

The Daily Examiner

MAY 9, 1885.

Enfranchised Indians

THE Patriot explains that the Hon David Laird did not mean, when he proposed enfranchising the Indians, to give them the right to vote, and Mr. Patterson has, on his part, made a similar explanation in the House of Commons.

This explanation may pass; and we must, as a matter of course, accept it. But we fail to see how the publication of quotations from the reports of Mr. Laird is, as the Patriot declares, "most damaging" to the case; and we must take issue with the statement of the Patriot that Sir John's Election Bill gives Indians the right to vote, "while they are still the wards of the Government, and this, too, without any regard to their intelligence and thrift."

According to the Indian Act,—"The term 'enfranchised Indian' means any Indian, his wife, or minor, unmarried child, who has received letters patent granting him in fee-simple any portion of the reserve which may have been allotted to him."

It appears, then, that only Indians who live on "reserves" can, in the legal sense of the term, and according to the intent and meaning of Messrs. Laird and Patterson, be "enfranchised." But the Act makes all Indians living on reserves "minors," and minors cannot vote, under the new Franchise Bill; therefore, Indian living on reserves cannot vote. Moreover, the Bill specially provides that Indians in Manitoba, the Northwest, and British Columbia shall not be endowed with the franchise right.

But what of thousands of Indians living in Ontario, Quebec and the Maritime Provinces who do not live on reserves, and who are practically as free to go and come, to make money and accumulate property as their white brethren. Is it right that intelligent and respectable men among them should remain without the right to vote, while negroes and the vilest of white men may exercise the privileges of the franchise? To obtain enfranchisement according to the letter of the law, they would have to go upon the reserve, buy out the fee simple of a portion of it, and obtain a grant of it by letters patent. They cannot do this; and because they cannot, they would—if the views of Messrs. Laird and Patterson were adhered to—remain forever disfranchised.

But, Sir John McDonald has provided in his Franchise Bill, that these Indians shall have the right to vote on precisely the same terms as white men and negroes; and the possession of the property qualification by an Indian is a sufficient proof that he is intelligent and thrifty. A white man may have property without intelligence and thrift, for he may have inherited it; but it is not so with the Indian of this generation. Therefore the statement of the Patriot that the Bill gives Indians the right to vote "without regard to their intelligence and thrift," is not correct.

Parliamentary Obstruction.

THE letter of our correspondent, "Anti-Humbag," shows what intelligent and independent men in this community think of the new tactics of our Parliamentary obstructionists—including Mr. L. H. Davies. That these detestable tactics were deliberately planned is quite evident. The question was a nonsensical one—no one really doubts that an Indian is a person; the plea that the Government wanted, in the elegant language of Mr. Davies, to "rush the bill through holus-bolus" was ridiculous, for even if the idea were entertained, the Opposition could, by the use of ordinary and reasonable means, have prevented it from being carried out; the organization of relays of men to take turns in keeping up the talk—all tend to prove that it was the set purpose of the Opposition to obstruct legislation until their point was gained—until the majority was wearied out and the Government submitted to their dictation. What did Mr. Trow, the liberal whip, say to Mr. Wigley? Mr. Wigley met Mr. Trow and asked him if he had "another book to read." Mr. Trow replied:

"I have no more books to read; I would not have spoken yesterday, for I have enough to do in my capacity as whip, were it not that I had to fill in the time," and he added: "This Bill will not pass the House, if we have to sit six months."

This is conclusive evidence of the intentions of the Opposition in making use of obstruction.

—It is stated that Peoujeh has paid tribute to Herat for one hundred years, and fifteen Afghan soldiers have been in Peoujeh since 1881 as an escort for the governor.

—The gross debt of Canada on the 30th April, was \$257,291,043; and the net debt \$192,292,186.

—The Rev. Dr. Potts has instructed counsel to bring suit against the Toronto Globe for libel.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

[SPECIAL DESPATCHES TO THE EXAMINER.]

THE RUSSIAN WAR.

Submitting to Arbitration.

Russia will not Pledge Herself to Keep from Herat.

St. Petersburg, May 8.

In consequence of divergence of views between the Cabinets of Russia and England on the interpretation of the March agreement, it has been decided to submit the question to the decision of the arbitrator. Meanwhile both nations have agreed to resume the frontier negotiations, but on a different basis.

The Daily News says it is able to state that Earl Dufferin approves of the settlement made by England and Russia. The News also says perfect peace will not affect the budget. The money will be devoted to the work of increasing the navy.

Col. Sakyeftakis, in a report says of the battle of March 30, that the Afghans were armed with poor rifles, but the guns were better than the Russians. The Afghan force numbered 5,000, and only 1500 Russian troops.

LONDON, May 8.

A despatch from Kabul states that the Amir of Afghanistan has informed his ministers of his intention to strongly fortify the frontier when delimitation has been perfected.

