

The Daily Examiner

MARCH 20, 1885.

The C. P. R.

The Montreal Gazette, in the course of an excellent article on the difficulties of the C. P. R., says:—

"The railway ought not to be allowed to revert to the Government until every means of completing and efficiently operating it, without further burden upon the country, has been exhausted. Reversion means an immediate expenditure in payment of the floating liabilities of the company, the speedy completion of the railway, and its subsequent adequate equipment and operation at an expense which all experience teaches must inevitably be greater than that at which the company can obtain the same service. Now, as to the company, the position appears plain. If the shareholders have confidence in the enterprise, and upon that point the testimony is of an affirmative character, they should be prepared to make a further investment in the road of say fifteen millions, allowing the land grant and fifteen millions of bonds to be retained by government against the loan of last session as security for the repayment thereof. The advantages of such a plan are:—

That it requires no further advances of money on the part of the government. That it gives the shareholders of the company an opportunity of practically manifesting their faith in the enterprise by making an additional investment therein.

That it ensures not merely the completion of the railway this year—that is already certain—but its equipment and the provision of a service indispensable to the proper and efficient operation of a road of the magnitude and importance of the Canadian Pacific."

The Effect of the Anglo-Russian Dispute on Exports.

The difficulties between England and Russia are naturally watched with great interest in financial and business circles in America. A rumor that war would be declared caused a boom in wheat a few days ago in the New York produce exchange, but the market has since settled. However, it is universally admitted that in event of war, England, being cut off from Russia's wheat supply, would have to buy more grain from America. A prominent New York merchant, speaking of the outlook, said:—

"In the event of a war between England and Russia this country would certainly be benefited. The Kansas wheat grower now merely makes expenses. Such a war would help him by cutting off Russian exports. Then, England exports cotton goods in large quantities to all parts of the world. We may be able to get some of this trade, as a great war might cripple her manufactures. From a purely business standpoint this country has nothing to lose from such a war, and if Russia desires to change her tactics and England is determined to retain what she considers her rights there is strong probability of war. That is, of course, if our despatches tell the truth."

A leading petroleum exporter said:— "At this moment it doesn't appear to me that such a war would have much effect upon the petroleum trade of this country. The Russian oil trade is a good deal of a bugbear. Statistics show that she exported less oil last year than in 1883. She does little more than supply her own wants. I scarcely think that such a war would have any appreciable effect on the price of petroleum here."

Stanley on the Soudan.

Mr. Henry M. Stanley has written a letter to the London Times, for the purpose of explaining the apparent inconsistency in General Gordon's statements about the Soudan. Mr. Stanley thinks that when Gen Gordon said that the "Soudan was a useless possession," and that "for anybody to reconquer it and hand it over to Egypt, would be an injury," he meant to refer to the present condition of that country. General Gordon's real opinion, Mr. Stanley says, which was often expressed, was that attempts at permanent occupation would be useless until a railway had been constructed connecting Suakin with the Nile. The government of the Soudan would then become much easier. Mr. Stanley expresses his belief in the soundness of this opinion, and says:—"If you want to make something of the Soudan, give the people of that country a chance to rest. Stop taxation, stop the cour-bash. Garrison Suakin, Berber and Khartoum with a few Sikhs. Assist the principal Sheiks with money for trading purposes, and take all other measures practicable to foster the growth of trade. Tax exports at Suakin and at no other point. Give a trial of five years to this policy, and then if no English genius rises to rule the Soudan with the white wand of peace, remove the railway and begone out of the country, retaining possession only of Suakin and Assouan." Mr. Stanley thinks that Gen. Gordon's latest complaints were the natural result of brooding over the vastness of the task before him and of his utter isolation and ill health.

Our Deaf Mutes.

The Directors of the Halifax Institution for the deaf and dumb have addressed a memorial to our Local Government and Legislature, setting forth the claims of the institution to an annual grant from this Province. They formerly received from the Island Government \$500 a year; but a few years ago the amount was reduced to \$300, and last year, although the money was voted, they got nothing—"on the ground that the institution was likely to benefit by the Lady Wood bequest." The Directors reasonably urge that though they may, in the

doubtful contingency of the settlement of a long-pending litigation, obtain a small sum under the will of Lady Wood, it would be of no use in the meantime, and "will not recoup the Institution for past expenditure for the benefit of the deaf mutes of P. E. Island." We sincerely hope that Government and Legislature will favorably consider the claims of the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb. It is, of course, necessary to be economical; and a proportion of the cost of maintaining our deaf mutes at the Institution ought certainly to be borne by their parents—by those, at least, who are able to do so. But this Province is not yet so poor that it can afford to leave the education of its deaf mutes to the charity of the sister Provinces; and we ought not to have it said that while our Government expends \$100,000 a year to educate those of our children who are in possession of all their senses, we refuse to give a single dollar towards the education of those who can neither hear nor speak. Such a position is unreasonable as well as mean. The just claims of the Halifax Institution should be fully satisfied.

