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OUR CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS.
We trust that the disclosures made by the Grand Jury respecting the Lunatic Asylum and the Poor House, will lead to a speedy and thorough reform of both these (so-called) "Charitable Institutions." The Province is in disgrace. Let us set about wiping off the stigma with the least possible delay. Enough, (too much, indeed,) has been said; let something now be done. Voices of paupers, grovelling in filth, and maniacs suffering in nakedness and hunger, the horrors of underground dungeons, have reached us. It cannot be possible that these voices have been heard in vain. The Medical Superintendent and the Keeper of the Lunatic Asylum have both, we observe, had letters published in which the presentment of the Grand Jury respecting the Institution is characterized as an "exaggerated" and "one-sided" report; "a very highly drawn account," "evidently got up with the intention of producing a deep sensational feeling in a community at times noted for its credulity on the reception of exciting intelligence." Guilty or innocent, it would, we think, have been much better for the Superintendent and the Keeper to have remained silent until the evidence of their guilt or innocence had been published in open court. They cannot surely suppose that the public will be more likely to believe their statements than the statements of twenty-four respectable and disinterested gentlemen sworn to be "faithful and true." Mr. Sidley's letter is as follows:—
To the Editor of the Examiner.
DEAR SIR:—I observe that the Grand Jury, through their energetic Foreman, J. S. Carvell, Esq., have presented a very lengthy report on the present state of the Lunatic Asylum, as it appeared to them on their official visit. I am glad to know that the responsible parties are for what appears to them the deplorable state of the inmates. That probably is not a question very easily solved. I have, however, a few suggestions to offer, which I think will be of service to the institution which will be called upon to answer the report. I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
RICHARD M. GIBBLEY,
Lunatic Asylum, July 1, 1874.

For the full text of the Superintendent's letter we have not space. He asserts that the Asylum is not in such a fearful condition as represented; and he complains that the attendants are altogether too few in number.
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION.
NEARLY every thoughtful Christian man in the Dominion will endorse the sentiments of the Bishop of Fredericton respecting Religious Education. In a lately uttered charge, he said:—
"In the matter of education, I fear we have not kept pace with the reconstruction of our churches, and this subject calls, as brethren, for our earnest, careful, and united attention. In all our ordinary schools no religious instruction of the least practical value is now given. And the general cry for non-sectarian teaching amounts to a prohibition of teaching of daily practical religious duties. If the parents (as it certainly is mine) that no child can be rightly trained who is not taught continually, and this should be the rule, and how he is to be enabled to do it, I think that you will agree with me that, unless secular teaching be vigorously supplemented by religious teaching, our children will believe that teaching should not only be supplemented by religion, but that religion should be the foundation of all teaching, or even that the cry about Papists and Protestants, it lies at the foundation of national faith and national morality. If, therefore, we are to be a Christian people, we must not only have a national faith, but we must have a national morality. If we do not, we are not a Christian people, and we are not a nation. I cannot undertake to suggest any plan of immediate action, but I desire to call your attention to this great subject. I beseech you not to let it pass, and I hope that this Synod will be moved to take the matter into serious consideration."

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.
A special meeting of the Chamber of Commerce was held on Monday evening last. Of members, there were present:—W. E. Dawson, W. R. Watson, I. C. Owen, James Peake, G. W. Howland, A. McDonald, F. T. Newberry, Artemus Lord, G. B. Bower, D. Davies, T. Sandrah, B. W. Higgs, W. W. Clarke, Dr. Jenkins, and P. S. McGowan. Hon. D. Davies was called to the chair. The Secretary and Treasurer read the letter from Hon. G. Connolly, in which he resigned the office of President of the Chamber. The resignation was received, on motion of Hon. G. W. Howland, and was accepted by W. E. Dawson, Esq., George Peake, Esq., was elected to the Presidency by an all but unanimous vote. The following gentlemen, viz.,—W. E. Dawson, G. W. Howland, A. McDonald, A. Lord, B. W. Higgs, and N. Rankin, were elected arbiters, to whom all questions of dispute may be submitted for settlement. The Secretary read a letter from the Secretary of the Dominion Board of Trade containing directions respecting the meeting of the Board at St. John, N. B., on the 16th inst. It was decided that the Chamber should send two delegates, and (F. T. Newberry, one of the former delegates, having declined the honor the President, George Peake, Esq., and Hon. G. W. Howland were appointed. The following gentlemen were nominated a committee to manage and prepare a suitable reception for the delegates comprising the Board of Trade:—J. S. Carvell, G. W. DeBelle, Geo. Peake, A. W. Watson, Jas. Peake, R. R. Hodgson, W. R. Watson, F. T. Newberry, W. W. Clarke, H. W. Higgs, A. A. McDonald, B. Rogers, B. W. Higgs, G. D. Longworth, W. D. Stewart. A Special Meeting of the Chamber was held on Saturday evening; at which a subscription list was opened to raise money to defray the expense of receiving the delegates of the Dominion Board of Trade in a fitting manner. For this purpose, the Government has, we understand, granted \$500.

