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THE DAILY EXAMINER.

JULY 16, 1879.

Our Ships, Ship-yards and Ship-ping Trade.

THE *Monetary Times* says: There are few things of which Canada has more reason to be proud than its ships, ship-yards, and marine interests generally. Although for several years past our shipping trade has suffered, like other branches of business, from the depression existing in all the great commercial centres, still the number and tonnage of our merchant marine has continued to increase annually. On the 31st of December, 1878, there were on the Registry books of the Dominion, 7,469 vessels measuring 1,333,015 tons register tonnage. As compared with the returns of the preceding year, these figures show an increase of 107 vessels and 22,547 tons. Taking \$30 per ton as a fair average price for old and new vessels, the value of the registered tonnage of Canada at the close of last year was no less than \$39,990,450, or within a fraction of £8,000,000 stg. This is a large amount of wealth to have in ships, and in good times should bring in a handsome yearly return. The proportion owned by each of the Provinces was as follows:—

	Vessels.	Tons.
Nova Scotia	3,093	553,368
New Brunswick	1,142	335,965
Quebec	1,976	243,349
Ontario	958	135,440
P. E. Island	322	54,250
Columbia	51	4,482
Manitoba	17	1,161
Total	7,469	1,333,015

Considering how severely the commercial depression has affected our shipping trade—many of the largest shipowners in the Maritime Provinces claiming to have made nothing from it for several years—it is agreeably surprising that the number as well as the tonnage of our vessels has increased steadily year by year. On the 31st December, 1873, the number was 6,783, and the tonnage, 1,073,718 tons; and every year since then there has been a moderate increase until we reach the returns of 1878, above given, which show an advance of 686 vessels and 259,297 tons during the five years.

We predicted some years ago that Canada must before many years take the third place among the ship-owning countries of the world. At that time our Marine Department at Ottawa claimed only the seventh place for the Dominion. Two or three years ago, the statesman's *Year Book*, a very reliable English authority, awarded to Canada the fourth place on the list, but the *Repetoire Generale* was not prepared to estimate our claim so highly. We are glad to observe however, that in its last classification, the latter authority now places the Dominion as the fourth largest ship-owning country in the world—certainly a very proud distinction for a colony, albeit semi-independent, to occupy.

The Mowing Machine Nuisance.

[From the *Monetary Times*.]

A Prince Edward Island correspondent complains bitterly of what he calls "The Mowing Machine Nuisance." The burden of his complaint is that agents of the manufacturers of these useful articles overrun the country, and by fair means or foul, persuade farmers to buy who have no use for such expensive machines, and who can't afford them; that hitherto one machine was made to do service for half a dozen or more farmers, and thus the capital so expended was fully utilized. Now, however, farmers who can't afford it are induced by glib tongues and offers of long credit to buy machines, giving promissory notes in settlement, which they are unable to meet at maturity, except by leaving unpaid the debts contracted for dry goods, groceries, &c, which probably were necessary to their comfort. A legal friend of our correspondent told him that he held a great number of such notes for collection, and many of the makers were quite unable to pay, would probably never have thought of buying the machines but for the specious arguments of the talkative agents. It is perhaps scarcely fair to denounce the salesmen for their endeavors to sell their wares, but the effect is certainly injurious to many of the farmers and storekeepers who have trusted them, and who have the first claim upon the proceeds of their crop.

Twelfth July Celebration at Belfast.

A CORRESPONDENT at Belfast writes:—"The 12th of July celebration passed off quietly at Kildon. I cannot give even a guess at the number present, but there were some thousands. About one hundred carriages left for eastern lodges in a procession, and the other sections were equally well represented. The tea was good, but the refreshment saloons were rather small. In the evening, people wended their way home, well pleased with the day's enjoyment. Caledonia Lodge, held at Valleyfield, intend to have a grand tea-party on the next 12th."

Catholic Total Abstinence Union.

CONVENTION OF DELEGATES—A TEMPERANCE CELEBRATION AND SERMON.

The annual Convention of the Catholic Total Abstinence Union opened to-day. There were present about forty delegates, including a large number of the Catholic clergy of the Province. At 9 o'clock, a.m., a procession formed at St. Patrick's Hall; and, headed by St. Patrick's Band, marched to St. Dunstan's Cathedral—the bell of the Cathedral, the meanwhile, ringing the people to a Temperance service. A citizen remarked that it would be well if the bells of all the churches in the land occasionally rang in behalf of temperance. A large congregation being assembled, His Lordship the Bishop celebrated High Mass.

