers are bearing up bravely. At a meeting of the Dundas Cotton Mills, held on Thursday last, the annual statement was considered as "quite satisfactory," and the prospect for the coming year, "on the whole encouraging."

According to the Government's "Financial Statement," the revenue of Nova Scotia last year was \$586,561; the expenditure, \$572,768; leaving a balance of \$13,793 unexpended.

By the death of the Hon. Isaac Burpee, St. John has lost one of the worthiest of its citizens, and the Dominion Parliament one of its best members.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Civic Taxation.

As ideas from inconspicuous individuals are oftentimes of as much worth as the fulminations of prominent persons, I do not follow Mr. John Scott's bold attitude, and attach my name to this communication to your most valuable journal.

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1st. A Poll Tax on all male persons twenty-one years of age and upwards.

2nd. A Tax on Real Estate.

3rd. A Tax on Personal Property.

By judicious management, at least a million to a million and a half dollars on personal property might be added to the valuation of the town; whereupon to levy taxes for municipal purposes.

I am aware that in towns on the neighboring continent, persons who are reputed to possess cash, bonds, stock, &c., and have no real estate or visible personal property, the assessors levy a tax on their reputed wealth, and it is the privilege of these parties to appear at certain stated times before the assessors and show on oath that they have been wrongly or immoderately taxed.

ANOTHER TAXPAYER.

Past Events (Continued.)

The prophets of "blue ruin" were as prominent among the good people of those days as they are in our own day and generation. The following is the manner in which one of them publishes his parable in the Register.

while such wasteful extravagance exists? Nothing will save it from ruin but a return to the busy-work and the honest spin of our father's days.

On May 23rd, the importation of the horse R. neevales and the mare Routette are noticed; also a ram and ewe of the Leicester breed.

Our worthy fellow citizen, Dr. Mackieson, practised in Charlottetown at that time, for an account is given of the amputation of the arm of a Mr. Wilson, 83 years of age.

The hog-reeves were making matters lively for a lot of the folk, for two of the citizens were fined, one 40 and the other 50 shillings for the obstruction of the reeves in their public duty.

On October the 10th, is a notice of the arrival of the Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia, and his reception with military honors.

There was quite a racket in Charlottetown on the 27th November, 1826. Governor Ready was absent in England during the whole year, but was daily expected back.

The ship that brought the Governor also contained quite a lot of pure-bred stock. The ship occupied 78 days in making the passage from England. One of His Excellency's first acts was to appoint Messrs. R. Gray, R. Holland, William Townsend and D. Mackieson as Hog Reeves for the year; and those gentlemen immediately exercised their authority by having a man fined £3 and costs for obstructing them in the discharge of their duty.

The following is a copy of an advertisement received by the editor (and published editorially) spelling and all:

EDUCATION

most respectfully informs his friends and the public, that he has opened School on Monday the fourth inst. in the house formerly occupied by Capt. Waker; near Dr. Sterix, where youth will be instructed in the following, viz. Reading and Writing grammatically; Arithmetic by way of lecture, Bookkeeping navigation mensuration and the elements of geometry Plain and spherical trigonometry.

D. M.

British House of Commons.

THE RESOLUTION OF CENSURE BEFORE THE VOTE—AN INTERESTING SCENE.

The House of Commons was crowded in every part, but the audience thinned somewhat when it appeared that the expected Irish scene would not occur. The house filled again, however, while Labouchere and Foster were speaking.

OPINIONS OF THE PRESS.

The New York Tribune's London cable dispatch, on the vote of censure, says: Few men, except partisans, think that the ministry have a good defence on the merits of their Egyptian policy.

The New York Times London despatch says the Cabinet's decision to remain in office is officially defended on the ground that the Irish Nationalist votes cast en bloc ought not to be sufficient to change the English government, but the fact is that the rebuke is sufficiently pointed and the future is sufficiently black without considering the Irish at all.

through the middle somehow. The minister, in effect, except soon a grand complication with Russia, in the presence of which the Sudan d. floury will sink out of sight.

THE RUSSIAN DIFFICULTY.

The same correspondent says of the threatened conflict with Russia that during the last few days sinister whispers have been passed around that the highest officials regard war with Russia as a certainty, and that only the summoning of the reserves meant preparation for this, but that the Guards, ostensibly bound for Suakin, are really going to India, and would land at Kurra-hee, a seaport town west of the mouth of the Indus, and proceed thence by the Scinde valley and the Bolan pass to Kandahar.

ENGLAND MUST FIGHT.

The latest news is that of petitions in Herat for a Russian protectorate and of a request of Prince Korsakoff for the Czar's permission to send a scientific expedition into the disputed country, and this is held now to have an unusually ominous look and to lend confidence to the story that Lord Dufferin demanded large reinforcements, and is going to mass the troops as near the danger point as possible.

PUBLIC MEETING!

A MEETING of the Citizens will be held in the Market Hall, on Friday evening next, the 6th inst., at 8 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of considering provisions of a Bill respecting City matters, to be submitted to the Legislature at its approaching session.