STEARNS SCUM.—During the late hurricane the Canadian steamer "Osprey" and "Comet" were sunk in the St. Lawrence River, the latter being driven on Ogdon Island, 2 1/2 miles below the mouth of the river, and the latter on the cascades at the foot of Boothby's Canal. Passengers and crew saved.

THE PUBLIC MIDSUMMER EXAMINATION OF THE PUPILS ATTENDING PRINCE OF WALES COLLEGE, took place on Wednesday last, the 5th inst. There were present, Sir Robert Hodgson, who presided, Miss McDonald, Mrs. Anderson, Miss Robertson, Mr. Justice Peters, Hon. J. Warburton, Mr. Bannerman Warburton, B.A., Hon. John LePage, Wm. Weeks, F. Boete, H. Lawson, and others. The pupils in actual attendance, numbered 39, of whom only nine were from the country. The number admitted during the past year was 113 from the country. Of those in actual attendance, only three had scholarships. Ten of those who left College during the year belonged to the senior department; two to the junior. After prayer, by Professor Anderson, Professor Lowe examined the pupils in the History of Canada in Grammar, and in the Geography and History of Great Britain and Europe, Messrs. Stewart, Easton, Gregor and Rattenbury were most conspicuous for correct and ready answers. Professor Lowe read two essays—the first, by Lawrence Hartshorne, of Nova Scotia, the second by Easton, of Charlottetown. Royalty. Both were written in a perspicuous and pleasing style. Essays by Thomas LePage, N. Rattenbury, and W. Stewart were read. Master LePage's essay was exceedingly well written. It showed that the writer, young as he is, possesses a fine literary taste. Master LePage stands first in ten classes. He is far away ahead of the second best boys in the school. Messrs. W. Stewart, John Yeo, N. Rattenbury, Francis Kennedy, rank second best in the Senior Department. They are all clever young men. The Examination showed a great lack of ability in the art of reading. To read well is, however, no easy matter. In reading, Messrs. George Hassner and I. Gregor (the youngest competitors) acquitted themselves most creditably. The following is the PRIZE LIST:—
LATEX.
1st Class—Livy, Horace and Cicero.
1st Thomas LePage; Charlottetown; 2nd James Warburton, Royalty.
2nd Class—Virgil.
1st William Stewart; 2nd John LePage; 3rd Francis Kennedy, Brackley Point Road; 4th Wellington Dixon, Royalty.
3rd Class—Caesar.
1st Nelson Rattenbury, New London; 2nd John Longworth, Charlottetown.
LATIN CONJUGATIONS.
1st Class—Thomas LePage; 2nd William Stewart; 1st Francis Kennedy and William Stewart; 2nd Wellington Dixon.
2nd Class—1st Thomas LePage; 2nd Francis Kennedy; 3rd James Warburton.
3rd Class—1st William Stewart; 2nd Wellington Dixon; 3rd John Craig, Malpeque.
3rd Class—1st Thomas LePage; 2nd Francis Kennedy; 3rd James Warburton.
4th Class—1st William Stewart; 2nd Wellington Dixon and Thomas LePage; 4th James Warburton.
FRENCH.
1st Class—Moliere and Composition.
1st Thomas LePage; 2nd William Stewart.
2nd Class—Ternant and Composition.
1st Wellington Dixon; 2nd John Craig and Leigh R. Gregor, Charlottetown, equal.
3rd Class—1st Nelson Rattenbury; 2nd Allen Fraser, Charlottetown.
GEOMETRY.
1st Class—Conic Sections.
1st Thomas LePage and Francis Kennedy; 2nd John Yeo, Charlottetown.
2nd Class—1st Thomas LePage; 2nd John Craig; 3rd Wellington Dixon; 4th James Warburton; 5th Wellington Dixon.
3rd Class—1st Nelson Rattenbury; 2nd Leigh R. Gregor.
4th Class—1st Charles Davies, Charlottetown; 2nd Charles Coles, Charlottetown.
TRIGONOMETRY.
1st Thomas LePage; 2nd Francis Kennedy and John Yeo, equal.
2nd Class—1st Thomas LePage; 2nd William Stewart.
MECHANICS.
1st Thomas LePage; 2nd Francis Kennedy; 3rd John Yeo.
ENGLISH LITERATURE.
1st William Stewart; 2nd Thomas LePage, Francis Kennedy and John Yeo, equal.
SENIOR ENGLISH—SHAKESPEARE.
1st Thomas LePage; 2nd Nelson Rattenbury.
SENIOR ENGLISH COMPOSITION.
1st Thomas LePage; 2nd Nelson Rattenbury.
HISTORY OF CANADA.
1st Class—1st William Stewart; 2nd Nelson Rattenbury and Wellington Dixon, equal.
2nd Class—1st Christopher Easton, Royalty; 2nd George Ings, Charlottetown.
JUNIOR ENGLISH.
1st Christopher Easton; 2nd John Yeo, Port Hill and Lawrence Hartshorne, Nova Scotia, equal.
JUNIOR ENGLISH COMPOSITION.
1st Lawrence Hartshorne; 2nd Christopher Easton.
ARITHMETIC.
1st Class—1st Lawrence Hartshorne; 2nd Francis Gregor, Charlottetown.
2nd Class—Frederic, Charlottetown.
WRITING.
1st Allen Fraser; 2nd George Ings.
READING.
George Hazard, Stratford.
MAP DRAWING.
Lawrence Hartshorne.
ELEMENTARY CLASS.
1st William Anderson, Charlottetown; 2nd William Henderson, Charlottetown.
MAP DRAWING.
Alexander Anderson, Charlottetown.
SPECIAL PRIZE.
Alexander McNaughton, Charlottetown.
REPORT OF REV. DONALD MCGRAE, HALLIFAX, JULY 31, 1874.
THE TRUSTEES AND GOVERNORS OF PRINCE OF WALES COLLEGE.
GENTLEMEN:—
I set papers in Canadian and Greek history, Shakespeare and English Literature, and after examining those which were brought by the students and transmitted to me, I have come to the following conclusions:—
That the paper in Canadian History was excellently well done; that the Shakespeare papers were very good; the parsing and analysis being wonderfully accurate. LePage's paper is first class and nearly as good as possible. In Greek History, Dixon's paper is the first, though LePage is best in point of style. Easton's is also an excellent paper. LePage's paper in English literature is really remarkable for its excellence. The style is wonderfully matured, and his thinking power strikes me as of a high order. Stewart is diligent, so too is Easton, whom I take to be a lad of good promise. If as I suppose, he is but young comparatively, indeed, taking a general view of the whole, the boys' knowledge of the subjects throughout, has really astonished me. They have in them the foundation, and no narrow foundation, of what ought to qualify them to be useful citizens.
I have the honor to be,
Gentlemen,
Yours most respectfully,
D. McGRAE.
CANADIAN HISTORY.—
First Rank—Stewart 98; Dixon 95; Rattenbury 94; Kennedy.
Second Rank—Coles; Craig; Easton; Davies; Gregor.