REV. FATHER O'BRIEN'S ADDRESS.

The Rev. Father O'Brien entered the pulpit and delivered an able address. He adverted to the successful efforts put forth during the past three years to dethrone the false god of Intemperance; and congratulated the Union upon their labors in rendering the passions subject to reason, and temperance the prevailing idea—intemperance the exception—throughout the Island. Tipplers, he said, now show the public eye. Drinking has ceased to be respectable. A great advantage has been gained. But, he said, he was strongly impressed with the desirability of keeping alive temperance societies, in order that the united effort and the enthusiasm necessary to maintain the advantage gained and to the continued progress of the good work to be kept up. The united expression of such a meeting as that held to-day—a meeting composed of delegates from societies existing all over the Province—must have a powerful influence over the minds of those whom it is expedient to convert to temperance. The Convention must not be thought of as a mere parade. Its members were there to invoke the sacred assistance of religion in the noble work of suppressing a great social evil. And, if we really wish to reform men, we must look to religion for aid. Men having all around them temporal things, which they can discern and by which their life is necessarily much influenced, are very apt to allow the spiritual part of their nature to be degraded. But, it is by attention to this spiritual part that men only can be lifted up and reformed. Those who cease to reflect on religion became mere animal men; and it is necessary, therefore, for societies to make religion the groundwork for exertion in this great temperance reform—the societies must be penetrated with religion if they wish to make an impression upon others, and to effect the desired end of spurring up flagging enthusiasm and adding to the numbers of those reclaimed from the influence of the false god of intemperance.

After Mass, the procession reformed and marched to St. Patrick's Hall, where the convention was held.

The delegates will lunch at St. Dunstan's Reading Room, at 6.30 o'clock.

A public temperance meeting will be held in St. Patrick's Hall, this evening at eight o'clock.

Smith Challenges Wallace Ross.

A largely attended and very enthusiastic meeting of the Halifax Rowing Association was held in Halifax on Monday night. After matters in connection with the late Smith-Morris race were settled, the Secretary read a challenge received from Morris to row Smith a five mile race over the Pittsburg course for \$500 a side, allowing Smith \$200 for expenses. Of course the challenge was respectfully declined for this season, but Morris will be informed that if he wants a race similar to that rowed at Silver Lake and will come this way, he will be accommodated. He will be allowed \$200 for his expenses. A letter was also read from a St. John gentleman, intimating that there would be no difficulty in getting up a match with Wallace Ross. Thereupon the Managing Committee were authorized to challenge Ross to a three mile race with Warren Smith on Bedford Basin, for \$500 or \$1000 a side, all details to be arranged by the committee. An invitation to Smith to take part in a regatta at Pittsburg during the first week in August, was declined. If Ross accepts, and will row at Halifax, an exciting race may be expected.

Magdalene Islands.

The steamer *Albert* returned from the Magdalene Islands and Gaspe on Monday, and reports that Judge McCord, of Quebec, is at the Islands, and will preside at the summer term of the Superior Court, which commences at Amherst on the 22nd ult. Right Rev. Dr. McIntyre, Roman Catholic Bishop of Charlottetown, had been at the Islands, making his annual visit. The weather during the past few days has been cold, wet and foggy, with quite a sharp frost on the night of the 6th instant. The grass looks promising, but other crops are backward. Fishing at the east end of the Islands during the past week has not been good, owing to the want of bait. At the south and west it has been better with the caplin bait, which the codfish are following. The deep sea herring fleet find fish slackening off, and are preparing to leave for home. The catch will be above the average. The schooner *Marie Ephyroisne* arrived from Labrador, and reports the fishing good there.

THE FAIRVILLE CONCERT.—The Concert which was to have been given by the choir of the Portland Methodist Church in the Fairville Methodist Church, for the benefit of the retiring pastor of the latter, did not come off last evening owing to the indisposition of one of the choir and the anticipated early departure of the pastor. The Rev. Mr. Phinney announced that the above would be the case at the Sunday evening service. Mr. Phinney is to leave on Wednesday for his new circuit, Tryon, P. E. I. He and his family will be much missed in Fairville.—*St. John Sun.*

Correspondence.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the statements or opinions of our correspondents.

