THE DAILY EXAMINER.

MAY 27, 1884.

The Water Question.

THE first thing to be noticed about the Report which was published yesterday is that it is signed by prominent citizens, the majority of whom are well known as careful men; the next is that it is business-like and definite in its statements and recommendations. The latter include the repair of the steam fire-engines, a Fire Alarm Telegraph, and the adoption of the offer of Buchanan & Co., of Montreal, to supply the citizens with water from Gates' Mill or Winter River, on condition that the City Corporation agrees to take from them fifty hydrants for fire purposes, at $50 each per year.

With respect to the repair of the steam engines, not a moment should be lost; and we are pleased to learn that, though the City Council in making up their estimates neglected to make provision for the expense of this necessary and very important work, offers are already in course of preparation for carrying it out.

The fire alarm telegraph will involve an expenditure of about $1,200—a sum which the city should be able to afford. With a good water supply and a fire alarm Telegraph to convey instant intelligence of the exact spot at which a fire had broken out, the danger of heavy loss by fire would be reduced to a minimum; and the cost of both would unquestionably be very much more than covered by the abatement which would certainly be made in the rates of insurance.

Some persons fear that the employment of these safeguards will not be followed by lower rates of insurance; but when one reflects that the fire insurance business is subject to very strong competition, they must see that the rates will inevitably be reduced in proportion as the risk is reduced. It has been so reduced in other towns; it will be so reduced here.

As to the prices citizens will have to pay for a supply of water for their houses, we do not hesitate to say that, if the Corporation could be trusted to deal with such a matter on business principles, it would be much better for the city to build and manage the waterworks, and so save the amount which a joint stock company will every year carry away as profit—for a company will, of course, expect to make a profit. But the Corporation cannot be trusted, because the citizens cannot be trusted to seek out and elect as members of the City Council, their best men; and the next best thing to do is to fall back upon a company. Citizens will, however, have this check upon a company—they will not take their water unless the rates are so low that they can afford to do so; the company, on the other hand, must make interest on their invested capital; and to do this they must sell their water at such rates as citizens in general can afford to pay. In any case the rates for a supply of water, available at all times, will not be much in excess of those which we now pay for our daily bucketful.

We have argued this question; let us now take action without unnecrssary delay.

Even those most strongly opposed to waterworks are now fain to admit that it is expedient that we should have a water supply; and no one will be found to deny that the plan or basis of the arrangement proposed by Buchanan & Co., and recommended by the Waterworks Committee, is fair and reasonable—though if better terms can be obtained so much the better.

Deaths.

IN the second volume of the Census, just issued, the deaths which occurred in the previous years are thus shown:

	M.	F.	Total.
P. E. Island	786	776	1,562
Nova Scotia	3,438	2,976	6,416
New Brunswick	2,475	2,360	4,837
Quebec	13,526	12,531	26,067
Ontario	12,209	10,718	22,937
Manitoba	416	397	813
British Columbia	481	355	836
The Territories	38	53	141
Total	33,420	30,166	63,786

Or per thousand of the population:—

Prince Edward Island	14·27	per 1,000
Nova Scotia	14·54	"
New Brunswick	15·02	"
Quebec	19·07	"
Ontario	11·81	"
Manitoba	12·34	"
British Columbia	20·35	"

The proportion of widows to widowers is thus: the former number 3,255, while the latter are set down as numbering 2,104.

Cumberland's Choice.

THE Liberal-Conservatives of Cumberland have chosen Hon. Charles J. Townshend as their candidate for the vacancy in the Commons created by the resignation of Sir Charles Tupper. The Halifax *Herald* says, Mr. Townshend is first "among the active men of the party in Cumberland. Since his entry into public life his course has been straightforward and consistent. He has never promised to do anything that he has not undertaken to do. He considers a promise made at election time as binding as a note of hand. Mr. Townshend's bitterest opponents admit that he is a scrupulously honest politician. He is also vigorous and uncompromising in support of his principles. The Grit party of Cumberland do not approve of Mr. Townshend's namination. They offered to allow a Liberal-Conservative candidate to be returned unopposed. But they desired that the candidate should be another than the opponent who has been fighting them so determinedly and successfully for ten years. Given a new man, any other estimable gentleman not hitherto engaged in personal political warfare, and they would allow him to walk the course. Such a compromise would have been a Government victory. But the refusal of the flattering offer shows that the Liberal-Conservative party expects a greater victory."