The Grits Call a Party Meeting.

ACCORDING to advertisement which appeared in the Patriot a gathering of the "Liberals" of the First District of King's County was to have taken place at Souris, on the 10th inst. The meeting was called by no one in particular, but "By Order of the Committee." This duly signed to the document gave it, no doubt, a semi-official appearance in the eyes of those who were expected to meet. The object in view in calling the meeting was not set forth. It could not surely have been for the purpose of organizing the Grits, although, we notice, a fraternal invitation was given to any of the same political stripe who might find it convenient to attend from other parts of the county. They would not, it is hoped, think of such a thing as party organization just now, while the much-to-be-regretted disability of their Dominion representative continues. Practical, earthy-minded Conservatives might feel disposed to organize, but the great Grit faithful never—unless, indeed, there should be more call for their party activity than fortunately exists at present.

Under existing circumstances, we may charitably assume that the meeting was not called to "organize the party." What, then, was it called for? We are anxious to hear from that Committee. Did the meeting come off as advertised? We have been waiting patiently to see a report of the proceedings, but up to the present have seen nothing concerning it. The Patriot, we know, is usually very slow in its movements, taking nearly a month sometimes to get up a very silly report. But, perhaps, the Grit rally that was called for the 10th did not take place at all! The meeting of the Liberal-Conservatives of the County at Georgetown last month, was a success in every respect. We should like to know whether the Grits of the County succeeded as well in their Souris meeting?

—We understand that Mr. A Martin's movement respecting Hillsborough Ferry has been made with the object of obtaining data to use in calculations as to the difference between the actual cost of the ferry and the probable cost of a bridge across the river.

The Budget Debate.

(Montreal Gazette.)

The opposition are evidently again bent this year to devote all their energy and talent and opportunity to depreciating the country, its position and prospects, to creating abroad the impression that its people are oppressed with grievous taxation, that its population is declining, that the avenues to an honest living are few and mostly overcrowded, that the European emigrant who contemplates pursuing his fortunes in this Dominion, is little better than a fool. The debt of Canada is represented as increasing at an alarming rate and as having assumed appalling proportions already, but all references to the causes of that debt, to the important public works which it represents, to the assumption of the liabilities of the provinces, by which it was in part created, are studiously omitted; the fact that the capital expenditure upon railways, canals and other public works of public utility has in the past six years exceeded the increase of the debt by over forty million dollars; that the interest charge on the debt in the same period has increased only 25 per cent. as against an increase in the debt of some 47 per cent.; that the whole of that increased interest charge is returned to the people in the shape of subsidies to the provinces are altogether ignored by the men who, professing to deal with facts, deliberately and wilfully exaggerate all that may tell against and conceal everything that may tell for the country. The test of the credit of Canada after all is the price of our securities in the money markets, and judged by that standard it certainly does not appear that the country is being ruined or being entangled in difficulties from which extrication may not be easy. The price of our four per cent. bonds is 17 per cent. higher than when Sir Richard Cartwright was in office, and we are able to place our bonds to-day at 34 per cent. at as high a rate as the gentleman was able to place them on payment of 4 per cent. interest. That one fact is the practical answer to the grotesque exaggerations of the party of supreme prejudices and sublime mediocrity, and is a significant commentary on the influence of their utterances with people of intelligence who know something of the real condition of Canada,

STRING QUARTETTES and fine Orchestral Music to-night at Colborne No. 3.

Love of Country.