OLD TIMES.

Reminiscences of Earl Selkirk.

To the Editor of the *Examiner*.
 SIR.—I have read with pleasure the published copies of Earl Selkirk's letters in the recent issue of this paper. More might have been added. The Earl was generous and grateful. A Belfastier who is now no more was offered for carrying his Lordship ashore on his back, 100 acres of free land but his Highland pride revolted against a gratuity "he could pay rent as well as the rest." The warmth of Earl Selkirk's friendship was of the Highland stamp, although he was a Lowlander. The father of the present Postmaster—Hon. A. A. McDonald—came to this Island with Selkirk, and was offered by his Lordship ten square miles of land on the Red River, if he would only go to the North-West, he did not accept the offer, however. His Lordship tented that night at Flat River, on the farm of old Donald McKenzie—where—Donald McMillan has his steam saw mill—and the Earl spoke in complimentary terms of the little brook. The tent, which he called a "whig wam," was his castle for the night, and the water he said was good. If the Earl were here to-day I think he would favor the widening, straightening and macadamizing of the Roads from Halliday's and the Brush wharf the central highway.

Yours truly,
 C.

Charlottetown, July 16, 1879.

Cadets of Temperance.

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL.

The members of New Dominion Section, of this city, with their friends, enjoyed themselves last evening with a Strawberry Festival. The tables were literally covered with an excellent variety of delicacies, and ornamented with beautiful vases of flowers. After the cloth was removed, toasts were in order. The first toast, "the Queen," was duly honored. "Success to New Dominion Section," responded to by Worthy Patron Beer; "The Ladies," was responded to by D. G. W. Patron Welsh; "Our Cause" was responded to by Associate Patron Chappell; "Our Visiting Friends" was responded to by Mr. Hodgson; "Our Next Merry Meeting" was responded to by Bro. LeLacheur, Secretary. The meeting broke up—all well pleased with the evening's entertainment.

Australian Wheat Crop.

The Government statistics of wheat-growing in South Australia as published in the *Adelaide Observer* of April 5. Referring to tables and estimates compiled by the *Observer*, a month previously that journal remarks:—"It will be seen that the difference between the estimate formed by us and that shown by the Government tables is only slight. We estimated the average yield at a fraction—less than two ounces—over seven bushels per acre. The Government tables give it at 7 bushels and 9 lbs. It is satisfactory to note, however, that there has again been a large increase in the area sown with wheat—no less than 142,205 acres. Allowing for exceptional cases, the mischievous effects of the haphazard and unscientific methods of farming adopted in South Australia are every year becoming more evident. In round numbers there will be 186,350 tons for export this year, in addition to about 10,000 left over from last season. This is not so much as could have been wished, but it is 17,000 tons more than last year."

Sugar Beet Factories.

Speaking of the beet-root sugar industry, and the interest it is creating on this continent, Mr. Gennert says: During six months, six or more joint stock beet sugar companies have sprung into life, or at least into existence without life, in Canada; two, which have shown some signs of life, in Delaware, and at least six more of various states on the coast. Besides these, there is some agitation of the subject in Oregon, Washington Territory, and in Colorado. It has been found that the grasshoppers and potato bugs utterly refuse to touch beet leaves or roots. In Utah an embryo beet sugar establishment has sprung into life.

Australian Meat in the British Markets.

The Australians, some years ago, started a lucrative trade by tinning and exporting to England great quantities of meat; and Australian beef and mutton were quite the correct thing to eat—for a brief season, at the end of which the tinned meats were mainly patronized by the numerous owners of short purses. But the whole trade, which increased fast, has, within the past year or two, received a serious check, the exportation of fresh meat from Canada and the States having spoiled the tinned meat market. The importation of American meat has developed daily, till now it has assumed great proportions, and at the same time the Australian trade has declined to one-half what it was two years ago. It is natural that people should prefer the fresh provisions to the preserved, but Antipodeans will not like that.

LORD BEACONSFIELD IS MADE A GROCER.—On the 1st instant, the Master, Wardens, and Court of Assistants of the Grocers' Company, of London, called on the Premier at his official residence and admitted him as a member of their company, giving him the necessary certificate in a golden box valued at a hundred guineas, he having first subscribed the declaration on the roll of the company. He excused himself for not accepting the public hospitalities of the company, mainly on the ground of ill health, and dwelt on the value of sympathy to a public man. He expressed his determination to improve the condition of the country, "to the best of his power, and to maintain that glorious Empire of which we are all proud to be members."

