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## THE DAILY EXAMINER.

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### ARCTIC EXPLORATION.

COMMANDER CHEYNE, who lectured in the Opera House last evening, endeavored many years ago to induce the Government and people of Great Britain to adopt a plan of reaching the North Pole that was similar in the main to that which has been (almost) successfully pursued by Nansen. He proposed to drive a steamer into the ice at a certain point and let her drift around Greenland. This was the plan adopted by Nansen and carried into effect without the loss of a single life. But Nansen did not accept the idea of reaching the pole by means of a balloon. When his vessel arrived at the point nearest the pole he took to the sledge. Commander Cheyne's proposition was to winter at St. Patrick's Harbor, take advantage of the great outcrop of excellent coal found there, equal in quality to that of the best Welsh, and after studying carefully the wind currents, etc., inflate three balloons of the best description and set out for the North Pole, less than five hundred miles distant. Unfortunately the Royal Geographical Society of England rejected the scheme,—which Nansen's subsequent experience has shown to be quite practicable; and Commander Cheyne was not given an opportunity to test it. But for that fact it is possible, and not improbable, that Commander Cheyne would, ere this, have achieved the great end of arctic effort and heroism. Commander Cheyne is not a mere theorist. He has, himself, traversed the greater part of the way to the Pole. He has a good idea of the difficulties to be encountered, and he declares in the confident tones of a man who knows no such word as failure, "the thing is practicable," and "it is to be done."

The arctic maps and scenes displayed by Commander Cheyne are exceedingly interesting, and, when explained by him, give a clearer and more definite idea of the currents in sea and air, which like the arteries and veins of the body, encircle our globe, than can possibly be obtained from books. The information afforded by Commander Cheyne—apart from the idea of reaching the North Pole—is worth far more than the price of admission to his lecture; while the sight of the distinguished and enthusiastic gentleman who has braved the perils which he so graphically portrays, and would like to do it again, is a rare privilege for a Charlottetown audience.

Commander Cheyne is anxious that the honor of reaching the North Pole shall be won by a Canadian and inure to the people of Canada. In conveying the thanks of the audience to him, Lieutenant-Governor Howland and the Hon. F. Brecken discussed briefly the proposition of passing a resolution calling the attention of the Government and Parliament of Canada to the matter. But it was upon consideration, decided to await a more convenient season and a better opportunity. Wisdom was shown in this decision. The idea of arctic exploration for the purpose of reaching the North Pole can have but small place in the minds of the gentlemen now in office at Ottawa. Not many years ago those gentlemen applauded the statement of their leader that the resources of the British Empire were not sufficient to construct a railway around the Northern shore of Lake Superior; and if they had had their way the Dominion of Canada would now be bounded by Eastern Ontario. How, then, can anyone expect that they will second an effort on the part of a Canadian to reach the North Pole and plant the flag of Canada there?

The increased aid to schools the Mercantile Government promised is to be given in a curious way. The localities are to be taxed for it. Heretofore, as the Montreal Gazette remarks, the law has required the municipalities to raise only a sum equivalent to the provincial grant. Under the Robidoux-law they will get no Government aid unless they raise by taxation a sum one third greater than the provincial grant. The provision is proper enough in its way. It is possibly the only available plan for compelling municipalities to do their duty. But it is not the generosity that was expected from the denouncers of Mr. Flynn's penuriousness in dealing with education.

### A FIZZLE.

The negotiations of the Ottawa politicians and the Washington politicians have fizzled ingubriously. This is the result of the premature publication of the correspondence between Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Mr. Foster. It appears that the government of the United States desired only the stoppage of pelagic sealing, while the government of Canada wanted only a reciprocity of trade in certain raw materials; and that neither party would or could entertain the other's proposition. If Mr. Foster states the fact when he says that the government of the United States proposed to pay a fair compensation to Canadian sealers refraining from pelagic sealing it seems to us that the government of Canada might properly have submitted that proposition to the Canadian sealers, ascertained the amounts they would be willing to accept, and submitted the results of the enquiries to the United States' authorities. Canadian sealers, it must be assumed, pursue their calling, not to destroy the seal fishery, but to obtain money; and if the government of the States were willing to give them as much money as they could make by sealing, we see no good reason why the government of Canada should have stood in the way and given the United States government cause for complaint, as they have done. As Mr. Foster points out, reciprocity of trade is a wholly different matter from that of pelagic sealing; and each matter might properly have been considered and decided apart from the other. Judging by the correspondence, as published, Sir Wilfrid and Sir Louis are certainly in the wrong. But, then, they have paid a pleasant, though unnecessary, visit to Washington, at the public expense!

### EDUCATION IN QUEBEC.

The Education bill now before the Quebec Legislature does not interfere, in any way, with the principle of Separate Schools. If it did, the Protestants of the Province, and of Canada at large, would have a grievance. But it promises a Minister of Public Instruction who is to be at the head of the Department and who is to have power to select from the books, etc., approved by the Council of Public Instruction those which are to be used in the public schools and acquire the copyright of such books. He is also to prepare the budget of public instruction. The composition of the Council of Public Instruction remains as before and the two deputy ministers are to be its secretaries. Laymen belonging to the council may authorize one of their colleagues to vote for them. The council retains supervision of the inspectors and teachers. Inspector-general will be appointed with a salary not exceeding \$3,000 each. There will be a central board of examiners. Members of religious orders will not be required to hold a certificate. Each committee of the Council of Public Instruction may, however, put an end to the exemption. School commissioners must be able to read and write. The school boards shall have power to exact uniformity of text books within their municipality. The Government may fix a minimum of salary for teachers. The amount of the school tax must be one-third higher than the Government grant,—the old law said at least equal. The monthly fee in elementary schools must be not less than five nor more than fifty cents. Drawing shall be taught in all schools and agriculture in all rural municipalities. This latter provision might well be adopted, to a greater extent than it is, in the public schools of Prince Edward Island.

### NOTES AND COMMENTS.

—The Canadian Pacific railway are giving the same rates via St. John to the West Indies as prevail via New York, with the result that it is expected a large amount of Canadian produce now going from New York, will be shipped from St. John.

—Mr. W. C. McDonald, the millionaire tobacco manufacturer, whose gifts to McGill University already aggregate nearly three million dollars, has just given an additional \$250,000 to the institution. fifty thousand of this sum is to be used as an endowment in strengthening the law faculty, and the remaining two hundred thousand is for the theological department, in the building of which his previous donations have been principally used.

—The following quotation is of general application. But it is published as a comment upon the Laurier-Langelier case: A promise should be given with caution, and kept with care; a promise should be made by the heart, and remembered by the head; a promise is the offspring of intention, and its performance should, like the scales of a balance, always present a mutual adjustment; a promise delayed is justice deferred; a promise neglected is an untruth told; a promise attended to is a debt settled.

Halifax Herald: While that soulless corporation, the Montreal Street Railway company, is presenting its two thousand employees each with a ten-pound turkey and a three-pound plum pudding as a Christmas box, at an aggregate cost of about four thousand dollars, the Christian Government of this country is dismissing faithful servants of fifteen, twenty and thirty years' service to make room for party heeblers. Many humble homes will be saddened this Christmas because of the introduction of the spoils system into this country.

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Beaver 9.00 and 10.00.  
Persian Lamb 8.00 and 9.00

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