LONDON, May 8.

In the Commons to-day, Sir Stafford Northcote gave notice that when the consolidated funds bill comes up for the second reading, he will move a fresh vote of censure, the moving of this motion will be substantially as follows:—

Resolved, That the House having shown its readiness to vote supplies, will refuse to assent to a vote of £11,000,000 until it has been informed of the purposes to which the money granted is to be applied.

New York, May 8.

The Post's London correspondent has unquestionable authority for stating that Russia has categorically declined to make any treaty binding her not to advance on Herat.

Six steamers are reported missing; two steamers, three barks and a schooner.

THE RIEL REBELLION!

A Battle Presumed to be in Progress.

A Bloody Indian War Expected.

WINNIPEG, May 8.

A despatch from Clarke's Crossing to-day announces that Gen. Middleton made an advance yesterday to Gabriel's Crossing, from which point he will doubtless operate upon Batoche, where a battle is presumed to have begun to-day.

FORT QU'APPELLE, May 8.

The Indians were firing upon sentries again last night. The military are getting exasperated at the frequent assaults. Settlers from different points are at the fort seeking protection. One company of infantry has been sent to Skunk Bluffs to protect the settlers. A deputation from File Hills and points thirty miles north of Fort Qu'Appelle, are in to-day asking protection. Signal fires are to be seen in every direction.

J. M. Rae, Indian Agent at Battleford, reports plenty of provisions at Battleford. He takes a very gloomy view of the situation and predicts a general uprising of all Indians, and thinks a bloody war inevitable.

Evacuating the Sudan.

LONDON, May 8.

Delay in evacuation of the Sudan is due to the opposition of Lord Wolseley. Gen. Wolseley reports an engagement yesterday, in which the Arabs lost 80 killed.

SOUDAN, May 8.

Cholera is spreading in Rangoon.

Ottawa Notes.

OTTAWA, May 8.

The Canada Gazette announces that as the Queen's birthday falls upon Sunday, the day will be celebrated on the following Monday.

The temperance members of the Commons met this morning and talked over the Senate action, resolved to oppose the amendments made by the Senate, and adjourned at the call of the chair.

The Senate adjourned until the 20th, and the third reading of the Temperance Bill has been put off till that time.

The Commons met at 3.30, and after routine, Jackson rose to discuss the Franchise Bill.

Sir John also rose, and claimed the floor on the ground that he had moved the adjournment last night.

Blake objected on ground that Jackson got the floor first.

Sir John—"Very well, I will submit to this obstruction."

Jackson proceeded to read his speech and was called to order.

Jackson continued to read.

He was followed by Mulock.

Weather Bulletin.

TORONTO, May 9-10 a. m.

Moderate to fresh winds, fair to cloudy weather, with local rains; not much change in temperature.

METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE.

Charlottetown May 9, 1885.

Highest Temperature yesterday, (read at midnight).....57.7

Lowest Temperature yesterday, (read at midnight).....32.3

Lowest Temperature this morning.....36.9

Temperature this morning, at 8 o'clock.....43.2

Temperature this afternoon at 4 o'clock.....59.0

Legislative Council Election.

Nomination for one member to represent the First Electoral District of King's County, in the Legislative Council, took place at Georgetown yesterday.

Charles McEachen, Esq., was proposed by John Leslie, Esq., of Souris, and seconded by Hugh McVarish, Esq., of Souris Line Road, Lot 45; James McKay, Esq., St. Peter's Bay, Lot 41; and Andrew McDonald, Cable Head, Lot 41.

Patrick R. Bowers, Esq., was proposed by David Larkin, Esq., and seconded by John McIntyre, Esq., Cable Head; and Alfred Coffin, Esq., St. Peter's Bay.

McGill University.

HONORS TO P. E. ISLAND STUDENTS.

A Montreal correspondent writes: At the annual convocation of the faculties of Arts and applied science, held on the 30th ult., at Montreal, the following students graduated with distinction or received prizes and honors:—

Robert E. Palmer, Charlottetown, P. E. I., led the second year in applied science and won the \$25 mathematical prize and two ordinary prizes in mathematics and materials.

John C. Martin, Brown's Creek, P. E. I., graduated with the degree of B. A. and took first rank honors in English language, literature and history.

Charles Swaby, Charlottetown, P. E. I., won first rank honors in Natural science and Sir Wm. Logan prize, first rank general standing, and prizes in Latin, zoology, chemistry, English and rhetoric.

John A. Nicholson and Leslie W. Clay, of Charlottetown, each gained first rank general standing in the Second Year Arts, the former leading the class.

Harry W. Goff, Charlottetown, in the first year, arts, won first rank honors and prizes in mathematics, thus leading the class.