The Expedition to Khartoum.

Advices from England state that even the best informed newspapers are in a state of muddle with regard to the character of the expedition to Khartoum. There are two reasons for this: first, the government think the expedition must be kept secret in order to have any chance of success; and secondly, they still loathe the expedition as perilous, expensive, absolutely useless, and only excusable on account of pressure of public opinion against leaving Gordon to his fate. They therefore still hope against hope that the expedition will not be necessary, and they keep up the fiction that no expedition is in progress, and refuse to give any information either to parliament or to the newspapers. Information has to be gathered painfully by a study of the telegrams from O'Kelly and other writers, scattered over the Soudan. One cause of delay of anything like decisive steps is the lingering hope that the King of Abyssinia may be induced by Admiral Hewitt to allow an expedition to go through his country, which would be an immense saving of time, money and risk, but the Abyssinian monarch is surly and suspicious, and the reception given, up to the present, by his officers to the English commander has not been encouraging. The comments of the party organs show that the Government, even if their expedition should be finally successful and pass off without a single hitch, will not gain one particle of political profit. The Egyptian business will surely end by strangling the government in its Laocoon knots, and meantime Gordon continues, in the slight and occasional glimpses we get of him, to give evidence of his disordered and unsteady mind. The latest report about him is that he intends to embrace Islamism from disgust at the conduct of Mr. Gladstone and the Ministry. The *Tribune's* correspondent cables:—The assertions and denials respecting the expedition to Khartoum, which is rumored to be preparing, have been freely exchanged during the week, and ministerial reserve, as usual, has remained impenetrable; but the truth probably is that arrangements are quietly making to dispatch a force in July, though the Government hope that events will render the movement needless. The force will march from Massowah via Kassala to the Nile, if Admiral Hewett's mission to Abyssinia succeeds, and if that mission does not succeed, the route will be from Suakim to Berber. Every effort is making in the meantime to obtain a message from Gordon. Gladstone describes the news from Dongola and other points as reassuring, but the story of a messenger's entering Khartoum is merely the expression of the mndir of Dongola's belief." Another correspondent cables: "It is an open secret that the government has some alarming information regarding the condition of affairs in the Souden. It is known that El Mahdi's emissaries are successively engaged in breeding discontent among Egyptian soldiers who, with British commanders, are garrisoning the Soudan. Military experts here say that sooner or later there is bound to be a wholesale mutiny of Egyptian troops, accompanied by massacres of British officers, as in the Sepoy rebellion. It is estimated that El Mahdi's force includes five thousand soldiers of the Egyptian regular army, some of those were captured after the defeat of Hicks Pacha and willingly changed allegience to El Madhi, but a greater number have come to his standard in a steady flow of desertions from the Soudan garrisons, which has been in progress for seven months. Considerable anxiety has lately been caused by accumulating evidence of French intrigues to re-establish a footing in Egypt. Paris papers are eventually criticising in offensive and dictatorial tone the conditions of the proposed Egyptain conference. These attacks have caused great irritation here and it would take but little to make war feeling popular. It is believed that the French elated by success in Tonquin, are ripe for a row. A report is in circulation which may go far towards precipitating Anglo-French complications. It is to the effect that some of the French troops now relieved from duty in Tonquin are about to be sent to the Red Sea as an army of observation.

Our Advertisers.

Poole & Lewis are selling boards and fencing cheap.

The Banker's Daughter will be at the Academy of Music to-morrow night.

A. McNeill sells flowers and plants from Ridgeway's Nursery to-morrow at eleven o'clock.

E. W. Taylor wants all persons indebted to him to pay up before the first of next month.

Chappelle's bulletin announces the arrival of fresh attractions at the Diamond Bookstore.

James Coleman advertises special passenger train between Charlottetown and Summerside.

Wm. Dodd announces the sale at auction, on the 5th June, of a valuable dwelling-house on Water street.

Mark Wright & Co., are offering all goods manufactured by them at a reduction of from thirty to fifty per cent.

Beer & Goff are prepared to supply stove-pipe stones, chimney tops, &c., manufactured at the P. E. Island Pottery.

The steamer Titian sails from Montreal on the 30th, calling at this and intermediate ports. Freight taken at low rates.

