

THE DAILY EXAMINER.

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Editorial Notes.

In Cardwell's majorities since confederation have been as follows:— 1887..... 77 1878..... 25 1872..... 216 1882..... 314 1874..... 74 1887..... 403

The Toronto Globe says that the spring seeding season in Ontario has been unusually long and favorable. Even the laziest farmer can have no excuse for not getting in his spring grains in good condition. What is wanted now is soaking rain and warm nights, and then the spring crops will stand an excellent chance of turning out better than the average.

The Dominion Bank exhibits net earnings for the year ended 30th April, which are deserving of especial remark. They are at the rate of almost 17 per cent. upon the paid capital. On a capital of \$1,500,000, the net profits were \$254,532. The deposits of this institution are very large, being \$7,223,000, nearly \$6,000,000 bearing interest. The circulation at the close of last month stood at \$1,209,865.

Sir Charles Tupper gave to the Commons a few days ago, what, no doubt, were the authentic statistics of the Manitoba crop of last year, viz., total wheat 12,863,000 bushels—for export 10,613,000 bushels; barley, 2,263,000—for export 1,130,000; oats, 5,780,000—for export 2,890,000; flax, 183,000—for export 150,000. Think of that. Over and above all demands for home consumption, the limited population produced 14,873,000 bushels of cereals for sale abroad.

The Home Government seems really to have taken up the defence of the Empire in earnest. A graving dock at Halifax, big enough to receive the inflexible, under construction; tenders for a cable from Halifax to Bermuda advertised for; Fanning, Christmas, and Penrhyn Islands, with their convenient harbors commanding the high road from New Zealand to Vancouver, formally annexed; such are some of the items of news lately chronicled. There are some other items, the commencement of the Pacific Cable for one, that we trust we shall have the satisfaction of publishing ere long.

The Monetary Times states that the Grand Trunk is anxious to make a connection with the North-West, via Sault Ste. Marie, and is likely to succeed. It will have its own road to the Sault, and from that point it will have to take advantage of connections which will then be available, utilizing the South Shore road to Duluth and the Red River Valley road, which the Provinces of Manitoba will now be able to complete. In this way the Grand Trunk will get a footing in Manitoba, and thence will obtain access to the North-West. The C. P. R., having been paid for the surrender of its monopoly, will have no cause of complaint, and the settlers in the new territory will reap the advantage of competition.

An abstract of statements of life insurance companies doing business in Canada during the year 1887, has just been issued. The total number of companies are 39, 11 being Canadian, 16 British and 12 American. The premiums for the year received by the Canadian companies amount to \$2,843,398, British \$890,629, and American \$2,236,954, making a total of \$5,971,081, showing an increase of \$24,251, over that of 1886. The total number of policies new and taken up was 29,871, an increase of 1,596 over the previous year. The amount of the same being \$38,103,737, an increase of \$2,937,382 over 1886. The total number of policies in force to date is 118,192, an increase over the corresponding year of 14,078. The net amount in force in 1887 was \$191,679,852, an increase of \$29,364,153 during the year. The total amount of claims paid in 1887 was \$2,161,528, an increase of \$201,733 over 1886.

As long ago as February, 1858, Senator Seward, addressing the Senate, said: "Hitherto, in common with most of my countrymen, as I suppose, I have thought Canada, or, to speak more accurately, British America, a mere strip of territory north of the United States, easily detachable from the parent State, but incapable of sustaining itself, and therefore ultimately, I have dropped that opinion as a national conceit. I see in British North America, stretching, as it does, across the continent, from the shores of Labrador and Newfoundland to the Pacific, and occupying a considerable belt of the temperate zone, traversed equally with the United States by the lakes, and enjoying the magnificent shores of the St. Lawrence, with its thousands of Islands in the river and gulf, a region grand enough for the seat of a great empire."

The Imperial Federation League journal calls upon the Canadian League to make good their claim to all the rights and privileges of British citizenship. It says, in discussing the disabilities under which colonists are placed: "So with Canada—her Premier—proud though we may be to call him a fellow-citizen, and proud though he may be of the name of Briton—has not so much direct voice in moulding the Imperial policy of England as the meanest compound household in the Lower Hazelets. We might push the analogy further and show that, just as a lord by courtesy is sometimes called to the House of Lords in one of his fathers baronies, so a Canadian or an Australian may take part in the Government of the empire in the rare instances in which he is in a position to come and live in England, and that then he must forego his colonial citizenship entirely. But we forbear. The task is not for us. It is for Canada to claim her share in the great chain of fortresses that girdles the world—in the maintenance of the Pax Britannica among the dusky myriads of India. Nor are the signs wanting that the claim will be made ere long, and that when made it will meet with almost universal acceptance in the mother country."