The Theatre.

LAST EVENING a delighted audience witnessed the rendition of "Our Boys." There was a handsome addition to the fine actresses of the company in the person of Miss Ida Van Courtland—who appeared for the first time in Charlottetown in the role of "Violet Melrose." The play was fully as well sustained as any that preceded it; and it was so well appreciated that, by special request, it will again be played this evening, which will be the last appearance in this city (for the present) of Mr. Burroughs and Mr. Nannery's talented theatrical company.

Special Notices.

LIME JUICE at Beer & Goff's.
 A LARGE lot of Spectacles received to-day. Call and get a pair to suit you at E. W. Taylor's. [July 12, 3in]

LORNE HOTEL.—Persons wishing to visit the north shore for recreation can take the train at 6.50 a.m., and 4.30 p.m., for Bedford Station and will find carriages there to convey them to Lorne Hotel. Leaving in the early train will arrive at the Lorne at 8.30, and remain all day at the sea shore, leaving the Lorne at 6 p.m. for the the down train, arrive in town at 7.50. Leaving in the afternoon train arrive at the Lorne at 6 p.m., returning in the morning, leave the Lorne at 8.15, arrive in the City at 9.55. Carriages may be had at the Hotel for visitors.
 CYRUS TAY, Manager.
 [July 12, 6i eod arg & pat.]

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

RANKIN HOUSE.
 July 15—Miss Bella Chisholm, New Glasgow, N S; J G Barnes and wife, St John, N B; John M Hockin and son, Pictou, N S; John Logan, Pictou, N S; Ed T Russell, Boston, Mass; Mrs Morford, New York; Miss Morford, New York; Mrs Van Horton, do; J P Carroll, Columbia, S C; J B Palmer, do; Thos Carr, Baltimore, do; D H Eaton, do; Master G Yonge, do; Mrs H Yonge, New York; C M Ackerman, Boston.
 July 16—John R French, Washington, U S; E R French, do; John W Hagen, do.

REVERE HOUSE.

July 15.—John P Thomas, Portland, Maine; James Hutt, Halifax, N S; F W Moore, do; A Jones, do; J A S Lowes, New Richmond, Ohio; C F Coffin, wife and son, Richmond, Indiana; W Longworth, city; Miss Ida Van Courtland, Halifax, N S; Robert Thomas, Montreal.
 July 16—Wm. Richards, Bideford, P. E. I.

SHIPPING NEWS.

Sailed from Bahia, on the 11th ult., brig Ringleader, Lewis, for British Channel.
 Off the Deadmen, 28th ult., brig Lady Milton, McRae, from Rouen for P. E. Island.
 At Bristol, 28th ult., barque Journal, Kickham, from P. E. Island.
 At Bridgewater, 30th ult., Lynwood, Davies, from P. E. Island.
 At St. Nazaire, France, 27th ult., brig L. J. Westaway, McArthur, from Ch'town.

Market Hall

Wednesday Evening, July 16.

Positively the Last Night

ACADEMY OF MUSIC COMPANY!

By Special Request
 Of many Citizens who were unable to attend last evening,
MR. W. F. BURROUGHS,
 Will appear for the last time as
 TALBOT CHAMPNEY'S in Byron's
 Great Comedy,

OUR BOYS!

Miss Phosa McAllister,
 AS MARY MELROSE.
 Admission, 25 cts.; Reserved Seats, 50 cts.
 July 18, 1879—

PIC-NIC!

THE Annual Picnic of the Zion Church Sabbath School will be held at SHAW'S WHARF, WEST RIVER
ON THURSDAY, 24th July,
 The steamer *Southport* will leave the Ferry Wharf at 9.30 a.m., and 1.30 p.m.
 Refreshments and Tea can be had on the grounds.
 Usual amusements will be provided.
 Tickets 25 cents. Children under 12 years, 10 cents.
 J. W. HODGSON,
 Chairman of Com.
 Ch'town, July 16, 1879.—pat & pres 2i.

TO LET. TO LET.