Richard Heartz offers $20 reward for the conviction of the parties who uprooted a tree in front of his residence a few nights ago.

Dorsey, Goff & Co., informs the public that the best place to buy boots and shoes is at the Charlottetown Boot and Shoe Factory.

Items from Souris.

BOAT FOUND.—One of the boats belonging to the wrecked steamer Tunstall was picked up last Sunday off St. Margarets, Boar River.

SHIPPING.—The barque J. W., and brigt. Zara, are taking in oats at Souris. The former is being loaded by Doyle & McBride, and the latter by Mathew, McLean & Co.

The ice which still lingers along the Coast is proving a great annoyane and loss to fishermen, especially to those fitted out for trawling. Over a dozen vessels, on their way to the Magdalene Islands for bait, have been detained at Souris for the last ten or twelve days by the ice. Fifteen of them started on their trip on Saturday last, and after getting within twenty miles of the Magdalenes, were compelled to return on account of the ice blockade. The northeast wind of last Sunday drove large quantities of ice down towards East Point where it remains at present. All that is now needed to clear the coast for the season is a good stiff western breeze. The sooner it comes the better One of the vessels referred to above—the Annie, of Souris—ran into a body of ice and was stove in. The crew had much difficulty in keeping her afloat until they made port again.

Summerside Exports.

SUMMERSIDE, May 26.

Shipped per Str. Princess of Wales, Cameron, Master, for Point du Chene:

11 horses,	$1,270.00
2 do,	1,500.00
2900 lbs cow hides,	203 00
99 cases eggs,	356.00
16 bbls oysters,	24 00
86 do pork,	1,548.00
1 bbl oatmeal,	6 00
13 bbls potatoes,	5.00
800 bbls hams,	96.00

SHIP NEWS.

PORT OF CHARLOTTETOWN.

ENTERED.

May 26.—Flavie, Vanemburg, Bay de Verte, deals; Phenox, Roberts, Tatamagouche, lumber; Kate, Walsh, Pictou, coal; Lavinia Jane, Anderson, Pictou, coal; ss M A Starr, Ferguson, Halifax, mdse.

May 27.—Margaret Jane, McDonald, Pictou, coal; Minnie Scott, Harpell, Wallace, lum.; Alert, LeLacheur, Pictou, coal.

CLEARED.

May 26.—Lavinia Jane, Anderson, Pictou, ballast.

May 27.—Zelica, Nilson, Plymouth, G. B., 26,376 bush oats, 13,000 feet deal; Kate, Walsh. Pictou, bal.

OTHER PORTS.

SUMMERSIDE, May 26, ent. schr Annie Florenie, Bernard, Shediac, lumber and passengers; Pholine, Marshman, Shediac, passengers; brigt Alaska, Young, Montague, bal. Cld 24th inst, schr Richard Thompson, Walsh, Pictou oats; Lodi, Green, Pictou, oats.

Halifax, May 24.—cld sch Rough and Ready Reynolds, Georgetown.

St. Peter's, C. B., May 22.—Passed through canal sch Zebra from Georgetown to Lynche's River.

Ar at Rio Janerio, April 20—brig Lady Milton, McRae, Swansea.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

OSBORNE HOTEL.

May 24—R H Montgomery, Port Hill; Charles Mason, Glasgow, N S; L H Conrad, Montreal; R Bearisto, Summerside, Jas S McDonald, Point Prim; Miss Mary Farrow, Souris; Miss Ada Taylor, do; Miss Maggie White, do; L Brehaunt, do; A Cogswell, Georgetown; Miss Cogswell, do; Geo H Yeaton, Halifax; F Parsons, Summerside; Louis Campbell, do; A J McInnis, Murray River; D Walker, New Annan; M B Tuplin, Margate; H T Sutherland, New Glasgow; F H Wilson, Yarmouth; J B Larkins, Alberton; L A Davis, Bangor, Maine; H McLeod, Kensington; Miss Wright, Summerside. 26.—A Bownes, Kensington; Jas. Squarebridge, Stanley Bridge; Edna McGregor, Keene, N H; V H Knight. Souris; J P Sullivan, St. Peter's; Chas McDonald, Summerside.

RANKIN HOUSE.

May 26th—R J Logan, Montreal; J. B. Forgan, Halifax; Jas A Fraser and wife, Halifax. 27th—R Rutlege, Detroit; A F Ruthie, Toronto; A B McLean, Montreal.