FRATERNAL VISIT.—The members of Prince Albert Lodge, I. O. O. F., Moncton, N. B., contemplate visiting their Brethren of Prince Edward Lodge, Summerside, on Queen's Birthday.

Drugged for His Money.

A PRINCE EDWARD ISLANDER'S EXPERIENCE IN DENVER—DOSED AND KEPT PRISONER HE FINALLY MAKES HIS ESCAPE BUT BECOMES INSANE.

DENVER papers of the 9th, to hand this morning, contain particulars of an aggravated case of conspiracy, or what at least looks like one. The victim is James A. Reid, who formerly did business in the Cameron Block, of this city, and the conspirators, who have both been arrested, are Frank Green and Mrs. Ada Reid.

Mr. Reid, who is at present in Denver, tells a story which reads like a chapter in a sensational novel. He says that he arrived in Denver, from P. E. Island, in December, 1886. He brought with him \$7,000, which he placed in a bank shortly after his arrival. By marriage he is related to Frank Green and Mrs. Ada Reid, who resided on Clarkson Street, and with them he went to live. He says he had been there but a few days when Mrs. Reid and Mr. Green induced him to drink several doses of brandy, and shortly thereafter he became almost a raving maniac. He believes the liquor was drugged, and at that time he felt that he was in danger. So strongly did he become imbued with this belief that he made several attempts to escape from the clutches of his relatives, but they were too clever for him and thwarted all his devices. He was, he says, practically as helpless as a child, and while in this condition, shattered in mind and greatly reduced physically, he was persuaded to draw his money out of the bank. He claims that in some manner his relatives obtained possession of the \$7,000, and in order to save themselves from criminal prosecution induced him to purchase the Albany hotel drug store of Mr. George T. Brice. The arrangements were soon completed and the store, fixtures and stock transferred to Frank Green. For further protection, it is thought, Green agreed to pay Reid \$50 per month from the receipts of this store. Stranger still the story runs from this time on. Reid wandered away no one knew whither, and the time was blank to him. He cannot now of his own knowledge trace his movements, but it has been ascertained that Cheyenne was the first point where he was heard from. He was arrested there and tried for lunacy, and as it was an aggravated case he was put into the insane hospital where he remained five months before his relatives and friends on the Island learned of his whereabouts. As soon as they came into possession of this knowledge, they wrote to Sheriff Wells, of Colfax County, Nebraska, who is related to Reid, asking that officer to look the latter up. Sheriff Wells immediately went to Cheyenne, secured Reid's release, took him back to Schuyler, the county seat of Colfax County, kept him there until there was some improvement, and then took him to his home on the Island. After the lapse of a year he has fully recovered, and now proposes to recover his snug fortune or punish the perpetrators of this sad calamity. In the meantime the records show that Green transferred the drug store to Ada Reid, who shortly thereafter sold it to a man by the name of Long, the consideration being in the neighborhood of that paid to Brice.

The case came up for hearing a few days later. Mr. Reid, the plaintiff, being placed on the stand, told the following story:—He came to Denver in November, 1886, having left his home and business in Charlottetown, Canada, in a demented condition, caused by anonymous letters which he had received threatening his life. He supposed that these letters were written by his step-daughter, a child of his second wife, who is an aunt of Frank Green, the defendant. These letters he thought were written by his step-daughter, in order to make him (Reid) leave the country, as she bitterly disliked him. Coming to Denver with about six thousand dollars in cash, Reid placed it in the Denver National Bank and looked up Frank Green, whom he had known in the East, and went to board at Mrs. Reid's, where Green was staying. Reid told Green and Mrs. Reid that he wished to buy a business in Denver, and through the suggestion of Green and Mrs. Reid he decided to purchase the Albany drug store, then owned by Mr. Bryce; a few days later Mrs. Reid advised Mr. Reid not to purchase, and the latter, thinking that suspicious, decided to leave town, getting it into his head that Green was trying to defraud him. He was followed to the depot by Green, who brought him back to the house. Sick and nervous, he went to bed and was given a sleeping draught; the latter was repeated several times and he was semi-unconscious for six days. Recovering to some extent, he was coaxed into putting five thousand dollars into the drug store, and Frank Green and he entered into possession a few days after. Green, at that time, gave Reid a note for his share. Soon after Reid became unable to attend to business and went East. Green told witness that he would find a purchaser for his (Reid's) share in the store, and in the meantime would allow him \$50 per month and his board. This latter agreement was carried out for three months, at the end of which time Reid ceased to hear from Green. Reid was not able to return to Denver until a few weeks ago, and in the meantime the drug store had been disposed of, and Mr. Reid is attempting to prove that Green has conspired to defraud him of his share in the store.