THE Hon. Donald Ferguson's popular lecture on "Love of Country," has been printed in a neat pamphlet, which is on sale at the book and drug stores for the benefit of the Benevolent Irish Society. Of the merits of the lecture we have already given an opinion; and we need now only express the hope that it will be purchased and read by all who have not heard it read by its author. In his preface to the brochure, Mr. Ferguson confesses that "while hoping for the good time coming,"

"Man to man the world o'er Shall brothers be, and a' that,"

He has little respect for the cosmopolitanism which would discourage every demonstration of love for the country of our birth and cherished regard for the land of our forefathers. The importation of party issues, feuds and animosities of the old world, to our young and free Dominion, cannot be too strongly deprecated; yet a generous cultivation of love for England, Ireland, Scotland or France, by such of our citizens as are connected by birth or descent to any of these countries, cannot make us any the worse Canadians. On the contrary, as our Dominion has only recently been consolidated, and is deficient in literary and historical recollections, and as "nature abhors a vacuum," the cultivation of love for Fatherland will serve to keep the blood warm until old world characteristics shall be wholly lost in a broad national sentiment of our own."

Father McGillivray's Monument.

THE monument to be erected in the new Catholic Cemetery by the Catholics of Charlottetown to the memory of the late Father McGillivray is now almost completed. Mr. Hunter will, so far as can be judged from an unfinished piece of work, make an excellent and substantial monument. When completed and in position in the cemetery, it will not only reflect credit on him, but on those who raised it to the memory of their beloved pastor. The monument is of white marble with freestone base. It will stand sixteen feet high. Its design is very neat, and most appropriate for a clergyman of the Roman Catholic Church. In front of the pillar above the inscription block, is a well executed bust of the late pastor of St. Dunstan's. Above this, on four sides, are handsome dormers, and the monument is continued about four feet above these by a round pillar, and surmounted by a cross bearing the inscription "I. H. S." The inscription on the monument reads:—

ERECTED by the CATHOLICS OF CHARLOTTETOWN, to the MEMORY OF THEIR BELOVED PASTOR, REV. ALEXANDER MCGILLIVRAY, who departed this life on the 4TH JULY, 1883. Of your charity pray for the repose of his Soul.

The Russian Advance.

COMMERCIAL IMPORTANCE OF HERAT AND THE VALLEY OF THE MURGHAB.

Napoleon's maxim that "war should pay its own cost" has not been forgotten by Russia. Her Central Asian conquests have worked steadily toward the rich gold fields of the Tien Shan Mountains and the mines of rubies and lapis lazuli in Upper Badakshan. Her recent attack on Turkey has regained the ample slice of Bessarabia cut from her border in 1856. Her present movements in Afghanistan are no wild crusade after empty glory, but a deliberate grasp at the rich valley of the Murghab (the Nile of the Turcoman Desert) and its Khartoum, Herat, the great centre of Afghan trade. One stroll through the vaulted bazaar that stretches 350 yards into the town from the Cabul Gate, one glance at the heaps of Persian carpets and Candahar fruits, tea chests from China and embossed sabres from Bengal, will convince any traveller of the paramount commercial importance derived by the "bill-throned city" from its position between Balkh and Merv on the north and Candahar on the south, barely 360 miles west of Cabul, and only 190 miles east of the Perian mart of Meshid. Moreover, its possession, in addition to giving Russia a flourishing seat of trade, would enable her to check a long-continued and successful competition. Herat has for years past been the gate through which Manchester cottons and calicoes, Sheffield cutlery and Birmingham hardware have poured into Central Asia to crowd out Russian goods; \$30,000,000 worth of such wares passing yearly through Bokhara alone.

Parnell's Manifesto.

The manifesto of Mr. Parnell, read by Mr. Clancy at the meeting of the Nationalist section of the Dublin Municipal Council on Thursday last, has been submitted to the solicitors for the crown. The manifesto was an expression of the attitude proper to be observed by the National League toward the Prince of Wales during his coming visit to Ireland. It advised Nationalists to maintain an attitude of reserve, to make no hostile demonstrations and no expressions of welcome, and declared that the visits of the Prince and Princess of Wales to Ireland was inopportune, while an unseemly indecent cortege remained in possession of Dublin Castle. On Saturday Parnell admitted the authorship and explained that the document was prepared for Clancy's personal direction and use and not for publication at the time as a manifesto. On Friday the national league issued the document read by Clancy, and of which the latter was apparently the draft. The crown solicitors have to day rendered the opinion that the manifesto of Thursday is a treasonable document. It is believed the government will base some severe action upon the opinion of the solicitors, and its action is awaited with interest.

Looking for Spring.

Now the organ-grinder limbers up the crank of his machine; Now the dude for new apparel will commence to ice him; Now the ice man with full houses growth stiff-necked and elate; Now the maiden looketh longingly upon the garden gate.