BIRTH.

In this city, on the 24th of May, the wife of L. E. Prowse of a daughter.

DIED.

At her residence, Long Creek, after a long illness, Jane, relict of the late Thomas Oldfield, aged eighty-two. "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord."

At Linwood Valley, Lot 31, on May 25th, after a long illness, Charles Howard, only son of William F. and Mary Ann Fraser, aged 3 years and 2 months.

Go to thy rest, fair child,—
Go to thy dreamless bed,
While yet so gentle, undefiled,
With blessings on thy head.

At Pisquid, Lot 37, May 9th, after a short illness of five days' duration, which she bore with Christian resignation, Margaret, dearly beloved wife of Donald A. McDonald, Esq., in the 34th year of her age. She was a woman who through life enjoyed the respect and esteem of all her acquaintances, and her untimely death has caused many to feel the pangs of sorrow.

Patriot and Herald please copy.

P. E. Island Pottery.

STOVE-PIPE STONES,
CHIMNEY TOPS,
DRAIN PIPES,
STRAWBERRY VINE PROTECTORS,

And other articles made to order at the P. E. ISLAND POTTERY.

BEER & GOFF
AGENTS

Ch'town, May 27, 1884

Final Notice.

PARTIES whose accounts are overdue are notified that unless they are settled or arranged for before the 1st of June next they will be placed in the hands of attorney for collection.

E. W. TAYLOR,
Queen Street.

May 27, 1884.—3i

Charlottetown Boot and Shoe Factory.

HURRAH! HURRAH!

WE TAKE THE LEAD IN

BOOTS AND SHOES.

☞ The cheapest and best place to buy is at

DORSEY, GOFF & CO'S.

Ch'town, May 27, 1884.—eod wkly

Attention Ye Who Are In Doubt.

Let Experience be Judge,—Comparison and Purse the Jury.

MARK WRIGHT & CO.,

Because of the excellent facilities they possess, have been able to reduce the price of all goods manufactured by them, and by buying their raw material in the best markets, for cash, are prepared to give the purchasing public

THE BEST VALUE IN THE PROVINCE.

They are selling from thirty to fifty per cent. below prices asked some time ago in the same establishment.

Factory, Office and Showroom—King Square, Kent Street.

Charlottetown, May 27, 1884—2aw wkly

W. & A. BROWN & CO.

HAVE NOW OPENED ABOUT

40 CASES AND BALES DRY GOODS

DIRECT FROM THE BRITISH MARKETS.

These new Goods, together with the large Stock saved from the fire, will be sold very cheap during the season.

The following lots are being closed out at specially low prices:

100 pieces Lace Curtains,
Lace Curtain Nets,
Carpets,
Damasks,
Sheetings,
Pillow Cottons,
Print Cottons,
Dress Goods,
Scotch Tweeds,
Worsted Coatings,
Fancy Suitings
Merino Shirts,
Merino Drawers,
Merino Socks,
Ties and Scarfs,
Colored Socks,

ALSO

500 Colored and White Shirts, at a Big Reduction.

W. & A. BROWN & CO.

Ch'town, May 23, 1884.—dy wkly

LONDON HOUSE.

TAILORING DEPARTMENT.

JUST OPENED, a splendid assortment of Scotch, English and Canadian

Tweeds and Doeskins,

Worsted Coatings, Broadcloths & Trimmings.

Suits and Single Garments

MADE TO ORDER

AT THE SHORTEST NOTICE.

GEO. DAVIES & CO.

Ch'town, May 19—wkly

CONFEDERATION LIFE ASSOCIATION.

HEAD OFFICE, TORONTO.

The SECURITY offered to policy-holders is UNSURPASSED by any Company doing business in the Dominion.

Its PROGRESS HAS BEEN UNEXAMPLED in the history of Insurance in Canada.

Its Policies are INDISPUTABLE after three years and NON-FORFEITABLE after two years.

The CASH PROFIT results paid to policy-holders have not been equalled by any Company in Canada.