Ch'town, March 4, 1885—tl date

Grand Trot at Souris.

THE Annual Trotting Races will take place on Souris Bay ice, on Tuesday, March 11th, commencing at 1 o'clock, p. m., sharp. Prizes to the amount of \$65 will be offered.

1st Race—Free to all, purse \$35. 2nd do—3 Minute class, purse \$20. 3rd do—3-year olds, purse \$10. Horses to trot to harness. Heats best three in five. Open to any horses on the Island.

Souris, March 9, 1885—m3 3i

Y. M. C. A. Lecture Course.

THE next Lecture of the winter course, before the Young Men's Christian Association, will be delivered by Mr. Leigh R. Gregg, B. A., in the Y. M. C. A. Hall, on Thursday evening, March 5th. Subject: "Meads of Culture."

Ch'town, Feb. 28, '85—sat tu we

NOTICE.

A SPECIAL Meeting of the Shareholders of the Citizens' Skating Rink Co. will be held in the Rink Building, on Thursday, March 12th, at 7 o'clock, p. m., to take into consideration the advisability of making certain alterations to the Rink.

Ch'town, Feb. 26, 1885.

WANTS, LOST, FOUND, &c.

WANTED—By a young man, a situation in a store or office; is a good penman and has a good English education; references if required. Apply at this office. m4 4ip

STRAYED—I have in the City Pound a S large, red Horse, for which I have been unable to find an owner. If not claimed before the 6th day of March, instant, I will sell the same by Public Auction, on the Market Square, in this city, on that date, to pay expenses. THOMAS BURNAN, Pound Keeper, Charlottetown, March 3, 1885—m4

TO LET—A new house, fronting on Pownall Street. Enquire of Thos. W. Dodd. mar3 pat

WANTED—A servant Girl for general work in a small family. Apply at this office. mar3

LOST—On Saturday (28th) a Pocket Book containing a sum of money. The finder will be rewarded by leaving it at this office. mar2

FOUND—In December last, at Georgetown, a silver hunting case Watch. The owner can have the same by proving property and paying for this advertisement. Enquire at the EXAMINER office. mar2 3i wkly 1 p1

WANTED—A strong, active Boy, accustomed to farm work. Apply to EXAMINER office. feb 28

BOX JAUNTING SLEIGH and phaeton (reversible seat) for sale. Apply to Geo. Brunner. feb 27 ti

MONEY WANTED—Provided interest low good security. Apply at this office. feb 27 ti

WANTED—An experienced Salesman (liberal salary) at Dusey Goff & Co. feb 25

FOR SALE—A Watzel "C" Sewing Machine, nearly new, in first rate order; cost \$45, will be sold at a bargain. Enquire at this office. feb 19 10;

SEVERAL DESIRABLE BUILDING LOTS FOR SALE, on Upper Hillsborough Street, as follows: Two adjoining the residence of Mr. Wellner, four below that of Mr. Leitch, and one on the corner, adjoining Mr. Knight's, on Easton Street. For terms apply to James Desbrisay. feb 17 wks Zw pat



15 DAYS' SLAUGHTER! —AT— L. E. PROWSE'S ALL MY STOCK OF English & American Hats WILL BE SOLD AT A CASH DISCOUNT OF 20 P. C. For the next 15 days. Now is the time to Buy when you can save 20 p. c. on the dollar. POSITIVELY ONLY 15 DAYS. L. E. PROWSE, Sign of the BIG HAT, 74 Queen Street, Ch'town, March 2, 1885—wkly

GREAT CLEARANCE SALE. BOOTS AND SHOES —AT— J. C. SPRAGUE & CO'S. Look out for our Mammoth Circular, giving Full Particulars. Ch'town, Feb. 28, 1885—4i eod wkly 2i

USE DIAMOND POTASH. CHARLOTTETOWN BOOT AND SHOE FACTORY! MR. R. C. GOFF, of the firm of Dorsey, Goff & Co., has just returned, after visiting a number of the leading Boot and Shoe Factories abroad. The CHARLOTTETOWN BOOT & SHOE FACTORY, which has been stopped during his absence, will open with the latest improvements, which will enable us to give our customers better satisfaction than ever. Spring Orders will receive our best attention. Our Traveller, Mr. Dennis, will have the pleasure of calling on our customers throughout the Island, some time in March. DORSEY, GOFF & CO. Ch'town, Feb. 26, 1885.

MARCH, 1885. W. A. WEEKS & CO. CASH BUYERS will Save Money by purchasing at Weeks & Co's Cheap Store. We Guarantee you as many goods for a dollar as any other shop in the city. A Splendid Stock now on hand, with prices Lower than ever. WHOLESALE & RETAIL. W. A. WEEKS & CO. Ch'town, Feb. 25, 1885.

LONDON HOUSE Custom Tailoring Department! A SPLENDID RANGE OF CLOTHS IN Broadcloths, Worsteds, Meltons, Suits & Light Overcoatings. Work done with Promptness and in the Best Styles, at the Lowest Prices. GEO. DAVIES & CO. Ch'town, Feb. 5, 1885—2 aw wkly

