

THE DAILY EXAMINER.

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THE CITY SCHOOL BOARD.

We were prevented, yesterday, owing to the pressure put upon THE EXAMINER'S columns, from congratulating the City School Board upon their judicious decision respecting the proposed two sessions.

THE STATE ELECTIONS.

The Patriot of last evening says that "the Liberals are in favor of reciprocity with the United States"; and the telegrams of to-day show that the Party of High Tariff Protection is in the ascendant throughout the Union.

THE PARK ROADWAY.

It is admitted that there is not, as it now stands, an appeal to Ottawa on the Roadway case. This conclusion dawned upon the powers that be since the appearance of THE EXAMINER'S editorial on Monday in which express attention was directed to the fact that the right to an appeal at the present stage of the proceedings was doubtful.

It is now hoped that there will be no more disputing or recrimination about this matter. We feel sure that Lieutenant Governor Howland, Premier Peters, and Mayor Dawson, (all being willing,) will find no difficulty in meeting together and effecting an amicable and mutually satisfying arrangement under which an act will be passed at the next meeting of the Legislature and the Park roadway constructed.

WINTER BUTTER MAKING.

EVERYONE interested in the prosperity and welfare of the people of Prince Edward Island must have been delighted with the information contained in Professor Robertson's open letter to our dairy patrons. In round numbers the cheese and butter factories of the Province will have realized, as a result of the summer's work, the sum of \$170,000.00.

Mr. Justice Fitzgerald referred to the pleasure it gave him to be present at such a large and enthusiastic meeting, and spoke feelingly of the good work done in the Prince Edward Island Hospital. He also referred to the establishment of the Charlottetown Hospital by the late Mayor Dawson, as a noble monument to a noble man.

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P. E. ISLAND HOSPITAL MEETING.

Interesting Addresses—Two Young Ladies Receive Their Graduating Diplomas.

The Philharmonic Hall was not large enough to comfortably accommodate the immense audience that assembled last evening on the occasion of the closing exercises of the graduating classes of 1895.

Charles Palmer, Esq., Chairman of the Board of Trustees, presided, and on the platform, besides the Medical Board and the Trustees of the Hospital, were His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Hon. D. J. Kane, United States Consul, His Worship Mayor Dawson, His Honor the Recorder of the City, Mr. Justice Fitzgerald, several city clergymen and a number of other representative citizens.

The chairman opened the proceedings with an interesting and instructive address dealing with hospitals and their work. He referred to the generous manner in which the people subscribed to the funds of both hospitals, and pointed out that to the late Bishop McIntyre the citizens are indebted for the establishing of the first hospital in Charlottetown, that splendid building on the Esplanade which is a fitting memorial to the memory of a good man.

Dr. Richard Johnson then came forward and presented the hospital diplomas to the graduating nurses, Miss Mary S. Gardner, of Summerside, and Jessie A. Walker, of Brackley Point. When making the presentation Dr. Johnson delivered a most impressive address in the course of which he congratulated the young ladies upon their very creditable examination they had passed, and wished them the fullest measure of success in their humane work.

After the presentation of diplomas, the graduates were each presented with a beautiful bouquet, the gift of Miss Pope, herself a trained nurse.

The valedictory was then read by Dr. James McLeod. It was a most interesting document, brimful of information and sound counsel. In opening, he congratulated the graduates on the good work performed by them during the period of their apprenticeship in the Hospital, and referred to the high character of the examinations they had passed.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

TALES OF THE ESCHEATORS.

Sir,—You were pleased to forward me, some time ago, Mr. Hamilton's abbreviated history of the Island, spoken at Georgetown on the opening show of agricultural and other exhibits of King's County, in the early part of last month.

I read Mr. Hamilton's history with anticipatory pleasure, because in his former writings, particularly on agriculture, I found him instructive and correct. But I must confess that I feel disappointed in perusing his writing as an historian.

It is too much one-sided, and has the same fault as all former histories. In these we find the proprietors and other persons laying claim to proprietorship handed highly. The tenancy faction and disloyal, led on by a row of men without information, without principle, leading the people to think the landlords had no right to the soil, and that the tenantry had the better claim to it.

These, with the writings of former historians, are not correct. They were created, by the proprietors, or by men under their dictation. This is fully exemplified in the last version published showing the animosity of Mr. Secretary Pope. Before proceeding further, I beg to ask it to be understood that I do not mean any charge against these gentlemen for misrepresenting the Island, except in relation to the right of the proprietors to the soil, and in their defence of the class of adventurers who had taken possession of very many townships without any authority from the Crown.