Of the Maritime students in McGill during the past session, 21 were from New Brunswick, 15 from Nova Scotia, 10 from P. E. Island and 4 from Newfoundland.

Funeral of the late Miss Swabey.

The funeral of the late Miss Frances Katharine Swabey, eldest daughter of the late Stephen Swabey, Esq., of this city, took place at Langley Churchyard, Bucks, Eng., where most of her ancestors lie. The procession left the residence of her aunt (Mrs Swabey) at 12 o'clock, and was met at the church gate by the Rev. G. F. Prescott, vicar of St. Michael's and All Angels, Paddington, and the Rev. Mark Swabey, (her cousin) of St. John the Divine, Kensington, who conducted the service.

As the procession entered the church, the organist played "Blest are the departed," (Spohrs last judgement). During the service her favorite hymns, "Art thou weary?" and "Sun of my soul," were sung by the village choir; and as the coffin was carried to the grave, the Dead March in Saul was played.

The coffin was of polished oak with brass cross and fittings, and bore the following inscription:

FRANCES KATHARINE SWABEY, Entered to rest April 9, 1885. Aged 30.

The deceased was followed to the grave by numerous relative and friends, amongst whom were her mother, sister and youngest brother.

The coffin was completely covered with wreaths and crosses of camellias, etc., sent by loving friends.

Important Highway Decision.

The decision of Mr. Justice Field last Wednesday in the case of "Pain v. Eve" materially affects the interests of the inhabitants of Primley and the neighborhood, and is of great importance to the general public. By this judgement, not only is a road nearly two miles in length, the user of which has been interrupted and obstructed by the plaintiff for upwards of 20 years, thrown open to the free use of the public, but the principle of law involved in the legal maxim "once a highway always a highway" is fully enunciated that no time can be allowed to run against the public rights, and that notwithstanding an obstruction of a public road, as in this case, for upwards of a quarter of a century the public right to use it is not extinguished.

The road in question is called the "Field Hedge Road," and is one of the prettiest country walks to be found in the county of Surrey. By the opening of this road the poor people of Primley-green will save a journey of one mile of the distance they have to traverse to get to the Poor's Alms-house in the Cobham road for turf and fuel.—Hants and Surrey Times.

JUST OPENED

STANLEY BROS.,

1 case American SHIRTS,

1 do COLLARS and CUFFS,

1 do SCARFS,

3 do Christy's HATS, in Nutria, Terra-cotta, Drab and Black.

Ch'town, May 9, 1885—3i

Temperance Meeting

A PUBLIC Temperance Meeting, under the auspices of Charlottetown Division, Sons of Temperance, will be held on Tuesday evening, May 12, in the Academy of Music.

Addresses will be delivered by well-known Temperance Speakers.

Chair to be taken at 8 o'clock. Admission, 10 cents.

Ch'town, May 9, 1885—3i

BAYVILLE HOUSE,

WITHIN five minutes walk of St. Peter's Station.

Permanent and Transient Boarders comfortably accommodated.

JOHN A. McLAIN, St. Peter's Bay, April 29—3i wly 11

NEW TEAS! NEW TEAS

735 CHESTS

Now Landing Direct from London.

Country Dealers will find it First-Class Quality. BUY FROM US as Direct Importers and Save Commissions.

W. A. WEEKS & CO.,

MARKET SQUARE AND QUEEN STREET.

Ch'town, April 29, 1885.

NEW HATS-NEW HATS

NOW open, Ten cases English and Canadian hard and soft felt HATS. The Newest Styles and at the Lowest Prices ever offered in this City. Do not fail to see them before buying elsewhere.

J. B. MACDONALD'S.

CLOTHING! CLOTHING!

NEW STOCK of Ready-made CLOTHING for Men and Boys, very Cheap at

J. B. MACDONALD'S,

Queen Street.

Ch'town, April 30, 1885.

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MEN'S FELT HATS.

4750 NEW HATS

JUST OPENED AT

L. E. PROWSE'S,

Including all the Leading Styles in

English, American and Canadian.

This is the Largest Stock ever imported to P. E. Island and

MUST BE SOLD,

so BIG BARGAINS will be given, both Wholesale and Retail.

L. E. PROWSE,

Sign of the BIG HAT, 74 Queen Street.

Ch'town, April 28, 1885.

UNTIL ARRIVAL OF NEW GOODS

I OFFER THE FOLLOWING GOODS AT A DISCOUNT OF 15 TO 25 PER CENT.

BELOW OUR FORMER PRICES:

65 Doz. FELT HATS,

76 Doz White and Colored SHIRTS,

\$1,700 worth of Ready-made CLOTHING, superior quality (our own make),

80 pieces WORSTED,

172 pieces TWEED, which I offer to make to order, or sell by the yard, at prices that no one can afford to undersell.