HEAR the Silver Trumpets March to-night at Orchestral No. 3.

PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, March 19.

After preliminary business,— Hon. MR. McLEOD moved the order of the day for the second reading of the Charlottetown Mutual Fire Insurance Company, and explained that at present there is not a local Fire Insurance Company in this Province; and that the insurance business is wholly in the hands of foreign companies, who have combined to put up the rates. He said that a local insurance company doing business on conservative principles would in all probability make money, and at the same time take risks at lower rates than those which now prevail.

House in committee. Progress reported. Mr. A. MARTIN has given notice that he will ask the Commissioner of Public Works for a return or statement of all the expenditures by the Government in connection with the Southport Ferry, from the year 1869 to 1884, both inclusive.

Hon. MR. CAMPBELL gives notice that he will introduce a Bill to enable the Charlottetown Woolen Factory to increase its capital.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The Council have passed their Address in answer to the Lieut.-Governor's speech.

Western Items.

(From the Journal.)

We are informed that Mr. D. Montgomery, Superintendent of Education, will lecture in Malpique Institute on Monday next, 23rd, and will visit the school on the day following.

In a skating contest at Regina, recently, Mr. J. Colledge Pope, formerly of this town, carried off the prize of a silver cup, for being the fastest skater in the Northwest Territory.

The choir of St. Thomas' Church, French River, recently presented the Choir Leader, Prof. McKinnon, with a substantial and acceptable testimonial of the high appreciation with which his labors have been received. And it may not be out of place to here state that St. Thomas' Church never was in a more flourishing condition than now, and Rev. Mr. Reagh has the satisfaction of seeing at least a part of the fruits of his good work.

We are pleased to notice by a paper published in Seattle, Washington Territory, that Captain Cyrus Orr has been rewarded in a substantial manner for his skill and bravery in breaking the ice blockade on the Frazer River, his steamer Idaho being the first to reach New Westminster with mails, etc., for some time. On making the landing he was received with a perfect ovation, and presented with a handsome and costly silver pitcher and salver, accompanied by an address from the Mayor and citizens. The captain responded in a happy and suitable reply, saying "it would be a proud moment to know in his old days that he had been able to do his duty when young without the hope of reward." Captain Orr is a young P. E. Islander, who has risen to distinction abroad without influence or friends, and to-day occupies a lucrative position through his own exertions.

THE current number of the British Medical Journal denies the possibility of smoking having caused the cancer with which Gen. Grant is afflicted. The Journal says that the risk of cancer in the throat, incurred by smokers is infinitesimal, and it denounces the anti-tobaccoists for seeking to make capital for their particular feud out of the sufferings of a great man.

APPLES, FISH, &c.

BY Auction, Monday, March 23rd, at 2 o'clock, at my Auction Room:— 50 barrels Apples, 30 boxes Boneless Fish, 10 do Cheese, To close consignment. A. McNEILL, Auctioneer, Ch'town, March 20, 1885—91

Riflemen, Attention!

THE annual business meeting of the P. E. Island Rifle Association, for the election of officers and the transaction of other business will be held in the City Court Room at 8 p. m., on Wednesday, the 25th inst. By order: G. L. DOGHERTY, Major, Secretary P. E. A. March 20, 1885—21 Fri Tues

Canadian Seed Wheat

FOR SALE.

200 BAGS Canadian Spring Seed Wheat, in White Fyfe, Red Fyfe, White Russian, imported last Fall from a reliable farmer; will be sold cheap. Also, a large quantity of the same, to arrive on opening of navigation. Farmers in want of Good Seed for Spring sowing would do well to send in their orders early. We will Guarantee Satisfaction. A. HORNE & CO. Ch'town, March 19th, 1885—whypat4 dylaw

THE ANNIVERSARY MEETING

OF the Young Women's Christian Association will be held (D. V.) on Monday afternoon, next, 23rd March, at 4 o'clock, in the Basement Parlor of the Y. M. C. A. Friends and members are invited to attend and hear the report read of last year's work. C. J. A. MAYNE, Secretary. Ch'town, March 19, 1885—31

SEED WHEAT.

FOR SALE CHEAP

THE best variety of "White Russian" Seed Wheat, a splendid yielding, good flour, stiff straw; best for our soil and climate. JOHN NEWSON. Ch'town, March 9, 1885—2new

MORE CHEAP GOODS!