This latter class were, by the escheators, termed squatters in order to distinguish them from the genuine proprietors who had no doubt the right to the townships under which they held their grants when they complied with the conditions stipulated. Thus we see they were not more or less than tenants and were subject to ejection if they neglected to pay up the rent due the Crown. I shall show you, by and by, how the Escheator obtained a statement of the townships granted and the effect it had on the tenantry who had taken leases under the squatter claiming proprietary ownership.

As far back as the administration of the government under Governor Patterson, it was the leading theme of complaint. The House of Assembly addressed His Excellency on the subject, requesting that he would lay the whole matter before the Crown, recommending that it should be opened for the final settlement of the question. The Governor informed the Assembly at its next meeting that he had fully complied with their request in regard to a court of escheat, and that he felt sorry to say he had no reply to their request.

On Governor Fanning's arrival, he found this question uppermost among the people. He consoled with them, and led them to believe he would use his best efforts to suppress on the crown the necessity of having this question settled. But there were many who thought that he never did so, his policy seeming to be to quiet the people, sanctioning the law in taking part of the land ungranted, to keep it in the hands of the finest townships to himself. He divided, for the same purpose, the common of Charlottetown into twelve acre lots, distributing it in the same way, retaining a large portion for himself. In this way he made himself popular, coming before a poor man, he left the world a rich one.

In my next, I shall show Lieut. Governor Smith to be a man of a different stamp of character, that he was a thorough escheator, but too partial to make himself known to our people.

THE CITY COUNCIL AND THE ROADWAY.

Sir,—The following despatch was received from Winnipeg the other day: To Abolish the City Council.

WISNIEGO, Man., Oct. 13.—A strong committee of Winnipeg business men has been organized with the object and determination of abolishing the City Council of twelve aldermen, and substituting therefor a salaried commission of three, one of the trio to be the Mayor.

It is time the citizens of Charlottetown took some such interest in our civic affairs. A rump committee of the City Council, with the Stipendiary Magistrate, Premier Peters, as Attorney-General, is responsible to the Local Government for his acts, and even if he wishes to give the city one hundred feet claimed on the shore he must be governed by the law.

Now, the decision of the Judges was against the claims of the city. For the present, it would be sufficient to give legal notice of appeal from the decision of the Judges within the time prescribed by law, so that the claim of the city for the re-hearing of the case may not lapse.

At this stage a meeting was called. Mr. Councillor Hazard unfolded his plans, which, he said, were approved of by Mr. Cundall: it had been tried at Darnley Basin, etc. Mr. Cundall and the rest said amen, and everything passed lovingly. Darnley Basin is away up from the harbor and has but 22 feet rise and fall of tide, while here we have fifteen feet. Yet it is proposed to build a break-work of concrete right in the face of the blast!

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Now the next thing was to bull-doze the Lieutenant-Governor. This was not so easily done, as the sequel proved. He was probably surprised at the sudden appearance of the lot of gentlemen, with that useful Nan Surveyor. Mr. H. J. Cundall, who was ready to approve of everything that was to be done. He was a great judge of break-work (7), a still greater judge of the construction and application of statutes, (7) indeed he was like Gold-mitch's schoolmaster, he knew a little of everything, and once this great, patriotic and high-spirited gentleman spoke, let no man open his mouth. The Lieutenant-Governor permitted the survey which was now proposed to be made, cautioning the surveyors not to interfere with the rights of the public or of himself. The survey was made by Mr. Cundall and his assistants, the Lieutenant-Governor disputed its agreement with the statute, refusing to believe that the Act of 1876, which reads

"together with a strip of shore front of a width not exceeding one hundred feet, running from Kent Street along the outside of the existing bank of Government from the wharf to the shore, the said line from Brighton Road to the shore, for the purpose of a carriage or roadway," could be construed to mean 100 feet inside the bank.

He was threatened, bullied and badgered, but still these gentlemen would not submit to their opinion as in his judgment they were wrong. This was not sufficient so a "rump committee" was sent down by the Lieutenant-Governor to pull down the fence unless within a certain time. The Governor's course was plain. He said in his letter to the Mayor that he was as strongly in favor of a roadway as any citizen could be, and in concurrence with the Attorney-General (I read fifty feet).