After hearing Mr. Reid's statement the Court adjourned. There was a large number of people present during the proceedings. Mrs. Reid is described as rather an attractive looking woman, tall and slender, and of the brunette type. Frank Green, who has been living with Mrs. Reid at her house, No. 2206 Clarkson Street, for several years, is a short, thin man, with a dark moustache.

Our Mails.

SIR,—A reform in our mail service is necessary. If mails for this Island via St. John, Moncton, or other points, were forwarded by night train to Pictou, N. S., instead of being "held over" and despatched the morning following, we would be in receipt of it by afternoon boat from Pictou, instead of awaiting the western train some hours afterwards. This was noticed last night and calls for an improvement. Let our mails from all points be kept in motion and we will sooner receive them. This suggestion is worthy of the consideration of our accommodating Postmaster. PROMPT.

May 17, 1888.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Things Said and Done on the Streets and Elsewhere.

We have had two disastrous fires within as many weeks. One was in Fort Augustus and the other in Charlottetown. In the first case the loss amounts to about \$8000; in the latter to between \$40,000 and \$50,000. The first case instanced almost beggared a rising country merchant and shipper; the second left many persons homeless, and crippled the efforts of a number of young people who were trying hard to build up a business which would be a credit to the city as well as a source of revenue to themselves.

In the Fort Augustus case it was strongly suspected that the fire was the work of an incendiary. Mr. Gunniskay had his suspicion as to who the incendiary was. These suspicions culminated in the arrest of a man named O'Brien yesterday. Just what evidence there is against the man I do not know. He may be innocent or he may be guilty; at all events we must consider him innocent until he has been proven guilty.

Three theories are advanced as to the cause of the fire in this city. One is that an incendiary was at the bottom of the affair, and the other that it was spontaneous combustion. Some other persons think that it was the work of a drunken vagrant who obtained access to the building and accidentally dropped a lighted match or cigar into some inflammable material. Just which of these theories is the correct one will, in all probability, never be known. An investigation was talked of on the morning after the fire; but it ended in talk. After every fire there are always a number of people who shake their heads sagely, and whisper mysteriously; but their suspicions do not, as a general thing, have much weight.

The fire of Monday night was an exceptionally hard one to battle with. When discovered it was far advanced, and before the engines and firemen had settled down to work the rink building was a mass of flames, and several adjoining houses had taken fire. The wind also freshened up, and in an incredibly short space of time the fire had spread through the block to the other street. Soon the Baptist Church and the two dwelling houses alongside were caught and burned down, and it was with great difficulty the house of Mr. Higgins was saved from the same fate. By two o'clock in the morning the fire was pretty well spent, but it was not till several hours afterwards that Chief Engineer Large allowed the engines to be removed.

Now, a few words about the brave firemen and citizens who worked so hard to stay the progress of the flames. They did their duty well. The firemen—the hosemen particularly—were ever to the front and stood the great heat wonderfully. Once or twice the heat was so excessive that they had to fall back a little; but every inch of ground was stubbornly contested. The Hook and Ladder boys also did good work pulling down the burning walls, and the members of the Salvage Corps rendered effective assistance in the removal of furniture from the burning buildings. In this good work they received considerable assistance from citizens. But many of the latter allowed their ardor to overcome their good judgment, and much of the furniture was damaged and mislaid in removal.

The citizens also did some good work with buckets. But the work would have been much better done had they been properly organized. With a level-headed man at its head a bucket brigade could render much valuable assistance at fires, and I trust that the suggestion of THE EXAMINER that such an organization be formed will be acted upon at once.