The following are examples of ACTUAL REDUCTION OF PREMIUMS by application of profits:—

Robert Taylor, Halifax, insured for $10,000 in 1872, premium $317.70; in 1880, $160.10.
John Willis, Halifax, insured for $1,000 in 1871, premium $31.77; in 1882, $14.20.
John S. McLean, Halifax, insured for $4,000 in 1872, premium $137 76; in 1882, $70.06.
Mayor Jones, St. John, insured for $5,000 in 1871, premium $172.20; in 1882, $77.20.

☞ The fullest information will be given on application.

DESBRISAY & ANGUS,
General Agents for P. E. Island.

Ch'town, May 7, 1884.

Dwelling House on Water Street FOR SALE.

THE subscriber is instructed to sell by Auction at the premises, Water Street, Charlottetown, on THURSDAY, the 5th day of JUNE next, at 12 o'clock, noon, that valuable dwelling house and premises for many years past occupied by the American Consul, Col. Dunn.

The property fronts 84 feet on Water Street and runs back therefrom 108 feet.

The house contains twelve rooms besides a large and commodious office attached.

There is a good tank and a pump in the kitchen, and also an English Range.

Any persons desirous of inspecting the premises previously to the sale, can obtain the key at the residence of Hon. W. W. Lord.

Terms easy and liberal, and made known at time of sale.

WILLIAM DODD,
Auctioneer.

May 27, 1884—pat

P. E. ISLAND RAILWAY.

NOTICE.

UP to and including Saturday, 31st inst., a Special Passenger Train will leave Charlottetown for Summerside at 6 o'clock, a. m., daily, communicating there with steamer for Point Du Chene, and returning to Charlottetown on arrival of steamer at Summerside.

JAMES COLEMAN,
Superintendent.

Railway Office, Ch'town, May 27, 1884.—4i

Academy of Music.

4 NIGHTS 4

The Tavernier Comedy Co.

Announce a short season as above, beginning Wednesday, May 28th, with the great New York success,

THE BANKER'S DAUGHTER,

[IN SIX ACTS].

New Scenery and Costumes.
Change of Programme nightly.
Admission 25 and 35 cents. Reserved seats 50 cents, now on sale at Dodd's Medical Hall.
Secure your seats at once.

Ch'town, May 26, 1884—6i.

Montreal, Halifax and Boston STEAMSHIP LINE.

THE first-class steamer Titian sails from Montreal for Boston, on or about 30th inst., calling at Charlottetown and Halifax, will accept freight to and from this port at low rates.

Merchants have yet time to telegraph orders to Montreal.

W. DARLEY BENTLEY & CO.,
Montreal.
A. H. B. MACGOWAN,
Agent at Charlottetown.

May 26, 1884.

FLOWERS AND PLANTS
From Ridgeway's Nursery.

BY Auction, WEDNESDAY, May 28th, at eleven o'clock, at my auction room, a large collection of flowers and plants from Ridgeway's Nursery, comprising Geraniums, Fuchsias, Roses, Pelargoniums, Acacias, Lillies, Coleus, etc., etc., all healthy, vigorous plants, and not forced.

A. McNEILL,
Auctioneer.

Ch'town, May 26, 1884.—2i

FOR SALE.

HEMLOCK BOARDS, Spruce Boards, and Fencing, cheap for cash, by

POOLE & LEWIS,
Lower Water Street.

May 26th, 1884.

$20 REWARD.

THE subscriber will pay a reward of Twenty Dollars for such information as will lead to the conviction of the person or persons who uprooted a tree in front of his residence on the night of the 24th inst.

RICHARD HEARTZ.

Ch'town, May 26, 1884.

TO BE SURE

OF the highest price for BUTTER, the right kind of SALT must be used.

English Dairy Salt,

(the right kind), in bags and by the pound, at

BEER & GOFF'S.

May 23.

1,000 LOADS OF CLAY

FOR SALE. Apply to

JOSEPH MAHAR.

Ch'town, May 22—tf

JUST ARRIVED, VIA BOSTON,

875 Barrels Choice Patent Flour.

DAILY EXPECTED, VIA PICTOU,

500 Barrels Choice Superior Extra.

FOR SALE BY

J. A. CHIPMAN & CO.

N B—Owing to the inferior quality of most Canada Superior this year, we have concluded to make a specialty of the two following brands: Evangeline, 1st grade; Superior Extra, Nova Scotia Mills, 2nd Grade. We guarantee these brands to give satisfaction.

J. F. SHATFORD,
Agent.

Ch'town, May 10.