Another meeting was held in the Star Chamber of the City Council, and Councillor Hughes emphasized the opinion of the meeting, saying they would take nothing less than the full hundred feet, which they would have in spite of the Lieutenant-Governor's decision.

The Governor believed the city had no rights inside the bank, and said they must prove their rights in a court of law. A case was prepared jointly by the Attorney-General and the Stipendiary Magistrate to be argued before the Bench of Judges. This was done, and the judges' decision was that the content of the Act was to be taken, and not the plan.

In the face of this decision, the "rump committee" are praying the citizens to supply them with money to appeal the case to Ottawa and "send the fools further."

As a taxpayer I protest against this childishness and waste of money. The Governor has no right to his position and wisdom in thus upholding his position; for it must be remembered that Charlottetown contains but one-tenth of the population of this Island, and that the other nine-tenths have equal rights and privileges. A prudent committee would have accepted the judges' decision and proceeded to ask the assistance of the Government towards the completion of the break-work, instead of asking more money from the taxpayers to make a greater exhibition of their ignorance and folly.

A TAXPAYER IN THE CITY.

THE PARK ROADWAY MATTER.

Sir,—As an old Parliamentarian, I desire to express an opinion on the position taken at the emergency meeting of the City Council yesterday.

Mayor Dawson has a perfect right to briefly express his opinion from the Chair on any matter brought before the City Council. If the matter comes to a deadlock, he gives his casting vote. He has no right to decline to put a resolution, duly moved and seconded, to a meeting, provided such resolution is within the scope of the jurisdiction of the City Council as conferred on them by the Act of Incorporation and City Bye-laws. If it was so the Mayor would be in the position of "A Dictator."

As a taxpayer, I am not in favor of rushing into law in this matter. Nothing that lawyers like better to get hold of than a fat corporation. The city would have to pay the piper. Let us take time to consider the matter. His Honor the Governor is in the position of a citizen as a tenant of the Local Government, and considers that he has no right to give up a hundred feet of the land under Government House, unless the law compels him. Premier Peters, as Attorney-General, is responsible to the Local Government for his acts, and even if he wishes to give the city one hundred feet claimed on the shore he must be governed by the law.

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TELEGRAPHIC.

SPECIAL DISPATCHES TO THE EXAMINER.

THE STATE ELECTIONS.

Sweeping Republican Victories.

High Protection Again Endors'd.

NEW YORK, Nov. 6.

The election yesterday resulted in a victory for the Republicans. Greenhalge (Republican) was elected Governor for the third time by some 65,000 plurality, in a total vote of 1,000,000 less than that of last year. Lieutenant-Governor Wolcott (Republican) was also elected by a plurality nearly as large. The balance of the Republican state ticket was re-elected. Moody (Republican) was elected to Congress in the sixth district. The Executive Council stands: Republican, 7; Democrat, 1.

NEW YORK, Nov. 6. The Republicans carried New York State by 60,000 plurality. Tammany elected the local ticket by about 30,000. New York city went Democratic for the Secretary of State by 41,000. Of 50 Senators the Democrats elected 16. Of 100 Assemblymen only 46 are Democrats.

COLUMBUS, O., Nov. 6. The whole Republican state ticket has been elected. LOUISVILLE, Nov. 6. The Republicans have carried Kentucky. BALTIMORE, Nov. 6. The Republican Governor and the entire Republican ticket has been elected. JACKSON, Miss., Nov. 6. The indications are that the entire Democratic state ticket has been elected. PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Nov. 6. Enough returns are in to show that the entire Republican ticket has been elected.

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SMUGGLERS SENTENCED IN ST. JOHN'S.

Some Big Game Brought Low.

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., Nov. 6.

Judge Conroy has delivered judgment against the five saloon keepers involved in the smuggling scandal. He sentenced them to varying terms of imprisonment and to pay fines of \$100 to \$200 each. Among them is Michael Tobin, senior government member of the Legislative Assembly for Placentia district, and one of the governors of the Savings Bank.

Queen's Council of Canada.

OTTAWA, Nov. 6.

It is currently reported that the silk gown will shortly be conferred upon a number of barristers of more than ten years' standing, resident in different parts of the Dominion. At yesterday's meeting of the Cabinet the following Nova Scotian barristers were created Queen's Counsel, viz. Hon. George H. Murray, Arthur Drysdale, Colin Chisholm, Chas. E. Tanner, W. E. Roscoe, W. B. A. Ritchie and Edwin Ruggles.

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