ENGLISH LITERATURE.
First Rank—LePage 98, Dixon, Craig, Yeo, Easton, Stewart, Kennedy, Craig, Third Rank—Gregor.
SHAKESPEARE.
First Rank—LePage 98, Dixon, Craig, Yeo, Kennedy; Second Rank—Stewart, Gregor, Rattenbury; Third Rank—Dixon, Craig, Coles, McKinnon.
GREEK HISTORY.
First Rank—Dixon 96, Stewart 92, LePage 92, Second Rank—Yeo, Craig, Kennedy, Easton, Third Rank—Gregor.
D. MCGRAE.
REPORT OF DONALD MCGRAE, ESQ., B.A. TO THE TRUSTEES OF PRINCE OF WALES COLLEGE.
GENTLEMEN:—
I have, during the last week, examined the classes in Prince of Wales College studying Mathematics and French. The subjects in which I set papers are the following:—Mechanics one class; Trigonometry two classes; Algebra three classes; Geometry, including conic sections, Spherical, Solid and Plane three classes; and French two classes. The results given below will give a better idea of the results arrived at by the examinations than could be formed from any general remarks. While the papers of the classes were exceedingly good, those of the classes in statics, conic sections and Spherical Trigonometry seem to me to have been of a higher order. In the mechanics, the numerical values allowed these papers are not higher than those in some of the other classes, for questions were set, and the answers given, which were of a higher order than those of the other classes. In classifying the papers, the same method was adopted as that of last year. The exact percentage is given in all classes in which papers were set, and in ninety per cent, upwards, those above fifty per cent, are placed in the first rank; those under seventy-five, and above fifty, in the second rank, and those below fifty in the third rank.
MECHANICS—STATICS.
First Rank—LePage 94, Kennedy and Yeo, equal.
SPHERICAL TRIGONOMETRY.
First Rank—LePage 95, Kennedy 93, Yeo 91.
PLAIN TRIGONOMETRY.
First Rank—Dixon 91, Craig, Stewart, Second Rank—Gregor.
GEOMETRY.
Class 1—Conic Sections.
First Rank—Kennedy 97, LePage and Yeo, equal 91.
Class 2—Spherical and Solid Geometry.
First Rank—Stewart 92, Craig and Dixon, equal 90; Second Rank—Gregor.
Class 3—Algebra.
First Rank—McKinnon 96, Rattenbury