PEOPLE Looking for Bargains ought to go first to Weeks & Co.'s Cheap Store, where goods are sold all the year round at about the same rates as many shops call their "selling off" prices.

During March a number of excellent Bargains will be offered to all cash customers alike:—7000 yds. Bed Tickings at 5 to 7cts per yard under usual prices; 200 white fringed Counterpanes only \$1.10, worth \$1.75; 2000 yds. Roller Towellings at 5c, 6c, and 7c.; 1500 yds Table Linen, beginning at 15c., very cheap; 4000 yds. Cotton Flannels, 4c. to 6c. under prices; All Grass Cloths and Prints, Cretonnes, &c., at reduced prices; about 9000 yds. choice Cotton Shirtings from 7c. per yard; black and colored Cashmeres and other Dress Goods at a bargain, about 5000 yards to go cheap, ask to see them; also, special lines in Ladies' Corsets, at low prices. Now is the time to buy Cottons, as they are going up in price. We have about 75,000 yards bleached and grey Cottons and Sheetings to offer at the lowest prices ever seen.

Call and see the goods, even if you don't want to buy.

W. A. WEEKS & CO.

Ch'town, March 5, 1885

Orchestral No. 3.

GRAND SACRED CONCERT!

IN THE

Y. M. C. A. HALL,

—ON—

Friday Evening, March 20th.

PROGRAMME

- 1. Inst. March—Czeray Orchestral Club. 2. Chorus—"Lift up your Heads," from the "Messiah" Handel Mr. Earle's Glee Club. With orchestral acc't 3. String Quartette—"Andante in G," Gluck Messrs. Vinnicombe, Gordon, Strong, and Sharp. 4. Cornet Solo—"Angels Ever Bright and Fair" Handel Mr. Fletcher. 5. Chorus—"Grand Te Deum in F" Pieler Mr. Earle's Glee Club 6. Inst. Quintette—"Silver Trumpets"—March—"Messiah"—Viviani 7. Solo and Chorus—"O Thou that Tellest," from "Messiah" Handel Solo by Mrs. Roome. 8. Violin Solo—"He Shall Feed His Flock," from "Messiah" Handel Mr. Vinnicombe. 9. "But Thou didst not Leave his Soul in Hell," from "Messiah" Handel Orchestral Club. 10. Ave Verum—Millard Miss Hickey. 11. Chorus—"The Crusaders"—Pinsuti Mr. Earle's Glee Club. 12. String Quartette—Mendelsahon 13. Vocal Solo—"Ruth and Naomi"—Topliff Mrs. Roome. 14. Vocal Solo—"Pro Peccatis" from "Stabat Mater"—Rossini Prof. Caven With orchestral acc't 15. Chorus—"Worthy is the Lamb," from "Messiah" Handel Mr. Earle's Glee Club. "God Save the Queen." Concert at 8 o'clock. G. A. SHARP, Secretary.

44 QUEEN STREET.

W.A. BRENNAN,

Book, Job and Ornamental Printer, Book-Binder, Paper Ruler, —AND— BLANK-BOOK MANUFACTURER. The Printing and Binding machinery and Plant in this Office is that of the late Bremner Brothers, and is well known as one of the most complete printing and binding concerns in the Lower Provinces. With such facilities it is no trouble to do the best work at moderate rates. 44 Queen Street, Charlottetown, P. E. Island. March 17th, 1885.

TENDERS.

THE undersigned will receive Tenders until the 23rd inst., for the framing, rough-boarding, shingling, planing, windows, doors and trimming eaves, of a building to be erected in Charlottetown; or a Siting Engine. Plans and specifications can be seen at the office of Messrs. Poole & Lewis, Charlottetown. We do not bind ourselves to accept the lowest or any Tender. Tenders to be addressed to Muttart & Baker, Summerside. GEORGE MUTTART, P. R. BAKER. Summerside, March 18, 1885—31 pd

COAL.

ON hand, a quantity of Piton, Gouin Mines and Glace Bay Coal. Also: Sydney (old mine) Round Coal. Will be sold for Cash at Summer prices. CAPT. JOHN HUGHES, Water Street. Ch'town, May 10, 1885—1me

TO RENT.

THE Subscriber offers for rent half the Shop, formerly occupied by Messrs. Bremner Bros. as a book and stationery store. W. A. BRENNAN. Ch'town, March 11, 1885—11