I have secured the services of

Mr. James McLeod,

Formerly of the firm of C. E. ROBERTSON, who is so favorably known for many years as a Master Cutter.

Your Patronage is Respectfully Solicited.

D. A. BRUCE

MERCHANT TAILOR,

72 Queen Street.

Ch'town, April 16, 1885—3mos eod&wkly

Landing and in Stock:

750 Barrels "Kent" FLOUR, 375 " Superior Extra do, 250 " Choice K. D. CORNFLOUR, 75 " B-fined Sugar, 100 boxes Valencias, 50 puns. choice MOLASSES, 10 hds. Porto Rico SUGAR, 100 sides SOLE LEATHER, Currants, Rice, White Beans, Split Peas

HOURLY EXPECTED:

75 casks American KEROSENE, 50 cases MATCHES, 100 boxes SOAP, 500 barrels Superior Extra FLOUR, 150 sacks Dairy SALT, 15 gross SHOE BLACKING, 50 doz. BROOMS, —At Lowest Prices, Wholesale.

FENTON T. NEWBURY,

May 8—6i pat 6i wky pat her jour 2i

STRAYED CATTLE.

THREE red and white Oxen escaped from T. Steam Navigation Co's Wharf. Head and feet tied with rope and cards, addressed to T. H. Fox, Pictou, on horns. Any one bringing same to wharf will be rewarded.

F. W. HALES,

Ch'town, May 8, 1885.

COAL. COAL.

DISCHARGING at Queen's Wharf, a cargo of Pictou Nut Coal. Orders taken for all kinds of Coal at lowest prices, viz:

ACADIA, nut and round INTERCOLONIAL, do VALE, do ALBION, do

AUBION, slack (blacksmiths), SYDNEY (old mines) round, SYDNEY (Cov Bay) round, ANTHRACITE (Egg and Chestnut sizes)

CAPE JOHN HUGHES,

Water Street, Ch'town, May 5, 1885—2mo eod her 3mo 2

"Redcliff House,"

The Seaside Residence of the Late Admiral Bayfield, R. N.

I AM instructed to Sell by Auction, on Thursday, the 21st day of May, next,

AT 12 O'CLOCK, NOON,

That valuable Seaside House, REDCLIFF, and premises, with about 5 1/2 Acres of Land attached, magnificently situated at Keppech, at the entrance of Charlottetown Harbor, commanding an extensive sea view, and at the same time within easy reach of the City, being only two miles from the steam ferry, Southport.

The House has a southern aspect, is large and commodious, substantially built of the best materials. It has a drawing-room and dining room with folding doors (light bed-rooms, large kitchen and cellar, coach-house, stables, &c., with every convenience for a gentleman's family, and with a small outlay could be suitably arranged for a Summer Hotel. A never-failing spring of pure, cold water within fifteen yards of the house.

For purity of atmosphere, soft and balmy sea breezes, delicious sea bathing, excellent mackerel, trout and lobster fishing, &c., this Seaside Residence cannot be surpassed in any part of Canada.

—ALSO—

Will be sold, at the same time and place, one acre of land adjoining the above, the property of Col. Freeland.

Terms:—One-half cash, the balance within five years, on Mortgage, bearing interest at 6 per cent. per annum.

Parties wishing to see the House and Premises can have the key at any time before the sale by applying at my office.

A. McNEILL,

AUCTIONEER, Ch'town, April 30, 1885—3i fi sat wk 2i

WANTS, LOST, FOUND, &c.

FOR SALE—At Owen Connelly's Wharf, Charlottetown, S-h. Eugene, 73 tons; sails new. may 9—1i pd

WANTED—A second hand, small-sized Register Grate. Apply to this office. may 9—3i

TARIFF—The Dominion Tariff for 1885 is now ready, and can be had at Diamond Bookstore, or of the Customs Broker. Price 25 cents. apr 28—2wks

TO LET—The Dry Good Store on Queen Street, lately occupied by Mr. James Sland. Apply to M. Stevenson. mar 23 1/2

TO LET—New House on Pownall Street; also, Cottage, with three acres land attached, about one mile from city. Apply to Thomas W. Dodd. may 2 sat wed 2wks

TO RENT—The Subscriber offers for rent 1 half the Shop, formerly occupied by Messrs. Brimmer & Co. W. A. Freeman. apr 1

PASTURE LOT (2 acres) for Sale or to Let, adjoining Hon. G. W. DeLois, on Malpeque Road. Apply to Arch'd Kennedy, Sailmaker. apr 18—3wks eod

TO LET—At Montague, a Dwelling and Store, with Outbuildings and Garden. The buildings are all in good repair. Possession given after 15th May. Rent reasonable.—R. W. Sprague. apr 29 3wks 1/2

WANTED—Two or three girls to learn the dressmaking. Apply to Mrs. H. Hobbs, Great George Street. may 6 3i wky 1/2

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