Another suggestion made is that a certain space in the neighborhood of the fire be roped in, and inside this enclosure no person except the firemen, officers of the law and members of the press be admitted. From a position outside this enclosure the ladies and others could look on. The question of supplying refreshments to the spectators might be considered later on.

The action of the Benevolent Irish Society in tendering the Baptists the free use of the Lyceum in which to hold their Sunday services until they have secured other quarters, is one which meets with general approval. St. James and St. Paul's Churches and Y. M. C. A., also offered the use of their premises. The latter offer was accepted. The Baptists have a good deal of sympathy in their loss.

As I predicted last week the wire fence which was placed about a portion of Market Square has been the cause of some half-dozen boys receiving severe injuries. True, the barbed wire has been removed; but another wire has been put up in its stead, which, although not so dangerous, is none the less a nuisance. At the last meeting of Council a resolution was passed that this wire be removed. This was on Monday night. The wire is still up. What's the reason? PERCY.

Valuable Household Furniture, BY AUCTION.

I have received instructions from MRS. GREY to sell by Auction, at her Residence, INKERMAN HOUSE, Wednesday and Thursday, JUNE 6th and 7th, COMMENCING AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK: ALL HER HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, comprising Drawing Room and Bedroom Suites, Brussels Carpets, Rings, English Oilcloth, Lace Curtains, Corinths, Mirrors, side Tables, Centre Tables, Extension Table (very large), and leather covered Chairs, Dinner, Tea and Dessert Sets, Glassware, Cutlery and Silverware, Hall Table (marble), and Chairs, Bedroom Furniture, Ward-ropes, Hair Mattresses, Spring Beds, fine large Feather Beds, Blankets, Pillows, etc. Catalogues in due time. G. M. HARRIS, Auctioneer. may15-dy & wky tl q

An Interesting Column for Ladies.



Smart Mantles for street wear are shown in Corded Silks, Jetter Gauze, Striped and Brocaded Velvets, and Silks adorned with epaulettes and plaques of jet, for never was jet more lavishly displayed than just now, and some of the smaller Mantles are nothing more or less than a mass of beads, which sparkle at every movement of the wearer.

Lace as a trimming promises much, and it is also to be much worn for dresses, especially black Chantilly mounted upon white, rose, heliotrope, pale blue, salmon, &c. Among the new colors now being shown, browns and fawns promise to take the lead. Grey, putty, clove and most lovely fawn tints are all in excellent taste. Stripes and plain materials will reign supreme in the new shades.

Judging from the immense variety of lovely Washing Goods shown, this is to be a "Cotton Season" in earnest. Zephyrs are particularly pretty and useful, Light Blues, Pinks and Greys being favorites. Jerseys, smocked, gathered or even finely pleated in the upper parts, are exceedingly fashionable, and it is a very pretty style.

Small Bonnets and large Hats are undoubtedly leading styles in headwear—favorite shapes being La Tosca, Hollywood and Fairmont. Flowers will be, and in fact are, in very general use. They are so perfectly imitated, and have such charming possibilities, that all the leading Milliners had them with delight. The variety of new Ribbons shown is unprecedented, whilst Laces, Tulles, &c., are also used largely for trimmings. The variety in Millinery Trimmings and Headwear is so large that we recommend all who want a more thorough knowledge of them to call at BEER BROS.,—the largest importers of these goods on the Island—where they will see all the styles we mention and a great many more. Indeed, everyone can be suited this season—the variety of shapes shown is so great and the styles so pretty. Lace edging to Bonnets is extremely fashionable. Poppies are much used, as also are Roses and Tulips, and Ivy leaves have been used with the utmost profusion lately on both Bonnets and Hats. In Jerseys, the leading favorites are the Nordica, Blouse, and the Norfolk. Many pretty novelties are also in Summer Parasols, Gloves, Prints, &c., all of which may be procured at



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Prince Edward Island Railway.

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY.

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CARD.

MRS. COLES tenders her sincere thanks to the members of the Salvage Corps and the other friends who so kindly assisted in rescuing her property from the fire of Monday night. may17 11

Tenders for Painting and Repairing BAY FORTUNE CHURCH.

TENDERS will be received by the Committee for the Painting and Repairing of the Bay Fortune Presbyterian Church until the FIRST OF JUNE. Specification to be seen either with the Rev. J. G. Cameron, of Souris, or with the undersigned. JOHN A. DINGWELL, Secy. of Committee. may17-2w

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