A COMFORTABLE HOUSE, north side King Square, containing, Drawing, Reception and Dining Rooms, Pantry and Kitchen on first floor, and six Bedrooms on second floor; a good frost-proof Cellar, a Stable for a horse and cow, and a Coach-house. Immediate possession can be given. Rent low.
 MARK BUTCHER, King Square.
 July 16, 1879—pat 3i

THE WEEKLY EXAMINER.—Persons having relatives or friends abroad, and desiring to keep them informed concerning P. E. Island, cannot do so in a better or cheaper way than by subscribing to THE WEEKLY EXAMINER. Sent, postpaid, to any address in Great Britain, the United States, or the Dominion, on receipt of One Dollar.

GO TO THE WEST

RIVER.
 St James Sabbath School, will hold their Annual Picnic,
ON THURSDAY, 17th JULY.
 AT SHAW'S WHARF.

Steamer *Southport* will leave the Ferry Wharf at 9½ in the morning and 2.30 p. m. Arrangements have been made for games and other amusements. There will also be a Refreshment Table provided by the Ladies. Tickets 25 cents. Children under 12 years of age, 12 cents. Tickets to be had at W. R. Watson's and C. D. Rankin's.

T. C. JAMES, { Committee.
 DAVID SMALL, {
 July 14, 1879.—2i

AT AUCTION.

Flour. Flour. Flour.

THE subscriber, will sell, at Auction, in front of his Sales Room, Head of Pownall Wharf, on

THURSDAY, the 17th inst.,

AT 11 O'CLOCK, A. M.,

100 BBLs. CHOICE STRONG BAKERS FLOUR,

Just received and ordered for immediate sale.

W. D. STEWART, Auctioneer.
 July 15, 1879.

FOR SALE BY AUCTION,

A VALUABLE

BUSINESS STAND!

ON QUEEN STREET.

I am instructed to sell, by AUCTION, on

Thursday, the 31st instant,

AT 12 O'CLOCK, ON THE SPOT,

THE UNEXPIRED LEASE of 20 years of that Eligible Business Stand situate on Queen street, between the Drug Store of P. G. Fraser and the shop occupied by Benjamin Balderston as a grocery store. The purchaser of the lease will be entitled to the right of purchasing the fee simple of the property any time within the term of the lease. Terms made known at sale.

W. D. STEWART, Auctioneer.
 Ch'town, July 11, 1879—

MILLNERY AT AUCTION

I AM instructed to Sell, by Public Auction, to commence on **Thursday, the 24th of July,** at 11 o'clock, a.m., at the

LADIES' ESTABLISHMENT,

QUEEN STREET,

the entire Stock-in-Trade of New Millnery & Dry Goods, comprising: Flowers, Feathers, Ornaments, Head-dresses, Ties, Cuffs, Collars, Frillings,

Ladies' Linen Costumes,

Ladies' Underclothing,

Infants' and Children's Outfits, Silks, Wools of all shades; also Shetland Wools, Children's Woollen Goods, Clouds, Table Linen, Silk Velvets,

Lace Curtains, Corsets, Kid Gloves, Toilet Mats, Fancy Goods, etc., etc. Also, the Shop Furniture.

Terms liberal and made known at Sale. The entire Stock will be sold, in lots so suit purchasers, without reserve, to close the business.

WM. D. STEWART, Auctioneer.
 July 7, 1879—

WALTHAM WATCHES.

THESE first-class Watches have been lately very much reduced at the factory, and are now placed within the reach of all requiring a good time-keeper at a low price. We do not say we can give you a watch cheaper than anyone else; but we do say that we can supply you as cheap, and will not be undersold. We always try to make it to the advantage of our customers to buy of us, and they will find that, quality considered, our WATCHES, JEWELRY, CLOCKS, &c., &c., are well worthy the price asked for them.

E. W. TAYLOR,
 SOUTH Side Queen Square, City.

July 12, 1879—1m tav

TEA PARTY

—AND—

PIC-NIC SUPPLIES!

—AT—

BEER & GOFF'S

Lemon, Raspberry, and Pine Apple Syrup

Sold in bottles and by the gallon.

Plain and Fancy Biscuits

Sold in Boxes & Bbls. and by the pound.

Iceing Sugar, Raisins, Currants, Pastry Flour, Essence of Coffee, Confectionery, Nuts, Oranges, Potted Ham, Drivelled Ham, Potted Tongue, &c.

BEER & GOFF,

June 23, 1879.

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